

# Full Service Bulletin

**MISSION SERVICE  
FEBRUARY 11, 2024**

**LAST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY:  
TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD**

## **WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE**

*I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD." (Psalm 122:1)*

### **PRELUDE AND PREPARATION**

*Prepare your heart for worship: read the introduction, look up the Scripture readings and pray. You may pray:*

**God of grace, You have given us minds to know You, hearts to love You, and voices to sing Your praise. Fill us with Your Spirit, that we may celebrate Your glory and worship You in spirit and truth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. AMEN.**

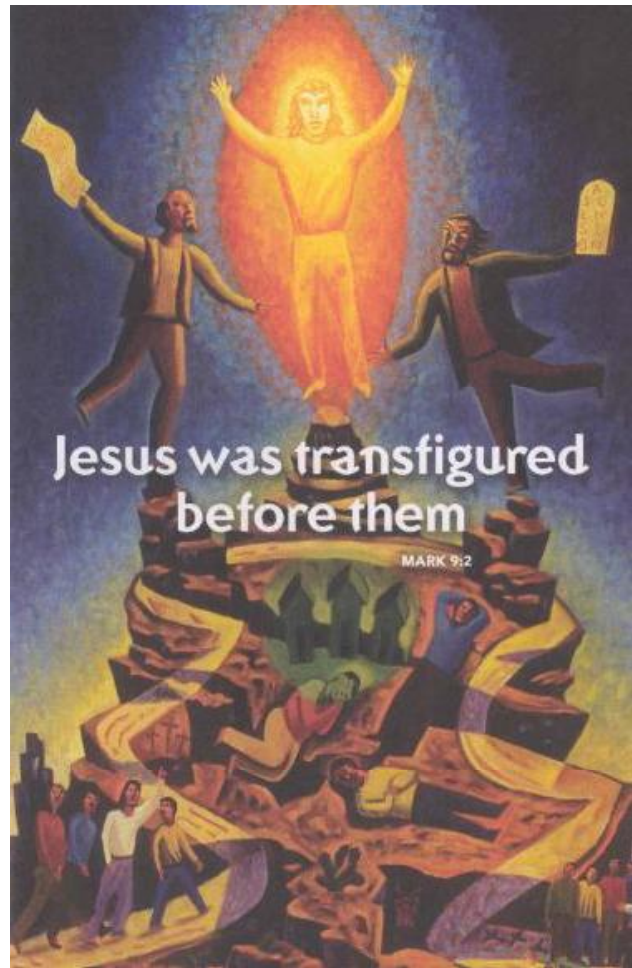
### **CHILDREN**

*We welcome children of all ages. The Children's Library is available if a child needs a break during the service.*

### **INTRODUCTION**

*The Sundays after Epiphany began with Jesus' baptism and end 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.*



### **WELCOME AND MEDITATION**

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
 3 To all, life Thou giv - est, to both great and small;  
 4 Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,

1 In light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
 2 Nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, Thou rul - est in might;  
 3 In all life Thou liv - est, the true life of all;  
 4 Thine an - gels a - dore Thee, all veil - ing their sight;

1 Most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
 2 Thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove  
 3 We blos - som and flour - ish as leaves on the tree,  
 4 All praise we would ren - der: O help us to see

1 Al - mighty, vic - to - rious, Thy great name we praise.  
 2 Thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
 3 And with - er and per - ish— but naught chang - eth Thee.  
 4 'Tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth Thee. A - men.

## CALL TO WORSHIP ....Psalm 50:1-6

*(congregation reads indented)*

The Mighty One, God, the LORD, speaks and summons the earth  
**from the rising of the sun to the place where it sets.**

From Zion, perfect in beauty, God shines forth.

**Our God comes and will not be silent;**

a fire devours before Him,

**and around Him a tempest rages.**

He summons the heavens above,

**and the earth, that He may judge His people:**

“Gather to me My consecrated ones,

**who made a covenant with Me by sacrifice.”**

And the heavens proclaim His righteousness,

**for God Himself is judge.**

## GATHERING HYMN *(Please rise.)*

*“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” (Maj # 42 - favorite)*

## INVOCATION *( = All may make the sign of the cross.)*

P: We gather In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: AMEN.**

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Trusting in Jesus Christ, Who came to share our humanity and bring light to this broken world, let us come before God without fear to make our confession.

*(Please kneel. Silence is kept for reflection and personal confession.)*

P: Comforting God, **C: We confess before You and in the presence of one another that we are sinners who fail to live as You desire. So often we place our trust in ourselves and not in you. We do not love each other as You have commanded. Because of us, all creation suffers. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, forgive us. In Your boundless patience and mercy, lead us to live by faith in Your promise. AMEN.**

P: God’s love for us is greater than all our sins. God promises full pardon and complete forgiveness to all who turn from sin, known and unknown, and place their trust in Christ, the light of the world. Hear and believe the good news that all your sins are forgiven. With God, nothing is impossible.

**C: AMEN.**

## GREETING *(Please rise.)*

P: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. 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.

## WE PRAISE GOD'S NAME

*With one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*"Let all the peoples praise him." (Romans 15:6,11)*

## HYMN OF PRAISE "Christ Be Our Light"

*(ELW # 715 - Bernadette Farrell)*

1 Long-ing for light, we wait in dark-ness. Long-ing for  
2 Long-ing for peace, our world is trou-bled. Long-ing for  
3 Long-ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long-ing for  
4 Long-ing for shel-ter, man - y are home-less. Long-ing for  
5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the

truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,  
hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone  
wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,  
warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,  
hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants

your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.  
has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.  
bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.  
shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.  
to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



*Refrain*

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the  
 dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your  
 church gath-ered to - day.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: The Lord be with you.      **C: And also with you.**  
 L: Let us pray together:      **C: Almighty God, the re-  
 splendent light of Your truth shines from the mountain-  
 top 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 forev-  
 er. AMEN.**

*(Please sit.)*

## PRAISE SONG “Beautiful Savior”

*(ELW # 838 verses 1,3 - favorite)*

1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,  
3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,  
Son bright of the God and Son stars of Man! high;  
Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,  
Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er  
light of my soul, my joy, my crown.  
than all the an - gels in the sky.

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904 Music: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, 1842

## WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

*For everything was written to teach us, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. (Romans 15:4)*

**FIRST READING**....2 Kings 2:1-12.....Pg. 570

P: Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING**....2 Corinthians 4:1-6.....Pg. 1797

P: Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *(Please rise.)*

*“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus” (Maj # 491 refrain - favorite)*

Turn your eyes up-on Je - sus, look full in his won-der-ful face; and the things of earth will grow strange-ly dim in the light of his glo-ry and grace.

WORDS and MUSIC: Helen H. Lemmel (1864-1961)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 9th Chapter.

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL** ....Mark 9:2-13.....Pg. 1567

P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** “Majesty!”

(Maj # 1 - favorite - Jack Hayford)

Maj-es - ty, wor-ship his maj-es - ty; un - to Je-sus be all glo-ry, hon-or, and praise. Maj-es - ty, king-dom au - thor - i - ty flow from his throne un - to his own, his an - them raise. So ex -

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alt, lift up on high the name of Je - sus; mag - ni - fy, come glo - ri -  
 fy Christ Je - sus, the King. Maj - es - ty, wor - ship his  
 maj - es - ty; Je - sus, who died, now glo - ri - fied, King of all kings.

*(Young children go to Children's Church)*

*(Please sit. See outline in Announcements insert.)*

**SERMON** "The Best Is Yet To Come"

**WE RESPOND IN FAITH**

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing.  
 (Romans 15:13)*

*(Please rise.)*

**HYMN OF THE DAY** "Jesus on the Mountain Peak"

*(ELW # 317 - Text: Brian A. Wren; Tune: Mark Sedio)*

1 Je - sus on the moun - tain peak stands a - lone in  
 2 Trem - bling at his feet we saw Mo - ses and E -  
 3 Swift the cloud of glo - ry came, God pro - claim - ing  
 4 This is God's be - lov - ed Son! Law and proph - ets



glo - ry blaz - ing; let us, if we dare to speak,  
 li - jah speak - ing. All the proph - ets and the law  
 in its thun - der Je - sus as the Son by name!  
 sing be - fore him, first and last and on - ly One.

join the saints and an - gels prais - ing.  
 shout through them their joy - ful greet - ing:  
 Na - tions, cry a - loud in won - der:  
 All cre - a - tion shall a - dore him!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

## SMALL CATECHISM READING

L: Let us confess our faith by reading a portion of Luther's Small Catechism, *Appendix II - Return Thanks at Meals*:

L: After eating, likewise, we should fold our hands and say reverently:

**C: O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good and His steadfast love endures forever. He provides food for the cattle and for the young ravens that cry to Him. His delight is not in the strength of the horse, nor is He impressed with human strength; but the Lord takes pleasure in those who fear Him and put their hope in His unfailing love. (Psalm 106:1; 147:9-11)**

L: After this, pray the Lord's Prayer and the following prayer:

**C: We give thanks to You, Lord God our Father, for all Your benefits, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns forever. Amen.**

## OFFERING

*We no longer pass the plate, but your offerings are needed more than ever. The plate is located at the back of the center aisle. Please place your offering and your Communication Card there as you come in or go out. Thank You!*

**MISSION MOMENT** *(Please sit.)* Soup Ministry Report

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH** *(Please kneel.)*

*(Response: L: Lord, in Your mercy, C: hear our prayer.)*

## THE 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.**

## WE ARE SENT INTO GOD'S WORLD

*Come, let us walk in the light of the LORD! (Isaiah 2:5)*

## BLESSING

**P:** May the love of Jesus Christ, the Light of the world, fill your hearts and illumine your path, that you may be beacons of light for the sake of the whole world. Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**C: AMEN.**

**SENDING HYMN** *(Please rise.)* "Shine, Jesus, Shine"

*(ELW # 671 - favorite - Graham Kendrick)*

## PASSING THE PEACE

**L:** As we leave to serve the Risen Lord in the power of His Spirit, let us share with one another some of the blessings of peace we have received. The peace of the Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

## POSTLUDE

## FELLOWSHIP AND REFRESHMENTS

*Everyone is invited to remain for fellowship and refreshments. Snacks, coffee and hot water are available in the Gathering Place. You can brew your own coffee/tea using the Keurig® in the Parlor.*

Unison

1. Lord, the light of Your love is shin - ing, In the midst of the  
 2. Lord, I come to Your awe - some pres - ence, From the shad - ows in -  
 3. As we gaze on Your king - ly bright - ness So our fac - es dis -

dark - ness shin - ing; Je - sus, Light of the world, shine up - on us,  
 to Your ra - dian - ce; By the blood I may en - ter Your bright - ness;  
 play Your like - ness, Ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry;

Set us free by the truth You now bring us; Shine on me,  
 Search me, try me, con - sume all my dark - ness; Shine on me,  
 Mir - rored here, may our lives tell Your sto - ry; Shine on me,

Harmony optional

Shine on me. Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this  
 Shine on me. Flow, riv - er, flow, flood the  
 Shine on me.

land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry. Blaze, Spir - it, blaze; set our  
 na - tions with grace and mer - cy. Send forth Your Word, Lord, and

1 hearts on fire. 2 let there be light.

**FEBRUARY 11, 2024**  
**TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY**

**SERVANTS OF THE LORD THIS WEEK**

GREETER: 8:30-Sarah Barlow / 10:45-Irene Graham

SOUND: 8:30-Chris Chmela / 10:45-Ken Yoxheimer

LIVE STREAM: 8:30-Jan Stryker

SONG LEADER: Pastor David

LITURGIST: 8:30-Seth Miller / 10:45-Lyn Stryker

LECTOR: 8:30-Penny Miller / 10:45-Lyn Stryker

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Ruthann Kistler

ALTAR GUILD: Sharon Branigan, Irene Graham

COUNTERS: Karen Brown, Jan Stryker

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**SUNDAY SCHEDULE**

Worship - 8:30 & 10:45 AM † Sunday School - 9:45 AM

*(Holy Communion 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays & Major Feasts)*

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