



This is my beloved Son;
Listen to him.

Mark 9:7

First Lutheran Church - Putting Christ First
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A WARM WELCOME TO ALL who are worshiping with us today! We hope that the service will be a joy and blessing to you. Please complete the black friendship register and pass it down the pew.

LBW – green hymnal WOV – blue hymnal

P We begin this service IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER:

C O Mighty God, you once revealed yourself to your people on Mt. Sinai, in fire and thunder and cloud, as you gave your Ten Commandments;

P AND OF THE SON:

C O Jesus, our Lord and God, you made your divine power manifest by changing water into wine, healing the sick, and teaching the people with power and authority;

P AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT:

C O Divine Spirit, when Jesus was baptized, you came upon Him in the form of a dove. Come upon us now, in the speaking of your Word.
AMEN!

OPENING SONG: “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

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WE CONFESS

P Let us confess our sin and griefs, and hear the comfort of the Lord.

C If you revealed only your power and your law to us, O Lord, we would be undone. Like the Israelites who trembled with fear at Mt. Sinai, and like the disciple Peter, who upon seeing your Power over nature, cried out, “Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!”, we too would be reduced to fear and trembling, guilt and hopelessness. We confess that we have not and cannot live up to your righteous and good laws, and that we cannot stand before your almighty power.

WE HEAR THE GOOD NEWS OF SALVATION

P Jesus reveals himself to us most completely, not through laws, commandments, and displays of awesome power, but through lowliness and humility. He came to John the Baptist to be baptized, though he didn't need to at all. By doing so, he showed that he is not ashamed to be associated with sinners. Indeed, he loves sinners, and wants to come into their lives and be their friend. Jesus loves us sinners. In His name, I declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins. The peace of the Lord be with you always!

C And also with you!

SHARING OF THE PEACE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, at the glorious transfiguration of your only Son, you confirmed the mystery of our faith by the witness of the disciples and by your own voice from the cloud. Mercifully complete our adoption as your children, and give us, with our King, an inheritance of his glory. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING

Exodus 34:29-35

²⁹When Moses came down from Mount Sinai, with the two tablets of the testimony in his hand as he came down from the mountain, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. ³⁰Aaron and all the people of Israel saw Moses, and behold, the skin of his face shone, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹But Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses talked with them. ³²Afterward all the people of Israel came near, and he commanded them all that the LORD had spoken with him in Mount Sinai. ³³And when Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face. ³⁴Whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would remove the veil, until he came out. And when he came out and told the people of Israel what he was commanded, ³⁵the people of Israel would see the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face was shining. And Moses would put the veil over his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

P The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

PSALM 50:1-6 (Read responsively by half verse)

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SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 3:12-13, 4:1-6

¹²Since we have such a hope, we are very bold, ¹³not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face so that the Israelites might not gaze at the outcome of what was being brought to an end.

¹Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. ²But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. ³And even if our gospel is

veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

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GOSPEL

Mark 9:2-9

²After six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. ⁵And Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." ⁶For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is my beloved Son; listen to him." ⁸And suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them but Jesus only. ⁹And as they were coming down the mountain, he charged them to tell no one what they had seen, until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

P The Gospel of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

SERMON: "DESCENDING TO SHARE THE STORY"

SONG: "Shine, Jesus, Shine"

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STATEMENT OF FAITH: Apostles' Creed

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THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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Almighty God and Heavenly Father, you have revealed the divine purity and nature of Jesus' death and resurrection for your people. We pray that through your Holy Word, we may fully come to understand the breadth of your gift to us through Jesus' transfiguration. We pray that we are a church that is faithful in seeking God's truth, so we may lead others to you.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Gracious God, we thank you for instituting the covenant of marriage and the blessing of families. We pray that these gifts would be cherished within our households and honored in our society. May we, as Christians, bear witness to your love that sustains us through Jesus Christ.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Merciful Lord, we pray for those who have authority over us at the local, state, and federal level. Pour out your blessings upon them as they administer laws for the betterment of our communities and our country; may they be people who seek wise and Godly counsel. Bless our armed forces, that they would also serve with honor and integrity.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Heavenly Father, we praise your Holy name and thank you for providing all we need in sickness and in health. We pray for those who are in the healing process and for those just beginning their journey to wellness, [especially ...] May your Holy Spirit guide them and sustain them both now and forever.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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OFFERING

CLOSING RESPONSIVE READING

Based on the Song of Simeon, also known as the "Nunc Dimittis" (Luke 2:29-32)

P Lord, now you dismiss your servants in peace.

C Now, Lord, knowing your promises, we can depart in peace; and one day, we can depart this world in peace.

P Our eyes have seen God's salvation!

C "Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord!" We have seen Christ, with the eyes of faith.

P He has prepared His salvation in the sight of every people.

C By a star, God led Gentiles from the east to His infant son. His salvation is for all people – not just for some.

P God's Son is the light of the world, revealing Him to all nations.

C May we too be the light of the world, as Christ has called us.

P He is the glory of God's people Israel.

C We thank God for His chosen people, and for His Messiah, Jesus Christ. And we thank Him for making us, and all who believe in Jesus, His chosen people!

P Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

C As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. AMEN.

THE BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

CLOSING SONG: "Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"

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P Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C Thanks be to God!

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Attendance Last Saturday:2/3: 15 adults 1 child **Attendance Sunday:2/4:** 35 adults, 9 children

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS!!!

Oscar Swan 2/10

Jim Suhr 2/10

Pastor Thomas Thorstad 2/12 Delaney Cook 2/13/2014

Janice Sheehan 2/14

Steve May 2/15

Sandy Gustafson 2/15

If I have missed your birthday or anniversary, please share with me as I would like our records to be as complete as possible. Dianna Wittwer

LENTEN SCHEDULE

This Lenten schedule runs each Wednesday, February 21-through March 20.

5:45pm – Lenten Supper

6:30pm –Midweek Lenten Service

LENTEN MEAL SCHEDULE

Feb. 21 Council

Chili

Feb. 28 Lydia Circle

Spaghetti

Mar. 6 Potluck sign-up

Soup Potluck

Mar. 13 Sunday School

Sloppy Joes

Mar. 20 Church Men

Pork chops

Lenten Bible Study: Journey Through Lent: Exploring Biblical Themes

This bible study will be hosted online, and anyone is welcome to join. It will be a Bible study series led by various multi-denominational pastors from across the USA. Together, we will delve into the rich tapestry of Lenten themes, growing in faith and understanding.

The start date will be February 19, 2024, at 7 PM CT and will continue each Monday, through March 25, 2024.

To register you can speak with Pastor Tom, or you can visit the following link: **<https://swiy.co/lentbiblestudy2024>**



NALC YOUTH EVENT

Your youth group BELONGS at the first-ever NALC Continental Youth Gathering! We desire for all NALC youth, grades 6-12, and their adult leaders, to join us July 1-4, 2024, in Boerne, Texas! Registration deadline is April 15, 2024. You may go online for more information at: **[visit thenalc.org/cyg](https://thenalc.org/cyg)**

If you have any questions, please email me at **tpeters@thenalc.org**.

Blessings,

Teresa Peters

NALC Director of Youth and Family Ministry

Sunday, 2/11: Join us after worship for coffee. Adult Forum, 10:30am.

Newsletter items due today!

Tuesday 2/13: Pantry Set-up, 9:30-11am; distribution., 12-2pm.

Church Council meeting, 7pm.

Wednesday 2/14: Ash Wednesday communion service with imposition of ashes, 6:30pm.

Saturday 2/17: Communion Service, 5:30pm.

Sunday 2/18: Communion Service with Sunday School, 9am.

Celebrate Steve & June May's 50th Wedding Anniversary with a cake reception during fellowship time.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please keep in your daily prayers all people in need, including those mentioned here:

- All those who are suffering physical or mental illness, and their families, caregivers, and medical teams, especially:

Matt Johnson

James Klus

Emmaline Haag

David Sanderson

Fallon Mitchell

- All those who are anticipating surgery or healing from surgery.

- All those who are not able to worship with us because they are in health care facilities or homebound: Nancy Bakanas, George Vodden, Dale Johnson, and many others.

- Our church and its activities.

- Persecuted Christians throughout the world.

- All elected leaders, police officers, first responders, and military personnel, that they hear and receive God's guidance and protection.

- The NALC, NALS, the Great Rivers Mission District, and all Christian churches.

Next Week's Readings:

Genesis 22:1-18; Psalm 25:1-10; James 1:12-18; Mark 1:9-15