

# Transfiguration of Our Lord

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A warm welcome to all visitors and friends.

We hope you are blessed by worshipping with us today.



## ORDER OF SERVICE

Announcements

*\*Stand*

### **Gathering**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

### ***Confession and Forgiveness***

*All may make the sign of the cross.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

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

*Silence for reflection and self-examination*

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✚ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**Amen.**

**Hymn #315 – Love Divine, All Loves Excelling**



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of  
2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to  
3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us  
4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and



heav'n, to earth come down! Fix in us thy  
ev - 'ry trou - bled breast; let us all in  
all thy life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re -  
spot - less let us be; let us see thy



hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy faith - ful mer - cies crown.  
thee in - her - it; let us find thy prom - ised rest.  
turn, and nev - er, nev - er - more thy tem - ples leave.  
great sal - va - tion per - fect - ly re - stored in thee!



Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion, pure, un -  
Take a - way the love of sin - ning; Al - pha  
Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, serve thee  
Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, till in



bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with  
and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as  
as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee  
heav'n we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.  
its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.  
with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.  
crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

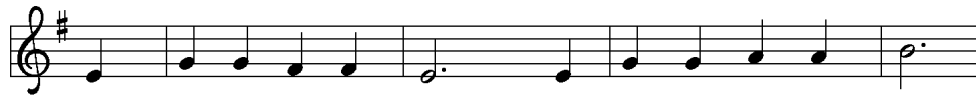
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### *Greeting*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## Kyrie



1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.  
2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.  
3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.  
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

## Canticle Of Praise



3 Ho - ly One we now ac - claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

## Prayer Of The Day

Let us pray.

**O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*\*Congregation is seated*

## Word

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

### First Reading - Exodus 24:12-18

<sup>12</sup>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.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 99**

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is king; let the people tremble. The LORD is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.

<sup>2</sup>**The LORD, great in Zion, is high above all peoples.**

<sup>3</sup>Let them confess God's name, which is great and awesome; God is the Holy One.

<sup>4</sup>**O mighty king, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.**

<sup>5</sup>Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and fall down before God's footstool; God is the Holy One.

<sup>6</sup>**Moses and Aaron among your priests, and Samuel among those who call upon your name, O Lord, they called upon you, and you answered them,**

<sup>7</sup>you spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; they kept your testimonies and the decree that you gave them.

<sup>8</sup>**O LORD our God, you answered them indeed; you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds.**

<sup>9</sup>Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and worship upon God's holy hill; for the LORD our God is the Holy One.

### **Second Reading - 2 Peter 1:16-21**

<sup>16</sup>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.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*\*Stand*

*Gospel Acclamation*

Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.

Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.

Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

**Gospel - Matthew 17:1-9**

The holy gospel according to \_\_\_\_\_.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings 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."

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

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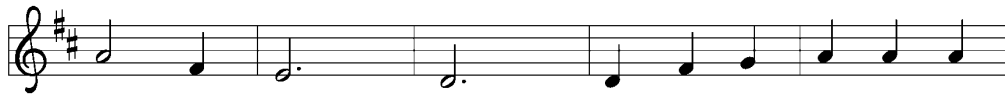
**Children's Sermon**

**Sermon**

**Hymn #649 - I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light - WOV**



1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to  
 2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to  
 3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to



fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give  
 look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous-ness,  
 be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with



light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.  
 shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.  
 pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

*Refrain*



In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the



day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the



cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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***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 Pilate,  
 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 catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen**

*Prayers of Intercession*

Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

Prayer Response: God of Glory.  
**Hear our prayer.**

**Remembering those in our prayers:** Family of Dick Schuhrke, Family of Audrey Kuntz, Rosemary Walter, Halle Blain, Kwirt Johnson, Pastor Beth Parks, Maurice Obrigewitch, Craig McLaughlin, Randy Mosser, Al Urban, JoAnne Suomala, Dale Oyhus, Mary Knotts, Bryce Wigert, Norma Newton, Lanie Nichols, Margaret Braun, Johnny Syminow, Mark Hinrichs, Nicole Koegl, Lincoln Lee Johnson, Duane Davis, Carmen Ruud, Becky Yadon, Carol Johnson, Monica Hushka, Mark Trechock, Janeen Nichols, Marilyn Oyhus, Mindy O'Brien, Chandler Nichols, Bennette Mansfield, those who have lost their jobs, those with mental illness, those seeking Sobriety, those struggling with infertility, all troops and their families & those working for peace in our world.

Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*Peace*

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you**

*\*Congregation is seated*

**Meal**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

*Offering*

**Offering Song #732 -  
Create in Me - WOV**

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir-it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres-ence, and  
take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store un-to me the  
joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

### *Offering Prayer*

Let us pray.

**God of love, you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table. Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ. Amen**

*\*Stand*

### *Great Thanksgiving*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,.....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san-na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

### *Thanksgiving at the Table*

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life: ..... claim the Lord's death until he comes:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth.

We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

**Come, Lord Jesus.**

Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.

**Amen**



## Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

*\*Congregation is seated*

## Communion Song - Lamb of God



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

## Communion Distribution

*All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please come forward and hold out your hands in the form of a cross or a cradle to receive the body of Christ. Choose a cup of red wine or white grape juice. If you are only able to receive one of the two elements, please know that you receive the fullness of Christ in one element. You may choose to receive a simple blessing if you prefer. Please notify an usher or the pastor if you have difficulty coming forward and communion will be brought to you.*

*\*Stand*

## Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

**We give you thanks, gracious God, for we have feasted on the abundance of your house. Send us to bring good news and to proclaim your favor to all, strengthened with the richness of your grace in your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

## Blessing

### Hymn #651 - Shine, Jesus, Shine - WOV

*Refrain*

Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry;  
blaze, Spir - it, blaze, — set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, riv - er, flow, flood the na - tions with love and mer - cy;  
send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!

1 Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing, in the midst of the  
2 As we gaze on your king - ly bright-ness, so our fa - ces dis -  
dark - ness, shin - ing; Je - sus, light of the world, shine up - on us,  
play your like - ness, ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry,  
set us free by the truth you now bring us. Shine on  
mir - rored here, may our lives tell your sto - ry. Shine on

*To stanzas* *End*

Go in peace. Christ is with you.  
Thanks be to God.

## Postlude

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\*\* Our Parish is hosting a blood drive on February 27 from 2:00pm-6:00pm at Belfield Lutheran Church. Contact Sara Bock for more info! Sign up at [vitalant.org](http://vitalant.org) or call the church office at 701-575-4703.

\*\* The BDM Parish Extravaganza will be held on March 26 at St B's Parish Center in Belfield. New or very gently used Auction items and baked goods for the Harvest Table are needed. If you want help at the event, please contact Sherri O'Brien, 701-290-9826 or Nita Northrup, 701-290-9595.

\*\* Coats For Kids - If you know of a kid in need of a winter coat, please contact Carmen Waldo at 701-590-3934. The only information needed is the size and whether it's for a boy or girl. The coats will be provided (free of charge) back to the requestor.

### **Today**

8:30 am – Medora Lutheran Worship  
9:00 am – Sunday School at Belfield Lutheran Church  
9:00 am – Choir Practice at Belfield Lutheran Church  
10:00 am – Belfield Lutheran Worship  
11:45 am – Daglum Lutheran Worship  
6:00 pm – Bible Study at Dwelle's home – please RSVP

### **Tuesday, February 21**

3:30 pm – Pastor's Bible Study at Belfield Lutheran or on Zoom  
8:00 pm - AA Meeting at Belfield Lutheran Church

### **Wednesday, February 22**

#### **Ash Wednesday**

7:00 pm – Worship at Belfield Lutheran Church

### **Thursday, February 23**

7:00 am – Bible Study at Belfield Lutheran Church

### **Friday, February 24**

8:00 pm – AA Meeting at Medora Lutheran Church

### **Sunday, February 26**

8:30 am – Medora Lutheran Worship  
9:00 am – Sunday School at Belfield Lutheran Church  
10:00 am – Belfield Lutheran Worship  
11:30 am – Choir Practice at Belfield Lutheran Church  
6:00 pm – Bible Study at Dwelle's home – please RSVP

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