



**The Transfiguration of Our Lord  
The Last Sunday after the Epiphany  
February 11, 2024**

**St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Bath, PA**

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Robert W. by Thomas & Jeannine W.**

# The Last Sunday after the Epiphany and The Transfiguration of Our Lord

Prelude: "*Be Thou My Vision*"

arr. John S. Dixon

## **Welcome and Announcements**

### **\*Confession and Forgiveness**

*The assembly stands. The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

\*P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who opens the heavens and draws near to us with salvation.

\*C: **Amen.**

\*P: God is patient and merciful, desiring all to come to repentance. Trusting this promise of grace, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

\*P: Everlasting God,

\*C: **you love justice and you hate wrongdoing. We confess the fear, greed, and self-centeredness that make us reluctant to confront sin. We choose comfort over courage. We are careless with creation's bounty. Look upon us with mercy. Turn our hearts again to you. Make us glad to do your will and to walk in your ways for the sake of our waiting world. Amen.**

\*P: Hear these words of assurance: God clothes you with garments of salvation and covers you with robes of righteousness. In the tender compassion of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. God's covenant is eternal, and God's blessing rests upon us all.

\*C: **Amen.**

\***Hymn WOV #651** "*Shine, Jesus, Shine*"

### **\*The Greeting**

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

\*C: **And also with you.**

**\*Hymn of Praise**

\*P: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

**\*C:** *Lord God, heavenly king, have mercy on us. You are seated  
almighty God and Father: We at the right hand of the Father;  
worship you, we give you thanks, receive our prayer. For you alone  
we praise you for your glory. are the Holy One, you alone are the  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Lord, you alone are the Most High,  
Father, Lord God, Lamb of God: Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in  
You take away the sin of the world; the glory of God the Father. Amen*

**\*Prayer of the Day**

\*P: Compassionate God,

**\*C:** **You gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in our confusion, that all creation will see and know your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**First Reading: 2 Kings 2:1-12**

<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 →

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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.

### **Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6**

<sup>3</sup>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.

### **\*Gospel Verse**

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***"Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life.  
Alleluia. Alleluia"***

\*P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the ninth chapter.

\*C: ***Glory to you, O Lord***

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

<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." →

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<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 anymore, 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: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

\*C: ***Praise to you, O Christ.***

### **Children's Sermon/Sermon**

\*Hymn LBW #315 - *"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"*

### **\*Apostles Creed**

**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**

### **\*The Peace**

\*P: The Peace of the Lord be with you always!

\*C: **And also with you.**

*The Peace will be shared between the Pastor and Congregation (only).*

### **Offering**

*The Offering may be dropped off at the beginning or end of the worship service.*

*We will thank God for our blessings, including the ability to give an offering for the work of God's kingdom.*

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## Music at the Offering

(8:00 am) “*Fairest Lord Jesus*”

(10:15 am) “*Shine on Us*”

arr. Pepper Choplin

arr. Victoria Schwarz

## \*Offertory Prayer

\*P: God our provider,

**\*C: by your merciful hand abundance springs up from the earth. Receive and bless these gifts of your own bounty. Let them be a sign of your steadfast love and faithfulness for all people, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## \*Prayers of Intercession

\*P: With hope and expectation, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who await God’s day of restoration.

*A brief silence.*

\*V: We pray for the church, that the transformational power of God enters the hearts of all people. May its leaders serve as examples of your grace and healing across time and space. Lord, in your mercy,

**\*C: Hear our prayer.**

\*V: We pray for the creation, that we will humbly observe the swirl of wind and the heat of the bright sun. Teach us to honor all you have made and to care for the animals, plants, air, and bodies of water of this planet. Lord, in your mercy,

**\*C: Hear our prayer.**

\*V: We pray for those charged with leadership, lawmaking, and governance of our towns, states, and countries, that they will strive for goodness and justice all the days of their lives and callings. Lord, in your mercy,

**\*C: Hear our prayer.**

\*V: We pray for all on our prayer list, and any who are sick and suffering. Send them healing. Guide us to offer hospitality, shelter, friendship, and care to any in need. Lord, in your mercy,

**\*C: Hear our prayer.**

\*V: We pray for this congregation and its ministry in the wider community. May we share the transforming beauty and love of God in ways that honor the dignity of all whom we encounter. Send us visitors that come to worship You. Lord, in your mercy,

**\*C: Hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

\*V: Trusting that all the saints, prophets, and those who die in faith are held in your care, we remember in thanksgiving those who have died. Grant us your gift of salvation as we await your coming again in glory. Lord, in your mercy,

**\*C: Hear our prayer.**

\*P: Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

**\*C: Amen.**

### **\*Lord's Prayer**

\*P: Lord, teach us to pray.

**\*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.**

### **\*Benediction**

\*P: The God of peace bless you, the love of Christ sustain you in hope, and the anointing of the Spirit remain upon you now and forever.

**\*C: Amen.**

**\*Hymn WOV #654 - "Alleluia, Song of Gladness"**

### **\*Dismissal**

\*P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**\*C: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: *"Postlude in D"*

arr. C. Rossini

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**Assisting in Worship Today**  
**Altar Guild - Gloria M., Judy F.**  
**8:00 AM - Galen & Linda W.**  
**Lector: Linda W. / Acolyte: Haylee H.**  
**10:15 AM - Ushers - Dawn M. & Family**  
**Lector: Dawn M. / Acolyte: Rowan S.**

### **WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S!**

We are glad that you are here to worship with us! We are in the midst of the Epiphany Season, which runs from the Epiphany of Our Lord on January 6th until "Shrove Tuesday" or "Fat Tuesday." In 2024, Shrove Tuesday will be on February 13th. The Epiphany season teaches us about Jesus revealing himself to the world. The word "epiphany" means a manifestation or a showing forth. In the Epiphany season we remember the coming of the Wise Men to see the baby Jesus, the baptism of Jesus at the Jordan River, and the earliest days of Jesus' ministry. Together we will worship our Lord as the disciples are called by Jesus and as the world hears Jesus' calling each of us to lives of love, forgiveness and service.

You may be new to St. John's, new to the Bath area, new to Lutheran worship, or may have never before set foot in a church. Regardless how often you have sat in church we are glad to have you join us. We invite you to listen to the service, enjoy the music, and say prayers for yourself and all who are need. Have questions? Can't find the right page? Please see Pastor Terry or ask any of the ushers. You are welcome. All are welcome. All are welcome in this place.

### **Upcoming Commemorations**

**Cyril, monk, died 869; Methodius, bishop, died 885; missionaries to the Slavs, Wednesday, February 14, 2024** - These two brothers from Thessalonika, Greece, were monks and were sent to bring Christianity to the Slavic people. In the course of their work they created a written language, inventing the Cyrillic alphabet for it, and translated the Bible and the liturgy.

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**Today's Announcements - Sunday, February 11, 2024**  
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**This Week at St. John's**

2/11/2024 - Sun.	Worship	8:00 AM
	Sunday School/Confirmation	9:00 AM
	45 Min Bible Study	9:15 AM
	Worship	10:15 AM
	Masked Worship (Library)	11:45 AM
2/12/2024 - Mon.	Food Bank Prep – Fell. Hall	9:00-11:00AM
	Quilters	9:00 AM-Noon
	Girl Scouts	6:00 PM
2/13/2024 - Tues.	Food Bank Distr. - Fell. Hall	9:30-11:00AM
	Food Bank Distr. - Fell. Hall	6:00-6:30 PM
	Worship & Music Committee Mtg.	6:00 PM
2/14/2024 - Wed.	Ashes to Go (Outside Fell. Hall)	12:00-1:30PM
	Ash Wednesday Worship(Nave)	7:00 PM
2/15/2024 - Thurs.	Quiet Communion - Fell. Hall	1:00 PM
	Adult Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM
2/18/2024 - Sun.	Worship/Communion	8:00 AM
	Sunday School/Confirmation	9:00 AM
	45 Min Bible Study	9:15 AM
	Worship/Communion	10:15 AM
	Masked Worship/Comm. (Library)	11:45 AM

**Easter Flowers:** We have Tulip, Daffodils, Lily, and Azalea plants for Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024. If you want to purchase a plant in memory of or in honor of a loved one, tulips and daffodils are \$7 each, and lilies are \$10 each, and azaleas are \$13 each. Fill out an order form, turn in to the office or call (610-837-1061). Plants may be picked up after either service on Easter. Orders must be placed by February 25.



**Music and Worship Meeting:** The next meeting is set for this coming Tuesday, February 13, 2024, at 6:00 PM; all are welcome.

**Home Heating Help** Are you or your neighbors having trouble paying your heating bill? You can get information or request help at 800-UGI-WARM.

**Save the Date:** The highly anticipated Lenten fish dinners are coming. Dates are Friday, March, 1, 2024 and Friday, March 15, 2024. Order forms are available for the first dinner. Desserts are first come so please get your orders in early.

**Nursery School Enrollment 2024-2025:** Do you know someone looking for a great place to enroll their child in nursery school? Look no further and share the word, we have an amazing program and teachers here at St. John's Bath. Enrollment forms are available through Dawn Mayer at 610-837-9868 or by e-mailing [stjohnbath@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnbath@gmail.com). Classes for 2, 3, and 4-year old's.

**Online Giving Option:** We share with you the new e-giving platform, Vanco. This platform provides a secure and user-friendly way to give to our church online, and we are confident that it will make giving more convenient for many members of our congregation. You can give now at this website link: <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZAB8> Whether you choose to give online or in person, your support is vital to the continued success of our church community. We are so grateful for your generosity and commitment to our shared mission. Thank you again for all that you do.



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**Prayers Requested For:** Matthew A., Jim A., Eileen A., Phyllis & Joe A., Amy B., Allen B., Marsha B., Josie B., Shane B., Barb B., Cory B., Jamie B., Dawn & Bill B., Jason C., Patty & Larry D., Laverne F., Kathy F., Lilly F., Arya G., Cami Grace G., Janis G., Shawn H., Lil H., Troy H., Robert H., Chuck H., Scott & Heather H., Seana I., Dennis K., Gerry K., Mary K., Steve K., Diane L., Lee L., Jeff L., Ruth M., The M. Family, April Rose M., Joe N., Danielle N., Samantha O., Arlene O., Brent R., Earl & Steve S., Ethel S., Louise S., Barb S., Beth S., Pastor Bill S., Rosalia S., Gloria S., Dolly T., James T., Stacey T., Ann U., Viola W., Lisa W., Brenda W., LaNor W., Cecile W., Galen W., Susan W., Richard Y., Yvonne Y., Pauline Y., Francis Z., and those unnamed.

***If you would like to add or remove a person from the prayer list, contact the Church Office (610-837-1061).***



## **2024 Ash Wednesday & Lenten Wednesday Schedule**

### Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2024

Ashes to Go, Noon until 1:30 PM. Receive your ashes and a booklet for home worship on Ash Wednesday, on the sidewalk behind the fellowship hall. Receiving your ashes takes about 2 minutes.

Ash Wednesday worship, 7:00 PM in the Nave (church upstairs).

### Wednesdays in Lent, February 21 & 28, March 6 & 12 & 20

Ash Wednesday study “What would Jesus do or say?” We will collect topics that are of interest to those who attend. 4:00 PM in the fellowship hall, so that everyone can drive home in the daylight. If you wish to bring a packed dinner with you, you are welcome to eat dinner during the study, or to eat after the study and continue the discussion.