



A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church In America



TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

February 11, 2024 - 10:00 AM - in the Sanctuary



Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church

As disciples of Christ seeking peace and justice in the world, we welcome, affirm, and include all people into the fullness of God's love. We celebrate people of all races, cultures, ages, sexual orientations, gender identities, physical or mental abilities, socioeconomic statuses, appearances, family status and citizenship as equally loved and valued in the eyes of God and in this place. All are invited to join this community as we worship God, grow in faith, and strive to love and serve one another. All, without exception, are welcome in this place.

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of their great-grandchildren Nathalie and Jack by Tad and Becky Boland.

SERVING TODAY

Presiding Minister and Preaching	Susan Crowell
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Lector	Mary Mueller
Prayers	Lindsay Hawkins
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Children's Worship Activity Leaders	Mark Allen Beth Bennett-Hill Jeff Roth
Praying for Possibilities	Jess Thomas-Harewood
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Ushers	Carol Elliott Wayne Landreth Lani Ludian David Potts
Fellowship Hosts	Lisa and Jeff Rehm
Video	Henry Wilcox
Audio	Gregg Alley

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME AND AFFIRMATION

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
creator of darkness and light,
word of truth,
wind sweeping over the waters.

Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our rock and refuge,

we pour out our hearts before you.

We have known you but have not always loved you.

We have wounded one another

and sinned against you.

We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit

dwelling in each of us.

Remember your covenant.

Renew your creation.

Restore us,

that we might proclaim your good news to all.

Amen.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters.

God has spoken:

The time of grace is now.

In Jesus, the reign of God has come near.

By the authority of † Jesus Christ,

your sins are forgiven.

You are God's beloved.

Amen.

**Alleluia, song of gladness, voice of joy that cannot die;
alleluia is the anthem ever dear to choirs on high;
in the house of God abiding thus they sing eternally.**

**Alleluia you are sounding, true Jerusalem and free;
alleluia, joyful mother, bring us to your jubilee;
here by Babylon's sad waters mourning exiles still are we.**

**Alleluia cannot always be our song while here below;
alleluia our transgressions make us for a while forgo;
for the solemn time is coming when our tears for sin shall flow.**

**In our hymns we pray with longing: Grant us, blessed Trinity,
at the last to keep glad Easter with the faithful saints on high;
there to you forever singing alleluia joyfully.**

GREETING

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

And also with you.

**O Morning Star, how fair and bright! You shine with
God's own truth and light, aglow with grace and mercy!
Of Jacob's line, King David's son, our Lord and Savior,
you have won our hearts to serve you only! Lowly,
holy! Great and glorious, all victorious, rich
in blessing! Rule and might o'er all possessing!**

**Lord, when you look on us in love, at once there
falls from God above a ray of purest pleasure.
Your word and Spirit, flesh and blood refresh our souls with
heav'nly food. You are our dearest treasure! Let your
mercy warm and cheer us! Oh, draw near us! For
you teach us God's own love through you has reached us.**

**Oh, let the harps break forth in sound! Our joy
be all with music crowned, our voices gaily blending!
For Christ goes, with us all the way— today, tomorrow,
ev'ry day! His love is never ending! Sing out!
Ring Out! Jubilation! Exultation! Tell the Story!
Praise to Christ, who reigns in glory!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. God of change and thresholds and moments of transcendence, in the transfiguration Jesus shines with your radiant light. In that moment, all moments change. Give us courage and faith and curiosity for the times when everything changes in our lives, for the times when we stand on a threshold, for the times when decisions must be made. Give us faith to bravely move into a future that you have already lovingly prepared for us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING

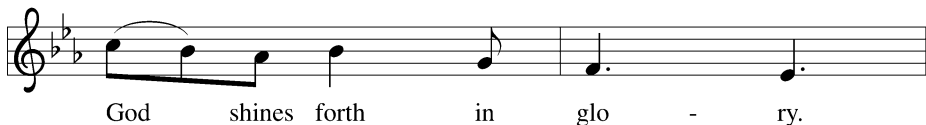
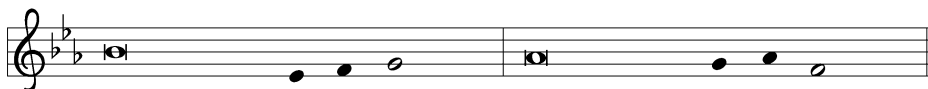
2 Kings 2:1-12

A reading from second Kings.

¹Now when GOD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ²Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for GOD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As GOD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. ³The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today GOD will take your master away from you?" And Elisha said, "Yes, I know; keep silent." ⁴Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for GOD has sent me to Jericho." But Elisha said, "As GOD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. ⁵The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today GOD will take your master away from you?" And Elisha answered, "Yes, I know; be silent." ⁶Then Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for GOD has sent me to the Jordan." But Elisha said, "As GOD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. ⁷Fifty of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸Then 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. ⁹When 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." ¹⁰Elijah 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." ¹¹As 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. ¹²Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when Elisha could no longer see him, Elisha grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

*Thereafter, the congregation is invited to sing without introduction.**Psalm
Refrain**Psalm
Tone*

¹The mighty one, God the | LORD, has spoken;
calling the earth from the rising of the sun | to its setting.

²**Out of Zion, perfect | in its beauty,
God shines | forth in glory. R**

³Our God will come and will | not keep silence;
with a consuming flame before, and round about a | raging storm.

⁴**God calls the heavens and the earth | from above
to witness the judgment | of the people.**

⁵Gather before me my | loyal followers,
those who have made a covenant with me and sealed | it with sacrifice.”

⁶**The heavens declare the rightness | of God’s cause,
for it is God | who is judge. R**

A reading from second Corinthians.

³Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴In 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. ⁵For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. ⁶For 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.

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Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Called to Shine

Please stand as able

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil

#512

Lord, let my heart be good soil, open to the seed of your word.

Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is understood.

**When my heart is hard, break the stone away. When my heart is cold,
warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.**

Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark the ninth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²Six 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, ³and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵Then 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.” ⁶He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, “This is my Only-Begotten, the Beloved; listen to him!” ⁸Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them anymore, but only Jesus. ⁹As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after he had risen from the dead.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

SERMON

When Everything Changes

Please stand as able

HYMN OF THE DAY

Borning Cry

#732

**“I was there to hear your borning cry, I’ll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold.
I was there when you were a child, with a faith to suit you well;
in a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell.”**

**“When you heard the wonder of the Word I was thee to cheer you on;
you were raised to praise the living Lord to whom you now belong.
If you find some-one to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
I’ll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk till rising sun.”**

**“In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,
I’ll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I’ve begun.
When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes,
I’ll be there as I have always been, with just one more surprise.”**

**“I was there to hear your borning cry, I’ll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized to you your life unfold.”**

APOSTLES' CREED

**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 INTERCESSION

As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

We pray for the church, that the transformational power of God enters the hearts of all people. May its leaders serve as examples of your grace and healing across time and space. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

We pray for the creation, that we will humbly observe the swirl of wind and the warmth of the bright sun. Teach us to honor all you have made and to care for the animals, plants, air, and bodies of water of this planet. Be with your people in Southern California as they face an onslaught of rain causing mudslides, power outages, and flooding. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

We pray for those charged with leadership, lawmaking, and governance of our towns, states, and countries, that they will strive for goodness and justice all the days of their lives. Continue guiding your church to be an antiracist people. Help us to acknowledge, but not accept, the violence racism has brought upon our society, and to see the ways in which we have been complicit in its movement. Forgive us and show us the way of reconciliation. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

We pray for any who are sick and suffering, especially those we name now on our lips or silently in our hearts Guide us to offer hospitality, shelter, friendship, and care to any in need. Sustain teachers, healthcare workers, retail and hospitality workers, and all who are daily in the arena of public life that their immune systems may be strong and do the good work of fending off illness for the remainder of this winter. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

We pray for the feeding ministries and programs within this congregation and our greater community. Bless the food pantry items donated today, that they may provide nourishment and stability to those who receive them. We give you thanks for the faithful witness of Trinity members, John Beckford, Richard Delap, Bethany Hybl, Dean Hybl, Nate Hybl, Lisa Moss, Caroline Otten, John Otten, Margo Otten, David Potts, and Peggy Schotsch, who are volunteering at Project Host Soup Kitchen this morning. Make a way for those who lack healthy and delicious foods to access the feeding resources in our community. Help our society to better understand the importance of sharing equitably rather than hoarding foods in bulk. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

We pray for this congregation and its ministry in the wider community. May we share the transforming beauty and love of God in ways that honor the dignity of all whom we encounter. When the work of justice, equity, and LGBTQIA+ inclusion seem daunting, remind us that you journey with us and you are working to clear a path in the wilderness. Bless this congregation's GOAL Justice Team Leaders and Network Members as they gather this week to plan for the Nehemiah Action Rally in the Spring. Let your justice roll down like streams of living water. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

Trusting that all the saints, prophets, and those who die in faith are held in your care, we remember in thanksgiving those who have died. Grant us your gift of salvation as we await your coming again in glory. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ is with you always.

And also with you.

Please share with one another a sign of Christ's peace.

Please be seated

MEAL

ANTHEM

Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain
by Carl Schalk

Adult Choir

Jesus, take us to the mountain, where with Peter, James, and John, we are dazzled by your glory,
light as blinding as the sun. There prepare us for the night by the vision of that sight.

What do you want us to see there, that your close companions saw? Your divinity revealed there
fills us with the selfsame awe. Clothed in flesh like ours you go matched to meet our deadliest foe.
What do you want us to hear there, that your dear disciples heard? Once again, the voice from heaven
says of the Incarnate Word: "Listen, listen, everyone, this is my beloved Son!"

Take us to that other mountain where we see you glorified, where you shouted, "It is finished!"
where for all the world you died. Hear the stunned centurion: "Truly this was God's own Son!"

We who have beheld your glory, risen and ascended Lord, cannot help but tell your story,
all that we have seen and heard; say with Peter, James, and John: "You are God's beloved Son!"

Please stand as able.

OFFERING HYMN

Arise, Your Light Has Come!

#314

**Arise, your light has come! The Spirit's call obey;
show forth the glory of your God which shines on you today.**

**Arise, your light has come! Fling wide the prison door;
proclaim the captive's liberty, good tidings to the poor.**

**Arise, your light has come! All you in sorrow born,
bind up the broken hearted ones and comfort those who mourn.**

**Arise, your light has come! The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.**

Let us pray. Blessed are you, Holy One,
for all good things come from you.
In bread and cup you open heaven to us.
Meet us at this table,
that we receive what we seek
and follow your Son, Jesus,
in whose name we pray.
Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord is with you.

And also 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.

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 shadows 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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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 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.**

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God!

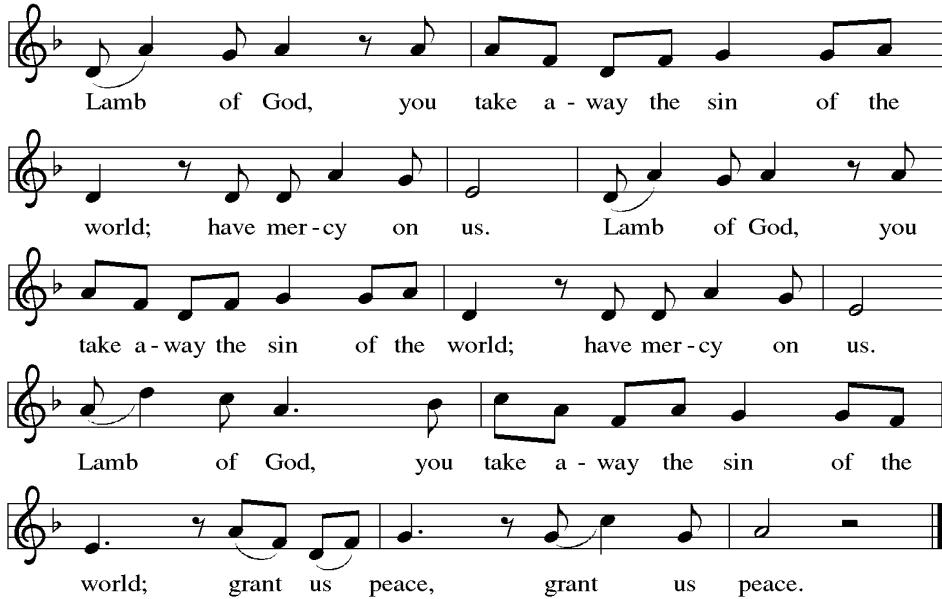
Please be seated

COMMUNION

*All, without exception, are welcome at the table of God's grace and love. Anyone preferring not to receive the wine may receive only the bread, completely trusting that the full benefit of communion — Christ's grace and forgiveness — may be found in either the bread or wine.
Gluten free wafers are available.*

At the direction of the ushers, worshippers are invited to move to the front of the center aisle to dip the wafer into the wine to receive Communion by intinction.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION



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.

ANTHEM

With Praises Ring
by Barbara Kinyon

Handbell Choir

Christ, Be Our Light

#715

**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.***

**Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for
hope, many despair. Your word alone
has power to save us. Make us your living voice. *Refrain***

**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***

**Longing for shelter, many are homeless. Longing for
warmth, many are cold. Make us your building,
sheltering others, walls made of living stone. *Refrain***

**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***

**Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n, to
earth come down! Fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy
faithful mercies crown. Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure unbounded love thou art; visit us with
thy salvation, enter ev'ry trembling heart.**

**Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit into ev'ry
troubled breast; let us all in thee inherit; let us
find thy promised rest. Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be; end of faith, as
its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.**

**Come, Almighty to deliver; let us all thy
life receive; suddenly return, and never, nevermore
thy temples leave. Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above, pray, and praise thee
without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.**

**Finish then thy new creation, pure and spotless
let us be; let us see thy great salvation perfectly
restored in thee! Changed from glory into glory,
till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our
crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise!**

**We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God.**

**We are marching—— oo——
we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching—— oo——
we are marching in the light of God.**

**We are dancing in the light of God, we are dancing in the light of God.
We are dancing in the light of God, we are dancing in the light of God.**

**We are dancing—— oo——
we are dancing in the light of God.
We are dancing—— oo——
we are dancing in the light of God.**

**We are praying in the light of God, we are praying in the light of God.
We are praying in the light of God, we are praying in the light of God.**

**We are praying—— oo——
we are praying in the light of God.
We are praying—— oo——
we are praying in the light of God.**

**We are singing in the light of God, we are singing in the light of God.
We are singing in the light of God, we are singing in the light of God.**

**We are singing—— oo——
we are singing in the light of God.
We are singing—— oo——
we are singing in the light of God.**

**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.**

**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.**

**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.**

**Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
now and forever more be thine!**

Please stand as able

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

Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Giver of every gift,
Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body.
Raise us to life by your power
for the benefit of all and to your glory,
now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

God who names you,
Christ who claims you,
and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you,
✠ bless you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Refrain

***Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;
blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy;
send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!***

**Lord, the light of your love is shining, in the midst of the
darkness, shining; Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us,
set us free by the truth you now bring us.**

Shine on me, shine on me: *Refrain*

**As we gaze on your kingly brightness, so our faces display
your likeness, ever changing from glory to glory,
mirrored here, may our lives tell your story.**

Shine on me, shine on me: *Refrain*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace.

Trust in transitions.

Lean into change.

Know that God is always making a way for you.

Thanks be to God.

*Please join us for fellowship and refreshments
following worship on the front lawn.*

*Everyone is invited to gather in the Multipurpose Room
following worship for a Mardi Gras Pancake Brunch.*

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