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**Sunday Morning Worship**  
**10:00 a.m.**  
**February 27, 2022**

## Transfiguration of Our Lord

**Prayer Before Worship:** By your Spirit, O God, enlighten our hearts, open our minds, fill our vision with your radiance, and renew us and give us the life that only you can give, as we hear your Word and worship you this day. Amen.

*(In preparation for our worship together, you are invited to take a moment of silence to offer your own prayers of worship and praise.)*

**KEY:** ELW and any page number = Worship hymnal (cranberry),  
OSB = Other Song Book (red), W&P = Worship & Praise (purple).

\* Indicates please stand if able. Congregational responses are printed in **BOLD** type.

**A Warm Welcome** to all as we gather as God's people to worship our Lord. We pray our worship together would strengthen your faith and increase your desire to know and serve the One who loves us with an everlasting love as made known to us in Jesus Christ.

*Visitors, if you are worshipping with us in person or online today,  
we are glad to have you with us. Please join us again soon!*

**Prelude Music**

**"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"  
"Father Welcomes"**

**ELW #815  
BOB #52**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**✠WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS✠**

**\*Confession of Sins and Assurance of God's Forgiveness**

*(All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the minister begins.)*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, who creates us, redeems us, and calls us by name. **Amen.**

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

*(Time for reflection and self-examination)*



## ‡GOD'S WORD SPEAKS TO US‡

### First Reading: Exodus 34:29-35

<sup>29</sup>Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. <sup>30</sup>When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. <sup>31</sup>But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. <sup>32</sup>Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. <sup>33</sup>When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; <sup>34</sup>but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, <sup>35</sup>the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

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

### Psalm 99

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is king; let the people tremble.

The LORD is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.

**<sup>2</sup>The LORD, great in Zion,  
is high above all peoples.**

<sup>3</sup>Let them confess God's name, which is great and awesome;  
God is the Holy One.

**<sup>4</sup>O mighty king, lover of justice, you have established equity;  
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.**

<sup>5</sup>Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and fall down before God's footstool;  
God is the Holy One.

**<sup>6</sup>Moses and Aaron among your priests, and Samuel among those who call upon  
your name, O LORD, they called upon you, and you answered them,**

<sup>7</sup>you spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud;  
they kept your testimonies and the decree that you gave them.

**<sup>8</sup>O LORD our God, you answered them indeed;  
you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds.**

<sup>9</sup>Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and worship upon God's holy hill;  
for the LORD our God is the Holy One.

## **Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2**

<sup>12</sup>Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, <sup>13</sup>not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. <sup>14</sup>But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. <sup>15</sup>Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; <sup>16</sup>but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. <sup>17</sup>Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. <sup>18</sup>And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit. <sup>4:1</sup>Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. <sup>2</sup>We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

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

**\*Gospel Acclamation: "Jesus, Name Above All Names"**

**W&P #77**

**Jesus, name above all names, Beautiful Savior, glorious Lord.  
Emmanuel, God is with us, Blessed Redeemer, Living Word.**

**Jesus, loving Shepherd, Vine of the branches, Son of God  
Prince of Peace, Wonderful Counselor Lord of the universe, Light of the world.**

**\*Gospel: Luke 9:28-43a**

*Response after the announcement of the gospel:*  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>28</sup>Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. <sup>29</sup>And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. <sup>30</sup>Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. <sup>31</sup>They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. <sup>32</sup>Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. <sup>33</sup>Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah" — not knowing what he said. <sup>34</sup>While he

was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. <sup>35</sup>Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen listen to him!" <sup>36</sup>When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen. <sup>37</sup>On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. <sup>38</sup>Just then a man from the crowd shouted, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. <sup>39</sup>Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. <sup>40</sup>I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not." <sup>41</sup>Jesus answered, "You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here." <sup>42</sup>While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. <sup>43a</sup>And all were astounded at the greatness of God.

*Response after the gospel reading:*  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Kids Sermon**

**Angie Hinze**

**Sermon:**

**Pastor Sheryl**

*(Silence for Reflection and Meditation.)*

**‡WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD‡**

**\*Song of the Day:**

**"Shine, Jesus, Shine"**

**ELW #671**

*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.**

**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*

**As we gaze on your kingly brightness,  
So our faces display your likeness,  
Ever changing from glory to glory,  
Mirrored here, may our lives tell your story,  
Shine on me, Shine on me.**

*Refrain*

**\*Profession of Faith: The Apostles 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:**

**O Lord, Hear My Prayer**

**ELW #751**

*(Sung Prayer Response)*

**O Lord, hear my prayer,**

**O Lord, hear my prayer:**

**when I call, answer me.**

**O Lord, hear my prayer,**

**O Lord, hear my prayer:**

**come and listen to me.**

### **\*Exchange of Peace**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

### **“Shout to the Lord”**

**Choir**

### **\*Offertory Prayer**

Thank you for continuing to support the work of Christ through Calvary Lutheran. The act of offering is an act of worship, wherever and whenever it is done. Having offered ourselves and our gifts to God, let us pray.

**Blessed are you, O God, Sovereign of the universe. You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey. Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food, and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world, in the name of Christ our light. Amen.**

### **†HOLY COMMUNION†**

*Here our Lord gives to us His own Body and Blood for the forgiveness of all our sins.*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

### **\*Words of Institution**

### **\*The 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.**

### **Invitation to Communion**

Come to God’s table.

There is a place for you and enough for all.

**Distribution of Communion:**

Christ is truly present in the Lord's Supper with gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation.

**All are welcome and invited to receive Holy Communion.**

*(Communion will be served continuously at two stations in the front of the church.*

*WHITE GRAPE JUICE and GLUTEN FREE WAFERS are available. Just ask the server.*

*Children who are not yet communicants are invited to come forward for a blessing.)*

**Distribution Song:**

**“Bread of Life from Heaven”**

**ELW #474**

*Refrain*

**Bread of life from heaven,  
your blood and body given,  
we eat this bread and drink this cup  
until you come again.**

- 1. Break now the bread of Christ's sacrifice;  
giving thanks, hungry ones, gather round.  
Eat, all of you, and be satisfied;  
in Christ's presence the loaves will abound. *Refrain***
  
- 2. Seek not the food that will pass away;  
set your hearts on the food that endures.  
Come, learn the true and the living way,  
that the fullness of life may be yours. *Refrain***
  
- 3. Love as the one who, in love for you,  
gave himself for the life of the world.  
Come to the one who is food for you,  
that your hunger and thirst be no more. *Refrain***
  
- 4. Dwell in the one who now dwells in you;  
make your home in the lifegiving Word.  
Know only Christ, Holy One of God,  
and believe in the truth you have heard. *Refrain***

5. **Drink of this cup and declare his death;  
eat this bread and believe Easter morn;  
trust his return and, with ev'ry breath,  
praise the one in whom you are reborn. *Refrain***

**\*Post-Communion Blessing**

**\*Post-Communion Prayer**

We give you thanks, gracious God, for we have feasted on the abundance of your house. Send us to bring good news and to proclaim your favor to all, strengthened with the richness of your grace in your Son, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**‡WE DEPART TO SERVE‡**

**\*Benediction**

May God who leads you in pathways of righteousness,  
who rejoices over you,  
and who calls you by name,  
‡ bless you now and at the day of his coming. **Amen.**

**\*Sending Song:**

**“We Are Marching in the Light”**

**ELW #866**

**We are marching in the light of God,  
we are marching in the light of God.  
We are marching in the light of God,  
we are marching in the light of God.**

**We are marching, marching, we are marching, marching,  
we are marching in the light of, the light of God.  
We are marching, marching, we are marching, marching,  
we are marching in the light of God.**

**We are praying in the light of God,  
we are praying in the light of God.  
We are praying in the light of God,  
we are praying in the light of God.**

**We are praying, praying, we are praying, praying,  
we are praying in the light of, the light of God.  
We are praying, praying, we are praying, praying,  
we are praying in the light of God.**

**\*Dismissal**

Go with Christ into a weary world.  
Share the good news.  
**Thanks be to God.**

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**✠In Our Thoughts and Prayers✠**

*Prayers for healing:* **Reuben Gorr** (Covid), **Larry Stahla** (lung cancer-brother of Virginia Pickett), **Mabel Dedlow** (recovering from hip surgery), **Shirlie Schuldies** (eye & heart procedures), **Clark Beyer** (respiratory issues—brother of Pastor Chris), **Dick Heidingsfelder** (recovering from hip surgery), **Jude Walker** (recovering from a fall), **Andrew Miller**, **Juanita Gibbs**, **Jean Collins** (recovery from hip surgery), **Kathy Pickett** (cancer—Virginia Pickett's niece), **Maeve Singer** (medical issues), **Kathy Johnson** (back issues), **Alice Braaten** (rehab), **Kathy Rahrs** (recovering from back surgery—Val Rahrs' mother), **Mark** (Jean Collins & Kathy Johnson's cousin's husband), **LaDonna Schmidt** (chemotherapy), **Greta Mehling** (Health Issues), **Gloria Gorr** (health issues), **Julie** (cancer treatment—Travis Miller family), **Joan** (cancer—niece of Marj Nikont), **Patty** (cancer—Jim Dorn's sister-in-law).

*Prayers for comfort and peace for:* Family and friends of **Ronn Schmidt** (lifelong friend of Dennis Gorr), **Lorene Belgum** (mother of Mike Belgum-Jan Wylie's son-in-law).

*Prayers for:* those dealing with the grief & aftermath caused by the Colorado Wildfires, the December Tornadoes, and the recent Covid surge.

### Prayer Requests



If you have a prayer request you would like added to the prayers of the people on Sunday morning, you may notify Christy in the church office during the week or during worship use the Attendance and Prayer Request card and pass them towards the center aisle to be picked up by the ushers (for those worshipping with us online you will find the form under the worship tab on our website and prayer requests will be added to the prayer list in the bulletin the following weekend.)

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Shirlie Schuldies, 2/28; Carol Bosshardt, 3/2; Brad Johnston, 3/3;  
Ella Foote, 3/5; Craig Bartel, 3/5

*If we have missed your birthday, please let the office know. Thanks.*



### YOUR GIVING ONLINE

Scan the QR code to the right, go to our website: [www.calvalrylutheranscottsbluff.org](http://www.calvalrylutheranscottsbluff.org) and click on the **Give Online** button OR download the **Vanco Now** App on your smartphone. It's safe and secure.



### MARCH FOOD DONATIONS REQUESTED

**FOOD PANTRY:** Sauces

**BACKPACKS:** Fruit Cups

Containers are located outside Fellowship Hall.

Thanks for your generosity.



### WOMEN OF THE ELCA MARCH MISSION PROJECT:

**Food for meals at the Lakota Center**

Cash donations will be used to help supplement the food ministry at the Lakota Center. Meals are an important part of community at the center and reach a large number of people. Make donations in the tan "designated giving" envelopes and mark them for WELCA.

## Coffee and Fellowship



Coffee and fellowship has started back up. We would like to invite people to stay after worship for a time of fellowship. The coffee pot will be on, but if you would like to provide treats, please sign up on the sheet outside the office.

Do you like a treat with your coffee, but you would rather not bake or buy something? **Donate** to the treat fund by dropping dollars or coins in the mug and when no one signs up, there will be treats purchased to enjoy!

## 2022 Time and Talents



Here at Calvary, we would like to encourage everyone to be involved in the ministry we do! Please share with us your availability to share your Time and Talents by prayerfully considering if you can usher, take communion to our homebound, sing in the choir, run the video equipment or any number of different options. Simply fill out a Time and Talents information sheet - which can be picked up at the church or print the one emailed to you - and on February 27th drop the sheet in the basket when you come up for communion at which time we will ask God's blessing upon them. If you can't be here on the 27th or forget to bring it, just drop it off in the church office or scan and email it back. Thank you for your participation in our ministry!



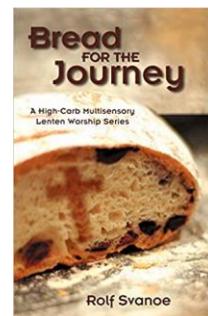
Meals begin on  
ASH WEDNESDAY, **March 2**, the  
meal is @ 5:30 pm with worship to  
follow @ 6:30 pm. This week is  
Tacos Barbos (or taco bar)  
sponsored by Social Ministry.

## **"I am the Bread of Life"**

---Jesus

**Bread for the Journey** is the theme for our Wednesday night Lenten services this year. Bread is present throughout the pages of the Bible, but especially at key times in Israel's salvation history. This series will give us an opportunity to reflect on those 'bread' stories in ways that are particularly appropriate for Lent. As well, each week we will sample different breads as we explore together themes of hospitality, generosity, sufficiency, and trust which are like slices in the loaf of bread being served each week.

Join us at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday nights starting on March 2<sup>nd</sup>, Ash Wednesday for a high-carb, multi-sensory Lenten Worship Experience!



### Guest Preacher - March 5-6

Pastor Jon Mapa, our new Assistant to the Bishop, will be in Scottsbluff next weekend for the Panhandle Cluster Assembly here at Calvary on March 5<sup>th</sup>. Since he was going to be in the area, Pastor Jon has graciously agreed to join us for worship as well that weekend and will be our guest preacher.

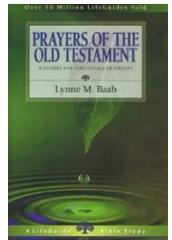


### Laundry Love

Calvary has partnered with St. Francis Episcopal Church and First Presbyterian Church to provide a monthly Laundry Love Event in our community. Calvary will host Laundry Love every 3<sup>rd</sup> month; our next event is April 16<sup>th</sup>. In preparation for that day, we will need quarters as well as dryer sheets or softener. Laundry detergent has already been donated. So, save your quarters and drop them in the Laundry Bottle outside the pastor's offices.

### Prayers of the OLD Testament NEW Tuesday Evening Study @ 7 p.m. (8-week study starting March 16<sup>th</sup>)

Having just finished up a study on the prayers of the New Testament, we will now turn our attention to some of the "Prayers of the Old Testament." Join Pastors Sheryl and Chris as we study eight different prayers from the Old Testament (prayers from Moses, Hannah, Samuel, Solomon, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Jonah and Habakuk). You need not have attended the New Testament study to benefit from this new study. Everyone is welcome.



### We're updating our church directory!!! (Dates for getting your picture taken are listed below)

It's been 4 years since we put together our last church directory and in that time the makeup of our congregation has changed. The Outreach Committee would like to give everyone the opportunity to have their picture taken (for those who are new to Calvary or perhaps didn't get their picture taken the last time around) or updated if you did have your picture and you or your family look different now!). In order to be as inclusive and accommodating as possible we have come with the following options:

**1) Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> and the following Wednesdays of Lent**, during the Lenten Meal hour, a member of the Outreach Committee will be available to take your picture for the directory using the church camera. **2) For those who would like a more professional photo taken**, Brooke Samuelson has again agreed to take photos for us on **Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> from 4:30 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.** before the Saturday night service and then again on **Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> after worship from 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.** Additional times will be added if needed. Sign-up sheets will be placed outside the church office for those who wish to sign up for the 'professional pictures'. **3) OR**, if those two options don't work, you may submit a photo of your own choosing to be included in the directory.

Any questions, talk to Pastor Sheryl or a member of the Outreach Committee: Becca Pierce, Dawn Holub, Deb Brown, Tracy Steele or Tammy Lutz.

## WORSHIP LEADERS

**Pastors Chris and Sheryl Kester Beyer**

**This Sunday – February 27**

**USHERS:** Chris & Barb Jensen  
**LAY READER:** Marti Wegelin  
**COMMUNION ASST:** Shari Copsey  
**POWERPOINT:** Shawna Payne  
**ACOLYTES:** Katie Hess, Ryhan Buckley  
**MEDIA:** Jeff Van Patten  
**AUDIO:** Trea Hess  
**ALTAR GUILD:** Andi Dorn, Shelly Koehler  
**PIANIST:** Dee Brady  
**COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP:** Joan Smith  
and Angie Hinze

**Next Sunday – March 6**

**USHERS:** Deb Brown & Vicki Howell  
**LAY READER:** Marissa Wright  
**COMMUNION ASST:** Dennis Gorr  
**POWERPOINT:** Andi Dorn  
**ACOLYTES:** Allie Baer, Clare Schlothauer  
**MEDIA:** Maunette Loeks-Van Patten  
**AUDIO:** Jim Dorn  
**ALTAR GUILD:** Abby Newsom, Maunette  
Loeks-Van Patten, Barb Jensen, Nannie  
Walsh  
**ORGANIST:** Rhonda Boettcher  
**COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP:** Please Sign  
Up!

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Sunday, February 27**

10 a.m. – Worship  
11 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship in  
Fellowship Hall

**Monday, February 28**

5 p.m. – Parish Ed

**Tuesday, March 1**

8:30 a.m. – Men's Study @ Calvary  
12 p.m. – Women's Study @ Calvary  
1 p.m. – Quilting  
7 p.m. – Pastor's Bible Study

**Wednesday, March 2**

*Ash Wednesday*

5:30 p.m. – Lenten Meal  
6:30 p.m. – Worship  
7:30 p.m. – Choir Practice

**Saturday, March 5**

10-2 p.m. – Cluster Assembly @ Calvary  
5:30 p.m. – Worship

**Sunday, March 6**

10 a.m. – Worship  
11 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship in  
Fellowship Hall

FEBRUARY 27, 2022  
TRANSFIGURATION  
OF OUR LORD



*God's holiness comes near to us in Jesus.*

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Luke 9:28-43a	Jesus is transfigured
Monday	Exodus 34:29-35	The shining face of Moses
Tuesday	1 John 1:5-10	God is light
Wednesday	Psalms 51:1-17	A prayer for forgiveness
Thursday	2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2	God's new agreement
Friday	1 Peter 1:13-16	A call to holy living
Saturday	Psalms 99	Our Lord is King
Sunday	Luke 4:1-13	The temptation of Jesus

### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

*Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" Luke 9:35 (NRSV)*

### PRAYERS AND BLESSING

#### A Prayer for the Week:

Almighty God, help us to see in your awesome might the power to love and heal us through all you have created in the name of the Chosen One, Jesus Christ. Amen.

#### Mealtime Prayer:

Holy God, we thank you for your love and power that provides us with this food today. Amen.

#### A Blessing to Give:

May the God of power and love bless you today and always through Christ our Lord.



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FEBRUARY 27, 2022  
HYMN OF THE WEEK  
*Shine, Jesus Shine*



**WEEKLY MILESTONES** Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

### CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- Jesus' disciples were frightened by a cloud that surrounded them. When have you felt scared?
- Can you imagine feeling weak in the knees to be in the presence of God's glory and power? Explain.

### DEVOTIONS

*Read:* Luke 9:28-43a.

We modern-world types can have difficulty with the extraordinary—miraculous—events of the Bible, like the transfiguration of Jesus. It is a scene so different from our daily life experiences. There is a sense of awe and holiness in the mountain-top moment of Jesus with frightened disciples, Moses, Elijah, and a cloud out of which comes a heavenly voice. Jesus is announced as the one who is God's unique Son, the Chosen One of God. In Jesus, God's presence has come near. Holiness seems far from us, but in the Bible, God's holiness is meant to come close, even touch our daily lives. Therefore, it is no accident that after the transfiguration, Jesus immediately descends from the mountain-top experience to touch people's lives where they are, in need of healing and hope. Jesus shows compassion for a father in agony over his only child's illness. God's holiness seen in Jesus makes the extraordinary ordinary. This makes our normal, everyday lives, like those of Peter, James, and John, something quite unexpected and extraordinary.

**Discuss:** How does God make your life extraordinary?

**Pray:** Holy and Almighty God, help us to overcome our fears of your presence so that we can be people of healing and hope through Jesus Christ, your Son, the Chosen One. Amen

### SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how can you touch another person's life with a sense of God's holiness through a prayer or a blessing?

### RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Transfiguration Sunday is the last Sunday before Lent begins. We begin to transition to a more somber season in the church year. A common ritual is to bury or hide the "Alleluia" on this day. During Lent, the word Alleluia is not said or sung again until Easter. Write the word Alleluia on several sheets of paper and decorate them. Place them in a box or hide them in different places until Easter. Before hiding the Alleluias, pray: Dear Lord, as we bury the Alleluias, help us to prepare our hearts and minds to focus on Jesus' Journey to the cross. Amen.



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