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WELCOME YOU TO THE DIVINE SERVICE!  
THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

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**Christ the King Lutheran Church**

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*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

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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 yrs old) ~ Main bldg Nursery

3K & K ~ John Room

1st - 3rd grade ~ Matthew & Mark Room

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

Jr. High ~ Jr High 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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**“Our God”**

*Verse 1*      Water You turned into wine, opened the eyes of the blind;  
                  There's no one like You, none like You.

*Verse 2*      Into the darkness You shine, out of the ashes we rise;  
                  There's no one like You, none like You.

*Chorus*        Our God is greater, our God is stronger; God, You are higher than any other.  
                  Our God is healer, awesome in power, our God, our God.

*Verse 2*      Into the darkness You shine, out of the ashes we rise;  
                  There's no one like You, none like You.

*Chorus (2x)* Our God is greater, our God is stronger; God, You are higher than any other.  
                  Our God is healer, awesome in power, our God, our God.

*Bridge*        And if our God is for us then who could ever stop us,  
                  And if our God is with us then what could stand against?  
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                  And if our God is with us then what could stand against? What could stand against?

*Chorus (2x)* Our God is greater, our God is stronger; God, You are higher than any other.  
                  Our God is healer, awesome in power, our God, our God.

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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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♪ **Praise Team Anthem:** "We Are"

**Verse 1** *Ev'ry secret, ev'ry shame, ev'ry fear, ev'ry pain Live inside the dark, but that's not who we are. We are children of the day.*

**Pre-Chorus** *So wake up sleeper, lift your head. We were meant for more than this. Fight the shadows, conquer death, make the most of the time we have left.*

**Chorus (2x)** *We are the light of the world, we are the city on a hill. We are the light of the world, and we gotta, we gotta, We gotta let the light shine.*

**Interlude** *Let the light shine, let the light shine.*

**Verse 2** *We are called to spread the news, to tell the world the simple truth. Jesus came to save, there's freedom in His name, so let His love break through.*

**Chorus (2x)**

**Bridge** *We are the light, we are the light, we are the light, so let your light shine brighter. We are the light, we are the light, we are the light, Jesus, You are the light, You are the light. You are the light. We will lift You high and shine, shine, shine.*

**Chorus (2x)**

**Ending** *Let the light shine, let the light shine. Let the light shine, let the light shine.*

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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.

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*(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.**

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**♪ THE GOSPEL VERSE: "Eagle's Wings"**

*Chorus 2x* Come, live in me, all my life take over; Come, breathe in me, and I will rise on eagle's wings. *(repeat)*

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**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.*

**The Gospel:**

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.

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*(Lector: This is the word of the Lord. Congregation: Thanks be to God!)*

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**THE PASTORAL PRAYER AND SERMON:**

*“Awakened”*

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**“Shine On Us”**

- Verse 1* Lord, let Your light, light of Your face shine on us.  
Lord, let Your light, light of Your face shine on us  
That we may be saved, that we may have life, To find our way in the darkest night.  
Let Your light shine on us.
- Verse 2* Lord, let Your grace, grace from Your hand fall on us.  
Lord, let Your grace, grace from Your hand fall on us,  
That we may be saved, that we may have life, To find our way in the darkest night.  
Let Your grace fall on us.
- Verse 3* Lord, let Your love, love with no end come over us.  
Lord, let Your love, love with no end come over us,  
That we may be saved, that we may have life, To find our way in the darkest night.  
Let Your love come over us. Let Your light shine on us.
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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:

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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.*

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### THE OFFERTORY VERSE: "Revelation Song"

*Chorus 2x* Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, Who was, and is, and is to come. With all creation I sing praise to the King of kings. You are my ev'rything, and I will adore You.

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### 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.**

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## CELEBRATING & SHARING

### CHRIST'S PROMISED PRESENCE IN HOLY COMMUNION:

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### 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, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

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### HOLY COMMUNION

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### THE BLESSING, PRAYER AND BENEDICTION:

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#### "Shine Jesus Shine"

*Verse 1* 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.

*Chorus* 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.

*Verse 2* Lord, I come to Your awesome presence, From the shadows into Your radiance;  
By the blood I may enter Your brightness,  
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness. Shine on me, shine on me.

*Chorus* 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.

*Verse 3* 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.

*Chorus* 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 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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*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.*