



# Resurrection Lutheran Church

To Live & Share the Love of Christ

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Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Transfiguration of Our Lord

(Congregational responses are printed in **Bold** type.)

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- **Note: Disposable communion with both elements is available in the narthex for those choosing not to come forward.**

## 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 hear 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.

## GATHERING

Gathering Hymn

*When Morning Gilds the Skies*

*ELW 853*

## GREETING

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
creator of darkness and light,  
word of truth,

wind sweeping over the waters.

**Amen.**

### **Confession and Forgiveness**

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.**

**Kyrie**

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**Canticle**

*This is the Feast*

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### **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**

(Please be seated)

### **First Reading: 2 Kings 2:1-12**

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.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm: Psalm 50: 1-6**

<sup>1</sup>The mighty one, God the <sup>1</sup>LORD, has spoken; calling the earth from the rising of the sun <sup>1</sup>to its setting.<sup>2</sup>**Out of Zion, perfect <sup>1</sup>in its beauty, God shines <sup>1</sup>forth in glory.** <sup>3</sup>Our God will come and will <sup>1</sup>not keep silence; with a consuming flame before, and round about a <sup>1</sup>raging storm.

<sup>4</sup>**God calls the heavens and the earth <sup>1</sup>from above to witness the judgment <sup>1</sup>of the people.** <sup>5</sup>“Gather before me my <sup>1</sup>loyal followers, those who have made a covenant with me and sealed <sup>1</sup>it with sacrifice.” <sup>6</sup>**The heavens declare the rightness <sup>1</sup>of God’s cause, for it is God <sup>1</sup>who is judge.**

**Second Reading: 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.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation**

*Alleluia*

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The Holy Gospel of our Lord according to **Mark 9:2-9**  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<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 anymore, 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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ**

**Sermon**

**Melissa Pagel, Vicar**

**Hymn of the Day**

*How Good, Lord, to Be Here !*

*ELW 315*

**Prayers of Intercession**

Each Petition ends: God of grace.

Congregation responds: **receive our prayer.**

**P:** Siblings in Christ: Baptized into the priesthood of all believers, we all are called to offer ourselves in Thanksgiving for what God has done and continues to do for us. It is our privilege to recognize and support those who are engaged in the work of this congregation, especially those elected to the church council.

Will the following individuals please come forward as your name is read.

**P:** In Holy Baptism our Lord Jesus Christ liberated you from sin and death and made you members of his Church. Through Word and Sacrament you have

been nurtured in faith. I ask you, together with all who are here gathered, to confess the faith of the Church in these words of the Apostle's Creed.

## **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.**

**P:** *St. Paul writes:* There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit gives them. There are different ways of serving, but the same Lord is served. There are different abilities to perform service, but the same God gives to everyone ability for particular service. The Spirit's presence is shown in some way in each person, for the good of all. (1 Cor. 12:47)

You have been elected to positions of leadership and trust in his congregation.

To Council

**P:** You are to see that the words and deeds of this household of faith reflect Christ in whose name we gather. You are to work together with other members to see that the worship and work of Christ is done in this congregation and that God's will is done in this community and in the whole world. You are to be diligent in your specific area of serving, that the one Lord who empowers you is glorified.

You are to be examples of faith active in love to help maintain the life and harmony of this congregation.

**P:** On behalf of your sisters and brothers in Christ, I ask you: Are you ready to accept and faithfully serve in the office to which you have been elected?

**Yes, and I ask God to help me.**

## **Congregation stand**

**P:** People of God, I ask you: Will you support these, your elected leaders, and will you share in the mutual ministry that Christ has given to all who are baptized?

**Yes, and I ask God to help me.**

To Council

**P:** I now declare you installed as *officers and council members* of this congregation. God bless you with his Holy Spirit, that you may prove faithful servants of Christ. **Amen.**

## **Let Us Pray**

**P:** For all who offer themselves in your name, we give thanks, O God. Give them the joy of service, and constant care and guidance. Help us all to be both willing servants and thankful recipients of ministry, that your name be glorified, your people live in peace, and your will be done; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **The Peace**

*(Please be seated for the offering)*

Please offer a word of peace to your neighbor from your seat to maintain safety.

## **The Offering**

**Choir Anthem**

*Come and Feast*

*Althouse*

## **Offering Prayer**

*(Please stand)*

Blessed are you, Holy One,  
for all good things come from you.

In bread and cup you open heaven to us.  
Meet us at this table,  
that we receive what we seek  
and follow your Son, Jesus,  
in whose name we pray.  
**Amen.**

## **MEAL**

### **Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also 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 God thanks and praise.**

### **Preface**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*Holy, Holy*

*ELW 144*

### **Words of Institution**

In the night he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus....  
Do this in remembrance of me.

### **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**

At Jesus' table, heaven and earth are joined as one. Come and see.

**Communion Hymn**

*Beautiful Savior*

*ELW 838*

The body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in God's grace forever.

## **Prayer after Communion**

Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **Announcements**

## **SENDING**

### **Blessing**

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

**Sending Hymn**

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

*ELW 631*

### **Dismissal**

Go in peace to live and share the love of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **This Week at a Glance**

Monday- Thursday Office Hours 9:00am-2:00pm

Monday- 2:00pm R & F mtg & 6:00pm Council Mtg

Tuesday- 9:00am Quilters

Wednesday- Ash Wednesday Soup Supper 5:00pm Worship 6:30pm

Thursday- Food Pantry 9:00 am-11:00 am

Friday- Office Closed

Sunday- Bible Study 8:00am

## **Upcoming Events**

In an abundance of caution, please consider wearing a mask.

**Ash Wednesday** is February 14<sup>th</sup>. Worship at 6:30 pm, soup supper begins at 5:00 pm. Signup sheet is in the narthex.

## **Crossways Camping Ministries**

Register today for Now and Later

## **Bethel Lutheran Church Aebleskiver Fest**

**February 24<sup>th</sup>** 9:00-2:00pm Aebleskiver Fest – Apple Pancake!

Basket Raffle/Bake Sale/Craft Booth

## **Pantry Updates**

Every Thursday at 7:00am we can use help at the Food Pantry to unload the truck.

Also, please let Jean know in the office if you are able to be an intermittent volunteer at the Pantry. This means we will call you when we need you. We are looking for individuals who are willing to fill 2 specific pantry spots.

## **Communications**

### **Volunteer Coordinator**

There are job descriptions if you are interested. Neither is difficult.

**(Pantry continued)**

**Feb 16<sup>th</sup> (Friday) we are getting a shipment of food from TEFAP and we need help sorting and putting it away. Please let us know if you are able to help.**

There are Devotional Books in the Narthex. Please take one.

**Assisting us today February 11th**

Usher: Bob Bishoff

Communion Deacon: Carol Borremans

Counters: Jim & Judy Gatske

Lector: Bill Hartung

Altar Guild: Carol Borremans

**Assisting us next week, February 18<sup>th</sup>**

Usher: Bob Bishoff

Communion Deacon: Debbie LaPlante

Counters: Jim & Judy Gatske

Lector: Chris Peterson

Altar Guild: Carol Borremans

**Church Council Members**

Council President: Carol Borremans

Vice President: Bill Hartung

Secretary: Jodi Koch

Treasurer: Debbie LaPlante

Vicar: Melissa Pagel

Secretary: Jean Kaster

Organist: Adria Cary

Choir Director: Beth Krepline

Financial Secretary: Chris Peterson

**Committees**

Resource & Finance: Jim Gatske

Education: Debbie LaPlante

Worship & Church Choir: Carol Borremans

Food Pantry: Jodi Koch

Celebration: Craig/Christina Marcin

Church Support & Property: Bill Hartung  
Outreach & Wiener Wednesday: Sandy Krakow  
Personnel: Carol Borremans  
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