



February 23, 2020  
Transfiguration of Our Lord

PRELUDE / GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Serve the Lord with gladness. Come before His presence  
with singing. Psalm 100:2**

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;

I can feel His mighty power and His grace.

I can hear the brush of angels' wings, I see glory on each face;  
surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

(Repeat)

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**PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

P: Most merciful God,

**C: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot  
free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought,  
word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we  
have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole  
heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For  
the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.  
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight  
in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your  
holy name. Amen**

P: Absolution

**HYMNAL #89 "HOW GOOD, LORD, TO BE HERE!"**

**PSALM OF THE DAY: PSALM 2 (Please read responsively)**

P: Why do the nations conspire, and the peoples plot in  
vain?

**C: The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers  
take counsel together, against the Lord and His  
anointed, saying,**

P: "Let us burst their bonds asunder and cast their cords  
from us."

**C: He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord has them  
in derision.**

P: Then He will speak to them in His wrath, and terrify them  
in His fury, saying,

**C: "I have set My king on Zion, My holy hill."**

P: I will tell of the decree of the Lord: He said to me, "You  
are my son; today I have begotten you.

**C: Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,  
and the ends of the earth your possession.**

P: You shall break them with a rod of iron, and dash them in  
pieces like a potter's vessel."

**C: Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers  
of the earth.**

P: Serve the Lord with fear, with trembling.

**C: Kiss His feet, or He will be angry, and you will perish  
in the way; for His wrath is quickly kindled.**

P: Happy are all who take refuge in Him.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

**O God, in the transfiguration of Your Son, You confirmed  
the mysteries of our faith in the return of Moses and Elijah  
on the Mountain, according to Your Word. In the voice from  
the bright cloud You again declared Jesus Your beloved Son.**

**You foreshadowed our adoption as children of Abraham,  
justifying us by faith and inheritors of Christ's resurrection  
from the dead. Give us the fullness of joy that comes from  
knowing that death is the gateway to eternal life through  
Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

If you have a prayer request, please fill out a pew card and  
give to an usher.

**HOPE FAMILY PRAYERS**

Judith Halvorson Family      Terry & Alisa Halvorson Family  
Ryan Hanlon Family      John & Dorene Hansen Family  
Alfred & Mary Hanson Family

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:**

P: Lord, in Your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**

**CHOIR: "JESUS IS THE WAY"**

Directed by Charity Salmonson/Accompanied by Jeanie Stout

**1<sup>ST</sup> LESSON: EXODUS 24:12-18**

The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to Me **on the  
mountain**, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of  
stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have  
written for their instruction."<sup>13</sup> So Moses set out with his  
assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of  
God.<sup>14</sup> To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we  
come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever  
has a dispute may go to them."<sup>15</sup> Then Moses went up on the  
mountain, and **the cloud covered the mountain**.<sup>16</sup> The glory  
of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it  
for six days; on the seventh day He called to Moses out of the  
cloud.<sup>17</sup> Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like  
a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of  
the people of Israel.<sup>18</sup> Moses entered the cloud and went up  
on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for **forty days  
and forty nights**.

**2<sup>ND</sup> LESSON: 2 PETER 1:16-21**

(Spoken by Peter before his death as a legacy for the church;  
and recorded by a disciple of Peter shortly after his  
martyrdom in Rome in 64 or 65 AD.)

"For we did **not follow cleverly devised myths** when we  
made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus  
Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of His majesty."<sup>17</sup> For  
He received honor and glory from God the Father when that  
voice was conveyed to Him by the Majestic Glory, saying,

"This is My Son, My Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

<sup>18</sup> **We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with Him on the holy mountain.** <sup>19</sup> **So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed.** You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. <sup>20</sup> **First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation,** <sup>21</sup> **because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.**

**"THY WORD"** (Psalm 119:105)

**"Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path."**

(Repeat)

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### **GOSPEL: MATTHEW 17:1-9**

Six days later, Jesus took with Him **Peter and James and his brother John** and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. <sup>2</sup> And He was transfigured before them, and **His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became dazzling white.** <sup>3</sup> Suddenly there appeared to them **Moses and Elijah**, talking with Him. (foretold in Deut. 18 & Malachi 4:5-6) <sup>4</sup> Then Peter said to Jesus, "**Lord, it is good for us to be here; if You wish, I will make three altars here, one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.**" <sup>5</sup> While he was still speaking, suddenly **a bright cloud** overshadowed them, and **from the cloud** a voice said, "This is My Son, the Beloved; with Him I am well pleased; listen to Him!" <sup>6</sup> When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. <sup>7</sup> But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "**Get up and do not be afraid.**" <sup>8</sup> And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus Himself alone. <sup>9</sup> As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "**Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.**"

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

**"THY WORD"**

### **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

#### **SERMON**

### **#518 "BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR"**

#### **THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe** in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

**I believe** in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilot, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe** in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

### **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

#### **OFFERING/ OFFERTORY:**

##### **"GIVE THANKS"**

Give thanks with a grateful heart;

Give thanks to the Holy One;

Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.

(repeat)

##### **Chorus:**

And now let the weak say, "I am strong,"

let the poor say, "I am rich,"

because of what the Lord has done for us.

(repeat chorus)

Give Thanks!

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### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come.**

**Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

### **THE BENEDICTION**

P: Jesus is alive in our church!

**C: That makes all the difference!**

##### **"SHINE JESUS SHINE"**

Lord, the light of Your love is shining,

In the midst of the darkness shining;

Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us,

Set us free by the truth You now bring us;

Shine on me, shine on me.

##### **Chorus:**

Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory.

Blaze, Spirit, blaze; set our hearts on fire.

Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy.

Send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light.

##### **Verse 2:**

As we gaze on Your kingly brightness

So our faces display Your likeness,

Ever changing from glory to glory;

Mirrored here, may our lives tell Your story;

Shine on me, shine on me.

##### **Chorus**

### **POSTLUDE**

## SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

9:30am Worship

10:30am Sunday School/Fellowship

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24

8:30am Quilting

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

7:00pm BeFrienders Meeting

### ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

11:00am Lenten Worship with Holy Communion

12:00pm Lenten Lunch

3:15pm Kids Time at Ignite

5:30pm Lenten Supper

6:30pm Lenten Worship with Holy Communion

7:15pm Choir Practice

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27

7:40am FCA Breakfast

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28

8:30am Friday School Gr. 1-8

9:30am 9th Gr. Confirmation

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29

### SUNDAY, MARCH 1

9:30am Worship

10:30am Sunday School/Fellowship

1:00pm Financial Peace U. Course

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## The 2020 Pathways Bible Camp Summer Programs are here! Register online at [PathwaysBibleCamps.org](http://PathwaysBibleCamps.org)

Early Bird deadline is March 14.

The Women of Hope pay all except the \$100 registration fee for Bible Camp.

## FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY COURSE

to be held at Hope Church

Saturdays, January 18 to March 14, at 1:00pm.

There are 9 sessions; each one lasts about 90 minutes.

Lesson 1: Build a Starter Emergency Fund and Learn How to Budget

Lesson 2: Pay Off All Debt

Lesson 3: Save a Fully Funded Emergency Fund

Lesson 4: Invest for the Future and Build Wealth

Lesson 5: Buyer Beware

Lesson 6: The Role of Insurance

Lesson 7: Retirement Planning

Lesson 8: Real Estate and Mortgages

Lesson 9: Outrageous Generosity

Cost is \$75 per household. The first class is free.

For more info, visit: [www.daveramsey.com/fpu](http://www.daveramsey.com/fpu)



## THANK YOU to all who bring in Palubickis Family Market receipts!

Thanks to you, Hope Youth recently received a check for over \$400!

Just a reminder - Palubickis donates 1% of receipts that are paid with cash or check. Receipts that are paid with debit or credit cards do not qualify.

# Prayer Requests



Lydia & Drew Wahlstrom  
Paisley Straub  
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Martha Sather  
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Harper Vesledahl  
Tom Andree  
Richard Miller  
Hazel Trogstad  
Nick Miller

## H.E.L.P. is Here!



Our **H**ea**E**lth **E**quip**M**ent **L**ending **P**roject room has a selection of home health equipment. If you are in need of a loan of this kind of equipment, please call the church office. The intent is that this ministry would be the hands and feet of Jesus to anyone in need of this kind of assistance. **We are currently in need of donations of wheel chairs, walkers, canes with prongs, shower chairs, raised toilet seats, and commodes. Donations of all types of home health equipment are welcome.**



## ENJOY THE CONVENIENCE OF ELECTRONIC GIVING

Hope Church wants to remind you that we offer electronic giving as a way to automate your regular weekly offering. Electronic giving offers convenience for individuals and provides much-needed donation consistency for our congregation. As you contemplate future contributions, please consider electronic giving. Authorization forms are available in the back of the Sanctuary and in the church office.

Following is a list of the information that is needed to get started:

- ⇒ Name and Address
- ⇒ Date of First Donation
- ⇒ Frequency of Donation (Weekly, Monthly, etc.)
- ⇒ Amount of Donation
- ⇒ Checking or Savings Account Routing / Account numbers

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