

Sunday, February 11, 2024

Last Sunday after Epiphany, Yr B

Transfiguration of Our Lord



Ringing of Bell

PRELUDE *O Wondrous Sight – Beautiful Savior*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG *You Are Holy* No. 525

You are holy, you are whole. You are always ever more than we ever understand. You are always at hand. Blessed are you coming near. Blessed are you coming here to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead. You are holy, you are wholeness, you are present. Let the cosmos praise you, Lord! Sing hosanna in the highest! Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna to our God!

Repeat all

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, creator of darkness and light, word of truth, wind sweeping over the waters.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God, our rock and refuge,

C: 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.

P: 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, our sins are forgiven. We are God's beloved.

C: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE vs. 1 & 2 No. 815

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

1 **I want to walk as a child of the light.
I want to follow Jesus.
God set 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**

PRAYER OF THE DAY *We pray together*

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Almighty God, **C: 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.**

FIRST READING: 2 Kings 2:1-12

Elijah taken up to heaven - succeeded by Elisha

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. L. WORD GOD, WORD OF LIFE.

C. THANKS BE TO GOD.

PSALM 50:1-6 *We read responsively*

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

C: Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, God shines forth in glory.

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

C: God calls the heavens and the earth from above to witness the judgment of the people.

L: "Gather before me my loyal followers, those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice."

C: The heavens declare the rightness of God's cause, for it is God who is judge.


SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

God's light seen clearly in the face of Christ

³Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴In 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. ⁵For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. ⁶For 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. L. WORD GOD, WORD OF LIFE. **C.**

THANKS BE TO GOD.

GOSPEL VERSE *Alleluia* *Hymnl Supplmt*



Alleluia, Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Al-le-lu-ia! (Repeat)

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO: MARK 9:2-9

C: Glory 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 anymore, 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 THE LORD.

PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.

CHILDREN'S WORD

MESSAGE Pastor Kris Ferkin

HYMN *How Good Lord to be Here* No. 315

- 1 **How good, Lord, to be here! Your glory fills the night; your face and garments, like the sun, shine with unborrowed light.**
- 2 **How good, Lord, to be here! your beauty to behold where Moses and Elijah stand, your messengers of old.**
- 3 **Fulfiller of the past and hope of things to be, we hail your body glorified and our redemption see.**
- 4 **Before we taste of death, we see your kingdom come; we long to hold the vision bright and make this hill our home.**
- 5 **How good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not remain; but since you bid us leave the mount, come with us to the plain.**

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 P: God of grace,
C: Receive our prayer.

SHARING OF PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.
C: **And also with you.**

OFFERING--OFFERTORY--GLOBE OFFERING

Children are invited to bring forward an offering to the globe in the front of the church. Globe offerings will go to one of our global mission partners to be decided by our youth.

OFFERING PRAYER

L: Blessed are you, Holy One, for all good things come from you. In bread and cup you open heaven to us.
C: **Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek and follow your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING *Spoken*

P: The Lord be with you.
C: **And also with you.**
P: Lift up your hearts.
C: **We lift them to the Lord.**
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER
WORDS OF INSTITUTION
LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION
The table is ready. Come and See.

DISTRIBUTION & HYMN

Alleluia, Song of Gladness No. 318

- 1 **Alleluia, song of gladness, voice of joy that cannot die; alleluia is the anthem ever dear to choirs on high; in the house of God abiding thus they sing eternally.**
- 2 **Alleluia you are sounding, true Jerusalem and free; alleluia, joyful mother, bring us to your jubilee; here by Babylon's sad waters mourning exiles still are we.**
- 3 **Alleluia cannot always be our song while here below; alleluia our transgressions make us for a while forgo; for the solemn time is coming when our tears for sin shall flow.**
- 4 **In our hymns we pray with longing: Grant us, blessed Trinity, at the last to keep glad Easter with the faithful saints on high; there to you forever singing alleluia joyfully.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: God our redeemer, you have fed us at this table with gifts of grace, truth, and life.
C: **Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever. Amen.**

INSTALLATION OF COUNCIL & COMMITTEES

BENEDICTION

P: God who names you, Christ who claims you,
and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you,
✠ bless you and remain with you always.

C: Amen.

SENDING SONG:

Shine, Jesus, Shine No. 671

REFRAIN: **Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land
with the Father's glory; Blaze, Spirit, blaze,
set our hearts on fire. Flow, river, flow, flood
the nations with grace and mercy; Send forth
your Word, Lord, and let there be light!**

1 **Lord, the light of your love is shining, in the
midst of the darkness, shining; Jesus, light of
the world, shine upon us. Set us free by the
truth you now bring us. Shine on me, shine on
me:** REFRAIN

2 **As we gaze on your kingly brightness, so
our faces display your likeness. Ever changing
from glory to glory, mirrored here, may our
lives tell your story. Shine on me, shine on
me:**

REFRAIN

Ring of Bell

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. You are God's beloved.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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CALENDAR/ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUN 2/11	9 AM 10 AM 2 PM	WORSHIP- <i>Transfiguration</i> Sunday School & Coffee Cannon River Conference
WED 2/14	5:30 PM 6:15 PM	Soup Supper ASH WED WORSH – <i>Upstairs</i>
THU 2/15	7 PM	AA
SUN 2/18	9 AM 10 AM	WORSHIP – <i>1st Sun in LENT</i> Coffee (NO SUN SCHOOL)

/// TACKLE HUNGER! For the next three weeks
Stewardship Committee is asking you to contribute \$1,
\$5, \$10 to the "Souper Bowl of Caring". Think of what is
spent on food for Super Bowl Sunday...then give
generously out of your abundance. Soup pots at church
will collect your cash or checks (*make out to: First
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your check to the church. Proceeds go to ELCA.///