

# Christ The King Evangelical Lutheran Church

*"To know... To teach... To share Christ"*

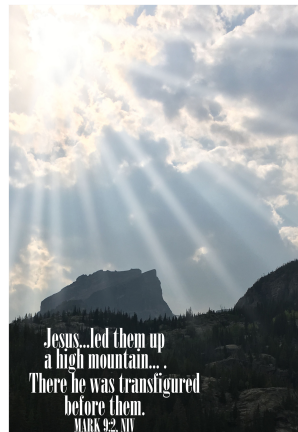
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**Last Sunday after Epiphany  
Transfiguration of Our Lord  
February 11, 2024**

## **Welcome**

We pray that your worship here will draw you closer to your Savior and equip you for a continuing life of Christian discipleship. For your spiritual needs we offer you the Word of Him who can supply all our needs - Jesus Christ, our Savior. Rejoice in His love for you. He cares for you. You are His own dear child.

## **Prayer Before Worship**

Dear Lord, We thank You for the divine confirmation of Your Son while he was here on earth. Your power was evident in this transfiguration and for that we thank You. Give us strength to hear his voice and bear our cross in this world. May we see him as he is; alive and reigning with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## **Vistors**

If you are visiting with us, please take a moment to sign the "guest register" in the narthex so that we might better get to know and serve you. Please make yourself at home and feel free to ask an usher if you have questions or need assistance. We hope you can join us again soon! Restrooms are located in the narthex as well as in the Fellowship Hall.

## **Our Offering of Thanks to our God**

Deuteronomy 14:23 *"The purpose of tithing is to teach you always to put God first in your lives."*. We do not pass the offering plate around during the service. You may place your offering in the offering plate as you enter or leave the sanctuary. If you are a visitor, you are welcome to participate in this offering, however, do not feel obligated.

## **Large Print Bulletins/Personal Assistive Listening Devices**

Large print bulletins as well as personal assistive listening devices are available. Please contact an usher for any assistance.

## **Standing During the Worship Service**

We stand to honor God, and we sit to learn. That's why we sit during the hymns, which primarily teach us what God has done for us, but sometimes stand for the last verse (if it praises the Triune God). We also stand to honor our Savior during the Gospel reading. However, if you are **not** able to rise, please remain seated. No one will look down on you for doing so.



Opening Hymn

522 Beautiful Savior

*Please stand, if able*

In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

Confession

CW 154

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.  
**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just**  
**and will forgive us our sins**  
**and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.  
**Holy God, gracious Father,**  
**I am sinful by nature**  
**and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.**  
**I have not loved you with my whole heart;**  
**I have not loved others as I should.**  
**I deserve your punishment both now and forever.**  
**But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins**  
**with his innocent suffering and death.**  
**Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

Lord, Have Mercy

CW 156

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

A - men.

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Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you,



we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



God the Fa-ther Al-mighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sin of the world;



have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world; re-ceive our prayer.



You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us.



For you on-ly are holy; you on-ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the



Ho-ly Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.

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

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O God, in the glorious transfiguration of your only-begotten Son, you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice that came from the bright cloud, you foreshadowed our adoption as your sons. In your mercy, make us co-heirs of glory with Jesus our King, and bring us at last to heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

*Please in seated*

First Reading

2 Kings 2:1–12a

<sup>1</sup>When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven in a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. <sup>2</sup>Elijah 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.  
<sup>3</sup>The 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.”  
<sup>4</sup>Then 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.  
<sup>5</sup>The 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.”  
<sup>6</sup>Then 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.  
<sup>7</sup>Fifty 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. <sup>8</sup>Elijah 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.

<sup>9</sup>When 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.  
<sup>10</sup>“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.”  
<sup>11</sup>As 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.  
<sup>12</sup>Elisha saw this and cried out, “My father! My father! The chariots and horsemen of Israel!”

This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm of the Day** *Psalm 148A Let All Praise the Name of the LORD*

*Congregation sings the refrain and speaks the print in bold*

*Refrain*

Let all praise the name of the LORD.

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Praise the LORD from the heavens;  
**praise him in the heights above.**  
Praise him, all his angels;  
**praise him, all his heav’nly hosts.**  
Praise him, sun and moon;  
**praise him, all you shining stars. Refrain**

Praise the LORD from the earth,  
**lightning and hail, snow and clouds,**  
you mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars,  
**wild animals and all cattle, small creatures and flying birds,**  
kings of the earth and all nations,  
**young men and women, old men and children.**  
**Glory be to the Father and to the Son**

**and to the Holy Spirit,**  
**as it was in the beginning,**  
**is now, and will be forever. Amen. Refrain**

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**Second Reading** *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>The 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. <sup>5</sup>For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus’ sake. <sup>6</sup>For 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.

This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand, if able*

**Gospel Acclamation** *Mark 9:7*

Al - le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

A cloud covered them, and a voice came from the cloud:  
“This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!”

*Refrain*

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Gospel

Mark 9:2–9

<sup>2</sup>After 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. <sup>3</sup>His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. <sup>4</sup>And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus.

<sup>5</sup>Peter 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.” <sup>6</sup>(He did not know what to say, they were so frightened.)

<sup>7</sup>Then a cloud appeared and covered them, and a voice came from the cloud: “This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!”

<sup>8</sup>Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus.

<sup>9</sup>As 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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

Be seated

Hymn of the Day

390 Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain

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Please stand, if able

Apostles’ Creed

CW 163

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From there he will come 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.**

Be seated

The  
Apostles’  
+Creed+

Prayer of the Church

CW 164

Almighty God and Father, we thank you for all your mercies, especially for the gift of your Son, through whom you have revealed your gracious will. We praise you for the Holy Spirit and his working through the means of grace.  
**Plant your Word in our hearts, and cause it to produce fruit in our lives.**

Strengthen and defend your Church, that by your Word and sacraments faith may grow and love toward all may increase.  
**Support all who spread the light of your truth throughout the world.**

Keep our children in the grace of their baptisms. Enable their parents to train them in lives of faith.  
**Raise up Christians to serve you in the ministry of the Word and in all godly walks of life.**

Preserve our nation in justice and honor. Guide and bless all who make, administer, and judge our laws.  
**Give them wisdom that they may promote justice and hinder evil.**

Let your blessing rest on planting and harvest, commerce and industry, medicine and science, the arts and culture. Protect all who travel, and care for those whose work is difficult or dangerous.  
**Be with all who devote themselves to any useful task.**

Comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity, *[especially . . . here name the person and the cause of the petition]*. Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on those for whom death draws near.  
**Grant them your love, and take them into your tender care.**

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

*Silent prayer*

We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you, who now rest from their labors, *[especially . . . here name the person]*. Console those who are mourning or living with sadness.  
**Keep us in the true faith, and bring us at last to the joys of heaven.**

Grant us these things, Father, for the sake of Jesus, who died and rose again.  
**Amen.**

Our Offering of Thanks to Our God - Brought Forward

*You may place your offering in the offering plate as you enter the sanctuary.*

Hymn

817 Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart st. 3

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

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.**

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.  
**Amen.**

**Closing Hymn** 388 Down from the Mount of Glory

WELS Connection



This Week at Christ The King

Today, February 11	Bible Class, 9:30am Worship Service, 10:30 am
Monday, February 12	Low Vision Support Group, 10:00 am Charlotte Choral Rehearsal, 7:00 - 9:30 pm
Tuesday, February 13	Circuit Meeting at Risen Savior-Lakewood Ranch, 9:00 am
Wednesday, February 14	Soup Supper, 5:00 pm Ash Wednesday, 6:00 pm Choir, 7:00 pm
Thursday, February 15	Men’s Breakfast, 8:30 am Church Council, 9:30 am Mahjong, 9:30 am
Sunday, February 18	Bible Class, 9:30am Worship Service, with Communion 10:30 am

If you are interested in Online Giving to Christ the King, there are instruction sheets in the narthex. Please see Jim or Sandi Birschbach with questions or for assistance.

If you have electronic payments sent directly to church, please alert Jim Birschbach and Linda Kysely of the date(s) and amount, so they may properly credit your Statement of Giving.

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This is your opportunity to support our Home and World Mission Projects.

At the LWMS Spring and Fall Rallies, donations from each church are combined to help support WELS mission endeavors.

The Home & World Mission Projects our Florida Sun Coast Circuit have chosen are:

**Home Mission: #2022-09: Vans for Missions**

**World Mission: #2022-22: Ecuador**

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Please submit your donations by **February 19, 2024**