

St. Luke's Lutheran Church
Transfiguration

February 27, 2022

8:30 AM

GATHERING

PRELUDE

“Allegro in C”
Bells of Praise

Kevin McChesney

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS {*Front Center*} (*Pastor Rob*)

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION {*Front Center*} (*Pastor Rob*)

L: The presence of God surrounds us, and yet too often we go about our daily lives oblivious to the power of the Holy Spirit moving in our midst. Let us together confess the ways in which we are blind to God's ever-present care.

L: God of rainbows and puddles, Lover of snow showers and clear blue skies,

C: we confess to you and to one another the many ways we fail to live the lives you want for us.

L: We make ourselves busy with many things,

C: and neglect to listen to your voice.

L: All too often we see the worst in the world around us,

C: and look past your signs of hope.

L: We are quick to voice our dissent with one another,

C: and refuse to see your face in the persons with whom we disagree.

L: We focus on our own hurts, anger, and disappointments,

C: and close our hearts to your transforming grace.

L: O Holy Light of the world, forgive us.

C: Open our eyes to your endless possibilities. Give us courage to listen for your call to us. Take our hearts of stone, and make them new again with your holy love. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (2 Peter 1:19)

Do not be afraid. God's light has come into the world and has scattered the darkness; the morning star rises in our hearts. Rejoice! For God does not hold our sins against us, but embraces us as God's own beloved. (*Rev. Nancy J, wonderings through life and other such nonsense.*)

+OPENING HYMN

“All Are Welcome”
Verses 1, 2 & 4

ELW #641

Verse 1

Let us build a house where love can dwell
And all can safely live,
A place where saints and children tell
How hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
Rock of faith and vault of grace:
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

Refrain

All are welcome, all are welcome,
All are welcome in this place.

Verse 2

Let us build a house where prophets speak,
And words are strong and true,
Where all God's children dare to seek
To dream God's reign anew.

Here the cross shall stand as witness
And as symbol of God's grace;
Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus.

Refrain

Verse 4
Let us build a house where hands will reach
Beyond the wood and stone
To heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
And live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
Bear the image of God's face;
Let us bring an end to fear and danger:

Refrain

+GREETING *{Front Center}* (Becky Olson)

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

C: And also with you.

(Assistant may be seated if not cantoring)

+KYRIE *(cantor and congregation)*

ELW pg. 138

L: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

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

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: 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.

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

C: Lord have mercy.

L: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

+HYMN OF PRAISE *(cantor and congregation)*

“Glory to God”

ELW pg. 139

L: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God’s people on earth.

C: Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

+PRAYER OF THE DAY *(Becky Olson)*

L: God of miracles, sometimes we are slow to believe in your power, even when your miracles occur all around us each and every day. Open our eyes to see and our hearts to believe.

C: Amen.

by Rev. Sandi McGill and posted on *Starters for Sunday*.

WORD

FIRST READING *(Pam Jackson)*

2 Corinthians 4:1-10

Therefore, since it is by God’s mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God’s word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God. And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In 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. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus’ sake. For it is the God who said, ‘Let light shine out of darkness’, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

+GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

“Alleluia”

ELW pg. 142

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

+THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 5:19-29

Jesus said to them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, the Son can do nothing on his own, but only what he sees the Father doing; for whatever the Father does, the Son does likewise. The Father loves the Son and shows him all that he himself is doing; and he will show him greater works than these, so that you will be astonished. Indeed, just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to whomsoever he wishes. The Father judges no one but has given all judgement to the Son, so that all may honor the Son just as they honor the Father. Anyone who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him. Very truly, I tell you, anyone who hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life, and does not come under judgement, but has passed from death to life. ‘Very truly, I tell you, the hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. For just as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself; and he has given him authority to execute judgement, because he is the Son of Man. Do not be astonished at this; for the hour is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice and will come out—those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Rob Norris-Weber

+HYMN OF THE DAY

“How Good, Lord, to Be Here”

ELW #315

Verse 1

How good, Lord, to be here!
Your glory fills the night;
Your face and garments, like the sun,
Shine with unborrowed light.

We hail your body glorified
And our redemption see.

Verse 4

Before we taste of death,
We see your kingdom come;
We long to hold the vision bright
And make this hill our home.

Verse 2

How good, Lord, to be here,
Your beauty to behold
Where Moses and Elijah stand,
Your messengers of old.

Verse 5

How good, Lord, to be here!
Yet we may not remain;
But since you bid us leave the mount,
Come with us to the plain.

Verse 3

Fulfiller of the past
And hope of things to be,

+THE APOSTLES’ CREED *{Front Center}* (Becky Olson)

Screen

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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.

+THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *{Front Center}* (Becky Olson)

Screen

After each petition:

L: Lord in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

+THE LORD’S PRAYER *{Front Center}* (Becky Olson)

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.

TIME OF REFLECTION AND RESPONSE (*Becky Olson*)

L: In this time of reflection and response you are invited to fill out a welcome card. Share any reflections, questions, or prayers on the back. Also, take this time to prepare your offering. For those gathered, the collection plates are in the front and back. For those online please go to our website stlukesbloomington.org and there is a link to give at the bottom of every page. Enjoy this time.

“Blessing”
Bells of Praise

Susan Ullom Berns

SENDING

+SHARING OF THE PEACE {*Front Center*} (*Pastor Rob*)

L: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C: And also with you.

L: For all who are gathered, let us stand and take a moment to welcome everyone with a wave of peace. For those of you online, please share a word of peace in the comment or chat. Most of all as we go out into the world may we greet others as people of peace.

+BENEDICTION {*Front Center*} (*Pastor Rob*)

L: Go now sure footed in faith with eyes wide open and waiting for God’s glory to surprise you in unexpected ways. And the blessing of God Father, Son and Spirit be with you and those who lives you touch now and always.

C: Amen.

by Rev. Sandi McGill, Starters for Sunday.

+SENDING HYMN

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

ELW #815

Verse 1

I want to walk as a child of the light.
I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world.
The star of my life is Jesus.

Refrain

In him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

Verse 2

I want to see the brightness of God.
I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path,
And show me the way to the Father.

Refrain

Verse 3

I’m looking for the coming of Christ.
I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race,
We shall know the joy of Jesus.

Refrain

+DISMISSAL (*Becky Olson*)

L: Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

*Flowers given by Judy and Dick Sandeen
In memory of Jim Gross*