

*Loved by God,
Sent to Serve.*

**Transfiguration of Our Lord
February 11, 2024**

Hymnal Supplement 1991
Now the Feast and Celebration

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude: *Shine, Jesus, Shine*

Arr. by Randy Smith

Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness

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In the name of the Father, and of the ✙ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. Let us confess our sin to God who is faithful and just and who has promised to forgive our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Most merciful God,
Have mercy on us. We confess to you that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not trusted you with our whole heart; we have not loved one another in deed and in truth. In your compassion forgive our sin and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ our light and our truth. Amen.

With joy, I proclaim to you that Almighty God, rich in mercy, abundant in love, forgives us all our sin and grants us newness of life in Jesus Christ.
Thanks be to God!

Greeting

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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 (*sung response 3x*)

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**Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy, Lord, have mercy.
Amen.**

Now the Feast

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Refrain

Now the feast and celebration,
all of creation sings for joy
to the God of life and love and freedom;
praise and glory forevermore!

- 1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain,
whose blood has freed and united us
to be one great people of God. **Refrain**
- 2 Power and riches, wisdom and might,
all honor and glory to Christ forever. **Refrain**
- 3 For God has come to dwell with us,
to make us people of God;
to make all things new. **Refrain**

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.**

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading: 2 Kings 2:1-12

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.

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.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 50:1-6 (spoken responsively)

¹The mighty one, God the LORD, has spoken; calling the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

²**Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, God shines forth in glory.**

³Our God will come and will not keep silence; with a consuming flame before, and round about a raging storm.

⁴**God calls the heavens and the earth from above to witness the judgment of the people.**

⁵“Gather before me my loyal followers, those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice.”

⁶**The heavens declare the rightness of God’s cause, for it is God who is judge.**

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

The spotlight of Christian ministry is not on the people who carry out ministry but on the Lord Jesus Christ. Just as God made light shine at creation, God makes the light of Jesus Christ shine in our lives through Christian ministry.

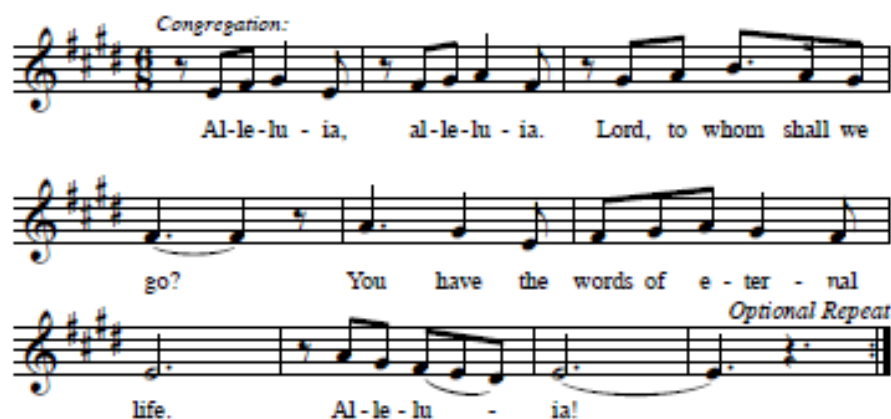
³Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus 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.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Verse

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Congregation:



Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal
life. Al - le - lu - ia!

Optional Repeat

Gospel: Mark 9:2-9

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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.

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 any more, 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.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Time

Sermon

**The Rev. Karla Wildberger
with Brion Bowman**

Hymn of the Day: *Arise, Your Light Has Come!*

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1 A - rise, your light has come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
2 A - rise, your light has come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
3 A - rise, your light has come! All you in sor - row born,
4 A - rise, your light has come! The moun - tains burst in song!

show forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day.
pro - claim the cap - tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.
bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

Apostles' Creed

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I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

...God of grace, **receive our prayer.**
...in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Sharing of the Peace

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The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering: *As the Grains of Wheat*

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Refrain

As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill
were gathered into one to become our bread;
so may all your people from all the ends of earth
be gathered into one in you.

- 1 As this cup of blessing is shared within our midst,
may we share the presence of your love. **Refrain**
- 2 Let this be a foretaste of all that is to come
when all creation shares this feast with you. **Refrain**

Offering Prayer in Unison

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Let us pray.

Merciful God,

Everything in heaven and earth belongs to you. We joyfully release what you have entrusted to us. May these gifts be signs of our whole lives returned to you, dedicated to the healing and unity of all creation, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

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The musical score for the Great Thanksgiving is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves. The first staff is for the President, with the lyrics 'The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.' The second staff is for the Congregation, with the lyrics 'Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.' The third staff is for the President, with the lyrics 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is' and the fourth staff is for the Congregation, with the lyrics 'right to give God thanks and praise.' The music is a simple, melodic line with a final double bar line at the end of the fourth staff.

Preface

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Thanksgiving at the Table

Lord's Prayer

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

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,

Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom the power,

and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

Lamb of God

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Post-Communion Blessing

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May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever.

Amen.

Post-Communion Canticle: *Thanks Be to You*

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Post-Communion Prayer

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Let us pray.

... **Amen.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Announcements

Blessing

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May God bless and keep us.

May God's face shine on us and be gracious.

May God look on us with favor and ☩ give us peace.

Amen.

Sending Song: *Shine, Jesus, Shine*

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Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude: *Gloryland Medley*

Arr. Anthony Burger

Announcements

Thank you!

A very warm welcome and sincere thanks to guest musician and friend of Pastor Karla & Jill, Brion Bowman for blessing us with special music this morning!

Altar Flowers today are provided by Debbie & Galen Thomas in celebration of their birthdays.

“Souper” Bowl

Today’s the big day...did you pick the winner? We know the real winner here is the Little Food Pantry which is where ALL of the donated soup will be used. Thank you for supporting this great cause!

Birthday Card Shower

Help long-time (and original) Lord of Life member Ramona Kartman celebrate her 92nd birthday by sending her a card: Ramona Kartman; Inspired Living Apt. 136; 1320 33rd St. SE; Sun City Center, FL 33573

Fat Tuesday Celebration

Mark your calendars for this Tuesday (Feb. 13) at 6:00 pm when we'll feast on pancakes and then celebrate worship Dixieland Jazz style at 7:00 pm. We'll have extra guest musicians in the Jazz band. Don't miss this very special kickoff to Lent!

Ash Wednesday

We begin our Lenten journey with worship and the imposition of ashes on Ash Wednesday (Feb. 14) at 12 noon (shorter service) and 6:00 pm with communion as well. The 6:00 service will also be livestreamed.

Intergenerational Faith Formation

February is a special month!!! On Sunday the 25th, we will have another Intergenerational Faith Formation on Holy Communion! And during this time teaching for First Communion will take place! We will gather around our younger ones and learn about God's sacrament. We will live out our baptismal calling by gathering together.....join us at 9:15am on the 25th. (Due to scheduling, we have moved this class time up by one week.)

Hallelujah!

Haven't you always wanted to sing the Hallelujah Chorus on Easter? Here's your chance! You are invited to join the choir as we prepare the Hallelujah Chorus for Easter Sunday. We will be using a singer-friendly version of this time-honored piece. Singers in 9th thru 12th grade are welcome too! I am also looking for a few bell ringers to play a very simple part. See Susan Hansen for the rehearsal schedule.

This Week at Lord of Life

Sunday, February 11	8:00 AM	Worship in-person
	9:15 AM	Sunday School, Confirmation w/Adults
	10:30 AM	Worship in-person or online
Tuesday, February 13	6:00 PM	Pancake Supper
	7:00 PM	Dixieland Jazz Worship
Wednesday, February 14	12:00 PM	Ash Wednesday Worship
	6:00 PM	Ash Wednesday Worship w/communion (this service will also be livestreamed)

Prayer List

Jerry & Mona Merrick	Craig & Dione Miller
Jan Miller	Dave & Barb Morreim
Kirk & Linda Mushrush	Pam Null-Hollenback
Mark & Nancy Oehlert	

This Week's Worship Servants

Readers:	8:00 Larry Croghan	10:30 Joe Klinebriel
Ushers:	8:00 Tim Shade	10:30 Barry Pickart
Tech/PPT:	8:00	10:30 Nate Frambach

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