

# Sunday February 11, 2024

## Transfiguration of Our Lord



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### ***MISSION STATEMENT***

*We will LIVE and SERVE through FAITH*

*we will ACT with LOVE and KINDNESS*

*we will GIVE hope and SUPPORT to all.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRAYER & CARE LIST:** Dennis Hennessy

**UPCOMING EVENTS:** Back by popular demand: Junk Bingo! February 18 at 2:00pm

**HOSPITALITY HOSTS NEEDED!** Sign up on the bulletin board next to the serving counter in the Fellowship Hall. There are treats in the freezer to serve if you don't bake.

**ISLE COMMUNITY LENTEN CANTATA** Performance on Good Friday, April 7, 2023, at 7:30pm. See poster in Narthex for more information. Join the choir! Rehearsals on Sundays in Lent 2:30-4:00pm (Feb 18, 25, Mar 3, 10,17,24)

**LECTORS NEEDED** we are looking for volunteers to read aloud the scriptures on Sunday mornings. Sign-up sheets are on the table in the Narthex heading into the Fellowship Hall and include the weekly readings.

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### **THIS WEEK AT Bethesda      Feb. 12, 2024 thru Feb. 18, 2024**

Monday	2/12	9:00 am	Women's Gather Devotion
		10:00 am	Council Meeting
		11:30 am	Pinochle
		7:00 pm	AA/Alanon
Tuesday	2/13	9:00 am	Chair Yoga
		9:00 am	Quilters
Wednesday	2/14	<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b>	
		9:00 am	Women's Bible Study
		5:30 pm	Potluck
		6:30 pm	Worship
Thursday	2/15	8:00 am	ROMEOS
		9:15 am	Chair Yoga
Sunday	2/18	9:00 am	Worship in Person or Live Stream
		2:00 pm	Junk Bingo

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**OPENING HYMN:**      **“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”**      **#631 ELW**  
*(Please rise on the last verse)*

1 Love divine, all loves excelling,  
Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!  
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion,  
pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation,  
enter ev'ry trembling heart.

2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit  
into ev'ry troubled breast;  
let us all in thee inherit;  
let us find thy promised rest.  
Take away the love of sinning;  
Alpha and Omega be;  
end of faith, as its beginning,  
set our hearts at liberty.

3 Come, Almighty, to deliver;  
let us all thy life receive;  
suddenly return, and never,  
nevermore thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,  
glory in thy perfect love.

4 Finish then thy new creation,  
pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see thy great salvation  
perfectly restored in thee!  
Changed from glory into glory,  
till in heav'n we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love, and praise!

## CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
creator of darkness and light, word of truth, wind sweeping over the waters.

**Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God, our rock and refuge,

**we pour out our hearts before you. We have known you but have not always loved you. We have wounded one another and sinned against you. We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit dwelling in each of us. Remember your covenant. Renew your creation. Restore us, that we might proclaim your good news to all. Amen.**

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters. God has spoken: The time of grace is now. In Jesus, the reign of God has come near. By the authority of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are God's beloved.

**Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Almighty God,

**the resplendent light of your truth shines from the mountaintop into our hearts. Transfigure us by your beloved Son, and illumine the world with your image, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### **FIRST READING: 2 Kings 2:1-12**

<sup>1</sup>Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. <sup>2</sup>Elijah 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. <sup>3</sup>The 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.”

<sup>4</sup>Elijah 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. <sup>5</sup>The 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.”

<sup>6</sup>Then 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. <sup>7</sup>Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. <sup>8</sup>Then 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.

<sup>9</sup>When 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.” <sup>10</sup>He 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.” <sup>11</sup>As 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. <sup>12</sup>Elisha 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.

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

### **PSALM: Psalm 50:1-6**

<sup>1</sup> The mighty one, God the LORD, has spoken; calling the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

<sup>2</sup> **Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, God shines forth in glory.**

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

<sup>4</sup> **God calls the heavens and the earth from above to witness the judgment of the people.**

<sup>5</sup> “Gather before me my loyal followers, those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice.”

<sup>6</sup> **The heavens declare the rightness of God’s cause, for it is God who is judge.**

### **SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6**

<sup>3</sup> Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. <sup>4</sup> In 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. <sup>5</sup> For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus’ sake. <sup>6</sup> For 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.

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### **GOSPEL: Mark 9:2-9**

#### **Glory to You, O Lord**

<sup>2</sup> Six 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, <sup>3</sup> and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them.

<sup>4</sup> And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus.

<sup>5</sup> Then 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.” <sup>6</sup>He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. <sup>7</sup>Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, “This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!” <sup>8</sup>Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

<sup>9</sup>As 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**

**HYMN OF THE DAY “Oh, Wonderous Image, Vision Fair” #316 ELW**



1 Oh, won - drous im - age, vi - sion fair of  
 2 With Mo - ses and E - li - jah nigh the in -  
 3 With shin - ing face and bright ar - ray, Christ  
 4 And faith - ful hearts are raised on high by  
 5 O Fa - ther, with the e - ter - nal Son, and



glo - ry that the church may share, which Christ up - on the  
 car - nate Lord holds con - verse high, and from the cloud, the  
 deigns to man - i - fest to - day what glo - ry shall be  
 this great vi - sion's mys - ter - y; for which in joy - ful  
 Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er one, we pray you, bring us



moun-tain shows, where bright - er than the sun he glows!  
 Ho - ly One says, “This is my be - lov - ed Son.”  
 theirs a - bove who joy in God with per - fect love.  
 song we raise the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.  
 by your grace to see your glo - ry face to face.

**APOSTLES’ CREED**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God’s blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

We pray for the church, that the transformational power of God enters the hearts of all people. May its leaders serve as examples of your grace and healing across time and space. God of grace,

**receive our prayer.**

We pray for the creation, that we will humbly observe the swirl of wind and the heat of the bright sun. Teach us to honor all you have made and to care for the animals, plants, air, and bodies of water of this planet. God of grace,

**receive our prayer.**

We pray for those charged with leadership, lawmaking, and governance of our towns, states, and countries, that they will strive for goodness and justice all the days of their lives and callings. God of grace,

**receive our prayer.**

We pray for any who are sick and suffering (*especially*). Guide us to offer hospitality, shelter, friendship, and care to any in need. God of grace,

**receive our prayer.**

We pray for this congregation and its ministry in the wider community. May we share the transforming beauty and love of God in ways that honor the dignity of all whom we encounter. God of grace,

**receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Trusting that all the saints, prophets, and those who die in faith are held in your care, we remember in thanksgiving those who have died (*especially*). Grant us your gift of salvation as we await your coming again in glory. God of grace,

**receive our prayer.**

Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

**PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**OFFERING** - *Please be seated as the Ushers pass the offering plate.*

*Please stand as the ushers bring the offering to the altar.*

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

Blessed are you, Holy One,  
**for all good things come from you. In bread and cup you open heaven to us.  
Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek and follow your Son,  
Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

At Jesus' table, heaven and earth are joined as one.

Come and see.

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Giver of every gift,

**Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your  
power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever. Amen.**

### **BLESSING**

God who names you, Christ who claims you, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in  
you, ✠ bless you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

### **CLOSING HYMN: "We Are Marching In the Light of God" #866 ELW**

We are marching in the light of God,  
we are marching in the light of God.  
We are marching in the light of God,  
we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching, (marching, we are marching, marching,)  
we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching, (marching, we are marching, marching,)  
we are marching in the light of God.

*Additional stanzas ad lib:*

We are dancing . . .

We are praying . . .

We are singing . . .



## **DISSMAL**

Go in peace. You are God's beloved.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Visitors! It has been great having you join us for worship!**

**Please come again.**

### **THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK**

Greeters: Barry & Donna Ansell

Ushers: Mark & Mary Vukelich

Lector: Darlene Christensen

Hospitality: Sue & Dick Stebbins, Sylvia Tapelt

**Thank you for your service!**

Response to God's Word Last Week:

Sunday, February 4, 2024: In Person: 9:00am 57 Online: 9