



Holy Spirit Lutheran Church

Compassionate. Challenging. Inclusive.

Holy Spirit Lutheran Church is on the ancestral homelands of the Coast Salish peoples, and we give thanks for their presence here since time immemorial. We recognize and honor all our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to call this land their home.

Welcome to Holy Spirit Lutheran Church! Our mission is to proclaim and embody the compassionate, challenging, and inclusive love of God revealed in Jesus Christ. Your age, race, sexual orientation, gender identity, abilities, doubts and questions are all part of your story as a beloved child of God, and your whole self is welcome and affirmed here.

If you are a first-time visitor, welcome! We hope you will fill out a Welcome Card from your seat and drop it in the offering plate when it comes around - we'd love to get to know you! You are also welcome to communion today.

Live streaming and recording occur at our 9:30 am service. Those who worship online enjoy seeing people in the sanctuary, so if you are comfortable being on camera, please sit in the chairs to the right of the altar or close to the piano.

The assisted listening system in our sanctuary is compatible with personal hearing aids with the setting "T". Portable receivers and headsets are available from an usher.

Children are always welcome in worship. Activities for kids are located on the bookshelf located at the back of the sanctuary. Childcare is also available at the 9:30 am and 11:00 am services in our nursery. The nursery is designed for children ages 4 and younger – follow the overhead sign in the narthex that directs you to the hallway towards the nursery (on the right).

Sunday School for kids aged 3 through 6th grade occurs during our 9:30 am service, and all are welcome. As Sunday School takes place throughout the building, ask an usher or staff person where to find your child's class.

This worship bulletin is intended to be used at all three services today. Please leave it on your seat after the 8:00 and 9:30 worship. Large print bulletins are available from the ushers. Feel free to take home the announcement inserts for your personal use.

As we begin worship, we kindly ask that you please silence your cell phone.

Sunday, February 11, 2024

Transfiguration of Our Lord



The Sundays after Epiphany began with Jesus' baptism and end with three disciples' vision of his transfiguration. 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.

Throughout today's worship, you are invited to participate by joining in speaking the words in bold type.

Prelude

Song from Sea Pieces

Pete Isensee, piano

music by Edward MacDowell

Welcome and Announcements

Please stand as you are able.

Opening Litany for Transfiguration Sunday

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who stretches out the heavens, who sends light to the nations, who gives living water to extinguish every thirst. **Amen.**

Lord, you have called us to the mountaintop. Help us look forward to where you would have us go.

Help us to listen carefully to the words of your healing love. **Open our hearts and spirits to receive your word.**

It is easy to stand here in the valley of our comfort. But Christ calls us to the mountaintop to receive a new vision.

So let us place our hope and trust in Christ, for he is our guide. And let us worship God, ready to journey on the new paths placed before us.



Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

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.

Let's all be seated.



Musical Offering

9:30 Spirit Ringers 11:00 At the Table of the Lord Chancel Choir music by Jay Althouse

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."

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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.

Your Word is a lamp for my feet, and a light to my path.

Psalm

Psalm 50:1-6

¹The mighty one, God the LORD, has spoken;

calling the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

²Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, God shines ¹ forth in glory.

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³Our God will come and will not keep silence;

with a consuming flame before, and round about a raging storm.

⁴God 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."

⁶The heavens declare the rightness of God's cause,

for it is God who is judge.

Second Reading

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.

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Children's Message

Gospel Acclamation

11:00

Please stand as you are able to greet the reading of the Gospel. Please sing twice.



The Holy Gospel

Mark 9:2-9 Spark Story Bible p. 358

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.

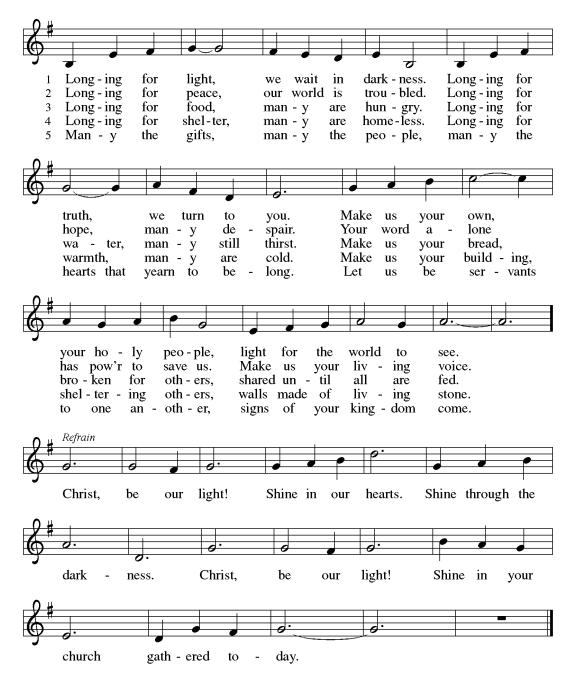
This is the Gospel of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Let's all be seated.

Sermon

Dan Beirne, Director for Mobilization and Faith Relations at *Global Refuge*

Hymn of the Day



Apostles' Creed

Trusting in God's love wherever our journeys lead, let us confess our faith:

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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 the People

As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation, saying:

God of grace, receive our prayer.

Our communal prayers begin with a short time of silence and then petitions for the world, the church, and people and places in particular need. You will also be invited to name, in speech or silence, the prayers you carry with you.

Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Amen.



Sharing the Peace

The peace of God be always with you. And also with you.

Bearing in mind the personal comfort of those around you, please share a friendly sign of God's peace and reconciliation with others and then be seated.

Offering

We invite you to contribute to our shared mission and ministry. Scan the following QR code to reach the Giving page on our website.



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Offertory

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!

Bluebird music by Alexis Ffrench

Offertory Prayer

Holy God,

your beauty shines forth from the manger and your love flows from the cross. As you gather us around these signs of your love, warm us to extend your care among the hungry and all in need. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

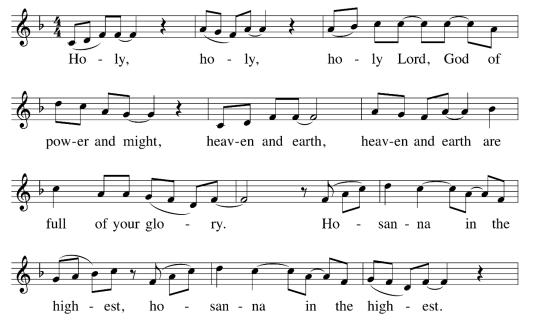
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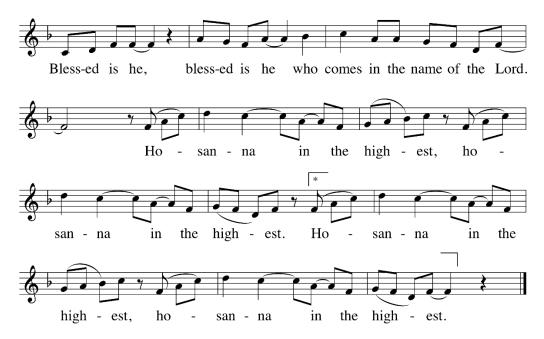
The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts! We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is our right, our duty and our joy.... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:





Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

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

Communion Distribution

All are welcome to God's meal, where ordinary bread and wine become extraordinary, filled with Christ's presence. Ushers will direct you to one of the stations in front. Communion will be by intinction. You will receive a wafer, which you may dip into the chalice with wine, or with juice, then eat. Wafers in the small bowl on the side of the plate are gluten free. If you avoid gluten, please take one for yourself. If you would prefer not to receive communion, please feel free to remain seated or come forward for a blessing. Please indicate your desire for a blessing by crossing your arms. Children are welcome to receive communion or a blessing.

Lamb of God



Hymn during Distribution



Music During Distribution

Kyrie

Pete Isensee, piano

music by Dinah Reindorf

I Want Jesus to Walk With Me Pete Isensee, piano

arranged by Mary McDonald



Prayer after Communion

Please stand as you are able.

God of wonder, in Jesus we behold the light of the world come near. As you have come among us now, send us out in joy, ready to share the good news of your love. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit dwelling with us now and forever. Amen.

Farewell to Alleluia

We are an Easter people, and alleluia is our song! **Alleluia!**

Still, the author of Ecclesiastes writes: For everything there is a season, and a time for everything under heaven. **A time to be born and a time to die.**

A time to plant and a time to pluck up what is planted. **A time to break down and a time to build up.**

A time to weep and a time to laugh.

A time to mourn and a time to dance.

A time to keep silence and a time to speak.

As a sign of repentance, and our turning toward our Lenten journey, we say farewell to alleluia until we rejoice in the resurrection at Easter.

Blessing

May Christ, the wisdom and power of God, and the source of our life together, keep you united in mind and purpose. And the blessing of almighty God: Immortal Light; + Immortal Radiance; Immortal Fire of Change; be with you always.

Amen.



Dismissal

How good it is for us to be here! Amen! Alleluia!

Go in peace and do not be afraid. Christ is with you. Alleluia, alleluia! Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

Norse Song

Pete Isensee, piano

music by Robert Schumann

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Thank you to our worship assistants!

SERVING TODAY – February 11					
	8:00	9:30	11:00		
ACOLYTES	n/a	Micah Herman	Sophie Tiesel		
ASSISTING MINISTER	Christina Brugman	Eric Henrikson	Jennifer Williams		
GREETERS	Dennis Pierce	Dan and Judy Selmann	Rosemary Dunkle		
USHERS	Bryan and Marsha Maxfield	Kris Isaacson Linda Pickard	Stuart and Diane Campbell		
A/V TECHNICIAN		Heath Stewart	Ezekial Cole		
COMMUNION SET UP/ CLEAN UP	Carol Stolz	n/a	Teresa Henrikson		

SERVING ON ASH WEDNESDAY – February 14					
	noon	7:00			
ACOLYTES	n/a	Eilley Burnett			
ASSISTING MINISTER	Christina Brugman	Connie Weiseth			
GREETERS	Sharon Clum	Christopher Cole			
USHERS	USHERS Chris and Debbie Halvorson				
A/V TECHNICIAN		Zander Cole			
COMMUNION SET UP/ CLEAN UP	Carol Stolz	Diane Lynch			

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY – February 18					
	8:00	9:30	11:00		
ACOLYTES	n/a	Sam Kostopoulos			
ASSISTING MINISTER	llene Hamilton	Carol Stolz	Heath Stewart		
GREETERS	Scouts	Scouts	Scouts		
USHERS	Dennis Pierce	Doug and Dana Jacobson	Jennifer Williams Phil Etheredge		
A/V TECHNICIAN		Danielle Dadashi	Aiden Stewart		
COMMUNION SET UP/ CLEAN UP	Carol Stolz	n/a	Barb Smith		