

# CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Transfiguration of Our Lord

February 11, 2024 ~ 8:30

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## PRELUDE:

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

## CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS:

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P: Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

*The presiding minister announces God's forgiveness.*

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen**

**CHILDREN'S ALLELUIA PROCESSION:**

**HYMN:** *Songs of Thankfulness and Praise*

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**GREETING:**

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

**C: And also with you.**

# HYMN OF PRAISE:

*Assisting minister*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.

*All*



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY:

P: 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. **C: Amen**

**ANTHEM: LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE!**

~ *Choir*

## FIRST LESSON: 2 Kings 2:1-12

*Today's reading centers on the transfer of power and authority from the prophet Elijah to Elisha. Their travels, which retrace the path of Joshua back to Moab (the place where Moses died) and the parting of the waters, demonstrate that Elisha and Elijah are legitimate successors of the great prophet Moses.*

A: The First Lesson is from the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter of 2 Kings.

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.

A: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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

*The spotlight of Christian ministry is not on the people who carry out ministry but on the Lord Jesus Christ. Just as God made light shine at creation, God makes the light of Jesus Christ shine in our lives through Christian ministry.*

A: The Second Lesson is from the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter of 2 Corinthians.

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.

A: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION/THE RESPONSE:



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

## GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 9:28-36

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 9<sup>th</sup> chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now about eight days after these sayings he took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. <sup>29</sup>And as he was praying, the appearance of his countenance was altered, and his raiment became dazzling white. <sup>30</sup>And behold, two men talked with him, Moses and Elijah, <sup>31</sup>who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure, which he was to accomplish at Jerusalem. <sup>32</sup>Now Peter and those who were with him were heavy with sleep, and when they wakened they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. <sup>33</sup>And as the men were parting from him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is well that we are here; let us make three booths, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah”—not knowing what he said. <sup>34</sup>As he said this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. <sup>35</sup>And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!” <sup>36</sup>And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silence and told no one in those days anything of what they had seen.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON:

*Pastor John*

HYMN: *How Good, Lord, to Be Here!*

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## **APOSTLES' 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**

## **PRAYERS:**

**P:** With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

*Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:*

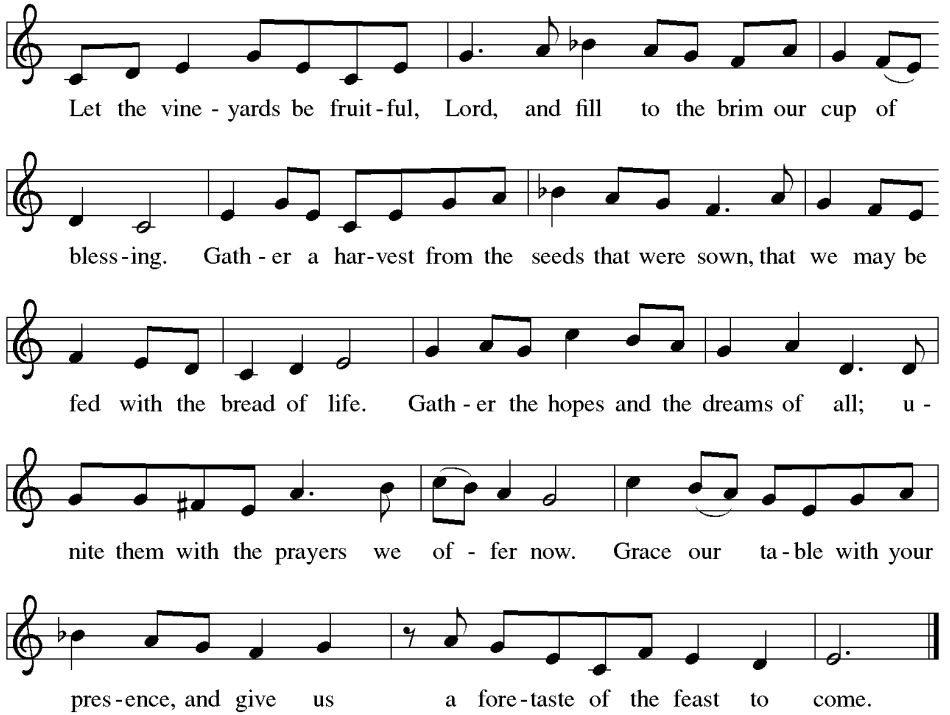
**P:** . . . Lord, in your mercy.

**C:** **Hear our prayer.**

**P:** Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**C:** **Amen**

**OFFERTORY: *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful***



Let the vine - yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless-ing. Gath - er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be  
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -  
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

**OFFERING PRAYER:**

P: Merciful Father,

C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



## GREAT THANKSGIVING:

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn titled "GREAT THANKSGIVING:". It consists of four staves of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff has two measures: "The Lord be with you." and "And al - so with you.". The second staff also has two measures: "Lift up your hearts." and "We lift them to the Lord.". The third staff has one long measure: "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.". The fourth staff has one long measure: "It is right to give our thanks and praise.". The notes are simple, mostly quarter and eighth notes, with some slurs and ties.

## PREFACE:

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ;  
who, sharing our life, lived among us  
to reveal your glory and love,  
that our darkness should give way to your own brilliant light.  
And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## RESPONSE:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION:

P: In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

## 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

## LAMB OF GOD:



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## COMMUNION:

*Please receive the bread and wine as the pastor speaks the words:*

P: The body of Christ, given for you; and the blood of Christ, shed for you.  
*The communicant may say: "Amen."*

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you  
and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen

## POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE:

Lord, now you let your ser - vant go in peace; your word has  
been ful - filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which  
you have pre - pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple:  
A light to re - veal you to the na - tions and the  
glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.  
Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the  
Ho - ly Spir - it, as it was in the be - gin - ning,  
is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men

## **PRAYER:**

P: Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen**

## **BLESSING:**

P: Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

*Sung Response: Amen, Amen, Amen*

## **CHILDREN'S ALLELUIA RECESSIONAL:**

**HYMN: *Alleluia, Song of Gladness***

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## **DISMISSAL:**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE:**

### **OPPORTUNITIES AT CHRIST LUTHERAN**

#### **Today-Souper Bowl of Caring**

8:30-Traditional Worship

9:45-Contemporary Worship / 11:00-Traditional Worship

**Monday**-9:00-Quilters/Sewers / 6:00-Property

**Tuesday**-2:00-Bible Study

**5:00-Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner**

6:00-Contemporary Team Instrumental/6:30-Vocal / **6:30-Council**

**Wednesday**-Ash Wednesday-1:00 & 7:00-Worship

7:45-Traditional Choir Practice

**Saturday**-Volleyball games @ First Baptist

Team 6 at 7 PM; Team 7 at 7:30 PM

## FUTURE MINISTRIES

**Mon-Feb 19**-9:00-Quilters/Sewers

**Tues-Feb 20**-2:00-Bible Study

6:00-Contemporary Team Instrumental/6:30-Vocal

**Wed-Feb 21**-6:30-Traditional Choir Practice

**Sat-Feb 24**-Volleyball games @ First Baptist

Team 7 at 5 PM; Team 6 at 7:30 PM

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Next Sunday's Gospel: Mark 1:9-15

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**Attendance last week: Sun Worship: 8:30-33; 9:45-87; 11:00-46; SCS-13**

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The flowers in the chancel vases have been presented to the Glory of the Lord.

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**Pastor Amy and nine of our adults and youth** are at the YouthQuake in Pittsburgh. Please keep them in your prayers for safe travel home today.

**Souper Bowl of Caring . . . TODAY!** Our youth will hold soup pots marked for the Chiefs and 49ers at our church doors to collect donations for the DuBois Area Food Pantry, also the Mission of the Month. Please support the youth of our church in this effort to "love our neighbors" by dropping your contribution in the soup pot! And, just for fun, let's see which team gets the most money!

**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner . . . Tuesday at 5 p.m.** We'll enjoy pancakes, scrambled eggs, ham, bacon, juices and coffee! Please sign up if you will attend and if you are able to help. Sign up sheets are on the bulletin board. All are welcome.

**Ash Wednesday is *this Wednesday February 14.*** Worship with Holy Communion and the Imposition of Ashes at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.

**Announcing this summer's Youth & Adult Mission Trip** to our National Church's Disaster Response Warehouse and Retreat Center in Ohio. Sign up on the bulletin board to express interest in participating!

**Have you ever wanted to see and walk on Mt. Sinai**, where Moses hid his face from God at the burning bush and later descended with the 10 Commandments? Or visit the wonders of the ancient world: the great pyramids, the Sphinx and the mighty temples of Egypt? Have you ever wanted to see where Joseph and the Jewish people lived when they fled the Holy Land because of famine? Late in October, Pastors John & Amy

will travel with Pilgrim Tours (the same company that took our 22 pilgrims to the Holy Land in 2023) on an 11-day guided tour which includes all the major Egyptian sites and then follows the route of the Exodus to the holy mountain. Part of the journey will be a four-night cruise up the Nile to the Aswan dam. Our journey will end at the St. Catherine's monastery at the foot of Mt. Sinai. We will make connections to the Bible throughout the trip. Please talk to either of the pastors if you are interested.

**Epiphany Faith 5 Devotions – Biblical Themes of Light** are available in the narthex and can be downloaded from our website.

**Mission of the Month: *Tackle Hunger: Souper Bowl of Caring.*** If you would like make a financial gift to the DuBois Area Food Pantry, please use the pew envelopes and write "*Hunger*" in the "other" line. Checks may be made payable to Christ Lutheran Church.

**Food Pantry Items** for February are TUNA HELPER and/or CANNED TUNA.