

Transfiguration of Our Lord Last Sunday After Epiphany



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Growing Together in Christ

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Welcome

We welcome all who are seeking God's love and grace. We welcome all because God welcomes all, regardless of race or culture, sexual orientation, gender identity, or relationship status. We welcome all without regard to addictions, physical or mental health, imprisonment, socio-economic circumstances, or anything that too often divides us. Our unity is in Christ.

Holy Communion

Christ is truly present with us in worship and through this meal! All are welcome to participate in Holy Communion here at Good Soil. Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available upon request.

Key:

Bold Font – Spoken by the Congregation

Regular Font – Spoken by the Pastor or Worship Assistant

† – Please stand as you are able, in body or spirit.

*Please Note: In an effort to protect the most vulnerable among us, **masking are required in the building**. Masking of young children is up to the discretion of parents. Council continues to monitor the situation.*

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Witnesses to the glory of God in the face of Jesus reflect 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 God's glory in the word and in the supper and who are being "transformed into the same image" by God's Spirit.

Gathering

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

Prelude

Welcome to Worship

In the Confession and Forgiveness, we are drawn by God's mercy to prepare to assemble around the Word and Sacrament. It may be seen as a return to the gift of Baptism through repentance.

† Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who creates us,
redeems us,
and calls us by name.
Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
and your beloved children.
We have turned our faces away from your glory
when it did not appear as we expected.
We have rejected your word
when it made us confront ourselves.
We have failed to show hospitality
to those you called us to welcome.
Accept our repentance for the things we have done
and the things we have left undone.
For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.
Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe
in the glory of your Son born among us,
and reflect your love for all creation.
Amen.

Rejoice in this good news:
In † Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven.
You are descendants of the Most High,
adopted into the household of Christ,
and inheritors of eternal life.
Live as freed and forgiven children of God.
Amen.

**Gathering Hymn: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
ELW 631 vs 1, 2, & 4**

- 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.

- 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

The presiding minister greets the assembly with the words used by Paul in 2nd Corinthians to greet churches. The assembly also greets the presiding minister in return. It is a moment of mutuality that signifies trust, love, mutual service, and a shared hope in God.

† 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.

The Prayer of the Day highlights themes from the scripture readings we are about to hear.

† 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.

The Word

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

First Reading: Exodus 34:29-35

To put this reading into context:

Moses' face shone with the reflected glory of God after he received the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai. The sight caused the Israelites to be afraid, so Moses wore a veil to mask the radiance of God's glory, taking it off when he spoke directly with God.

Hear now a reading from the book of Exodus.

²⁹Moses 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. ³⁰When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, 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 spoke with them. ³²Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. ³³When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; ³⁴but 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, ³⁵the 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.

Word of God. Word of Life.
Thanks be to God.

The Gospel reading is announced by the pastor. We rise to our feet, if able, as a sign of respect and anticipation for the Gospel that reveals Jesus Christ to us.

† Gospel Reading: Luke 9:28-35

To put this reading into context:

The conversation about Jesus' suffering and death is enclosed in a dazzling foreshadowing of the resurrection. God affirms Jesus' identity, the disciples are stunned speechless, and Jesus resumes his mission.

The holy gospel according to Luke.
Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁸Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³⁰Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. ³¹They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³²Now 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. ³³Just 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. ³⁴While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. ³⁵Then from the

cloud came a voice that said, “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!”

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Children’s Sermon

Children aged Pre-K through 3rd grade are invited to leave the service after the Children’s Sermon and attend the first part of Sunday School instruction (2nd part to resume in classes after worship.)

Sermon: The Rev. Marissa Harrison

Silence for reflection.

† Hymn of the Day: Shine, Jesus, Shine

1 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

Refrain

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

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. *Refrain*

As the church, we pray for those in our community and around the world. The prayers are also responsive, emphasizing our participation.

† Prayers of the Church

The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance, so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

A brief silence.

Transform us by your greatness, O God. Send us down the mountain to share joy with all people. Make us agents of change, confident that your hope will vanquish despair and your goodness will conquer evil. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Dazzle us with your presence in every landscape: bluffs built by ancient glaciers, canyons carved by flowing rivers, flat horizons with uninterrupted views, and sands shaped by ocean tides. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Strengthen leaders of local governments, community nonprofits, and grassroots campaigns. Bless them with gifts of integrity, creativity, and

sound conscience. Build up safe and joyful communities where all people may thrive. Additionally, we pray for the people of Ukraine and leaders on the world stage as they navigate this cascading emergency. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Heal those who are in distress especially . . . Give patience to those waiting for answers. Grant hope to those who have reached the limits of treatment. Give compassionate hearts to those who accompany loved ones through illness and uncertainty. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Today we shout alleluia from the mountaintop; this week we enter the wilderness of Lent. Bless all who prepare and lead us in worship during this change of season: pastors, deacons, musicians, and all who contribute to our worship life. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Blessed are they who listened to Christ's voice in this life and now rest with him. Transform us from glory into glory, and give us your peace, that we do not lose heart. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior.
Amen.

A practice of the ancient church, where we recognize Christ's peace in one another and share it together.

† Passing of the Peace

The Peace of Christ be with you always,
And also with you.

The people greet one another saying, "Peace" or "Peace be with you" sharing the peace of Christ with one another in a no-touch or low-touch way, such as a wave, peace sign, or elbow bump.

God entrusts us with everything we have. Our offering is one way we give thanks to God and support the ministry of the church.

The Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering

God's ministry through Good Soil makes a difference, and your offering makes that possible. Help Good Soil continue making an impact by giving at www.goodsoillutheran.org/support. This QR code will take you directly to Good Soil's online giving page.

Aim your phone camera at the QR code, but don't take a picture. A link will appear to click on that will take you to Good Soil's support page:



	<p>† Offering Prayer</p> <p>Blessed are you, O God, Sovereign of the universe. You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey. Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food, and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world, in the name of Christ our light. Amen.</p>
	<p>† Great Thanksgiving</p> <p>The Lord be with you. And also with you.</p> <p>Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.</p> <p>Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.</p>
	<p>† Words of Institution</p>
<p><i>The Lord's Prayer is Jesus' response to his disciples when they asked him to teach them how to pray.</i></p>	<p>† Lord's Prayer (prayed by all)</p> <p>Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.</p>

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.

Communion

Christ is with us in this meal. All who are hungry for the presence of Jesus are welcome to commune here at Good Soil. Please wait for the usher to release your row before proceeding up front. Receive the elements and then return to your seat before partaking of them.

The body of Christ, given for you. Amen.

The blood of Christ, shed for you. Amen.

Communion Hymn: Jesus on the Mountain Peak ELW 317

1 Jesus on the mountain peak
stands alone in glory blazing;
let us, if we dare to speak,
join the saints and angels praising.
Alleluia, alleluia!

2 Trembling at his feet we saw
Moses and Elijah speaking.
All the prophets and the law
shout through them their joyful greeting:
Alleluia, alleluia!

3 Swift the cloud of glory came,
God proclaiming in its thunder,
Jesus as the Son by name!
Nations, cry aloud in wonder:
Alleluia, alleluia!

4 This is God's beloved Son!
Law and prophets sing before him,
first and last and only One.
All creation shall adore him!
Alleluia, alleluia!

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

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† Post-Communion Table Blessing

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

The Sending

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

With the blessing of God, we go out to live as Christ's body in the world.

† Blessing

God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness,
who rejoices over you,
and who calls you by name,

† bless your going out and your coming in,
today and forever.

Amen.

We say "farewell" to the Alleluia in preparation for the upcoming reflective and repentant season of Lent (when we refrain from saying the word Alleluia). The Alleluia will return on Easter Sunday!

† Farewell to Alleluia

P: We are an Easter people.

C: **And Alleluia is our song.**

P: Alleluia! Alleluia!

C: **Alleluia! Alleluia!**

P: The author of Ecclesiastes writes: For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven. A time to be born and a time to die.

C: **A time to plant and a time to pluck up what is planted.**

P: A time to break down and a time to build up.

C: **A time to weep and a time to laugh.**

P: A time to mourn and a time to dance.

C: **A time to keep silence and a time to speak.**

P: As a sign of our repentance, we now say farewell to the Alleluia until our rejoicing at the resurrection of our Lord.

*Through the
sending hymn we
are sent out into
the world to
follow Jesus.*

† **Sending Hymn: Alleluia, Song of Gladness**
ELW 318

- 1 Alleluia, song of gladness,
voice of joy that cannot die;
alleluia is the anthem
ever dear to choirs on high;
in the house of God abiding
thus they sing eternally.
- 2 Alleluia you are sounding,
true Jerusalem and free;
alleluia, joyful mother,
bring us to your jubilee;
here by Babylon's sad waters
mourning exiles still are we.
- 3 Alleluia cannot always
be our song while here below;
alleluia our transgressions
make us for a while forgo;
for the solemn time is coming
when our tears for sin shall flow.
- 4 In our hymns we pray with longing:
Grant us, blessed Trinity,
at the last to keep glad Easter
with the faithful saints on high;
there to you forever singing
alleluia joyfully.

Text: Latin hymn, 11th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt.

<p><i>The dismissal sends us out into the world as Christ's Body—fed, nourished, and ready to serve. Worship has ended, and our service begins!</i></p>	<p>† Dismissal</p> <p>A: How good it is for us to be here.</p> <p>C: Amen! Alleluia!</p> <p>A: Go in peace and do not be afraid. Christ is with you. Alleluia, alleluia!</p> <p>C: Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!</p>
	<p>Postlude</p>

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Announcements from Good Soil Sunday, Feb 27, 2022

For those in need of healing, comfort, or strength: Jane Beese, Char Mattson, Jerry and Marie Sternad, Tony Sykaluk, Mary Wahl, Jeanette Weidlich

For those celebrating birthdays:

Joan Zeager (Mar 2)

For those celebrating wedding anniversaries:

Scott and Kim Wylie (Mar 3)

Acolyte training for kids 2nd grade and up will be held today at 11:15 a.m. Being an acolyte is an excellent way for children to serve God and serve as leaders in their faith community. *“And a little child shall lead them...”* -- Isaiah 11:6

Coffee Hour is returning next Sun, Mar 6. Louise DeBell and JoAnne Wancata will be the point persons for that day. Louise has offered to “show the ropes” of set up and clean up for those interested in participating in the rotation for coffee and snacks as well. She will have a sign up sheet for the Sundays in March and April or you can call/email the office to sign up.

Lenten Small Groups: Hungry for deeper connection with God and your faith community? So are we! All members and friends of Good Soil are invited and encouraged to participate in small groups during the Lenten season.

Each group will meet once a week for 5 weeks (beginning Monday, Mar 7th through Saturday, Apr 9th) to deepen relationships and grow in faith together. Each group will be led by a lay leader and meet at a different time of the week, so join the group that works best for you:

Monday Evening via Zoom

Tuesday at Noon via Zoom

Wednesday Evening Zoom
 Thursday Morning In-Person
 Saturday Morning In-Person

Use this QR code to sign up:



Save the date for a congregational meeting on Sun, Mar 27. There will be two important topics on the agenda: (1) appointing a Nominating Committee that will propose candidates for the council positions that will be expiring and voted on at the June meeting, and (2) funding for the roof replacement.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS		
DAY	EVENT	TIME
Sun, Feb 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In-Person and Livestream Worship • Sunday School • Acolyte Training (2nd grade and up) 	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:15 a.m.
Tues, Mar 1	Hybrid Church Zoom – “Online and Social Media Work to Reach New People” (Contact Pastor M for Zoom link)	7:00 p.m.
Wed, Mar 2	ASH WEDNESDAY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In-Person and Livestream Worship 	7:00 p.m.
Sat, Mar 5	Ladies’ Breakfast – Gene’s Place	9:00 a.m.
Sun, Mar 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In-Person and Livestream Worship • Sunday School • Coffee Hour 	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.
Mon, Mar 7	Lenten Small Groups Begin	
Sat, Apr 9	Lenten Small Groups End	