



**Transfiguration of Our Lord—Last Sunday after Epiphany**  
**Sunday, March 3, 2019: 8:30 am & 11:00 am**  
**Lord of Life Lutheran Church, Bismarck, ND**  
**Pastor Nadine Lehr and Pastor Beth Walch**

Welcome to worship on this Sunday of Transfiguration! Witnesses to the glory of God in the face of Jesus will be unable to avoid reflecting that glory in the world. It was true for Moses. It was doubtless true for Peter, James, and John. We pray that it will be true of all of us who see the glory of the Lord in the word and in the supper and who are being “transformed into the same image” by the Spirit of God. As God changes us, let us also change the world for Christ’s sake.

*Today’s worship service is taken from the Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) service book and hymnal. Please turn to Setting III, pp. 138-146, for the order of the service and to the back of the book for the hymns.*

Light type = Presiding and Assisting Ministers; **Bold type = Congregation**

**Gathering Hymn: ELW #834, “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”**

**Greeting and Kyrie, pp. 138-139** (*Psalms 4:1 6:2, 9:13, 25:16, 27:7, 30:10, 31:9, 51:1, 86:16, 123:3*)  
**Hymn of Praise, “This is the Feast,” pp. 140-141** (*Revelations 5:12-13*)

**Prayer of the Day**

Holy God, **mighty and immortal, you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. Transform us into the likeness of your Son, who renewed our humanity so that we may share in his divinity, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**Welcome and Announcements** (*please pass the Friendship Pad*)

**First Reading: Exodus 34:29-35**

<sup>29</sup>Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. <sup>30</sup>When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. <sup>31</sup>But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. <sup>32</sup>Afterwards all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. <sup>33</sup>When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; <sup>34</sup>but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, <sup>35</sup>the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm: Psalm 99** (*read responsively*)

- <sup>1</sup> The LORD is king; let the peoples tremble!  
He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!
- <sup>2</sup> **The LORD is great in Zion;  
he is exalted over all the peoples.**
- <sup>3</sup> Let them praise your great and awesome name.  
Holy is he!
- <sup>4</sup> **Mighty King, lover of justice,  
you have established equity;  
you have executed justice  
and righteousness in Jacob.**
- <sup>5</sup> Extol the LORD our God;  
worship at his footstool.  
Holy is he!
- <sup>6</sup> **Moses and Aaron were among his priests,  
Samuel also was among those who called on his name.  
They cried to the LORD, and he answered them.**
- <sup>7</sup> He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud;  
they kept his decrees,  
and the statutes that he gave them.
- <sup>8</sup> **O LORD our God, you answered them;  
you were a forgiving God to them,  
but an avenger of their wrongdoings.**
- <sup>9</sup> Extol the LORD our God,  
and worship at his holy mountain;  
for the LORD our God is holy.

**Children’s Message**

**Gospel Acclamation, “Alleluia,” p. 142** (*John 6:68*)

**Gospel: Luke 9:28-36 [37-43a]**

The Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke, the 9th chapter.

**Glorify to you, O Lord.**

<sup>28</sup>Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. <sup>29</sup>And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. <sup>30</sup>Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. <sup>31</sup>They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. <sup>32</sup>Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. <sup>33</sup>Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, ‘Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah’—not knowing what he said. <sup>34</sup>While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and

they were terrified as they entered the cloud. <sup>35</sup>Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' <sup>36</sup>When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen. <sup>37</sup>On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. <sup>38</sup>Just then a man from the crowd shouted, 'Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. <sup>39</sup>Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It throws him into convulsions until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. <sup>40</sup>I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not.' <sup>41</sup>Jesus answered, 'You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here.' <sup>42</sup>While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. <sup>43</sup>And all were astounded at the greatness of God.]  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **Sermon: Pastor Beth Walch**

**Hymn of the Day: ELW #314, "Arise, Your Light Has Come!"**

**Apostles' Creed, p. 105**

**Prayers of Intercession, p. 143**

*At the conclusion of each petition, the minister and the congregation will say: "Lord in your mercy: hear our prayer."*

### **Offering**

**Special Music: (8:30) Lord of Life Choir, "Soon and Very Soon"**

**Offertory ELW #182, "Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful"**

### **Offertory Prayer**

### **Communion**

**Dialogue, p. 144**

**Preface, p. 144**

**Sanctus, "Holy, Holy, Holy," p. 144**

**Words of Institution (Matthew 26:26-28)**

**Lord's Prayer (contemporary version, left side), p. 145 (Matthew 6:9-13)**

### **Distribution**

**Time for Reflection**

**"Lamb of God," p. 146 (John 1:29)**

**ELW #311, "Hail to the Lord's Anointed"**

**ELW #810, "O Jesus, I Have Promised"**

**ELW #671, "Shine, Jesus, Shine"**

### **Post-Communion Blessing**

**Post-Communion Cantic, ELW #204, "Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise" (Psalm 9)**

### **Post-Communion Prayer**

**Blessing and Dismissal, p. 146**

**Sending Hymn: ELW #677, "This Little Light of Mine"**

**Worship Participants: Preaching:** Beth Walch; **Presiding:** Nadine Lehr; **Assisting:** (8:30) Steve Andrist (11:00) Bruce Boe; **Communion Assistants:** (8:30) Mark and Stephanie Swenson (11:00) Renae Gall; **Ushers:** (8:30) LeeAnn Glatt; **Acolyte:** (8:30) Samantha Reich (11:00) Sage Wetzell; **Pianist:** Marilyn Kesterke; **Song Leader:** (8:30) Taylor Johnson **March Altar Guild:** Barb Koch, Diane Clinton, Stephanie Swenson and Bob Salveson; **Powerpoint:** Reid Halvorson

**Prayers at Lord of Life:** Layne Billings, Judy Swenson, Levi Gartner, Tim Johnson, John O'Brien, Andre Stephenson, Rev. Richard Beckmen, Tyler Ellefson, Hugh Gustafson, Brad Kjos, Diane Chepulis, Steve Schmidt, Shae (Hug) Byrum, Lester Toman, Patsy McGuire-Holland, Ellen Bartz

**Flowers are given today by:** Linda Simmons in memory of my dad.

### **Stewardship Info:**

**Attendance – Sun.(2-24): 177 Wed.(2-27): 69 Offering:** General \$11,324.00

**January expenses:** \$35,969.65

**January income:** \$41,940.26

**Annual expenses through January:** \$35,969.65

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**March Service Group Leaders:** Byron & Justine Bennes (222-8853)

Mike & Arlyce Malarkey (426-5236)

**Volunteers:** Members with last names starting with "Sch" through "Ste"

**Worship Helps: Nursery is open, but not regularly staffed. Parents may use it as needed.**

**An Infant care room** is on the south side of the sanctuary. **Large print bulletins, a wheelchair and a walker,** and personal **p.a. devices** are available from the ushers' station.

**Activity bags** for children are available on the tree rack in the narthex. **Children's bulletins** are available by the Activity Bags. **"I Give Electronically" cards** are available in the lobby near the children's bulletins.

**Today we will serve Holy Communion in worship.** Those who come to receive the gifts of Christ's body and blood for the strengthening of their faith and the forgiveness of their sins are welcome to eat and drink. Taste and see that the Lord is good!

**For Communion:** Grape juice is always available. Simply indicate "grape juice, please" when you get to the server. "Gluten free" communion wafers and wine are available. Simply indicate "gluten free" to the server when you come to the communion station." If you need separate wine or grape juice please request that also.

**PLEASE USE CAUTION WHEN ENTERING/EXITING THE NORTH DOORS.** Due to the cold weather the pavement has heaved, it has been marked with orange paint but please be careful not to trip!

The **2019 Flower Chart** is up in the gathering area. You are welcome to take the flowers after the last service. Flowers not picked up by Monday morning will be taken to shut-ins. If your message does not fit on the line, please contact the church office with that information.

### FLOWER CHART OPENINGS



March 10	1 bouquet	March 24	1 bouquet
March 31	1 bouquet	April 21	1 bouquet



### COMMUNION ASSISTANT OPENINGS

March 10	8:30 & 11:00	March 17	8:30
March 24	8:30 & 11:00	March 31	8:30 & 11:00

### USHER OPENINGS

March 17	8:30 & 11:00	March 24	8:30
March 31	8:30	April 7	8:30 & 11:00

**Please join Cozy Comfort on March 4 from 2:00pm-4:00pm in the church library.** Cozy Comfort is a positive group who knits or crochets prayer shawls. If you don't know how to knit or crochet, we would be happy to help you get started!

**March is our month to deliver Meals on Wheels. The sign up sheets are full!** Thank you to everyone for signing up so quickly!!

**For the Lord of Life Directory, those of you without current photographs, we will be taking pictures starting March 3<sup>rd</sup> on Sunday's between services and Wednesday evenings following worship starting March 6<sup>th</sup>.** It will take just a few minutes to get it done, so we won't take up much of your time. If you already have a photo you would like to use, please turn it into the office either by email ([lordoflife@midconetwork.com](mailto:lordoflife@midconetwork.com)) or drop off a hard copy! Be sure to include names, phone numbers and addresses! Thank you!

**LOL BOOK CLUB:** March's book is "A Mother's Reckoning: Living In the Aftermath of Tragedy" by Sue Klebold. On April 20, 1999, Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold walked into Columbine High School in Littleton, CO, where they killed 12 students and a teacher, and wounded 24 others before taking their own lives. The book deals with Sue, and how she has lived with the shame and grief of that day. Books are available at Barnes and Noble or on Amazon. Date: TBA

### Lent 2019: For the Least of These

#### Wednesday, March 6: Ash Wednesday – Worship at 6:15 pm

The 40 day Lenten journey begins with Ash Wednesday, when we hear God's call to repent, we remember our mortality with the mark of ashes on our foreheads, and we gather at the table to receive food and drink for the journey to the cross. Don't miss this important worship service!

#### Wednesday (6:15 pm) and Sunday (8:30 am and 11:00 am) Lenten Worship

In this year's worship series, we will remember Jesus words in the parable of the Sheep and the Goats: *"Come, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me"* (Matt. 25:34-36). Each week's worship will focus on one of the groups mentioned by Christ in the parable. Special offerings will also be taken.

#### **Week One: March 10-16 – The Hungry**

We will reflect on texts where God calls us to eat and promises to fill us. Those who attend worship will receive special offering boxes to collect money for the purchase of goats for poor families around the world. The cost of each goat is \$50 through ELCA World Hunger. We will also have a special goat visit us in the worship services. All goat offerings will be collected on Easter Sunday at the 3 morning worship services and on the Wednesday after Easter at 6:15 pm.

#### **Week Two: March 17-23 – The Thirsty**

We will reflect on Christ's promise that everyone who gives a cup of cold water to those who thirst will receive a reward. We will collect offerings to purchase family water filtration systems through Lutheran World Relief. Each system costs \$190.

#### **Week Three- March 24-30 – The Stranger**

We will consider God's instructions of how faithful people are to care for resident aliens. We will also remember the parable of the Great Dinner where the host of a wedding invites outsiders to a great feast. To demonstrate our concern for the stranger, we will collect toiletries for refugee families through Lutheran Social Services.

#### **Week Four – March 31-April 6 – The Sick**

We will review Christ's healing of a demoniac and a group of lepers. We will also collect flat white twin sheets (please no other colors or sizes) to be sent to Global Health Ministries where they will be used for bedding or for bandages in hospitals around the world.

#### **Week Five – April 7-13 – The Imprisoned**

We will remember the promise that the Messiah will proclaim liberty to the captives and we will review the story of Paul and Silas singing their way out of prison. As an offering this week, we will provide assistance to Ministry on the Margins by providing a hot breakfast to their clients on Tuesday, April 9 and by working in the Ministry on the Margins food pantry on Thursday, April 11. Lord of Life members will also have the opportunity to donate food items to the pantry. Watch for volunteer sign up sheets and pantry food lists in the narthex.

#### **Wednesday Luncheons and Discussion – March 13, 20, 27, April 3, 10 -12 noon**

In addition to weekly worship, we will reflect on the Parable of the Sheep and the Goats with roundtable Bible study and discussion every Wednesday at noon. The pastors will lead the studies, which will be aimed at discovering how each of us experiences hunger, thirst, loneliness, sickness and prison in our own spiritual lives. Please bring your own brown bag lunch.

## Holy Week Worship

Palm Sunday Cantata: Sunday, April 14, 9:30 am

Living Last Supper with First Communion: Thursday, April 19, 7:00 pm

Good Friday Tenebrae: Friday, April 20, 7:00 pm

Easter Sunday Festival Worship: April 21, 8:00 am, 9:30 am, and 11:00 am

**Happening this week at Lord of Life**  
Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:00 am-4:00 pm  
Friday 8:00 am-3:00 pm  
Lunch Hour: 11:00 am-12:00 pm  
Church Office: 701-223-2986  
www.lordoflifebismarck.org

### **NINETEEN REASONS TO SHARE SPECIAL MUSIC OR SONG LEAD AT LOL:**

1. Stewardship: I Peter 4:10 “As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace.” Contact Marilyn Kesterke, LOL Music Coordinator.

**Baby Care Kits:** If you need a winter project, we need help with hemming or serging baby receiving blankets. Feel free to take some home with you and return them by June 1st or join us on March 4 at 12:30 for a sewing afternoon at church. Last year, we were able to send 67 baby care kits and would like to make it 100 for 2019. With your help, we can make this happen.

**A concert not to be missed! The Concordia Choir will be performing at Trinity Lutheran Church on Saturday, March 16th at 7:30 pm.** The cost is \$20 Adults/\$15 Seniors/\$5 Students. Tickets are available online at <https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/4048967>, or picked up at Lord of Life, Trinity and Lutheran Church of the Cross church offices around February 1st. The singers will need to be housed on Saturday March 16th after the concert and then brought to Lord of Life on Sunday morning to catch their bus. We are partnering with Trinity Lutheran and Lutheran Church of the Cross to house these college students in groups of 2 or 4, they can share a queen bed. Please let Pastor Beth know if you are available to take in a few nice kids. If so, let her know of any pets you may have.

### **Sun., March 3**

8:30 am: Worship

9:45 am: Adult Ed

9:45 am: Sunday School

9:45 am: New Member Class

11:00 am: New Member Recognition

11:00 am: Worship

### **Mon., March 4**

12:30 pm: Sewing Baby Care Kits

2:00 pm: Cozy comfort

6:30 pm: Piecemakers

### **Tues., March 5**

9:00 am: Staff Meeting

9:30 am: Piecemakers

5:00 pm: Evangelism Team Meeting

5:30 pm: Worship Team Meeting

6:30 pm: Property Team Meeting

6:30 pm: Volunteerism Team Meeting

7:00 pm: Youth Team Meeting

7:00 pm: Boy Scouts

7:30 pm: Education Team Meeting

### **Wed., March 6**

6:15 pm: Ash Wednesday Worship

### **Thur., March 7**

9:30 am: Brunch with Beth

3:00 pm: Executive Team

6:00 pm: Financial Stewardship Team Meeting

### **Sat., March 9**

8:30 am: Men’s Bible Study

### **Sun., March 10**

8:30 am: Worship

9:45 am: Adult Ed

9:45 am: Sunday School

11:00 am: Worship