



Saturday, February 13, 2021  
5:00 P.M.

Transfiguration of Our Lord

### GATHERING

#### **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

Just as God's work of creation never ends, so the gifts received in baptism are renewed every day. Let us give thanks together for the life given in baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of life:

**for water to bathe in, water to drink,**

for waters that inspire wonder,

**for water that gives life to our planet.**

We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of this place:

**for water from Lake Michigan and from our tap, for rain and snow.**

We give you thanks for your salvation through water:

**for delivering Noah and his family through the floodwaters,**

for leading your people Israel through the sea into freedom,

**for quenching the Samaritan woman's thirst with living water.**

We give you thanks for the life of all the baptized, and for all who gather here;

**for godparents and baptismal sponsors, for children and grandchildren,**

for our siblings in Christ whom we have never seen

**but to whom we are bound.**

We give you thanks for life in Christ through your Holy Spirit:

**for our entry into Jesus' death through these waters,**

for our new birth into a life of freedom and service,

**for our calling to be your people, sent out for the life of the world.**

We give you thanks, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The God of peace be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray...

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.**

## **WORD**

### **FIRST READING – 2 Kings 2:1-12**

*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.*

<sup>1</sup>Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. <sup>2</sup>Elijah 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. <sup>3</sup>The 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."

<sup>4</sup>Elijah 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. <sup>5</sup>The 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."

<sup>6</sup>Then 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. <sup>7</sup>Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. <sup>8</sup>Then 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.

<sup>9</sup>When 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.” <sup>10</sup>He 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.” <sup>11</sup>As 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. <sup>12</sup>Elisha 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.

Word of God. Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM 50:1-6**

<sup>1</sup>The mighty one, God the LORD, has spoken;  
calling the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

<sup>2</sup>**Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty,  
God shines forth in glory.**

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

<sup>4</sup>**God calls the heavens and the earth from above  
to witness the judgment of the people.**

<sup>5</sup>“Gather before me my loyal followers,  
those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice.”

<sup>6</sup>**The heavens declare the rightness of God’s cause,  
for it is God who is judge.**

## **GOSPEL – Mark 9:2-9**

*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.*

<sup>2</sup>Six 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, <sup>3</sup>and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. <sup>4</sup>And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus.

<sup>5</sup>Then 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.” <sup>6</sup>He did not know what to say, for they were terrified.

<sup>7</sup>Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, “This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!” <sup>8</sup>Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

<sup>9</sup>As 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.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

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## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

On this last weekend after Epiphany, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need, responding to each petition with the phrase, “**Alleluia! Amen.**”

*A brief silence.*

Gracious God, we give you thanks for the day, especially for the good we were permitted to give and to receive; the day is now past and we commit it to you. We entrust to you the night. We rest securely in you, for you are our help, and you neither slumber nor sleep; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

## **MEAL**

*We practice two sacraments in the Lutheran tradition: baptism and holy communion. These are celebrated in community, in public worship, where we can all participate and remember together: God is known for using ordinary earthly things (like water, bread, and wine) to make extraordinary promises (like forgiveness, salvation, healing and new life) to creation.*

*Today is a good reminder that this simple meal nourishes God’s community across time and space - this is why we call it communion. We would rather be with you in person for the sacrament today, but we trust Jesus to show up beyond our limitations, to meet us in this separation with a Spirit that unites, to feed us with the bread of life who is our source and strength.*

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

## **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.**

*We don't serve ourselves communion because there's something holy about that promise coming from outside our own bodies, a perfect declaration from God spoken to us by our neighbor: This is the body of Christ, given for you. This is the blood of Christ, poured out for you. If you are gathered with others from your household, speak these words aloud when you serve each other. If you do not have someone in the room with you while you receive the sacrament, hear my voice as the external word of grace and invitation.*

**+ + *Receive the Meal* + +**

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

*We pause for prayer and reflection.*

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Christ Jesus, at this table we have feasted on your very life and are strengthened for our journey. Send us forth from this banquet nourished in body and in spirit to proclaim your good news and serve others in your name.

**Amen.**

## **SENDING**

## **OFFERING & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **BENEDICTION**

God the creator strengthen you; Jesus the beloved fill you;  
and the Holy Spirit the comforter ✠ keep you in peace.

**Amen.**

## **BURYING THE ALLELUIA**

*Burying the Alleluia during Lent: Based on the Hebrew word, hallelu ya, meaning "praise the Lord," alleluia has been a word of great praise to God in the life of the church. The omission of alleluia during Lent dates back to the fifth century in the Western church. The association of alleluia with Easter led to the custom of intentionally omitting it from the liturgy during the 40 days of Lent, a kind of "verbal fast" which has the effect of creating a sense of anticipation and even greater joy when the familiar word of praise returns. The custom of bidding it farewell developed in the Middle Ages, when a Latin text compared an alleluia-less Lent to the exile of the Israelites in Babylon.*

*Many churches embrace the practice of "burying" the alleluia on the Sunday before Ash Wednesday. We let it lie dormant during Lent, so that when it reappears on Easter, we may hear it anew. This is the last Sunday that alleluia will be spoken until Easter Sunday. Hearty congregational singing of glad alleluias then proclaims the resurrection, unleashing pure Easter joy in all its heavenly splendor!*

When Jesus came down from the mount of Transfiguration, he began to tell his disciples that he would be betrayed and crucified.

**Sometimes we lose our Alleluia.**

Jesus told his disciples, "If you want to become my followers, deny yourselves and take up your cross and follow me." (Matthew 16:24)

**Sometimes we must let go of our Alleluia.**

During Lent, we say "farewell" to our Alleluias, discontinuing singing and saying, "Alleluia."

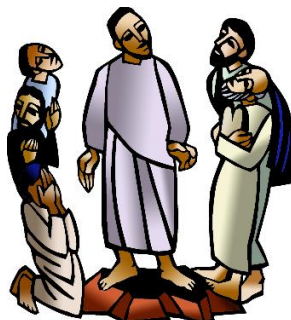
And at Easter we will again celebrate the Resurrection and sing "Christ is risen."

**In God's time, we will rise to sing a new Alleluia.**

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**





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***See you next week for worship livestream  
at 5pm on Saturday and 8:45am & 10:45am on Sunday!***

*We continue sharing in communion. Please call/email the church office if you need elements brought to you.*



*Thank you for worshipping with us today as we seek to be in community with one another while minimizing physical contact. As a gentle reminder, please continue to wash your hands for the recommended 20 seconds, wear a mask and create safe boundaries through physical distancing.*

*We know that God is with us and God is at work, wherever we worship. With coronavirus cases on the rise, we will continue worshipping online at this time. Please be vigilant and check your email, Facebook, etc., for additional notifications and updates in the coming weeks, and contact the church council ([council@edgebrooklutheran.org](mailto:council@edgebrooklutheran.org)) with any concerns.*

*Stay safe and be well! God's peace to you!!*