

Galilee Evangelical Lutheran Church



Transfiguration of Our Lord February 11, 2018

Mission Statement

*To gather people together to hear the story of God's love in Jesus Christ,
to be nurtured in faith and knowledge, and
to share the Good News through word and deed.*

Visions for the Future

Gather: *To involve an ever-growing number of people in regular participation in worship*

Nurture: *To involve an ever-growing number of children, youth, and families in learning and growing in the Christian faith*

Share: *To continue involvement in present outreach ministries and expand the leadership participation and commitment of members of the congregation in these ministries*

Our task and calling is to work together to actualize what we sense is
God's Spirit working in our midst.

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ELW Setting 3

9:30 a.m.

The Sundays after Epiphany began with Jesus' baptism and end with three disciples' vision of his transfiguration. In Mark's story of Jesus' baptism, apparently only Jesus sees the Spirit descending and hears the words from heaven. But now Jesus' three closest friends hear the same words naming him God's beloved son. As believers, Paul writes, we are enabled to see the God-light in Jesus' face, because the same God who created light in the first place has shone in our hearts to give us that vision. The light of God's glory in Jesus has enlightened us through baptism and shines in us also for others to see.

Serving in Worship this Morning

Acolyte: Tana Ososki

Altar Guild: Barb Strenge

Children's Message: Pastor Dana Nelson

Assisting Minister: Barb Strenge

Lector: Terry O'Keefe

Organist: Tim Rand

Special Music: Bells of Galilee

Ushers: Jim Zrust and Abe Watson

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Regular - **Liturgist**

Bold - Congregation

+ Stand as able

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Partita on Beautiful Savior

Carson Cooman

CALL TO WORSHIP

+ CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Gracious God, in Christ Jesus you came among us as light shining in darkness. We confess our failure to welcome this light. Forgive us and renew our hope, so that we may live in the light of your grace, and welcome the truth of Christ the Lord. Amen.

+ GATHERING SONG

Shine, Jesus, Shine

Hymn 671

+ GREETING

Response: **And also with you.**

+ KYRIE

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+ CANTICLE OF PRAISE

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+ PRAYER OF THE DAY

SPECIAL MUSIC

A Prayer for Hope and Love

Michael Helman

WORD

FIRST READING

2 Kings 2:1-12

Today's reading centers on the transfer of power and authority from the prophet Elijah to Elisha. Their travels, which retrace the path of Joshua back to Moab (the place where Moses died) and the parting of the waters, demonstrate that Elisha and Elijah are legitimate successors of the great prophet Moses.

¹Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ²Elijah said to Elisha, "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. ³The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent."

⁴Elijah said to him, "Elisha, 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 company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent."

⁶Then Elijah said to him, "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 company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

⁹When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit."

¹⁰He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." ¹¹As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. ¹²Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 50:1-6 (tone 11)

Out of Zion, perfect in beauty, God shines forth in glory. (Ps. 50:2)

¹The mighty one, God the | Lord, has spoken;
calling the earth from the rising of the sun | to its setting.

²**Out of Zion, perfect | in its beauty,
God shines | forth in glory.**

³Our God will come and will | not keep silence;
with a consuming flame before, and round about a | raging storm.

⁴**God calls the heavens and the earth | from above
to witness the judgment | of the people.**

⁵"Gather before me my | loyal followers,
those who have made a covenant with me and sealed | it with sacrifice."

⁶**The heavens declare the rightness | of God's cause,
for it is God | who is judge.**

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

The spotlight of Christian ministry is not on the people who carry out ministry but on the Lord Jesus Christ. Just as God made light shine out of darkness at creation, God makes the light of Jesus Christ shine in our lives through Christian ministry.

³*Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled 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 we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. ⁶For 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.*

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

+ GOSPEL

Mark 9:2-9

The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the ninth chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Mark's gospel presents the transfiguration as a preview of what would become apparent to Jesus' followers after he rose from the dead. Confused disciples are given a vision of God's glory manifest in the beloved Son.

²Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁶He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" ⁸Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

⁹As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Michael Rogness

(A time of silence for reflection will follow the sermon.)

HYMN OF THE DAY

How Good, Lord, to Be Here

#315

+ APOSTLES' CREED

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

+ PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

...let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

+ PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

The congregation is invited to greet one another with a gesture of peace using the words "Peace be with you" and then be seated.

MEAL

OFFERING

Duo

Emma Diemer

(Children are invited to come to the altar with their offering for global missions.)

+ OFFERING PRAYER

Response: **Amen**

+ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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+ THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven

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THE EUCHARIST (tables) *Lamb of God*

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COMMUNION MUSIC

O Wondrous Image, Vision Fair

Jason Krug

SENDING

+ BLESSING

+ SENDING SONG

Beautiful Savior

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ DISMISSAL

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

See How Great a Flame Aspires

Anthony Giamanco

TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME Welcome to all guests and visitors. We are glad that we can worship together this morning. We invite you to sign the guest book in the narthex. If you would like to sign up for an event, you can do so in the kiosk book, located near the doors of the sanctuary. The Voice of Galilee, our monthly newsletter, is also available in the kiosk.

HOLY COMMUNION Everyone of all ages is invited to celebrate Holy Communion. The real presence of Christ is celebrated in this sacrament. Communion today is served around the altar in tables. After you are served the bread and wine (grape... You will be handed a wafer, which you are asked to dip into the wine before placing it in your mouth. Grape juice is in the cup with the ribbon. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

REFRESHMENTS You are invited to join in the Fellowship Hall for refreshments! This week, the Darla Nelson will bring refreshments. Next week, Shari and Dell Sailer will bring treats. There is a sign-up sheet in the kiosk; please sign up if you are able to help with refreshments.

CHINESE NEW YEAR & SPRING FESTIVAL TONIGHT! MN Faith Chinese Lutheran Church welcomes YOU and your family to this celebration! 5 p.m. tonight - delicious Chinese Dinner, followed by a special program and entertainment! Please come.

MID-WEEK LENTEN WORSHIP begins this week with Ash Wednesday service at 7:00 p.m. On the following Wednesdays: Feb. 21, 28 and March 7, 14 and 21 we will start at 6:00 pm with soup & bread, followed by Holden Evening Prayer. These services will be held in the fellowship hall. Volunteers are needed to prepare soup, bring bread or help clean-up. Please look at the sign-up sheet in the narthex today.

THE HUNDREDS OF SANDWICHES you prepared and packaged last Sunday during adult forum were frozen, then delivered the next day to St. Philipps Lutheran Church (ELCA) in Fridley. They sandwiches are being distributed to people experiencing homelessness in the Minneapolis area. God bless ALL of you who volunteered to make the sandwiches together, and to all of you who generously donated chicken, turkey, cheese, bread, gloves, sandwich bags. It was a great success.

ADULT FORUM Today, Rev. Dr. Michael Rogness will speak on Angels. Next week, we begin our Lenten study of the Book of Revelation.

BAY LAKE CAMP Family Camp scheduled from June 1-3, Watch for signup opportunities soon! Talk to Sonia Rivas if you have any questions.

BELLS MUSIC TODAY This piece is dedicated to the 49 individuals who were killed at the Pulse Night Club on June 12, 2016, as well as to their families, friends and loved ones. However, this piece is also dedicated to students and teachers who have been killed and injured in what they thought was a safe haven; college students who thought their campuses were secure; people shot or bombed in their houses of worship; families maimed and killed in airports, shopping malls, and on busy streets by people with bombs strapped to their bodies and all those who mourn their loss. It is also dedicated to you and me, because a little bit of us dies every time we hear of another shooting or bombing on the news. This is a 'Prayer for the Innocents' all across the world.

YOUTH GATHERING UPDATE

In preparation for their trip to the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston, Texas in June, the youth have been busy raising money to cover the various costs of the event.

Estimated Funds Needed	\$12,500.00
Raised through 2/4/2018	\$ 7,676.17
Balance needed	\$ 4,823.83

There are more fundraisers in the works, but if you would like to make a contribution please note Youth Gathering on your check or offering envelope and it will be credited to the youth gathering fund. This will be a great opportunity for our youth to gather with other people their age and be challenged and inspired to live their faith in their daily lives, their church, and the world.

NEW MEMBERS Interested in joining Galilee? New member Sunday will be February 25. Please talk to the pastor if you are interested in joining.

BIRTHDAYS February 11 - February 17

- 11 Michael Osterman
- 16 Nuwoe Davis
- 16 Teresa Shores

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Tonight , 5 p.m. - Chinese New Year
- February 14, 7 p.m - Ash Wednesday Worship
- Beginning February 21, 6 p.m- Soup Suppers & Lenten Worship

PRAYER REQUESTS

The prayers of the congregation are requested for:

Family and friends of Donna Babin
Rick Eagan (friend of Dawn Babin)
Betty Link Ettl
Dr. Roger Ettl
Family and friends of Lilian French
Dick Haslach
Dan Hayne
Family & friends of Josie, the dog
Kathy Nehm (Janet Christiansen's
friend)
Family and friends of Marv Sabinski
(Teresa Shores' uncle)

George Solberg (Joyce & Peter's grandson)
Haley Steffen (family of the O'Keefes)
Family and friends of Shirley Kluznik
Tulberg
Leah Wasson (friend of Anne Rykken)
Brian Yetter (friend of O'Keefes)
Our sister church in Uhominyi, Tanzania
Minnesota Faith Chinese Lutheran
Church
Missionaries in South Sudan and
Romania

All prayer requests are also supported through Galilee's Prayer Circle.

We are delighted to pray for anyone and include their name on our prayer list, as well as mention them in the intercessions during Sunday worship. Please keep the church office informed about their status. We will keep these names on our prayer list for one month. If, on the other hand, you would like us to keep them on the prayer list for longer than a month, please call the church office.

THIS WEEK AT GALILEE

Sunday - February 11

Galilee Worship Service	9:30 a.m.
Fellowship Time	10:30 a.m.
Adult Forum/Sunday School	11 a.m./11:15 a.m.
MFCLC Worship Service	11 a.m.
St. Paul Friends Church	12:15-1:45 p.m.
La Hermosa Gathering	2:30-4:30 p.m.
Chinese New Year Celebration	5 p.m.

Monday - February 12

Garden Meeting, Library	9:30 a.m.
Healing Touch Exchange	6 p.m.

Tuesday - February 13

Staff Meeting	9 a.m.
Men's Group, Library	9:30-11 a.m.
TSE Meeting, Fellowship Hall	9:30-11 a.m.
Young at Heart.....	Noon

Wednesday - February 14

Pastor's Office Hours	9 a.m.-12 p.m., 3 p.m.-5 p.m.
ICFC	10 a.m.-noon
Ash Wednesday Service.....	7 p.m.

Thursday - February 15

VOICE ARTICLES DUE	
Bible Study.....	11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
TSE Training in Library.....	9:30-11 a.m.
North Emanuel Seniors	11:15 a.m.
Bells of Galilee	6 p.m.

Saturday - February 16

Chinese Prayer, Sanctuary.....	6 a.m.
Mutual Ministry.....	10 a.m.
ICFC Choir Rehearsal, basement.....	11 a.m.
Young Adult Group.....	6-8 p.m.

Sunday - February 17

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Hearing assistance receivers are available. Please ask the ushers for assistance.