

# Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

204 S. Chase Street, Houston, MN

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Transfiguration of Our Lord Worship Service w/Holy Communion/FB

Sunday February 11, 2024



**Monday:** 9:00 Do Days w/potluck/Business mtg. at noon

**Tuesday:** 9:00 Do Days w/potluck

6:00 Executive Mtg.

**Wednesday:** 2:00 Craft Club

6:00 Confirmation

**6:30 Ash Wednesday Worship Service**

**Thursday:**

**Friday:** Pastor's Day Off

**Saturday:** 10:00 WELCA Valentine Brunch

**Sunday:** 8:30 Choir

9:30 First Sunday of Lent Worship Service w/Holy  
Communion/Caring Collection/FB

10:30 Stone Church Preservation committee mtg.

**No Sunday School**

3-7 Private Rental

*Cross of Christ Mission Statement: As a fellowship of believers, it is our mission to joyfully proclaim the gospel of Christ in word and deed; inviting people to worship together, nurturing them in the Christian faith, loving one another and serving a world in need.*

## Prelude

## Ringling of the Church Bell

## Announcements

### Gathering Song: ELW #413 “Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!”

1 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

2 Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,  
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
which wert and art, and evermore shalt be.

3 Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,  
though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see,  
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,  
perfect in pow'r, in love and purity.

4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

### Reading: 2 Kings 2:1-13

<sup>1</sup>Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>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.”

<sup>4</sup>Elijah 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. <sup>5</sup>The 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.”

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

<sup>9</sup>When 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.” <sup>10</sup>He 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.” <sup>11</sup>As 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. <sup>12</sup>Elisha 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. <sup>13</sup>He picked up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan.

R: The Word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm: Psalm 50:1-6**

- <sup>1</sup>The mighty one, God the LORD, has spoken;  
calling the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
- <sup>2</sup>**Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty,  
God shines forth in glory.**
- <sup>3</sup>Our God will come and will not keep silence;  
with a consuming flame before, and round about a raging storm.
- <sup>4</sup>**God calls the heavens and the earth from above  
to witness the judgment of the people.**
- <sup>5</sup>“Gather before me my loyal followers,  
those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice.”
- <sup>6</sup>**The heavens declare the rightness of God’s cause,  
for it is God who is judge.**

**Gospel: Mark 9:2-9**

**P:** The holy gospel according to Mark. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

<sup>9</sup>As 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.**

**Sermon**

**Pastor Dana Jackson**

**Hymn of the Day: Hymn #423 “Shall We Gather at the River”**

(Refrain)

**Yes, we'll gather at the river,  
the beautiful, the beautiful river;  
gather with the saints at the river  
that flows by the throne of God.**

2 On the margin of the river,  
washing up its silver spray,  
we will walk and worship ever,  
all the happy golden day. **R**

3 Ere we reach the shining river,  
lay we ev'ry burden down;  
grace our spirits will deliver,  
and provide a robe and crown. **R**

4 Soon we'll reach the shining river,  
soon our pilgrimage will cease;  
soon our happy hearts will quiver  
with the melody of peace. **R**

## **Prayers of Intercession:**

Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

## **Offering Collection**

### **Offertory Hymn# 186 “Create in Me a Clean Heart”**

Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from your presence,  
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and uphold me with your free Spirit.

## **Words of Institution**

### **The Lord’s Prayer**

**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,  
for ever and ever. Amen**

**Invitation to Communion** *Congregation Response: All are welcome.*

**The Distribution** *(Please sign the pew pad.)*

**Communion Hymns:** 634(vs. 1-3),629,608,595

## **Sending Song: ELW #774 “What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine”**

1 What a fellowship, what a joy divine,  
leaning on the everlasting arms;  
what a blessedness, what a peace is  
mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.

(Refrain)

**Leaning, leaning,  
safe and secure from all alarms;  
leaning, leaning,  
leaning on the everlasting arms.**

2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim  
way, leaning on the everlasting arms;  
oh, how bright the path grows from day  
to day, leaning on the everlasting arms.**R**

3 What have I to dread, what have I to  
fear, leaning on the everlasting arms?  
I have blessed peace with my Lord so  
near, leaning on the everlasting arms.**R**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

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**Thank You for helping with the service today:**

Organist: Shelley Jerviss

Choir Director: Jake Olson

Acolytes: Keirah Stuttgen, Makenna

Pedretti

Prayers of intercession: Volunteer

Reader: Paul Kempter

Communion: Twyla Thorson, Sandy

Fishel, Cheryl Eaton

Usher: Aaren Kulas, Jason Ulmen,

Duane Hegland

**Caring Collection February 18**, Items we are collecting: canned fruit, tuna, canned chicken.

**WELCA Valentine Brunch February 17, 2024, 10:00 a.m.**

Kezia Lemke, from Houston, will display reconstructed pieces from her collection to demonstrate the evolution of fashion through the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Everything from hems to hats to hairstyles will be covered in this presentation. Cost of ticket: \$7.00