

# The Transfiguration Of Our Lord

February 11<sup>th</sup> 2024 9:30am



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**Preparation For Worship:** The Mighty One, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting. *Psalm 50:1*

## Opening Song

## Shout To The North

**Men of faith rise up and sing - of the great and glorious King  
You are strong when you feel weak - in your brokenness complete  
Shout to the North and the South - sing to the East and the West  
Jesus is Savior to all - Lord of Heaven and Earth**

**Rise up women of the truth - stand and sing to broken hearts  
Who can know the healing power - of our awesome King of love  
Shout to the North and the South - sing to the East and the West  
Jesus is Savior to all - Lord of Heaven and Earth**

**We've been through fire - we've been through rain  
We've been refined by the power of His Name  
We've fallen deeper in love with You  
You've burned this truth on our lips  
Shout to the North and the South - sing to the East and the West  
Jesus is Savior to all - Lord of Heaven and Earth**

**Rise up church with broken wings - fill this place with songs again  
Of our God Who reigns on high - by His grace again we'll fly  
Shout to the North and the South - sing to the East and the West  
Jesus is Savior to all  
Lord of Heaven and Earth - Lord of Heaven and Earth  
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## Ministry Spotlight

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## Invocation

**Pastor:** We gather today in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** **Amen.**

**Pastor:** God the Father loved us so much that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever would believe in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

**People:** **The promised Messiah came! We celebrate the Epiphany of His coming. Emmanuel is God with us, and Christ will come again! He is the Prince of Peace, and Lord of all! God is good!**

**Pastor:** All the time!

**People:** **All the time!**

Pastor: God is good!

People: **Let us come to Him then with an honest heart to worship Him in spirit and truth.**

### Confession and Absolution

Pastor: We confess our need of forgiveness, and that God's forgiveness is the gift that leads to newness of life. Jesus is Emmanuel, God with us, born in a manger, died on a cross, and risen from the grave: All to redeem us from sin, death, the devil, and our sinful self. As Paul wrote in Romans 3 "This was to show God's righteousness, because in God's divine forbearance God had passed over former sins; it was to prove at the present time that God is righteous and that God justifies the one who has faith in Jesus." Acknowledging the promise and call of God to confess, repent and receive forgiveness, we join in the Apostle John's words:

People: **If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned we make God a liar, and His Word is not in us.**

**Lord, have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

**Forgive me of my sins, I pray.** *(Reflection for confession)*

Pastor: Jesus laid down His life for our sins to be forgiven. He cleanses us, and calls us clean as we believe and receive His reconciliation. As you have confessed and believed, as a called servant of Jesus our Christ, and according to His Word, I declare to you the forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

### Prayer of the Day

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Daily Text

My Spirit abides among you; do not fear.

*Haggai 2:5*

Jesus said, "In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

*John 16:33*

Let us pray:

People: **Father God, You knew this world would bring me trouble. You knew there would be disappointments, grief, and pain. But You also tell me not to fear. You remind me that You have overcome the world. Help me to put my trust in You. Thank You for the gift of Your Spirit abiding in me. Amen.**

### Scripture Lessons *Read*

First Lesson

2 Kings 2:1-12

<sup>1</sup> Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. <sup>2</sup> And Elijah said to Elisha, "Please 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. <sup>3</sup> And the sons of the prophets who

were in Bethel came out to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take away your master from over you?" And he said, "Yes, I know it; keep quiet." <sup>4</sup> Elijah said to him, "Elisha, please 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. <sup>5</sup> The sons of the prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take away your master from over you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know it; keep quiet." <sup>6</sup> Then Elijah said to him, "Please 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. <sup>7</sup> Fifty men of the sons of the prophets also went and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. <sup>8</sup> Then Elijah took his cloak and rolled it up and struck the water, and the water was parted to the one side and to the other, till the two of them could go over on dry ground. <sup>9</sup> When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Ask what I shall do for you, before I am taken from you." And Elisha said, "Please let there be a double portion of your spirit on me." <sup>10</sup> And he said, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it shall be so for you, but if you do not see me, it shall not be so." <sup>11</sup> And as they still went on and talked, behold, chariots of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them. And Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. <sup>12</sup> And Elisha saw it and he cried, "My father, my father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" And he saw him no more. Then he took hold of his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

### The Psalm

Psalm 50:1-6

<sup>1</sup> The Mighty One, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting. <sup>2</sup> Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth. <sup>3</sup> Our God comes; he does not keep silence; before him is a devouring fire, around him a mighty tempest. <sup>4</sup> He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that he may judge his people:

<sup>5</sup> "Gather to me my faithful ones,  
who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!"

<sup>6</sup> The heavens declare his righteousness,  
for God himself is judge! *Selah*

### Second Lesson

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

<sup>3</sup> And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. <sup>4</sup> In 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. <sup>5</sup> For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup> For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

**Reader:** Please rise for the reading of the Gospel. God has given us Good News.

**People:** **Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. You have the words of eternal life.**

*Psalm 119:105, John 6:68*

### Gospel Lesson

Mark 9:2-9

<sup>2</sup> And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, <sup>3</sup> and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them. <sup>4</sup> And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. <sup>5</sup> And Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi,

it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah.”<sup>6</sup> For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified.<sup>7</sup> And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, “This is my beloved Son; listen to him.”<sup>8</sup> And suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them but Jesus only.<sup>9</sup> And as they were coming down the mountain, he charged them to tell no one what they had seen, until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

**Pastor:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** Praise be to You, O Christ.

### **Nicene Creed**

**People:** We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit, He became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son, He is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### **Sermon Song**

### **No Longer Slaves**

You unravel me with a melody - You surround me with a song  
Of deliverance from my enemies - till all my fears are gone

I'm no longer a slave to fear - I am a child of God  
I'm no longer a slave to fear - I am a child of God

From my Mother's womb - You have chosen me - Love has called my name  
I've been born again into Your family - Your blood flows through my veins

I'm no longer a slave to fear - I am a child of God  
I'm no longer a slave to fear - I am a child of God

I'm no longer a slave to fear - I am a child of God  
I'm no longer a slave to fear - I am a child of God

**You split the sea so I could walk right through it  
My fears were drowned in perfect love  
You rescued me so I could stand and sing - I am a child of God**

**I'm no longer a slave to fear - I am a child of God  
I'm no longer a slave to fear - I am a child of God**

**Sermon/Watchword**

*Talk --- New, Knew, Next*

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For we do not proclaim ourselves;  
we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake

**Offering Song**

**Jesus Messiah**

**He became sin who knew no sin  
That we might become His righteousness;  
He humbled Himself, and carried the cross  
Love so amazing, love so amazing.**

**Jesus, Messiah; Name above all names;  
Blessed Redeemer; Emmanuel.  
The Rescue for sinners,  
The Ransom from heaven;  
Jesus, Messiah, Lord of all.**

**His body the bread, His blood the wine  
Broken and poured out, all for love.  
The whole earth trembled, and the veil was torn.  
Love so amazing, love so amazing.  
Jesus, Messiah; Name above all names;  
Blessed Redeemer; Emmanuel.  
The Rescue for sinners,  
The Ransom from heaven;  
Jesus, Messiah, Lord of all.  
Jesus, Messiah, Lord of all.  
The Lord of all, the Lord of all.**

**Prayers of the Church**

*Pray*

*The congregation is invited to join in prayers that include whole Church,  
the nation, those in need, the parish, additional petitions and special concerns.*

**Pastor:** Let's join together to pray with Jesus for all that He loves right here, and to the ends of the earth. Father, our Father in heaven, You are the present active, Creator, and Redeemer of our heart, soul, mind and body.

**People:** **Thank You Lord, that in You we are made a part of Your great salvation of all that You have created. You have made us Your redeemed children. We join today with all those throughout the world who follow You, and pray that Your kingdom would come, and Your will would be done among us as it is in heaven.**

**Pastor:** Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** hear our prayer.

*The prayers conclude with these words...*

Pastor: You are our God, and we are Your people... Thank You that You hear our prayers, and work in all things for the good of those who love You. To You be all glory, honor, and praise.

People: **Amen.**

**Preface, Proper Preface and Sanctus**

Pastor: The Lord be with You.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to You, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. Sharing our life, He lived among us to reveal Your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to His own brilliant light. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

People<sup>(sung)</sup> **Holy, holy, holy Lord; God of power and might.**

**Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Words Of Institution**

Pastor: 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 in 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 in remembrance of Me."

**The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Lord, remembering Your love and Your life we pray as You taught us to pray:

People: **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**

**Distribution Of Holy Communion**

*All who sincerely believe in the real presence of Christ in the Holy Communion – that the cup of blessing is the Communion of the blood of Christ and the bread is the Communion of the body of Christ, and sincerely believing that in receiving Him we have the forgiveness of our sins, salvation, and strength for the Christian life, come – partake of the Lord's Supper.*

## Communion Anthem

## New Wine

### Nunc Dimittis

Pastor: Now Lord, let your servants depart in peace, according to your Word. For our eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning is now, and will be, world without end. Amen.

### Benediction *Bless*

Pastor: Now, may the Lord bless you and keep you.  
May He make His face shine on you, and be gracious unto you.  
May the Lord look upon you with favor, and give you His peace.

**People:**(Sung)**Amen. Amen. Amen.**

**Blessing:** Child of God, the Holy Spirit abides among us, do not fear.

Pastor: Our worship continues,

**People: our service begins!**

### Closing Song

### Mighty To Save

**Ev'ryone needs compassion - Love that's never failing  
Let mercy fall on me  
Ev'ryone needs forgiveness - The kindness of a Savior  
The hope of nations**

**Savior He can move the mountains - my God is mighty to save - He is mighty to save  
Forever Author of salvation - He rose and conquered the grave  
Jesus conquered the grave**

**So take me as You find me - All my fears and failures  
Fill my life again  
I give my life to follow - Ev'rything I believe in  
Now I surrender**

**Savior He can move the mountains - my God is mighty to save - He is mighty to save  
Forever Author of salvation - He rose and conquered the grave  
Jesus conquered the grave**

*Instrumental*

**Shine your light and let the whole world see - we're singing  
For the glory of the risen King - Jesus  
Shine your light and let the whole world see - we're singing  
For the glory of the risen King**

**Savior He can move the mountains - my God is mighty to save - He is mighty to save  
Forever Author of salvation - He rose and conquered the grave  
Jesus conquered the grave**

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## SHARING OF PEACE AS WE GO IN GOD'S PEACE

**Welcome To Worship At Zion.** We are pleased to have you join us. *If you are a visitor* please check the shelf outside the office for our newsletter and brochure.

**Altar Flowers** are given to the Glory of God and to celebrate Richard Nelson's birthday on 2-14-1926..."2 cents short of a dollar" – (his words) from Ron and JoAnne O'Neill.

**The 2024 Altar Flower Chart** is up in the hallway. You may sign up for one or two vases. The cost per vase is \$22.50 per vase or \$45.00 for both vases. Please indicate whether it is in honor or memory of an individual or special event.

**The Mission of the Month for February is the Lutheran Church of South Sudan.** See the article in the February newsletter found on the shelf outside the church office and on the tables across from the lounge and the Chapel. Mission of the Month envelopes are located there also to support this ministry.

**The February Newsletter** is available on the tables across from the Chapel and Lounge, on the shelf outside the church office and also on the desk in the library. *Please remember: We no longer have a way to find out if you have moved. Call the church office with new addresses and/or phone numbers.*

### Bible Studies/Small Groups

**Wednesday 6:00pm** G.I.F.T.

### Worship at Zion

**Wednesday 7:00pm** Ash Wednesday Worship

**Saturday 5:00pm** Chapel

**Sunday 8:00am** Worship

**9:30am** G.I.F.T. Worship

**11:30am** Swahili-English Worship

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