

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2023
ST. PEDER'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
LARGE PRINT HYMNS & PRAYERS

Introduction to the Last Sunday after Epiphany (Transfiguration)

The Sundays after Epiphany began with Jesus' baptism and end with three disciples' vision of his transfiguration. In Mark's story of Jesus' baptism, apparently only Jesus sees the Spirit descending and hears the words from heaven. But now Jesus' three closest friends hear the same words naming him God's Beloved. As believers, Paul writes, we are enabled to see the God-light in Jesus' face, because the same God who created light in the first place has shone in our hearts to give us that vision. The light of God's glory in Jesus has enlightened us through baptism and shines in us also for others to see.

Gathering Hymn

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

- 1 Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter ev'ry trembling heart.

- 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit
into ev'ry troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit;
let us find thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.

- 3 Come, Almighty, to deliver;
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,

nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

4 Finish then thy new creation,
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee!
Changed from glory into glory,
till in heav'n we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

Confession and Forgiveness

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

God, our rock and refuge,
we pour out our hearts before you.
We have known you but have not always loved you.
We have wounded one another
and sinned against you.
We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit
dwelling in each of us.
Remember your covenant.
Renew your creation.
Restore us,
that we might proclaim your good news to all.
Amen.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters.
God has spoken:
The time of grace is now.
In Jesus, the reign of God has come near.
By the authority of ✝ Jesus Christ,
your sins are forgiven.
You are God's beloved. **Amen.**

Kyrie

In peace, in peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

Canticle of Praise

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on Earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy, have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the most high, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, the resplendent light of your truth shines from the mountaintop into our hearts. Transfigure us by your beloved Son, and illuminate the world with your image, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

First Lesson

2 Kings 2:1-12

The Word of the Lord. **C. Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 50:1-6

¹The mighty one, God the **l** LORD, has spoken;
calling the earth from the rising of the sun **l** to its setting.

²**Out of Zion, perfect **l** in its beauty,
God shines **l** forth in glory.**

³Our God will come and will **l** not keep silence;
with a consuming flame before, and round about a **l** raging storm.

⁴**God calls the heavens and the earth **l** from above
to witness the judgment **l** of the people.**

⁵“Gather before me my **l** loyal followers,
those who have made a covenant with me and sealed **l** it with sacrifice.”

⁶**The heavens declare the rightness **l** of God’s cause,
for it is God **l** who is judge.**

Second Lesson

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

The Word of the Lord. **C. Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

Mark 9:2-9

The Gospel of the Lord. **C. Thanks be to God.**

Hymn of the Day

I Want To Walk As A Child Of The Light

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world.
The star of my life is Jesus.

Refrain

In him, there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.

Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

2 I want to see the brightness of God.
I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path,
and show me the way to the Father. *Refrain*

3 I'm looking for the coming of Christ.
I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race,
we shall know the joy of Jesus. *Refrain*

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Offering Prayer

Blessed are you, **Holy One,**
for all good things come from you.
In bread and cup you open heaven to us.
Meet us at this table,
that we receive what we seek
and follow your Son, Jesus,
in whose name we pray.
Amen

Sending Hymn

Go My Children With My Blessing

1 "Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.
In my love's baptismal river
I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own."
2 "Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Here you heard my dear Son's story,
here you touched him, saw his glory.
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure."

3 “Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit’s power filled you,
here my tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.”

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Sending

Knowing God is behind us
We are rooted in our heritage.
Knowing God goes before us
We embrace our future.
Knowing Christ forgives us
We joyfully live the Gospel.
We engage the world around us
With open hearts, open hands, and open doors.
Thanks be to God! Amen.

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Serving in Worship this Morning

Greeters: John & Doreen Skraba

Ushers: Shawna Nelsen-Wills & Karen Vetsch

Acolyte: Isla Wills **Reader:** Dan Vetsch

Counters: Bob Stanich & Sue Nielsen

Livestream Technician: Bruce Simpson

LSS Safe House Dinner for February 12: Jim & Heidi Nelsen

Social Hour hosted by Shepherding Group 2

Announcements

We want to thank Pastor Sara Spohr from Lake Nokomis Lutheran Church for taking the time to be with us today and leading the service in Pastor Odeen's absence.

SOUPER BOWL of Caring – TODAY!

Tackle Hunger, home of the Souper Bowl of Caring, is asking school groups, colleges, and anyone with a soft spot for kids to support food charities, especially those feeding students in K-12 schools. Donate canned goods or money to support our local food shelves. Place your wager (using canned foods or money) on your winning team. If you're not into football, you can still play! Items most needed are canned fruit and "pop-top" meals in a can like ravioli, spaghetti and meatballs, etc. All donations will go to CES-Community Emergency Services, and Minnehaha Food Shelf.

Monthly Potluck

This coming Tuesday, February 13th, we will have our potluck at noon. All are welcome, and feel free to bring a friend!

Lent is Around the Corner

Lent begins next week, and Ash Wednesday is on February 14th at 7 pm. This year's Midweek Lenten Worship (including Ash Wednesday) will include soup suppers at 5:30 pm. All Wednesdays after Ash Wednesday, worship will begin at 6:45. Our liturgy will be based on Holden Village's Healing of the Nations, and the theme will be "Around the Table," examining how we can see and participate in what God is doing in our lives and the world around us. Anyone who wishes to have a mid-day experience is welcome to join our friends at Minnehaha Communion Lutheran Church, who will be doing the same theme as St. Peder's and will be gathering at noon at their location.

This Week at St. Peder's

Today: Sunday, Feb 11

9 am Worship
9 am Youth Faith
Formation
10 am Coffee &
Fellowship

Monday, Feb 12

6:15 pm Kith & Kin
Rehearsal*

Tuesday, Feb 13

10 am Exercise Class*
12 pm Potluck
6 pm Bible Study

Wednesday, Feb 14

Ash Wednesday

5:30 pm Soup Dinner
7 pm Worship

Thursday, Feb 15

10 am Exercise
Class*
6 pm Bluegrass
Class*
7:30 pm Kith & Kin
Open Sing

Saturday, Feb 17

2 pm Fiber Arts
7 pm Songwriters
Showcase featuring
Clayton Ryan & Tom
Peschges