

# † TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY †

## February 11, 2024

### Service of Morning Prayer with Holy Communion 9:00 a.m.

#### PRELUDE

Hyfrydol

Wilbur Held

**OPENING HYMN** (*Congregation rising*)  
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

LSB Hymn 700

#### CHERUB CHOIR

Jesus Loves Me/We Love Because He First Loved Us

#### INVOCATION and OPENING VERSICLES

P In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

P O Lord, open my lips.

**C And my mouth will declare Your praise.**

P Give glory to God, our light and our life.

**C O come, let us worship Him.**

#### PSALM OF THE DAY

(from Psalm 50)

A The Lord, the God of gods, has spoken;

**C He has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.**

A Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, God reveals Himself in glory.

**C Our God will come and will not keep silence.**

A He calls the heavens and the earth from above to witness the judgment of His people.

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

A Let the heavens declare the rightness of His cause; for God Himself is judge.

**C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

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**C And also with you.**

P Let us pray:

**C Almighty God, the light of Your truth shines from the mountaintop into our hearts. Transform us by the mercy of Your beloved Son and illumine the world with Your love and grace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

#### HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR

Come Unto Christ

Sally DeFord

*Come unto Christ, ye penitent and meek, seek this Jesus of whom the prophets speak.*

*Seek this Jesus, whose mercies never cease.*

*Come unto Christ and find in Him eternal peace.*

*Come unto Christ, who bore our griefs alone, who will carry our burdens as His own.*

*Seek this Jesus, and by His love be blessed.  
Come unto Christ and find in Him eternal rest.  
Come unto Christ, ye sorrowful and frail; seek this Jesus whose comfort cannot fail.  
Seek this Jesus and triumph in His might.  
Come unto Christ, abide in Him and live. He will bless You with ev'ry perfect gift.  
Seek this Jesus amid a world of strife. Come unto Christ and find in Him eternal life.*

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

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L This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## **EPISTLE**

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

<sup>3</sup>And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. <sup>4</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup>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.

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## **ALLELUIA VERSE** (*Congregation rising*)

(LSB Hymn 417, v. 1)

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Alleluia is the anthem ever raised by choirs on high;  
in the house of God abiding thus they sing eternally.

## GOSPEL

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P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 9th chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

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P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## YOUTH CHOIR

Come to the Mountain

Scott & Kathy Tunseth

*Jesus took Peter, James, and John up to the mountain to be alone.*

*While they were watching Jesus was changed; and they saw Moses face to face.*

*Come to the mountain to see the light. Come to the mountain to hear God's Word.*

*Go to the valley, it is your home. Go the valley to serve the Lord.*

*"This is my Son!" said a voice from the cloud.*

*"Listen to Him and do what He says!"*

*Soon as it came that vision was gone, and they saw Jesus standing alone...*

*We will be changed like Jesus our Lord, and live with Him in heaven above.*

*But while we live on this earthly home, our work as servants never is done...*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### HYMN OF THE DAY

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

arr. Edgar Aufdemberge

Choir:

*Praise waiteth for Thee, O God, in Zion, and unto Thee shall the vow be performed.*

**All: Open now thy gates of beauty, Zion, let me enter there,  
where my soul in joyful duty waits for Him who answers prayer.  
Oh, how blessed is this place, filled with solace, light, and grace!**

Choir:

*Blessed is the man whom Thou choolest and caustest to approach unto Thee,  
that he may dwell in Thy courts.*

*Thou visitest the earth and waterest it; Thou greatly enrichest it with the  
river of God, which is full of water.*

*Here Thy praise is gladly chanted, here Thy seed is duly sown;  
let my soul, where it is planted, bring forth precious sheaves alone,  
so that all I hear may be fruitful unto life in me.*

*Thou my faith increase and quicken, let me keep Thy gift divine  
howsoe'er temptations thicken; may Thy Word still o'er me shine  
as my guiding star through life, as my comfort in my strife.*

*Thou crownest the year with Thy goodness; morning and evening rejoice.*

**All: Lord, my God, I come before Thee, come Thou also unto me;  
Where we find Thee and adore Thee,  
there a heav'n on earth must be.  
To my heart, O enter Thou, let it be Thy temple now.**

## **SERMON**

Rev. Mark Budenholzer

### **THE APOSTLES' CREED** (*Congregation rising*)

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

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

**A** God of grace,

**C** receive our prayer.

## **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **OFFERING/VOLUNTARY**

Break Bread

Richard Proulx

### **OFFERING HYMN** (*Congregation rising*)

Let Us Break Bread

Let us break bread together on our knees, let us break bread together on our knees.

When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,

O Lord, have mercy on me.

## **† HOLY COMMUNION †**

### **PREFACE**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** **We lift them up to the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**P** Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: Endless is Your mercy and eternal Your reign.

**C** **You have filled all creation with light and life; heaven and earth are full of Your glory.**

**P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. We give You thanks for the salvation You have granted to us through Jesus, the Light of the world. Send Your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that as Your beloved children we may welcome our Savior who comes to us in His body and blood. Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has 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.

### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

### **AGNUS DEI**

**P** Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

**C** Lord, have mercy upon us and grant us Your peace.

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** And also with you.

### **DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

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LSB Hymn 413

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**C** Amen.

### **BENEDICTION**

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**C** Amen.

### **CLOSING HYMN**

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

LSB Hymn 803

### **DISMISSAL**

**P** Go in peace to serve the Lord.

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### **POSTLUDE**

Hymn to Joy

David Hegarty

## Service of Holy Communion 10:45 a.m.

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Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (v. 1-3)

### INVOCATION and CONFESSION

P In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

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

C **Gracious God, have mercy on us. In Your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by Your Spirit so that we may live and serve You in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 servant 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.

C **Amen.**

### HYMN OF PRAISE

(LSB Hymn 700, v. 4)

Finish then Thy new creation, pure and spotless let it be;  
let us see Thy great salvation perfectly restored in Thee,  
changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before Thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise!

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C **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might; heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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Village Lutheran Church welcomes to Holy Communion those baptized Christians who: †Know Jesus Christ as their Savior (*John 20:31*); †Recognize that the body and blood of Christ are truly present in the bread and wine (*1 Cor. 11:29*); †Are able to examine themselves and repent of their sins (*1 Cor. 11:28*); and †Look to God's Holy Spirit for help in living the Christian life (*Col. 1:10*). Persons not receiving Communion may come forward to receive a blessing.

#### ***Participants in the Service:***

	9:00	10:45
<b>Lector</b>	Ellen Story	Matthew Martinez
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Daryl Story	Matthew Martinez
<b>Youth Asst.</b>	Esther Linn	
<b>Altar Care</b>	Story Family	
<b>Usher Team</b>	Ralph Schoene John Divi Fred Swain	Kathy Coffey Charlie Eisenberg
<b>Sexton</b>	Claire Story	
<b>Refreshments</b>	Melissa Kobernitski	

#### ***Stewardship Reflection***

Offering received last week: \$15,539  
Offering needed weekly to meet budget: \$6,860  
Offering received to date: \$213,449  
Offering needed to date: \$219,520

#### **News and Notes:**

**Superbowl Party** – Come watch the Superbowl on our big screen TV in the MPR, **February 11 starting at 6:00 p.m.** Superbowl food and drinks provided. Bring a side dish or dessert to share.

**ASH WEDNESDAY begins the season of Lent this week on Valentine's Day.** We will have worship services with ashes and Holy Communion at **12:00 & 7:30 p.m.**

- ❖ **Midweek Lenten** worship continues each Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. with a service of evening prayer.
- ❖ **Our theme** this Lent is "God's Top 10" as we review and apply the Ten Commandments to our lives as Christians. We begin on Ash Wednesday with "The First Commandment: Who's on First?" and complete the series on Good Friday.

**LENTEN DEVOTION BOOKLETS** for personal use are available in the tract rack at the church entrance. The focus of these daily devotions is the "Lamb of God," including a brief reflection for each day from Ash Wednesday to Easter. Copies are available in English and Spanish. If you need additional copies, please contact Kim Zwisdak at 914-337-0207, x1040 or [KZwisdak@TheChapelSchool.org](mailto:KZwisdak@TheChapelSchool.org)

**Parent Community Night** – Our first gathering of the year is on February 15! These are opportunities to get together for food, community, and consideration of how to live well into our callings to raise our children in faith. We'll meet on **Thursday, Feb. 15 from 6-7 p.m. in the Friendship Room**. Pastor Mark would love for you to be able to join us. If you've never been, definitely consider coming. We each bring a bit of food to share, but if you're able to come and have nothing to bring, don't worry about it!

**SOUP KITCHEN** – Prepare food in aluminum trays (available at the Reception desk) and drop-off in the parking lot from 12:00-1:00. Please go to our church web site in advance to sign up and indicate what food you will prepare. The next date is **Wednesday, February 21**. Contact Katie Bukofzer at [etakwhit@aol.com](mailto:etakwhit@aol.com).

**Prayer Conference Call** – We are continuing with our monthly prayer service on the last Tuesday of the month. There is a brief liturgy with prayers for the needs of our community and the world. To join in, simply dial (1) 732-434-3982. The next service is **February 27 at 6:00 p.m.**

**1<sup>st</sup> Communion Classes:** Open to youth in the 5th grade and above who have not had their 1st Holy Communion. Classes meet 6:00 p.m. on **Wednesdays February 28, March 6 and 13**. A lock-in will be held Friday, March 1, from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m., and 1st Holy Communion will be celebrated on St. Patrick's Day (Sunday, March 17, 2024) at 10:45 a.m. Register on-line at [www.VLC-NY.ORG](http://www.VLC-NY.ORG) under the Forms tab. If you have any questions, please feel free to call 914-337-0207 x1003.

**The Saturday service** will resume on **March 2** at 5:30 p.m. and continue through the end of June.

**The Lunch Bunch Spring Luncheon** will be on **Tuesday, March 12**, featuring music by local artist Jeannie Claire. Arrival time is 11:30 a.m., with lunch at noon followed by the program. In order to plan for food and set-up, **please RSVP** no later than Sunday, March 10. Make a note on the back of the Attendance Form or contact the church office at 914-337-0207, x1003 or [KRapillo@VLC-NY.org](mailto:KRapillo@VLC-NY.org)

**Gathering of Friends** – Our annual gala in support of VLC/TCS is **Friday, March 15**, at Lake Isle Country Club in Eastchester. This year's co-chairs are school secretary Maura Condolff and music teacher/drama director Kate Marino, who have planned *Le Jardin des Rêves* (Garden of Dreams) to complement our overall theme of "Hope in the Lord." Cocktails at 7:00 p.m., followed by a live auction and dinner at 8:00 p.m. Get your tickets now! Go to [Gathering-of-Friends.com](http://Gathering-of-Friends.com) or call 914-337-0207 x1040.

- ❖ **The Garden of Dreams Raffle** is \$200 each and only 50 tickets will be sold. One winner will take home \$3,000. This is a great way to share in the event, even if you cannot attend. Tickets available during coffee hour February 4 through March 3 or online.
- ❖ **Children's Jardin**, with games, crafts and prizes on **Saturday, March 9**

**Team Chapel NYC Half Marathon** – We still have openings for runners to join Team Chapel Arts for the half marathon on **Sunday, March 17**. Funds raised are used in support of the TCS art and drama programs. If you or anyone you know would be interested, please contact Kim Zwisdak in the Development office, 914-337-3202 x1040 or [KZwisdak@TheChapelSchool.org](mailto:KZwisdak@TheChapelSchool.org)

**MUSIC MINISTRY** – Our schedule for this week is as follows:

- **High School Choir** off until Sunday, February 25, at 10:15 a.m.
- **Village Bells** rehearse Wednesday, February 14, at 6:45 p.m. for Ash Wednesday worship
- **Youth Choir** rehearse Thursday, February 15, at 7:00 p.m.
- **Chancel Choir** rehearse Wednesday, February 14, at 7:10 p.m. for Ash Wednesday worship; Thursday, February 15, at 7:30 p.m.; off Sunday, February 18

For more information, contact Minister of Music Deb Reiss at [DReiss@VLC-NY.org](mailto:DReiss@VLC-NY.org) or 914-337-0207, x1018.

**Youth News: Voyagers** (Grades 3-6) meet **Thursday, Feb. 15**, at 6:00 p.m.; **Lifers** (Grades 7-8) Confirmation work on Sunday, **Feb. 11**, and Dinner Talk on Thursday, **Feb. 15**, at 6:00 p.m.; **Crusaders** (Grades 9-12) Donuts & Discussion at 10:30 a.m. on **Feb 11**.

**Wednesday Bible Study** – There will be no class on Ash Wednesday, February 14. We will resume on February 21 with the final chapter of Romans.

**Prayer Line:** We pray for the sick and those experiencing any kind of difficulty: Maxine Britt, Tabatha Clark, Zack Comeford, Tracie Davenport, Joan Deery, Nicholas DePierro, Rev. Rudy DeRosa, Bennett Dimarza, Eleanor Escherich, Faith Forliano, Nancy Hylton, Eleanor James, Carver Kroeger, Ralph Kuhn, Merline Leon, Joseph Leonard, Margo McKay, Katiana Michalski, David Mullen, Isaiah Nieves, Anita & Vincent Palmese, Jose Pedrosa, Steven Perotto, Sunnaria Pettinati, Louise Podszus, Chloe Runge, Irmgard Schoene, Joseph Silvestri, Eugene Siren, Chris Siren, Marian Terenzio, Diane Wade

**Bereavement Prayer Line:** We pray for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one.

- † **Helen Britz**, our oldest VLC member, passed away on February 4, 2024, just shy of her 105<sup>th</sup> birthday

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