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## Transfiguration of Our Lord

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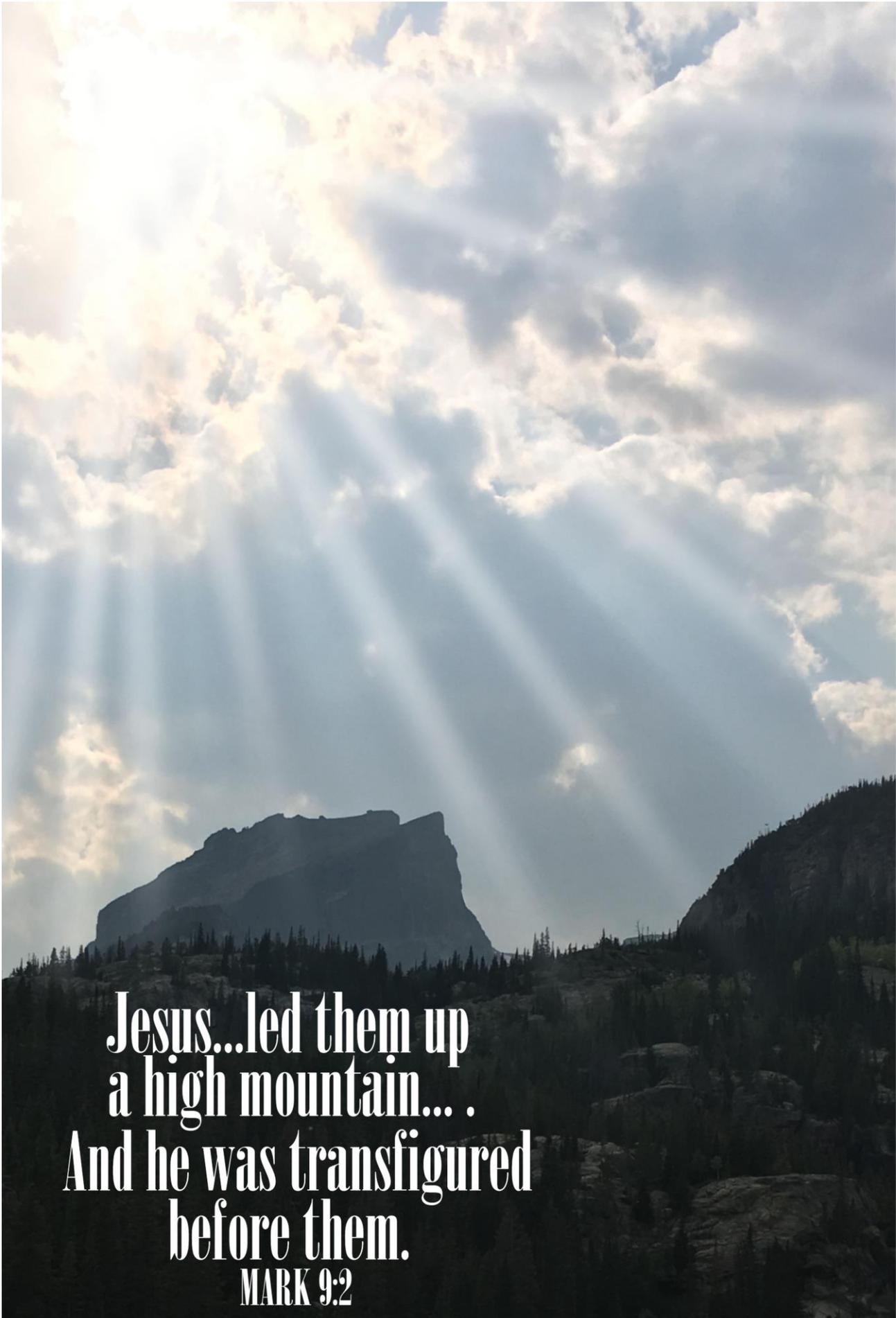
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Jesus...led them up  
a high mountain... .  
And he was transfigured  
before them.  
MARK 9:2

# TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD ELW ~ SERVICE OF THE WORD

February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024 ~ 9:00 AM

“GOD’S RADICAL LOVE, LIVED OUT EVERY DAY”



*THE LORD JESUS CHRIST WELCOMES ALL who enter this house of worship. May God bless our service of worship as we offer to God our thanks & praise. We pray the Holy Spirit will bless our fellowship and send us forth to reach out to our neighbors with love. If you are a visitor today, we pray our time together will be a blessing to you as you are a blessing to our gathering. Please join us in Fellowship after the service.*

## AVAILABLE WORSHIP AIDS

**LARGE PRINT BULLETINS** are available from the ushers.

**ACTIVITY BAGS** at the rear of church, are available for young children; please return them after the service. Thanks.

**PLEASE SIGN** the Friendship Pad as it is passed to you during the time of the offering.

**I WISH CARDS** in the pews are available for you to express your ideas or questions & may be placed in an offering plate.

## GATHERING

**WE PREPARE:** *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 son. 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.*

### RINGING OF THE BELL CALL TO WORSHIP



### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, † one God, who stretches out the heavens, who sends light to the nations, who gives breath to us all. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

Loving God,

**we confess that we have turned from your way to follow our own ways. Forgive us for the times we have spoken or acted too quickly; we have not spoken or acted at all; we have hurt those closest to us; we have hurt those we have yet to know; we have thought more about ourselves than others; we have thought less of ourselves than we ought. Turn us around, and give us a fresh start, so that we can live again as your children. Amen.**

Even when we have done wrong, God makes us right. Even when we have messed up, God puts us together. God’s love never runs out. God never tires of calling us beloved children. Hear God say to you now: Your sins are forgiven, for the sake of † Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to  
 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry  
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy  
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less

earth come down! Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy  
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us  
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -  
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,  
 find thy prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;  
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,  
 ly re - stored in thee! Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

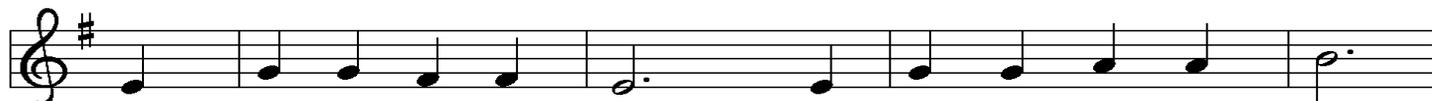
pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with  
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as  
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee  
 till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.  
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.  
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.  
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

## 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



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.  
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE



- 1 Glo - ry be to God in heav - en; peace, good - will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo - ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho - ly One we now ac - claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might - y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:  
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;  
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.  
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.  
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

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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# WORD

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## FIRST READING

2 Kings 2:1-12

The first reading is in 2 Kings chapter 2, verses 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.

*Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. 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. 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."*

*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. 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."*

*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. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. 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.*

*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." 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." 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 heaven. Elisha 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.*

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

## SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

The second reading is in 2 Corinthians chapter 4, verses 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 out of darkness at creation, God makes the light of Jesus Christ shine in our lives through Christian ministry.

*And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In 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. For we do not proclaim ourselves;*

*we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. 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



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

### GOSPEL

Mark 9:2-9

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.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 9<sup>th</sup> chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*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, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. 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." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them anymore, but only Jesus.*

*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.**



He was transfigured before them ...  
and his clothes became dazzling white ...

MESSAGE

Pastor Grant Fischer

1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,  
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,  
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,  
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,

Son of God and Son of Man!  
 robed in flow'rs and of bloom - ing spring;  
 bright the spar - kling stars on high;  
 Son of God and Son of Man!

Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,  
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,  
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er,  
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,

light of my soul, my joy, my crown.  
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.  
 than all the an - gels in the sky.  
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

## CREED

**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 THE CHURCH .., God of grace, receive our prayer.**

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

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# THANKSGIVING

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OFFERING

LORD, BE GLORIFIED

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1 In my life, Lord, be glo-ri-fied, be glo-ri-fied;  
2 In our song, Lord, be glo-ri-fied, be glo-ri-fied;  
3 In your church, Lord, be glo-ri-fied, be glo-ri-fied;  
4 In your world, Lord, be glo-ri-fied, be glo-ri-fied;

in my life, Lord, be glo-ri-fied to-day.  
in our song, Lord, be glo-ri-fied to-day.  
in your church, Lord, be glo-ri-fied to-day.  
in your world, Lord, be glo-ri-fied to-day.

The musical score consists of two systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is in the treble staff, and the accompaniment is in the bass staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

*(Please sign the Welcome Pads and pass to your neighbor)*

*(The offering is brought forward by the ushers during the song)*

## 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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## SENDING

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### BLESSING

God who names you, Christ who claims you, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you, ✠ bless you and remain with you always. **Amen.**



1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to  
 2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to  
 3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to

fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give  
 look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous - ness,  
 be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with

light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.  
 shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.  
 pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

*Refrain*

In him there is no dark - ness at all. The night and the

day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the

cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

# DISMISSAL

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

## Our Thanks To All Who Serve The Body Of Christ

<b>Accompanist</b>	Mary Mulry
<b>Acolyte</b>	Blaine Arneson
<b>Readers</b>	Terry Newgord
<b>Sound Techs</b>	Russ Sorensen
<b>Greeters</b>	Eric & Juliann Wahlborg
<b>Ushers</b>	Dennis Mangen & Mike Petersen
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Joleen Dittbenner



We extend our deepest sympathy to Virgene Stauffer and her son, Brent, in the loss of Brent's wife **Nancy**. She passed from this life February 3<sup>rd</sup> and was laid to rest on February 9<sup>th</sup> with services at Bethlehem United Church of Christ in Maple Lake. May God be with them during this difficult time. God bless the memory of **Nancy Stauffer**.

**ALL 1ST-12TH GRADERS ARE INVITED** to attend Bible Camp at Green Lake or Shores of St. Andrew from June 23<sup>rd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> (or half the week for younger kids). Trinity offers **SCHOLARSHIPS** for kids in need to go to camp...get the information from your child's Church School teacher or in the church office. Register at the Green Lake website. **Early bird deadline is DUE Feb. 15th so register TODAY!**



**MEALS THAT MATTER** Remember! Prepared frozen meals are in the freezer for you to deliver to a friend or neighbor who have had a life changing event-illness, birth of a baby, death in the family, etc... *Be the hands of Jesus!*

**Ash Wednesday Worship is at 6:30 PM on February 14th**



The Boards of Trinity cordially invite you to join us for supper each week before the evening service and Church School at 6:30.

We are raising funds to support Summer Church Camp with the help of Thrivent Action Teams

Meals are served from 5:30 pm – 6:15 pm each Wednesday  
Cost for the meal is a Free Will Offering

February 14<sup>th</sup>: Choice of Four Soups, Bread, Beverage and Dessert  
Welca Child Friendly Option

February 11, 2024

## Listening to Jesus, God's beloved Son.

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These readings are related to the Lectionary readings for this Sunday.

We invite you to take time each day to read the assigned Bible passages.

Sunday	Mark 9:2-9	The transfiguration of Jesus
Monday	Proverbs 8:32-35	Listen to me
Tuesday	John 10:1-4	Listening to the shepherd
Wednesday	Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21	The practice of faith
Thursday	Joel 2:1-2, 11-13	Return to the Lord your God
Friday	Isaiah 58:1-12	True fasting
Saturday	Psalms 51:1-12	Have mercy on me, God
Sunday	Mark 1:9-15	The temptation of Jesus



### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

**A voice came from the cloud. It said,  
"This is my Son, and I love him. Listen to him!"** Mark 9:7 (NIRV)

### **SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:**

A Prayer for the Week:

Jesus, Son of God, open our ears and our hearts so that we listen to you. Amen. (Mark 9:7)

Mealtime Prayer:

For every cup and every plateful, to you, O God, we're very grateful. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God lead you to listen to his Son, Jesus. May you see and know that Jesus is with you. Amen. (Mark 9:7-8)

### CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your household or small group:

- What is the tallest mountain you have climbed? What could you see from the top?
- Jesus led Peter, James and John up a high mountain. What took place there?  
Why do you think Jesus wanted them to experience that?
- Where and when have you had a special experience of God's presence? How has that helped you to listen to him and follow him?

### DEVOTIONS

The church season of Lent begins this coming Wednesday. The first day of Lent is called Ash Wednesday. Traditionally, this is a day for Christians to remember that we are sinners and that we need a Savior. Observe Ash Wednesday, February 18, in your home by marking one another with ashes. Burn some paper and crush it into fine ashes. Then mix the ashes with a small amount of olive oil. Make the sign of the cross on one another's foreheads as you say these words:

**Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return. Turn back to God and believe in the good news of Jesus.**

### SERVICE

Make this week "Secret Service Week" in your home. Put your names in a hat and have each person draw out someone else's name.

During the week, perform a secret act of service for that person. Share your ideas about secret acts of service that could be carried out for one another.

### RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Plan a household trip to an elevated place (a hilltop, a mountain, a top floor of a high building, etc.) in your area. Talk about the different perspective this view gives to you. As you enjoy the view, share about "mountaintop" experiences you have had in your relationship with God. Share about times when God has helped you to develop a new perspective on some aspect of your life. Say a prayer of thanks for God's creation and for Jesus' presence with you.

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