

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE

February 11, 2024 • 9AM

Transfiguration of Our Lord • Now the Feast & Celebration Liturgy

INTRODUCTION

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.

PRELUDE

Joyful Rhythm K. McChesney

Faith Bells

CALL TO WORSHIP & CONFESSION FOR TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, creator of darkness and light,

word of truth, wind sweeping over the waters.

Congregation: Amen.

P: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

- P: God, our rock and refuge,
- C: we pour out our hearts before you. We have known you but have not always loved you. We have wounded one another and sinned against you. We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit dwelling in each of us. Remember your covenant. Renew your creation. Restore us, that we might proclaim your good news to all. Amen.
- P: The voice of the Lord is upon the waters. God has spoken: The time of grace is now. In Jesus, the reign of God has come near. By the authority of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are God's beloved.

+

C: Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN hymnal, #310, stand

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise



GREETING

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion

of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Congregation: And also with you.

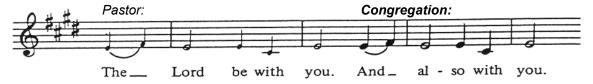


NOW THE FEAST





SALUTATION



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray,

Congregation: 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.

CHILDREN'S TALK

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PARISH NEWS

FIRST READING: 2 Kings 2:1-12 Pew Bible pg. #328 Mary Beth Hallahan, Lector 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.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

PSALM: Psalm 50:1-6 Pew Bible page. #508

Lector: ¹The mighty one, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

Congregation: ²Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.

- L: ³Our God comes and does not keep silence, before him is a devouring fire, and a mighty tempest all around him.
- C: ⁴ He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that he may judge his people;
- L: 5"Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!"
- C: ⁶ The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge.

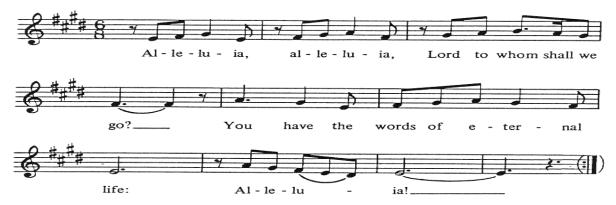
SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 Pew Bible page. #1053

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.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!



GOSPEL VERSE

GOSPEL: Mark 9:2-9 Pew Bible pg. #921

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.

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 9th chapter.

Congregation: Glory to you, O Lord.

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 anymore, 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.

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ!

GOSPEL VERSE



SERMON

Seeing Jesus, Seeing God

Pastor Bob Stelter

HYMN OF THE DAY hymnal # 315 to the tune of \$686 stand

How Good, Lord, to Be Here

How good, Lord, to be here! Your glory fills the night; your face and garments, like the sun, shine with unborrowed light.

How good, Lord to be here, your beauty to behold where Moses and Elijah stand your messengers of old.

Fulfiller of the past and hope of things to be, we hail your body glorified and our redemption see. Before we taste of death, we see your kingdom come; we long to hold the vision bright and make this hill our home.

How good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not remain; but since you bid us leave the mount, come with us to the plain.

NICENE CREED FOR TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

Pastor: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us proclaim our faith.

All: 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.

THE PRAYERS stand or kneel

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

A brief silence.

Assistant: We pray for the church, that the transformational power of God enters the hearts of all people. May its leaders serve as examples of your grace and healing across time and space. God of grace,

Congregation: receive our prayer.

A: We pray for the creation, that we will humbly observe the swirl of wind and the heat of the bright sun. Teach us to honor all you have made and to care for the animals, plants, air, and bodies of water of this planet. God of grace.

C: receive our prayer.

A: We pray for those charged with leadership, lawmaking, and governance of our towns, states, and countries, that they will strive for goodness and justice all the days of their lives and callings. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

A: We pray for any who are sick and suffering. Guide us to offer hospitality, shelter, friendship, and care to any in need. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

A: We pray for this congregation and its ministry in the wider community. May we share the transforming beauty and love of God in ways that honor the dignity of all whom we encounter. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A: Trusting that all the saints, prophets, and those who die in faith are held in your care, we remember in thanksgiving those who have died. Grant us your gift of salvation as we await your coming again in glory. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

Silence for individual prayer petitions.

Pastor: 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.

Congregation: Amen.

THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Congregation: And also with you.

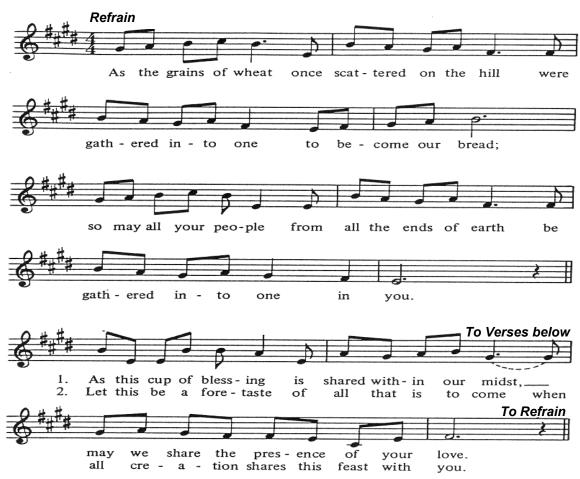
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OFFERING ANTHEM

Hosanna to the Son of David David Halls

OFFERING HYMN stand

As the Grains of Wheat

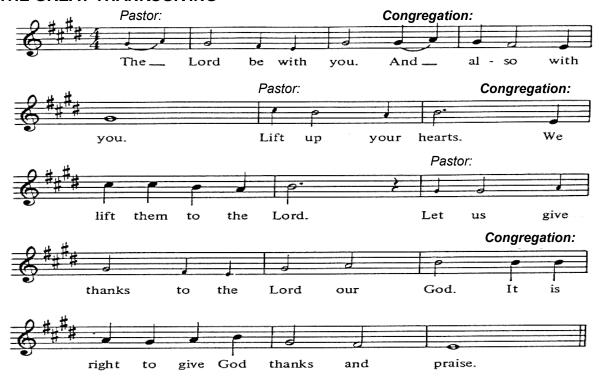


NOW THE FEAST AND CELEBRATION OFFERING PRAYER

Assistant: Let us pray. Merciful God,

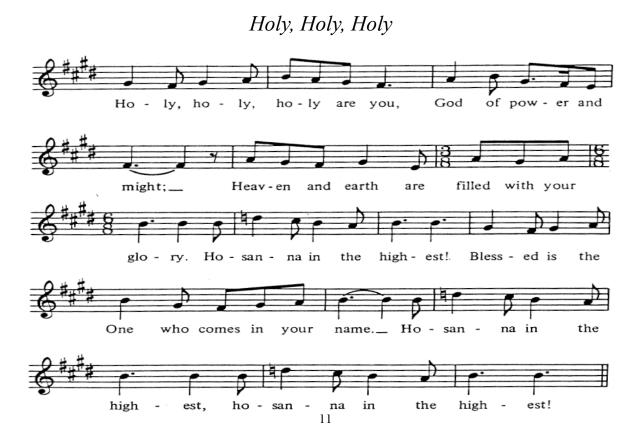
Congregation: everything in heaven and earth belongs to you. We joyfully release what you have entrusted to us. May these gifts be signs of our whole lives returned to you, dedicated to the healing and unity of all creation, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



THE PREFACE FOR TRANFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who sharing our life, lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to your own brilliant light. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: You are indeed holy, gracious and merciful God, creator of heaven and earth; everything, everywhere is filled with your glory. You sent Jesus, who in word and deed announced your rule of justice and peace. He was obedient unto death, even death on a cross. We remember how on the night of his betrayal our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying:

"Take and eat; this is my body given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me."

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
for the remembrance of me."

Remembering his command that we love one another, his life and death, and his glorious resurrection, we look for his coming again.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

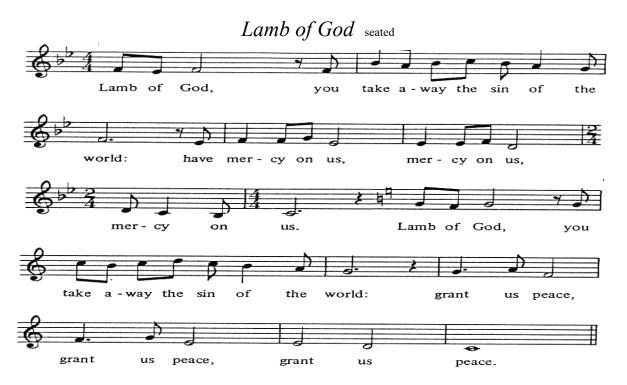
Pastor: With one will and one voice, we pray:

All: 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.

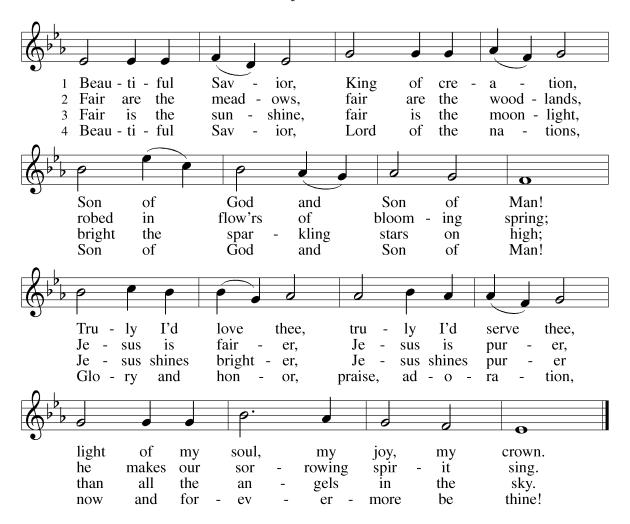
INVITATION

Pastor: Jesus says, "I am the resurrection and the life. If you believe in me, though you die, yet shall you live." This meal is a foretaste of the feast to come!



DISTRIBUTION HYMN hymnal #838

Beautiful Savior



COMMUNION BLESSING stand

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

Congregation: Amen.

COMMUNION CANTICLE



POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Assistant: Let us pray.

All: Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silence for reflection.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: May God bless us and keep us. May God's face shine on us and be gracious. May God look on us with favor and † give us peace.



SENDING HYMN hymnal, #733

Great is Thy Faithfulness



DISMISSAL

Assistant: Our mission calls us from this place Congregation: to love God, love others, serve!

A: Go in peace.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Now Thank We All Our God Randall DeBruyn

The flowers on the altar are given by **Lois Simmons** in memory of her husband, **Glenn Simmons**.

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Welcome!

Sunday worship: 9am traditional with organ & choir 11:11am contemporary with praise band in person and on our YouTube livestream

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As followers of Jesus, we rejoice in God's plan for a just, loving and peaceful world. We commit ourselves to making it a reality for all people everywhere. Just as all are welcome at the Lord's table during holy communion, all are welcome to this family of faith. People of all races, ages, social status, sexual orientations and gender identities are united here in our mission to love God, love others and serve.

Please sign a **Worship Card** and place it in offering plate.



Sun Feb 25, 10:15am, to learn about Faith Lutheran Church and the process of church membership. For more info or to RSVP, talk to Greg Bohlken, greg@faithloves.org











Book Group Begins Feb 21 6:30-7:30pm



SHEPHERD OF HOPE FOOD PANTRY Open February 19 3-6pm

Current Needs: Dish soap Boxed potatoes • Syrup (plastic bottles) Jelly (plastic bottles) • Soup (large cans) Contact Reneé Stone, 865-599-7424.

First Communion Classes Wednesdays Feb 21 & 28 5-6pm Sign up on the bulletin board near the restrooms



YOUTH EVENTS

Sun Feb 18 Faith Lutheran Church hosts 3rd Sunday of month event with Knox-area Lutheran youth for faith and fun fellowship. 3rd-5th grd, 12:30-2pm | 6-12th grd 2:30-4pm



Sign up for AFFIRM camp!

Incredible youth camp June 9-14 for students grade 6 to college. Use sesyouth.org/AFFIRM to sign up. Questions? greg@faithloves.org

WORSHIP THEMES

- † Feb 11 Transfiguration Sunday Christ's presence all around us.
- † Feb 18 First Sunday in Lent a time of repentance and renewal for Easter

DIG IN, GROW DEEP, LEARN WITH OTHERS

- + Adult Bible Class Sundays, 10:15am in The Cup
- † Teen Sunday School, 10:15am in the Youth Room
- † Confirmation, 10:15am in the Library near the Nursery
- † Children's Sunday School. 10:15am in the classroom near the Nursery
- † Tuesday Bible Study, 1:30pm in The Cup

ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

- † Congregational Meeting today 12:10pm in the Sanctuary. Annual Report and State of the Church Address. Please come!
- † 2024 Flower Chart is posted by the library. Sign up now to honor or remember loved ones with flowers on our altar.
- † Columbarium Niches are available for \$1,800 (members) and \$2,500 (non-members). Application forms are found in our Columbarium Booklet located in the narthex.
- † Handbell Rehearsal, Wednesdays 5:30pm
- † Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Wednesdays 6:30pm
- † Praise Band Rehearsal, Thursdays 6pm & Sundays 10:15am

FIRST WEDNESDAY MARCH 6



Join us for dinner, fellowship, and growing in faith with classes, choirs, and groups. There's something for everyone! RSVP for dinner with this QR code or at tinyurl.com/FirstWed030624





SALVATION ARMY SHELTER VISIT Tues Feb 27, depart from Faith 5pm

Current Needs L-XL men's boxer briefs & women's sizes 8-11 briefs Contact Debbie Ragucci, 865-567-1945

Dr. Bob Stelter — Pastor Greg Bohlken — Ministry Associate Lynn Rognsvoog — Organist Collin Kasefang — Choir Director

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Sandra Bohlken — Contemporary Worship Leader Trace Taylor — Sound Technician Tiffany Bryson - Nursery Caregiver Kim Frasch - Quiet Music Ministry

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PRAYER CONCERNS

<u>Members</u>: Shaun Allred, Arlene Aring, Barbara Bird, Mary Blackburn, Leon Cole, Myles Cooper, Mac Curtis, Patsy Elmore, Pat & Nick Gary, Green family, Jonas Greenman, Michael Lee, Bonnie Legako, Kris Lehman, Lin & Mike McKinley, Joe Morelli, Harold Peters, Joe Poole, Randy Schaefer, Lisa Smith, Bobbie Steele, Ann Stelter, Jim Van Deusen, Dave Willis, Maurice and Rebecca.

This column will start anew on the first Sunday of each month.

Friends: Bill Birkholz, Marsha Bode, Dee Bohn, Sharon Brokenshire,
Ginger Cameron, Donald Cornet, Bill Crain, Nancy Crain, Errol Dennis,
Sr. & family, Brandy & Brian Duke, Vader Ernst, Alanna & Arnie Fenske,
Tammy Freeman, Bryan Gansven, Gutelius family, Rita Heavner, Linda
Holtz, Joy Hymer, Chris Jenkins, Donna Knick, Liebert family, Loyacano
family, Pat Miller, Audra Tyler Moore, Scaglione family, Lynn Siegfried,
Lauren Wolfe, Mya, Ro & Haven Wolfe, Martha Woodward, Brooke, Carol,
Darcy, Jacob, Jody, Kim & Chris and those we name to you.

Joy: First Wednesday gatherings each month!

<u>Comfort in the Midst of Death for Family & Friends of</u>: Olga Kelso, David Joyce, Harold Chapel, Charles Carroll, Alexine Adams, Klaus Meier, Aldene Meland, Roger Madson, Mary Ruth Frazier, Jack Cleave, Lee North

<u>Salvation Army Friends</u>: Denisha, Carolina, Maggie, Stephanie, Scott, Ty, Brandon, Leo, John, Steve, J. R., Brad, Colin, Jeffery, Bill, Eddy, Scott, Teddy, Franklin

<u>Prayers, Concern & Assistance</u>: The people of Israel, Palestine, Ukraine, Russia. Mentally & physically challenged. Veterans.

Partnerships: Bishop Pro-Tem Michael Burk & the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America; Bishop Strickland & the Southeastern Synod; Alicia & David Brondos, Missionaries in Mexico; Shepherd of Hope Food Pantry; Quiet Music Ministry; Tyson House; Deacon Ministry; Knox Area Rescue Ministry; Via de Cristo Ministry; Salvation Army Women's & Men's Homeless Shelters; Community Coalition Against Human Trafficking; Cole Center Caregivers and Parkinson Band, Mercy Ships, Lutheran Church & School in Guatemala, AL-ANON, Narcotics Anonymous.

<u>Peace</u>: Protection for all armed forces, especially: Jacob Cole, Tyler Hitter, Anthony Hu, Chase Linell, HM, Alex Primka, Christine Russ, Alex Serrano, Sam Thompson, Mitchell Yount, Greg Zager.



Giving 2/04/24

Offerings last Sunday: \$ 25,717 Offerings Year-to-Date: \$ 87,631

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WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY - 9am Traditional

- Altar Guild: Nancy Dean
- · Assisting Minister: Kathy Thompson
- Lector: Mary Beth Hallahan
- Communion Ministers: Allison Pressley, Danny Pressley
 Mary Bales, Doug Bales
- Greeter: Darla Berdal
- Ushers: Jim Hallahan, Alan Berdal
- · Projection & Lights: Mary Bales
- Offering Stewards: Gary Dakolios, George Herbold

Week of February 11 - February 17, 2024

Sunday, February 11 - Transfiguration Sunday

9:00am Traditional Worship Service

10:00am Fellowship *The Cup* 10:15am Adult Sunday School

Children's Sunday School Confirmation

Teen Sunday School

11:11am Contemporary Worship Service

12:10pm Congregational Meeting The Sanctuary

Monday, February 12

9:00am *The Cup* reserved by member 10am Mom's Club of Northshore

Noon Via de Cristo Reunion Group Library

Tuesday, February 13

1:30pm Bible Study Small Group The Cup 6:00pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner

6:00pm MOPS Nursery

7:30pm Narcotics Anonymous The Cup

Wednesday, February 14

Noon Ash Wednesday Service

4:15pm Staff Meeting

5:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal6:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal7:00pm Ash Wednesday Service

Thursday, February 15

9:30am Handy Faithfuls

6:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal

6:00pm Executive Committee Meeting

6:30pm Council Meeting

Friday, February 16

9:30am UT Cole Center Parkinson Band 7:00pm Narcotics Anonymous Group *The Cup*

Saturday, February 17

11:00am AL-ANON meeting

Sunday, February 18 - First Sunday of Lent

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Childrens Sunday School

Confirmation

Teen Sunday School

11:11am Contemporary Worship Service

12:30pm 3rd-5th grade Knox Area Lutheran Youth @ Faith 2:30pm 6th-12th grade Knox Area Lutheran Youth @ Faith

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY - 11:11am Contemporary

- Altar Guild: Debbie Pinchok
- Communion Ministers: Carrie Parrott, Scarlett Parrott, Jack Parrott
 Jamie Daut, Ava Daut
- Greeter: Joanne Sills
- · Ushers: Matt & Ethan Daut, Brad & Christian Berry
- Projection & Lights: Jennifer Berry
- Offering Stewards: Gary Dakolios, George Herbold

Preparing for Next Week

Monday: Exodus 19:7-25, Hebrews 2:1-4, Hebrews 2:1-4 • Tuesday: Job 19:23-27, 1 Timothy 3:14-16, Psalm 110:1-4

Wednesday: Psalm 51:1-17, 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:10, Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21 • Thursday: Daniel 9:1-14, 1 John 1:3-10, Psalm 25:1-10

Friday: Daniel 9:15-25, 2 Timothy 4:1-5, Psalm 25:1-10 • Saturday: Psalm 32, Matthew 9:2-13, Psalm 25:1-10

Sunday: Genesis 9:8-17, Psalm 25:1-10, 1 Peter 3:18-22, Mark 1:9-15