



TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

February 11, 2024

8:30am, 10:00am, no 5:00pm today

WELCOME to worship! We are now concluding the *Season of Epiphany* (Jan./Feb.) with the story of Jesus' transfiguration. May the Light of Lights, Jesus Christ, fill you with God's power and peace.

GUESTS, please sign in at the "Welcome Table" and receive a gift. For young children, a nursery is available - sign in your child and grab a pager. We also love children in worship and Sunday school (8:30am and 10am).

PRELUDE: *Here Again* by Elevation Worship

Fred Johnson, Organist/Pianist (8:30am/10am)

GATHERING HYMN: All Creatures of Our God and King

(People read/sing **bold** words.)

**All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice with us and sing:
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
O burning sun with golden beam,
And silver moon with softer gleam:
Oh, praise him! Oh, praise him!
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!**


**O rushing wind and breezes soft,
O clouds that ride the winds aloft:
Oh, praise him! Al-le-lu-ia!
O rising morn, in praise rejoice,
O lights of evening, find a voice.
Oh, praise him! Oh, praise him!
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!**

**O ev'ryone of tender heart,
Forgiving others, take your part,
Oh, praise him! Al-le-lu-ia!
All you who pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God and lay on him your care.
Oh, praise him! Oh, praise him!
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!**

INVOCATION AND CONFESSION

I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed; in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, by my fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen. (Silence for confession. Pastor proclaims the forgiveness.)

THE APOSTOLIC GREETING



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

Lord, have mer - cy; have mer - cy, O Lord.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

SPECIAL MUSIC (8:30am): *Absolutely Nothing*

Preschool Choir, Director Michelle Lum

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Preschool Director Shelli Parajeckas

(8:30/10am - Children may leave for Sunday school and return during Holy Communion.)

THE FIRST LESSON: 2 Kings 2:6-12

Then Elijah said to Elisha, "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. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. 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. 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." 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." 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. 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!**)

THE SECOND LESSON: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

(Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**)


Al - le - lu - ia, al - le-lu-ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Leader: Speak, O Lord, Your servant is listening. You have the words of eternal life.
(People sing Alleluia again.)

(The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark, the 9th chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord!**)

THE GOSPEL: Mark 9:2-8

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, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. 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." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

(The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**)

INSTALLATION OF 2024 COUNCIL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANTHEM (10am): *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring* Sanctuary Choir, Music Director Kathy Person**HYMN OF THE DAY: *Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God*** (Getty & Townend)**Holy Spirit, living Breath of God****Breathe new life into my willing soul.****Bring the presence of the risen Lord****To renew my heart and make me whole.****Cause Your Word to come alive in me****Give me faith for what I cannot see****Give me passion for Your purity.****Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.****Holy Spirit, come abide within****May Your joy be seen in all I do—****Love enough to cover ev'ry sin**

In each thought and deed and attitude
Kindness to the greatest and the least
Gentleness that shows the path of peace.
Turn my striving into works of grace.
Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth
Giving life to all that God has made
Show Your power once again on earth
Cause Your church to hunger for Your ways.
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise.
Lead us on the road of sacrifice
That in unity the face of Christ
Will be clear for all the world to see.

THE MESSAGE: "An Awe-Full Time"

Pastor David R. Mattson

OFFERTORY MUSIC: *An Offering* by Dan Forrest

Andy Degen

OFFERTORY RESPONSE: **The Doxology**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (After each prayer - Lord in Your mercy. **Hear our Prayer.**)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION FOR HOLY COMMUNION (All who believe Christ is present in this sacrament are welcome. Non-communing children and adults who choose not to receive, may come forward for a blessing. Please cross your arms as a signal you would prefer a blessing. Also, juice is located in the center of each tray, and gluten-free wafers are available upon request-please indicate this choice to a pastor.)

HOLY COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION MUSIC:

Lamb of God

#195

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.**

Beautiful Savior

#838

**Beautiful Savior, King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love thee, Truly I'd serve thee,
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.**

Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands,

**Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
He makes our sorrowing spirit sing.**

**Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight,
Bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels in the sky.**

**Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration,
Now and forever more be thine!**

This Little Light of Mine

#677

**This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!**

**Ev-'ry-where I go, I'm goin'a let it shine;
ev-'ry-where I go, I'm goin'a let it shine;
ev-'ry-where I go, I'm goin'a let it shine;
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!**

**Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'a let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'a let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'a let it shine;
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER AND BLESSING

THE BENEDICTION

THE SENDING HYMN: Earth and All Stars

#731 vv. 1-3

**Earth and all stars! Loud rushing planets!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blowing snowstorm!
Sing to the Lord a new song!**

Refrain: **God has done mar-vel-ous things.
I too sing praises with a new song!**

Trumpet and pipes! Loud clashing cymbals!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Harp, lute, and lyre! Loud humming cellos!
Sing to the Lord a new song! (Refrain.)

Engines and steel! Loud pounding hammers!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Limestone and beams! Loud building workers!
Sing to the Lord a new song! (Refrain.)

SENDING WORDS: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE: *Fanfare* by James Conely Fred Johnson, Organist/Pianist (8:30am/10am)

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THANKS TO OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY!

8:30am: Acolyte: Elijah Don; Coffee Prep: Martyn & Vanessa Frost; Communion: Christian Asis & Pat McKinley; Lector: John Adams; Ushers: Lynne & Wes Morgan; Welcome Table: Sharon Derr
10am: Acolyte: Jenna Hallowell; Coffee Clean-up: Lora & William Stoll; Communion: Marsha Atkinson & Roger Grefsrud; Lector: Susan Warneke; Usher: Dennis Pysz & Dianne Scott; Welcome Table: Cheryl Swinehart

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5pm Worship Leader Micaela Lum

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS are provided by Kathi Anderson in loving memory of Cliff Anderson on his birthday.

NURSERY is available on Sunday mornings at 8:30am & 10am services (babies - pre-K.). It is located up the steps, inside the preschool room, closest to the church. Sign your child in and grab a pager.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS - Bill & Teri Abrams; Clayton, Michelle & Emmaline Dietrich; Natalie, Sean, Isabelle, Grace & Aria Hribar-Kelly; Steven, Kim, Micah & Kennedy Merchant; AnnMarie & Mitchell Thomas; Pam & Patrick Thomas; and Mary & Tom Whitman.

NEW COUNCIL FOR 2024 - We thank the people who were elected as Gloria Dei's Leadership Team for this year: Christian Asis (President), Lora Schultz (VP), Shelly Higgins (Treasurer), Zac Welin (Financial Secretary), Dianne Scott (Secretary), Tim Boyd, Julie Hettmann, Bill Jonas, Scott Neiderhiser, Greg Person, Susan Warneke, Chelsea Weiss.

BIBLE YEAR STUDY Thursdays, 6:30pm, Pastor David leads a study on the readings. (2/11/24: Proverbs 1:1 - Proverbs 13:25. This group will be taking a break for Lent and begin after Easter.

PRESCHOOL TOURS & REGISTRATION (fall 2024) in full swing for church members & returning students. If interested, please contact Preschool Dir. Shelli Parajekas at preschool@mygloriadei.org.

MEN'S SPRING TRAINING RETREAT (Arizona). Wonderful time of watching baseball and fellowship. Leave early Friday morning from the church and return late Sunday afternoon. (March 1-3). See the sign-up. There's room for only 30. Meeting for all going - today (9:30am) in the Sanctuary.

AMAZING CONCERT - Stephanie Trick & Paolo Alderighi Piano Concert - Tomorrow, February 12, 7pm. Appetizers/drinks beforehand at 6pm. Join us for this great time of fellowship and music. Sign-up.

LENT 2024

The Great Lutheran Bake Off (John 6)

SEASON OF LENT begins with Ash Wednesday, February 14. Three opportunities for The Imposition of Ashes, 8-9am (drive-thru-upper circle); noon worship in the Sanctuary, 7pm worship in Bankson Hall (Soup suppers begin that night, 6pm). Theme for Lent will be based on John 6, Bread for the Journey as we follow Jesus to the cross and then on to the empty tomb.

SOUP SUPPERS FOR LENT - begin February 14. Sign-up to provide soup. Every Wednesday soup is served from 6pm-6:30pm before worship. Join in! Thanks for providing soup.

FIRST COMMUNION INSTRUCTION begins for young children in the Sanctuary on three Wednesdays: February 28, March 6, & March 13 at 5:15pm. Sign-up. Child and a parent need to attend. Questions, speak with Pastor David or Assistant Minister Dana Becker.

HOLY WEEK: Palm Sunday, March 24 (Procession with Palms and a donkey; First Communion); Maundy Thursday, March 28; Good Friday, March 29 (Tenebrae - 7 Last Words. Noon & 7pm); Easter - Resurrection Sunday, March 31 (6:30am-outside; 8:30am, 10am)

BOWERS MUSEUM TOUR - All women are welcome this Saturday, 11am. Cost - \$17 general or \$15 for seniors. Sign-up & pay at the Welcome Table. Carpool? Meet at the church at 10am.

BILLY STEELE - Three time Grammy winner Billy Steele leads Gospel music at the morning services on Sunday, February 25 (8:30am & 10am. No 5pm service). Invite a friend to this wonderful time! Pick up a flier at the Welcome Table and invite a friend to hear him.

WOMEN'S ONE DAY RETREAT - March 16, 2024 at Marina Hills Clubhouse, 9am - 4pm. Speaker is Stephanie Spencer from *40 Orchards* in Minnesota. She'll lead us through scripture circles around grace & wholeness. All women are welcome. Sign-up at the Welcome Table.

TIME & TALENT - Volunteer schedule for February - July 2024, has been distributed, via email & by mail. If you expected to receive a schedule but didn't, please contact Carol Weinhardt at gloriadei@mygloriadei.org or 949-493-3414. Thanks for making Gloria Dei run by volunteering!

NEW ARTWORK by Arts & Outreach Minister Michelle Lum and volunteers, "*Lights of the World*" is hanging from the window near organ pipes/bell choir. Thanks to Jeff Contestabile for helping construct the artwork & to all those who made it possible!

SUNDAY SCHOOL (Age 4 - 5th grade/8:30am & 10am service). Kids leave worship with their teacher following the Children's Message and return at Communion. To register your child for Sunday school, speak with Susie Boland: fellowship@mygloriadei.org. Thanks to all our leaders and teachers!

WOMEN'S WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY - Every Wednesday at 10am all women are invited to join in! Great way to start the new year! Study is led by Assistant Minister Dana Becker and Pastor David.

MICHELLE LUM'S MFA EXHIBIT at Claremont Graduate University will take place on Tuesday, March 19, 5pm - 7pm. For details or carpool information, please see the sign-up at the Welcome Table.

"FOOTSTEPS OF SAINT PAUL" (Greece Trip) - Pastor David will be leading a group to Greece (land/sea), April 9-20, 2024. One spot is open for a woman. For all participating, a meeting will be held Sunday, February 18, 6pm in the Sanctuary.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Good Friday Services (12pm & 7pm); Easter Sunday Services (March 31, 6:30am, 8:30am & 10am); Children's Eggstravaganza Hunt (March 31, 9:30am); Good Shepherd Petting Zoo (April 21); Youth Fundraiser Dinner for National Youth Gathering (April 19); Gen2Gen Cinco de "Magico" Dinner (May 5, 5pm); Mom's & Mimosa Pancake Breakfast (May 12, 11am); Church Campout (June 7-9); Vacation Bible School (June 17-21)

OPPORTUNITIES FOR FEBRUARY 11 - 17, 2024

Today: Worship (8:30am & 10am); Nursery (8:30am & 10am); Children's Choir (8:30am); Men's Spring Training Retreat Meeting (9:30am); NA Meeting (6:30pm)

Monday: South Coast Literacy Council (10am); Al Anon (5:30pm); Concert Reception (6pm); Stephanie Trick & Paolo Alderighi Concert (7pm)

Tuesday: AA Men (7am); Surfside Quilters General Meeting (9am); Heart Lifters (6:30am); VFW Auxiliary (6:30pm); Al Anon (7pm); Church Council Meeting (7pm)

Ash Wednesday: AA Men (7am); Ash Wednesday Drive-By Ashes (8am - 9am); Surfside Quilters Guild (9am); Women's Bible Study (10am); Ash Wednesday Service (12pm); Ash Wednesday Soup Supper (6pm); Mission Hospital Alumni Group (6pm); Ash Wednesday Service (7pm); 12 Step Couples Group (7:30pm)

Thursday: AA Men (7am); AA Women (9:30am); South Coast Literacy Council Games & Conversation (1pm); Fred Johnson Rehearsal (5pm); Al Anon Coed (5:30pm); Bell Choir (6:30pm); AA Men (7pm); Sanctuary Choir (7:30pm)

Friday: Carpet Cleaning All 3 Buildings (9am); (3:30pm); Art Ministry Gathering (6:30pm)

Saturday: AA Men (7am); Serra's Pantry & Sr. High Servers at Serra's Pantry (8:30am); ACA Meeting (11:30am); Ukrainian School of Orange County (1:30pm); Ukrainian Worship (2pm); Simitrio Silva Event (5pm); NA Meeting (7pm)