

SUNDAY- FEBRUARY 11, 2024 -9:00 AM

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF MT. HOREB



*A family in faith, reaching out to share in God's love
with all people.*

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, February 11, 2024 | Transfiguration of Our Lord | 9:00 AM
(+ = stand if able; L = Leader / **C** = Congregation)

PRELUDE Diane Dangerfield

*You are encouraged to use the time during the Prelude
for quiet reflection and preparing for worship.*

WELCOMING WORD 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.

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN:

315 - How Good, Lord, to Be Here (vs. 1,2,3)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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.)

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, your sins are forgiven.
You are God's beloved.

C - Amen

GREETING

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

C: And also, with you.

+ KYRIE pg. 138

+ HYMN OF PRAISE pg. 139 *"Glory to God in the Highest..."*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

CONGREGATIONAL SONGS:

*Days of Elijah
Blessed Be Your Name*

FIRST READING - 2 Kings 2:1-12

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.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

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.

+ACCLAMATION (pg. 142)

(sing) Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

L: The Gospel according to Mark, Chapter 9,

C: Glory to you, O Lord

GOSPEL: Mark 9:2-9

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.

+L: The Gospel of the Lord

+C: Praise to you, O Christ

CHOIR ANTHEM:

“I Will Praise Thee, O Lord”

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE Intern Zach Smirris

+CONGREGATIONAL HYMN:

815 - *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

+APOSTLES' CREED pg. 105

OFFERING -

MUSIC - *"Good, Good Father"*

OFFERTORY #186 *"Create in me...."*

THE PRAYERS (pg. 143)

(As the pastor concludes each petition with the words:

"Lord in your mercy..." The people respond: **Hear our prayer.**")

+THE LORD'S PRAYER (pg. 145) (right hand column)

SENDING

COMMUNITY WORD

+BLESSING

L: May the blessing of God our creator, the love of Jesus Christ our redeemer, and the presence of the Holy Spirit the comforter, surround you and sustain you until we gather again.

C: Amen.

+CONGREGATIONAL HYMN:

838 - *Beautiful Savior*

+DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

WE WELCOME ALL TO ELC!

Everyone. Without exception. Regardless of race, ethnicity, gender expression, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, faith traditions, physical or mental abilities, financial resources, family status, or personal struggles. We are committed to being an anti-racist community. By the power of the Holy Spirit, we will work to extend God's grace, love, justice, and dignity. You belong here. Your story and your life are valuable. In Christ's love, we welcome you.

DEVOTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 11, 2024

SHARE: What are three things you are grateful for today?

READ: Read the daily readings to deepen your understanding:

Monday, Psalm 110:1-4, Assurance of God's Victory

Tuesday, Job 19:23-27, My Redeemer Lives

Wednesday, Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21, Prayers and Almsgiving

Thursday, Psalm 25:1-10, Prayer for Guidance

Friday, 2 Timothy 4:1-5, Proclaim the Message

Saturday, Matthew 9:2-13, Jesus Heals

TALK: Consider some of these ideas:

"Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!' – Mark 9:7

Mark's gospel presents the transfiguration as a preview of what would become apparent to Jesus' followers after he rose from the dead. Confused disciples are given a vision of God's glory manifest in the beloved Son.

- Who has been a mentor to you, and helped you through a transition? (2 Kgs 2:1-12)
- When have you experienced light shining in the darkness, perhaps your darkness? (2 Cor 4:6)
- Peter, James and John saw Jesus on the mountain top. Where do you see Jesus? (Mark 9:2-9)

PRAY: Holy God, transfigure us by your beloved Son, and illumine the world with your image, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

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