

FEBRUARY 11, 2024

TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

Welcome to 9:30 am Worship

St. Luke Lutheran Church
35 Wilson Ave, PO Box 338; Gilbertsville, PA 19525

PRELUDE:

In Thee is Gladness

setting, David Cherwien; ©1994 Summa Productions, Lorenz Corp.

GATHERING HYMN:

ELW 867 In Thee is Gladness

Text: Johann Lindemann, 1549-1631; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.

Music: Giovanni Giacomo Gastoldi, 1556-1622, Arr. ©1969 Concordia Publishing House

HYMN OF PRAISE:

ACS 914 vs1&4 Jesus, the Light of the World

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, stanzas; George D. Elderkin, 1845-1928, refrain; Music: Traditional; arr. George D. Elderkin

HYMN OF THE DAY:

ACS 954 You Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955-1993, Text © 1991 GIA Publications, Inc.; Music: French folk tune, 17th cent.

HOLY COMMUNION:

Beautiful Savior

setting, Aaron David Miller; ©2005 Paraclete Press

SENDING HYMN:

ELW 838 Beautiful Savior

Text: Gesangbuch, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823-1904; Music: Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.

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Sharing, and
Celebrating
Christ

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GATHERING

The Holy Spirit Calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE

During the prelude, please use this time to quietly allow God to open your heart to his blessed presence.

WELCOME

Please rise in body or spirit.

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.

GATHERING HYMN

In Thee is Gladness

ELW 867

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Jesus, the Light of the World vs. 1 & 4

ACS 914

1 Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, Je-sus, the Light of the world;
4 Hail the heav'n-born Prince of peace! Je-sus, the Light of the world;

"Glo - ry to the new-born king," Je-sus, the Light of the world.
Hail the Sun of righ-teous-ness! Je-sus, the Light of the world.

Refrain

We'll walk in the light, beau-ti-ful light, come where the dew-drops of mer-cy are bright.

Shine all a-round us by day and by night, Je-sus, the Light of the world.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.
Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING

A reading from 2 Kings 2:1-12

¹Now 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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 50:1-6

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.**

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.**

⁵"Gather 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.**

SECOND READING

A reading from 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please rise in body or spirit.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Repeat alleluia
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

GOSPEL

The holy gospel according to Mark 9:2-9

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 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.

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

MESSAGE

Rev. Maggie Ainslie

Please rise in body or spirit.



HYMN OF THE DAY *You Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd*

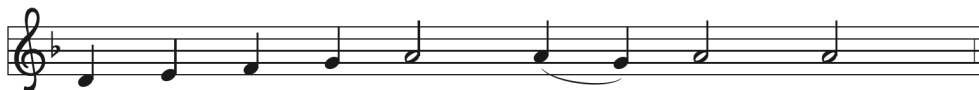
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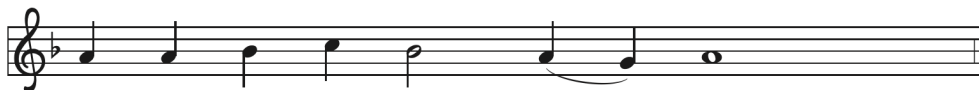
1 You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shep - herd.
2 Clothed in light up - on the moun - tain,
3 You, who walk each day be - side us,
4 Wor - thy is our earth - ly Je - sus!



You, Lord, are both prince and slave.
stripped of might up - on the cross,
sit in pow - er at God's side.
Wor - thy is our cos - mic Christ!



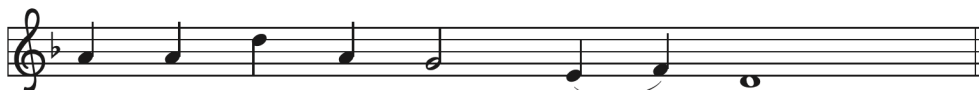
You, peace - mak - er and sword - bring - er
shin - ing in e - ter - nal glo - ry,
You, who preach a way that's nar - row,
Wor - thy your de - feat and vic - t'ry;



of the way you took and gave.
beg - gared by a sol - dier's toss,
have a love that reach - es wide.
wor - thy still your peace and strife.



You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;
you, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;
You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;
You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;



you, whom we both scorn and crave.
you, who are both gift and cost.
you, who are our pil - grim guide.
you, who are our death and life.

CREED

Together, let us confess our faith using the words of the 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.**

The assembly is seated.

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 heat 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. 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 and callings. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

We pray for any who are sick and suffering. Guide us to offer hospitality, shelter, friendship, and care to any in need. 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. 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 be with you always.
And also with you

HANDBELLS

Climbin' Up the Mountain

Arrangement by Martha Lynn Thompson; © 2001 Alfred Publishing Co.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING PRAYER

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

DIALOGUE

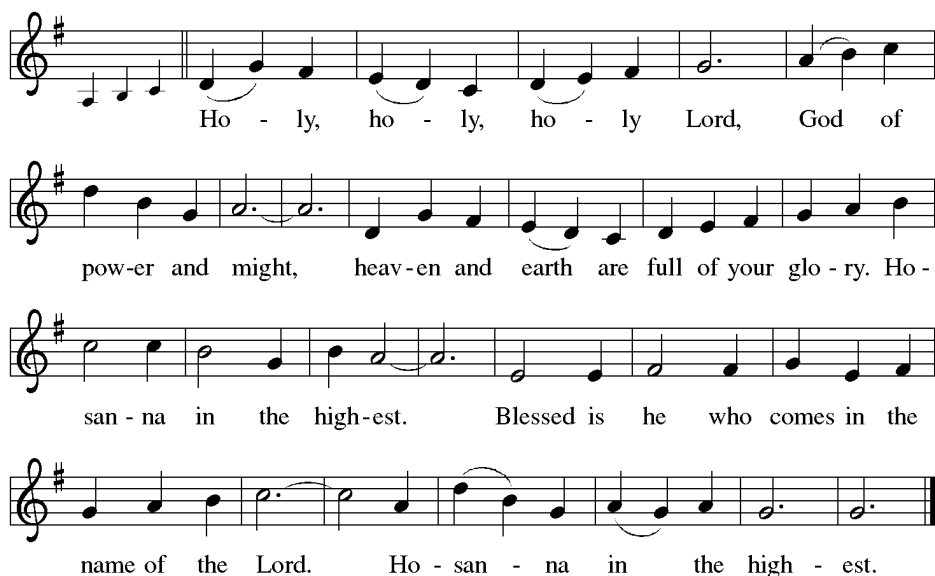
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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 for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

All are welcome to the table. If you will be coming to the altar for communion, please follow the ushers' instructions. Those who are choosing to stay in the pew, using the prefilled cups, and those who need to have the pastor bring the elements to them should wait for instructions from the pastor. Children are most welcome to accompany their parents to the altar for a blessing.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

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.

COMMUNION SONG



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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

At Jesus' table, heaven and earth are joined as one.
Come and see.

COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen**

The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

In this meal, righteousness and peace meet together.
Come, take your place at the table.

COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen**

The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Please rise in body or spirit.

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.

SENDING HYMN

Beautiful Savior

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are God's beloved..
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS:

Worship Leader & Message: The Rev. Maggie Ainslie

Director of Music: Lincoln Noecker

Lector: Connie Hukari

Audio Video: Mike Ferraro

Ushers: Dave Girton, Pete Huber

Sacristan: Val Schlegel

PRAYERS FOR Health and Healing:

- ◇ John Durante, recovering from a fall (father of Dave Durante)
- ◇ Paul Moatz, health & healing, (friend of Kathy & Tom Undercuffler)
- ◇ Joanne Rissell, foot surgery (sister of Linda Fronheiser & Cheryl Homa)
- ◇ Thelma Borchelt, hospitalized for tests (friend of the Billgers)

PRAYERS FOR those in grief:

- ◇ Family & friends of Mary Van Dyke (friend of Marsha Staub)

PRAYERS FOR those Needing Continued Prayers:

Bob Arobone

Tom Bucks

Kristopher Yoder

Jalen Gray

Larry Kuser

Sharon Smith

Bonnie Ritter

PRAYERS FOR those at home:

Gloria Christman

Paul McFarland

Marie Geiger

Helen Penketh

Ruth Nice

Cookie Stasik

Jean & Bill Christy

Sponsors

Please contact the church office at 610-367-9738 if you would like to sponsor flowers, communion elements, sanctuary lamp or bulletins for 2024.

Inclement Weather

In the event that we have inclement weather affecting Sunday's worship, a message will be left on the church phone at 610-367-9738. If you hear the "normal" message, church is not cancelled.

Ash Wednesday & Wednesday Lenten Schedule

Ash Wednesday, February 14 at 7:00 pm

Lenten Worship, February 21 at 7:00 pm

Lenten Worship, February 28 at 7:00 pm

Lenten Worship, March 6 at 7:00 pm

Lenten Worship, March 13 at 7:00 pm

Lenten Worship, March 20 at 7:00 pm

| Date | Week of February 11-17 | Location |
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| Sunday, February 11 Transfiguration | 9:30 am Worship | Nave |
| Tuesday February 13 | 7:00 Women's Bible Study 7:00 pm Boy Scouts | Green Room Memorial Hall |
| Wednesday, February 14 | CCR Donations 1:00-4:00 pm 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday | CCR Sanctuary |
| Thursday, February 15 | 6:30 pm Girl Scouts | Memorial Hall |
| Friday, February 16 | 8:30 pm AA Meeting | Class Room Downstairs |
| Worship Leaders | Sun., February 18, 2024 | Sun., February 25, 2024 |
| Presiding | Rev. Elmer Reinhold | Rev. Burlington Latshaw |
| Lector | Joe Vendetti | Kathy Billger |
| Ushers | Larry Billger, Terry Conrad | Gary Fronheiser, Ron Hukari |
| Audio Video | Ron Ball | Ron Ball |
| Office Volunteer | Cindy Bealer (Feb. 15) | Pat Hallman (Feb. 22) |
| Sacristan | Val Schlegel | Val Schlegel |

Worship and Stewardship

Our January Commitment

Our Generosity

Overage/Shortfall

Budget \$12,864
Mission Support \$532

\$ 10,467
\$ 713

-\$2,397
+\$ 181



READER

Transfiguration Sunday

- Today is **Transfiguration Sunday**.
- The symbol of the Transfiguration is **a burst of light**.
- Light guides us and tells us **where to go**.
- During the Transfiguration, **God appeared as light** in Jesus.

Word Drop

During the Transfiguration, the disciples saw God in Jesus. Change one letter per word to see if you can turn "God" into the "Son."

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|------------|---------------------------|
| GOD | |
| ___ _ _ | _____ a nice gift |
| ___ _ _ | Nickname for "robot" |
| ___ _ _ | Small amount |
| ___ _ _ | You do this at an auction |
| ___ _ _ | Storage container |
| ___ _ _ | To do wrong |
| SON | |