

**SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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**THE TRANSFIGURATION**

**February 19, 2023**

**Transfiguration of Our Lord**

**10:00AM Worship**

***Vision Statement: Centered on the Holy Bible,  
we will continue to be a Christ-filled church  
serving others near and far.***

**GATHERING**

**PRELUDE**

\*Indicates those able to please stand

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION &**

**FORGIVENESS LBW P. 56**

P In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen**

P 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.

**C Amen**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the Truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*(Silence for reflection and self-examination)*

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 In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake, God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ, He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen**

**\*OPENING HYMN LOVE DEVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING**

**LBW 315**

**\*APOSTOLIC GREETING**

**LBW P. 57**

P The grace of Jesus Christ, the mercy of the Holy One, and the Spirit of the living God be with you all.

**C And also with you.**

**\*KYRIE**

**LBW P. 57-58**

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C Amen**

**HYMN OF PRAISE**

**LBW P. 60-61**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**LBW P. 62**

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Let us pray:

**C O God, at the glorious transfiguration of your only Son, you confirmed the mystery of our faith by the witness of the disciples and by your own voice from the cloud. Mercifully complete our adoption as your children, and give us, with our King, an inheritance of his glory. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**FIRST LESSON:**

**EXODUS 24:8-18**

<sup>8</sup>Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, "Behold the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words." <sup>9</sup>Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, <sup>10</sup>and they saw the God of Israel. There was under his feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. <sup>11</sup>And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank. <sup>12</sup>The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and wait there, that I may give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." <sup>13</sup>So Moses rose with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. <sup>14</sup>And he said to the elders, "Wait here for us until we return to you. And behold, Aaron and Hur are with you. Whoever has a dispute, let him 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 dwelt on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. And on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the midst 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. And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

**PSALM 2:6-12**

<sup>6</sup> "I myself have set my king upon my holy hill of Zion."  
<sup>7</sup>**Let me announce the decree of the LORD: He said to me,  
"You are my Son; this day have I begotten you.**  
<sup>8</sup>Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance  
and the ends of the earth for your possession.  
<sup>9</sup>**You shall crush them with an iron rod and shatter them like  
a piece of pottery."**

<sup>10</sup>And now, you kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth.

**<sup>11</sup>Submit to the LORD with fear, and with trembling bow before him;**

<sup>12</sup>Lest he be angry and you perish; for his wrath is quickly kindled.

## **SECOND LESSON 2 PETER 1:16-21**

<sup>16</sup>We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. <sup>17</sup>For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased," <sup>18</sup>we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. <sup>19</sup>And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, <sup>20</sup>knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. <sup>21</sup>For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

**\*ALLELUIA VERSE**

**LBW P. 62**

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**\*GOSPEL**

**P The Gospel according to MATTHEW 17:1-9**

**C Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>After six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, 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 white as light. <sup>3</sup>And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. <sup>4</sup>And Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." <sup>5</sup>He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." <sup>6</sup>When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. <sup>7</sup>But Jesus

came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear." <sup>8</sup>And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. <sup>9</sup>And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead."

**C Praise to you, O Christ.**

**CHILDREN'S SERMON  
SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY    SHINE, JESUS, SHINE    Bulletin insert**

**\*APOSTLES' CREED**

**LBW P. 65**

**C 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**

**LBW P. 65-66**

With the people of God gathered here and throughout the world, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

*(A brief silence.)*

Lord God,    *(Beverly will say prayers)*    Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious God,    *(Beverly will say a prayer)*    through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**OFFERING**

**\*OFFERTORY**

*Let the Vineyards*

**LBW P. 66**

**C Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.**

**Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.**

**\*THE OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**LBW P. 68**

**P** Blessed are you,

**C** **O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

**-\*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**LBW P. 68**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

**P** It is indeed right and salutary.....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**\*THE SANCTUS**

**LBW P. 68-69**

**C** **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might; Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

**\*THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

**LBW P. 70**

**P** Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

**C** **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

**P** In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord

Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

his cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us come together and pray the prayer that Jesus taught us:

**\*THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**LBW P. 76**

**C 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 AGNUS DEI**

**LBW P. 72**

**C 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**

**POST COMMUNION CANTICLE**

***THANK THE LORD -***

**LBW P. 72**

**C Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell everyone what He has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name. He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**\*THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

**P** Beverly will say the prayer

**C Amen**

**CLOSING HYMN**

***BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR***

**LBW 518**



**\*BENEDICTION AND DISMISSAL**

**LBW P. 74**

P May the Lord bless you and keep you, May the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace!

**A Amen!**

P Go in peace and serve the Lord!

**A Thanks be to God!**

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**About communion:** We welcome all to the Lord's table who believe Jesus' words: "given and shed for you, for the forgiveness of sin" to receive the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in, with, and under the bread and wine. For where there is forgiveness of sin there is also life and salvation. Those not yet communing may come forward to receive a blessing. Trays contain both wine (darker) and grape juice (lighter). Gluten free wafers are available.

**WELCOME TO SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH**

We are glad that you came to be with us today! There's a place for everyone here at Salem Lutheran Church. We are a family church that meets you right where you are. No matter where that may be. You may sign our guest book in entry way. If you are searching for a church home, we ask you to prayerfully consider Salem Lutheran.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Thank you** to all who serve in worship: Dave Winquist, Parish Ministry Associate, Beverly Halladay for leading today's service, Lisa Broxterman – organist; Shirley Polson – pianist; Larry Swanson - Lector

**PRAYERS** -- For all who suffer from illness: for Stan, Debbie, Donna, Rebecca and her family, Benny, Jim, Clara, Pauline Fincham, and all others we lift up in our hearts and minds.

**Adult Sunday School** is at 9 a.m.

**February 26 - Noisy Can Offering** for distribution to the Marshall and Nemaha County Food Pantries

**COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Each Thursday, 7 am, Men gather at the Axtell UMC Church for breakfast and fellowship**

***Service of Wholeness and Healing***

‘Come to me all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.’ Matthew 11:28

The Christmas decorations are down, and the family gatherings are done, but your heart is still heavy or troubled. The holidays are past yet that ‘Blue Christmas’ feeling lingers. The *Blue Christmas* service that was scheduled in December and postponed due to weather has been rescheduled and renamed to become a ***Service of Wholeness and Healing***. On Sunday, February 26, you are encouraged to attend this new service at the First Presbyterian Church in Frankfort at 5 p.m. or the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Washington at 7 p.m.

**A flyer about this event is posted on the bulletin board in the narthex.**

***SALEM Stewardship message for the week of***

***February 19, 2023***

***This week’s Stewardship message.....Transfiguration of Our***

***Lord*** “But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you...”**MATTHEW 5:44** Love your enemies, easier said than done. But remember, the foundation of stewardship is prayer. When we are in close communication with God, it opens our heart, and it turns our attention away from “me” and moves it toward God and others. It changes my heart and actions, allowing for a little more empathy for “my enemy.” When we pray for others, even our enemies, it may soften their hearts as well. ***Go In Peace and Serve the Lord!***

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***Mission and Ministry Offerings*** were given and blessed ***at the 2/12/23 Sunday Worship service (in person and online): Total Offerings \$27,918.85; Designated Offerings/Memorials \$26,492.85, Mission & Ministry Offerings \$1,426.00***

*All Offerings, Receipts and Reimbursements are counted and reported by Salem’s Financial Secretary and later securely*

*deposited and directly applied by Fund Treasurers. Designated offerings are given to/for the purpose stated.*

***We are also thankful for your gifts and donations at any time through.***

- ***The mail via USPS! Please mail your offerings if you choose this method to Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church, 2590 Navajo Road, Axtell, KS 66403.***
- ***Salem has installed a new, secure online TITHE.LY giving link! There are no fees to you for your gifts when made on this secure platform. TITHE.LY links will give you a secure electronic payment solution. The TITHE.LY connections will be on the Salem website at <https://www.salemevangelicallutheran.church> for Offerings and Gifts, then Donate Securely to Salem Online through Tithe.ly. - Thank you!***

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