

**9:30 A.M. WORSHIP**

**SHEPHERD OF THE GLADES LUTHERAN CHURCH**

*A Lutheran Community of Christian Believers - ELCA*

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He was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light.

Matthew 17:2, ESV

**FEBRUARY 19, 2023**  
**TRANSFIGURATION OF**  
**OUR LORD**

## All Are Welcome!

All who have come to worship are heartily welcomed. Let us joyfully open our hearts to God and to one another.

You are encouraged to participate in all that Shepherd of the Glades has to offer and to make Shepherd of the Glades your spiritual home.

All are invited and welcome to partake of the sacrament of Holy Communion by kneeling or standing at the altar rail. For your safety and convenience, you will have a choice of coming to the altar rail or taking communion in your pew in an individually sealed container. If, for any reason, you are not comfortable receiving communion, but would like to receive a blessing, please come forward and cross your arms, indicating you wish to receive a blessing. The Eucharist is celebrated by intinction. Our Altar Guild at all communion services offers grape juice (lighter color), as well as wine (darker color), for intinction, the dipping of wafer into the wine or juice. One chalice will hold both wine and grape juice. Communion is continuous with kneeling or standing. Note: Gluten free wafers are now offered as well.

If you have an offering for the church, the offering plates are located at the entrance of the church.

If Shepherd of the Glades can be of service to you, please so indicate on the pew welcome sheet. The office phone number and Pastor Jeff's cell phone number are on the cover of the bulletin.

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### Ministries for Today

Altar Assistant: Colleen Hoffman, Sandy Lofthouse,  
& Barb Tommingo

Lector: Don Johnson

Altar Guild: Lori Bernabei

Ushers: Barb Tommingo, Lester Larrabee,  
& Linda Salisbury

A/V Technicians: Doc Lofthouse  
Abraham Unga

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*Transfiguration of Our Lord*

*February 19, 2023, 9:30 A.M. Worship - Setting 10*

+ Indicates Please Stand

**Bold** Indicates Congregation Joins In

## PRELUDE

*Megan Cianflone, Director of Music  
& Cindy Quehl - Flute*

## INTRODUCTIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

### + **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever.

C **Amen.**

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

*(Silence is kept for reflection.)*

P Holy One, source of our renewal,

C **we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P Thus says our God: "The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare." God's mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of + Christ our Savior.

C **Amen.**

### + **OPENING HYMN** "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" **ELW 834**

P 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.**

## + PRAYER 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

P Let us pray.

C **O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## FIRST READING: Exodus 24: 12-18

<sup>12</sup>The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." <sup>13</sup>So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. <sup>14</sup>To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them."

<sup>15</sup>Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. <sup>16</sup>The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. <sup>17</sup>Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. <sup>18</sup>Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

**PSALM: Psalm 2:** (Read responsively)

<sup>1</sup>Why are the nations in an uproar?

Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?

<sup>2</sup>**Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and the princes plot together, against the LORD and against the LORD's anointed?**

<sup>3</sup>"Let us break their yoke," they say;

"let us cast off their bonds from us."

<sup>4</sup>**God whose throne is in heaven is laughing;  
the LORD holds them in derision.**

<sup>5</sup>Then in wrath God speaks to them,  
and in rage fills them with terror.

<sup>6</sup>**"As for me, I have anointed my king  
upon Zion, my holy mountain."**

<sup>7</sup>Let me announce the decree of the LORD,  
who said to me, "You are my son; this day have I begotten you.

<sup>8</sup>**Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance  
and the ends of the earth for your possession.**

<sup>9</sup>You shall crush them with an iron rod  
and shatter them like a piece of pottery."

<sup>10</sup>**And now, you kings, be wise;  
be warned, you rulers of the earth.**

<sup>11</sup>Submit to the LORD with fear,  
and with trembling bow in worship;

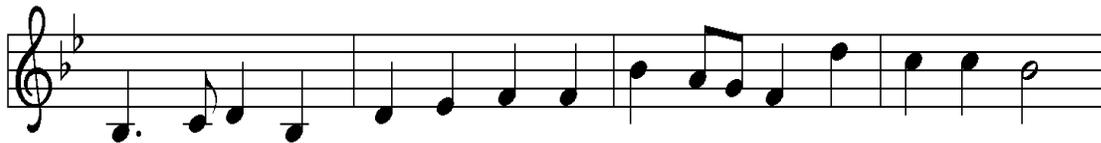
<sup>12</sup>**lest the LORD be angry, and you perish in a sudden blaze of wrath.  
Happy are all who take refuge in God!**

**SECOND READING: 2Peter 1:16-21**

<sup>16</sup>For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. <sup>17</sup>For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." <sup>18</sup>We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

<sup>19</sup>So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. <sup>20</sup>First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, <sup>21</sup>because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

+ **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

**THE HOLY GOSPEL** according to: **Matthew 17:1-9**

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

<sup>1</sup>Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. <sup>2</sup>And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. <sup>3</sup>Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. <sup>4</sup>Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." <sup>5</sup>While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" <sup>6</sup>When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. <sup>7</sup>But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." <sup>8</sup>And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. <sup>9</sup>As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

+ **SERMON**

Pastor Bob Hoffman

Text: Lesson of the Day

+ **HYMN OF THE DAY**

**“Beautiful Savior”**

**ELW 838**

A Let us proclaim our trust in the presence and power of God in our lives with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

+ **APOSTLES' CREED**

**ELW 105**

**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 life everlasting.  
Amen.**

+ **THE PRAYERS OF INTERSESSION**

A Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.  
*A brief silence.*

A Embolden your church as it witnesses to the majesty and mercy of your Son. Equip lay preachers, deacons, and pastors. Move us to share our stories of your faithfulness and forgiveness; may our lives proclaim your greatness. Merciful God,  
C **receive our prayer.**

A Dwell with your whole creation, from the tallest mountain peak to the deepest valley. Bless the work of conservation organizations and protect vital habitats. Support the work of disaster relief agencies around the world. Merciful God,  
C **receive our prayer.**

A Guide and give wisdom to all in authority: our mayor and local leaders, our governor and state legislators, our president and national legislators. Bring freedom and justice to all nations. Merciful God,  
C **receive our prayer.**

A Give shelter to those lacking safe homes. Spur communities to work for fair housing for all. Protect our neighbors whose dwellings do not keep out dangerous cold or heat; accompany with your touch those who are homebound, sick, or isolated, especially: Michael Moor-Kelly, Irmi, Lucy Stegner, Jackie Jacobs, Christine Jensen, Bev Smith, Ashley Nell, Lois Horky Family, Pastor Peter Lyberg, Tracey Dunlap & Lillian Mendez, Dick Reumann, Bill & Mary Ann Todd, Susanne Thomas, Maureen Drum, Willie Nation and his spouse, Pedro Gonzalez, the Dyer family, Lisa Stenback, Lisa Marie Farnsworth, Kate Connell, Tom Watts, Lanna Williams, Lisa Carson, Nick & Anita Lehr, Patty Musielak, Nadine Kelly, Rev. Bernie Jorn, Marilyn Day, the Opperman Family, Carl & Jean Lipke, and Micah Smith. Merciful God,  
C **receive our prayer.**

A Make us eager to receive your Word in scripture. Help us recognize Jesus' voice in the needs of our neighbors; make us confident to follow the way of the cross. Merciful God,  
C **receive our prayer.**

A God of mercy, you are our resurrection. We give you thanks, oh God, for the celebration of birthdays within our faith community. Today we pray for Bob Tidmore as he celebrates his birthday. Merciful God,  
C **receive our prayer.**

A Receive our thanksgiving for the holy ones who have guided us in faithfulness and gathered even the unlikely as your people. With our forebears in faith and all who have hoped in you, teach us to wait with courage until the promised day dawns. Merciful God,  
C **receive our prayer.**

A We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.

C **Amen.**



+ **THE LORD'S PRAYER** (*Spoken*)

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

C **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.**

+ **DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION**

+ **COMMUNION BLESSING**

P Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you.

C **Amen.**

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Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful -

filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre-pared in the

sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the na - tions

and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace.

+ **THE BLESSING**

P The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod+ bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always.

C **Amen.**

+ **SENDING HYMN**      “How Good, Lord, to Be Here”      **ELW 315**

+ **DISMISSAL**

A    Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

C    Thanks be to God.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Flowers on the chancel this morning are given by Pastor Jeff & Kelli Ungs in celebration of the birth of their first grandchild, Alora Elouise Ungs.

### **HOSPITALIZATIONS**

Local hospitals are no longer calling church offices to advise of the hospitalizations of parishioners. If you are hospitalized, or know of someone that is hospitalized, please let the church office know so that we may keep you/them in our prayers and provide pastoral support.

### **JOIN OUR PRAYER GROUP**

Prayer warriors are answering the call to lift before God the needs of the people. We are informed by email or text message, no need to call anyone. We meet on Wednesdays after Bible study (about 11:15 a.m.) in the sanctuary. We are grateful to lift those in need, trusting God is working for the good of all. Anyone who wishes to join or has a need please let us know. You can call the church office or contact Kelli Ungs at (641) 529-0969.

### **2023 ANNUAL MEETING**

Sunday, February 19, 2023 we will have our Annual Meeting following the worship service. Annual reports are available in the Narthex. Each committee chairman will have submitted a written report and the treasurer will highlight the 2023 goals, and answer any questions regarding the budget. Please plan on attending!

### **HAVE AN INTEREST IN SEWING?**

The quilters would welcome anyone that enjoys sewing, quilting, cutting, tying or would just like to gather for fellowship with the ladies on Tuesday mornings from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. (all are welcome!)

### **LENTEN SERVICES**

Lenten services begin February 22, 2023. Ash Wednesday service will begin at 5:30 p.m. with a soup supper to follow in Hanson Hall. There will be a Lenten service every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. during Lent with a soup supper to follow until Holy Week.

## **THIS WEEK AT SHEPHERD OF THE GLADES:**

The office is open from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday thru Friday.

Please call the church office or Pastor Jeff's cell phone if you have pastoral needs.

**Transfiguration of our Lord, February 19, 2023, 9:30 a.m., public worship with Pastor Bob Hoffman.** Worship will also be live streamed on YouTube, or you can access on our website. See website for details - [www.sotgweb.org](http://www.sotgweb.org).

**Monday, February 20th & Wednesday, February 22nd, Bone Builders from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.**

**Wednesday, February 22nd, Ash Wednesday services beginning at 5:30 p.m.**

**Wednesday, February 22nd, Bible study with Pastor Jeff beginning at 10:00 a.m.**

**Wednesday, February 22nd, Prayer Warriors will meet this week at 11:15 a.m.**

**First Sunday in Lent, February 26, 9:30 a.m., public worship with Pastor Jeff Unga.** Worship will also be live streamed on YouTube, or you can access on our website. See website for details -[www.sotgweb.org](http://www.sotgweb.org).

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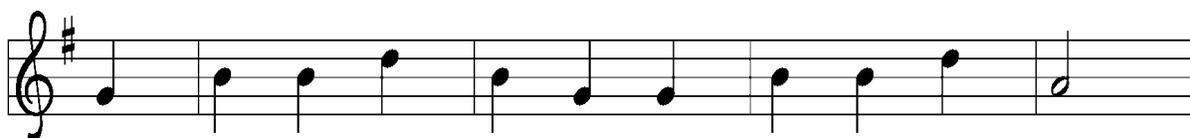
## Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise



1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;  
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light;



in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;  
in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;  
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;



most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove  
we blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,  
all laud we would ren - der; oh, help us to see

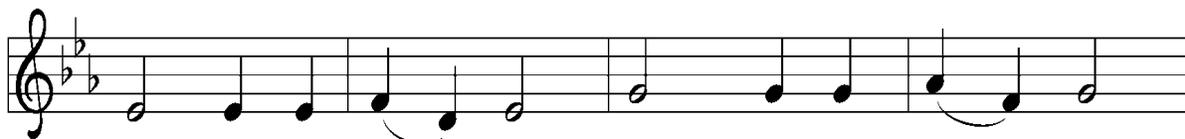


al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise!  
thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.  
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

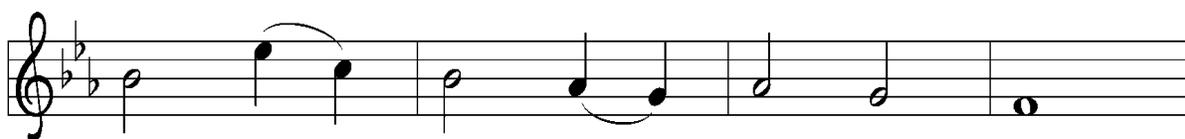
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Music: ST. DENIO, Welsh traditional

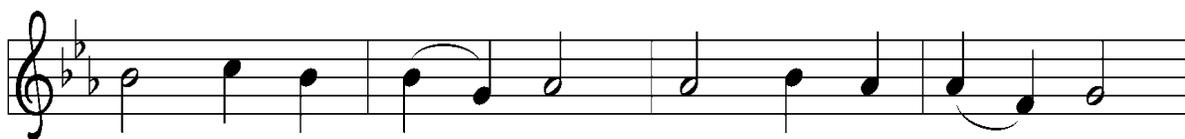
## Beautiful Savior



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 of bloom - ing spring;  
bright the spar - kling stars on high;  
Son of God and Son of Man!

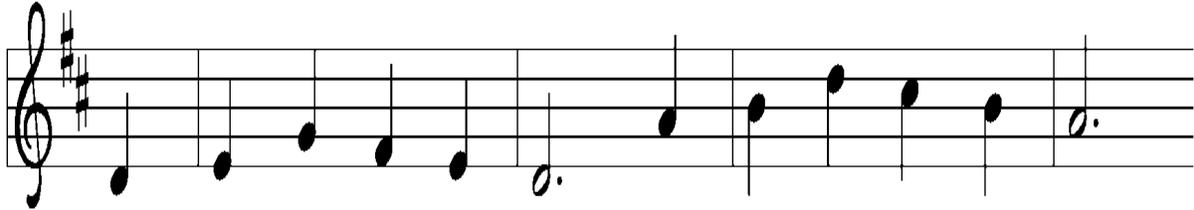


Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,  
Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,  
Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er,  
Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,

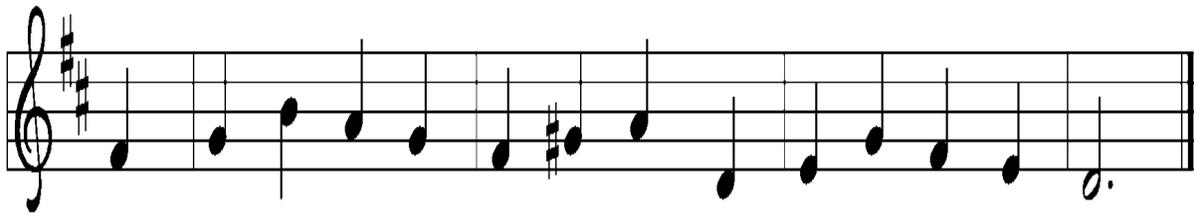


light of my soul, my joy, my crown.  
he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.  
than all the an - gels in the sky.  
now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

# How Good, Lord, to Be Here!



- 1 How good, Lord, to be here! Your glo - ry fills the night;
- 2 How good, Lord, to be here, your beau - ty to be - hold
- 3 Ful - fill - er of the past and hope of things to be,
- 4 Be - fore we taste of death, we see your king - dom come;
- 5 How good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not re - main;



your face and gar - ments, like the sun, shine with un - bor - rowed light.  
where Mo - ses and E - li - jah stand, your mes - sen - gers of old.  
we hail your bod - y glo - ri - fied and our re - demp - tion see.  
we long to hold the vi - sion bright and make this hill our home.  
but since you bid us leave the mount, come with us to the plain.

Text: Joseph A. Robinson, 1858–1933, alt.

Music: POTSDAM, W. Mercer, *The Church Psalter and Hymn Book*, 1854