



## Shepherd of the Hill Lutheran Church – ELCA

“Encouraging faith and proclaiming God’s love by Gathering, Growing and Giving.”

Transfiguration of Our Lord  
2024

Service of the Word

February 11,

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NOTE: **Bold text** indicates worshipers’ response, and \* means please stand as able.

PRELUDE

Michelle Young

WELCOME & MINISTRY MESSAGES

Pastor Ron Gerl

Reader: *Brandy & Emma Carothers  
Young*

Ushers: *Tim Jenson*

Acolyte: *Colton Plemon*

Serving Fellowship: *Kris Jenson  
Everyone*

Video: *Dave*

Ministers:

## GATHERING

\* GREETING The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

GATHERING HYMN

Love Divine, All Love Excelling

LBW#315- all verses

### **Love Divine, All Loves Excelling**

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav’n, to earth come down!

Fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.

Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;

visit us with thy salvation, enter ev’ry trembling heart.

Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit into ev’ry troubled breast;

Let us all in thee inherit; let us find thy promised rest.

Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;

end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty, to deliver; let us all thy life receive;

suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.

Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,

pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation, pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee!  
Changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788 PD

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\* CONFESSIOIN Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, creator of darkness and light, word of truth, wind sweeping over the waters.

**Amen.**

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our rock and refuge, **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.**

\* FORGIVENESS 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, our sins are forgiven. We are God's beloved.

**Amen.**

\* PRAYER OF THE DAY Almighty God, **on the mountain you showed your glory in the transfiguration of your Son. Give us the vision to see beyond the turmoil of our world and to behold the king in all his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Amen**

3rd GRADE RECEIVE BIBLES, Jaime Folczyk

*Lila Edin and Ruby Holcomb*

CHILDREN SING

CHILRENS CHURCH

\* HYMN OF PRAISE

Praise God from whom All Blessings Flow  
**Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow**

LBW#564

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711

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## GROWING

Our first reading is from 2<sup>nd</sup> Kings 2:1-12

### **2 Kings 2:1-12** (NIV)

*Today's reading centers on the transfer of power and authority from the prophet Elijah to Elisha.*

<sup>1</sup>When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven in a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. <sup>2</sup>Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; the LORD has sent me to Bethel." But Elisha said, "As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. <sup>3</sup>The company of the prophets at Bethel came out to Elisha and asked, "Do you know that the LORD is going to take your master from you today?" "Yes, I know," Elisha replied, "so be quiet." <sup>4</sup>Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here, Elisha; the LORD has sent me to Jericho." And he replied, "As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you." So they went to Jericho. <sup>5</sup>The company of the prophets at Jericho went up to Elisha and asked him, "Do you know that the LORD is going to take your master from you today?" "Yes, I know," he replied, "so be quiet." <sup>6</sup>Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." And he replied, "As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you." So the two of them walked on. <sup>7</sup>Fifty men from the company of the prophets went and stood at a distance, facing the place where Elijah and Elisha had stopped at the Jordan. <sup>8</sup>Elijah took his cloak, rolled it up and struck the water with it. The water divided to the right and to the left, and the two of them crossed over on dry ground. <sup>9</sup>When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me, what can I do for you before I am taken from you?" "Let me inherit a double portion of your spirit," Elisha replied. <sup>10</sup>"You have asked a difficult thing," Elijah said, "yet if you see me when I am taken from you, it will be yours—otherwise, it will not." <sup>11</sup>As they were walking along and talking together, suddenly a chariot of fire and horses of fire appeared and separated the two of them, and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind. <sup>12</sup>Elisha saw this and cried out, "My father! My father! The chariots and horsemen of Israel!" And Elisha saw him no more. Then he took hold of his garment and tore it in two.

Here ends the first reading.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Please join in reading Psalm 50 responsively.

### **Psalm: Psalm 50:1-6**, (NIV)

<sup>1</sup>The Mighty One, God, the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to where it sets.

<sup>2</sup>**From Zion, perfect in beauty, God shines forth.**

<sup>3</sup>Our God comes and will not be silent; a fire devours before him, and around him a tempest rages.

<sup>4</sup>**He summons the heavens above, and the earth, that he may judge his people:**

<sup>5</sup>"Gather to me this consecrated people, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice."

<sup>6</sup>**And the heavens proclaim his righteousness, for he is a God of justice.**

Our second reading is from 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 4<sup>th</sup> chapter.

### **2 Corinthians 4:3-6** (NIV)

*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.*

<sup>3</sup> And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. <sup>4</sup> The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. <sup>5</sup> For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup> For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ.

Here ends the second reading.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

\*Please stand as you are able.

The Holy Gospel according to Mark 9<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Gospel: Mark 9:2-9** (NIV)

*Confused disciples are given a vision of God's glory manifest in the beloved Son and are told to listen to him.*

<sup>2</sup> After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them. <sup>3</sup> His clothes became dazzling white whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. <sup>4</sup> And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus. <sup>5</sup> Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." <sup>6</sup> (He did not know what to say, they were so frightened.) <sup>7</sup> Then a cloud appeared and covered them, and a voice came from the cloud: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!" <sup>8</sup> Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus. <sup>9</sup> As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus gave them orders not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord

**C: Praise to you O, Christ.**



MESSAGE "Do We Know How To Listen?"

Pastor Ron Gerl

\* HYMN OF THE DAY

Shine, Jesus Shine

WOV#651 all verses

**Shine Jesus Shine**

**Refrain**

Shine, Jesus, shine Fill this land with the Father's glory Blaze,

Spirit, blaze Set our hearts on fire  
Flow, river, flow Flood the nations with grace and mercy Send  
forth your word Lord, and let there be light

(1) Lord, the light of your love is shining In the midst of the  
darkness, shining Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon  
us Set us free by the truth you now bring us Shine on  
me, shine on me. **Refrain**

(2) As we gaze on your kingly brightness So our faces dis  
play your likeness ever changing from glory to glory  
Mirrored here may our lives tell your story. Shine on me,  
shine on me. **Refrain**

Text: Graham Kendrick, b. 1950

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\*THE APOSTLES' CREED (professed together)

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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**

\*Or, He descended to the dead. \*\* universal

\* PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

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.*

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, **receive our prayer.**

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, **receive our prayer.**

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, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for any who are sick and suffering (especially those we remember in our thoughts and personal prayers). Guide us to offer hospitality, shelter, friendship, and care to any in need. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

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, **receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

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 (especially we remember Duane Clemmens). Grant us your gift of salvation as we await your coming again in glory. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

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.**

The OFFERING PLATE is located at the entrance of the church sanctuary. Your generous giving supports God's mission and ministry at Shepherd of the Hill.

\*OFFERING HYMN

Create in me a Clean Heart

LBW page 96

**Create in Me a Clean Heart**

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

Psalms: 51:1-10-12

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\* OFFERING PRAYER O Lord our God, **maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us. Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

\* 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, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

\* BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Effective 1/29/24 Secretary will be in office Mondays 10 - Noon or occasional Wednesday 6-8 pm depending on her schedule.**

MAILING ADDRESSES for those folks who you may want to send words of care, concern, cheer, or sympathy.

*Please, let the secretary know if you would like to be added and/ or know someone who might like to be.*

- Anita Clemmens E8784 555th Lot 128, Elk Mound, WI 54739
- Audrey Bracher: Colfax 110 Park Drive Room 310, Colfax, WI 54730
- Roger Tubbs: 3706 Damon St Apt 11, Eau Claire, WI 54701-9266

SIGN UP TO HOST A SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP~

Serve with family or friends **or** pair up with a “veteran” fellowship server- we love to help! Entails: Making/serving coffee, cut/serve summer sausage and cheese, and crackers (found in the church refrigerator/ cabinets), and bring one treat (fruit or sweets or popcorn...you choose). Then just clean up after the event.

Pick Up subs in Basement before church and in the gathering area after church! Checks made to SOTH- **memo line Luther League Subs.**

### **Giving Through our Website**

Our website now provides us with the opportunity to give donations on-line at any time without banking information. Most people are using credit cards today and not writing checks and now this includes the option of supporting the continuing work of Christ here at Shepherd of the Hill. Even if you only watch our streaming of worship services, you will now have the flexibility to make offerings from your home!

### **Ash Wednesday and Mid-Week Lent Services**

*We will have Ash Wednesday service with communion and imposition of ashes on Wednesday February 14<sup>th</sup>. Our mid-week Lent services begin Wednesday February 21<sup>st</sup> and we will be using the beautiful “Holden Evening Prayer” service with musicians each Wednesday. The Lent theme is: “Amazing Grace” with a dialogue with Bible characters by our Pastor, Keith Lee, and our confirmation class. Worship is at 7:00 p.m. preceded by our Soup Supper in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 p.m.*



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