

ST. ANDREW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

**Sunday, February 11, 2024
Transfiguration Sunday
9:30am Holy Communion Worship Service**



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TODAY IN WORSHIP

Worship Leader: Pastor Thomas Neel

Worship Assistant: Guy Ehler

Organist: Mark Jonkman

Audio-Video Production: John Costanzo

Lector: Sue Heater

Usher: Ed Schaeffer

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN OF PRAISE

Glory to God

Hymnal Page 121 (front)

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A 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.

C **Amen.**

Please be seated.

FIRST READING

L A reading from Second Kings, Chapter 2.

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

⁴Elijah 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. ⁵The 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.”

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

⁹When 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.” ¹⁰He 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.” ¹¹As 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. ¹²Elisha 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.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

L A reading from Second Corinthians, Chapter 4.

³Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴In 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. ⁵For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus’ sake. ⁶For 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.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

GOSPEL: Mark 9:2-9

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the ninth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

P ²Six 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, ³and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵Then 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." ⁶He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" ⁸Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

⁹As 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.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S TIME

SERMON

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Faith of Our Fathers

Hymnal #812

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

INSTALLATION OF CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS

P The following people have been elected by the congregation to positions of leadership. We give thanks for their willingness to serve. In baptism we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God; we rejoice now that these sisters and brothers will lead us in our common life and our mutual mission as a congregation: Teresa Diehl, Diane Dutko, Deborah Ealer, Sue Himmelreich, Diane Laustsen, Laurie Roth, and Ed Schaeffer.

A reading from First Corinthians the twelfth chapter: There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

You have been elected to positions of leadership and trust in this congregation.

You are to see that the words and deeds of this household of faith bear witness to God, who gathers us into one together with the whole church.

You are to seek to involve all members of this congregation in worship, learning, witness, service, and support, so that the mission of Christ is carried out in this congregation, in the wider church, in this community, and in the whole world.

You are to be faithful in your specific area of serving, that the Spirit who empowers you may be glorified.

You are to be examples of faith active in love, fostering peace, harmony, and mutual understanding in this congregation.

P On behalf of your sisters and brothers in Christ, I ask you:

Will you accept and faithfully carry out the duties of the offices to which you have been *elected*?

Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Please stand as you are able.

P People of God, I ask you: Will you support these, your *elected* leaders, and will you share in the mutual ministry that Christ has given to all who are baptized?

C We will, and we ask God to help us.

P I now declare you installed as Congregation Council members.

Almighty God bless you, and direct your days and your deeds in peace, that you may be faithful servants of Christ.

C Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation. *A brief silence.*

A We pray for the church, that the transformational power of God enters the hearts of all people. May its leaders serve as examples of your grace and healing across time and space. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

A We pray for those charged with leadership, lawmaking, and governance of our towns, states, and countries, that they will strive for goodness and justice all the days of their lives and callings. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

A We pray for any who are sick and suffering especially (_____, *and*) those we now name silently in our hearts. Guide us to offer hospitality, shelter, friendship, and care to any in need. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

A We pray for all who are in long term care, especially Jessica, Audrey, Elaine, Elizabeth, Ella, John, Lisa, Crystal, Michael, Debbie, Lori, David, Laura, David, Paul, Barbara, Doris, Ethel, Jim, Melissa, John, Doug, Kevin, and those we now name aloud or silently in our hearts. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

A We pray for St. Stephen's Lutheran Church of Bethlehem and the Rev. Barry Harte, Interim Pastor. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

A Trusting that all the saints, prophets, and those who die in faith are held in your care, we remember in thanksgiving those who have died especially (_____, *and*) those we now name silently in our hearts. Grant us your gift of salvation as we await your coming again in glory. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

A Peaceful God, we plead for an end to the violence in the Ukraine and Israel. Comfort those who have lost or are separated from their loved ones due to these senseless conflicts.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Amen

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

Please be seated.

OFFERING

ANTHEM

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Chancel Choir

OFFERING SONG *Create in Me a Clean Heart*

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right
spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take
not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of
your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray. Blessed are you, Holy One, for all good things come from you. In bread and cup you open heaven to us. Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek and follow your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray.

C Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

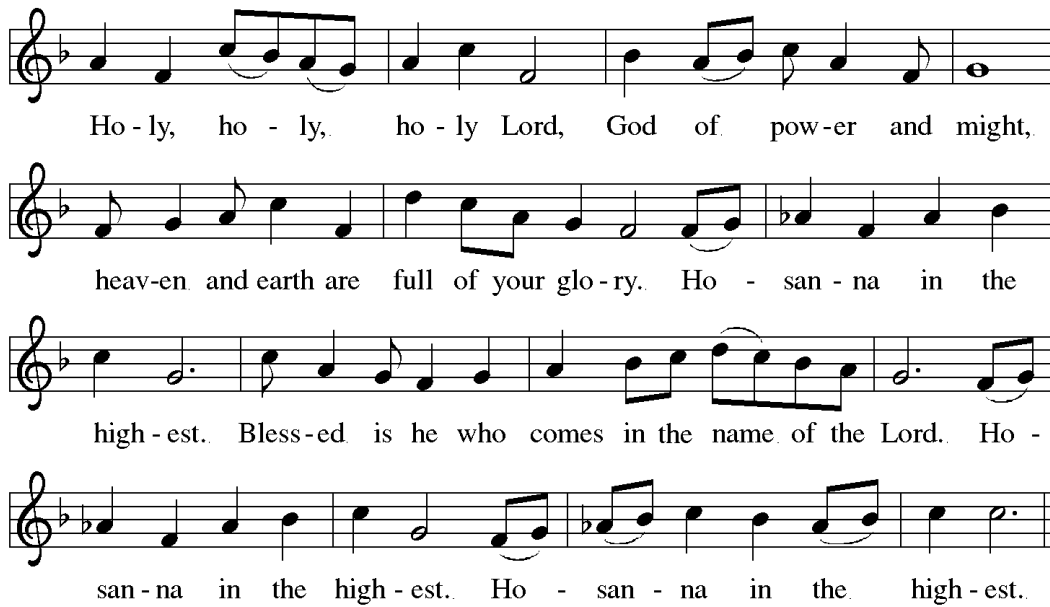
C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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; who, sharing our life, lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to your own brilliant light. 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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P Al-might-y Lord, we praise your shining light, your glowing grace. From before the earth's foundation, you loved us and promised us life forever. Within the earth's deep sadness, we laud your great and glorious might. Despite our tears and sinning, we sing of the gladness of your mercy. We praise your Son, our Morning Star. Christ is our diamond bright, our treasure dear. He is our living Savior who has ransomed us in love. He keeps us yours and fails us never—today, tomorrow, and every day.

On the night before his great salvation, he 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. With joy we tell our story: Alleluia!

C **Alleluia!**

P We call for your Spirit on us and this meal. Refresh our souls with this heavenly food, the body and blood of your Son. Nourish us as branches of your tree, and enlighten us with your undying flame. We sing out to the Father, we ring out to the Son, we exult in the Spirit. Transport us in our yearning, and be for us the end and the beginning, our purest pleasure, our victorious crown, our never-ending love. And so we pray and praise: Amen, amen, amen, amen.

C **Amen, and Amen!**

LORD'S PRAYER

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

C **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**

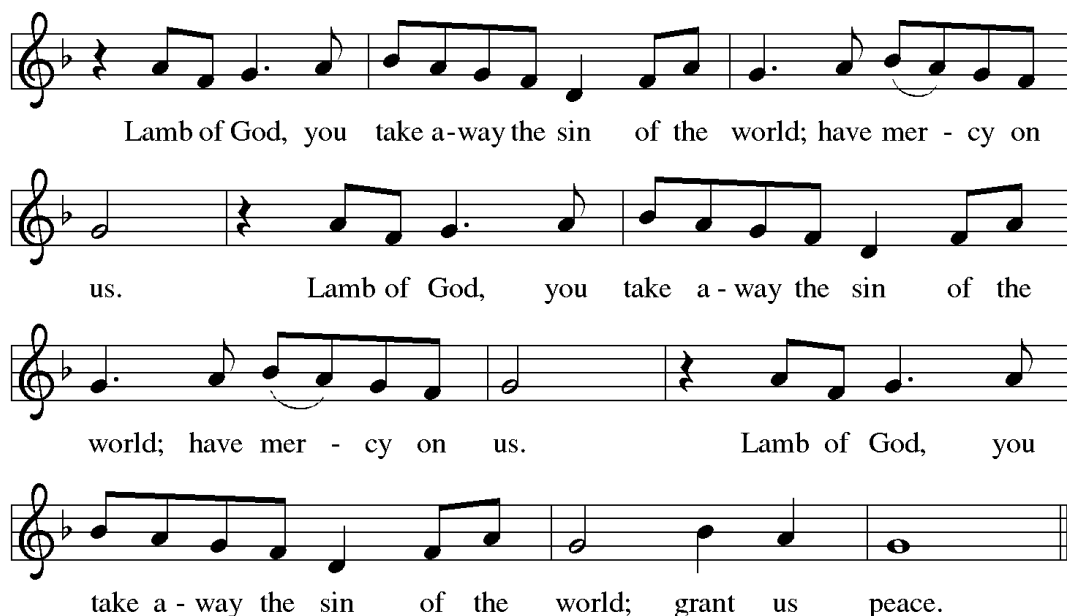
forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P At Jesus' table, heaven and earth are joined as one. Come and see.

Please be seated.

LAMB OF GOD



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.

Hymns during distribution:

Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup	Hymnal #492
For the Bread You Have Broken	Hymnal #494
I am the Bread of Life	Hymnal #485

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

Holy Communion will be celebrated at the base of the steps this day or at your seats. All are welcome to receive the bread and the wine. Gluten free wafers are available for those who want them.

Please stand as you are able.

When all have received Communion:

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

C Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Let us pray. Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever.

C Amen.

BLESSING

P God who names you, Christ who claims you, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you, ✝ bless you and remain with you always.

C Amen.

SENDING SONG *We Are Marching in the Light* Hymnal #866

ANNUAL CELEBRATION CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – See Agenda on Page 11.

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BIRTHDAYS...Lorraine Arnts, Carl Azzalina, Luke Csellak-Swanson, Mekhi Grant, Emilee Hajdu, Karen Sachs, Mary Schuck, Cooper Troxell, Jesse Vivian.

Immediate Prayers*: Margaret Bennett, Tricia Cappello, Marilyn Cappello, Carol Ehler, Rolf Enblom, Maj-Britt Enblom, Carl Fisher, Pam Garity, Debbie Henry, Jim, Joseph, Lorenzo, C. David Massey, Matt, Mona, Irene Neel, Ron Parks, Rachel, Kamryn Setzer, Diane Shaw, Andi Steckel, and Bob Sutton.

*As of February 9, 2024

Homebound/Nursing Home: Margaret Bennett, Shirley Curto, Lisa Detweiler, Carl Fisher, Theresa Lawhead, Shirley Messenlehner, Ruth Snyder and Doris Wanamaker.

Long Term Prayers: Jessica Arnoldi, Audrey Bertsch, Elaine Bobeck, Elizabeth Campbell, Ella Campbell-Becker, John Clay, Lisa Detweiler, Crystal DiLonardo, Michael DiLonardo, Debbie DiLonardo, Niklas Enblom, Lori Gilbert, David Jackson, Laura Lee Laustsen, David Laustsen, Paul

Laustsen, Barbara Lindner, Doris Neumeyer, Ethel Shive, Jim Slater, Melissa Steckel, John Velekei, Doug VonNessen, and Kevin Yeatts.

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THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S

Sunday, February 11	Transfiguration of Our Lord 9:30pm *Holy Communion Worship Service Annual Celebration Congregational Meeting follows worship. No Confirmation Class
Monday, February 12	7:00pm Parent Partnership Support Group 7:00pm Congregation Council via Zoom
Tuesday, February 13	7:00pm Easton Musical Arts
Wednesday, February 14	Ash Wednesday 10:00am St. Andrew's Women – Social Room 7:00pm Ash Wednesday Worship Services
Thursday, February 15	7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday, February 16	Nursery School Closed 7:30pm Crossroads AA
Sunday, February 18	First Sunday of Lent 9:30pm *Holy Communion Worship Service No Confirmation Class

*This service is live broadcast and recorded.

ST. ANDREW EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
2024 ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
THE 70th ANNUAL CELEBRATION
February 11, 2024
AGENDA

1. Call to order the 70th Annual Meeting of St. Andrew's - Laurie Roth, President
2. Establishment of Quorum
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Approval of Minutes of 2023 Annual Cong. Meeting
5. Recognition of 2023 Council Members and Staff
6. Reports of Staff (pp. 1-6)
7. Congregational Council Report 2023 (p. 7)
8. Parish Register (pp.15-18)
9. Financial Report 2023 (pp. 33-45)
10. Ministry Reports (pp. 19-32) *Celebrating God's Work through St. Andrew's in 2023*
11. Old Business
12. New Business
13. Courtesy of the Floor for Q & A
14. Adjournment