

Transfiguration of Our Lord  
February 11, 2024



# Transfiguration SUNDAY

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UNITED by Christ, God call us to LOVE one another  
As we RECEIVE, DISCOVER and PROCLAIM God's Word.

*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.*

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## **GATHERING**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

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### **PRELUDE**

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **TEMPLE TALK**

**Sami Pollack**

### **OPENING REFLECTION**

### **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.**

**OPENING HYMN**

*“When Morning Gilds the Skies”* ELW #853  
(Vs. 1, 4 & 5)

**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.**

**KYRIE**

ELW page 138

**CANTICLE OF PRAISE—*Glory to God in the Highest***

ELW page 139

**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.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### FIRST CHOIR

*"Above All"*  
Arr. Hayes

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### WORD

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

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### FIRST READING—2 Kings 2:1-12

*Today's reading centers on the transfer of power and authority from the prophet Elijah to Elisha. Their travels, which retrace the path of Joshua back to Moab (the place where Moses died) and the parting of the waters, demonstrate that Elisha and Elijah are legitimate successors of the great prophet Moses.*

<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.

Word of God. Word of Life

**Thanks be to God!**

**PSALM: 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.**

**SECOND READING—2 Corinthians 4:3-6**

*The spotlight of Christian ministry is not on the people who carry out ministry but on the Lord Jesus Christ. Just as God made light shine at creation, God makes the light of Jesus Christ shine in our lives through Christian ministry.*

<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.

Word of God. Word of Life

**Thanks be to God!**

The Holy Gospel according to the ninth chapter of Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL—Mark 9:2-9**

*Mark's gospel presents the transfiguration as a preview of what would become apparent to Jesus' followers after he rose from the dead. Confused disciples are given a vision of God's glory manifest in the beloved Son.*

<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**

**MESSAGE**

**Rev. Samuel Mailleue**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*"How Good, Lord, to Be Here!"* ELW #315  
**(Vs. 1, 2 & 3)**

**BAPTISM—Lola Irene Skelly**

**THE PRAYERS**

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 especially those on our prayer list and those we name in our hearts. 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 especially Everett Nash. 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.**

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## OFFERING

*Gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.*

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**WE OFFER OUR GIFTS AND TITHES**

## **OFFERTORY 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.**

## **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.**

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## **SENDING**

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

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## **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.**



**CLOSING HYMN**

*“Beautiful Savior”* ELW #838

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. You are God’s beloved.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SHARING OF THE PEACE**

**POSTLUDE**

**Welcome to First Lutheran Church**

*Whether you are looking for a place of worship  
or are just passing through, we hope our service has blessed you  
on your journey as your presence has been a blessing to us.*

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

### Sunday, February 11, 2024

Organist/Pianist: Virginia Miller  
First Choir Director: Jennifer Weick  
Acolytes: Oliver Carlen  
Reader: Edrie Barton  
Usher: Vic Pengilly  
Greeters: Vanden Einde Family  
Council Member: Megan Schwarz  
Fellowship:  
Projection: Tech Team  
Audio: Tech Team  
Videographer: Becky Pollack  
Offering Counters: Joan May  
Bob Bartle  
Altar Guild: Roxanne Kisling

### Wednesday, February 14, 2024

Organist/Pianist: Virginia Miller  
First Choir Director: Jennifer Weick  
Acolytes: Everett Greisen  
Reader: Cathey Fullerton  
Usher: Chuck Frauendienst  
Greeters: Liz Osborne  
Communion Asst: Roz Neal  
Joan May  
Council Member:  
Fellowship:  
Projection: Tech Team  
Audio: Tech Team  
Videographer: Becky Pollack  
Altar Guild: Roxanne Kisling

### Sunday, February 18, 2024

Organist/Pianist: Virginia Miller  
First Choir Director: Jennifer Weick  
Acolytes: Evelyn Haemig  
Reader: Rachel Wagner  
Usher: Bob & Joan Reasoner  
Greeters: Edrie Barton  
Rachel Wagner  
Communion Asst:  
Council Member:  
Fellowship:  
Projection: Tech Team  
Audio: Tech Team  
Videographer: Becky Pollack  
Offering Counters: Randy Baum  
John Miller  
Altar Guild: Roxanne Kisling

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## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**Baptized today is Lola Irene Skelly**, daughter of Andrew & Wendy Skelly. Lola's sponsors are Sarah Svihel and Hootie Lieseke.

**February Monthly Focus is Scholarship Fund.**

**Ash Wednesday** service will be on Wednesday, February 14 at 7:00pm with Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes.

Financial Update		
Week of	Amount Received	Amount Needed
2-4-2024	\$5,565	\$4,548
	\$22,984	\$27,287

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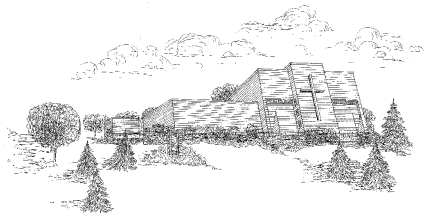
Songselect Advanced—Expires 6/30/2024

Shift Worship—Membership

Expires 12/25/2024

Sharefaith—Membership

Expires 6/2024



## Weekly Schedule

Sunday, February 11	<b>9:00a</b>	<b>Worship</b>
		<b>Baptism of Lola Irene Skelly</b>
	10:00a	First Choir Rehearsal
Monday, February 12	6:00p	Membership Update Meeting
Wednesday, February 14	6:00p	Meal—GNH/GIGG/FLY
	6:30p	Lesson—GNH/GIGG/FLY
	<b>7:00p</b>	<b>Worship w/Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes</b>
Thursday, February 15	6:30p	Adult Bible Study/Next Chapter Winery
Sunday, February 18	<b>9:00a</b>	<b>Worship w/Holy Communion</b>
	10:00a	First Choir Rehearsal
	2:00p	MN River Conference Assembly @ Grace, Waseca

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