Transfiguration of Our Lord
February 23, 2020 9:30 am

WELCOME VISITORS
DISCOVER GOD’S ABUNDANT GRACE AND LOVE
We extend a cordial welcome to all who worship with us today. We give thanks that you are here with us. Please sign our guest book and come back and worship with us again.
We Gather in Jesus’ Name

Prelude

Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness
All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.
Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
the eternal voice from heaven,
the anointed and beloved one,
the Spirit moving over the waters.
Amen.
As we approach the mystery of God, let us come in confession, trusting the love of Christ crucified and risen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God who searches us and knows us,
you have shown us what is good,
but we have looked to other lights to find our way.
We have not been just in our dealings with others.
We have chosen revenge over mercy.
We have promoted ourselves
instead of walking humbly with you.
With what shall we come before you?
Forgive us our sin,
and show us your salvation
in the face of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Beloved of God,
you have not received the spirit of the world,
but the Spirit that is from God,
poured out for you in the faithfulness of Jesus Christ.
Receive the promise of baptism:
You are God’s child; ✝ your sins are forgiven.
Rejoice and be glad, for yours is the reign of heaven.
Amen.

THIS WEEK AT ADVENT

TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD
FEBRUARY 23
8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study
   Fellowship Time
9:30 a.m. Contemporary Holy Communion
   Sunday school - age 4 to gr. 8
10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time - Congregational Life
10:45 a.m. Annual Congregational Meeting

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24
7:30 p.m. A.A. Open Meeting

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25
7:00 p.m. Financial Committee Meeting

ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26
7:00 p.m. Holy Communion with
   Imposition of Ashes

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27
7:30 p.m. A.A. Topic Group

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28
7:30 p.m. A.A. Step Meeting

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29
10:00 a.m. Stitch Club

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 1
8:00 a.m. Traditional Holy Communion
9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study
   Fellowship Time
9:30 a.m. Traditional Holy Communion
   Sunday school - age 4 to gr. 8
10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time - Congregational Life
10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Study
Cooking-Tips.pdf or Hannah McCollum, our Caring for Friends Advent coordinator, Thank you for helping.

CARING FOR FRIENDS MEALS
Advent thanks Hanna McCollum, Pat Brown, Jeanne Gryszka, Elizabeth Gracey, Joyce Heiss, Helen Shearer and Linda Weaver for their help on February 10, in preparing 50 meals taken by Tony Gryszka to Caring for Friends.

FLOWER CHART & MISSION SUPPORT FOR 2020
The sign-up sheets for Altar Flower and Mission Support dedications for 2020 are in the narthex. The cost to dedicate one bouquet is $25.00. One week of Mission support is $25.00.

Gathering Song
“Here Is Our King”

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
Let us pray... O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. (Please be seated.)

The Reading of God's Word (see insert)

Sermon

Song of Praise (Please stand as you are able.)
“Love”

Apostle’s Creed
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.

Prayer of the Church
(Each petition ends with... Hear us, O God. The congregation responds: Your mercy is great.)

Sharing of the Peace
The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.
(The congregation shares a sign of peace with each other).

The Offering
The Offertory (Please stand as you are able.)
“As the Deer”

Offertory Prayer
Let us pray... God of wonder, you formed us in our mother’s womb, and from mother earth you bring forth this bread and wine. We place them on your table, together with our lives and all that you have made. Open the heavens to us and pour out your Spirit. We wait for your mercy; we long for your peace; we hunger and thirst for Jesus Christ, our banquet of life.
Amen.

The Thanksgiving
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, you have brought us this far along the way. In times of bitterness you did not abandon us, but guided us into the path of love and...
ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
The annual meeting of the congregation will be held today following the 9:30 service.

ASH WEDNESDAY
We will observe the beginning of Lent with a service of Holy Communion on Ash Wednesday, **February 26 at 7:00 p.m.**
We invite you to come and begin the season of penitence and preparation.

LENTON DEVOTION
Wednesday March 11 & 25; soup, bread, and dessert 6-7PM followed by Devotional Worship. Please consider signing up for soups, breads, butters or desserts. Sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

This year the confirmation class will be assisting with the worship. You are invited to make the effort to come as part of your Lenten commitment.

ALTAR FLOWERS
The Altar Flowers are presented by George & Peggy Spahn to the Glory of God.

NUEVA CREACIÓN MISSION SUPPORT
Support of Nueva Creación Lutheran Church is presented to the Glory of God.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE: February 16, 2020
8:00 am 19
9:30 am 28
Total 47

light. In every age you sent prophets to make known your loving will for all humanity. The cry of the poor has become your own cry; our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire. In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant to preach good news to the afflicted, to break bread with the outcast and despised, and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.

Words of Institution
For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we await the day when Jesus shall return to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death. Come, Lord Jesus! And let the church say, Amen.

Amen.

Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate, to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world. Come, Spirit of freedom! And let the church say, Amen.

Amen.

Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age, that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection, we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

Amen.

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.

Invitation to Communion

Prayer After Communion

Let us pray... Faithful God, 
you have kept your promise to us in this meal, 
nourishing us with the gift of salvation. Now send 
your servants forth in peace, that we may testify to 
your goodness and share the hope that is ours in 
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Benediction

Amen.

Sending Song

“Shine Jesus, Shine”  WOV # 651

Dismissal

Go in peace. Let your light shine.
Thanks be to God.

OUR MISSION

+ To gather as God’s people and nurture one another
+ To know the Word of God
+ To grow in faith, love, and service
+ To go into the world with the Good News of Jesus Christ

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

Pastor:  Rev. Josephine Wright
Music Director:  Michael Dettra
Worship Assistant:  Tony Gryszka
Lay Reader:  Ken Meyers
Ushers:  Tony Gryszka
Altar Guild:  Donna Duffy
Flower Distribution:  Kathy Sitler
Counters:  Tony Gryszka
Audio/Visual Team:  Joel Denis, Geoff Duffy
Instrumentalists:  Gail Oines, Mike Sitler
Song Leaders:  Bob & Karen Matlack, Lynn Roccograndi, Nancy Sclight

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All are invited to commune. We commune by intinction. Come 
forward and receive the bread then dip bread into the chalice of 
wine. If you do not want wine simply stand in front of the 
chalice and receive the words. Gluten-free wafers are available. 
Those not communing may come forward for a blessing.

GUEST REGISTER

If you are visiting with us today, please sign the guest register 
located in the narthex.

CONTACTING PASTOR JO

If you need to speak with Pastor Jo when she is not in the office, 
particularly in the case of a pastoral emergency, please feel free 
to call her home phone 215-364-2298 or by email at 
mamajo_rev@verizon.net. If she is not available to take 
your call, leave a message and she will contact you.