



# Transfiguration of Our Lord

Worship with Holy Communion

February 19, 2023



## Welcome to Bethel Lutheran Church

We are glad you are here with us—in person and via Zoom—and we pray God will be real to you as you worship. Bethel is a Reconciling in Christ congregation. Knowing God loves all creation and holds us all, we welcome you. We welcome everyone and honor the rich diversity and giftedness that age, sexual orientation, race, belief, emotional and physical health, gender identity, marital status and station in life bring to the Bethel family and our relationships.

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**Communion** - We will celebrate Holy Communion together via Zoom, as well as gathered in person. Please have bread/cracker(s) and a cup of wine/grape juice ready if you and those with you would like to participate. If you do not have access to wine or grape juice, you may receive Communion without the cup—Christ is present in the bread, as Jesus said, “I am the Bread of Life.” (John 6:35)

## GATHERING

**Prelude** \

**Morning Prayer Op. 39 No. 1**

**By Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky**



*Restrooms are located in the basement on the east side of the building. An all gender restroom is located behind the worship space next to the church office. Please ask the Usher or Greeter for assistance. There is also a rocking chair in the rear of the Sanctuary. Please use it as you wish.*

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# Thanksgiving for Baptism

*Please stand in body or spirit and face the baptismal font*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,  
the fountain of living water,  
the rock who gave us birth,  
our light and our salvation.

**Amen.**

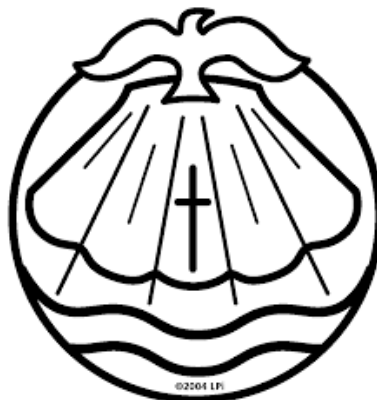
Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,  
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.  
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.  
We give you thanks, O God,  
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters  
and by your Word you created the world,  
calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.  
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.  
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.  
By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,  
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,  
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.  
Shower us with your Spirit,  
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise  
through Jesus Christ our Lord  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**



## You Are Holy

### *Du är helig*

1 \*



Du är he - lig, du är hel. Du är all - tid myck-et mer  
You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more



än vi nån - sin kan för - stå, du är nä - ra än - då.  
than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.



Väl - sig - nad va - re du som kom - mer hit just nu,  
Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here



väl - sig - na - de vår jord, blir till bröd på vår jord.  
to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.

2



Du är he - lig, du är hel - het,  
You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,



du är när - het he - la kos - mos lo - var dig!  
you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!



Ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na,  
Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!



ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na vår Gud.  
Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

\* May be sung in canon.

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## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray together:

**O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

## WORD

### Scripture Reading

**Exodus 24:12-18**

A reading from Exodus

<sup>12</sup>The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." <sup>13</sup>So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. <sup>14</sup>To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them."

<sup>15</sup>Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. <sup>16</sup>The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. <sup>17</sup>Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. <sup>18</sup>Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Word of God, Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Acclamation

*Please stand in body or spirit*



## Gospel Reading

**Matthew 17:1-9**

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord!**

<sup>1</sup>Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. <sup>2</sup>And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. <sup>3</sup>Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. <sup>4</sup>Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." <sup>5</sup>While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" <sup>6</sup>When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. <sup>7</sup>But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." <sup>8</sup>And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

<sup>9</sup>As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Children's Time

## Sermon



# Hymn of the Day

## Shine Jesus Shine

*Refrain*

A E/A D A/C# Bm B<sup>7</sup>

Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this land with the

E A E/A D A

Fa - ther's glo - ry; blaze, Spir - it, blaze, set our

Bm Bm/A G E A E/A D A/C#

hearts on fire. Flow, riv - er, flow, flood the

Bm B<sup>7</sup> E A E/A

na - tions with grace and mer - cy; send forth your Word,

D A/C# Bm E<sup>7</sup> A D

Lord, and let there be light!

*To stanzas* E/A D/A *Last time* A

A D/A A E/A

1 Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing,  
2 As we gaze on your king - ly bright - ness,

A D/A A E/A

in the midst of the dark - ness, shin - ing;  
so our fac - es dis - play your like - ness,

D E/D C#m F#m

Je - sus, light of the world, shine up - on us,  
ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry,

D E/D C#m F#m

set us free by the truth you now bring us.  
mir - rored here, may our lives tell your sto - ry.

G Esus E G Esus E *Refrain*

Shine on me, shine on me:  
Shine on me, shine on me:



## Prayers of Intercession

*The response to each prayer is: Merciful God, **receive our prayer.***

**Sharing of Peace** — *Take time to share the peace on Zoom and in person*

## COMMUNION MEAL

*For those worshipping virtually, please gather your bread and wine to participate in Holy Communion.*

### Offering

*You may use one of our options for giving: Venmo @BethelLutheran-Church phone # digits 6064, Paypal, see our website [bethelpdx.org](http://bethelpdx.org) for link, online at: <http://bethelpdx.org/donate> Additionally you may donate by mail or, if worshipping in-person, use the offering plate in the back of the sanctuary. Thank you for supporting the many ministries of Bethel!*

### Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

**Liberating God,**

**you break the bonds of injustice**

**and let the oppressed go free.**

**Receive these offerings in thanksgiving**

**for all your works of merciful power,**

**and shape us as people of your justice and freedom.**

**You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior,**

**Amen.**

### Great Thanksgiving

*Please stand in body or spirit.*

The Lord be with you.

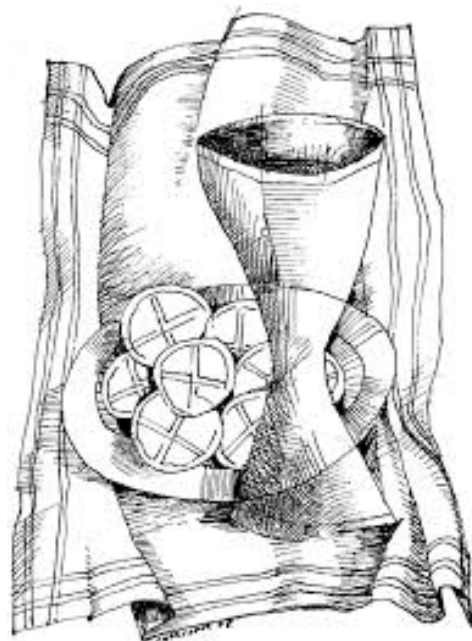
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

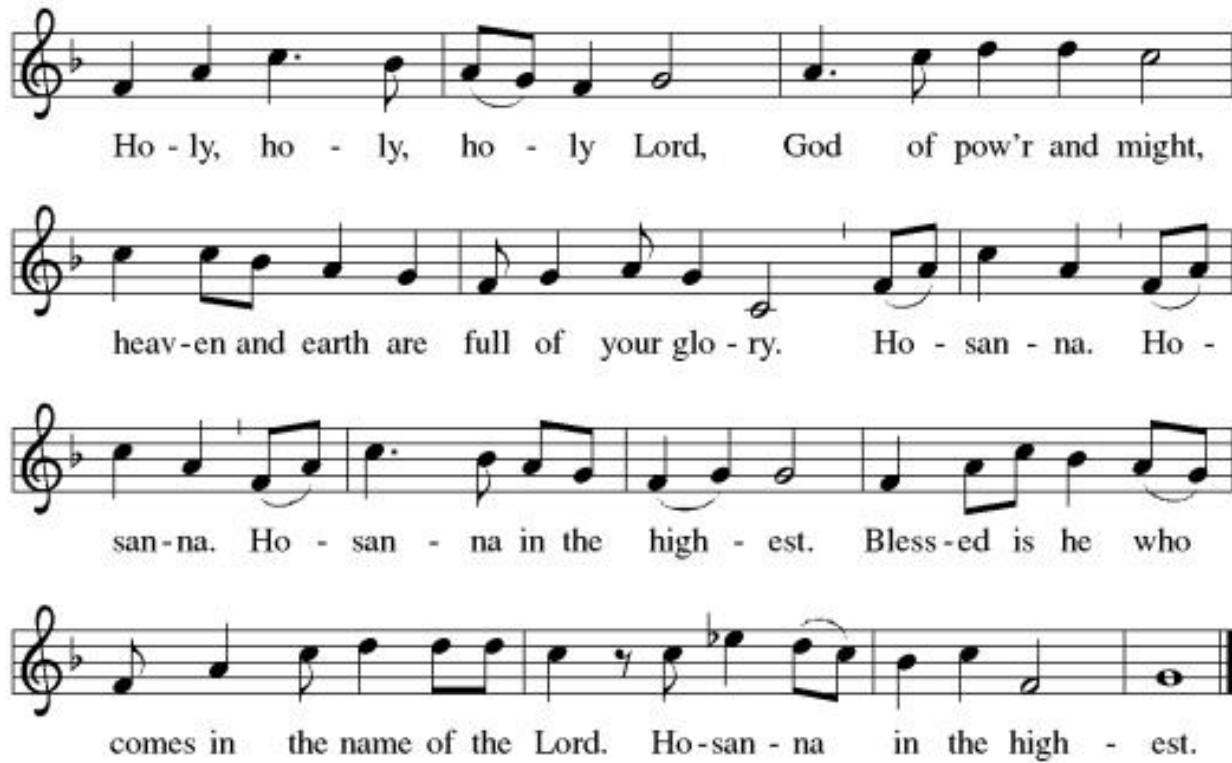
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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



*The Thanksgiving continues with the preface for the season.*



*The presiding minister continues with the Thanksgiving at the Table. At the end, all say: **Amen.***

## **The Lord's Prayer**

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

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is 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.**

Please be seated

## **Sharing the Bread and Cup**

### **Communion Music**

### **Sound of Silence**

*By Simon & Garfunkel*



# SENDING

## Announcements

### Blessing

The God who faithfully brings forth justice  
and breaks the oppressor's rod  
✠ bless, strengthen, and uphold you,  
today and always.  
**Amen.**

### Sending Song

**Over the Rainbow**  
*By Harold Arlen*

### The Sending.

Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.  
**Thanks be to God.**



Stewardship of Service	This week – Feb. 19, 2023	Next week – Feb. 26, 2023
Ministers	All Baptized Members of Bethel	All Baptized Members of Bethel
Pastor	Pastor Leon LaCross	Pastor Leon LaCross
Music Director	Shlomo Farber	Shlomo Farber
Reader	Jackie Calder	TBD
Zoom Host	<b>Joann Noll</b>	<b>Volunteer needed!</b>

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## **Please Pray**

**Pray for the women of Iran** that they may speak out in safety and be heard and honored.

**Pray for Farid Owji**, a cousin to a friend of Pastor Leon, who is a journalist in Iran who was jailed for 27 days. Help him to heal from his trauma and help him as he seeks safety and asylum in other countries.

**Let us continue to pray for all victims of gun violence.**

**Pray for Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Seaside, OR.** Let us lift them up in the spirit of congeniality, and partnership to live out the gospel message with our neighbors. Especially as they get ready for a new roof and their 75th anniversary.

**Pray for peace and justice in Russia and Ukraine.** Pray for the people of both countries, the diplomats and negotiators, and the leaders of all the nations involved. Pray that all refugees and displaced persons are safe and warm and fed. Bring healing and comfort to the injured and grieving. Pray that the warfare ceases.

**Pray for peace and justice** and safety among our houseless neighbors. Help us understand how we can share your love with them.

**Pray for Bethel leaders**, including Pastor Leon LaCross, Music Director Shlomo Farber, Admin Assistant Kerry Czuba, the 2022 Church Council members, and for all the members and friends of Bethel Lutheran Church.

**Pray for those going through our confirmation program** that they grow in faith and have a deeper understanding of Jesus as someone who is a guiding, loving force in their lives.

**Pray for our children**, as they work on the 2<sup>nd</sup> half the school year. May they finish out the year with a yearning to learn more.

**Pray for those who are ill:**

- **Neil Marshall** (Nash's Portland family) as Neil undergoes treatment for a brain tumor while newly returned to his home base
- **Faith Moser** (mother of Joann Noll) and all her family who are caregiving and traveling and dealing with plumbing adventures in Faith's older home.
- **David Gyles** for his improved lung health
- **Leo Lawrence** as he continues treatment for cancer
- **Jeff Kolpin, husband of Shirley**, as he recovers from hip surgery. Give them the grace and humor to get through.
- **John Knight and family** as John continues in memory care
- **Laura Day**, mother of Natalie Peterson, in her diagnosis and treatment of cancer
- **Donald Gibler**, grandson of Laverne Atkins, who has experienced a set back due to a previous injury.
- **Clarence Montgomery and his family**, cousin of Karen Anderson, who has been recently diagnosed with Parkinson's disease that has progressed rapidly.
- **Gary Andeen** as he receives treatments for lung cancer.
- **Amy Bishop McDonald** for her diagnosis and surgery for breast cancer.
- **Faith St. John** for a speedy recovery after surgery
- **Chuck Huntley**, brother of Marjorie Strieff, for his ongoing health.

**Pray for those enduring family loss and anguish**, we continue to pray for the **Marx Family**.

**Pray for all those who have passed away** that they experience the loving embrace of God's love.

**Pray for the friends and family of Richard Miller**, father of Lisa Siems, who passed away suddenly.

**Pray for the Hansen family** as John Hansen the son of Warren and Joyce Hansen (who the piano is being given in memory of) has died. Their grandfather, L. Warren Hansen was pastor at Bethel in the 40s-50s so roots go deep. Surviving siblings include Julie (Hansen) Lyons and brothers Paul and Karl.

**Pray for Mike Dundas and family** for the passing of Bertie Dundas.

**Pray for Miles Bard** as he transitions to moving back to Portland.

**Pray for Cedar**, nephew of P.J. & Dorian Bentley, that he receives caring and effective mental health treatment during a very difficult time for him and his family.

Continuing prayers for well-being for our loved ones **Timothy, Elizabeth, Faith, Jim, Rob, Jacob, Miles, Andrew, Nash, and Patricia**--may they walk in light and peace.

**Pray in thanksgiving** for all the blessings received this week.

**Pray we know that God is close** and we are open to receiving and sharing God's love.

A poster for a theatrical production titled "Star Trip: The Wrath of Kazrool". The background is a black field with numerous white lines radiating from a central point, creating a sense of high-speed travel or a starburst effect. The title "Star Trip:" is in a stylized, italicized font, and "The Wrath of Kazrool" is in a larger, bold, italicized font. Below the title, there is a table of ticket prices. At the bottom, there is contact information for Bethel Lutheran Church, including a phone number and an email address. A small disclaimer is also present.

*Stardate 2023*

**Star Trip:**  
**The Wrath of Kazrool**

Dinners:	Feb. 24, Feb. 25	\$25
	Mar. 3, Mar. 4	\$25
Desserts:	Feb. 26, Mar. 5	\$20

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To make sure everyone gets a fair chance to buy tickets we're asking that all reserved tickets be prepaid within a week of making the reservation so that unused tickets can be released to folks who might otherwise be turned away. Sorry, we cannot offer refunds for unused tickets.

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Send

THIS IS MY SON;  
LISTEN TO HIM!



### Countdown

Like Moses, Jesus was changed on a mountain, too. Hold up this page to see the mountain through the paper. This picture should have:

- 4 men—Jesus, Peter, James, and John. **Draw Jesus.**
  - 3 tents for Jesus, Moses, and Elijah. **Draw two more tents.**
  - 2 Old Testament visitors—Moses and Elijah. **Draw Moses.**
  - 1 God saying “This is my Son, listen to him!” **Draw a cloud around God’s words.**
4. 3. 2. 1. Go and serve the Lord!

### This week

Lent begins this week. Check your church calendar for worship opportunities on Ash Wednesday.

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# Kids Celebrate

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## gather

Welcome to worship.

Today is Transfiguration Sunday, the last and brightest Sunday after the Epiphany.

Color the banners with bright colors. Use the letters to make a word.



We use this word to give praise to God:

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## hear & celebrate

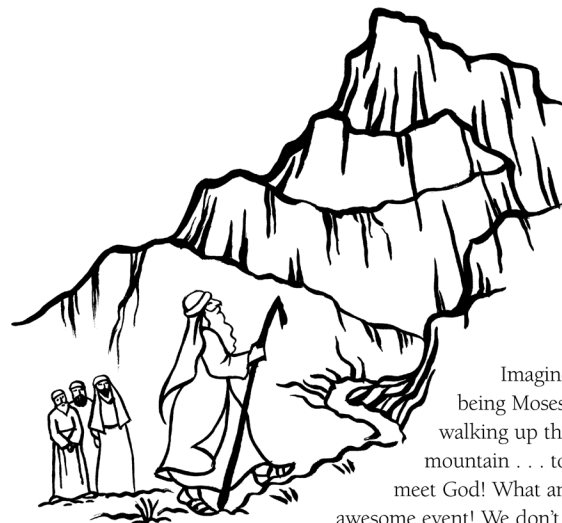
### Mountaintop times

Exodus 24:12-18

Words like *alleluia* express awesome mountaintop times. Because Lent begins on Ash Wednesday this week, the word *alleluia* won't be heard in worship for a long time. On Easter morning *alleluias* will be all around.

Find the words **ALLELUIA** and **GLORY** at least three times in this puzzle.

F	M	G	A	G	I	S	G	A
R	P	J	L	C	B	N	L	B
W	S	O	L	G	G	L	O	Z
Y	R	H	E	A	E	P	R	O
Y	E	U	L	L	W	Q	Y	N
K	A	I	U	L	E	L	L	A
O	F	I	I	H	V	J	S	U
D	A	C	A	G	L	O	R	Y



Imagine being Moses walking up the mountain . . . to meet God! What an awesome event! We don't know exactly what happened. We only have words from the Bible to help us imagine. A cloud covered the mountain. Moses heard God's voice coming from the cloud.

**Draw the cloud on the mountain.**



We will listen to you, Jesus, and follow you. Amen



Make a tally here of the number of times you sing or say *alleluia* in worship today.

