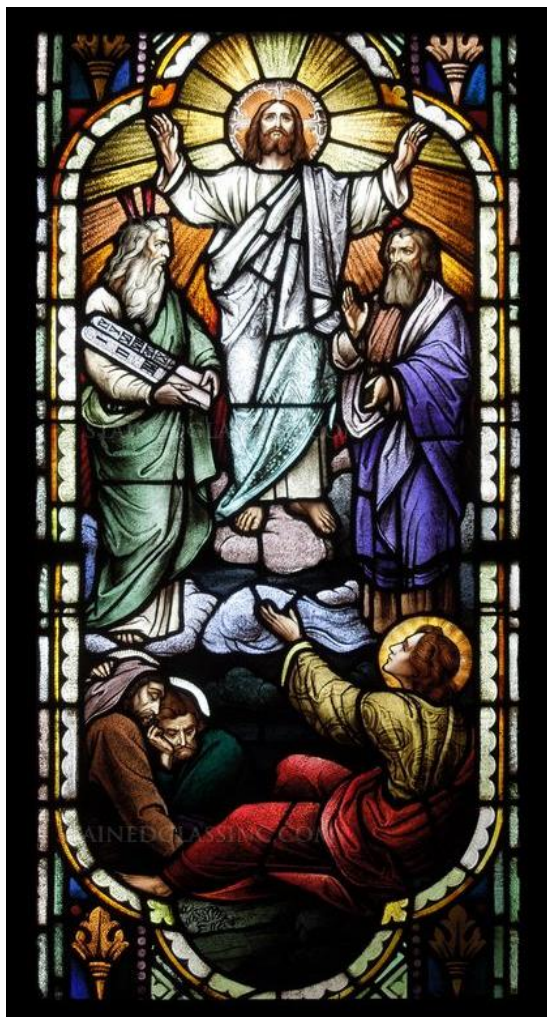


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### **Prayer for the Transfiguration of Our Lord**

Dear Lord, we were not privileged as were Peter, James, and John to see the glory of Your transfigured body. And yet we thank You for revealing Your glory through the words of Scripture and the workings of the Holy Spirit in our hearts. Continue to fill our hearts with Your glory that we may always rejoice in the salvation You won for us on Calvary. Help us to live lives that reflect Your majesty and thus shine in the lives of our loved ones. Keep our eyes of faith focused on Your return when we shall see You as You are. Amen.



## Confession and Absolution

### 414 'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here

1 'Tis good, Lord, to be here! Thy  
2 'Tis good, Lord, to be here, Thy  
3 Ful - fill - er of the past And  
4 Be - fore we taste of death, We  
5 'Tis good, Lord, to be here! Yet

glo - ry fills the night; Thy face and gar - ments,  
beau - ty to be - hold Where Mo - ses and E -  
hope of things to be, We hail Thy bod - y -  
see Thy king - dom come; We long to hold the  
we may not re - main; But since Thou bidst us

like the sun, Shine with un - bor - rowed light.  
li - jah stand, Thy mes - sen - gers of old.  
glo - ri - fied And our re - demp - tion see.  
vi - sion bright And make this hill our home.  
leave the mount, Come with us to the plain.

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*Stand*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

### Invocation

*Matthew 28:19b; 18:20*

- L** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

### Exhortation

*Psalm 124:8; Psalm 130:3–4; Luke 18:13*

- L** Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**C** who made heaven and earth.
- L** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?  
**C** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

- L** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word and call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

## Confession of Sins

- C** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

## Prayer for Forgiveness

- L** Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

*Stand*



## Service of the Word

### Introit



Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy | mountain;\*  
for the LORD our God is | holy!

**The LORD reigns; let the peoples | tremble!\***

**He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the | earth quake!**

The LORD is great in | Zion;\*  
he is exalted over all the | peoples.

**Let them praise your great and | awesome name!\***

**Ho- | ly is he!**

The King in his might loves | justice.\*

You have established equity; you have executed justice  
and righteousness in | Jacob.

**Exalt the LORD our God; worship at his | footstool!\***

**Ho- | ly is he!**

**Glorify be to the Father and | to the Son\***

**and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***

**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy | mountain;\*  
for the LORD our God is | holy!

## Kyrie

*Mark 10:47*



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

## Gloria in Excelsis

*Luke 2:14; John 1:29*



**C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro- claimed at Je-sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shipped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**L** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**L** Let us pray.

O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah. In the voice that came from the bright cloud You wonderfully foreshowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King in His glory and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading: 2 Kings 2:1–12

When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. And Elijah said to Elisha, "Please 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. And the sons of the prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take away your master from over you?" And he said, "Yes, I know it; keep quiet."

Elijah said to him, "Elisha, please 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. The sons of the prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take away your master from over you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know it; keep quiet."

Then Elijah said to him, "Please 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. Fifty men of the sons of the prophets also went and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his cloak and rolled it up and struck the water,



is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

### Alleluia and Verse



*John 20:31*



### Holy Gospel: Mark 9:2-9

**L** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the ninth chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

After six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. And Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified. And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is my beloved Son; listen to him." And suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them but Jesus only.



And as they were coming down the mountain, he charged them to tell no one what they had seen, until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

**L** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**



## **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 Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the  
dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life ✝ everlasting. Amen.**

## 413 O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair



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

Of glo - ry that the Church may share,  
 The in - car - nate Lord holds con - verse high;  
 Christ deigns to man - i - fest to - day  
 By this great vi - sion's mys - ter - y,  
 And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er one,

Which Christ up - on the moun - tain shows,  
 And from the cloud the Ho - ly One  
 What glo - ry shall be theirs a - bove  
 For which in joy - ful strains we raise  
 We pray Thee, bring us by Thy grace

Where bright - er than the sun He glows!  
 Bears rec - ord to the on - ly Son.  
 Who joy in God with per - fect love.  
 The voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.  
 To see Thy glo - ry face to face.

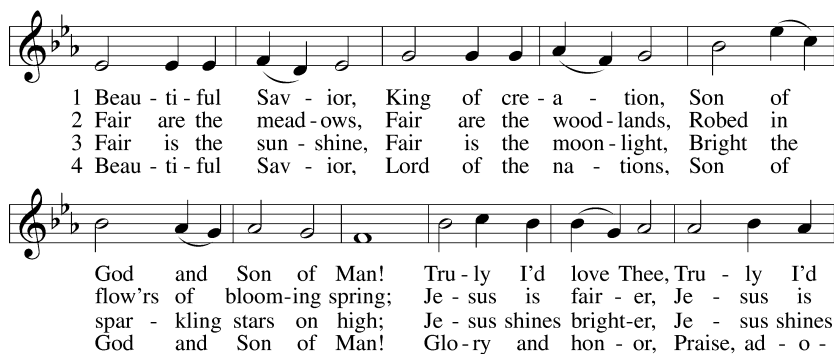
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## Sermon

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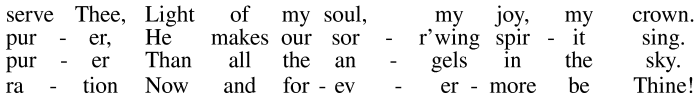
Text: 2 Kings 2:1-12

## 537 Beautiful Savior



1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion, Son of  
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, Fair are the wood - lands, Robed in  
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, Fair is the moon - light, Bright the  
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions, Son of

God and Son of Man! Tru - ly I'd love Thee, Tru - ly I'd  
 flow'rs of bloom - ing spring; Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is  
 spar - kling stars on high; Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines  
 God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, Praise, ad - o -



*Stand*



## Offering

*There is an offering plate in the back of the sanctuary where you can deposit your offerings as you leave.*

*Stand*



## Prayer of the Church

*After each portion of the prayer:*

- L** Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** **hear our prayer.**

## 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.**

# Closing Collect

- L

Almighty and merciful God, we have again worshiped in Your presence and received both forgiveness for our many sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. We thank You for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep us in faith until we inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord
- C

Amen.

# Benedicamus and Benediction

Psalm 103:1

- L


Let us bless the Lord.
- C

Thanks be to God.
- L


The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.
- C

Amen.

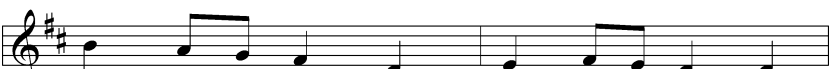
# 415 Jesus on the Mountain Peak




1 Je - sus on the moun - tain peak      Stands a - lone in  
2 Trem - bling at His feet we saw      Mo - ses and E -  
3 Swift the cloud of glo - ry came:      God pro - claim - ing  
4 This is God's be - lov - ed Son!      Law and proph - ets



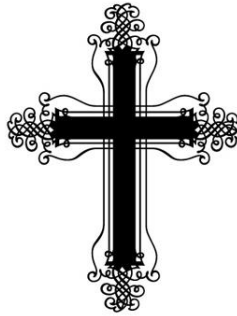
glo - ry blaz - ing; Let us, if we dare to speak,  
li - jah speak - ing. All the proph - ets and the law  
in its thun - der Je - sus as the Son by name!  
sing be - fore Him, First and Last and on - ly One.



Join the saints and an - gels prais - ing.  
Shout through them their joy - ful greet - ing:  
Na - tions, cry a - loud in won - der,  
All cre - a - tion shall a - dore Him!



Al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia!



# ***Soli Deo Gloria!***

***(To God alone be the glory.)***

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## **Burial of the Alleluia**

The deposition (discontinuance) of the Alleluia assumed in medieval times a solemn and emotional note of saying farewell to the beloved song ... the "Alleluia."



Despite the fact that Pope Alexander II ordered a very simple and somber way of "deposing" the Alleluia, a variety of farewell customs prevailed in many countries up to the sixteenth century. These customs inspired poems that were sung or recited during vespers in honor of the sacred word. The best known of these was Alleluia, dulce Carmen (Alleluia, Song of Gladness), composed by an unknown author in the 11<sup>th</sup> century and translated into English by John Mason Neale in 1866. This hymn now appears in the Lutheran Service Book as No. 417.

**The "Alleluia" will return when the triumph  
of Jesus' Resurrection is proclaimed upon our earth.**

## How Good, Lord, To Be Here!



On the mount of transfiguration, Jesus gave to Peter and the brothers James and John a glimpse of His heavenly, "otherworldly" glory. As Peter would later write, "We did not follow cleverly invented stories when we told you about the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of His majesty. For He received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to Him from the Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, whom I love; with Him I am well pleased.' We ourselves heard this voice from heaven when we were with Him on the sacred mountain" (2 Peter 1:16-18).

With the eyes of faith, we can see this glorious scene, and there we catch a glimpse of heaven. Yes, God has truly come to us that we might someday live with Him forever. In Jesus' transfiguration we see the glory of man, true man, mankind as he was meant to be, sharing in the glory of God. We are given a glimpse of ourselves, of the glory that is waiting for us in the resurrection.

Meanwhile, Jesus gives us the promise that even though we do not physically see Him, He is with us always. And so we join Peter in saying, "Lord, it is good for us to be here."

(The above article was edited from the May/June 2005 **Today's Light** Bible study published by Concordia Publishing House.)

The Epiphany season is the time between the close of the Christmas celebration and the beginning of Lent. It culminates in the Festival of the Transfiguration of Our Lord, when Jesus revealed His divine glory to the inner circle of His disciples. This year Transfiguration Sunday is celebrated today, February 14. The paraments are white to signify the Godhead and the robe of the glorified Christ.

## **Announcements**

***Thank you to Curt Oliver, our Head Elder,  
for leading us in worship this morning.***



Assisting Elders: 8 a.m. – Steve White  
10:30 a.m. – Gary Bartels



**LWML – Women of the Cross is collecting  
standard family size  
peanut butter and jelly  
to be donated to the**

**Douglas County's "Help & Hope Center"  
in Castle Rock, CO.**

(previously known as Douglas/Elbert Task Force)

These items will be distributed to families in need.

**We will be collecting donations  
Sunday, February 7 - Sunday, March 28**  
(All Sundays in February and March)

***Thank you for your generous donation!***

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**Women of the Cross LWML  
is in need of a Treasurer!**



**ASAP!**

**If you can help us out, please contact Marie McQuarrie at  
303-719-1685 or 720-525-8713.**

# HEART HEART - a Non-Profit

We have been working with this neighborhood group for a few years. Heart 2 Heart provides start-up goods for the homeless who are moving into their own housing. This includes Veterans, sheltered families and battered women, and young people transitioning from foster care. Other organizations find the housing and basic furniture, we provide the start-up needs.

The organization was founded by our neighbor, Linda Garrity, about 10 years ago. Caseworkers provide the names, ages, and needs of the families and a few of us “grandmas and grandpas” put together the orders for these families and load them into the cars for deliveries.

Donations come in from our neighbors and from those who have heard about Heart 2 Heart through word of mouth. Additionally, we scour thrift stores and purchase some new items, especially toys for the kids. One organization provides homemade quilts!

**Needed donations include lightly used bedding, towels, books, toys, kitchen items such as pots, pans, dishes, cups, mugs, glasses, silverware, coffeemakers (each Veteran gets one), plastic storage like Glad or Tupperware, baking dishes, spatulas, etc. We do not deal with food, furniture, or clothing. However, we do purchase outfits for newborns, as no baby should leave the hospital in hand-me-down clothing.**

If you have something that you no longer need, you can bring your items to church and we will drop them off at Linda's. If you have any questions, please call me, Becky White, at 303-506-8417. Thank you.

Steve and Becky White – 303-979-5978

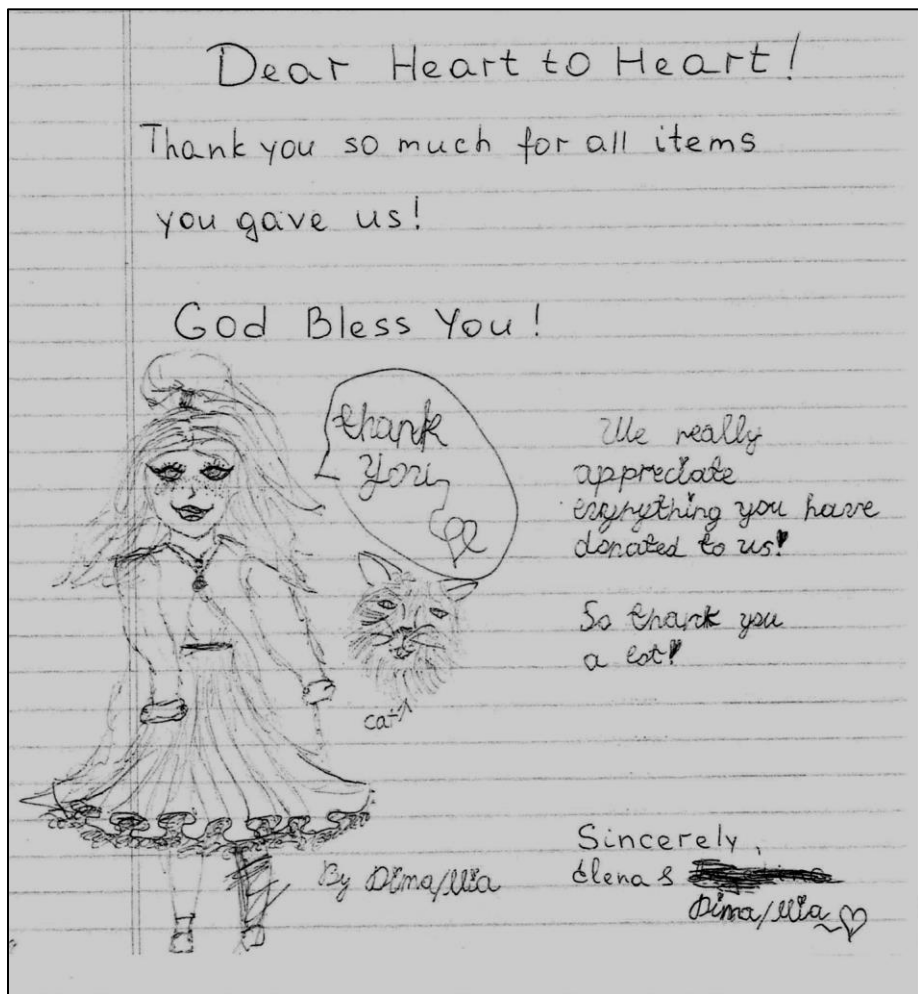


Hi all,

Just delivered some things that some of you donated yesterday. Linda expressed her thanks for all the goodies! The attachment is one of the many letters we receive. This one is from two sisters in the shelter with their mom.

Thank you again and God bless.

Becky





*The flowers today are given to the glory of God by Marie McQuarrie in memory of her father Rev. Walter Schedler.*



We are raising funds to support seminarian, Camille Cox, who is attending Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, IN. We have a goal of \$5,000 and you can keep track of our progress on the thermometer in the narthex.



If you would like to send a card of encouragement or support to Camille you can send it to:

Camille Cox  
6600 N. Clinton St.  
Fort Wayne, IN 46825

***And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light.***

***Matthew 17:2***

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J	L	M	M	O	E	M	O	S	S
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JESUS	PETER	JAMES
JOHN	MOUNTAIN	FACE
SUN	MOSES	ELIJAH
TENTS	CLOUD	SHADOW



**Petitions and Prayers:** With one heart, mind, and purpose, the early church continually prayed, making their petitions known to God.



### **Health concerns:**

*Gracious Father, grant these people healing as best suits Your will for their lives. Help them to pray, "If it be Your will," and so let them place themselves in Your care forever. You have shown Your love to all who suffer by sending Jesus, who bore all for us in His life and death. We pray in His name. Amen.*

Please keep the following in your prayers:

- Joyce Hansen - cancer
- Theresa Kingham – cancer
- Kevin Koessel (Karlee Shavlik's brother) – cancer
- Pastor Skelton – recovering from heart surgery

### **Prayer of intercession:**

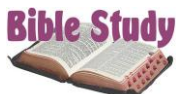
*A Prayer for Transfiguration Sunday*

*Glorious Lord, You revealed a bit of Your glory to Moses on Mount Sinai and to Peter, James, and John on the Mount of Transfiguration. Your glory was reflected in their message. Transform us that we may reflect Your saving light to those who have not yet seen Your light. Guard us and keep us from the foot of the cross to the foot of the throne, where we will see You face-to-face and share in Your glory, the glory of the only begotten Son of God. Amen.*

### **“Life Quotes” from Lutherans for Life February 14, 2021**

“For the Christian, the crucifixion is the center of the whole, the event that gives voice to a broken, dark, and dying world, and the paradoxical suggestion of life somehow within it. This is why the church calendar sets apart forty days to prepare for the cross. This is why the church marks steeples and graves in memory of the crucifixion. The death of Christ is the occasion that makes way for the last to be first, the guilty to be pardoned, the creature united again to its creator.”

*Jill Carattini, Ravi Zacharias International Ministries  
A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*



Find Pastor Skelton's Bible Study based on First Samuel posted on [facebook.com/holycrosshighlandsranch](https://facebook.com/holycrosshighlandsranch) and click on videos to see the Bible Study and worship services.



***"This is my beloved Son; listen to him."***

***Mark 9:7***

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