

TRANSFIGURATION *SUNDAY*

"Helping others receive grace, purpose and direction by proclaiming Christ's love."

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Saturday Evening Worship - 5:30 p.m.
Sunday Morning Worship - 10:00 a.m.
February 10 & 11, 2024

Transfiguration of Our Lord

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 desire to know and serve the One who loves us with an everlasting love as made known to us in Jesus Christ.

(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.

Prelude Music (Sun)

**“People of Hope”
“How Can I be free from Sin?”**

**Dakota Road Music
W&P #65**

Welcome and Announcements

†WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS†

Welcome Song:

“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***

***Confession of Sins/Assurance of 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, 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.

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. **Amen.**

***Song of Praise:**

"Majesty"

W&P #94

**Majesty, worship his majesty:
Unto Jesus be all glory, honor, and praise.
Majesty, kingdom authority
Flows from his throne
Unto his own; his anthem raise.
So exalt, lift up on high
The name of Jesus.
Magnify, come glorify
Christ Jesus, the King.
Majesty, worship His majesty:
Jesus who died, now glorified,
King of all kings. *Repeat***

***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.

***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.

‡GOD'S WORD SPEAKS TO US‡

Old Testament Reading: 2 Kings 2:1-12

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.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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.

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

³Our God will come and will not keep silence;
with a consuming flame before, and round about a raging storm.

⁴**God 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."

⁶**The heavens declare the rightness of God's cause,
for it is God who is judge.**

Epistle Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

³And even 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.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

***Gospel Acclamation: "Celtic Alleluia"**

**Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!
Speak, Lord, your servant is listening,
speak your words of wisdom,
for the words you speak are everlasting life.**

**A holy day has dawned.
Adore the Lord, you nations,
for today a light
has come on the earth.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!**

***Gospel: Mark 9:2-9**

Response after the announcement of the gospel:
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 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.

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

Kid's Sermon (Sun):

Val Rahrs

Sermon:

Pastor Kathy

(Silence for Reflection and Meditation)

‡WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD‡

***Song of the Day:**

"Beautiful Savior"

ELW #838

**1. Beautiful Savior,
King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love thee,
truly I'd serve thee,
light of my soul, my joy, my crown.**

**2. Fair are the meadows,
fair are the woodlands,
robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;**

**Jesus is fairer,
Jesus is purer,
he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.**

**3. Fair is the sunshine,
fair is the moonlight,
bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer
than all the angels in the sky.**

**4. Beautiful Savior,
Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor,
praise, adoration,
now and forevermore be thine!**

Installation of 2024 Planning Council (Sun)

***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 (Sat):**

Each petition ends with:

God of grace...**receive our prayer.**

The prayers conclude with:

...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.**

***Prayers of the Church (Sun):**

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.**

***Sharing of the Peace**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

(You are invited to share the peace of Christ with one another)

“Blessings” (Sun)

Choir

***Offertory Prayer**

Blessed are you, Holy One,

for all good things come from you. In bread and cup you open heaven to us. Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek and follow your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

‡HOLY COMMUNION‡

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

***The Great Thanksgiving**

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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 our thanks and praise.

***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**

These are the gifts of God for the people of God. All is ready and all are welcome.

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.

APPLE 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 (Sun):

"Come, Let Us Eat"

ELW #491

*Post-Communion Blessing

*Post-Communion Prayer

Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

‡WE DEPART TO SERVE‡

*Benediction

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

*Sending Song:

“Awesome God”

W&P #13

**Our God is an awesome God,
He reigns from heaven above
With wisdom, pow'r, and love
Our God is an awesome God!**

Repeat

**Our God is an awesome God!
Our God is an awesome God!**

Dismissal

Go in peace and love to serve the Lord. And remember, you are God's beloved.
Thanks be to God.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

DJ Buckley, 2/12; Jim Miller, 2/13; Don Stahla, 2/13; Nick Singer 2/14
Rhyan Buckley, 2/16; Becca Tompkins, 2/18; Audrey Harvey, 2/18

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

In Our Thoughts and Prayers†

Prayers for healing: **Mary Jo Huelle** (recovering from surgery), **Drew Selck** (Cancer), **LuVerne Knoedler** (recovering from surgery), **Ruth Harris** (recovery from a fall), **Joni** (stage 4 cancer), **Kathy Johnson** (health issues), **William Gibbs** (Cancer— Larry Gibbs' brother), **Vicki Schmidt** (cancer treatment), **Patty** (cancer—Jim Dorn's sister-in-law).

Prayers for comfort and peace for: Family and friends of **Joy Arnold**, **Les Bennett** (Mary Jo Huelle's cousin) and **Barb Huelle** (Bill Huelle's sister-in-law).

Prayers for comfort and safety: **Zeke Chilcott** (deployed—friend of Marissa Wright), **Jeffery Christeleit** (deployed—Brian & Jodi Christeleit's son and Jim & Sheila Miller's grandson).



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FEBRUARY FOOD DONATIONS REQUESTED

FOOD PANTRY: Canned Meat

BACKPACKS: Granola Bars

Containers are located outside Fellowship Hall.

Thanks for your generosity.





Lenten Meals

Lent is fast approaching. If you would be interested in providing a Wednesday Lenten meal, please contact Bill Huelle. We have March 6 still available.

CLCW FEBRUARY MISSION PROJECT: Bake-less Bake Sale



Instead of spending the money to make baked items and asking people to purchase them, the women are asking for cash donations in the amount that you might normally spend to make or buy items at a bake sale. Money raised goes to our mission projects for the world, our nation, and our local community. Donations may be placed in the tan "Designated Giving" envelopes in the pews. Please be sure to mark on them CLCW Project on the envelope. Thank you for your support.



NO JAM THROUGH LENT!

Instead, we invite all JAM youth and their families to join us for our Lenten dinners (5:30p.m. – 6:15p.m.) and Worship Services (6:30p.m.)

The Parish Ed Committee is considering forming a fellowship aimed at "young adults." We would like the congregations' feedback to determine interest.

Please check out our Facebook page to take our survey. If you have any questions, please contact a committee member.



Coffee and Fellowship

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.

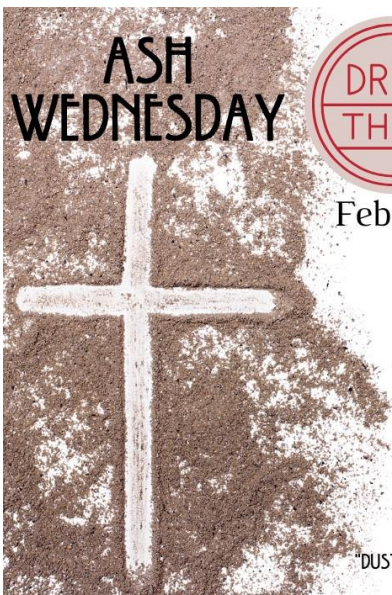




SUNDAY (Following Worship)

A Fundraiser for the Laundry Love Program

Join us after worship for some delicious homemade soups and desserts!



IMPOSITION OF ASHES

February 14, 2024 12-1pm
in front of



CALVARY LUTHERAN
CHURCH ELCA

17 E 27th St, Scottsbluff

"DUST YOU ARE AND TO DUST YOU SHALL RETURN" (GENESIS 3:19)



Meals begin on
ASH WEDNESDAY, **February 14th**, the
meal is @ 5:30 pm with worship to
follow @ 6:30 pm. This week is
Chicken & Noodles sponsored by
Andi Dorn.



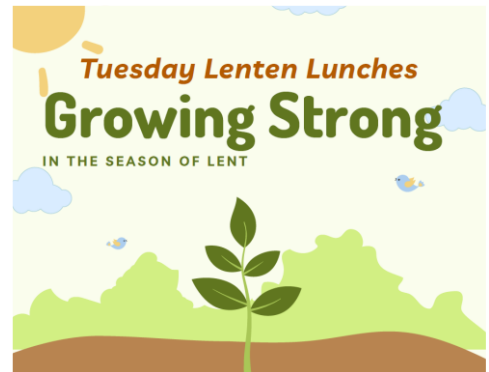
The Five Solas are the theme for our Wednesday evening Lenten services this year. These are the five central truths that came out of the Reformation – 1 Scripture Alone, 2 Christ Alone, 3 Faith Alone, 4 Grace Alone and 5 Glory of God Alone. Join us at 6:30 PM on Wednesday evenings starting February 14, Ash Wednesday.

2024 LENTEN LUNCHES

will be held on Tuesdays from Noon to 1 p.m. during Lent.

SCHEDULE

- February 20** - First Presbyterian Church
101 E. 20th St., Scottsbluff
- February 27** - First United Methodist Church
2002 4th Ave., Scottsbluff
- March 5** – Calvary Lutheran Church
17 E. 27th St., Scottsbluff
- March 12** - Westway Christian Church
1701 W. 27th St., Scottsbluff
- March 19** - St. Francis Episcopal Church
14 E. 20th St., Scottsbluff



First Communion Class

March 9th from 9:30-11:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall

Parents: Do you have a child who is not yet receiving the Sacrament of Holy Communion and is interested in doing so? At Calvary, there is no specific age at which a child may begin receiving Communion; it is at the parent's discretion. However, if we understand that in the bread and wine of Holy Communion, we receive the gift of Christ's forgiveness and promise of his presence and love, then it is never too early to begin receiving communion. If interested, or if you have questions, please talk with Pastor Kathy.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor Kathy

This Sunday – February 11

USHERS: Monty & Shari Copsey

LAY READER: Marti Wegelin

HEAD COMMUNION ASST: Barb Jensen

COMMUNION ASSTS: Tracy Steele & Chris Thomas

POWERPOINT: Mary Jo Huelle

ACOLYTES: Ayden Tompkins & Rhyan Buckley

MEDIA: Jack Martin

AUDIO: Chris Jensen

ALTAR GUILD: Andi Dorn, Shelly Koehler

PIANIST: Tahnee Hutchinson

COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP: Souper Bowl of Caring

Next Sunday – February 18

USHERS: Chris & Barb Jensen

LAY READER: Mary Jo Huelle

HEAD COMMUNION ASST: Bill Huelle

COMMUNION ASSTS: Abby Newsom & Marissa Wright

POWERPOINT: Andi Dorn

ACOLYTES: Brody & Matea Weitzel

MEDIA: Maunette Loeks-Van Patten

AUDIO: Jim Dorn

ALTAR GUILD: Abby Newsom, Maunette Loeks-Van Patten, Barb Jensen, Nannie Walsh

ORGANIST: Tahnee Hutchinson

COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP: *Please sign up!*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, February 11

10 a.m. – Worship

Installation of Council

11 a.m. – Soup Dinner – Souper Bowl of Caring

Monday, February 12

2 p.m. – Priscilla Circle @ Vicki Schmidt's

6 p.m. – Council Meeting

Tuesday, February 13

1 p.m. – Quilting

Wednesday, February 14

12 p.m. – Drive-up Ashes

5:15 p.m. – Outreach Meeting

5:30 p.m. – Lenten Meal

6:30 p.m. – Lenten Worship

7p.m. – Choir Practice

Thursday, February 15

5:30 p.m. – Cooperative Ministry Meeting & Dinner

Saturday, February 17

9 a.m. – Trustees

5:30 p.m. – Worship

Sunday, February 18

10 a.m. – Worship

11 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship

FEBRUARY 11, 2024
TRANSFIGURATION
OF OUR LORD



Disciples humbly grow in their understanding of Jesus.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

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| Sunday | Mark 9:2-9 | Transfiguration of Jesus |
| Monday | 2 Kings 2:1-12 | Elijah is taken into heaven |
| Tuesday | 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 | Proclaiming Jesus as Lord |
| Wednesday | 1 Peter 2:1-10 | A chosen people |
| Thursday | Colossians 1:3-14 | A prayer of thanks |
| Friday | Hebrews 5:11-14 | Warning against turning away |
| Saturday | Psalm 50:1-6 | God shines brightly |
| Sunday | Mark 1:9-15 | Temptation of Jesus |

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Mark 9:7 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Awesome God, help us humbly to live a life that reflects your power and glory meant for us and all the world through Jesus Christ, your Beloved. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, help us to see in this meal your power and glory that shines brightly; give us thankful hearts for this food provided for us by your love. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God bless you with faith in Christ.



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FEBRUARY 11, 2024
HYMN OF THE WEEK
Seek Ye First



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:

- What is something you want to learn more about?
- What questions would you like to ask Jesus about his life?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Mark 9:2-9.

Transfiguration Sunday serves as a bridge between Epiphany and Lent. Epiphany includes many stories revealing who Jesus is through his teachings and miracles. Lent is the season that reflects on being a follower who is true to Jesus as Savior and Lord. The transfiguration story in Mark 9 comes amid three accounts of Jesus' suffering and death (Mark 8:31-33, 9:30-32, and 10:32-34). The transfiguration story ends by pointing to Jesus rising from the dead. On the mountain, Elijah and Moses appear with Jesus. This is a scene that perceives the end of history when Elijah and Moses were expected to return. It is a defining moment for Jesus, Peter, James, and John were terrified, and Peter spoke but did not really know what to say. The disciples were to be silent and listen to Jesus. When we think of Jesus' journey to the cross, we, too, as Jesus' disciples are asked to reflect, listen, and humbly grow in our understanding of who Jesus is as the Son of God and the Beloved.

Discuss: How do you think the transfiguration of Jesus made a difference for Peter, James, and John?

Pray: Ever-present God, help us to see and trust that your saving work is with us so that we may not fear, complain, or forget your goodness to us through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 help someone grow in the Christian faith?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

The church season of Lent begins this week on Ash Wednesday, February 14. There are 40 days in the season of Lent, a time to refocus our lives on God. One spiritual practice that Christians emphasize during Lent is prayer. Make this Lent a time of prayer for others. Use separate pieces of paper to write the name of a person you can pray for during Lent. Place these papers into a prayer box. Each day in Lent, pull out a slip of paper from the prayer box and ask God to care for and bless the person named. Add names to the box throughout Lent.



In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective Faith Formation tool. Go to: www.milestonesministry.org