

Prince of Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church



From the River to the Mountain:
A Glimpse of His True Glory

Transfiguration Sunday

February 11, 2024



“Learning and sharing the gospel of Christ the Prince of Peace.”

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WELCOME!

Welcome to Prince of Peace Lutheran Church. We pray that the time spent here in God’s house helps you to appreciate how dearly God loves you! May God bless our worship today! If you are visiting with us for the first time, please take a moment to fill out one of the information cards found in the pews next to the hymnals. You can either place the completed card in the offering plate or give it to the usher when being ushered out at the end of the service. We look forward to getting to know you better in order to serve you fully with God’s word!

THEME FOR TODAY

We began this worship series in the Jordan River. At his baptism, Jesus heard his Father’s glorious voice: “You are my Son, whom I love” (Mark 1:11). From that day, in word and deed, Jesus began to reveal more about himself. He demonstrated the extent of his authority and power and love. Along the way, we had an epiphany. Jesus is indeed the very Son of God! Yet, Jesus looked so normal, like an ordinary carpenter or your average rabbi or just another prophet. Until today. We have traveled from the river to the mountain. Today, on the Mount of Transfiguration, Jesus gives us a glimpse of his true glory. As we see him in his dazzling brilliance, the Father speaks again, this time to us: “This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!” This final epiphany prepares us for the journey of Lent where we will witness the most glorious work that Jesus would do when he came down from this mountain.

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| January 7 th | First Sunday after Epiphany | - | It Begins with Baptism |
| January 14 th | Second Sunday after Epiphany | - | The Kindness in His Calling |
| January 21 st | Third Sunday after Epiphany | - | Committed to a Lofty Charge |
| January 28 th | Fourth Sunday after Epiphany | - | Absolute Authority |
| February 4 th | Fifth Sunday after Epiphany | - | The Devil’s Work Undone |
| February 11th | Transfiguration | - | A Glimpse of His True Glory |
| (Last Sunday of Epiphany) | | | |

389 How Good, Lord, to Be Here

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Stand



O Lord, o - pen my lips,



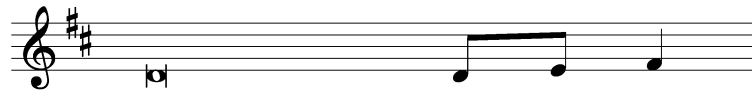
and my mouth shall de - clare your praise.



Has - ten to save me, O God;



O Lord, come quick - ly to help me.



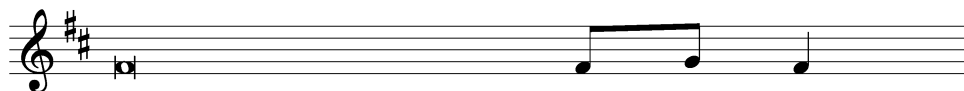
Epiphany The glory of Christ is re - vealed:



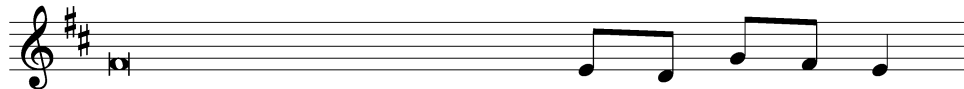
praise and thanks to God!

O Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord

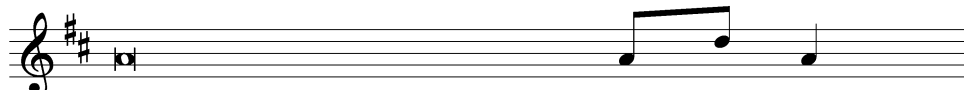
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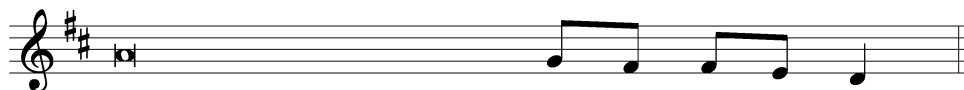
- 1 O come, let us sing to the Lord,
2 For the Lord is a great God
3 The sea is his, for he made it,



- 1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.
2 and a great king a - bove all gods.
3 and his hand formed the dry land.



- 1 Let us come into his presence with thanks - giv - ing,
2 The deep places of the earth are in his hand;
3 O come, let us worship and bow down,
4 For he is our God,



- 1 let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise.
2 the heights of the hills are al - so his.
3 let us kneel before the Lord our mak - er.
4 and we are the people of his
pasture and the sheep of his hand.

Be seated

Psalm

2D Great Are the Works of the LORD

Psalm 2D

Refrain

Great are the works of the LORD. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
lu - ia! Great are the works of the LORD.

Tone

Why do the nations / conspire
and the peoples / plot in vain?
The kings of the earth rise up and the rulers band together a- / gainst the LORD
and against his A- / noointed. *Refrain*

The One enthroned in / heaven laughs;
the Lord / scoffs at them.
He rebukes them in his anger and terrifies them in his wrath, / saying,
“I have installed my King on Zion, my holy / mountain.” *Refrain*

I will proclaim the / LORD’s decree:
He said to me, “You are my Son; today I have become your / Father.”
Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain*

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First Reading

2 Kings 2:1–12a

The prophet Elijah never tasted death but instead was taken directly to heaven. On the Mount of Transfiguration Elijah appeared with the glorious Son of God who would taste death.

¹When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven in a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ²Elijah said to Elisha, “Stay here; the LORD has sent me to Bethel.”

But Elisha said, “As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you.” So they went down to Bethel.

³The company of the prophets at Bethel came out to Elisha and asked, “Do you know that the LORD is going to take your master from you today?”

“Yes, I know,” Elisha replied, “so be quiet.”

⁴Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here, Elisha; the LORD has sent me to Jericho.”

And he replied, “As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you.” So they went to Jericho.

⁵The company of the prophets at Jericho went up to Elisha and asked him, “Do you know that the LORD is going to take your master from you today?”

“Yes, I know,” he replied, “so be quiet.”

⁶Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here; the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.”

And he replied, “As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them walked on.

⁷Fifty men from the company of the prophets went and stood at a distance, facing the place where Elijah and Elisha had stopped at the Jordan. ⁸Elijah took his cloak, rolled it up and struck the water with it. The water divided to the right and to the left, and the two of them crossed over on dry ground.

⁹When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Tell me, what can I do for you before I am taken from you?”

“Let me inherit a double portion of your spirit,” Elisha replied.

¹⁰“You have asked a difficult thing,” Elijah said, “yet if you see me when I am taken from you, it will be yours—otherwise, it will not.”

¹¹As they were walking along and talking together, suddenly a chariot of fire and horses of fire appeared and separated the two of them, and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind. ¹²Elisha saw this and cried out, “My father! My father! The chariots and horsemen of Israel!”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 4:3–6

We cannot yet physically see what those disciples saw on the Mount of Transfiguration. But St. Paul teaches we can still see the glory of Christ's light in the gospel.

³And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel

Mark 9:2–9

Jesus gives Peter, James, and John a glimpse of his true glory.

²After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them. ³His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus.

⁵Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." ⁶(He did not know what to say, they were so frightened.)

⁷Then a cloud appeared and covered them, and a voice came from the cloud: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!"

⁸Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus.

⁹As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus gave them orders not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

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Sermon

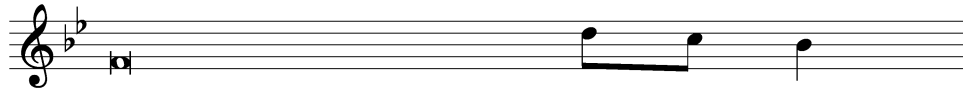
The Glory of God's Work

2 Kings 2:1–12a

Stand

We Praise You, O God

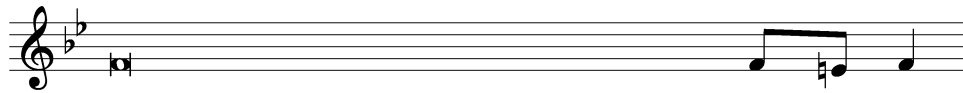
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- 1 We praise you, O God, we acclaim you as Lord;
- 2 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of heav'n - ly hosts,
- 3 The white-robed army of martyrs praise — you.



- 1 all creation worships you, Fa - ther ev - er - last - ing.
- 2 heaven and earth are full — of your glo - ry.
- 3 Throughout the world the ho - ly Church ac - claims you:



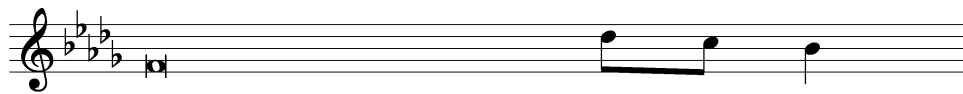
- 1 To you all angels, all the pow'rs of heav'n,
- 2 The glorious company of apostles praise — you.
- 3 Father of majesty unbounded; your glorious, true, and on - ly Son;



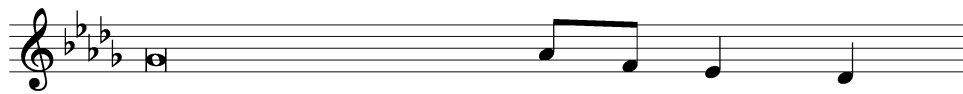
- 1 cherubim and seraphim, sing in end - less praise:
- 2 The noble fellowship of proph - ets praise — you.
- 3 and the Holy Spirit, ad - vo - cate and guide.



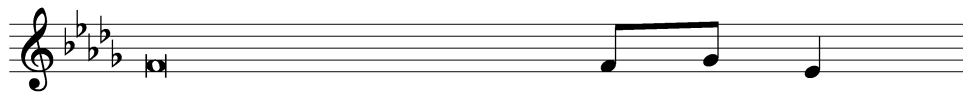
- 4 You, Christ, are the King of glo - ry, the eternal Son of the Fa - ther.



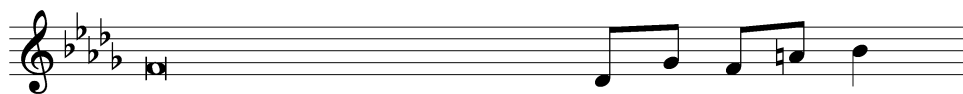
- 5 When you became man to set us free,
- 6 You sit at the right hand of God



- 5 you humbled yourself to be born of a vir - gin.
- 6 in the glory of the Fa - ther.



- 5 You overcame the sting of death
- 6 We believe that you will come



- 5 and opened the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev - ers.
- 6 to be — our — judge.

7 Come then, Lord, and help your peo - ple,

7 bought with the price of your own blood,

7 and bring us with your saints to glory ev - er - last - ing.

Be seated

Offering

Stand

Lord, Have Mercy

CW 213

Hear my voice when I call, O Lord; be merciful and an - swer me.

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O God, in the glorious transfiguration of your only-begotten Son, you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice that came from the bright cloud, you foreshadowed our adoption as your sons. In your mercy, make us co-heirs of glory with Jesus our King, and bring us at last to heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

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.



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Morning Prayer from Christian Worship

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THE WEEK AHEAD

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| MONDAY | Pastor @ Circuit Meeting in Moncks Corner, SC. |
| WEDNESDAY | 5:00 pm Catechism 6:30 pm Ash Wednesday Worship (with Lord's Supper) |
| THURSDAY | 5:00 pm Elders Meeting 6:00 pm Council Meeting |
| FRIDAY | 8:00 am Men's Breakfast Bible Study |
| SUNDAY | 9:15 am Bible Class & Sunday School 10:30 am Worship w/Lord's Supper |

CHANCEL FLOWERS

Kathy Graham purchased the chancel flowers today in celebration of her grandson, William's birthday! As each of us enjoy the blessings God showers on us in our everyday life, let us always remember that the greatest blessings of all are those we enjoy as children.



LENT

This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the season of Lent. We will have a worship service at 6:30 pm on Ash Wednesday and will continue with mid-week services throughout Lent. The Ash Wednesday service will be a regular-length worship service and there will be no mid-week Bible class. For the rest of the Lenten mid-week services, we will once again use the format of a half-hour devotional service, followed by 30-40 mins of Bible Study, like we did during Advent and Lent last year.

SPRING CARNIVAL, FISH FRY and SILENT AUCTION

SAVE THE DATE!! (Saturday, March 9, 2024)

Sign-ups and more details on the bulletin board across from Pastor's office.

| Operating Offerings | | Attendance | | Mortgage Progress | |
|---------------------|--------------|------------|----|-------------------|-------------|
| 2/4/24 | \$ 3,975.00 | 2/4/24 | 54 | 2/4/24 | \$ 215.00 |
| Month to Date | \$ 3,975.00 | | | Month to Date | \$ 215.00 |
| YTD | \$ 28,209.00 | | | YTD | \$ 3,605.00 |
| Budget YTD | \$ 19,313.00 | | | Budget YTD | \$ 3,584.00 |
| 2023 YTD | \$ 22,172.00 | | | 2023 YTD | \$ 3,919.00 |

Weekly needs February Operating Offering

\$ 3,863.00

Monthly Mortgage Payment

\$ 2,867.00