



**EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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LBW-Lutheran Book of Worship  
 WOV-With One Voice  
 CH-Celebration Hymnal

**Transfiguration of Our Lord  
 February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**Interim Pastor: Pastor Paul Weeg**  
 Lay Reader: Will Bartz

Organist: Donna Schilling  
 Acolyte: Harley Rongved

Prelude: "Melody in G" by Axel Guilmant and "Christ, the Life of all the Living" J.S. Bach

Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness.....LBW p. 77

Entrance Hymn: **How Good, Lord, to Be Here!**.....**LBW # 89**

The Greeting and Kyrie .....LBW p. 78

Hymn of Praise: *Glory to God*.....LBW p. 79

Prayer of the Day: **Almighty God, on the mountain you showed your glory in the transfiguration of your Son. Give us the vision to see beyond the turmoil of our world and to behold the king in all his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

First Lesson: Exodus 24:12-18

Psalm 2 (read responsively).....*See Insert*

Second Lesson: 2 Peter 1:16-21

Verse: **Alleluia**... and Gospel Acclamation .....LBW p. 83

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 17:1-9

Hymn of the Day: **Beautiful Savior**.....**LBW # 518**

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Sermon Hymn: **Oh, Wondrous Type! Oh, Vision Fair**.....**LBW # 80**

The Apostles' Creed .....LBW p. 85

The Collection of the Offering/*Noisy Offering*: "Almighty God, Thy Word is Cast" arr. by Rolf Unkel

Offertory: *Create in Me*.....LBW p. 96

Prayer and Lord's Prayer.....LBW p. 97

The Benediction and Amen.....LBW p. 97

Announcements

Closing Hymn: **In Thee is Gladness** .....**LBW # 552**

Chimes and Postlude: "A March in C minor" by Axel Guilmant

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**Welcome to Worship!** In the name of Jesus, we greet you and are glad you can share this time with us. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall for light refreshments and conversation!

**Ash Wednesday service**...will be this coming Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7 p.m. Join us for the Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion as we begin the Lenten season. All Lenten offering will be designated to Benevolence.

This Week at Emmanuel February 20 <sup>th</sup> - 26 <sup>th</sup>		
Tuesday, February 21 <sup>st</sup>	9:00 a.m.	TWC (The Women's Council)
Wednesday, February 22 <sup>nd</sup>	1:00 p.m.	Connection Group: The Chosen
	4:30 p.m.	Confirmation
Sunday, February 26 <sup>th</sup> (1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent)	7:00 pm	<b>Ash Wed. Service, Choir after</b>
	9:30 am	Worship w/Pastor Weeg
	10:40 am	Fellowship, Sunday School

Offering: Sunday, February 12 <sup>th</sup>	Attendance: 67
General Fund: \$1,658	Building Fund: \$270
Benevolence Fund: \$100	Campership Fund: \$120
Sunday School: \$11.51	

**While we continue to wait**...on offering envelopes, this is a reminder that if you give cash and place it into an envelope, please put your name as well as your designation on it, so Belinda knows who to record it for. Thank you for your continued patience!

**For Pastoral Care**...please contact Pastor Paul Weeg at 641-381-0675. For all other concerns, you may contact the church office or Sharon Hulshizer at 641-425-7775.

## *Psalm 2*

L: Why are the nations in an uproar?  
Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?

**C: Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt,  
and the princes plot together, against the Lord and against his anointed?**

L: “Let us break their yoke,” they say;  
“let us cast off their bonds from us.”

**C: He whose throne is in heaven is laughing;  
The Lord has them in derision.**

L: Then he speaks to them in his wrath,  
and his rage fills them with terror.

**C: “I myself have set my king  
upon my holy hill of Zion.”**

L: Let me announce the decree of the Lord:  
He said to me, “You are my son;  
This day have I begotten you.

**C: Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance  
and the ends of the earth for your possession.**

L: You shall crush them with an iron rod  
And shatter them like a piece of pottery.”

**C: And now, you kings, be wise;  
Be warned, you rulers of the earth.**

L: Submit to the Lord with fear,  
And with trembling bow before him;

**C: lest he be angry, and you perish, for his wrath is quickly kindled.**

L: Happy are they all who take refuge in him!



Friends, it is my great pleasure to introduce you to *Loved and Freed*, a 2023 collection of Lenten devotions from the North American Lutheran Church (NALC). As we enter the ancient season of Lent, we are invited to walk with Jesus through His journey of sacrifice and triumph, from His baptism to His crucifixion and finally to His resurrection on Easter Sunday, where we find ultimate *love* and *freedom*.

Lent has been a time of spiritual renewal for Christians for centuries. It is a time to reflect on our faith, repent of our sins, and grow closer to God through prayer, fasting, almsgiving, and service to others. This book of devotions offers daily reflections and prayers to guide you on this journey of spiritual transformation and death to self.

The theme of this book, *Loved and Freed*, is inspired by the opening verses of [Revelation 1:5-6](#), which give us a beautiful picture of the incredible love and freedom we have through Jesus Christ. As we read through these devotions, may we be reminded of the love and freedom we have in Christ and be empowered to love and serve others in the same way. This year’s devotional was written by sixteen members of the NALC staff for each day from Ash Wednesday to the Resurrection of Our Lord. I encourage you to make the most of this Lenten season by setting aside time each day for reflection, prayer, and service. Allow yourself to be drawn closer to God through this season of sacrifice and renewal, death, and life.

So, take a deep breath, open the pages, and allow yourself to embark on a journey with Jesus over the next forty-seven days, that you may experience the transformative power of His love and freedom in your life. May this season of Lent be a time of growth, renewal, and deeper intimacy with God as we prepare for His passion, death, resurrection, and beyond!

“...and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen” (Revelation 1:5-6 NRSV).

With warmest wishes,  
**The Rev. Dcn. Andrew S. Ames Fuller, *Editor***  
Director of Communications  
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*The NALC Lenten Devotions are available on the table inside the wooden doors, please help yourself to these.*

