

# Transfiguration Sunday

February 11, 2024

*Greetings and Welcome*

*Prelude by the Faith Singers – “I Stand in Awe of You,” arr. Shipps*

## GATHERING

*\*Call to Worship and Confession*

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

*Silence for Reflection and Confession*

P: Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are captive 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.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

*Gathering Song – “Here I Am to Worship”* (piano)

**Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness, opened my eyes, let me see.  
Beauty that made this heart adore You, hope of a life spent with You.**

*Refrain: Here I am to worship; Here I am to bow down;  
Here I am to say that You’re my God.*

*You’re altogether lovely, altogether worthy, altogether wonderful to me.*

**King of all days, oh so highly exalted, glorious in heaven above.**

**Humbly you came to the earth you created, all for love’s sake became poor.** *Refrain*

**And I’ll never know how much it cost To see my sin upon that cross.**

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*\*Greeting and Prayer of the Day*

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray ...

**C: Amen.**

*\*Sharing Christ’s Peace*

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

*All are invited to share the peace of Christ with one another.*

*Children’s Sermon*

*Hymn of Praise – “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah” ELW 172* (piano)

**Halle, halle, hallelujah. Halle, halle, hallelujah.**

**Halle, halle, hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.**

# WORD

*Reading:* Psalm 27:1-4

Reader: Patty Nelson

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my light and my salvation;  
whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life;  
of whom shall I be afraid?

<sup>2</sup>When evildoers assail me  
to devour my flesh—  
my adversaries and foes—  
they shall stumble and fall.

<sup>3</sup>Though an army encamp against me,  
my heart shall not fear;  
though war rise up against me,  
yet I will be confident.

<sup>4</sup>One thing I asked of the LORD,  
that will I seek after:  
to live in the house of the LORD  
all the days of my life,  
to behold the beauty of the LORD,  
and to inquire in his temple.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

*\*Gospel Reading:* Mark 8:27-9:8

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 8<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>27</sup>Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, ‘Who do people say that I am?’ <sup>28</sup>And they answered him, ‘John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.’ <sup>29</sup>He asked them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’ Peter answered him, ‘You are the Messiah.’ <sup>30</sup>And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

<sup>31</sup>Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days

rise again. <sup>32</sup>He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup>But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, ‘Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.’

<sup>34</sup>He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, ‘If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. <sup>36</sup>For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? <sup>37</sup>Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? <sup>38</sup>Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.’ <sup>9</sup>And he said to them, ‘Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see that the kingdom of God has come with power.’

<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.

P: The gospel of the Lord. C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Song* –“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah” ELW 172

*(piano)*

**Halle, halle, hallelujah. Halle, halle, hallelujah.  
Halle, halle, hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.**

*Sermon:* "Light or Dark"

*Song of the Day* – “Shine, Jesus, Shine” ELW 671

*(organ)*

***Refrain: Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father’s glory;  
blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.***

***Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy;  
send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!***

1. **Lord, the light of your love is shining, in the midst of the darkness, shining;  
Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us, set us free by the truth you now bring us.  
Shine on me, shine on me. Refrain**
2. **As we gaze on your kingly brightness, so our faces display your likeness,  
Ever changing from glory to glory, mirrored here, may our lives tell your story.  
Shine on me, shine on me. Refrain**

*\*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. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.**

*Installation of Council Member, Gaylon Martin*

*\*Prayers*

*Stewardship Time*

*Sandi Watts, organist*

Stewardship is about our grateful response to God's grace for us. How do you respond? If you would like to financially support our ministry together, you can place a donation in an offering box or through our website. If you would like to support our ministry together through service, you can find a list of ministry teams online or on our ministry team menu. Consider joining a ministry team, or starting a new one, today!

*—Please take a moment to sign into the Welcome Folder in your pew—*

*\*Great Thanksgiving*

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*\*Words of Institution*

P: 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.

*\*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.**

*Communion Songs*

“O Jesus, I Have Promised” ELW 810 (organ)

- 1 **O Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;  
remain forever near me, my master and my friend.  
I shall not fear the battle if you are by my side,  
nor wander from the pathway if you will be my guide.**
- 2 **Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ever near.  
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear.  
My foes are ever near me, around me and within;  
but, Jesus, then draw nearer to shield my soul from sin.**

- 3 **Oh, let me hear you speaking in accents clear and still  
above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will.  
Now speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;  
now speak and make me listen, O Guardian of my soul.**
- 4 **O Jesus, you have promised to all who follow you  
that where you are in glory your servant shall be too.  
And Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;  
oh, give me grace to follow, my master and my friend.**

“Change My Heart, O God”

*(piano)*

**Change my heart, O God, Make it ever true.  
Change my heart, O God, May I be like You.**

**You are the Potter, I am the clay. Mold me and make me, This is what I pray.**

**Change my heart, O God, Make it ever true.  
Change my heart, O God, May I be like You.**

*\*Post-Communion Blessing*

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.  
C: **Amen.**

*\*Closing Prayer*

## SENDING

*\*Benediction*

P: The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make his face shine on you and be  
gracious to you, the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.  
C: **Amen.**

*\*Sending Song – “Carry the Light”*

*(piano)*

**1. In this world of darkness we are given light,  
Hope for all the dying. How will they know?  
How will they know ... that Jesus loves them, And He died to save them?**

*Refrain: Carry the Light, carry the Light.  
Go and tell the children they are precious in His sight.  
Carry the Light, carry the Light. Go and preach the gospel 'til there is no more night.  
In the name of Jesus Christ, carry the Light;  
(2nd time) the Light. Carry the Light.*

**2. Count them by the millions, blinded slaves to sin.  
Inside they are dying. How will they know?**

**How will they know ... that Jesus loves them, And His heart is breaking? *Refrain***

*\*Dismissal*

**P:** Go in peace, serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

#### **Song Credits**

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The altar plants are given today by the Dichsen family  
in celebration of Benen’s 15<sup>th</sup> birthday on February 9

### **Worship Assistants**

Communion Assistant: Hallie Mayner  
Greeter: Hallie Mayner  
Reader: Patty Nelson  
Usher: Pat Glyshaw  
Pastor: Adam Dichsen  
Sabbatical Pastor: Paul Schwartzkopf  
Music Director: Jean Welch  
Organist: Sandi Watts  
Pianist: Jean Welch  
Drummer: John Demien  
Financial Assistants: Kelly Hartz & Greg Kimler  
Chancel Committee: Pat Glyshaw  
Coffee Hosts: Hallie Mayner & Liddy Stark





Singers:

Benen Dichsen	Rigby Dichsen	Adam Krohe	Carol VanderKloot
Louis Dichsen	Kelly Hartz	Kris Roth	
Marilyn Dichsen	Terri Kimler	Melissa Street	

Church Council Members:

Malinda Carlson	Kelly Hartz	Gaylon Martin	Monica Proefrock
Ken Devlin	Greg Kimler	Patty Nelson	Kelly Street
Marilyn Dichsen			

### **What's Coming Up at Faith?**

Sunday, February 11, 9:30am: Worship – Installation of Council Member  
10:45am: Sunday School

Wednesday, February 14, 7:00am: Men's Prayer Group  
7:00pm: Ash Wednesday Service

Thursday, February 15, 6:00pm: Church Council Meeting

Sunday, February 18, 9:30am: Worship  
10:45am: Sunday School

#### **Newsletter Deadline**

Wednesday, February 21, 7:00am: Men's Prayer Group  
10:00am: Discipleship Group in the Library  
6:00pm: Lenten Potluck Supper  
6:45pm: Lenten Worship & Workshop in the Great Room

### **News Updates**

#### **Sunday School**

Calling all kids! After worship, fellowship, and snacks, we will gather for music and then head to our classes. We have two classes this year, one for pre-K through Kindergarten and the other for early elementary. If you have questions or are interested in helping, contact Patty Nelson at 217-653-3105.

#### **Ash Wednesday Service – February 14, 7:00pm**

Lent is just around the corner! Join us for our traditional service of the imposition of ashes. The practice reminds us that we are dust and to dust we shall return... but also proclaims that we find life in the cross of Christ. Lenten Wednesday night potlucks and Worship/Workshops begin on February 21 (*see paragraph on page 10*).

## **Youth Group Help Wanted**

One of the hats worn by Pastor Adam is youth leader. In his absence, we are looking for people willing to lead an event, host a meal, or lead a youth Sunday school class. If you are interested, please let Kelly Hartz know. We have a wonderful group of youth, and you would be blessed by your time with them!

## **Discipleship Group**

Join our monthly discussion at **10:00am on Wednesday, February 21**, in the Faith Library. This month, we'll explore "foolishness," both God's and our own. For more information, please contact Kelly Hartz at (217) 502-1979 or by email at khartz@sompo-intl.com.

## **Lenten Wednesday Workshops: "Grounded: Plugging into Faith"**

Lent will look a little different this year with Pastor Adam on sabbatical, but please plan to join us for midweek Lenten evenings that will help us learn about ourselves as people of faith and of Faith, and to grow deeper in our relationships with God and each other. Plan to join us in the Great Room on **Wednesday evenings from February 21 through March 20** for a potluck meal beginning at 6:00pm followed by a time of learning and fellowship at 6:45pm, and take time this Lent to become Grounded in Faith. *Monica Proefrock*

**Contribution Envelopes for 2024** are available in the gathering area.

## **"Cars 2" at the Illinois Theater in Jacksonville**

On Sunday, February 18 at 7:00pm, junior high and high school students are invited to a special showing of Cars 2 at the Illinois Theater in Jacksonville. Admission is FREE and includes popcorn and drink. Contact Mariah Lomelino at 217-473-5559 with any questions and to secure you or your group's reservation.

This movie is part of special events for youth sponsored by the Jacksonville Area Conference of Churches, Westfair Baptist Church, and the Illinois College Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA). Chaperons will be available from the Illinois College FCA during the event. A second movie event with a different film is scheduled for March 20. Stay tuned for more information. Invite friends, connected to church or not! It's just an evening of fun for local junior high and high school students!

## **Music Rehearsals**

**Exaltation Ringers** rehearse on some Sundays after the service at 10:45am in the Choir Room. We ring one Sunday each month. If you are interested in ringing, please let me know. Jean Welch, *Music Director*

### **Fairly-Traded Coffee/Tea**

Check out the coffee display from Equal Exchange. Simply select the product(s) you would like to purchase, and place the money in the container provided by the display (**\$6.50** regular; **\$7.50** decaf; **\$3.00** tea; **\$2.50** chocolate bars; **\$5.50** hot chocolate; **\$6.50** cashews). Checks should be made out to Faith Lutheran Church with “*coffee*” designated in the memo area.

### **Sign-Up Sheets**

are available at the podium in the gathering area. Please take a moment to sign up to be an Usher, Reader, Greeter, Communion Assistant, Coffee Host, Chancel Committee volunteer, and to Donate Altar Plants. **Thank You!** *We are Gifted to Serve!*