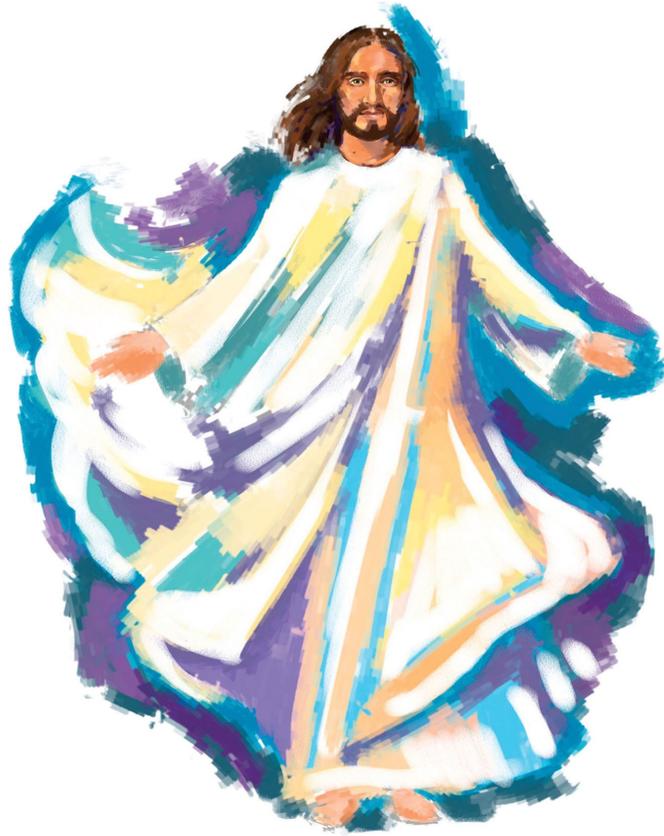


**Transfiguration of Our Lord**  
Sunday, February 14, 2021 10:30 a.m.



He was transfigured before them ...  
and his clothes became dazzling white ...  
Mark 9:2-3, NRSV

*"Touched by the Gospel, we seek to be instruments of God's Peace,  
for the sake of the World."*



**Welcome in the name of Christ!** We are glad to have you as part of our community this morning. Your presence makes our celebration even more joyful!

Thank you for joining us for worship today. May God bless you and give you peace this week.

**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP**

**Prelude**

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*Worship Team*

**Welcome**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, whose voice is upon the waters, whose mercy is poured out upon all people, whose goodness cascades over all creation.

All: Amen.

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

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

Pastor: Holy God,

All: you search us and know us. You are acquainted with all our ways. We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin — our own sins and the broken systems that bind us. We turn inward, failing to follow your outward way of love. We distrust those who are not like us. We exploit the earth and its resources and fail to consider generations to come. Forgive us, gracious God, for all we have done and left undone. Even before the words are on our tongues, you know them; receive them in your divine mercy. Amen.

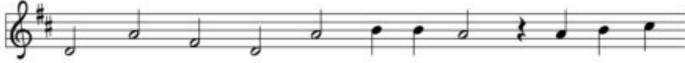
Pastor: How vast is God's grace! Through the power and promise of ☩ Christ Jesus, our sins are washed away and we are claimed as God's own beloved. Indeed, we are forgiven. In the wake of God's forgiveness, we are called to be the beloved community living out Christ's justice and the Spirit's reconciling peace.

All: Amen.

### Gathering Song

### "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!" vs. 1, 2, 3, 4

No. 308



1 O Morn - ing Star, how fair and bright! You shine with  
2 Come, pre - cious dia - mond, light di - vine, and deep with -  
3 Lord, when you look on us in love, at once there  
4 Al - might - y Fa - ther, in your Son you loved us,



God's own truth and light, a - glow with grace and mer - cy!  
in our hearts now shine; there light a flame un - dy - ing!  
falls from God a - bove a ray of pur - est plea - sure.  
when not yet be - gun was this old earth's foun - da - tion!



Of Ja - cob's line, King Da - vid's son, our Lord and Sav - ior,  
In your one bod - y let us be as liv - ing branch - es  
Your word and Spir - it, flesh and blood re - fresh our souls with  
Your Son has ran - somed us in love to live in him here



you have won our hearts to serve you on - ly! Low - ly,  
of a tree, your life our lives sup - ply - ing. Now, though  
heav'n - ly food. You are our dear - est trea - sure! Let your  
and a - bove: this is your great sal - va - tion. Al - le -



ho - ly! Great and glo - rious, all vic - to - rious, rich  
dai - ly earth's deep sad - ness may per - plex us and  
mer - cy warm and cheer us! Oh, draw near us! For  
lu - ia! Christ the liv - ing, to us giv - ing life



in - bless - ing! Rule and might o'er all pos - sess - ing!  
dis - tress us, yet with heav'n - ly joy you bless us.  
you teach us God's own love through you has reached us.  
for - ev - er, keeps us yours and fails us nev - er!

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| 5 Oh, let the harps break forth in sound!<br>Our joy be all with music crowned,<br>our voices gaily blending!<br>For Christ goes with us all the way—<br>today, tomorrow, ev'ry day!<br>His love is never ending!<br>Sing out! Ring out!<br>Jubilant!<br>Exultation!<br>Tell the story!<br>Praise to Christ, who reigns in glory! | 6 What joy to know, when life is past,<br>the Lord we love is first and last,<br>the end and the beginning!<br>He will one day, oh, glorious grace,<br>transport us to that happy place<br>beyond all tears and sinning!<br>Amen! Amen!<br>Come, Lord Jesus!<br>Crown of gladness!<br>We are yearning<br>for the day of your returning. |
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## **Greeting**

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

**All: And also with you.**

## **Prayer of the Day**

**All: 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.**

## **Children's Moment**

### **WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

#### **First Reading**

2 Kings 2:1-12

Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. 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. 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."

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. 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."

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. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. 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.

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." 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." 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. 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

Reader: The mighty one, God the Lord, has spoken; calling the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

**All: Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, God shines forth in glory.**

Reader: Our God will come and will not keep silence; with a consuming flame before, and round about a raging storm.

**All: God calls the heavens and the earth from above to witness the judgment of the people.**

Reader: "Gather before me my loyal followers, those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice."

**All: The heavens declare the rightness of God's cause, for it is God who is judge.**

**Second Reading:**

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. 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. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. 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.

Word of God. Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation**



**Gospel Reading**

Mark 9:2-9

The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 9<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

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, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. 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." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

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**

Pastor Rachel Laughlin



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**

Asst: Joining the saints of every time and place, we confess our faith:

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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 of the Church**



Ho-ly Spir - it, Ho-ly Spir - it. come and fill our hearts a-new Ho-ly Spir - it: and we



lift our voice be-fore you as a to-ken of our love, Ho-ly Spir - it, Ho-ly Spir - it.

## Prayers of Intercession

### The Lord's Prayer

Pastor: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

*Repeat "Holy Spirit" after The Lord's Prayer.*

### Sharing of the Peace

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: **And also with you.**

### Offering

When we give our offerings, we are offering to God a portion of what God has first given us: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Take a moment to consider the ways God has blessed you this week. Where have you seen God's gift of resurrection and new life at work? What can you offer in return for these blessings?

If you'd like to give a gift in support of God's work at Prince of Peace, you can give online at [www.poppottage.org](http://www.poppottage.org), contact book keeper Sarah Maurer ([bookkeeper@poppottage.org](mailto:bookkeeper@poppottage.org)) to set up recurring online giving, use the QR code on the last page of the bulletin to give electronically or mail a check to Prince of Peace Lutheran Church 1747 W. Milham Ave. Portage, MI 49024. We appreciate your support.

### Offering Song

"Beautiful Savior"

No. 838



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



Son of God and Son of Man!  
robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;  
bright the spar - kling stars on high;  
Son of God and Son of Man!



Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,  
Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,  
Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er,  
Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,



light of my soul, my joy, my crown.  
he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.  
than all the an - gels in the sky.  
now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

WE ARE SENT OUT TO SERVE

**Announcements**

Stay up to date with all the latest community information on our website: [www.poppottage.org](http://www.poppottage.org)!

We miss seeing you and talking with you each Sunday in worship. We'd love to hear from you in the comments on the worship video posts on Facebook or YouTube or via e-mail to any of our individual staff members. Share the link with family and friends!

We'd also love to see you at our Sunday Zoom fellowship hour at 11:45 AM after worship on Sundays. Contact Pastor Rachel ([pastorrachel@poppottage.org](mailto:pastorrachel@poppottage.org)) for instructions on how to join the conversation!

**Final Blessing**

Pastor: God the creator strengthen you; Jesus the beloved fill you; and the Holy Spirit the comforter ☩ keep you in peace.

All: **Amen.**

**Sending Hymn**

"Alleluia, Song of Gladness"

No. 318



1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of glad - ness, voice of joy that can - not die;  
2 Al - le - lu - ia you are sound - ing, true Je - ru - sa - lem and free;  
3 Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways be our song while here be - low;  
4 In our hymns we pray with long - ing: Grant us, bless - ed Trin - i - ty,



al - le - lu - ia is the an - them ev - er dear to choirs on high;  
al - le - lu - ia, joy - ful moth - er, bring us to your ju - bi - lee;  
al - le - lu - ia our trans - gres - sions make us for a while for - go;  
at the last to keep glad Eas - ter with the faith - ful saints on high;



in the house of God a - bid - ing thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly.  
here by Bab - y - lon's sad wa - ters mourn - ing ex - iles still are we.  
for the sol - emn time is com - ing when our tears for sin shall flow.  
there to you for - ev - er sing - ing al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly.

**Dismissal**

Pastor: Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

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*Worship Team*

### Today's Participants

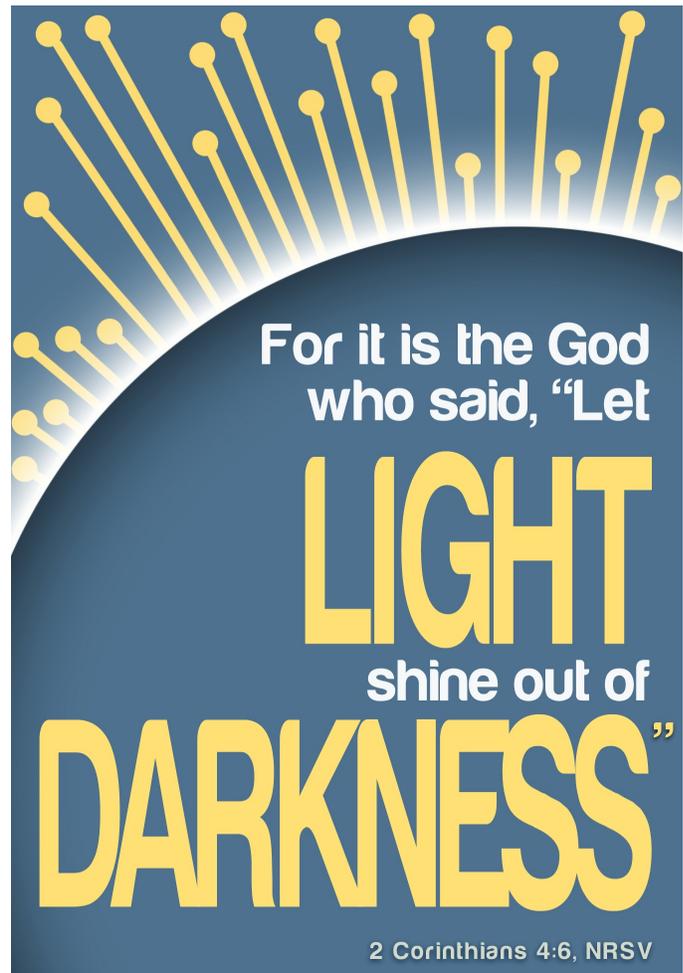
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