

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Parker, South Dakota

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Transfiguration of Our Lord

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PRELUDE, VISUAL PRAYERS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSION MOMENT VIDEO/CALL TO WORSHIP

"Why Do We Worship?"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Holy God, we confess that we have betrayed the Good News by turning inward, serving ourselves first.

All: **We have not taken up our cross, and we have been too quick to build up worldly possessions for ourselves.**

Leader: Forgive us for not helping to reveal Christ to the world.

All: **Draw us back to the way of Christ, so that we might know the reign of God is drawing near.**
Amen.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

PROCLAMATION OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: God is the Creator who calls forth light out of darkness. God is the One who restores the earth after the flood. God is the One who makes all things new.

All: **We are made new in Christ. May we share the Good News of God's love, forgiveness, healing and restoration. Amen.**

OPENING HYMN

"Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus"

Blue Hymnal #621

(Led by a music video as a time of peaceful prayer...)

KYRIE/PRAYER OF THE DAY

"In Silence We Wait"

Spoken Words – Cantor – ALL [6X]

In silence we wait

In darkness you come to us

Bring us your light

Leader: Holy God, mighty and immortal, you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.

All: **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.**

THE FIRST READING

Exodus 34:29-35

THE READING RESPONSE

"Thanks Be to God!" (After each reading)

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 99

THE SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

KID TALK

"Jesus Is God with You"

SHARING OF THE PEACE

(Please remain **standing** for The Gospel)

THE GOSPEL

Luke 9:28-43a

(Pew Bible p. 53 – New Testament)

GOSPEL RESPONSES

"Glory to You, O Lord" (After The Gospel is announced)

"Praise to You, O Christ" (After The Gospel is read)

SERMON

"Worship Transfigured"

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Shine, Jesus, Shine"

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THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

(Congregational response after each petition of "Lord, in your mercy:" **"Hear our prayer."**)

RETURNING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

"This Lent, consider tracing the 'sign of the cross' over your body in baptismal remembrance. Do it on a daily basis – first thing in the morning and again before falling asleep. Try it during Worship, reminding the church of the shape of the Christian life. Try it for Lent – and life."

~Frank G. Honeycutt~

Music Video – "Victorious" (Third Day)

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Leader: "Extol the Lord our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for the Lord our God is holy." Jesus, we want to go with you on that mountain to pray. We want to be changed forever through your love.

All: **May these gifts and offerings be used to change both our hearts and the hearts of those in need. May we pledge to stay on the mountain with you, working side by side to show others both your glory and your great mercy. Amen.**

COMMUNION PRAYER & WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT *(Special Music played during Communion)*

BENEDICTION/BLESSING

Leader: So we are here, O Lord, joining all the generations before us, anticipating all the generations to come after us, making one age-long world-size sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.

All: **All glory and honor to you for making us, for wanting us, for receiving us, for hearing us, for loving us in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Leader: Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord by loving and serving one another!

All: **Thanks Be to God!**

Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church. Imagine what it was like for the disciples when Jesus suddenly shone in glory! With eyes of faith, may we see and worship him here.

As we celebrate Holy Communion this morning, we invite all baptized Christians who seek forgiveness and who believe in Christ's real presence in the Sacrament to join us at the altar. *** If you want Pastor Don to come to you with Communion, please let an usher know.***



Please join us for coffee and fellowship following the service.

This Week at GRACE

Wed: 6:30 pm: Ash Wednesday Worship (Holy Communion)
 7:30 pm: Choir
 7:30 pm: Luther League
 Sat: 10:00 am: FROGs freezer meal prep
 Sun: 9:00 am: Worship
 10:00 am: Sunday School
 10:00 am: Bible Study

Thank you to the following people for helping with our Worship service this morning: ushers Cam Becker & Ron Nelson, reader Robin Nogelmeier, Communion Assistants Dave & Robin Mammenga, and A/V assistant Lexi Even.

Announcements:

Please join us this Wednesday, March 6, at 6:30 pm. for our Ash Wednesday Worship Service with Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion.



Every Wednesday during Lent, supper will once again be served before Worship at Grace.

Each week, volunteers from the congregation will put on their "chef's hats" and will plan, prepare, and serve a meal.

Lenten Suppers will be served every Wednesday during Lent from 5:30-6:15 pm beginning March 13. If you would like to help serve, please sign up on the bulletin board.