

# Sunday, February 14, 2021 8:45 A.M. Transfiguration of Our Lord

## **GATHERING**

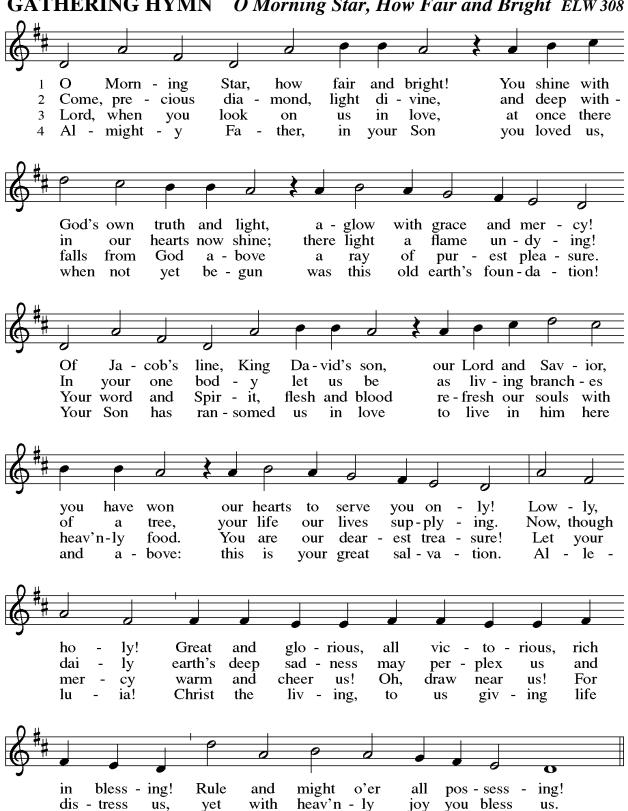
**PRELUDE** 

Anthem for Transfiguration Arr. Paul Hofreiter (Accompaniment: O Wondrous Image, Vision Fair)

"This is my Son, my Chosen One. Listen to Him!"



#### **GATHERING HYMN** O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright ELW 308



joy

you

fails

love through

and

yours

you bless

us

has reached

nev -

us.

us.

er!

dis - tress

you teach

for - ev -

us,

us

er,

yet

God's

keeps

own

us

#### 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**

### **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

### 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

**Refrain** is sung by all. The verses are sung responsively with the psalm tone.





#### **Psalm Tone**



<sup>1</sup>The mighty one, God the | LORD, has spoken;

calling the earth from the rising of the sun  $\mid$  to its setting.

<sup>2</sup>Out of Zion, perfect | in its beauty,

God shines | forth in glory. Refrain

<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.

5"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,

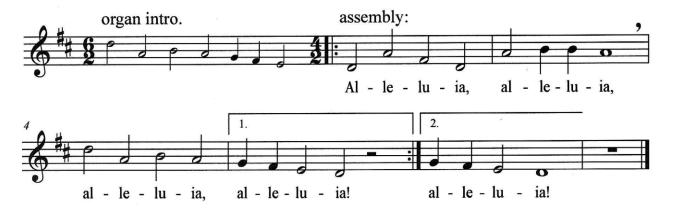
for it is God | who is judge. Refrain

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Epiphany Alleluia

W. Horn

based on Wie schön leuchtet



### 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.

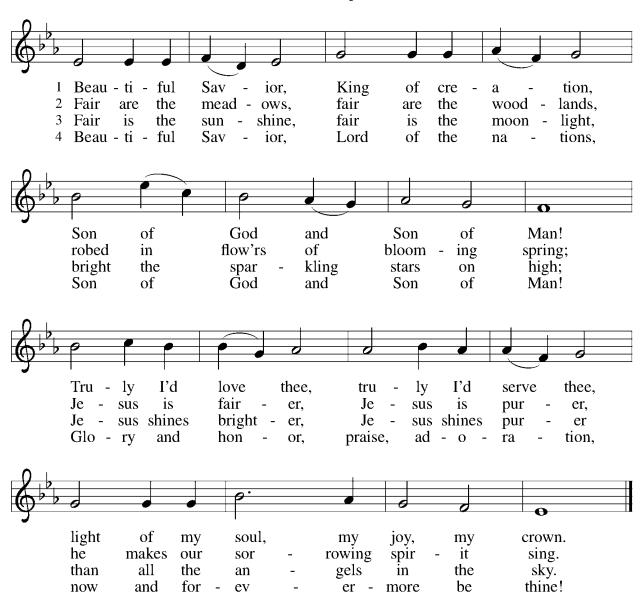
### **SERMON**

### Reverend Christina Garrett Klein

### **HYMN OF THE DAY**

## Beautiful Savior

ELW 838



Text: Gesangbuch, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904 Music: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

On this last Sunday 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.

O holy Trinity, Light-Creator, Light of Light begotten, and Light-Revealer, receive our praise and hear our prayers, both spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

### **MEAL**

### 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.

#### + + + Receive the Meal + + +

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

We pause for prayer and reflection, and to give time to commune those gathered with others in the household.

## **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 "rest" 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!

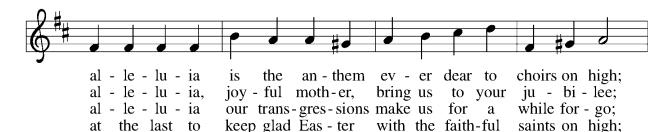
For the days of Lent, we discontinue singing and saying, "Alleluia." Sometimes we must let go of our Alleluia so that we can turn our eyes upon Jesus, the reason we say Alleluia in the first place.

At Easter, we will again celebrate the Resurrection, and sing "Christ is risen." In God's time, we will find our Alleluia!!





- 1 Al-le-lu-ia, song of glad-ness, voice of joy that can-not die;
- 2 Al-le lu ia you are sound ing, true Je ru sa lem and free;
- 3 Al-le-lu-ia can-not al-ways be our song while here be-low;
- 4 In our hymns we pray with long ing: Grant us, bless-ed Trin i ty,





The Alleluia banners are placed in a trunk until Easter.

During Lent, we say farewell to our "Alleluias"

Awaiting the joy of Easter to sound a new alleluia with our voices.

### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE** Oh, Wondrous Image, Vision Fair John Dunstable



5252 W. Devon Ave. Chicago, IL 60646 www.edgebrooklutheran.org

Office Phone: 773-763-2121 Fax: 773-647-1752

Email: office@edgebrooklutheran.org

#### **Our Mission:**

Transforming lives by sharing a saving faith in Jesus Christ and living the Gospel through service

If you would like to add a name to our prayer list, connect with our ministries, meet with one of our pastors, or learn more about ELC and how to join, feel free to call or email us. You are always welcome here.

+ Pastor Christina Klein

Reverend Christina Klein
Pat Godek
David Bugher
Walt Horn
Will Santiago
Pastorchristina@edgebrooklutheran.org
Office@edgebrooklutheran.org
Office Manager
Contemporary Worship Music Leader
Traditional Worship Music Leader
Custodian

From sundaysandseasons.com. © 2021 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. Printed by permission under Augsburg Fortress Liturgies Annual License # SAS000662 Used by permission CCLI License #11452969 Used by permission OneLicense.net A-704776

See you next week for worship at 5pm on Saturday and livestream at 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) with any concerns.

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