



Shepherd of the Hill Lutheran Church – ELCA

"Encouraging faith and proclaiming God's love by Gathering, Growing and Giving."

Transfiguration Sunday

Service of the Word

February 14, 2021

NOTE: **Bold text indicates worshippers' response**, and *' means please stand as able
Feel free to add you prayer requests on our Facebook page

PRELUDE

Jennifer Kinblom

WELCOME & MINISTRY MESSAGES

GATHERING

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

* CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS Mighty one of yesterday, today, and tomorrow, do not be silent, but speak, that we may hear.

Speak justice, that we may correct our lawlessness.

Speak righteousness, that we may know your ways.

Speak compassion, that we may know your mercy.

Speak abundance, that we may serve others.

Speak understanding, that we may be peacemakers.

Speak glory, that we may know your Son.

Speak, and we will listen to you.

You promise forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace when we speak our shortcomings.

We speak of mistakes we have made.

We speak of abandoning your ways.

We speak of failures to show compassion and mercy.

We speak of our need for forgiveness.

Mighty one of yesterday, today, and tomorrow, hear our prayer and lead us into fullness of life. God will not keep silent, but will gather us in with the tender words: "You are forgiven." **Glory to God!**

* PRAYER OF THE DAY Almighty God, giver of life, **your light shines in our lives and your glory is revealed through your Son, Jesus Christ. Reveal his glory to us as you did to Peter, James, and John, that we may be filled with his power and our mouths may proclaim his presence forevermore. Amen.**

GROWING

Elisha was a farmer until the prophet of God Elijah called him to take his place. Today's reading from the second chapter of 2nd Kings, 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.

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. The word of the Lord. **ALL: Thanks be to God.**

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.

*The Gospel according to Mark, the 9th chapter. **All: Glory to you O Lord.**

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

SERMON *Jesus prepares the disciple for a transfer of power & authority*
MUSIC TO MEDITATE ON *Listen and be filled with God's peace.*

Pastor Mary Eide
Jennifer Kinblom

*We know the rest of the story...of Jesus' death and resurrection.
We have a story...a truth...that needs to be told...needs to be lived out!*

GIVING

*THE APOSTLES' CREED (*professed together*)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell.* On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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

**Or, He descended to the dead.*

* OFFERING PRAYER Lord Jesus, **all that we have is yours, and all that we are is yours.**

In offering these tokens of our lives, may all that we do serve you to the glory of God. Amen.

*NOTE: Giving to support God's ministry at Shepherd of the Hill can be mailed to (Mailing address: 207 University St., Elk Mound, WI 54739 – OR – by going on our website (www.sothem.org) to **GIVE** tab to make a one time or reoccurring donation. Setting up an account with GivePlus is easy!*

* PRAYERS AND PETITIONS (Pastor: As one people we pray, **ALL: Have mercy, O God.**)

* LORD'S PRAYERS **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, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen**

* ANNOUNCEMENTS/BLESSING Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God — what is good and acceptable and perfect. In the name of the Father, † Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

* ELW #315, WOV #89 SENDING HYMN "How Good, Lord To Be Here!" Verses 1-2/Pg. 5

* DISMISSAL Go in peace. Be the light of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

* POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today	10:00am	- Worship
Sunday School Lessons at www.sothem.org (Faith Formation/Sunday School)		
Monday	7pm	- AA Meeting
Tuesday:	4-6 pm	- Food Pantry
Wednesday	"Wednesday's Word from God" (pre-recorded devotional)	
	6-6:30pm	- First Communion Zoom class
	7pm	- Ash Wednesday Worship (in-person/on Facebook)
Friday:	10am-Noon	- Food Pantry
Saturday	9am-3pm	- Walking Together (preregister for day of learning Zoom sessions)
SUNDAY:	10:00am	- Holy Communion Worship (in-person or online)
	10:45-11:15am	- Drive Thru Communion

Feb. 21st is our first HOLY COMMUNION worship service in a very long time. Call/leave a message at the church **by Monday 2/15** and let us know if you'd like to **Pick Up** pre-packaged communion or **need to have it delivered**. You can then have it on hand so you can participate in the sacrament while watching worship on 2/21. Other options are to worship in-person...or trying out our first ever Drive Thru Communion from approx. 10:45-11:15 that morning.

WALKING TOGETHER 2021 ...a day of learning with fellow Lutherans of the NW Synod of WI-ELCA
This year we will gather online, via Zoom, to attend workshops that will highlight our theme, *Justice League*, and our guest presenters will share their ideas and experience in ministries that follow our call to seek justice in our communities.

- Participants can choose 5 total workshops (there will be 15 total to choose from).
- For those who are unable to attend, or would like to see all workshops from the event, each of these will be recorded and available to view at a later time.
- Find workshop descriptions for each of the 15 sessions here [Northwest Synod of Wisconsin | Walking Together \(nswi.org\)](#)
 - Links to join each of these workshops will be available the week prior to the event.

Each participant should register but the **cost for the event is FREE!**

*In lieu of a registration fee, you are invited to share a financial gift with 1 of 2 ministries:

1. Neighbor to Neighbor Ministry, or
2. Covid Relief for Malawi

USE this link to donate: [Subsplash Giving](#)

Register online at this site: [Northwest Synod of Wisconsin | Walking Together Registration \(nswi.org\)](#)

LENTEN DEVOTIONALS FOR FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS now available at the church or can be emailed to you. Wouldn't it be amazing if we had a large number of us focusing at the same time about our hearts...our treasures...and Jesus!! The devotionals are not like the ones we typically have at church, and can provide great discussions among family members and friends.

Printed copies are located just inside the front door, which will be open 2:30-3:30, Mon.-Thur.

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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.

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