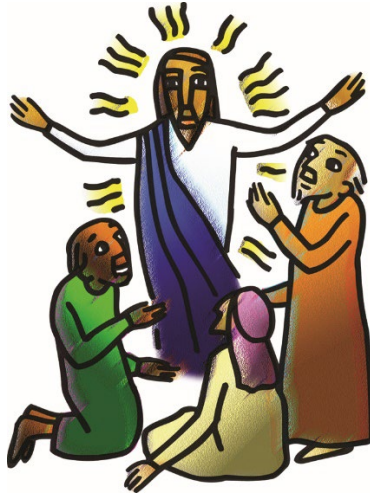




## February 11, 2024 *Transfiguration of our Lord*



*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. 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.*

[Online Worshiper Form \(Guests & Members\)](#)

### ***Good Morning and Welcome!***

Guests, we are so glad you are here. Please fill out the yellow "Connection Card" in the pew and place in the offering basket or give to the usher or the pastor as you leave. *Sound Assistance and staffed nursery available.*

**SERVICE of WORSHIP**  
*Now the Feast and Celebration*  
*\* Please stand as you are able*

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTERLUDE

\*BRIEF ORDER FOR 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.**

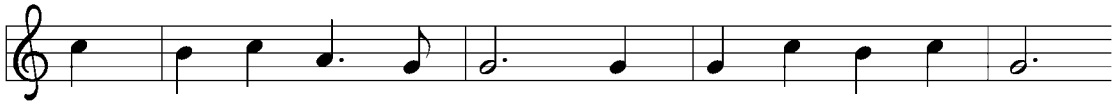
**Amen.**

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.**



1 When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ing cries:  
 2 When mirth for mu - sic longs, this is my song of songs:  
 3 No love - lier an - ti - phon in all high heav'n is known  
 4 Let all of hu - man - kind in this their con - cord find:  
 5 Sing, sun and stars of space, sing, all who see his face,



may Je - sus Christ be praised! When eve - ning shad - ows fall,  
 may Je - sus Christ be praised! God's ho - ly house of prayer  
 than "Je - sus Christ be praised!" There to the e - ter - nal Word  
 may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let all the earth a - round  
 sing, "Je - sus Christ be praised!" God's whole cre - a - tion o'er,



this rings my cur - few call: may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
 has none that can com - pare with "Je - sus Christ be praised!"  
 the e - ter - nal psalm is heard: oh, Je - sus Christ be praised!  
 ring joy - ous with the sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
 to - day and ev - er - more shall Je - sus Christ be praised!

Text: German hymn, 19th cent.; tr. Robert Bridges, 1844–1930, alt.  
 Music: LAUDES DOMINI, Joseph Barnby, 1838–1896

\*THE 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.**



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has

freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God. *Refrain*

2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and

glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er. *Refrain*

3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of

God; to make all things new. *Refrain*

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## \*THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

### THE 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>Elijah 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. <sup>3</sup>The 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.”

<sup>4</sup>Elijah 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. <sup>5</sup>The 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.”

<sup>6</sup>Then 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. <sup>7</sup>Fifty men of the company of 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 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.

<sup>9</sup>When 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.” <sup>10</sup>He 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.” <sup>11</sup>As 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. <sup>12</sup>Elisha 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 PSALM *Psalm 50:1-6*

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

<sup>2</sup>**Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty,  
God shines forth in glory.**

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

<sup>4</sup>**God calls the heavens and the earth from above  
to witness the judgment of the people.**

<sup>5</sup>“Gather before me my loyal followers,  
those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice.”

<sup>6</sup>**The heavens declare the rightness of God’s cause,  
for it is God who is judge.**

#### THE SECOND LESSON

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

<sup>3</sup>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 we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus’ sake. <sup>6</sup>For 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.

\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "Alleluia, Lord to Whom Shall We Go"

*Congregation:*

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

\*THE GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 9<sup>th</sup> chapter.  
Glory to you, O Lord.

\*THE GOSPEL

Mark 9:2-9

<sup>2</sup>Six 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, <sup>3</sup>and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. <sup>4</sup>And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. <sup>5</sup>Then 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." <sup>6</sup>He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. <sup>7</sup>Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" <sup>8</sup>Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

<sup>9</sup>As 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.

SERMON

Pastor Kristine Schroeder

\*HYMN OF THE DAY: "Shine, Jesus, Shine" (Not Printed) (Blue Pew Hymnal) WOV 651

**\*THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the power of 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 PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**God of grace, receive our prayer.**

**\*THE SHARING OF THE PEACE**

**The peace of the Lord be with you always.**

**And also with you.**

**THE OFFERING**

**Piano Solo (8:30)**

**Choir Anthem (11:00) "Lift Every Voice and Sing" (J. W. Johnson and J. R. Johnson)**



## \*THE OFFERTORY: "As the Grains of Wheat"

*Refrain*



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were  
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from  
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with - in our midst,  
2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when

*Refrain*

may we share the pres - ence of your love.  
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

Text: Didache, 2nd cent.; Marty Haugen

Music: Marty Haugen

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## \*THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

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**



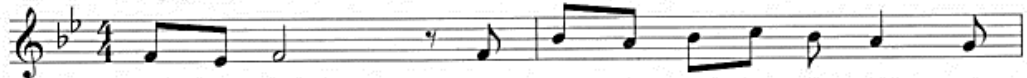
\*THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

\*THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen


THE AGNUS DEI: "Lamb of God"

*Congregation:*



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
\* you break the chains of ha - tred and  
you are the way of jus - tice and  
you are the way of mer - cy and


*Congregation:*



world:  
fear: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,  
peace:  
love:



mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sins of the world; grant us peace,



grant us peace, grant us peace.

THE DISTRIBUTION

PIANO SOLO: "Be Thou My Vision" (arr. M. Bober)

HYMN: "Beautiful Savior"

ELW 838



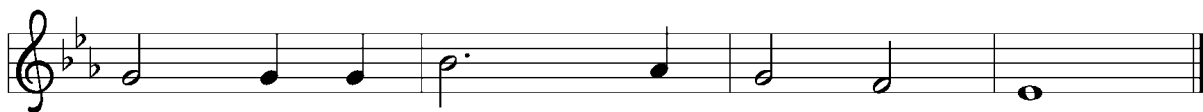
1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,  
2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,  
3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,  
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,



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.



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to  
 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry  
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy  
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less



earth come down! Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy  
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us  
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -  
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,  
 find thy prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;  
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,  
 ly re - stored in thee! Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,



pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with  
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as  
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee  
 till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.  
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.  
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.  
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788

Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

## \*THE BLESSING

*Presider:* May God bless and keep us.  
May God's face shine on us and be gracious.  
May God look on us with favor and ✠ give us peace.

*Presider:* *Congregation:*

— give us peace. A - - - men.

## \*THE SENDING HYMN “Alleluia, Song of Gladness”

ELW 318

- 1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of glad - ness, voice of joy that can - not die;
- 2 Al - le - lu - ia you are sound - ing, true Je - ru - sa - lem and free;
- 3 Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways be our song while here be - low;
- 4 In our hymns we pray with long - ing: Grant us, bless - ed Trin - i - ty,

al - le - lu - ia is the an - them ev - er dear to choirs on high;  
al - le - lu - ia, joy - ful moth - er, bring us to your ju - bi - lee;  
al - le - lu - ia our trans - gres - sions make us for a while for - go;  
at the last to keep glad Eas - ter with the faith - ful saints on high;

in the house of God a - bid - ing thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly.  
here by Bab - y - lon's sad wa - ters mourn - ing ex - iles still are we.  
for the sol - emn time is com - ing when our tears for sin shall flow.  
there to you for - ev - er sing - ing al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly.

Text: Latin hymn, 11th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.  
Music: PRAISE, MY SOUL, John Goss, 1800–1880

## \*THE DISMISSAL

## POSTLUDE

## WE REMEMBER IN THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH TODAY

THE FLOWERS today are given to the glory of God by Messiah Lutheran Church in recognition of all scouting organizations and their past and current members and leaders.

A NURSERY, staffed by Sarah Walker, is through the double doors in the Narthex leading to the Sunday School classrooms. Newborns, toddlers, and children up to Pre-K are welcome.

ALL ARE INVITED to enjoy coffee, tea, and fellowship after worship in the Fellowship Hall.

WELCOME SCOUTS OF TROOP 404 AND 350! Thank you to the leaders and family members who are participating and attending worship today in recognition of Scout Sunday.

SOUP-ER BOWL SUNDAY is today. MLC Youth will be collecting donations for House of the Harvest after each service. Look for the table in the fellowship hall or cart by the door to donate cans of soup or cash donations to support House of the Harvest. You can also make an offering to House of the Harvest on your offering envelope or online through Vanco.

LENT BEGINS THIS WEDNESDAY, FEB 14 Services of worship with the Lord's Supper and imposition of ashes for those who wish to receive them will take place at 12:00 and 7:00 p.m. Unless otherwise designated, Lenten offerings will be shared equally with New Futures and Kit Ministry.

SOUP MAKERS & KITCHEN LEADS needed for Lenten Soup Suppers that start this Wednesday. Sign up using the SignUP genius (see QR code) or at the Welcome Center. POC Kari Pitchko

THE ELCA YOUTH GATHERING ENVELOPE FUNDRAISER continues in the Fellowship Hall through February. Thank you to the many who have already participated in the youth envelope fundraiser to support travel expenses to the ELCA Youth Gathering this summer. If you haven't had a chance yet, look for the wall of colorful envelopes in the fellowship hall!

CHANCEL FLOWER SPONSORSHIPS for Sundays in 2024 are available. The cost to sponsor Sunday Flowers is \$30 per household. Please see the sign up board in the Narthex.

A THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY/PRAYER GROUP MEETS on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Thursdays at 1 p.m. in Room 11/12 and via Zoom. See *E-Messengers* for details.

KIT MINISTRY ITEM - Dark Towels (52 x 27) FOOD PANTRY - Canned Soup

<u>Pastor</u>	Kristine Schroeder	<u>Acolytes</u>	---- (8:30)
<u>Director of Music</u>	Randall Fields		----- (11:00)
<u>Organist/Accompanist</u>	Melanie Payne	<u>Greeters</u>	Troop 404, Troop 350 (8:30, 11:00)
<u>Director of Outreach Ministries</u>	Claire Strand	<u>Lector</u>	A. Harper (8:30, 11:00)
<u>Communication &amp; Tech Director</u>	Meredith Kilby	<u>Communion Assistant</u>	Pr. Bill Schroeder
<u>Office Managers</u>	Bobby Huwaldt	<u>Ushers</u>	Bruce Peter, --- (8:30)
	Meredith Kilby		Bruce Machamer, --- (11:00)
<u>Nursery Attendant</u>	Sarah Walker	<u>Cantor</u>	Mike Mabry
<u>Pastor Kris Schroeder</u>		<u>Altar Guild</u>	LeeLinda Baggett (8:30)
Email: pastor.kris@mlutheran.org			Karen Arnold (11:00)
Pastor Cell Phone: 480-338-6519		<u>Sound/Stream Team</u>	Meredith Kilby (8:30)
Pastor's Office Hours are M-TH			Claire Davis, Bob Davis (11:00)
MLC staff will never directly solicit you to purchase gift-cards or withdraw money for "sensitive matters," If in doubt call the church office.		<u>Flower Guild</u>	Jean Stuart
Don't get scammed. If it feels fishy - it probably is!			

## **\*\*CHURCH CALENDAR\*\***

### **Sunday, February 11 Scout Sunday/ Soup-er Bowl Sunday**

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for All Ages  
9:45 a.m. - Instrumental Ensemble Rehearsal  
10:30 a.m. - Choir Rehearsal

### **Tuesday, February 13**

9:00 a.m. - Comforters

### **Wednesday, February 14**

12:00 p.m. - Ash Wednesday Service of Worship  
5:00 p.m. - Confirmation  
5:30 p.m. - Wednesday Night Dinner - Soup Supper  
6:00 p.m. - Cherub Choir  
6:00 p.m. - Seraph Choir  
7:00 p.m. - \*Ash Wednesday Service of Worship  
7:45 p.m. - Messiah Choir

### **Thursday, February 15**

1:00 p.m. - Bible Study Prayer Group  
5:30 p.m. - Call Committee Meeting  
6:30 p.m. - Kit Ministry

### **Saturday, February 17**

10:00 a.m. - Worship Team Rehearsal

### **Sunday, February 18**

8:00 a.m. - Choir Rehearsal  
8:30 a.m. - Service of Worship: *WOV Setting 5 (Bread of Life)* w/the Lord's Supper  
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for All Ages  
11:00 a.m. - \*Service of Worship: *Band Led Service* w/the Lord's Supper  
5:00 p.m. - Jr/Sr Youth Group  
6:30 p.m. - Notabella

*\*These services are live streamed on mlutheran.org*

### **LOOKING AHEAD**

**February 26** - Womens' Book & Social Club meet at Bartel home

**February 27** - Men of Messiah (MoM) meet at The Nook, Huntsville

**March 24** - Passion/Palm Sunday

**March 31** - Resurrection/Easter Sunday

### **Attendance:**

January 28 - Online - 70 February 4 - 8:30 a.m. - 96, 11:00 a.m. - 56

### **Offerings Counted February 4, 2024**

Church Ministries

Capital Investment Fund

Music

Facility Usage

Sr. Youth National Gathering

Kids to Love-KTech

Flowers

**GIVE ONLINE**

