

Transfiguration Sunday  
February 11, 2024  
8:30am and 11:00am



Central Lutheran Church  
1857 Potter Street  
Eugene, OR  
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## **Welcome to Worship!**

Central Lutheran Church, a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the Oregon Synod, is a Reconciling in Christ community: We affirm that Christ has made us one body with many members, all sharing in God's wondrous grace and unconditional love.

We celebrate both the human variation and inclusive unity of God's family. Following Jesus' example, we embrace all of God's people regardless of ethnicity, physical and mental abilities, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, or economic circumstance. With welcoming hearts, we invite you to join us in worship, fellowship, and ministry.

Our mission is to be the hands and feet of Jesus by loving God and one another, nurturing faithful living, serving those in need, and sharing the Gospel.

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## CALL TO WORSHIP

The Carillon

## PRELUDE

*Aria*

Elizabeth Turner

## WELCOME

## THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as your beloved children, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

## HYMN O Wondrous Image, Vision Fair (*please stand*)



1 O won - drous im - age, vi - sion fair of glo - ry  
2 With Mo - ses and E - li - jah nigh the In - car - nate  
3 With shin - ing face and bright ar - ray, Christ deigns to  
4 And faith - ful hearts are raised on high by this — great



that — the Church may share, which Christ up - on the moun - tain  
Lord holds con - verse high; and from the cloud, the Ho - ly  
man - i - fest — to - day; what glo - ry — shall be theirs a -  
vi - sion's mys - ter - y; for which in — joy - ful strains we



shows, where bright - er than — the sun — he glows.  
One bears re - cord to — the on - ly Son.  
bove who — joy — in God — with per - fect love.  
raise the — voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.

Text: Latin, 15th century

Tune: Wareham

## GREETING

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.**

# KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-vation, 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 u - ni - ty of all, let us pray — to the Lord.



Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy.



For this ho-ly house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - - men.

# CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Organ

**3** *Refrain*

This is the feast of vic - to - ry \_\_\_ for our God. \_\_\_

Al-le-lu \_\_\_ ia, al-le-lu \_\_\_ ia. \_\_\_ 1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose

blood set us free to be peo-ple of God. \_\_\_ Pow-er, rich - es wis-dom, and strength, and

*Refrain*

hon-or, bless-ing and glo-ry are his. \_\_\_ This is the feast of vic-to-ry \_\_\_ for our God. \_\_\_

Al-le-lu \_\_\_ ia, al-le-lu \_\_\_ ia. \_\_\_ 2 Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and

join in the hymn of all cre - a-tion. \_\_\_ Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to

*Final refrain*

God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A - men \_\_\_ This is the feast of vic-to-ry \_\_\_ for our

God. \_\_\_ for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. \_\_\_

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia al - le - lu \_\_\_ ia.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray. **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.** (*please be seated*)

## **FIRST READING 2 KINGS 2:1-12**

<sup>1</sup>Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>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.” <sup>4</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>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.” <sup>6</sup>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. <sup>7</sup>Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. <sup>8</sup>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.

<sup>9</sup>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.” <sup>10</sup>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.” <sup>11</sup>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





image of God. <sup>5</sup>For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup>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.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*please stand*)



**Cantors:** This is my son, <sup>1</sup> the beloved, \* lis- <sup>1</sup> ten to him! *Repeat Antiphon.*

### GOSPEL Mark 9:2-9

The Gospel according to Mark, the ninth chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>2</sup>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, <sup>3</sup>and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. <sup>4</sup>And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. <sup>5</sup>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." <sup>6</sup>He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. <sup>7</sup>Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" <sup>8</sup>Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. <sup>9</sup>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.**

**SERMON**

Pastor Ben Nickodemus

# HYMN OF THE DAY #317 Jesus on the Mountain Peak *(please stand)*



1 Je - sus on the moun-tain peak stands a - lone in  
2 Trem-bling at his feet we saw Mo - ses and E -  
3 Swift the cloud of glo - ry came, God pro - claim - ing  
4 This is God's be - lov - ed Son! Law and proph - ets



glo - ry blaz - ing; let us, if we dare to speak,  
li - jah speak - ing. All the proph-ets and the law  
in its thun - der Je - sus as the Son by name!  
sing be - fore him, first and last and on - ly One.



join the saints and an - gels prais - ing.  
shout through them their joy - ful greet - ing:  
Na - tions, cry a - loud in won - der:  
All cre - a - tion shall a - dore him!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



## **NICENE CREED**

With the whole church, let us confess our Christian faith.

**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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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. *(please be seated)***

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

### **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

### **OUR LIFE TOGETHER**

### **OFFERING**

*You may place your offering in the plates as you come forward for communion.*

**INSTRUMENTAL MEDITATION (11:00)**

**OFFERTORY PRAYER** (*please stand*)

Let us pray. Gracious God, receive the gifts we bring, ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Through this meal unite us as your body, shining with the light of your justice and mercy; for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**



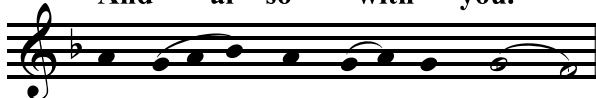
The Lord be with you.



Lift up your hearts.



And al - so with you.



We lift them to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**PROPER PREFACE**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might:— heaven and  
earth are full of your glo ry.— Ho-san - na in the high-est.— Ho - san - na  
— in the high - est, Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
— Ho-san - na in the high-est.— Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper. **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

In the night in which he was betrayed our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave it to his disciples, saying: “Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

Again after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: “This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me.”

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

‡ **Christ has died.** ‡ **Christ is risen.** ‡ **Christ will come again.**

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **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.**

*(please be seated)*

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

### **LAMB OF GOD**



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world; grant us — peace, grant us peace.

## **COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

## POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all, and to your glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

## BENEDICTION *(please stand)*

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

## RECESSIONAL HYMN Alleluia, Song of Sweetness

*We bid farewell to the Alleluia, which is not said or sung during Lent*



1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of sweet - ness, voice of joy that can - not die;  
2 Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways be our song while here be - low;  
3 In our hymns we pray with long - ing: Grant us bless - ed Trin - i - ty,



Al - le - lu - ia is the an - them ev - er dear to choirs on high;  
Al - le - lu - ia, our trans - gres - sions make us for a - while fore - go;  
At the last — to keep glad Eas - ter with the faith - ful saints on high,



In the house of God a - bid - ing thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly.  
For the so - lemn time is com - ing when our tears for sin — must flow.  
There to you — for - ev - er sing - ing, Al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly.



Al - le - lu - ia, song of sweet - ness, thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly.  
Al - le - lu - ia lead our prais - es, true Je - ru - sa - lem and free.  
There to you for - ev - er sing - ing, al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly.

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Share the light of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

**ORGAN VOLUNTARY** *Præludium in C Minor, BWV 546* J. S. Bach

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**Cantor at 11:00: Bernie Bopp**

**Christus House hosted Coffee Hour this morning between services.**

Join us for a special coffee hour at Christus House. Enjoy coffee, snacks, see the inside of Christus House and learn about ministry happening there.

**Shove Tuesday Pancake Supper** Tuesday, February 13, 2024, 5:15pm in the parish hall.

**Ash Wednesday Services:** Join us for Ash Wednesday Feb. 14. Services will be at noon and 7:30pm.

**Lenten Midweek Series with a new schedule:** Our Lenten Midweek series on Tuesdays begins Feb. 21. Our theme is “Journeying with God through our wilderness.” The series will begin with a soup supper at 5:15, then worship begins with an interactive reflection on the Word of God (which stands as our homily for the evening) at 6pm, then Holden Evening Prayer at 6:45pm.

**Concordia Choir Concert Mar. 10.** Mark your calendars! The choir from Concordia College, Moorhead, MN will be singing at Central Mar. 10 at 4pm. Tickets are \$35 for premium seating, \$25 for general admission. Tickets can be purchased between services, in the office, or online at [www.theconcordiachoir.org](http://www.theconcordiachoir.org).