FEBRUARY 11, 2024 | The Transfiguration of Our Lord

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Welcome to our worship service today! We are glad to have you with us as we gather before our almighty and saving God to hear His holy and powerful Word and celebrate His life-giving Sacraments, offering our prayers and praises as He strengthens our faith and brings us ever closer to our eternal home with Him.

SERVICE NOTES

The lightnings lit up the world, the earth trembled and shook. Blessed are those who dwell in Your house. How lovely is Your tabernacle, O Lord of hosts! My soul longs, yes, even faints for the courts of the Lord.

If you need any assistance, please ask any of our ushers for help. In inclement weather, or if walking from your car is difficult, please make use of the carport. The ushers will gladly park and/or retrieve your car for you if needed.

If you are a visitor with us today, please sign the Guest Book before you leave today. If you would like to learn more about our church or are interested in church membership, please speak with the Pastor or one of the Elders.

If you have small children, please note there is a Parents' Room at the rear of the sanctuary if you need to temporarily calm a child, but we are caring, loving and happy to hear your child/children. From the Parents' Room you can still see, hear, and participate in the worship service.

For your convenience today's order of service is printed on the following pages. It is based on the Order of Morning Service, found on p. 5ff. in *The Lutheran Hymnal*.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Minister Rev. Michael Dietz

Organist Deb Meyer

Elder on Duty Sunday: Mark Uhlig

Ushers on Duty Jason Diestler, Joseph Massie, Joseph Massie, Jr.

Altar Guild Donna Carter and Sue Engberg

The Order of Morning Service

Please stand.

OPENING HYMN

'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here | 135

INVOCATION AND CONFESSION OF SINS

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



M: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.



M: I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.



- **M:** Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Therefore, we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- C: O most merciful God, You have given Your only-begotten Son to die for us; have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You, and of Your will, and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

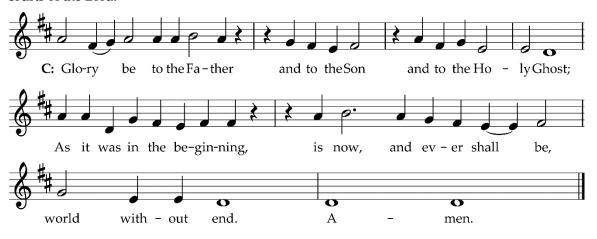
M: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only-begotten Son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To all who believe on His Name He gives power to become the children of God, and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all!

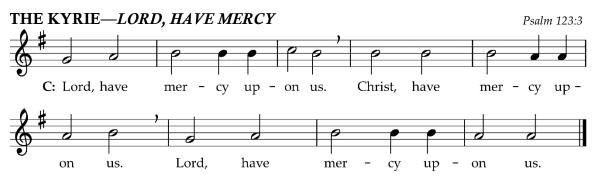


You may be seated.

THE INTROIT & GLORIA PATRI

M: The lightnings lit up the world, the earth trembled and shook. Blessed are those who dwell in Your house. How lovely is Your tabernacle, O Lord of hosts! My soul longs, yes, even faints for the courts of the Lord.

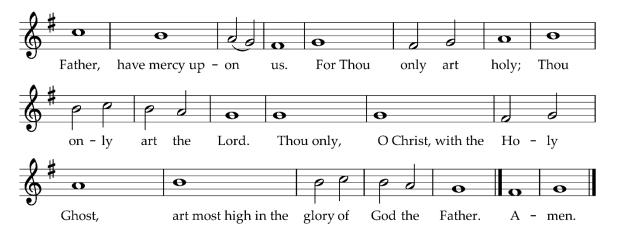




GLORIA IN EXCELSIS—"GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST

Luke 2:14





PSALM 32

M: Blessed *is he whose* transgression *is* forgiven, *whose* sin *is* covered.

C: Blessed *is* the man to whom the LORD does not impute iniquity, and in whose spirit *there is* no deceit.

M: When I kept silent, my bones grew old through my groaning all the day long.

C: For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; my vitality was turned into the drought of summer.

M: I acknowledged my sin to You, and my iniquity I have not hidden.

C: I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

M: For this cause everyone who is godly shall pray to You in a time when You may be found;

C: Surely in a flood of great waters they shall not come near him.

M: You are my hiding place; You shall preserve me from trouble;

C: You shall surround me with songs of deliverance.

M: I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will guide you with My eye.

C: Do not be like the horse *or* like the mule, *which* have no understanding, which must be harnessed with bit and bridle, else they will not come near you.

M: Many sorrows *shall be* to the wicked; but he who trusts in the LORD, mercy shall surround him.

C: Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, you righteous; and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.



Please stand.

M: Let us pray: Eternal God and Father, help us to remember Jesus, who obeyed Your will and bore the cross for our salvation, that through His anguish, pain, and death we may receive the forgiveness of sins, victory over the grave, and finally inherit eternal life: through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



You may be seated.

FIRST LESSON: 2 KINGS 2:1-12a

And it came to pass, when the LORD was about to take up Elijah into heaven by a whirlwind, that Elijah went with Elisha from Gilgal. ²Then Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here, please, for the LORD has sent me on to Bethel."

But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as your soul lives, I will not leave you!" So they went down to Bethel.

³Now the sons of the prophets who *were* at Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that the LORD will take away your master [a]from over you today?"

And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent!"

⁴Then Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here, please, for the LORD has sent me on to Jericho."

But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as your soul lives, I will not leave you!" So they came to Jericho.

⁵Now the sons of the prophets who *were* at Jericho came to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that the LORD will take away your master from over you today?"

So he answered, "Yes, I know; keep silent!"

⁶Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here, please, for the LORD has sent me on to the Jordan."

But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as your soul lives, I will not leave you!" So the two of them went on. ⁷ And fifty men of the sons of the prophets went and stood facing *them* at a distance, while the two of them stood by the Jordan. ⁸ Now Elijah took his mantle, rolled *it* up, and struck the water; and it was divided this way and that, so that the two of them crossed over on dry ground.

⁹ And so it was, when they had crossed over, that Elijah said to Elisha, "Ask! What may I do for you, before I am taken away from you?"

Elisha said, "Please let a double portion of your spirit be upon me."

¹⁰ So he said, "You have asked a hard thing. *Nevertheless*, if you see me *when I am* taken from you, it shall be so for you; but if not, it shall not be *so.*" ¹¹ Then it happened, as they continued on and talked, that suddenly a chariot of fire *appeared* with horses of fire, and separated the two of them; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.

¹² And Elisha saw *it*, and he cried out, "My father, my father, the chariot of Israel and its horsemen!" So he saw him no more. And he took hold of his own clothes and tore them into two pieces.

SECOND LESSON: 2 CORINTHIANS 4:3-6

But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, ⁴ whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them. ⁵ For we do not preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord, and ourselves your bondservants for Jesus' sake. ⁶ For it is the God who commanded light to 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.

GRADUAL Mark 9:7

M: Alleluia! A cloud covered them, and a voice came from the cloud: "This is my son, whom I love. Listen to him!" Alleluia!



Please stand.

GOSPEL LESSON: MARK 9:2-9



Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John, and led them up on a high mountain apart by themselves; and He was transfigured before them. ³His clothes became shining, exceedingly white, like snow, such as no launderer on earth can whiten them. ⁴And Elijah appeared to them with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. ⁵Then Peter answered and said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; and let us make three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah" — ⁶because he did not know what to say, for they were greatly afraid.

⁷ And a cloud came and overshadowed them; and a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is My beloved Son. Hear Him!" ⁸ Suddenly, when they had looked around, they saw no one anymore, but only Jesus with themselves.

⁹Now as they came down from the mountain, He commanded them that they should tell no one the things they had seen, till the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

M: This is the Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.



THE APOSTLES' CREED

C: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; The forgiveness of sins; The resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting. Amen.

You may be seated.

CHOIR Amazing Grace

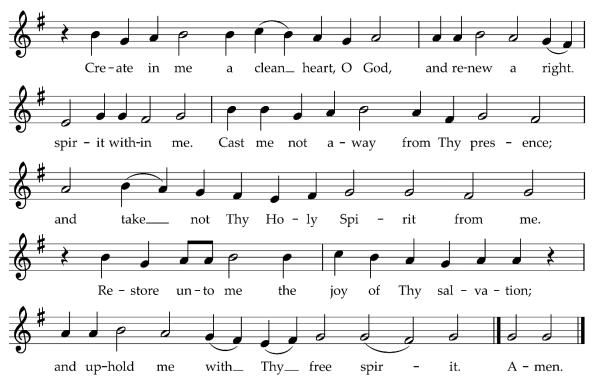
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SERMON - 2 CORINTHIANS 4:3-6

Unveil the Gospel

Please stand.

THE OFFERTORY



You may be seated.

THE OFFERING

Please stand.

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH & THE LORD'S PRAYER

ALL: 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.

You may be seated.

HYMN

O Christ, Our True and Only Light | 512

Please stand.

COLLECT OF THE WORD

M: Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart, that by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.



THE BENEDICTION

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



CLOSING HYMN

Beautiful Savior | 657

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS - If you are interested in sponsoring altar flowers, please sign up on the flower chart in the fellowship hall.

SNACK SPONSORS – Thanks to Ardis Junco and Sandra Vander Heyden for sponsoring and serving snacks during our fellowship time this morning! If you're interested in sponsoring and serving snacks, please sign up on the sheet in the fellowship hall!

THANK YOU – Thank you, Pastor Dietz, for conducting our service today.

WOMEN ON A MISSION FEBRUARY EVENTS –Bingo night is scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 13, at 6:00 pm and Laundry Love donations throughout the month. Details posted on bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. Please take the time to check it out.

LIVESTREAM VOLUNTEERS – The sign-up sheet for March and April 2024 is posted. Please sign up for a Sunday(s) you are available. Thank you.

LENTEN SUPPERS – This week Wednesday is the first Lenten Supper at 5:00 p.m. A sign-up sheet for the remaining suppers on Feb. 21, 28, Mar. 6, 13, and 20 is in the Fellowship Hall. Please consider donating to one of the meals. Each group is responsible for planning, serving, clean-up and providing the meal for that week. Everyone is welcome to enjoy good food and fellowship.

EASTER BRUNCH – The Kitchen Committee is planning an Easter Brunch after the 9:30 a.m. worship service. Because we had low attendance for the Christmas Brunch, we want to know if there is enough interest to plan for Easter. Please sign up accordingly on the posted roster in the Fellowship Hall. This will help determine if we have enough interest.

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST THE KING

SUNDAY (2/11) Divine Service, 9:00 a.m.

Education Hour, 10:30 a.m.

TUESDAY (2/13) WOM Bingo Night, 6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY (2/14) Emerald Bay Service, 4:00 p.m.

Soup Supper, 5:00 p.m.

Ash Wed Worship Service, 6:30 p.m.

SUNDAY (2/18) Divine Service w/Comm., 9:00 a.m.

Education Hour, 10:30 a.m.

OUR MISSION

Christ the King Ev. Lutheran Church gives all praise and thanks to the Triune God for His grace received through Word and Sacrament by sharing the saving Gospel of Christ with the people of this community and the world.