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Transfiguration of Our Lord Sunday, February 11, 2024 Worship 9:00 am

Throughout the service, where you find an asterisk (*) you are invited to stand as you are able.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gathering

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION * RED pp. 94-96 SHARING OF THE PEACE * OPENING HYMN * Christ. Whose Glory Fills the Skies RED #553 **APOSTOLIC GREETING *** RED p. 147 KYRIF * RED pp. 147-148 HYMN OF PRAISE * RED pp. 149-150 This is the Feast ... PRAYER OF THE DAY * See Celebrate CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Word

FIRST READING (Response: Thanks be to God.) See Celebrate PSALM (Chanted responsively by whole verse.) See Celebrate Psalm Tone #6 RED p. 337 SECOND READING (Response: Thanks be to God.) See Celebrate GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (RED p. 151) & Gospel* See Celebrate GOSPEL (Responses: Glory to you, O Lord./Praise to you,

O Christ.)

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY * How Good, Lord, to Be Here! RED #315 APOSTLES' CREED * RED p. 105 See Celebrate PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *

Meal

OFFERTORY VERSE * **RED #184**

OFFFRING Doxology *

> Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

OFFERTORY PRAYER *

GREAT THANKSGIVING & HOLY, HOLY, HOLY * RED pp. 152-153

WORDS OF INSTITUTION *

LORD'S PRAYER * RED p. 154

LAMB OF GOD * RED p. 154

COMMUNION OF THE FAITHFUL

All baptized believers are welcome, including visitors, to the Table of the Lord! Wine (red) or grape juice (clear) is available.

COMMUNION BLESSING *

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise **RED #207**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *

Sending

BLESSING * (Response: Amen.)

CLOSING HYMN * I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light **RED #815**

DISMISSAL * (Response: Thanks be to God.)

POSTLUDE

Help us keep an updated prayer list. If you have placed an individual on our prayer list, please remember to notify the office when that individual can be removed. Thank you.

Malane Digon, Pastor Joel, Jennifer Dupilka (Linda Schreier's granddaughter's mother), Abby Keith, Anneke Fleming, Larry Wilt, Marianne McCann, Nedda Pollock family, Betty Nickle, Carol Gerig, Robin Walker (friend of Margo Whittaker), Linda Freed, Betty Hammell, Jason Ziegler (friend of T.J. Johnson), Denise Calamia (friend of Sue DeArmitt), Pastor John Schaertel, Miriam Reinard, Sue Kistler (friend of Andrea Faber), Patsy Bauman, Dottie Koppenhaver, Tracy Burigana (Jesse's father), George Schreffler, John Piazza (Dawne Veet's co-worker), Katherine Keister (friend of Nancy Pinko), Tina Stark (friend of Linda Schreier), Eileen Cera (friend of Linda Freed), John Digon (Malane Digon's brother-in-law), Sara Dooley (Logan family member), Kaden Stevenson (relative of Otis Martin), Jacqueline Neil (Brad's mother), Nancy Staab (Joan Bateman's sister), Patti Spirk (Logan family friend), Janice Mixell (Jesse Burigana's grandmother), Fran & Kitty Kuntz (family of Lauralee Kunz), Tommy Weldon, Scott Schneider (Herb Logan's co-worker), Joyce Hrestack (Joel Hain's ex-wife), Yolanda Barron, Linda Freed, Liam Brotherton, Grace & Leroy MacMurtie (Hope Bowling's parents), Mike Boyer (friend of Buriganas), Richard Walker (friend of Margo Whittaker), Deb Nickle (Betty Nickle's daughter-inlaw), Marion Tosheff, Mary Louise Shuler, MaryPat & Aaron MacMurtie (Hope Bowling's family members), Todd MacMurtie (Hope Bowling's nephew), Lisa Tosheff (Marion's daughter-in-law), Russ Kolacek (Tom Snyder's son-in-law), Tiffany Crosby, Annabelle Paul, Betty Giovaninello (friend of Linda Schreier), Sondra Andrews (Bob & Jean Lisse's daughter), Barbara Hammell (Betty's daughter), Bishop Dunlop.

Pray for our military, especially Ian Bowling, Robert McCann, Jason Nunez, Reed Pollock, Jack Pollock, Maxwell Reilly, Myles Reilly, & George Schreffler, III.

Pray for our shut-ins, especially Shirley Kaltreider, Dottie Koppenhaver, Jean Lisse, Miriam Reinard, Ed Seneca, Tom Snyder.

Our Saviour Mission Statement

Our Saviour Lutheran Church, a caring congregation dedicated to the word of Christ welcomes all people to worship and grow with us as we share His love and salvation with our neighbors, our children and ourselves.

Easter Egg Making Has Begun

It is that time of the year! We are now making Easter eggs. Easter is on March 31, 2024. Due to the increase in the cost of ingredients the price of an egg was increased to \$1.50. This was determined by the church members attending the egg making meeting in November 2023.

Egg making sessions will be on Sunday after our church service & on Thursday and Saturday mornings starting at 8:00 AM.

We are still looking for volunteers to help with mixing and making eggs. Training will be provided to new volunteers. If you have any concerns about standing too long, we have many egg making tasks that can be done while sitting. You do not need to stay for the entire session if your time is limited.

A table is in the Narthex with egg forms for ordering. Also, after egg making starts, there will be eggs that can be purchased for cash and carry.

We cannot do this project without the help of **ALL** church members. Please remember to **SELL** eggs. If you know of any business that would like to sell our eggs, please let us know. Any questions or concerns, please contact one of the egg chairs.

Egg Committee Chairs are Nadine Martin, Alice Lubrecht and Donna Miller

Manna Food Pantry

Our "2nd Sunday" food collection is still ongoing. During this time of continuously rising food prices & winter heating costs, food pantries are seeing a greater demand of their services. If you would like to donate you may bring your items into the church & place them on the table in the Narthex at any time. There is a list of suggested items now on the table. If you would like to make a monetary donation, please mark your envelopes "Manna Food Pantry", and place it with your regular giving envelope.

WELCOME TO OUR SAVIOUR TODAY

- Welcome pads are on the pews at the center aisle; please sign and pass to your neighbor. Please include any changes.
- Please put your cell phones on guiet mode.

The bulletins today are presented to the Glory of God by Mindy Grace.

ASSISTING TODAY

9:00 am Reader Joel Hains

Ushers Kathy & Bill Sheetz
Communion Assistants Jeanette & Herb Logan

Counters Donna Miller,

Sara Smith, Sandy Moritz

ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2024

7:00 pm Reader Alice Lubrecht

Ushers Nadine & Otis Martin
Communion Assistants Alice & Jim Lubrecht

NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2024

9:00 am Reader Hope Bowling

Ushers Penny & John Zimmerman

Communion Assistants Kathy & Bill Sheetz

Counters Jim Lubrecht.

Penny & John Zimmerman

UPCOMING EVENTS

Today 9:00 am Worship

Egg Making after worship

Monday, February 12 Council committee reports due

in office

Wednesday, February 14 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday worship

Thursday, February 15 8:00 am Egg Making

6:30 pm Council

Saturday, February 17 8:00 am Egg Making

Sunday, February 18

9:00 am

Worship w/Children's Sunday

School

Egg Making after worship newsletter deadline

Family Promise

Our Saviour, along with Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, will be hosting Family Promise Sunday, evening, April 7 through Sunday morning, April 14, 2024.

Won't you **please** consider providing a meal, driving the van, or sleeping overnight at the Church?

Sign-up sheets are posted in the Narthex.

Thank you! Nadine Martin

Upcoming In-Betweener Events

Saturday, March 9, 2024 Bowling - 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. followed by Dinner.

Join in for bowling fun at ABC East Lanes followed by dinner at the Capitol Dinner!

Cost per bowler will depend upon the number of bowlers - most likely, between \$12.00 and \$15.00 per bowler. Cost does include shoe rental. Sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. <u>Deadline for sign-up is Sunday,</u> March 3rd.

This event is coordinated by Otis & Nadine Martin.

Saturday, September 21, 2024 Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre "Jersey Boys"

Anneke & Dan Fleming will sponsor a dinner show at the Dutch Apple Theatre in Lancaster, PA. The show features "The Jersey Boys". Important details are listed on the "sign-up sheet" in the Narthex. Questions/comments, see Anneke or Dan. You can contact them by phone at (717) 652-9367 or (717) 608-4623. Our sign-up deadline for this event is March 24, 2024.

Save the Date – Our Spring Banquet

We will be having a spring banquet on Wednesday, May 8, 2024 beginning at 6pm, here at Our Saviour.

Tickets will go on sale beginning March 17, 2024 through April 28, 2024. Tickets are \$18 for adults and children under 10 are \$5. We will have a catered dinner, entertainment and door prizes. Mark your calendars & please join us!

In Your Mailbox Today

The **February issue of our newsletter** is in the church mailboxes for those who do not have email.

Sponsorship of Sunday bulletins for 2024

Sign-up sheets to sponsor our Sunday bulletins for the entire year, **2024** are now on the bulletin board! The cost to sponsor remains \$12.30.

Donations Please!

The Welcome Committee is asking for donations for our 1st Sunday Socials. If you would like to donate baked goods please sign up on the sheet that is on the Welcome Committee bulletin board directly beside the main entrance door in the Narthex. Thank you!

Updating Our Prayer List

Please look over our prayer list & if you have someone that is on the list but is no longer in need of prayers, please inform the church office (phone call or e-mail) or you may take today's bulletin, cross their name off & place it in Barb's church mailbox (top row, left hand side).

Jesus Said, "Let the Little Children Come to Me."

We have Children's Sunday School on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month during the service. At each session the children complete a craft and enjoy a snack. **The next February class will be held on Sunday, February 18th.** Children will be excused for their lesson after the children's message. Please share our news with anyone you know who may be interested. We welcome every child to join us and learn!

An Important Message from Pastor Joel

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I want to thank you first and foremost for your patience and understanding over the past few weeks. My mental health had taken a turn for the worse, and thus, I had needed time for self-care. In particular, I had appointments with my PCP, my psychologist, and a psychiatrist. My medications have since been adjusted, and through the work with my doctors, I am beginning to feel a little better. But I still have more healing to do, and so I continue to ask for your prayers.

In the coming weeks, I will be easing back into ministry. This "easing back" comes by way of my doctors suggesting that I do what I am comfortable doing so as to regain some sense of normalcy. And so, I will lead worship again starting this Sunday. I will be in the church office but on a more limited basis at first. And I will start to make visits as I am able.

As I am learning, this healing journey is a process. It is not like a getting over a cold and snapping back to "as things were." It will take some time. So again, I appreciate your understanding and your continued patience.

My family and I are so very grateful for your care and concern. Your cards and well-wishes, your expressions of compassion, are very much appreciated. Thanks again.

In Christ, Pastor Joel Petruschke