

# Transfiguration of Our Lord

February 14, 2021

#### **Worship Leader – Pastor Martha Neff Stum**

#### \*THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

> the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

People: Amen.

**Pastor:** Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,

we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

(Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.)

**Pastor:** We give you thanks, O God,

for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters

and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

People: Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.

Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy

Spirit.

By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,

making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

**Pastor:** We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,

and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.

Shower us with your Spirit,

and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

People: To you be given honor and praise

through Jesus Christ our Lord

in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

#### \*Gathering Song ~ ELW Hymn #318 "Alleluia, Song of Gladness" PRAISE, MY SOUL glad - ness, voice of joy that can-not die; Al - le - lu - ia, song of you are sound - ing, true Je - ru - sa - lem and free; Al - le - lu - ia Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways be our song while here be - low; pray with long - ing: Grant us, bless-ed In our hymns we Trin - i - tv. al - le - lu - ia the an - them ev - er dear to choirs on high; is al - le - lu - ia, joy - ful moth-er, bring us to your ju - bi - lee; while for - go; al - le - lu - ia our trans-gres-sions make us for a with the faith-ful keep glad Eas - ter saints on high; at the last to the house of thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly. God a - bid - ing in 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. you for - ev - er al - le - lu - ia sing-ing joy - ful - ly. there to

# Greeting

Pastor: The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the

Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: And also with you.



### \*Prayer of the Day (pray together)

**Pastor:** 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.

People: Amen

#### **WORD**<sup>†</sup>

# First Reading A reading from 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.

**Lector:** Word of God, word of life.

People: Thanks be to God.

#### 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. R

<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. R

# **Second Reading**A reading from 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.

**Lector:** Word of God, word of life. **People: Thanks be to God.** 

#### **Gospel Acclamation**

Pastor: Alleluia. This is my | Son, my Chosen,\* lis- | ten to him! Alleluia. (Luke 9:35)

### The Gospel Reading

The Holy Gospel according to 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.

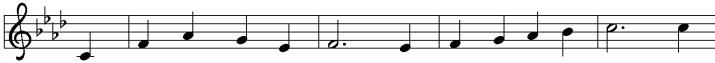
<sup>9</sup>As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Lector: The Gospel of the Lord, People: Praise to you, O Lord.

The Sermon ~ Pastor Len Hoffmann

\*Hymn of the Day ~ \*Hymn ~ ELW Hymn #328

"Restore in Us, O God" BAYLOR



- Re store God, the splen-dor of your love; in us, re -2 the won - der of your pow'r;  $\mathbf{O}$ Spir - it, wake in us from
- 3 Bring us, O Christ, to share the full-ness of your joy; bap-
- 4 Three-per-soned God, ful fill the prom-ise of your grace, that



new your im - age in our hearts, and all our sins re - move. furl our lives like spring-time bud and flow'r. fruit-less fear un tize us in the ris - en life that death can - not de - stroy. when all our search-ing ends, may see you face face. we, to

#### The 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.

### \*Prayers of the People

After each petition of the prayers:

Lector: Let us pray,

People: Have mercy, O God.

**Lector:** Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of

the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior.

People: Amen.

#### \*Offering Prayer

Pastor: Faithful God,

you walk beside us in desert places,

and you meet us in our hunger with bread from heaven.

Accompany us in this meal,

that we may pass over from death to life with Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

People: Amen.

### \*The Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
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 our thanks and praise.

#### \*Preface

**Pastor:** 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.

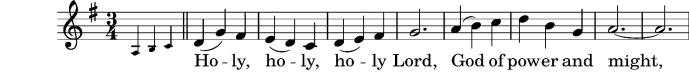
By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations;

in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory.

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:







heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosan na in the highest. \_\_\_ Bless'd is



he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in\_the high - est.

**Pastor:** Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,

who preached good news to the poor,

and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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,

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,

we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,

be all honor and glory, now and forever.

People: Amen.

**Pastor:** Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

# \*The 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.

#### **Invitation to Communion**

**Pastor:** Beloved: here is bread: here is wine. Here is Jesus.

Come and be fed.

#### **Distribution Special Music**

"Laudate Dominum" W. A. Mozart

**Pastor:** May the body & blood of our Lord and savior,

Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace. Amen.

## \*Prayer after Communion

Pastor: Christ Jesus,

at this table we have feasted on your very life

and are strengthened for our journey. Send us forth from this banquet nourished in body and in spirit to proclaim your good news and serve others in your name.

People: Amen

#### \*Blessing

**Pastor:** God the creator strengthen you;

Jesus the beloved fill you;

and the Holy Spirit the comforter *+* keep you in peace.

Amen.

"As with Gladness Men of Old"



#### \*Dismissal

Pastor: Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

Thanks be to God! People:

Our worship gatherings will be posted on YouTube at...

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLC7bdt-eCGNxURxFef-

NSGadIffLHnDxG

And they are linked to the church website.

www.lutherantucson.org

Most small group meetings have resumed online. Please contact your individual leader. If you have questions call the church office, which will remain closed till further notice, however staff will still be taking care of essential tasks and available when needed. Contact them by email or phone.

(520) 327-6521

For all of our community, please wash hands frequently, refrain from shaking hands, and honor the boundaries of others to stay safe.

Thank you for your understanding and care in this unprecedented time. Please watch for further communication.

# Please add to your prayer list:

Mert Ingvoldstad Synod VP Paul Gryniewicz Sonja Dunn

Kathryn Barrera at the birth of her daughter, Christine, on 1/22/2021 The family of Theresa Lehrling at the recent death of her father.

Sunday, February 21, 2021 Lent 1 Genesis 9:8-17, Psalm 25:1-10, 1 Peter 3:18-22, Mark 1:9-15

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