



Sunday, February 14, 2021  
Transfiguration of Our Lord



## Welcome & Announcements

## Confession & Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, whose voice is upon the waters, whose mercy is poured out upon all people, whose goodness cascades over all creation. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of God. **Amen.**

Holy God, you search us and know us. You are acquainted with all our ways. We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin-- our own sins and the broken systems that bind us. We turn inward, failing to follow your outward way of love. We distrust those who are not like us. We exploit the earth and its resources and fail to consider generations to come. Forgive us, gracious God, for all we have done and left undone. Even before the words are on our tongues, you know them; receive them in your divine mercy. **Amen.**

How vast is God's grace! Through the power and promise of Christ Jesus, our sins are washed away and we are claimed as God's own beloved. Indeed, you are forgiven. In the wake of God's forgiveness, we are called to be the beloved community living out Christ's justice and the Spirit's reconciling peace. **Amen.**

## Opening Hymn: Christ, Be Our Light (Vs. 1,2,5)

Longing for light, we wait in darkness, Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.  
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has pow'r to save us. Make us your living voice.  
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another, signs of your kingdom come.  
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

## Prayer of the Day

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

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.**

## Scripture Readings

### 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. 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. 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."

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. 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."

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. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. 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.

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." 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." 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. 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.

L: Word of God; word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 50:1-6

The mighty one, God the LORD,  
speaks and summons the earth  
from the rising of the sun to its setting.  
Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,  
God shines forth.  
Our God comes and does not keep silence,  
before him is a devouring fire,  
and a mighty tempest all around him.  
He calls to the heavens above  
and to the earth, that he may judge his people:  
"Gather to me my faithful ones,  
who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!"  
The heavens declare his righteousness,  
for God himself is judge.

L: Word of God; word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6**

And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. 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. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. 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.

L: Word of God; word of life.

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**The Gospel: Mark 9:2-9**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 9th Chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

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, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. 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." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

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.**

**Message:** Pastor Dwight Rudquist

**Sermon Notes:**

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## Hymn of the Day: How Good, Lord, to Be Here!

How good, Lord, to be here! Your glory fills the night;  
your face and garments, like the sun, shine with unborrowed light.

How good, Lord, to be here, your beauty to behold  
where Moses and Elijah stand, your messengers of old.

Fulfiller of the past and hope of things to be,  
we hail your body glorified and our redemption see.

Before we taste of death, we see your kingdom come;  
we long to hold the vision bright and make this hill our home.

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.

## Prayers

P: Let us pray. C: **Have mercy, O God.**

## The Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.**

## Benediction & Dismissal

God the creator strength you; Jesus the beloved fill you; and the Holy Spirit the comforter keep you in peace.  
**Amen.**

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

**Thanks be to God!**

## Closing Hymn: Go, My Children, with My Blessing

“Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.  
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.  
In my love’s baptismal river I have made you mine forever.  
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.”

“Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.  
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
Here you heard my dear Son’s story, here you touched him, saw his glory.  
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.”

“Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.  
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.  
Here my Spirit’s power filled you, here my tender comfort stilled you.  
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.”



## PRAYERCARE

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## Intergenerational Faith Formation:

### Prayer Partner Day

**Join us on Sunday, February 14, 2021  
Outdoor Valentine's Day Fellowship Time  
11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon**

(in the church parking lot, weather permitting)

Selfies with the Nordic Goat Sleigh and / or kicksled, above ground bonfire, maple lumber, instructions for making a wooden bucket, World Hunger Valgrams & warm up with a hot cup of cocoa with heart shaped cookies in Swedish paper heart weaved baskets. And the best part - fellowship with your church family!!!!

Dress warm!!!

Please check our website for any changes to this event!

- Send a letter or note to your prayer partner!!!!
- Visit our website to view the newest book video. Lucy Tverberg shares a fun book, God Gave Us Love.

### Need Pastoral Care?

Call Pastor Dwight 651-829-4884

### Have questions or in need of something?

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