



## ***Transfiguration of Our Lord***

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# TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

FEBRUARY 14, 2021

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**PRELUDE**

*O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!*

Dietrich Buxtehude

**WELCOME**

**OPENING HYMN**

*O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!*

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**DEDICATION OF WHITE BANNERS**

**CONFESSİON AND FORGIVENESS**

**P:** Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,  
whose voice is upon the waters,  
whose mercy is poured out upon all people,  
whose goodness cascades over all creation.

**Amen**

**P:** Let us confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of God.

Holy God,

**you search us and know us.**

**You are acquainted with all our ways.**

**We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin—  
our own sins and the broken systems that bind us.**

**We turn inward, failing to follow  
your outward way of love.**

**We distrust those who are not like us.**

**We exploit the earth and its resources  
and fail to consider generations to come.**

**Forgive us, gracious God,  
for all we have done and left undone.  
Even before the words are on our tongues,  
you know them;  
receive them in your divine mercy. Amen**

**P:** How vast is God's grace!

Through the power and promise of ✚ Christ Jesus,  
our sins are washed away  
and we are claimed as God's own beloved.

Indeed, we are forgiven.

In the wake of God's forgiveness,  
we are called to be the beloved community  
living out Christ's justice  
and the Spirit's reconciling peace.

**Amen**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P:** 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**

## **FIRST READING:** 2 Kings 2:1-12 (MSG)

Marsha Waggoner,

Lois Owen, Rebeca Owen, Matthew Owen

*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>1-2</sup> Just before GOD took Elijah to heaven in a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on a walk out of Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here. GOD has sent me on an errand to Bethel." Elisha said, "Not on your life! I'm not letting you out of my sight!" So they both went to Bethel.

<sup>3</sup> The guild of prophets at Bethel met Elisha and said, "Did you know that GOD is going to take your master away from you today?"

"Yes," he said, "I know it. But keep it quiet."

<sup>4</sup> Then Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here. GOD has sent me on an errand to Jericho."

Elisha said, "Not on your life! I'm not letting you out of my sight!" So they both went to Jericho.

<sup>5</sup> The guild of prophets at Jericho came to Elisha and said, "Did you know that GOD is going to take your master away from you today?"

"Yes," he said, "I know it. But keep it quiet."

<sup>6</sup> Then Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here. GOD has sent me on an errand to the Jordan."

Elisha said, "Not on your life! I'm not letting you out of my sight!" And so the two of them went their way together.

<sup>7</sup> Meanwhile, fifty men from the guild of prophets gathered some distance away while the two of them stood at the Jordan.

<sup>8</sup> Elijah took his cloak, rolled it up, and hit the water with it. The river divided and the two men walked through on dry land.

<sup>9</sup> When they reached the other side, Elijah said to Elisha, "What can I do for you before I'm taken from you? Ask anything."

Elisha said, "Your life repeated in my life. I want to be a holy man just like you."

<sup>10</sup> “That’s a hard one!” said Elijah. “But if you’re watching when I’m taken from you, you’ll get what you’ve asked for. But only if you’re watching.”

<sup>11-14</sup> And so it happened.

## PSALM: Psalm 50:1-6

Marsha Waggoner

Lois Owen, Rebeca Owen, Matthew Owen

<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.

## SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 4:1-6 (MSG)

Marsha Waggoner,

Lois Owen, Rebeca Owen, Matthew Owen

*The spotlight of Christian ministry is not on the people who carry out ministry but on the Lord Jesus Christ. Just as God made light shine at creation, God makes the light of Jesus Christ shine in our lives through Christian ministry.*

<sup>1-2</sup> Since God has so generously let us in on what he is doing, we’re not about to throw up our hands and walk off the job just because we run into occasional hard times. We refuse to play games. We don’t maneuver and manipulate behind the scenes. And we don’t twist God’s Word to suit ourselves. Rather, we keep everything we do and say out in the open, the whole truth on display, so that those who want to can see and judge for themselves in the presence of God.

<sup>3-4</sup> If our Message is obscure to anyone, it’s not because we’re holding back in any way. No, it’s because these other people are looking or going the wrong way and refuse to give it serious attention. All they have eyes for is the fashionable god of darkness. They think he can give them what they want, and that they won’t have to bother believing a Truth they can’t see. They’re stone-blind to the dayspring brightness of the Message that shines with Christ, who gives us the best picture of God we’ll ever get.

<sup>5-6</sup> Remember, our Message is not about ourselves; we’re proclaiming Jesus Christ, the Master. All we are is messengers, errand runners from Jesus for you. It started when God said, “Light

up the darkness!" and our lives filled up with light as we saw and understood God in the face of Christ, all bright and beautiful.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Gospel according to Mark, chapter 9.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

### HOLY 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.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (REPEATED)

## SERMON

Pastor Lyn Crase

## SERMON HYMN

*How Good, Lord, to be Here!*

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## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

- 1) Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.....

- 2) For the gospel proclaimed in word and deed, for communities of faith far and near, and for all who show the face of Christ throughout the world, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**
- 3) For creation: sun, moon and stars; life forming in the dark earth and ocean deep; mountains, clouds and storms, and creatures seen and unseen, and for the Holy Spirit's guidance in our stewardship of God's creation, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**
- 4) For those responsible for safety and protection: for emergency responders and security guards, attorneys and advocates, civil servants and leaders of governments, that they witness to mercy and justice throughout the world, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**
- 5) For all who suffer this day, that Christ our healer transform sickness into health, loneliness into companionship, bereavement into consolation, and suffering into peace, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**
- 6) For companions on life's journey in this worshiping community, for loved ones we cannot be with this day, and for guidance during struggles we face, that God's glory is revealed around and among us, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**
- 7) In thanksgiving for the faithful departed who now rest from their earthly pilgrimage, that their lives of service and prayer inspire us in our living, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**
- 8) Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Amen**

### **SHARING THE PEACE**

**P:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

### **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

**P:** Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

**P:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### **PREFACE**

**P:** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh you have opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision of your glory, that beholding the God made visible, we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY—SUNG

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
san - na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**P:** In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our lord Jesus **took bread**, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he **took the cup**, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.  
Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

**P:** With this bread and cup we remember your Word  
dwelling among us, full of grace and truth.  
We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.  
We look with hope for his coming.

**Come, Lord Jesus.**

**P:** Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us.  
Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us.  
Awaken your people. Fill us with your light.  
Bring the gift of peace on earth.

### **Come, Holy Spirit.**

**P:** All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel,  
Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High,  
one God, now and forever.

**Amen**

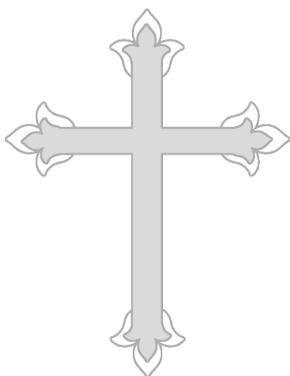
### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**P:** Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen**

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

**P:** Beloved: here is bread; here is wine. Here is Jesus.  
Come and be fed.



## LAMB OF GOD—SUNG

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

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## COMMUNION BLESSING

P: Please rise.

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: 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

## BLESSING

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

Amen

## SENDING HYMN

*We Are Marching in the Light*

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## DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

*In Dulci Jubilo*

J. S. Bach

## SERVICE NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Announcements:** Please check [emanuellutheran.org](http://emanuellutheran.org) and remember to watch your email for updates & news from the church. If you have prayer requests, please call Pastor Lyn or the office.

### *From the Treasurer*

With the arrival of the season of Lent I am reminded that it was just at this time a year ago that we began our long pandemic journey together. We have weathered the lockdowns, stay-at-homes, and disruptions in normal church-sponsored activities. And I for one am growing weary of all the restrictions, necessary as they have been for the health and safety of our community. However, I am bolstered by the good news that together and with the able, wise leadership of Pastor Lyn, we continue to share God's word of love and salvation for all. We can only continue in this mission by the generous ongoing support of our many members and friends. Pastor Lyn and our dedicated staff have kept busy with the work of teaching and reaching out to all whom God has given into our care, including our Daycare children. Our council has reviewed and approved a budget for the ongoing life of Emanuel in 2021. With our continued financial support, that life will be maintained. Our prayer is that God will continue to guide us with energy and wisdom, and we will soon reach the day when we can all sing *together*, loud and joyously, and celebrate our Risen Lord. Until then, please be assured that your financial support is most definitely needed and most gratefully received. Thank you to everyone who has generously contributed to the support of Emanuel Lutheran Church.

Robert Reuter  
Treasurer, Emanuel Lutheran Church

## FORWARD ANEW

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### Our Mission

*To share Christ's unconditional love with everyone.*

### Our Vision

*Emanuel's vision is to be loving, supportive, and welcoming, as we reach out in service and in witness to our neighborhood and the city beyond.*

*We share a passion to nurture people in all stages and circumstances of life.*

*We, as disciples of Christ, minister to our changing community in challenging cultural times.*

*God is calling us to joyfully follow the Holy Spirit in ministry to others.*





*God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God.*

*1 John 4:8*

*We love because he first loved us.*

*1 John 4:19*

# Happy Valentine's Day

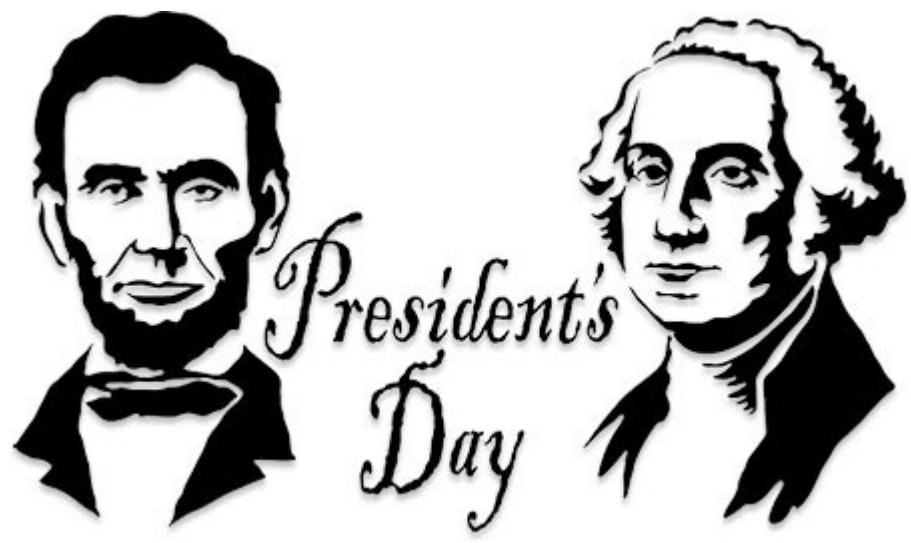
*Let all that you do be done in love.*

*1 Corinthians 16:14*



*Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other.*

*Romans 12:10 (NLT)*



ELC Office and ELDC will be  
closed on Monday, February 15  
in observance of President's Day

## ENTRANCE HYMN

### O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!

1 O Morn - ing Star, how fair and bright! You shine with  
 2 Come, pre - cious dia - mond, light di - vine, and deep with -  
 3 Lord, when you look on us in love, at once there  
 4 Al - might - y Fa - ther, in your Son you loved us,

God's own truth and light, a - glow with grace and mer - cy!  
 in our hearts now shine; there light a flame un - dy - ing!  
 falls from God a - bove a ray of pur - est plea - sure.  
 when not yet be - gun was this old earth's foun - da - tion!

Of Ja - cob's line, King Da - vid's son, our Lord and Sav - ior,  
 In your one bod - y let us be as liv - ing branch - es  
 Your word and Spir - it, flesh and blood re - fresh our souls with  
 Your Son has ran - somed us in love to live in him here

you have won our hearts to serve you on - ly! Low - ly,  
 of a tree, your life our lives sup - ply - ing. Now, though  
 heav'n-ly food. You are our dear - est trea - sure! Let your  
 and a - bove: this is your great sal - va - tion. Al - le -

ho - ly! Great and glo - rious, all vic - to - rious, rich  
 dai - ly earth's deep sad - ness may per - plex us and  
 mer - cy warm and cheer us! Oh, draw near us! For  
 lu - ia! Christ the liv - ing, to us giv - ing life

in bless - ing! Rule and might o'er all pos - sess - ing!  
 dis - tress us, yet with heav'n - ly joy you bless us.  
 you teach us God's own love through you has reached us.  
 for - ev - er, keeps us yours and fails us nev - er!

Text: Philipp Nicolai, 1556–1608; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*

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## HYMN OF THE DAY

### 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

## SENDING HYMN

### We Are Marching in the Light of God

*Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -*  
We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the

*nyen' kwen - khos'.* *Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos',*  
light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God,

*si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.*

*Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) oo*  
We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) oo

*si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.*

*Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) oo*  
We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) oo

*si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.*

*Additional stanzas ad lib.:*  
We are dancing ...  
We are praying ...  
We are singing ...

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## **Prayer Requests – February 14, 2021**

- † Prayers of comfort, strength and peace for Bill Reinheimer and family on the death of his wife and our dear friend, Ila Jean who passed away on February 6th.
- † Prayers for Bill Beasley as he transitions to Firebaugh, CA to live with his daughter and prayers for Yvonne Troedson as she transitions through this change.

**On-going Prayers:** Norma Christiansen—peace and comfort as she has recently entered hospice care; Leslie Lapp—strength and healing for Leslie, her husband and family (Gierhan); Sue Allen—healing & well-being; Laurie Spinuzzi—healing, Pam Black—health, healing and well-being (Silva); Brenna—healing and well-being (Marquez); Tamira Garza—healing/breast cancer treatment and prayers for Jeri as she is a source of strength for her daughter; Jeri's friend Linda Nelson—peace and comfort/pancreatic cancer; Bill Beasley—continued healing; Dawn Brown—healing & well-being (Ixcot); Norma Martin, now in end-stage cancer—comfort & peace (Crawford); Pat & Jack Smith and family—comfort & peace; Lois Silva—healing after eye surgery

### **Pray for the church, the world and all those in need:**

Doctors, nurses, technicians and all hospital personnel who care for patients & their needs.  
For scientists, researchers, medical equipment manufacturers, corporations & employees who have stepped up to help during this crisis.

For those who are awaiting diagnostic tests results; for those already diagnosed with COVID-19 that healing will be complete.

For those who are dying and for those who grieve that they may be comforted with a sure and certain knowledge of Resurrection hope.

For all others who suffer from physical, emotional, mental or spiritual distress during this time we pray they may be sustained in love and grace.

For all this, and for whatever else you see that we need – we pray  
to you, O Lord. In Jesus' name,

Amen

