



Transfiguration of Our Lord

February 11, 2024

Welcome to St Paul's Lutheran Church!

*If you are a guest today, we are delighted that you are here to share in the Good News!
If you have any questions, please ask anyone near you.*

Special Guest: *Phung Nguyen will be sharing her family's WOW experience.*

SERVING TODAY:

Reader: Joyce Martin
Ushers: Garret Purdum, Phil Crissup, Rod Randall & Jerry Wagner
Children's Message: Dawn Finnicum
Altar Guild: Lynne Elias
Communion Assistant: Joyce Martin, Tom Todd, NEED 1 more
Video assistant: Garrett Purdum
Acolyte & Crucifer: Maelee Moeller & Luke Baker

PRELUDE: **Ron Wallace**

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you
and worthily magnify your Holy Name, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. *(Pause for silent reflection)*
Gracious God,

**Have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned away from you and given ourselves into
the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion, forgive us
our sin, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn
us again to you and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may serve you in the newness of
life through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.**

God who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together in Christ.
By grace we have been saved and in the name of Christ we have received his forgiveness. **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN: #671 **Shine, Jesus, Shine**

Refrain: Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy;
send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!

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*

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*

The Lord be with you.
And also, with you.

Kyrie vs. 1 & 2

Refrain
Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.

1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
2 That we may live out your im-passioned re-sponse to the
3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the

u-ni-ty of all; for
hun-gry and the poor; that
friends and fam-i-ly; for
wa-ter and the word; that you

this ho-ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out truth and jus-tice and grace,
life and for love, for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod-y and blood,

Refrain
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

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. **AMEN.**

FIRST READING

2 Kings 2:1-12

When the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven in a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ²Elijah said to Elisha, “Stay here; the Lord has sent me to Bethel.” But Elisha said, “As surely as the Lord lives and as you live, I will not leave you.” So they went down to Bethel. ³The company of the prophets at Bethel came out to Elisha and asked, “Do you know that the Lord is going to take your master from you today?” “Yes, I know,” Elisha replied, “so be quiet.” ⁴Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here, Elisha; the Lord has sent me to Jericho.” And he replied, “As surely as the Lord lives and as you live, I will not leave you.” So they went to Jericho. ⁵The company of the prophets at Jericho went up to Elisha and asked him, “Do you know that the Lord is going to take your master from you today?” “Yes, I know,” he replied, “so be quiet.” ⁶Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here; the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.” And he replied, “As surely as the Lord lives and as you live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them walked on. ⁷Fifty men from the company of the prophets went and stood at a distance, facing the place where Elijah and Elisha had stopped at the Jordan. ⁸Elijah took his cloak, rolled it up and struck the water with it. The water divided to the right and to the left, and the two of them crossed over on dry ground. ⁹When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Tell me, what can I do for you before I am taken from you?” “Let me inherit a double portion of your spirit,” Elisha replied. ¹⁰“You have asked a difficult thing,” Elijah said, “yet if you see me when I am taken from you, it will be yours—otherwise, it will not.” ¹¹As they were walking along and talking together, suddenly a chariot of fire and horses of fire appeared and separated the two of them, and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind. ¹²Elisha saw this and cried out, “My father! My father! The chariots and horsemen of Israel!” And Elisha saw him no more. Then he took hold of his garment and tore it in two.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**

PSALM 50:1-6

¹The Mighty One, God, the Lord, speaks and summons the earth **from the rising of the sun to where it sets.**

²From Zion, perfect in beauty, **God shines forth.**

³Our God comes and will not be silent; a fire devours before him, **and around him a tempest rages.**

⁴He summons the heavens above, **and the earth, that he may judge his people:**

⁵“Gather to me this consecrated people, **who made a covenant with me by sacrifice.**”

⁶And the heavens proclaim his righteousness, **for he is a God of justice.**

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

³And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus’ sake. ⁶For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God’s glory displayed in the face of Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION-

Alleluia!



GOSPEL READING

Mark 9: 2-9

The Holy Gospel according to Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord**

²After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them. ³His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.” ⁶(He did not know what to say, they were so frightened.) ⁷Then a cloud appeared and covered them, and a voice came from the cloud: “This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!” ⁸Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus. ⁹As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus gave them orders not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Dawn Finnicum

SPECIAL MUSIC

Fairest Lord Jesus

SPLC Adult Choir

w/Ron Wallace, organ & Niki Higgins, piano

MESSAGE

Pastor Stefanie Rowinski

HYMN

#838 Beautiful Savior

vs 1, 3 & 4

Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God and Son of Man!

Truly I’d love thee, truly I’d serve thee, light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight, bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels in the sky.

Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man!

Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine.

APOSTLE’S 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 again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. AMEN

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Father.

Lord of glory, it is good that we are here. In peace we make our prayer to you. In trust we confirm our faith in you. Help us to set our faces steadfastly to where you would have us go. Lord, look with favor.

Lord, transfigure and heal.

Lord of glory, look with favor on your Church, proclaiming your beloved Son to the world and listening to the promptings of his Spirit. May she be renewed in holiness that she may reflect your glory. Lord, look with favor.

Lord, transfigure and heal.

Lord of glory, look with favor on the nations of the world, scarred by hatred, strife and war. May they be healed by the touch of your hand. Lord, look with favor.

Lord, transfigure and heal.

Lord of glory, look with favor on those in need and distress, suffering as your Son has suffered and waiting for the salvation you promise. May the day break and Christ the Morning Star bring them the light of his presence. Lord, look with favor.

Lord, transfigure and heal.

You revealed your glory and presence in your beloved Son, Jesus the Christ. In receiving our prayers, reveal the glory and presence of your Spirit alive in the world today, free us from all doubts, and empower us to act as a transfigured people. **Amen.**

COMMUNION

The Lord be with you. **And also, with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to the glory of your Name:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to all of them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father:

We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory.

...By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **AMEN.**

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, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. AMEN

DISTRIBUTION OF ELEMENTS

(Please note, the center of the trays have juice, and the outer rings have wine. There are gluten free wafers available if you need them.)

THE BLESSING

May the Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE

Ron Wallace

SENDING

Go in Peace. Remember the poor. ***Thanks be to God.***

If you have questions regarding SPLC please contact the staff at the following: **405-721-0590** or
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE – 6:30PM

Join us Wednesday (2/14) to mark the beginning of Lent with the imposition of ashes and communion. Ash Wednesday prepares us for the 40 days of Lent through prayer, scripture, music, a devotion and communion. A soup supper will be served at 5:45. Sign up to bring a soup during Lent in the Narthex or Activity Center.

GLITTERING VICES: A New Look at the 7 Deadly Sins and Their Remedies

In Lent we will be focusing on the book *Glittering Vices: A New Look at the 7 Deadly Sins and their Remedies* by Rebecca Konyndyk DeYoung. The book is available to purchase at bookstores or is free on the Audible app and at the local library.

FEBRUARY OUTREACH MISSION

“Love one another”! Instead of collecting items for charitable organizations, we are asking all members to reach out in **LOVE** with cards, texts, emails or phone calls to someone who has touched your life with a kind word or special deed. Cards will be handed out prior to service, if you have any questions, ask Nola Pirog or Carolyn Behrens. Let us **LOVE ONE ANOTHER!**

2024 WOW AUCTION

The WOW Auction is coming up on Sunday, **February 25**. Sign up at the table in the Narthex or use the QR code to digitally sign up on the Sign-Up Genius. Auction items, soups/etc., and your help preparing and taking down are needed. Auction items are still welcome – please sign up or let Risa or Kathy Knox know if you want to donate a WOW auction item or basket!



XYZ - THURSDAY, FEB. 15 -LUNCH AT CATTLEMAN'S

We will carpool from church at 12:30 p.m. or meet you there about 1:00 p.m. Please sign up in the narthex by Feb. 11th. Kent & Nancy Wallace are hosting and hope you can join in the fun.

CANCELLATION NOTIFICATIONS

All notifications regarding winter weather cancellations will be available on local news and on our Facebook page. Announcements regarding Sunday worship will be available by 7am.

DANCE LESSONS

As many of you know we have welcomed a square-dancing club to use the activity center. They are offering family group lessons for \$100. It would be a fun 2-hour activity on Sunday afternoon. Everyone can try two lessons before paying/finishing. Contact Ashley for more information!

FEBRUARY ACTIVITIES

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| <u>2/11</u> - Worship Service- Education | <u>2/21</u> - 5:30 Children's handbells |
| <u>2/12</u> - 9:00 Canticle Ringers | 5:45 Soup Supper |
| <u>2/13</u> - 6:30 Twilight Tones | 6:30 Lent Service |
| <u>2/14</u> - ASH WEDNESDAY | 7:00 Choir Practice |
| 5:30 Children's handbells | <u>2/25</u> - LENT 2 Worship Service |
| 5:45 Soup Supper | WOW AUCTION |
| 6:30 Ash Wednesday Service | <u>2/26</u> - 9:00 Canticle Ringers |
| 7:30 Choir Practice | <u>2/27</u> - 6:30 Twilight Tones |
| <u>2/15</u> - 1:00 XYZ @ Cattleman's | <u>2/28</u> - 5:30 Children's handbells |
| <u>2/18</u> - LENT 1 Worship Service- Education | 5:45 Soup Supper |
| <u>2/19</u> - 9:00 Canticle Ringers | 6:30 Lent Service |
| <u>2/20</u> - 6:30 Twilight Tones | 7:00 Choir Practice |