

THE BROTHERS & SISTERS IN CHRIST OF  
CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH  
WELCOME YOU TO THE DIVINE SERVICE!  
THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

FEBRUARY 11, 2024 - 8:00 A.M.



**Christ the King Lutheran Church**

*A member of Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ (LCMC)*

*Declaring new life in Jesus Christ & encouraging all to take their next step of faith with Jesus!*

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***Our vision:** All people will know God personally through Jesus Christ.*

***Our mission:** Inward searching, outward seeking, forward together with Jesus Christ.*

*Psalm 139:23--Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts.*

*Luke 19:10 -- For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.*

*Matthew 4:19 -- "Come, follow Me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men."*

# *The Transfiguration of Our Lord*

February 11, 2024

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*Welcome! We're glad you're here....*

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**OUR INVITATION:** Our family of faith invites you to participate in our mission to share the Gospel (which means “good news”) of Jesus Christ, as we gather to hear the word of God and share the presence of Christ in Holy Communion and Christian fellowship. The Gospel is that Almighty God is for us and with us, and we know this with certainty through Jesus Christ. With your participation, our God-given mission to spread this good news to the world and the surrounding community can only be strengthened. Our pastor and members are here for you!

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## **Sunday School Classes and Rooms (all classes meet at 9:20 a.m.):**

**Recap of Paul's Letters** led by Ralph Hyatt & Pastor Chris, in the Luther Room.

**Oasis** with Martha Green & Maizie Nelson, in the Luther Room foyer.

**The Life of Christ**, Led by Tim Champion, in Fellowship 2.

**Children's Sunday Education** - NURSERY IS available for infants & children 3 years of age during each worship service, and education time. Following are where everyone will meet:

Nursery (infant - 3 years old) ~ Main blg Nursery

4<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade ~ Disciple Room

3K & K ~ John Room

Jr. High ~ Jr High Room

1st – 3rd grade ~ Matthew & Mark Room

Sr. High ~ Youth Room

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**TODAY'S BIBLE READINGS NOTES:** *The Sundays after Epiphany began with Jesus's baptism and end with three disciples' vision of his transfiguration. In Mark's story of Jesus's baptism, apparently only Jesus sees the Spirit descending and hears the words from heaven. But now Jesus's 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's 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.*

**Worship with us this week on Ash Wednesday**, and share our Lenten journey as we learn from Jesus to carry the life-giving cross. **Our prep for the Lenten journey starts this Tuesday with Shrove Tuesday from 5:45 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. in the Luther Room.** *We, with many congregations, use up the fat (symbolized in eating pancakes, breakfast food, and/or king cake), burn palms to make Wednesday's ashes, and put aside the “Alleluia”; this word of joy is omitted during the penitential season of Lent and is sung again at Easter.*

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## **OUR EPIPHANY SEASON GREETING:**

Pastor: The light shines in the darkness **ALL: and the darkness has not overcome it.**

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**February Memory Verse:** *(Underlined is for 3 years & younger)*

*“Beloved, let us love one another, for love comes from God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.” 1 John 4:7*

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♪ **THE HYMN OF JOY: "How Great Thou Art"**

(LBW #532, green book)

1. O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the worlds thy hand hath made, I  
see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, Thy  
pow'r throughout the universe displayed;

*Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,  
How great thou art! How great thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,  
How great thou art! How great thou art!*

2 When through the woods and forest glades I  
wander, I hear the birds sing sweetly in the  
trees; When I look down from lofty mountain  
grandeur And hear the brook and feel the

gentle breeze; *Refrain*

3. But when I think that God, his Son not  
sparing, Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing  
He bled and died to take away my sin; *Refrain*

4. When Christ shall come, with shout of  
acclamation, And take me home, what joy  
shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in humble  
adoration And there proclaim, "My God, how  
great thou art!" *Refrain*

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**THE GREETING:**

P: 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.**

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**THE PRAYER OF THE DAY:** *(Spoken by all)*

**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.**

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**CHILDREN'S TIME: Trust and follow Jesus. He gives you power, love, and self-control.**

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♪ **ANTHEM: "Song of the Transfiguration"** Adult Choir **by Sylvia Dunston/David Haas**

*Transform us as you transfigured, stood apart on Tabor's height. Lead us up our sacred mountains, search us with revealing light. Lift us from where we have fallen, full of questions, filled with fright.*

*Transform us as you transfigured, once spoke with those holy ones. We, surrounded by the witness of those saints whose work is done. Live in this world as your Body, chosen daughters, chosen sons.*

*Transform us as you transfigured, would not stay within a shrine, Keep us from our great temptation – time and truth we quickly bind. Lead us down those daily pathways where our love is not confined.*

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## THE FIRST LESSON: 2 Kings 2:1-12

**The Introduction:** *Today's reading centers on the transfer of power and authority from the prophet Elijah to Elisha. Their travels, which retrace the path of Joshua back to Moab (the place where Moses died) and the parting of the waters, demonstrate that Elisha and Elijah are legitimate successors of the great prophet Moses.*

### The Reading:

And it came about when the LORD was about to take up Elijah by a whirlwind to heaven, that Elijah went with Elisha from Gilgal. <sup>2</sup>Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here please, 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>Then the sons of the prophets who were at Bethel came out to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that the LORD will take away your master from over you today?" And he said, "Yes, I know; be still."

<sup>4</sup>Elijah said to him, "Elisha, please 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 sons of the prophets who were at Jericho approached Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that the LORD will take away your master from over you today?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be still."

<sup>6</sup>Then Elijah said to him, "Please stay here, for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." And 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>Now fifty men of the sons of the prophets went and stood opposite them at a distance, while the two of them stood by the Jordan. <sup>8</sup>Elijah took his mantle and folded it together and struck the waters, and they were divided here and there, so that the two of them crossed over on dry ground.

<sup>9</sup>When they had crossed over, Elijah said to Elisha, "Ask what I shall do for you before I am taken from you." And Elisha said, "Please, let a double portion of your spirit be upon me." <sup>10</sup>He said, "You have asked a hard thing. Nevertheless, if you see me when I am taken from you, it shall be so for you; but if not, it shall not be so." <sup>11</sup>As they were going along and talking, behold, there appeared a chariot of fire and horses of fire which separated the two of them. And Elijah went up by a whirlwind to heaven. <sup>12</sup>Elisha saw it and cried out, "My father, my father, the chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" And he saw Elijah no more. Then he took hold of his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

(Lector: "This is the word of the Lord!" then, **all**, "Thanks be to God!")

## ♪ THE PSALM: Psalm 50:1-6

(the congregation has the "bold" verses)

**The Introduction:** *Out of Zion, perfect in beauty, God shines forth in glory.*

The mighty one, God the 'LORD, has spoken;\* calling the earth from the rising of the sun ' to its setting.

<sup>2</sup> **Out of Zion, perfect ' in its beauty,\***

**God shines ' forth in glory.**

<sup>3</sup> Our God will come and will ' not keep silence;\* with a consuming flame before, and round about a ' raging storm.

**<sup>4</sup> God calls the heavens and the earth ' from above\*  
to witness the judgment ' of the people.**

<sup>5</sup> "Gather before me my ' loyal followers,\*

those who have made a covenant with me and sealed ' it with sacrifice."

**<sup>6</sup> The heavens declare the rightness ' of God's cause,\*  
for it is God ' who is judge.**

♪ **THE GOSPEL VERSE:**

(page 83 in the green book for music)

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

**THE HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 9:2-9**

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

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 9<sup>th</sup> chapter.

(sung)

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Six days later, Jesus took with Him Peter and James and John, and brought them up on a high mountain by themselves. And He was transfigured before them; <sup>3</sup>and His garments became radiant and exceedingly white, as no launderer on earth can whiten them. <sup>4</sup>Elijah appeared to them along with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. <sup>5</sup>Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three tabernacles, one for You, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah." <sup>6</sup>For he did not

know what to answer; for they became terrified. <sup>7</sup>Then a cloud formed, overshadowing them, and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is My beloved Son, listen to Him!" <sup>8</sup>All at once they looked around and saw no one with them anymore, except Jesus alone.

<sup>9</sup>As they were coming down from the mountain, He gave them orders not to relate to anyone what they had seen, until the Son of Man rose from the dead.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

(sung)

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**THE PASTORAL PRAYER AND SERMON:**

*"Awakened"*

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♪ **HYMN OF THE DAY:**     **“How Good, Lord, To Be Here”**     *(LBW #89, grn bk)*

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| <p>1. How good, Lord, to be here! Your glory fills<br/>the night; Your face and garments, like the<br/>sun, Shine with unborrowed light.</p> <p>2. How good, Lord, to be here, Your beauty to<br/>behold Where Moses and Elijah stand, Your<br/>messengers of old.</p> <p>3. Fulfiller of the past and hope of things to be,<br/>We hail your body glorified and our</p> | <p>redemption see.</p> <p>4. Before we taste of death, We see your<br/>kingdom come; We long to hold the vision<br/>bright And make this hill our home.</p> <p>5. How good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not<br/>remain; But since you bid us leave the mount,<br/>Come with us to the plain.</p> |
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**THE NICENE CREED:**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;  
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary,  
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:**

*After each petition, the leader says, “Lord, in your mercy” and all respond, “Hear our prayer.”*

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**SHARING CHRIST’S PEACE:**

*Greetings celebrate God bringing us peace together with Himself through Christ.*

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**MINUTE for MISSION: Shrove Tuesday & Ash Wednesday**

**& GIVING THANKS** to God with His tithes (*first 10% income*) & our offerings (*beyond 10%*).

*Our Mercy Ministry basket today supports Firehouse Shelter*

*Prayer requests can be written on prayer cards and turned in here and/or sent to [office@ctkbham.org](mailto:office@ctkbham.org).*

*Offerings are appreciated: plates are at the back of the sanctuary or give at [www.ctkbham.org](http://www.ctkbham.org), or mail a check to:  
Christ the King Lutheran Church, 611 Riverchase Parkway West, Birmingham, AL 35244.*

♪ **THE OFFERTORY VERSE:** Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

**THE OFFERING OF PRAYER:** P: Let us pray. Merciful Father,  
C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### CELEBRATING & SHARING CHRIST'S PROMISED PRESENCE IN HOLY COMMUNION

♪ **THE LORD'S PRAYER:** (*sung*) 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

♪ **COMMUNION HYMN:**  
Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

**DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT:** *All who are baptized and believe that Christ is truly present as he promised are invited to Commune. Pastor will speak a blessing in Christ for children who have not received First Communion instruction and all others who ARE NOT baptized.*

♪ **At Distribution:** Congregation sings both 1) # 514 in LBW, *green book* &  
2) # 523 in LBW, *green book*

### THE BLESSING, PRAYER, AND BENEDICTION

♪ **HYMN to the WORLD: "Lift High the Cross"** (*LBW #377, green book*)  
*Refrain: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ  
proclaim Till all the world adore his sacred name.*

1. Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod, Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. <i>Refrain</i>	3. All newborn soldiers of the Crucified Bear on their brows the seal of him who died. <i>Refrain</i>
2. Led on their way by this triumphant sign, The hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine. <i>Refrain</i>	4. O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree, As thou hast promised, draw us all to thee. <i>Refrain</i>
	5. So shall our song of triumph ever be: Praise to the Crucified for victory! <i>Refrain</i>

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**THE DISMISSAL: P:** In the strength of Christ, let's go in peace; and serve the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

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**POSTLUDE:**

**"Shine, Jesus, Shine"**

Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory; Blaze Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.

Flow, river flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy; Send forth Your word, Lord, and let there be light.

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*The altar flowers are sponsored by CtK for the Glory of the Lord. The eternal candle is sponsored by Eric & Amy Hoaglund in honor of Faye Hyde.*

*If you'd like to sponsor altar flowers or candle, please sign up outside the library door or contact the church office.*

**THE SCRIPTURE TO CONSIDER FOR NEXT SUNDAY'S (2/18) WORSHIP:**

**Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 25:1-10; Mark 1:9-15**

**THE SCRIPTURE TO CONSIDER FOR THIS ASH WEDNESDAY'S (2/14) WORSHIP:**

**1Peter 3:18-22**

**Reading:**

<sup>18</sup>For Christ also died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust, so that He might bring us to God, having been put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit; <sup>19</sup>in which also He went and made proclamation to the spirits now in prison, <sup>20</sup>who once were disobedient, when the patience of God kept waiting in the days of Noah, during the construction of the ark, in which a few, that

is, eight persons, were brought safely through the water. <sup>21</sup>Corresponding to that, baptism now saves you—not the removal of dirt from the flesh, but an appeal to God for a good conscience—through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup>who is at the right hand of God, having gone into heaven, after angels and authorities and powers had been subjected to Him.

*Please join us February 13 for Shrove Tuesday beginning at 5:45 p.m. & February 14 for Ash Wednesday worship at 6:30 a.m., 11:45 a.m., and 6:30 p.m.*