



BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

FEBRUARY 11TH, 2024

8:30 AM & 10:45 AM

*+ indicates to stand in body or spirit;
bold print indicates congregational responses*

✠ GATHERING ✠

PRELUDE *“Beautiful Savior”* arr. Greg Bottomley
(8:30) *“Simple Gifts”* arr. Valerie Stephenson

WORDS OF WELCOME

+ CALL TO WORSHIP

O God, you revealed your Son to all people by the shining light of a star,
at his baptism in the Jordan, and again to his disciples on a high mountain.
By water and your word claim and direct our attention,
and continue to reveal your abundant life.

**We give thanks to our Creator,
for Christ is the center of creation
and our lives as Christians.**

+ **GATHERING HYMN** *“Arise, Your Light Has Come!”* ELW #314

APOSTOLIC 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.**

+ **CANTICLE OF PRAISE** *“Glory to God in the Highest”*



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of



God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us; you are



seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



3 For you a - lone are the Ho-ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

✠ WORD ✠

FIRST READING *2 KINGS 2:1-12*

A reading from the 2nd chapter of Second Kings.

¹Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ²Elijah 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. ³The 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.”

⁴Elijah 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. ⁵The 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.”

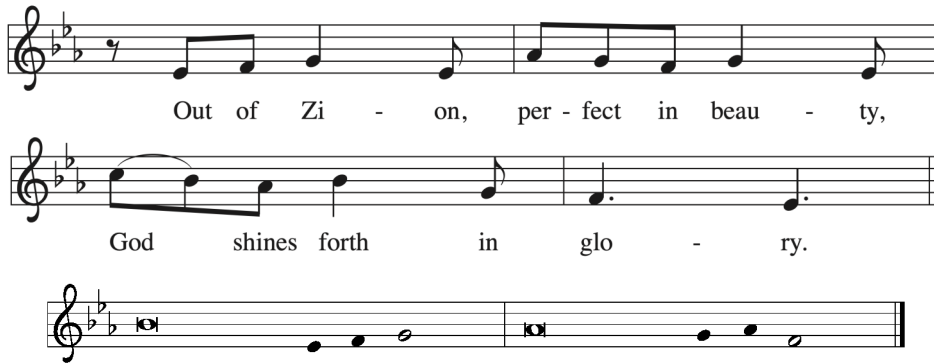
⁶Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.” But he said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them went on. ⁷Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸Then 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.

⁹When 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.” ¹⁰He 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.” ¹¹As 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.

¹²Elisha 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 50:1-6*



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

²**Out of Zion, perfect | in its beauty,
God shines | forth in glory. R**

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

⁴**God calls the heavens and the earth | from above
to witness the judgment | of the people.**

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

⁶**The heavens declare the rightness | of God’s cause,
for it is God | who is judge. R**

+ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



+ HOLY GOSPEL *MARK 9:2-9*

The Gospel according to Mark, the 9th chapter. **Glorify to you, O Lord.**

²Six 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, ³and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with

Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵Then 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.” ⁶He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, “This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!” ⁸Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

⁹As 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 our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE & HOMILY

+ **HYMN OF THE DAY** *“How Good, Lord, to Be Here”* ELW #315 stanzas 1-3, & 5

APOSTLES’ CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by 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.

INSTALLATION OF THE CHURCH COUNCIL

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

+ SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

OFFERING

We pass the peace of Christ beyond our congregation and this moment through our offerings of time, talent, and treasure. Use this QR code for a one-time gift or to schedule an automatic donation through Simply Giving. Online giving cards (in the back of hymnal), checks or cash may be placed in the offering plates as they are passed.



ANTHEM (8:30) *“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”* Charles Wesley & Roland H. Prichard
(10:45) *“Keep Your Lamps”* arr. Michael Glasgow

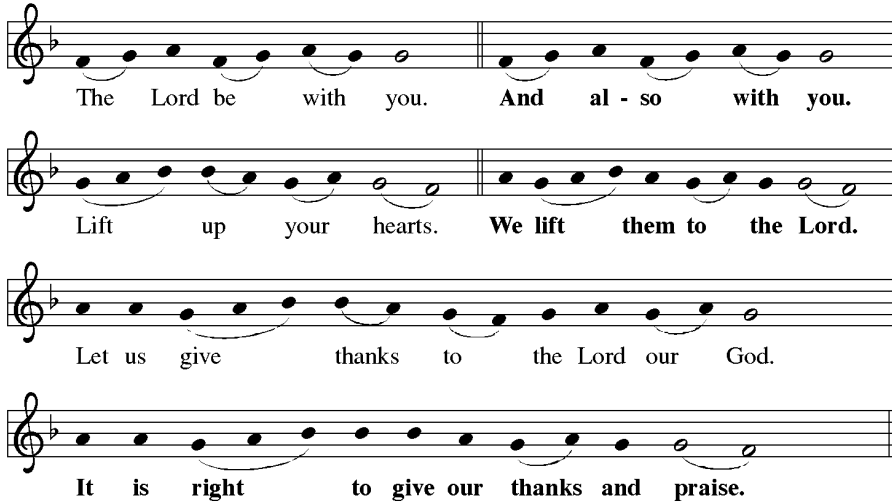
+ OFFERTORY

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the
brim our cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,
and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

+ OFFERTORY PRAYER

✠ MEAL ✠

+ GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

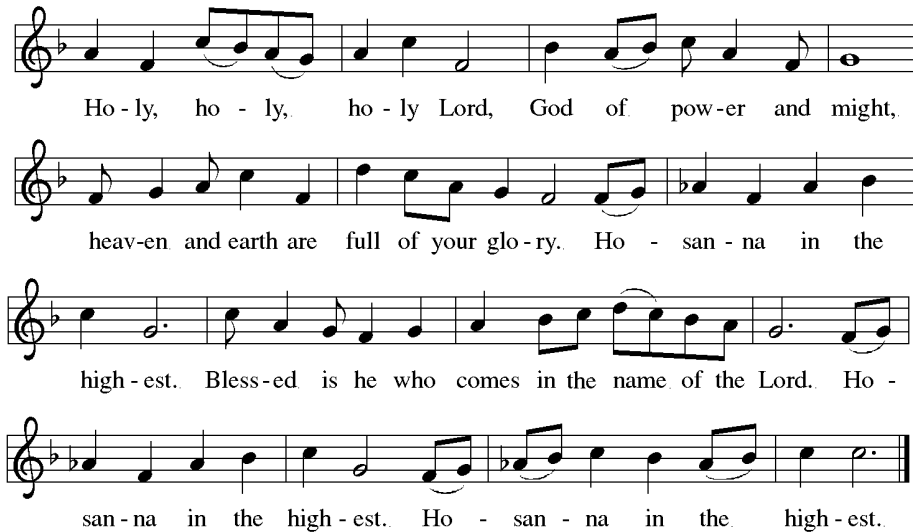
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

+ EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ, who, sharing our life, lived among us to reveal your glory and love. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Transfiguring God, you called your people into covenant with you and sealed your trust with Moses; you called your people back to that covenant through your prophets. Then, in your Son Jesus, you stood between the law and the prophets and revealed the radiance of your gospel.

The Words of Institution

Dazzling God, it is good for us to be here at your table, with bread and wine reminding us that you do not stay on mountain tops and are also in the ordinary. Give us ears to hear your voice. **Amen.**

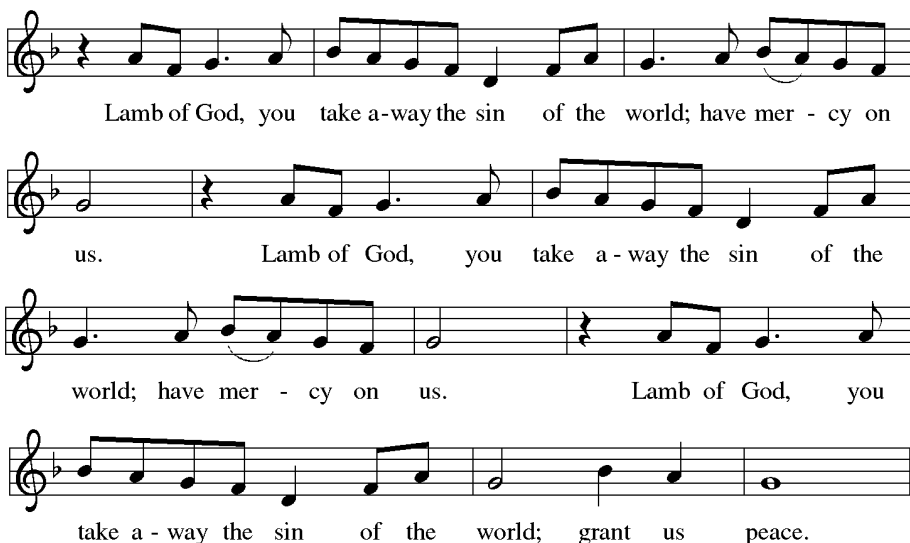
+ THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

+ EL PADRE NUESTRO

Padre nuestro que estás en los cielos,
santificado sea tu nombre;
venga a nos tu reino;
hágase tu voluntad,
así en la tierra como en el cielo;
el pan nuestro de cada día, dánoslo hoy;
y perdónanos nuestras deudas
así como nosotros perdonamos
a nuestros deudores;
y no nos dejes caer en la tentación;
mas líbranos del mal.
Porque tuyo es el reino,
el poder y la gloria,
por los siglos de los siglos. Amén.

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

HOLY COMMUNION HYMN “*Beautiful Savior*” ELW #838

+ TABLE BLESSING

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

+ PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Giver of every gift, send your Spirit that we become what we received: the body of Christ.
Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever. Amen.**

✠ SENDING ✠

+ BENEDICTION

May God bless you and keep you.
May God make God’s face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
May God look upon you with favor,
and ✠ grant you peace. **Amen.**

+ SENDING HYMN “*Alleluia, Song of Gladness*” ELW #318 stanzas 1, 3, & 4

+DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE “*Alleluia, Song of Gladness*” arr. Edwin T. Childs

WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor Inger Hanson & Pastor Ben Schori

Acolytes: (8:30) Teddy Waters (10:45) Adele Holz

Assisting Ministers: (8:30) Krista Middlebrooks (10:45) Ellen Haefner

Ushers: (8:30) Harley Foster, Craig Grunzke, Daryl Kuyper, Bob Vanderhoof
(10:45) Chad Jenkinson, Nancy Sparby, Michael Sparby

Readers: (8:30) Jill Fisher (10:45) Alyssa Bauer

Sacramental Ministers: (8:30) Ben Fisher, Barb Holm, Pastor Char Cox, Carol Lysne, Pastor Phil Ruud
(10:45) Pastor Char Cox

Altar Care: (set) Carol Lysne (clean) Carol Cole

Director of Ring Forth & Brio: Jill Mahr

Church Choir Director: Peter Schleif

Trumpet: Gerry Hoekstra

Keyboards: Megan Engel

A/V Technicians: Sam Dwyer, Sebastian Jenkinson, Boden Jenkinson, Brent Kivell

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SUNDAY ATTENDANCE & FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

February 4	in person attendance
8:30 am	179
10:45 am	102
Total	281

Offering—General Operating Budget	2024 Budget monthly goal:
Counted Offering end-of-month Jan	\$70,027
February 2nd online giving	\$9,944

2024 Financial Status (through January)

Income received \$73,012 Expenses \$75,778 Net Deficit \$2,762

TODAY!

A staffed nursery for little ones is available during and between both worship services.

Education & Fellowship Opportunities **9:45—10:30 AM**

Sunday School for 3 year olds—5th Grade is offered in various classrooms—
please ask if you need help finding yours!

Coffee Fellowship in the Christian Learning Center (CLC)

faith flow
in the youth room

Technology: Good or Bad or Inbetween

with Brent Kivell & Brent Rauk

Technology—it's fabulous! No, technology—it's a waste of time and energy!
We know that technology gives us so many benefits, and it can also take us
down a lot of rabbit holes that we're better off without. So which is true—
is technology good or bad? Or is it both? Join us as we explore the best and
worst of our current world of technology.

THIS WEEK

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS 9 AM - 3 PM

MONDAY

5:00 pm



Worship & Arts Committee

6:30 pm

Resonance Adult Bell Choir

TUESDAY



9:00 am

Quilting Group

9:45 am

Staff Meeting

6:30 pm

Endowment Committee

Church Council Meeting

ASH WEDNESDAY

11:00 am



Ash Wednesday Worship

12:30 pm

Mission & Justice

3:30 pm

Limitless

5:15 pm



Family Ash Wednesday Worship

5:15 pm

Congregational Life Committee

6:15 pm

Ring Forth Youth Bell Choir

7:00 pm



Ash Wednesday Worship (Livestream)

6th Grade Connections & Confirmation Classes worship together

8:05 pm



Brio Youth Bell Choir

THURSDAY

8:30 am

Men of Bethel (Room 62)

9:30 am

FAB (Faith & Books) (Youth Room)



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