

**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church**  
**February 11, 2024**  
**Transfiguration of Our Lord**

**Prelude** Susan Berg, Piano

**Announcements**

**Opening Hymn** "Everything Glorious" by David Crowder  
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worshiptogether.com songs, CCLI # 4674173)  
Song Leaders and Congregation

1. The day is brighter here with You,  
the night is lighter than its hue,  
would lead me to believe, which leads me to believe:

Chorus:

You make everything glorious, You make everything glorious, You make everything  
glorious, and I am Yours.

2. My eyes are small but they have seen, the beauty of enormous things, which  
leads me to believe, there's light enough to see that:

Chorus

Bridge:

From glory to glory, You are glorious, You are glorious.

From glory to glory, You are glorious, You are glorious.

Which leads me to believe.

Chorus (2x)

**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.**

### **Prayer of the Day**

**P:** We pray together ...

**C:** 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 your and the Holy Spirit, on God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **FIRST LESSON**

2 Kings 2:1-12

New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

### **Elijah Ascends to Heaven**

2 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; keep silent."

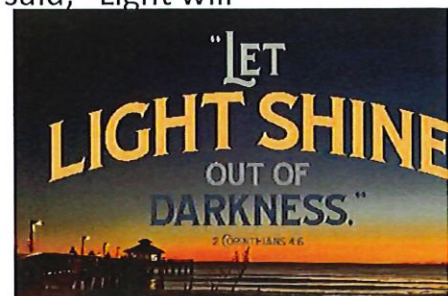
<sup>6</sup> Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here, for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. <sup>7</sup> Fifty men of the company of prophets also went and stood at some distance from them, as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

## SECOND LESSON

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

<sup>3</sup> And 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 clearly 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's sake. <sup>6</sup> For it is the God who said, "Light will 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 Christ.





## GOSPEL

Mark 9:2-9



### The Transfiguration

<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 bright, such as no one<sup>[a]</sup> on earth could brighten 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 set up three tents: 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;<sup>[b]</sup> listen to him!” <sup>8</sup> Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

He was transfigured before them ...  
and his clothes became dazzling white ..  
Mark 9:2-3, NRS

### The Coming of Elijah

<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.

#### Sermon

“MOVING ON”

#### Sermon Hymn

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”  
by Kathleen Thomerson (c 1970, 1975 Celebration)  
Song Leaders and Congregation

1. I want to walk as a child of the light.  
I want to follow Jesus.  
God sent the stars to give light to the world.  
The star of my life is Jesus.

#### Refrain:

In him there is no darkness at all.  
The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.  
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

2. I want to see the brightness of God.

I want to look at Jesus.

Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father.

Refrain

3. I'm looking for the coming of Christ.

I want to be with Jesus.

When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus.

Refrain

## Prayers of the People

**On this Transfiguration Sunday, let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.**

Holy God, in today's texts we are given eyes to see with transparency the veil between heaven and earth. In our Gospel lesson, Jesus is Transfigured on the mountain between Elijah and Moses. And God's endorsement came with these words, "*This is my beloved Son; listen to him.*" ***Lord in your mercy...***

The veil between heaven and earth was also lifted when Elijah was taken into heaven. Elisha, his protegee, wanted to have a double share of Elijah's spirit. God allowed that blessing on the younger man as he saw Elijah transported in a whirlwind into heaven. ***Lord in your mercy...***

We pray for our nation, state and city; our president, governor, mayor and the leaders of the world. Lord, we live in perilous times. We are seeing other forces penetrate our earth with hatred, rage, contention and disagreement. Even the forces of nature are wreaking havoc on country after country. Saint Paul says in II Corinthians, "*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 likeness of God.*" We long for peace and contentment. Lord God, you sent Jesus to be the Prince of Peace, and He will return to take us to God's forever peace. Lord, we eagerly wait Jesus' coming. ***Lord in your mercy...***

Remember this congregation, its pastor and people, as we share the love of Jesus. Touch those who have asked for prayer with healing, comfort and growth in God's grace. We name those among us who have asked for prayer. And for what else do the people of God pray or praise? ***Lord in your mercy...***

Saint Paul reminds us, "*For it is... 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 Christ.*" In the midst of darkness, let us shine! Jesus, shine through us, to the glory of God. In Your mighty name, we pray.

***Amen.***

CAROLYN T. LINN

### Special Music

"Have A Little Talk with Jesus" by Cleavant Derricks  
(Public Domain)

Roger Bachar, Ken Berg, Paul Bolm, John Montgomery, Quartet





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## Scripture Reading: 2 Kings 2:1-12

*We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give.*

— Winston Churchill

Today's reading ends at verse 12. But something funny is going on in verse 16. The prophet Elijah has just disappeared. A new prophet stands in the wings. A crowd of 50 preachers has witnessed the terrifying exodus as Elijah roared into the heavens in a chariot of fire and disappeared from view.

So, where was he? Whispers and rumors ran rampant through the community. Then someone said, "It may be that the spirit of the LORD has *caught him up and thrown him down* on some mountain or into some valley." Caught up and thrown down!

The crowd asks the newly minted prophet Elisha for permission to search for him. Elisha is facing his first decision as the head guy. He says no. But they persist and Elisha relents. Off they go on a fool's errand.

Elisha thinks they're nuts. The mountains behind Jericho are high, forbidding and vast. Where would one start? And across the Jordan it's not much different. What are a ragtag gaggle of preachers going to do? Start a grid search? Those preachers looked for their old mentor for three days and couldn't find him. At last, they returned to Elisha and said, "We couldn't find him." And Elisha uncharitably says, "I told you so."

The lessons for our consideration are:

1. Sometimes it's hard to let go and say goodbye;
2. Sometimes it is hard to accept new leadership and change;
3. Don't run after what God has removed;
4. Don't ask for permission unless you're prepared to obey;
5. Don't waste time on fruitless endeavors.

Although these prophets thought Elijah had been caught up and thrown down, they themselves were the ones who'd been caught up in their pride, and inevitably, thrown down in humiliation.

—Timothy Merrill

*Prayer: Thank you for the prophets, pastors and preachers among us who seek to warn, guard and feed us along life's way. Amen.*

## Prayer Concerns

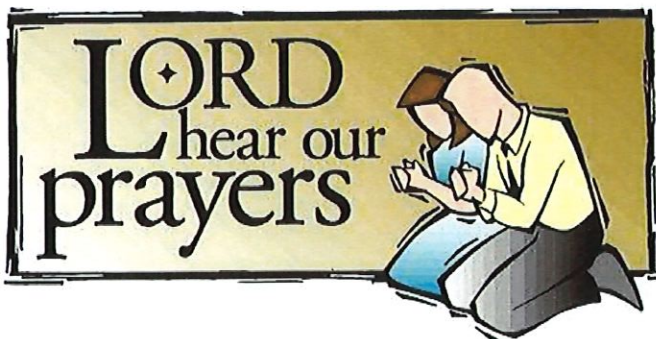


### Members in Need of Prayer:

Jill Anderson  
Diane Fake  
Sheila Boehringer  
JoAnn Huebner  
Carolyn Linn  
Dee Wright  
Jim, Jimmy Sanborn & Stacy  
Lairson on the loss of Stacy's  
Father, Ken.  
Yvonne Smith  
Mona White  
Neil and Verna Walden  
Robert Harris  
Jackie Miller  
Mary Schmidt  
Liz Smith  
Bill Biggs  
Arlene Robbins  
Mary Norris & Family  
Connie Alvarado  
Susan Berg  
Irene Pierini  
Jocelyn Miller  
Kirsten Linder  
Jim Thompson

### Family and Friends:

Jim & Judi (Werfelmann)  
Anthony Collichio (Norris)  
Mickey Cecil (Norris)  
David Torres (Hays)  
Jeanne Grant (Anderson)  
Kyle (Werfelmann)  
Kristy (Werfelmann)  
Mariah (Werfelmann)  
Josue Zamora (His Cat Balboa)  
Dorothy Lee Bruce (Julie)  
Monica & Kyle Sedra (Werfelmann)  
Jacob, Abbe & Family (Werfelmann)  
Kevin & Collee (Pastor)  
Brad, Sam, & Luke Kossow  
Janet Sharp (Fake)  
Karl & Pauline Ritterbush (Fake)  
Art & Children (Anderson)  
Debbie West's Daughter, Christine  
Bill, Wife & Sons (Julie)  
Jennifer Wenzel (Wilk)  
Bob Knous (Anderson)  
Melissa (Sandy T.)  
Joy Kensinger (Miller)  
Jenna Vance (Kossow)  
Frank and Anita Porco (Vonny)  
Jim D. (Norris)  
Jade Dixon (Julie)  
Pam (Smith)  
Grace Johnson (Fake)  
Sandy Robbins (Robbins)  
JJ Werfelmann (Julie)  
Emily & Sawyer Bogart (Anderson)  
Roger Robbins (Robbins)  
Hudson Otten (Anderson)  
Karen Ohanesian (Hays)  
Rosemary (Vonny)  
Nathan Robbins (Robbins)





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,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.  
Matthew 6:9-13

### **Blessing**

**Closing Hymn**      "This Little Light of Mine" African American Spiritual,  
Arr. by Horace Clarence Boyer  
Song Leaders and Congregation

This little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine; this little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine; this little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'a let it shine; Ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'a let it shine; Ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'a let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'a let it shine; Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'a let it shine; Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'a let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

### **Sending**

**P:** Go in peace. You are God's beloved.  
**C:** Thanks be to God.

**Postlude**              Susan Berg, Piano



Week of February 11, 2024

### Daily Bible Readings

**Sunday:** Exodus 1-4

**Monday:** Exodus 5-7

**Tuesday:** Exodus 8-10

**Wednesday:** Exodus 11-13

**Thursday:** Exodus 14-17

**Friday:** Exodus 18-20

**Saturday:** Psalms 13-15

*Verse to Remember*  
*I am the LORD your God, ...*  
*you shall have no other gods*  
*before me.*

—Exodus 20:2-3

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S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29		

## The Life of Moses

**DIRECTIONS:** This week we begin readings in Exodus, and Moses is the prominent figure in this book. This puzzle reveals the name of a very important person in his life. Use the grid on the right to fill in the empty boxes on the left, which — when filled out correctly — will reveal the name of this person. Remember, only one of the letters derived from the top or the bottom clue is the correct one. We've done one box for you.

C2	D3	B1	D3	B4	C5
			I		
A5	E4	B2	E5	D4	A5



	A	B	C	D	E
1	G	R	T	J	E
2	P	K	C	B	W
3	Y	X	F	I	H
4	U	N	Z	A	O
5	M	D	S	V	L

**INCOMPLETE PHRASES: Directions:** Are you familiar with common American idioms and phrases? If so, this activity should be “a piece of cake.”

1. A drop in the \_\_\_\_\_.
2. A diamond in the \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Barking up \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Abandon hope \_\_\_\_\_.
5. A multitude \_\_\_\_\_.
6. The ball is \_\_\_\_\_.
7. A horse, a horse, \_\_\_\_\_.
8. A labor \_\_\_\_\_.
9. Been there, \_\_\_\_\_.
10. A house divided \_\_\_\_\_.

Answers to INCOMPLETE PHRASES: 1. bucket, 2. rough, 3. the wrong tree, 4. ye who enter here, 5. of sins, 6. in your court, 7. my kingdom for a horse!, 8. of love, 9. done that, 10. against itself cannot stand.

Answer to Life of Moses: (spelled backwards):  
MAIDIM







