

Lutheran Church of the Redeemer

Our Mission: To share Christ's love with the greatest number of people.

**Transfiguration of Our Lord, February 11, 2018
The Service at 8:30 and 11:00 am**



The Sundays after Epiphany began with Jesus' baptism and ends with three disciples' vision of his transfiguration. In Mark's story of Jesus' baptism, apparently only Jesus sees the Spirit descending and hears the words from heaven. But now Jesus' three closest friends hear the same words naming him God's beloved son. As believers, Paul writes, we are enabled to see the God-light in Jesus' face, because the same God who created light in the first place has shone in our hearts to give us that vision. The light of God's glory in Jesus has enlightened us through baptism and shines in us also for others to see.

GATHERING

PRELUDE "The King of Love Our Shepherd Is", arranged by Kenneth Leighton

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Please stand.

Deacon In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Congregation **Amen**

Pastor Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hid:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Congregation **Amen**

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Deacon Most merciful God,
Congregation **have mercy on us.**
We confess that we are in bondage to sin
and cannot free ourselves.
We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us.
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,
so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name.
Amen.

Pastor God, who is rich in mercy,
loved us even when we were dead in sin,
and made us alive together with Christ.
By grace you have been saved.
In the name of + Jesus Christ,
your sins are forgiven.
Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit,
that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Congregation **Amen**

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

Deacon The peace of Christ be with you always.

Congregation **And also with you.**

The congregation may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace and may say, "Peace be with you" or similar words.

GATHERING HYMN #434

We invite you to turn and face the cross (as you are comfortable). Please turn to the front of the sanctuary after the cross has passed you. All sing.

Jesus Shall Reign

1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue dwell on his
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - 'ners
5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar

ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
throng to crown his head; his name like sweet per -
love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es
leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -
hon - ors to our king; an - gels de - scend with

shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
fume shall rise with ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

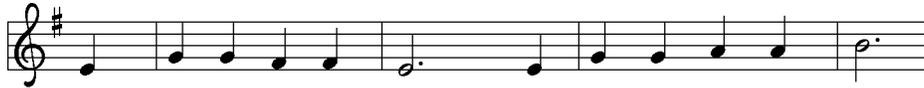
Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.
Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

KYRIE

All sing



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

All sing



- 1 Glo - ry be to God in heav - en; peace, good - will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo - ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho - ly One we now ac - claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might - y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Deacon The Lord be with you.

Congregation **And also with you.**

Deacon Let us pray.

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.

Congregation **Amen.**

Please sit.

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INSTALLATION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE WORD

Reading: 2 Kings 2:1–12

Today's reading centers on the transfer of power and authority from the prophet Elijah to Elisha. Their travels, which retrace the path of Joshua back to Moab (the place where Moses died) and the parting of the waters, demonstrate that Elisha and Elijah are legitimate successors of the great prophet Moses.

Now when the LORD 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 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. ³The 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."

⁴Elijah 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. ⁵The 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."

⁶Then 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. ⁷Fifty men 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." ¹⁰He 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 he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

Reader Word of God, word of life.
Congregation **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: 50:1-6

Congregation sings words in bold.



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

²**Out of Zion, perfect ¹in its beauty,**
God shines ¹forth in glory.

³Our God will come and will ¹not keep silence;
with a consuming flame before, and round about a ¹raging storm.

⁴**God calls the heavens and the earth ¹from above**
to witness the judgment ¹of the people.

⁵Gather before me my ¹loyal followers,
those who have made a covenant with me
and sealed ¹it with sacrifice."

⁶**The heavens declare the rightness ¹of God's cause,**
for it is God ¹who is judge.

Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

The spotlight of Christian ministry is not on the people who carry out ministry but on the Lord Jesus Christ. Just as God made light shine out of darkness at creation, God makes the light of Jesus Christ shine in our lives through Christian ministry.

³And even 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.

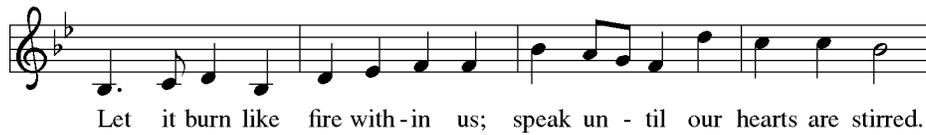
Reader Word of God, word of life.
Congregation **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

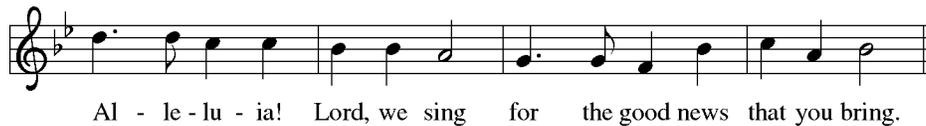
Please stand and sing.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

The Gospel is announced.

Pastor The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.
Congregation **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel: Mark 9:2-9

Mark's gospel presents the transfiguration as a preview of what would become apparent to Jesus' followers after he rose from the dead. Confused disciples are given a vision of God's glory manifest in the beloved Son.

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 Son, the Beloved listen to him!" ⁸Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

⁹As 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.

Pastor The Gospel of the Lord.
Congregation **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Paul Opsahl, Visiting Pastor

HYMN OF THE DAY #838

Please stand and sing.

Beautiful Savior

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!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904
Music: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.

APOSTLES' CREED

Deacon With the whole church, let us confess our faith.
Congregation **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

*Prayers are included for the whole Church, the nations, those in need, the parish and special concerns.
After each portion of the prayers:*

Assisting Minister Hear us, O God.
Congregation **Your mercy is great.**

At the end of the prayer:

Deacon Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior.
Congregation **Amen.**

OFFERING

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.
Please sign the red Attendance Book and pass it down the pew.*

OFFERTORY

'Gloria' from Missa brevis KV 49 by W.A. Mozart

COME TO THE TABLE

OFFERTORY SONG

Please stand and sing.



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right
spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take
not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of
your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923
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OFFERTORY PRAYER

Assisting Minister Let us pray.

Congregation **God of all creation,
all you have made is good,
and your love endures forever.
You bring forth bread from the earth
and fruit from the vine.
Nourish us with these gifts,
that we might be for the world
signs of your gracious presence
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Please stand.

Pastor The Lord be with you.

Congregation **And also with you.**

Pastor Lift up your hearts,

Congregation **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor Let us give thanks to the Lord our God,

Congregation **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Pastor 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 darkness 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'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. 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.

All sing.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.
 Congregation **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.**

Pastor Come for all is now ready.

1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
 you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
 you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
 e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

All sing.

INVITATION TO COMMUNE

COMMUNION

All who are baptized are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Those who are not baptized are invited to come forward for a blessing. Simply indicate this to the pastor when you come forward. You may take a small cup from the tray in the center aisle as you approach the altar, and the Communion assistants will fill your cup with wine (first chalice) or grape juice (second chalice). Or, you may use intinction, where the wafer is retained and touched lightly either to the wine (red) or to the grape juice (white). Gluten-free wafers are available from the Pastor.

COMMUNION HYMN #553

All sing

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true and on - ly light,
2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pa - nied by thee;
3 Vis - it then this soul of mine, pierce the gloom of sin and grief;

Sun of righ-teous-ness, a - rise, tri-umph o'er the shades of night;
joy-less is the day's re - turn, till thy mer-cy's beams I see,
fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine, scat - ter all my un - be - lief;

Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap - pear.
till they in - ward light im - part, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788
Music: RATISBON, J. G. Werner, *Choralbuch*, 1815

How Good, Lord, to Be Here!

1 How good, Lord, to be here! Your glo - ry fills the night;
 2 How good, Lord, to be here, your beau - ty to be - hold
 3 Ful - fill - er of the past and hope of things to be,
 4 Be - fore we taste of death, we see your king - dom come;
 5 How good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not re - main;

your face and gar - ments, like the sun, shine with un - bor - rowed light.
 where Mo - ses and E - li - jah stand, your mes - sen - gers of old.
 we hail your bod - y glo - ri - fied and our re - demp - tion see.
 we long to hold the vi - sion bright and make this hill our home.
 but since you bid us leave the mount, come with us to the plain.

Text: Joseph A. Robinson, 1858-1933, alt.
 Music: POTSDAM, W. Mercer, *The Church Psalter and Hymn Book*, 1854

Please stand.

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

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Assisting Minister Let us pray.

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Congregation **Amen**

THE SENDING

BLESSING

Pastor

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Congregation

Amen.

SENDING HYMN #805

Please follow the cross, turning toward the cross as it passes by your pew. As the cross leads, so Christ leads us out into the community to share Christ's love.

All sing.

Lead On, O King Eternal!

1 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal! The day of march has come;
2 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
3 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal: we fol - low, not with fears,

hence - forth in fields of con - quest your tents will be our home.
and ho - li - ness shall whis - per the sweet a - men of peace;
for glad - ness breaks like morn - ing wher - e'er your face ap - pears.

Through days of prep - a - ra - tion your grace has made us strong;
for not with swords loud clash - ing, nor roll of stir - ring drums,
Your cross is lift - ed o'er us; we jour - ney in its light;

and now, O King e - ter - nal, we lift our bat - tle song.
but deeds of love and mer - cy the heav'n - ly king - dom comes.
the crown a - waits the con - quest; lead on, O God of might!

DISMISSAL

Assisting Minister Go in peace. Share the good news.

Congregation **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE Trumpet Processional- Alfred Fedak

*Please join the Redeemer family in the Crossroads foyer area
for fellowship and refreshments.*

Listening in the Fog

It's an astounding scene: Jesus on the mountain with Peter, James, and John. Elijah and Moses appear. Jesus' appearance is transformed. This is not an ordinary day with Jesus! Then the cloud fogs everything up—which is perhaps more similar to our experience of faith than beholding Jesus in all his glory.

A voice is heard in the fog: "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" (Mark 9:7). Apparently they had *not* been listening to him. Jesus had been teaching that he would be rejected, suffer, die, and on the third day be raised. Jesus had been telling the disciples that following him meant denying themselves, taking up their cross, and losing their lives for the sake of the good news. No, they didn't want to hear this. They wouldn't listen.

We often want a faith that is all sunshine and clarity. We often want a life that is a straightforward path with no confusion, stumbling, or sacrifice. But most of the time we are walking in the fog of uncertainty and in a cloud of confusion. Life is not easy or clear, and neither is following Jesus and living by faith in the gospel. The transfiguration shows Jesus' disciples that he really is the one, and his way really is God's way. Elijah and Moses affirm by their appearance that Jesus is the continuation of God's plan.

Listen to him! Jesus' way of selfless love is the path to life for all. Listen to him! Even though life feels like a fog, God is with us on the journey. Listen to him! There is glory hidden among us all through our trials and sacrifices, the glory of the crucified Christ with us. Listen to him! The voice comes in the fog and says Jesus is the way and walks the way of the cross with us until the fog of this life becomes the clarity of the kingdom of justice and mercy for all.

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Children are welcome in our worship. There is a children's worship bulletin for them. Also, a special cart of books is in the back of the nave. Your children are welcome to borrow books for the service. If you prefer, a nursery and/or childcare is available for children up to age 3 during all worship services.

Visitors are invited to sign the red Attendance Book at the end of the pew.

Hearing help available: We have for your use, personal hearing amplification units available in the narthex. Please refer questions or comments to an usher.

Sunday Services

9:45 am for the contemporary service and 8:30 and 11 am for traditional services

Next Sunday's Scripture: Genesis 9:8-17 Psalm 25:1-19 1 Peter 3:18-22 Mark 9:9-15

Shrove Tuesday, Feb 13

Pancake Supper 6:00-7:15 pm

Bury the Alleluias and Burn the Palms at 7:15 pm

Please bring palms from last year, if you have them!

Ash Wednesday, Feb 14

Lunch at 11:15 am and Service at 12:00 pm and

Dinner at 6:30 pm and Service at 7:30 pm

Wednesdays During Lent, February 21-March 21

Dinner at 6:30 pm

Holden Evening Prayer Service at 7:30 pm

Assisting with Worship at 8:30

Reader: Doug Ubben

Cantor: Amy Tribié

Ushers: Marie and Will Moser

Chancel Care: Diane Miller

Coffee Hour: Gerri Swarm

Others will faithfully serve as Assisting Minister, Communion Assistants and Acolyte/Crucifer.

Assisting with Worship at 11:00

Assisting Minister: Emma Bradley

Acolyte/Crucifer: Ava Macomber

Cantor: Matt Osifchin

Ushers: Kate and Gordon Jones

Chancel Care: Kate Jones

Coffee Hour: Gerri Swarm

Others will faithfully serve as Reader and Communion Assistants.

Today we are using Setting 10 from the Evangelical Lutheran Worship hymnal.

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