

# ST. STEPHEN LUTHERAN CHURCH

## TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD SUNDAY



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2024

10 A.M.

## INTRODUCTION

*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 bear 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.*

## PRELUDE

Leader: All:  
May the peace of the Lord embrace us. May the

5 Leader:  
love of the Lord light our way. We come to you

10 All:  
lost and broken. Your brilliance illuminates our flaws.

16 Leader: All:  
You know how our prayers ever fade. Yet always you

22  
open your arms to us.

*The assembly stands.*



+ GATHERING +

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

P Send us your silence, Holy God, that we may reflect on the ways we have turned away from you.

*Silence for reflection.*

P Accept our confession of sin, and bathe us in your forgiveness.

**C Forgive us, gracious God. We fail to thank you for your gifts to us. We neglect those who are in need, those who could teach us of your love. And we have such a dim view of ourselves compared with your vision of us. You have given us wings and urged us to fly. But we keep our feet on the ground and our backs turned to you. Forgive us, mighty God.**

P Through the gift we can never hope to deserve, the gift of Jesus Christ, God takes away our sin. In the warmth of God's loving gaze--Father, ✝ Son and Holy Spirit--we are forgiven.

**C We are forgiven!**

We are for - giv - en.\_\_\_\_ We're clean a - gain.\_\_\_\_\_

5

Gone is the dark night of sin;\_\_\_\_\_ in comes the light.

9

We are re - born\_\_\_\_ through no power of our own.\_\_\_\_ We are for - giv - en.\_\_\_\_

12

and we are giv - en a new start.

17

We are for - giv - en.\_\_\_\_ We're clean a - gain.\_\_\_\_\_ We are for - giv - en,\_\_\_\_

20

and we are giv - en a new start. A - men.\_\_\_\_ A - men. A - men.\_\_\_\_

**GATHERING HYMN**      671      *Shine, Jesus, Shine (Can't include music)*

**GREETING**

**P**      The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C**      **And also with you.**

# HYMN OF PRAISE



If God were an ea - gle, he'd  
 If God were the wind, she'd run  
 If God were a moun - tain, a  
 God's more than a moun - tain, an



swoop through the trees. He'd flex all his fea - thers to  
 rings 'round the clouds. She'd swirl 'round the world just ca -  
 tow - er of stone, it would reach to the hea - vens, al -  
 ea - gle, the wind. God stretch - es be - yond where our



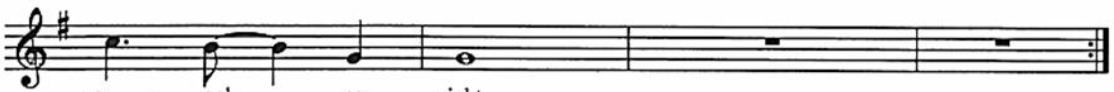
catch the least breeze. And peo - ple would shout,  
 res - ing the crowds. And peo - ple would sigh,  
 might - y, a - lone. And peo - ple would cry,  
 hymns of praise end. Al - might - y and yet



"Oh, what beau - ty in flight!" If God were an ea - gle, so  
 "Oh, what gen - tle - ness there!" If God were the wind, whis - pering  
 "Oh, what strength we can feel!" If God were a moun - tain, a  
 del - i - cate and light, God came in the form of a



re - gal, so right. If God were an ea - gle, so  
 in eve - ry - where. If God were the wind, whis - pering  
 pow - er so real. If God were a moun - tain, a  
 ba - by one night, and that is the rea - son our



re - gal, so right.  
 in eve - ry - where.  
 pow - er so real.  
 hearts burn so bright.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY



**B** 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.

**C** Amen.

*The assembly is seated.*

## CHILDREN'S SERMON



+ WORD +

### 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."

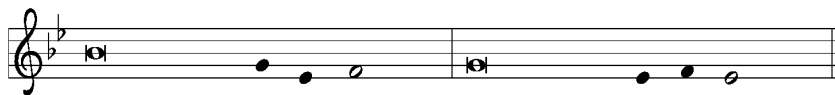
<sup>6</sup>Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.” But he said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them went on. <sup>7</sup>Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as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

Reader           The word of the Lord.

**C               Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 50:1-6**           *We sing the psalm responsively.*



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

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

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

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

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

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

*Spoken after the psalm is sung:*

**Amen.**

**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.

Reader       The word of the Lord.

C             **Thanks be to God.**

*The assembly stands.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION           ELW 169**





**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.*

P The holy gospel according to Mark, the ninth chapter.

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

¶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, ¶and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. ¶And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ¶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.” ¶He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ¶Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, “This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!” ¶Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

¶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.

P The gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The assembly is seated.*

**SERMON** *We encounter the living word of God in the preaching.*

*The assembly stands.*

HYMN OF THE DAY 838 *Beautiful Savior*

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 - ru - 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.

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**A** Let us confess our faith.

**C** 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 INTERCESSION**

*Each petition ends: God of grace,*

*Congregational response: receive our prayer.*

## **PEACE**

**A** The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C** And also with you.

*We greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.*

*The assembly is seated.*



+ MEAL +

**OFFERING** *An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.*

**ANTHEM** *"O Splendor of God's Glory Bright" - Matsumura*

O splendor of God's glory bright,  
O splendor of God's glory bright.  
From light eternal bringing light,  
from light eternal bringing light,  
bringing light, bringing light;

Thou light of life, light's living spring,  
thou light of life, light's living spring,  
True day, all days illumining,  
true day, all days illumining,  
illumining, illumining.

Come very sun of heaven's love,  
come, very sun of heaven's love  
In lasting radiance from above,  
in lasting radiance from above,  
from above, from above;

And pour the Holy Spirit's ray,  
and pour the Holy Spirit's ray  
On all we think or do today,  
On all we think or do today,  
on all we think or do today.  
Amen, amen, amen.

With long life my love will content you. (refrain)

*We stand and sing as the collection and the gifts are brought forward*

### OFFERING HYMN

I reach in my pock - et\_\_\_ to

6

pull out an of - fer-ing as if this gift were real-ly\_\_\_ mine. It's not, Lord, I

10

know, but I cling to\_\_\_ it so\_\_\_ un - til my\_\_\_ soul's voice can\_\_\_ re -

15

mind me that what - ev - er I have,\_\_\_ what - ev - er I have,

20

\_\_\_ what - ev - er I have,\_\_\_ Lord,\_\_\_ is yours.

25

I vis - it with you\_\_\_ for an hour on Sun - days\_\_\_ as if it's a fav - or I

29

do. Lord, help me\_\_\_ to see that to live faith - ful - ly is\_\_\_ to

34  
  
 turn my— days o - ver— to you be cause what - ev - er I have,

39  
  
 \_\_\_\_\_ what - ev - er I have, \_\_\_\_\_ what - ev - er I have, — Lord, — is

43  
  
 yours. And now down the aisle comes a

48  
  
 gift like no oth - er. — The bread and the wine — make me free. The best gift — of

52  
  
 yours is the son we — a - dore. — The on - ly — gift I have — is

57  
  
 me. Take me. What - ev - er I have, \_\_\_\_\_ what - ev - er I have, —

62  
  
 \_\_\_\_\_ what - ev - er I have, — Lord, — is yours.

*The assembly stands.*

### THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

P Dear Giver of peace,

C Everything we have, everything we are, we offer to your service. As you forgave us earlier, so accept us now, and renew us in the name of the Divine Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

# GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader: All:

May the peace of the Lord embrace us. May the

9 Leader:

love of the Lord light our way. We lift our song

14 All: Leader:

high! We praise the God who gave us life. Hear, Lord,

18 *faster* All:

as we sing! Sing our praise to God on high.

27

Sing out! Sing out for joy! Sing so loud we'll drown out war.

31

Sing of peace for - ev - er - more. Sing our praise to God. A - men.

35

Sing our praise to God. Sing our praise to God. A - men.

39

Sing our praise to God. A - men. A - men. A - men. A -

44

men. A - men. A - men. A - men!

## COMMUNION BLESSING

P Bless this bread, Holy God--baked by our hand but sanctified by your Word. On a night 2,000 years ago, shortly before he died to give us everlasting life, your loving Son took such bread and gave thanks to you. He broke it, gave it to his disciples and said, "Take this and eat. This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Bless this wine, Holy God--poured by our hand but made precious by your Son's sacrifice. After supper that night, Jesus took a cup of wine, like this one, and gave you thanks. He gave it to his disciples, telling them, "Take this, all of you, and drink from it. This is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for all people so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in remembrance of me."

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray.

**C 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.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Come and taste the joy of God!

*The assembly is seated.*

## DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

*As the ushers direct you, come to the altar using the side aisles and return to your seat via the central aisle. The assisting ministers offer both the common cup (wine) and a pouring cup (wine or grape juice). If you prefer to receive the wine or juice in an individual glass, take one from the tray as you approach the rail. Leave the empty glass on the rail. Wheat-free wafers are available--simply tell the pastor.*



COMMUNION HYMN



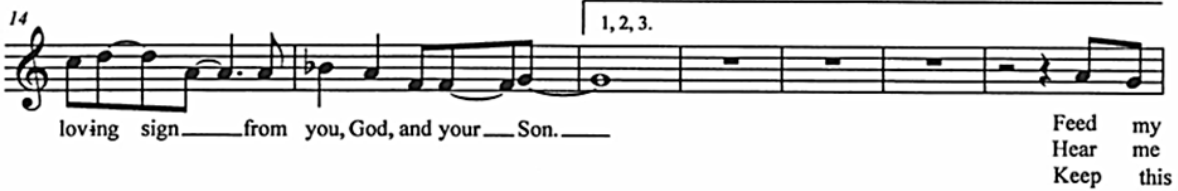
Kneel me down now at your  
soul with your ho-li-  
sing of the peace I've  
light shin-ing in my



6  
feet. Kneel me down now at your feet. Kneel me down, kneel me down,  
ness. Feed my soul with your ho-li- ness. Feed my soul, feed my soul,  
found. Hear me sing of the peace I've found. Hear me sing, hear me sing,  
heart. Keep this light shin-ing in my heart. Keep this light, keep this light,



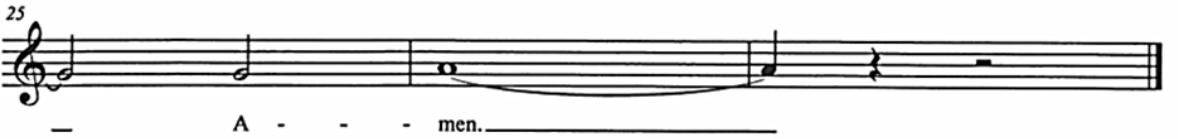
10  
at the al-tar kneel me down, for bread and wine, the  
with the Prom-ise feed my soul, with  
of your true love hear me sing, of  
shine right through me, keep this light, through



14  
loving sign from you, God, and your Son. Feed my  
Hear me  
Keep this

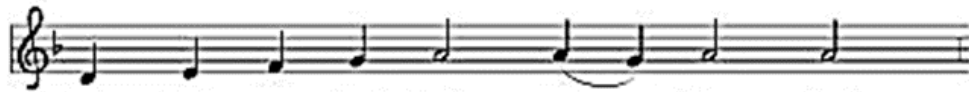


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4.  
Through bread and wine, the lov-ing sign from you, God, and your Son.



25  
A - - - men.

COMMUNION HYMN ACS 954 *You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd*



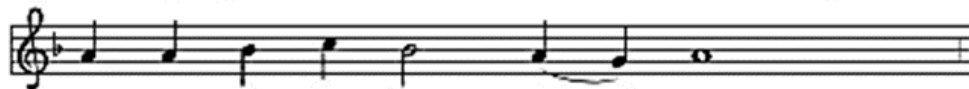
1 You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shep - herd.  
 2 Clothed in light up - on the moun - tain,  
 3 You, who walk each day be - side us,  
 4 Wor - thy is our earth - ly Je - sus!



You, Lord, are both prince and slave,  
 stripped of might up - on the cross,  
 sit in pow - er at God's side.  
 Wor - thy is our cos - mic Christ!



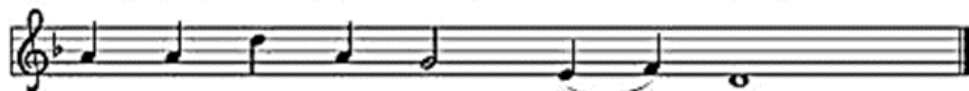
You, peace - mak - er and sword - bring - er  
 shin - ing in e - ter - nal glo - ry,  
 You, who preach a way that's nar - row,  
 Wor - thy your de - feat and vic - t'ry;



of the way you took and gave.  
 beg - gared by a sol - dier's loss,  
 have a love that reach - es wide.  
 wor - thy still your peace and strife.



You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;  
 you, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;  
 You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;  
 You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;



you, whom we both scorn and crave.  
 you, who are both gift and cost.  
 you, who are our pil - grim and guide.  
 you, who are our death and life.

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955-1993  
 Music: PICARDY, French folk tune, 17th cent.  
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- COMMUNION HYMNS** 815 *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*  
 315 *How Good, Lord, to Be Here!*

*The assembly stands.*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

A Let us pray.

Sisters and brothers, once more the strength of the Lord courses through us. May it fortify us in the week to come, in our families, in our jobs, in our thoughts, in our words, in our deeds. May we never lose the glow we gain from sharing this holy meal.

C **May its taste never leave us.**

**+ SENDING +**

**BLESSING** *We receive the blessings of the triune God.*

Leader:

May the peace of the Lord em -

7 All:

brace us. May the love of the Lord light our way.

12 Leader: All: Leader:

Show oth-ers that light! God's grace shines for ev-ery - one. May we

18 All:

care for each oth-er. May we share with our world.

*The assembly is seated.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*The assembly stands.*

## SENDING HYMN *Arise!*

A - rise, a - rise, em -

6 brace the day! The world a - waits, what will you say to

9 let the peo - ple know you're read - y to live by the power of this feast and to

12 prac - tice the peace of our Lord? A - rise! - - - A -

17 rise, a - rise, you're not a - lone. The song you sing will fol - low you home and

21 hum in your heart. So if you be - gin to for - get whose you are, fix your

24 eye on a star and sing: Lord! A - rise! A - rise!

10 A - rise!

**DISMISSAL**

- A We believe out loud that God’s mission for us is:  
C **to be an active community that welcomes all people to nurture and share their faith and gifts with everyone, according to God’s call.**
- A Go in peace. You are God’s beloved.  
C **Thanks be to God.**

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*Arise! The St. Stephen Service*  
*Music by Tom Buchanan Lyrics by Ron Hartung*

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**Today we have two altar bouquets,  
thanking God for two  
upcoming wedding anniversaries:  
32 years for Ruth & Ron Hartung,  
and 56 years for  
Linda & Bob Eshleman!**

**Calendar for February 11 - 18**

Feb.	11	Sun.	9:00 am	Book study
			9:30 am	Choir practice
			10:00 am	Worship, Transfiguration of Our Lord Sunday
			11:30 am	Mardi Gras Talent Show
	13	Tues.	11:30 am	OWLs Gathering at Casa Grande Cocina
	14	Wed.	6:00 pm	Ash Wednesday service
			7:00 pm	Choir practice
	11	Sun.	9:00 am	Book study
			9:30 am	Choir practice
			10:00 am	Worship, First Sunday in Lent

**Next Sunday's Readings, First Sunday in Lent:**

[Genesis 9:8-17](#)

[Psalms 25:1-10](#)

[1 Peter 3:18-22](#)

[Mark 1:9-15](#)



**SERVING EVERY SUNDAY**

Pastor Tom, presiding and preaching

Katharine Gossman, piano

Karl Barton, flute

Denise Bookwalter, announcements

Choir: Karl Barton, Melissa Barton, Mark Canning, Judi Duffy, Kirsten Ebbesen, Rita Ford, Martin Guttenplan, Vicki Guttenplan, Ron Hartung, Rudy Hehn, Susan Hehn, Colleen Holdcraft, Pastor Tom Holdcraft, Sandy Ness, Dave Suhrweir, Cassandra White

**SERVING TODAY AND ONE WEEK FROM TODAY**

Serving	February 11	February 18
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Kirsten Ebbesen	Beth Alexander
<b>Cup Minister</b>	Beth Alexander	
<b>Cantor</b>	Rita Ford	
<b>Lector</b>	Chris Reece	Ceilia Greeley
<b>Acolyte</b>	Cup Minister - or Colton Allen or Graham Reece	
<b>Tech Team</b>		
<b>Ushers</b>		
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Beth Alexander Rita Ford	Rita Ford Susan Warren
<b>Counters</b>	Margaret Bowers Patricia Handschy	Janet Barber Susan Warren

## PRAYER REQUESTS

***New concerns:*** Family and friends of Val Sullivan, as we mourn her passing; Bob Eshleman, recovering from heart surgery; Gladys Kane for continued healing.

***For the sick:*** Margarete Decker (mother of Caroline Collins); Sallie Robinson (wife of Erik Robinson); Don Dowd; Isabelle Taylor (granddaughter of Bill & Connie Taylor), being treated for rheumatoid arthritis and Primary Immunodeficiency; Theresa Martin (friend of Cheryl Stuart); Dan Graney (friend of Cheryl Stuart); Sarah (friend of Cassandra White); Laura McDuffie (sister of Rob Schiffer), diagnosed with primary immunodeficiency and Sjogren's syndrome.

***In treatment for cancer:*** Phil Williams; Gordon Fleischer; Stephanie Barber; Jenny (niece of Laura Sullivan & Colin Hackley); Rosalinda Wright; James Sablan (brother of Donna Schiffer); Bruce Blubaum (cousin of Sharon Simmons); Craig Timm (friend of Cheryl & Steve); Laura Ketchum-Jahn, (friend of Cheryl & Steve); Aubrey Thonvold (Reconciling Works Exec. Dir.); Judy Renwick (friend of Judi Duffy); Gil Johnson (friend of Judi Duffy); Amanda George (daughter-in-law of Rob Schiffer).

***Health and protection:*** For all affected by the coronavirus – especially those experiencing mental-health difficulties due to isolation, those struggling to recover from the disease, those on the front lines fighting, researching and treating the disease (doctors, nurses, medical personnel, EMTs), the millions of unemployed people, etc.; for the unaccompanied children entering the U.S., including those “unaccounted for.”

***For prisoners:*** All those on Death Row.

***Other concerns:*** For Karen Olson; Kevin Robinson (son of Erik Robinson), in need of encouragement; Isaac (son of Terri Schmitt), for physical and emotional healing; Steve Michael (cousin of Rob Schiffer), in rehab after a serious accident.

***Church concerns:*** St. Stephen's Church Council; the Florida-Bahamas Synod Council; all congregations searching for ways to stay connected and proclaim the Good News; Reconciling Works; Grace Lutheran Church; Bishop Pedro Suarez; for rest and rejuvenation for Presiding Bishop Eaton as she takes a leave of absence for several months; Interim Presiding Bishop Michael Burk, providing leadership in Bp. Eaton's absence; Our Savior Lutheran Church in Freeport, Bahamas; the ELCA Advocacy offices and ministry; St. Paul Lutheran Church, Pensacola.

***World concerns:*** For all people suffering and/or recovering from hurricanes; migrants and asylum seekers; civil rights for people around the world; a ceasefire in Ethiopia and in Ukraine; peace in Afghanistan and the Middle East.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**FLOWER CHART FOR 2024:** Do you have an anniversary, birthday or special memory you would like to honor? Celebrate the occasion by sponsoring the flowers for our service by signing up for the 2024 Flower Chart located in the narthex. The cost is \$40, and you can place it in the offering plate.

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