

His face shone,
and they were afraid

Exodus 34:30

The Transfiguration of Our Lord

February 11, 2024

BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Our Mission

“To Know Jesus and to Make Him Known”

Our Vision

Educate, Equip and Encourage ourselves and our families through worship and study, and engage our community through discipleship, example and Acts of Kindness, using the unique gifts bestowed on each member of our congregation by the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Worship Information

Parents with Young Children: We encourage families to worship together.

Worship Bulletin: Our order of service is printed out in your worship folder.

Worship Form: There are 5 “Movements” in our Worship.

- God grants us the gift of forgiveness.
- God speaks to us from His Word.
- God receives our offerings and prayers.
- God offers us His real presence in Holy Communion.
- God blesses us and sends us out.

Communion: Please read the Statement of Communion below.

(If you are **gluten intolerant** please speak with Pastor or an elder prior to the worship service so we can accommodate you.)

STATEMENT OF COMMUNION

BECAUSE THE WORD OF GOD TEACHES THAT:

- We are all sinners in need of forgiveness.
- Jesus is our only Savior from sin through His death and resurrection.
- The True Body and Blood of Christ is present in the Sacrament of the Holy Communion

 Please see Pastor if you have any questions about this or do not believe in the Lord's Supper in this way. You are welcome to come forward for a blessing if you are not communing.

- Please see Pastor if there is something going on in your life that needs the attention of Christ in private confession *and* absolution.

AS WE GATHER--Living at a time when it seems the Church is under
Within the pandemonium of the transfiguration, the voice speaks: “This is My
beloved Son; listen to Him” (Mark 9:7). Moses is there and gone. Elijah is there
and gone. The disciples are with Him on the mount and then head down into
the valley. But the glory of the Lord will not depart. It will remain: lifted high
upon the cross, revealed in the empty tomb, and placed upon the followers of
Jesus. It is the Word that endures forever, the Word made flesh, and the Word
who speaks through the voice of Scripture. The call remains: “Listen to Him.”
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AS WE GATHER-- The light of Christ is no mere metaphor. Christ is our
light and He shines with the brightness of the one true light. Where the world
lives in the darkness of doubt, Christ brings confidence to approach the throne
of grace. Where the world lives in the faded glory of our aspirations and
dreams, Christ’s light of forgiveness and hope never fades. Where the world
imagines a future, Christ’s light shines on a new and everlasting tomorrow. As
Christ shone with His light, so do we shine with the borrowed light of our
Savior that those living in darkness and in the shadow of death might be shown
the way.
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WITNESS AND OUTREACH-- Mark 9:2-9: As we have gathered in God’s
presence here in worship, we can say along with Peter, “It is good that we are
here!” Rather than setting up camp here, our Lord sends us out into the world
with a message to share. We are sent to show others Jesus just as we have seen
and heard Him in His Good News.

WELCOME to GUESTS & VISITORS

Hymns will be from the Lutheran Service Book (LSB).

✠ PREPARATION ✠

HYMN “Beautiful Savior” LSB 537

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Psalm 99:4, 9*

Pastor: The King in His might loves justice.
People: **You have established equity; You have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.**
Pastor: Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at His holy mountain;
People: **for the LORD our God is holy!**

Silence for reflection.

Pastor: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. We flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God has had mercy upon you and has given His only Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. In the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I, a called and ordained servant of the Word, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. He who began this good work within you will bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Amen.

FIRST READING *2 Kings 2:1-12* (Elijah is taken to Heaven.)

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM *Psalms 50:1-6* (The mighty one, God the Lord, speaks.)

EPISTLE *2 Corinthians 3:12-13; 4:1-6* (We all, with unveiled face, behold the glory of God.)

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 9:2-9* (With Moses and Elijah at His side, Jesus reveals His glory.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the ninth chapter.

People: **Glory be to You, O Lord.**
(*The Gospel is read.*)
Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
People: **Praise be to You, O Christ.**

CATECHISM *The Third Petition*

People: **Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**
Pastor: What does this mean?
People: **The good and gracious will of God is done even without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also.**
Pastor: How is God's will done?
People: **God's will is done when He breaks and hinders every evil plan and purpose of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature, which do not want us to hallow God's name or let His kingdom come; and when He strengthens and keeps us firm in His Word and faith until we die. This is His good and gracious will.**

SERMON

CREED *Nicene Creed*

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
..... Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Additional petitions may be inserted here.

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE *2 Timothy 4:22*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9-13*

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.

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **And also with you. Amen.**

AGNUS DEI “Lamb of God”

LSB p.163

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

See LSB 329: Christian Questions with Their Answers prepared by Dr. Martin Luther for those who intend to go to the Sacrament.



Note: These questions and answers are no child's play, but are drawn up with great earnestness of purpose by the venerable and devout Dr. Luther for both young and old. Let each one pay attention and consider it a serious matter; for St. Paul writes to the Galatians in chapter six: “Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked.”

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“Lamb of God”

LSB 550

“’Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here”

LSB 414

“Alleluia, Song of Gladness”

LSB 417

LITANY ON ALLELUIA

Pastor: “Alleluia,” said the prophets of old;

People: Christ is coming; prepare His way.

Pastor: “Alleluia,” said angels and shepherds;

People: Christ is born; the Word made flesh is come to earth.

Pastor: “Alleluia,” said the Magi from the East;

People: Christ is King; bow down in worship and bring offerings to Him.

Pastor: “Alleluia,” said the Baptizer John;

People: Christ is here; the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Pastor: “Alleluia,” said the servants and disciples;

People: Christ is Lord; revealed clearly in water changed to wine.

Pastor: “Alleluia,” said the people;

People: Christ is Messiah; fulfilled of God’s promise and the prophets’ word.

Pastor: “Alleluia,” said the fishermen;

People: Christ is Master; follow Him and fish for men.

Pastor: “Alleluia,” said the sick and suffering;

People: Christ is healer; trust Him for healing and hope in Him for life brand new.

Pastor: “Alleluia,” said the students;

People: Christ is teacher; listen to His word and wisdom.

Pastor: “Alleluia,” said Moses and Elijah;

People: Christ is God; the Light of Light has come to shine on us the love from on high.

Pastor: “Alleluia,” said the apostles, standing on the mountain high;

People: Christ is shining; in this glory let us stay.

Pastor: “Alleluia,” said the Savior, “Christ means suffering”;

People: Down the mount the Lord must go and meet the death that awaits Him in the valley below.

Pastor: “Alleluia,” bids the Savior, “follow Me and be not afraid”;

People: Christ reveals greater glory hidden in the cross and grave; there we find salvation’s story and there we find the hope which saves.

BENEDICAMUS

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING

Pastor: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God.

NEXT WEEK’S READINGS:

OLD TESTAMENT READING Genesis 22:1-18
EPISTLE James 1:12-18
HOLY GOSPEL Mark 1:9-15

TITHE & OFFERING – our sacrifice of thanksgiving to the Lord

Our “tithes” are our first fruits returned to God in proportional, joyful, thankful and faithful response to His grace. “Offerings” are special gifts for ministries, memorials and needs over and above the tithe.
(If you are a guest, we welcome you as a guest. Please do not feel obligated to give an offering unless you feel moved to do so by the Spirit.)

Weekly Giving

February 4 (**Thank you**) \$16,422.00
Weekly Need: \$ 4,410.04
Overage: + \$12,011.96

Loose Change from 2/4/24: \$31.50

Life Quotes: February 11 “We live dripping with the promise of Baptism. We live fueled by the fire of God’s Word. We live created on the sixth day and recreated by God’s grace to be followers of Jesus seven days of the week until that great eighth day, called eternity, when we will sing praise in His presence forever. We live and we love and we are loved in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, sin forgiven, shame erased, status: all very good.” *Rev. Dr. John Nunes, guest speaker on “The Lutheran Hour” – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

CALENDAR:

- February 14 – Ash Wednesday meal @ 5pm, Service @ 6:30pm**
- February 18 – Thrivent Action Team 101, meal and short presentation, 11am**
- February 20 – Movement Class and Information Session, 6:30pm**
- February 23-25 – Confirmation Retreat**
- February 26 – Men’s Night, 6pm**
- April 8 – Life Line Screening @ BSLC**
(flyers are in your BSLC mailbox)



Friday Morning Bible Study: 10-11:30am, Join us as we study “God Never Gives Up On You,” a book by Max Lucado sharing scripture’s story of God’s grace through the life of Jacob in Genesis 25-35. This week’s lesson is “No Quid Pro Quo.”

Women’s Bible Study: We meet Monday nights at 6:30pm. Kris Ficken is leading this study. We are studying the book of Hosea using a book called “God’s Relentless Love” by Sharla Fritz.

Ash Wednesday Chili Dinner: Thank you to everyone who signed up to bring items for our meal on Ash Wednesday. Donations should be dropped off Tuesday, Feb. 13th or Wednesday morning. Thank you! See you Wednesday between 5pm-6:30pm. Church begins at 6:30.



Help for the Homeless Hygiene Drive: Most urgent needs include soaps (laundry, dish, shower and hand soap, shampoo), trash bags, diapers, unscented deodorant, wet wipes, toilet paper, paper towels, disposable razors, feminine hygiene products, and sweatpants/sweatshirts. See Julie Barge for additional information. There is a box in the narthex for donations. Thank you for your donations!

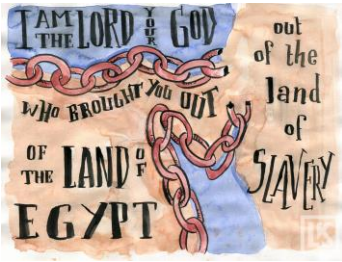
Thrivent Action Team 101: Join us next **Sunday, Feb. 18th** after church for a meal (fried chicken!) and short presentation demonstrating applying for, carrying out, and reporting on Thrivent Action Teams. If you own Thrivent products, you are eligible for two \$250 grants per year! These are simple to get and can make a huge difference as you “live generously” in your church and community!

Movement and Stretching: Are you interested in simple ways to add more movement into your daily routine? Join Amy Lipke at Beautiful Savior **February 20th at 6:30pm**. Amy is planning a simple (less than) 15 minute workout including a warm up and cool down. There will be praise music, easy workout resources, and ideas for adding more movement at home. This is for everyone who’s just getting started (non-intimidating welcoming environment!). We hope to see you!



The Book of Exodus: Let My People Go!

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 14, 2024 and so does our emphasis on Moses' book called Exodus. In it, Moses asks Pharaoh to let



God's people go seven times (Exodus 5:1; 7:16; 8:1, 20; 9:1, 13; 10:3) and Pharaoh finally does it! When he does, God's salvation is so amazing that the event becomes the Gospel of the Old Testament. Israel's Scriptures mention the exodus 125 times!

Throughout the book of Exodus God reveals who he is through his absence and his presence, through his silence and his speech, through his wrath and his mercy, and through his judgment and his amazing grace. In doing so, the book paints a beautiful portrait of *Jesus*.

The Sunday Morning Bible Class will look at the exciting history and theology connected with the book of Exodus. *It will all be very practical and useful!* There is also a Lenten devotional booklet based on Exodus. Be sure to get yours. Why not share one with a friend?

Sermon plans are as follows:

Ash Wednesday “**Big Things with Small Stuff**” (Exodus 2:1–10)

Lent One “**How God Changes Us**” (Exodus 3:1–14)

Lent Two “**Stop Trying and Start Trusting**” (Exodus 14:1–29)

Lent Three “**Strike the Rock!**” (Exodus 17:1–7)

Lent Four “**Mine!**” (Exodus 20:1–17)

Lent Five “**Digging Ourselves into a Hole**” (Exodus 32:1–14)

Palm Sunday “**A New Beginning!**” (Exodus 34:1–8)

Maundy Thursday “**Access!**” (Exodus 24:1–11)

Good Friday “**Agnus Dei**” (Exodus 12:1–13)

Easter “**Against all Odds!**” (Exodus 15:1–18)

Wednesday Lent Services:

6:30pm

Ash Wednesday Chili Dinner:

Feb. 14th, 5pm

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Prayer List : 2/11/2024 – 2/17/24

Ongoing prayers for Grief & Loss: (Named & Not Named)

Loved Ones –

Lori Hopp – Sister Jo Ann; Family of Violet Knoll; Dave Norrgran--Mother Marlene; Paul Hansen – father Donald; Family of Bob Helmrick; Family of Linda Leindecker; Family of Robert Kowalski (Chad's father); Family of Luan Wendlick (Cheryl Wagner's mother)

Situations

Suicide Attempts, Cancer, Christian Parenting, Caregivers, AODA

Military: Devante; Emily; Nick

Pending Diagnosis & Treatment: Ken Resch (Father of Julie Barge); Paula; Phil Idsvoog; Rose Janke (Karen Holman's mother); Melissa (Caleb Schultz's aunt); BSLC friend new cancer diagnosis; BSLC friend, Sarah, new cancer diagnosis; Claire Vogler

Hospitalized/Recovering: Elaine Idsvoog--Hospice; Sharon Hughes--treatment

Circuit 17: St Luke-Rapids (starting the Call process for a Pastor)

Shut-ins: Merry Kampmeier, Mary S., and Anita C.

Birthdays:

2/13 Alivia Jagielo

2/13 Noah Viegut

Baptism Birthdays:

2/12 Dean Marczak

Anniversaries:

Missions:

First Choice Resource Center

Camp Luther

Peace Campus Center & Pastor Andy Weden

St. Paul Lutheran Elementary School
Wycliffe & Lutheran Bible Translators
& Linda Jordan

J.P. & Aimee Cima & Family

Orphan Grain Train Center

Adam Tanney (Seminary Student)

Christ Care / Carpenter's Crew

***Please let us know if you have any prayer requests – thank you! ***

Old Testament Reading: 2 Kings 2:1–12

¹When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ²And Elijah said to Elisha, "Please stay here, for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. ³And the sons of the prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take away your master from over you?" And he said, "Yes, I know it; keep quiet."

⁴Elijah said to him, "Elisha, please stay here, for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. ⁵The sons of the prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take away your master from over you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know it; keep quiet."

⁶Then Elijah said to him, "Please stay here, for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. ⁷Fifty men of the sons of the prophets also went and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸Then Elijah took his cloak and rolled it up and struck the water, and the water was parted to the one side and to the other, till the two of them could go over on dry ground.

⁹When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Ask what I shall do for you, before I am taken from you." And Elisha said, "Please let there be a double portion of your spirit on me." ¹⁰And he said, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it shall be so for you, but if you do not see me, it shall not be so." ¹¹And as they still went on and talked, behold, chariots of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them. And Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. ¹²And Elisha saw it and he cried, "My father, my father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" And he saw him no more.

Epistle: 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. . . .

⁴Therefore, 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 only 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.

Holy 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.



About the Cover: After being in the presence of God, the shining face of Moses, the lawgiver, brought fear to all of Israel. However, when Jesus' face shone at His transfiguration, it was not simply because He was in the presence of God. He is God in the flesh, the source of light. Furthermore, Jesus is not another lawgiver. He is the one who has fulfilled the Law by dying on the cross for our sins.