

Transfiguration of Our Lord / Last Sunday after Epiphany February 11, 2018

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Web Site: Christusvictoronline.org Email: office@christusvictoronline.org In keeping with our Mission Statement of "Uniting in Christ, Growing in Faith, Serving in love, and Sharing the Good News, WE welcome you to Christus Victor and we are blessed that you are spending time with us in worship.

Theme:

The Sundays after Epiphany began with Jesus' baptism and end with three disciples' vision of his transfiguration. In Mark's story of Jesus' baptism, apparently only Jesus sees the Spirit descending and hears the words from heaven. But now Jesus' three closest friends hear the same words naming him God's beloved son. As believers, Paul writes, we are enabled to see the God-light in Jesus' face, because the same God who created light in the first place has shone in our hearts to give us that vision. The light of God's glory in Jesus has enlightened us through baptism and shines in us also for others to see.

PARTICIPANTS

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JR. USHER (8:30): Lily Marsheck

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Irene Ruby, JoAnn Velten

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE:

GATHERING

P. God call us to:

Unite in Christ, Grow in Faith, Serve in Love, and Share the Good news.

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P. In the name of the Father, and of the

→ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

P. Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

A. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

A. Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we

may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P. In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*GATHERING SONG (ELW 314)

Arise, Your Light Has Come!



show forth the of your God which shines on you to - day. glo - ry cap-tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to pro - claim the the poor. bro-ken - heart-ed ones and com - fort those who mourn. bind up the on the wing, God's pow'r will make us ea - gles Rise up like strong.



Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825–1893

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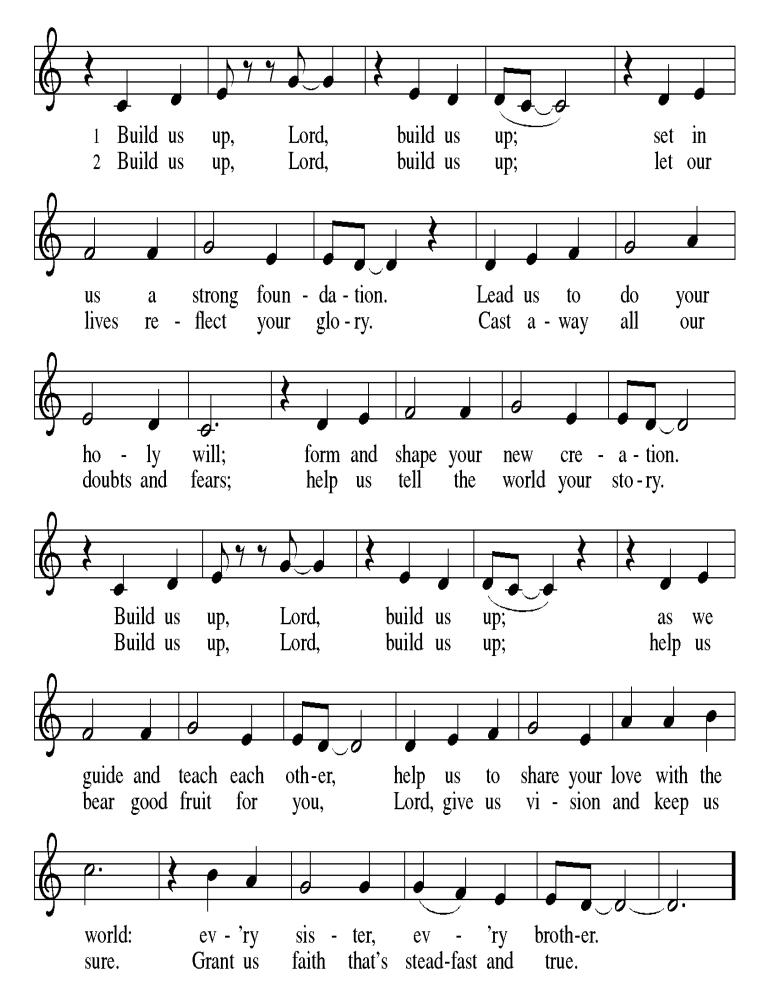
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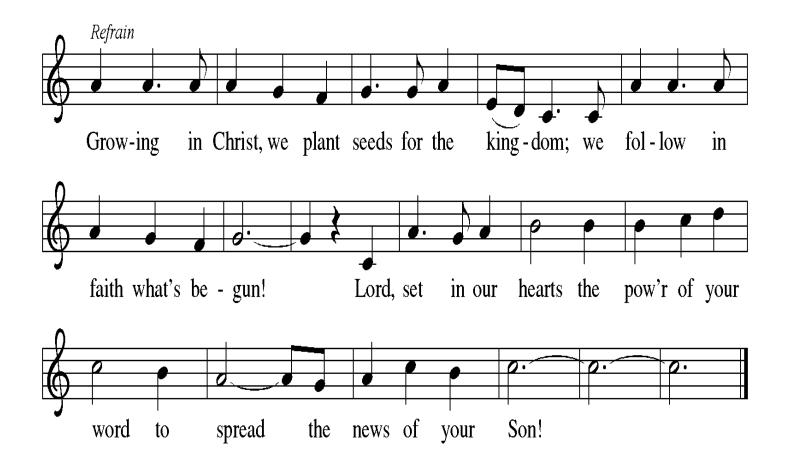
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*GREETING

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

Build Us Up, Lord





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*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P. 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.

Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING: 2 Kings 2:1-12

A reading from 2 Kings.

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.

Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah 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. The 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. Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 50:1-6

Out of Zion, perfect in beauty, God shines forth in glory. (Ps. 50:2)

¹The mighty one, God the | LORD, has spoken; calling the earth from the rising of the sun | to its setting.

²Out of Zion, perfect | in its beauty, God shines | forth in glory.

³Our God will come and will | not keep silence; with a consuming flame before, and round about a | raging storm.

⁴God calls the heavens and the earth | from above to witness the judgment | of the people.

⁵"Gather before me my | loyal followers, those who have made a covenant with me and sealed | it with sacrifice."

⁶The heavens declare the rightness | of God's cause, for it is God | who is judge.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

A reading from 2 Corinthians.

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 out of darkness at creation, God makes the light of Jesus Christ shine in our lives through Christian ministry.

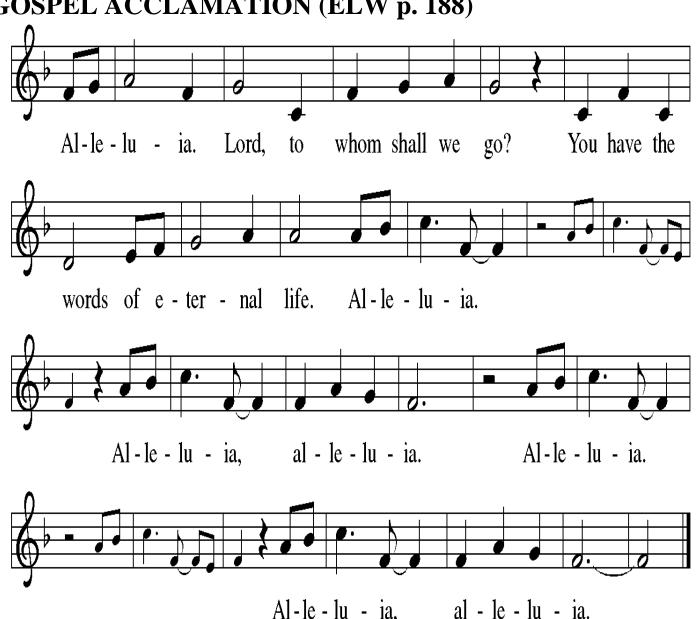
³Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus 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.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 188)



*GOSPEL: Mark 9:2-9

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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.

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, ³ and 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. YOUNG PEOPLE'S MESSAGE

SERMON

*HYMN OF THE DAY (ELW 317)

Jesus on the Mountain Peak



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*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.

*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A. Confident that God our light and our salvation hears us when we pray, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

A. For the ministry of the gospel proclaimed in word and deed, for congregations near and far, and for all who show the face of Christ throughout the world, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

A. For the well-being of creation, for plants and animals, seas and skies, and creatures seen and unseen, that all may be guided by your Holy Spirit to be stewards of our earth, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

A. For firefighters and police officers, attorneys and advocates, civil servants and corporate executives, and leaders of governments, that through their insight and patience, peace and justice prevail throughout the world (*especially*), let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

A. For all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit (*especially*), that as Christ was transfigured on the mountaintop, sickness will be turned into health, loneliness into companionship, bereavement into consolation, and suffering into assurance, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

A. For companions who accompany us on our journeys through life, for this community of faith that supports us, and for guidance during difficult times, that we see the glory of God revealed around us, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

A. In thanksgiving for the faithful departed who now rest from their earthly pilgrimage, that their lives of service and prayer inspire us in our days, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

P. Merciful God, you hear our prayers even before we speak them. Receive them for the sake of the one through whom you have revealed your goodness, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

*PEACE

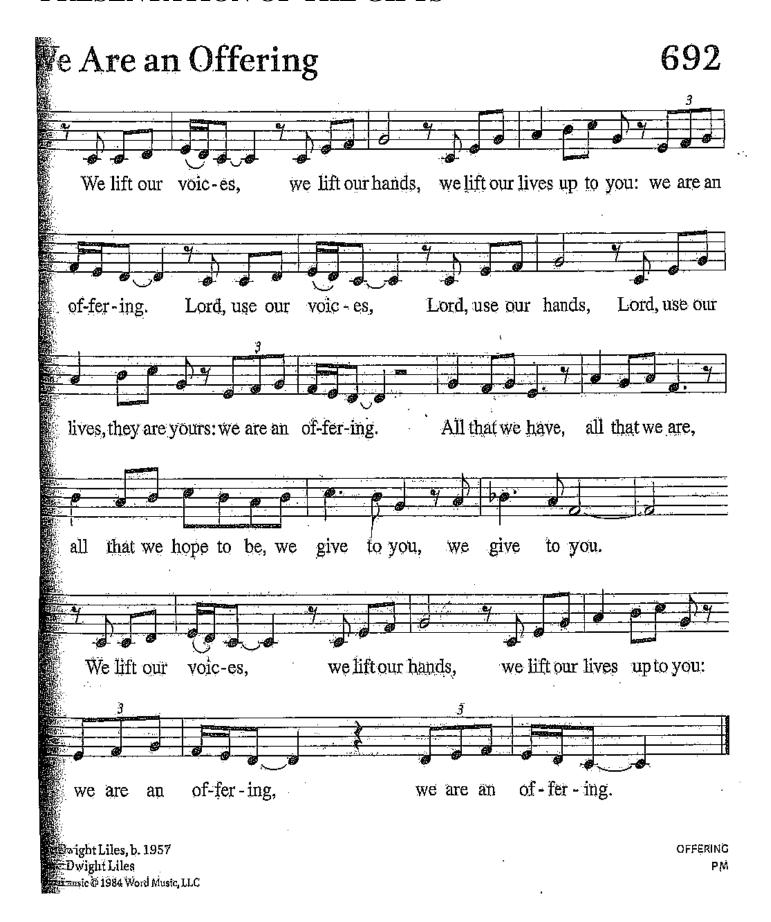
The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

MEAL

OFFERING

*PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS



*OFFERING PRAYER

A. Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

*DIALOGUE

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

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ELW p. 190)



*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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.

*LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONG (ELW p. 191)



COMMUNION HYMN (ELW 838)

Beautiful Savior



Text: Gesangbuch, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904 Music: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, 19th cent. *P. The body and the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His Grace. Amen.

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A. Let us pray.

A. Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

*BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

*SENDING SONG (ELW 318)

Alleluia, Song of Gladness



Text: Latin hymn, 11th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt.

Music: PRAISE, MY SOUL, John Goss, 1800–1880

*DISMISSAL

A. God calls us to:

Unite in Christ, Grow in Faith, Serve in Love, and Share the Good News!

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE:

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Names remain on the prayer list for <u>4 weeks</u>. Please contact the Church Office 410.668.8089, or office@christusvictoronline.org to request a longer listing.

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Attendance: 2/4/18: 8:30 – 48; 11:00 - 39

Count Our Blessings: 2/4/18 - \$3,577.00 *Thank you for your generous support!*

Christ Flowers (2): In Memory of Estelle Badger on Her Birthday given by Wayne Schaumburg

Chancel Flowers: None This Week

The **2018 Flower Book** is available in the Narthex. In order to defray the cost of flowers, we are increasing the price to \$20.00. Once again, we will offer Chancel flowers for \$20.00.

Please remember Christus Victor Lutheran Church in your will.

Congregation Council meeting minutes for December are available in the Narthex & on the Council bulletin board in the fellowship hall.

Have ideas to help show God's love? Please E-mail them to victorsstew@gmail.com.

On the third Wednesday of every month, the LMS comes to Christus Victor to pick up any donations from the congregation. Please leave any donations in the fellowship hall behind the coat rack and label your items **LMS**. The next pickup date is **Feb. 21**.

VICTOR'S VITTLES:

February 17 – Don Keyser, Diane Frederick, Miriam Keyser (C)

Driver Pick-up – February 16 – Tom Lehman, Herb Crum

Happy Birthday Wishes: February 11 – Tom Hopple; February 12 – Lily Marsheck

Happy Anniversary Wishes: None this Week

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Feb. 12 – Pastor – Office Hours

Feb. 12 – WELCA 10:00 AM

Feb. 12 – The Good Vibe Tribe Women's Meeting 6:00 PM

Feb. 12 – Council Meeting 7:00 PM

Feb. 13 – Pastor – Visitation

Feb. 13 – Christus Comforters 9:30 AM

Feb. 13 – Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 6:00 PM

Feb. 14 – Pastor – Teleconference

Feb. 14 – Coffee, Cake & Commentary 10:00 AM

Feb. 14 – Ash Wednesday Services 12:00 Noon & 7:00 PM

Feb. 15 – Pastor – Office Hours

Feb. 15 – Oakleaf Articles Due

Feb. 16— Pastor's Day Off

Feb. 16 – New Beginnings 7:00 PM

Feb. 21 – LMS Pickup

Feb. 24 – Holy Communion Class #1 9:30 AM

Feb. 24 – Movie Night 7:00-8:30 PM

Feb. 26 – Evangelism Meeting 7:00PM

Feb. 27 – PCRC 7:00 PM

Apr. 28 -60^{th} Anniversary Celebration 2:00-6:00 PM





SAVE THE DATE!!

Saturday April 28, 2018: Our 60th Anniversary Celebration! 2:00-6:00 PM

Columbus Gardens, 4301 Klosterman Avenue Nottingham, MD 21236 Adult Ticket \$25, Children ages 6-12 \$12.50, Children under 6 FREE.

Tickets will be available for purchase in the Narthex between services February 18 - April 1



WHEN: February 24, 2018 7-8:30PM

WHERE: Christus Victor Lutheran Church

Fellowship Hall

WHO: All ages

Come dressed in your pajamas to watch a movie. (Movie to be determined.)

Milk, hot cocoa and cookies will be served.

**Bring a friend

***High Schoolers stay for a lock in.

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