



The Transfiguration of our Lord February 11, 2024

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Our mission: to share our faith in Christ by serving all with respectful compassion.

GATHERING

Gathering Music: *Beautiful Savior*

arr. James Leroy Pethel

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude: *The Rhythmic Trumpet*

Gordon Young

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God: the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. **C: Amen.**

L: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

L: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you created us in your image and placed us in a well-watered garden.

C: In the desert, you promised pools of water for the parched, and you gave us water from the rock.

L: When we did not know the way, you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters.

C: At the cross, you washed us from Jesus' wounded side, and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life.

L: We praise you for your salvation through water, for the water in this font, and for all water everywhere.

C: Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love. Satisfy all who thirst, and give us the life only you can give.

L: To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ, our living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

1. Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.

REFRAIN: Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us. Make us your living voice. (refrain)
3. Longing for food, many are hungry. Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others, shared until all are fed. (refrain)
4. Longing for shelter, many are homeless. Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others, walls made of living stone. (ref.)
5. Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another, signs of your kingdom come. (refrain)

L: 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.**

Kyrie

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Glory to You, God

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L: We pray together the Prayer of the Day...

C: Almighty God, the dazzling 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.

WORD

1st Reading: 2 Kings 2:1-12

Word of God, word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Responsive reading of Psalm 50:1-6

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

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

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

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

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

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

2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

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Gospel Acclamation

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Gospel: Mark 9:2-9

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Time

Pastor Tammy Bull

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: How Good, Lord, to Be Here!

ELW #315

1. How good, Lord, to be here! Your glory fills the night;
Your face and garments, like the sun, shine with un-borrowed light.
2. How, good, Lord, to be here, Your beauty to behold
Where Moses and Elijah stand, your messengers of old.
3. Fulfiller of the past and hope of things to be,
We hail your body glorified and our redemption see.
4. Before we taste of death, we see your kingdom come;
We long to hold the vision bright and make this hill our home.
5. How good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not remain;
But since you bid us leave the mount, come with us to the plain.

L: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith...

Apostles' Creed

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C: 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 People (each petition ends... "Hear us O God... **your mercy is great.**")

Sharing the Peace of Christ

L: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

MEAL

Offering: (At this time we bring our gifts and offerings to God in gratitude and joy. In response to God's love, we care for others in the name of Jesus. We do this, in part, through our visitation and prayer ministries. We appreciate your gifts of time, money, energy, and prayers to this work! If you are our guest today - either in person or online – we invite you to join us in caring for God's people and God's world!)

Offertory Music: *Supplication*

David Paxton

Offering Response: God Bless to Us Our Bread

ACS #1056

God bless to us our bread, and give bread to those who are hungry, and hunger for justice to those who are fed. God bless to us our bread.

Offertory Prayer: **C: Abiding God, under the cover of winter's darkness, you bring forth life. Nourish us with earth's bounty, that we may freely share the gifts you have first given us, through the one who gives his life for the world, Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution and Lord's Prayer

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, [...] Let us pray with confidence the prayer Jesus taught: **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.**

Invitation to Communion

Be Known to Us

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Hymn during Communion: The Rice of Life

ACS #965

[In many Asian cultures rice, not bread, is the staple food. During the season of Epiphany we celebrate Jesus' revelation to the Wise Ones from the East - and to the whole world. This hymn reminds us that the words and images we use for Jesus may differ by culture and place.]

1. The rice of life from heaven came to bring true life from God above.
Receive this gift; God's mercy claim; in joy and pain give thanks for love.
2. True rice the hungry world has fed, the rice required for life below.
Provide this gift; God's mercy spread; in weakness God's compassion show.
3. The rice of God for all is meant; no one who comes is turned away.
Believe in Christ whom God has sent; in humble trust God's will obey.
4. The living rice, for all a sign, came down eternal life to give.
Abide in Christ, the living vine; in Christ, with people, die and live.

P: The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen us, unite us, and keep us in his grace. **C: Amen.**

L: Let us all pray... **C: We thank you, O God, that you have strengthened our hearts through this feast of life and salvation. Shine the light of Christ on our path, that we may do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you, now and forever. Amen.**

SENDING

L: The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and your minds in (+) Christ Jesus. **C: Amen.**

Sending Song: Beautiful Savior

ELW #838

1. Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee, light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
2. Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands,
robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.
3. Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight, bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels in the sky.
4. Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine!

L: Go in peace. Christ is your light. **C: Thanks be to God!**

Postlude: *Toccata Giocosa*

Gilbert M. Martin

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Keeping in Prayer... family & friends of Dorothy Sowa following her death, Arvin Swenson, Hy & Becky, John & Elizabeth, Pat, Chris Bender, Dawn, Brian, Kathy's friend, Beth, Jim, Arnie Depping, Larry & Peggy Johnson, Rachel, Don & Donna, Ann, Jennifer, Diana, Rose Ulery, Amy, Ted, Carl & Harley, Sandy Kirkegaard, Noah, Elaine Rice, Dorothy Roseth, Jerry, Toni Sperle, Steven, Megan, Scott, Haley, Judi Jonas, Esther Bender, Reta.

ANNOUNCEMENTS for the Week of February 11:

- TODAY: Confirmation students meet from 1-3 pm at the church.
- *FLOWING WATER* noon recital series Wed. Feb. 14. Bring a sack lunch; beverages and cookies will be provided.
- Ash Wednesday worship is at 7 pm on Wednesday, 2/14.
- R.O.M.E.O. men's lunch group at 11:30 Thursday in the Fireside Room.
- Handbells rehearsal Thurs. at 5:40 pm in the Library.
- GF Community Band rehearses Thur. 7 pm in the Fireside Room.

Mid-week Lent Soup Supper and Holden Evening Prayer worship begins next week (2/21). Soup supper from 6:00 – 6:45 with worship to follow from 6:45 – 7:30 pm.

Accompanist: James Rickley

Reader: Dee Wood

Fellowship:

Cantor: Gaynell Tempel

Communion Assistant: Rob Wilbur