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Sunday & Monday, 9:30 am/6:00 pm, February 27th & 28th, 2022

Transfiguration Sunday

Welcome to
worship! Please
complete a
Connection Card
and place the card
in the offering plate.
Thank you!

Witnesses to the
glory of God in the
face of Jesus reflect
that glory in the
world. It was true
for Moses. It was
doubtless true for
Peter, James, and
John. We pray that
it will be true of all
of us who see God's
glory in the word
and in the supper
and who are being
"transformed into
the same image" by
God's Spirit.

Moses' face shone
with the reflected
glory of God after
he received the Ten
Commandments on
Mount Sinai. The
sight caused the
Israelites to be
afraid, so Moses
wore a veil to mask
the radiance of
God's glory, taking
it off when he spoke
directly with God.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

My Lord, What a Mornin'

Choir Anthem

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who creates us, redeems us, and calls us by name.
Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God, **we confess that we have sinned against you and your beloved children. We have turned our faces away from your glory when it did not appear as we expected. We have rejected your word when it made us confront ourselves. We have failed to show hospitality to those you called us to welcome. Accept our repentance for the things we have done and the things we have left undone. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe in the glory of your Son born among us, and reflect your love for all creation. Amen.**

Rejoice in this good news: In + Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven. You are descendants of the Most High, adopted into the household of Christ, and inheritors of eternal life. Live as freed and forgiven children of God.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG *Oh, Wondrous Image, Vision Fair* (st. 1-3,5) #316

GREETING

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, mighty and immortal, **you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. Transform us into the likeness of your Son, who renewed our humanity so that we may share in his divinity, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING: Exodus 34:29-35

²⁹Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. ³⁰When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. ³²Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. ³³When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; ³⁴but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out;

Proclaim the greatness of the LORD; worship upon God's holy hill. (Ps. 99:9)

In his debates with the Corinthians, Paul contrasts the glory of Moses with the glory of Christ. The Israelites could not see Moses' face because of the veil. But in Christ we see the unveiled glory of God and are transformed into Christ's likeness

The conversation about Jesus' suffering and death is enclosed in a dazzling foreshadowing of the resurrection. God affirms Jesus' identity, the disciples are stunned speechless, and Jesus resumes his mission with a demonstration of his power over evil.

and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, ³⁵the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him. Word of God. **Word of Life. Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 99

¹The LORD is king; let the people tremble.

The LORD is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.

²**The LORD, great in Zion, is high above all peoples.**

³Let them confess God's name, which is great and awesome; God is the Holy One.

⁴**O mighty king, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.**

⁵Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and fall down before God's footstool; God is the Holy One.

⁶**Moses and Aaron among your priests, and Samuel among those who call upon your name, O LORD, they called upon you, and you answered them,**

⁷you spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; they kept your testimonies and the decree that you gave them.

⁸**O LORD our God, you answered them indeed; you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds.**

⁹Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and worship upon God's holy hill; for the LORD our God is the Holy One.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 3:12--4:2

¹²Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, ¹³not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. ¹⁴But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. ¹⁵Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; ¹⁶but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. ¹⁷Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

^{4:1}Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. ²We 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.

Word of God. **Word of Life. Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia. This is my Son, my Chosen, listen to him! Alleluia. (Luke 9:35)

GOSPEL: Luke 9:28-43a

The holy gospel according to...

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁸Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³⁰Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. ³¹They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³²Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³Just as they were leaving

him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah”—not knowing what he said.

³⁴While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. ³⁵Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!” ³⁶When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen. ³⁷On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. ³⁸Just then a man from the crowd shouted, “Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. ³⁹Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. ⁴⁰I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not.” ⁴¹Jesus answered, “You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here.” ⁴²While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. ^{43a}And all were astounded at the greatness of God.

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Steve Solberg

SONG

Shine, Jesus, Shine

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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

The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

A brief silence

Transform us by your greatness, O God. Send us down the mountain to share joy with all people. Make us agents of change, confident that your hope will vanquish despair and your goodness will conquer evil. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

The mountains and valleys sing your praise. Dazzle us with your presence in every landscape: bluffs built by ancient glaciers, canyons carved by flowing rivers, flat horizons with uninterrupted views, and sands shaped by ocean tides. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

You love justice and establish equity. Strengthen leaders of local governments, community nonprofits, and grassroots campaigns. Bless them with gifts of integrity, creativity, and sound conscience. Build up safe and joyful communities where all people may thrive. Bless Messiah Asylum Refugee Ministry. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Heal those who are in distress. Give patience to those waiting for answers. Grant hope to those who have reached the limits of treatment. Give compassionate hearts to those who accompany loved ones through illness and uncertainty. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Renew our lives that we may welcome and care for one another and that we may live and serve within the greater community of Negaunee and the world, witnessing to others your abundant love, grace, and welcome.

Today we shout alleluia from the mountaintop; this week we enter the wilderness of Lent. Bless all who prepare and lead us in worship during this change of season: pastors, deacons, musicians, and all who contribute to our worship life (*especially*). God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Blessed are they who listened to Christ's voice in this life and now rest with him. Transform us from glory into glory, and give us your peace, that we do not lose heart. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

MEAL

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, Sovereign of the universe. **You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey. Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food, and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world, in the name of Christ our light.**

Amen.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We give you thanks, gracious God, **for we have feasted on the abundance of your house. Send us to bring good news and to proclaim your favor to all, strengthened with the richness of your grace in your Son, Jesus Christ.**

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness, who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name, + bless your going out and your coming in, today and forever.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

*All baptized
Christians who
believe this
true presence
are welcome
and encour-
aged to receive
Holy
Communion
today.
Please assist
your child(ren)
if you wish
them com-
muned.*

*Parents,
We believe that
the true body
and blood of
Jesus Christ is
in/with/under
the bread
and wine.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF, February 27-March 6, 2022

* **LENT BEGINS** This week on **March 2, Lent begins with Ash Wednesday**. In cooperation with Yombo Parish and Pastor Michael Locko, we will focus on “fasting” (Matthew 6:16-18) during our Lenten mid-week services. Immanuel’s approach will be “Fasting: Disrupting the Ordinary to Gain the Extraordinary” and include: **a)** What Reward Fasting?; **b)** Fasting from Worry; **c)** Fasting from Anger & Hatred; **d)** Fasting from Judgements; **e)** Fasting from Forgetting; and **f)** Fasting from Being Your Own Savior.

* **IMPOSITION OF ASHES** This week, on **Ash Wednesday, worship** with imposition of ashes and Holy Communion begins at **6:30 pm** and will be both in person and live streamed.

* **LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS** On **March 9** and **each following Wednesday in Lent**, our *Soup Suppers* begin. Donations of soups, breads, desserts, are needed. There will be a SIGN-UP sheet posted near the Fellowship Hall door for you to sign up for the various Wednesdays for bringing YOUR delicious ‘foods’. Thank you for contributing to the Lenten Soup Suppers. Then, come for our soup supper at 5:30 pm, followed by a ½-hour service at 6:15 pm.

* **MEN’S LENTEN PRAYER BREAKFASTS** ... begin this Saturday, March 5th, at 8:30 am in the Fellowship Hall and will meet every Saturday throughout Lent. The breakfast starts at 8:30 am followed by a discussion of Sunday’s readings and any topic that you may want to share. The meeting ends at 9:30 am. For more information, please call Walter Scanlon @ 906-235-2294. All of you men are welcome and Walter hopes to see you there!

* **REVELATION STUDY...** continues on **Thursdays at 6:00 PM** both in person (fellowship hall) and online (church website). No RSVP is necessary. Just bring your Bible. Pastor Steve will provide study materials in downloadable and printed form. Explore this strange and wonderful final book of the New Testament that is best understood as a series of seven broad cycles each beginning either with the life of Christ or the beginning of the Christian Church and completed by the coming of Christ for judgment of the world.

* **CHURCH PHOTO DIRECTORY: A HARD-COPY OF OUR CHURCH DIRECTORY IS AVAILABLE AT THE CHURCH!** You can also view it online or via the FREE mobile app. Printed copies are available on the upper level resource table and at the front entrance. To view the directory online, go to members.InstantChurchDirectory.com and follow the prompts under “Sign In” to “Create a login now.” Use your email address that you included in your directory submission and confirm it following the instructions. If you did not submit an email for directory use, you won’t be able to access the directory online. There is also a free mobile app available for download at the Apple® App store in iTunes®, Google Play™ store and the Amazon Fire App Store. Simply search for “**Instant Church Directory**” to get the download. The same login protocol as above applies to the app. Need help or have questions? Please contact the church office: (906) 475-9161.

* **GIVING YOUR OFFERINGS:** Thank you for continuing to financially support our on-going congregational mission. **NOTE:** The GivePlus Mobile App will be phased out by April 30th. After that date, GivePlus Mobile app will no longer be supported. In its place, you may download the **VANCO Mobile app**. VANCO Mobile is a free app and offers a better user experience with easy giving options, including giving to special funds. Here are the steps to follow: 1) **Search for Our Church** - Enter our church’s name or use the invite code and click SEARCH. Then, select our church. 2) **Select Your Fund and Amount** - Select your fund and donation frequency, then select your payment method. 3) **Enter Payment Method** - Select a payment method and enter your credit card, debit card, or bank account information. You can save this payment method for future donations. 4) **Choose to Cover Processing Fees** - You can choose to cover the donation processing fees by adding a small amount on top of your gift. Click the button to opt in. 5) **Complete Your donation** - Review and complete your gift by clicking SUBMIT. If giving online through Immanuel’s website, there is no charge.

40
+
days
of
Lent





***SUNDAY SCHOOL:** If you are interested in Sunday School for your child(ren), there is always open enrollment for toddlers through Grade 5. The class meets at 9:15 am and classes start at 9:30 am. Go to the Facebook page for updated information, or you can always call the office at (906-475-9161). Bring your child(ren) to worship with us.



KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Pray For: *Nancy Burton, Pat DeWitt, Dan Hendrickson, Pete Hicks, Billy Jo Kaufman, Peggy Jackson, Betty Kinnunen, Anna Laurila, Don & Mary Leece, Wendy Niemi, Arianna Paananen, Don & Vera Palomaki, Joyce Peterson, Jessica Roberts, Linda Sjolund, Richard Toyra, and all COVID patients.*

Our Shut-ins: *Bettie Ahola, Rudy Gagnon, Charlene Kivisto, Timothy Kjellman, Betty Lukkarinen, Leo Nirva, Mary Parkkonen, Janet Penhale, Butch Pynnonen, Lillian Rivers, Paul Smith, Lynne Tossava.*

Members in the Armed Service: *Luke DeWitt, Adrianna Gustafson, Michael Gustafson, Hunter (Jessica) Hetrick, Dennis Koski, Jacque Kurian, Tanner Romback, Trevor Romback, Michael Sedlock, Ethan Wallner, and all Armed Services Families.*

VOLUNTEERS ASSISTING IN SERVICE

SERVING IN WORSHIP: *Pastor Steve Solberg*

ORGANIST/PIANIST/MUSICIAN: *Connie Scanlon*

Worship Services: Sun. @ 9:30 am / Mon. @ 6 pm

Office Hours: 8 am-2 pm, Monday-Thursday (or by appt.)

ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE:

9:30 am USHERS/GREETERS – *Dave & Judy Hallgren*

6 pm USHERS/GREETERS – *Ron & Cheryl Ulvila*

9:30 am LECTOR – *Walter Scanlon*

6 pm LECTOR – *Jill Sladek*

9:30 am COMM. ASST.'S – *Dan Collins*

6 pm COMM. ASST.'S – *Julie Mager*

9:30 am Tech Team – *Tyler Moore*

6 pm Tech Team – *Rory Smith (or need volunteer)*





FEBRUARY'S MONTHLY MISSION

FEBRUARY'S MONTHLY MISSION EMPHASIS ... our Mission Emphasis for the month of February is Messiah Lutheran Church Asylum Refugee Support.

Messiah Lutheran Church in Marquette is sponsoring a refugee family from Honduras in Central America seeking asylum in this country. The mother and two boys left Honduras over two years ago and spent two years at the Mexican border waiting for permission to enter this country. The family arrived in Marquette in August. The boys are in school and all are learning English. There are some long term medical issues that are being resolved. Asylum has not been granted yet, but the process continues slowly and legally.

Thank you to Messiah for their continued financial and emotional support of this family. We are here to help you and the family with this undertaking.

If you wish to give above-and-beyond to this mission, please use February's mission emphasis envelope from your offering envelope box or in some other way designate your gift.

Thank you for your generosity!

Thank you for giving \$1,415.00 in January to
Our Tanzanian Companion Ministry Relationships.
The recipients will be richly blessed with your generosity! Thank you!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS **February 27, 2022 - March 6, 2022**

YOU CAN FIND ALL ONLINE INFORMATION REFERENCED BELOW AT...
www.ImmanuelNegaunee.org

- Sunday** ***Transfiguration Sunday***
- 9:30 am - Sunday School
- 9:30 am - Worship Service
- 10:30 am - Coffee & Fellowship
- 7:30 pm - AA Group Meets (men & women)
- Monday** - 6:00 pm - Worship Service
 - 7:00 pm - Confirmation Class
- Wednesday** ***Ash Wednesday***
- 10:00 am - Bible Study (in-person and on Zoom)
- **5:45 pm** - Choir Practice
- 6:30 pm - Ash Wednesday Service
- Thursday** - 10:00 am - Quilting
 - 6:00 pm - *Revelation* Bible Study (in-person and on Zoom)
- Friday** **OFFICE CLOSED**
- World Day of Prayer (worldwide)
- 10:00 am - Women's AA Group Meets
- Saturday** - 8:30 am - Men's Lenten Breakfast
- Sunday** ***1st Sunday in Lent***
- 9:30 am - Sunday School
- 9:30 am - Worship Service
- 10:30 am - Coffee & Fellowship
- 7:30 pm - AA Group Meets (men & women)