

FEBRUARY 11, 2024 | 10:30AM WORSHIP | THE FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

WELCOME *Home*



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Thanks for joining us today! Whether you were raised in a home that regularly worshipped, only went to church on Christmas and Easter, or are exploring the Christian faith for the first time – we are glad you are here. If you haven't been to a Lutheran Church before, our worship format might be a unique experience for you. Our service is filled with symbolism and ancient tradition that propels our hearts *upward*. Today, we encourage you to embrace the *extraordinariness* of our *ordinary* worship, where God forgives our sins, the Holy Spirit prepares us for daily life, prayers are lifted, heaven and earth converge, and the profound mystery of the Eucharist takes place. Sundays may seem ordinary, but they are also filled with extraordinary moments that we should not miss. If you have any questions, our staff, volunteers, and your fellow worshippers are here to answer any questions and help in any way they can.

THE FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

Today we celebrate the momentous revelation of Christ's divinity to His disciples. The feast commemorates the account in the Gospels when Jesus, accompanied by Peter, James, and John, was transfigured on a mountain. During the event, Jesus' appearance became radiant, and Moses and Elijah appeared. The Transfiguration serves as a confirmation of Jesus as the Son of God and emphasizes the importance of listening to Him.

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

If you brought little ones with you today – we are overjoyed to have them here. While your worship might feel more like a wrestling match, a battle of wills, or a circus... your time, efforts, and distracted worship are worth it. Even the messiest and most frustrating days are not wasted. If your little one just needs a place to stretch their legs for a second, we have a staffed **Kid Care** for 0-2-year-olds on the second floor of the courtyard and a **Family Room** in the back of the sanctuary.

HOLY COMMUNION + WHAT WE BELIEVE

Communion is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and confidence that our Lord gives us not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table the baptized who trust in the words "my body... my blood... for you", repent of all sin, and seek to live by the Lord's ways. If this is not your belief, are a child who has not taken the First Communion Class or are unfamiliar with the belief of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, we invite you to come forward with your arms crossed so that we can give you a blessing by making the sign of the cross over you. We also encourage you to talk to one of our pastors after the service if you have questions.

CONNECTION CARD

Please let us know you're worshipping with us today. You can give us as little, or as much, info as you'd like. There is also a place on the connection card to submit a prayer request, make a comment, ask a question, or express interest in next steps. If you'd like to give an offering, you can do that, too! Scan the QR code or visit christlamesa.org/hello.



SUNDAY SCHOOL + YOUTH MINISTRY

Sunday School is encouraged for those 3 years old to 6th Grade. Check-in begins at 9:00 am at the back entrance of Christ Lutheran School (near the preschool building). Sunday School starts at 9:15 am and parents pick up at 10:15 am. New students and friends are welcome anytime! Questions? Visit christlamesa.org/learn.

7th-8th Graders meet for Confirmation in Room 202 (second floor of the courtyard) from 9:15-10:15 am. **9th-12th Graders** meet for Senior High Sunday Morning in Youth Center Room 3 from 9:15-10:15 am.

ADULT BIBLE STUDIES

Bible studies play a vital role in deepening one's understanding of Scripture and fostering spiritual growth. Please consider attending a study this morning.

- **The Village Bible Study** explores, from a biblical viewpoint, issues that impact our families. It meets in Lucas Hall (Preschool Building) from 9:15-10:15 am on Sunday.
- **The Berean Bible Study** engages in an in-depth study of God's Word, verse by verse. It meets in Room 203 from 9:15-10:15 am on Sunday.
- **The Focus Bible Study** is a place for seasoned adults to gather around fellowship and God's Word. It meets in Room 101 from 9:15-10:15 am on Sunday.
- **The Grace Bible Study** is for 20-30 year-olds to study God's Word and its relevance to everyday life. It meets in the Teacher's Lounge from 9:15-10:15 am on Sunday.

LOOKING TO SERVE? Looking to *dive deeper* in your faith journey, using your gifts for God's glory and the world's good? Consider serving on Sunday morning. Wondering how you can serve? Consider taking the spiritual gifts inventory located at christlamesa.org/resources. More information can be found at christlamesa.org/serve.

+ ORDER OF WORSHIP +

In the “Opening Rite” we prepare our hearts to worship God, first by invoking his name, singing praises to Him, confessing our sins, and receiving forgiveness. Please stand, as you are able, for the invocation and opening song.

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

OPENING SONG | ONLY KING FOREVER

CONFESION AND FORGIVENESS

SONG OF RESPONSE | JUST BE

We now enter the “Liturgy of the Word.” Since the early days of the church, portions of the Bible have been read during worship so that all may be formed by the Word of God.

FIRST READING | PSALM 50:1-6 | PEW BIBLE PAGE 812

SECOND READING | 2 CORINTHIANS 3:12-13, 4:1-6 | PEW BIBLE PAGE 1646

GOSPEL READING | MARK 9:2-9 | PEW BIBLE PAGE 1438

APOSTLES' CREED

The Apostles' Creed serves as a timeless and foundational expression of the Christian faith, offering a sense of shared identity as we confess our belief regarding the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HOMILY | SERVING GOD IN THE ORDINARY

OFFERING | CHRISTLAMESA.ORG/GIVE

Giving an offering is an active participation in the redemptive work of Jesus in this world and an act of worship. Members of Christ Lutheran support the mission through their giving of time, talents, and treasures. If you are a guest joining us, please know there is no expectation for you to contribute. Your presence today is what matters to us.

OFFERING SONG | COME THOU FOUNT (MY RESTLESS HEART)

PRAYERS AND LORD'S PRAYER

As we enter the "Liturgy of the Eucharist", our hearts are elevated to heaven as we prepare to celebrate the ultimate mystery of faith, where the bread and wine become, for us, the Body and Blood of Jesus. A more detailed statement on our belief can be found at the bottom of page 2.

HOLY COMMUNION

FIRST COMMUNION SONG | COMMUNION

SECOND COMMUNION SONG | ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG | YOU ARE GOOD

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THE CALL OF GOD LIFE GROUP GUIDE | WEEK 6

- Share a moment when you recognized the sacred in the ordinary and how it impacted your understanding of serving God.
- Read Mark 9:2-9. How does this extraordinary event intersect with the ordinary aspects of life?
- In what ways can we find glimpses of God's glory in our daily routines and activities?
- Share examples of moments when you felt a divine presence in the midst of an ordinary situation.
- Read 2 Corinthians 3:12-13, 4:1-6. How do these passages encourage us to view our service to God in the ordinary aspects of life?
- Discuss how the ordinary moments of our lives can become a canvas for displaying the light of Christ.
- How can we serve God in the ordinary moments of our lives, inspired by the principles in Mark and 2 Corinthians?
- Share personal experiences of times when ordinary actions or encounters turned into opportunities for ministry.
- What is one way you can intentionally serve God in the ordinary moments of your life this week?
- End your time by sharing prayer requests.

THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Celebrant and Preacher: Pastor Travis Ferguson; **Liturgist:** Deacon Jacob Sitze; **Children's Message:** Cheri Selander; **Acolyte & Reader:** Aaron Lieber; **Music Leader:** Kathy Barkett; **Worship Partner:** Tom Small; **Communion Assistants:** Andy Floros, Greg Giles, Marc Harris, and Jerry Price; **Livestream, Sound, and Media:** Joseph Arzillo, Craig Barkett, and Eric Berg; **Welcome Team:** Dennis Johnson, Steve Kunkel, Suzi Davis, Chuck Falk, Joanene Falk, and Kelley Rabasco

IN OUR PRAYERS

Celebrating a birthday this week: Nerva Mugisha, Amy Egan, Tim Ripke, Dave Wutke, Scottie Miller, Gabi Egan, Joy Fetherlin, and Jason Thomas. **Healing:** Betty Prestage (after fall), John Fetherlin (bronchitis), Ruth Molnar (bronchitis), Gunnar Shalin (pneumonia). **Others:** For the family of Paul Powell, husband of Kathy Powell, whose funeral will be on February 17th at 10:00am.

OUR STAFF



Travis Ferguson
Pastor



Jacob Sitze
Deacon



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Director of Youth Ministries



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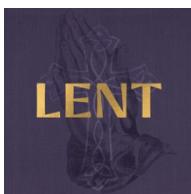
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ANNOUNCEMENTS



HOLY COMMUNION FAMILY CLASS | MARCH 3 | 1:00-3:30PM | LUCAS HALL – This is a parent/student class that helps baptized students from 5th to 8th grade to understand the significance of the Lord's Supper and what it means for them as a follower of Christ. Students who go through this class will partake in their First Communion at the Maundy Thursday worship service on the evening of March 28. Scan the QR code to sign up.



ASH WEDNESDAY | GATHER + GROW LENT EDITION – Join us on Ash Wednesday at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary as we begin the season of Lent. Since Ash Wednesday is also Valentine's Day, there will be NO MEAL on February 14. Continue your growth through Lent on Wednesdays for our Gather + Grow nights from 5:30-7:00 pm in the Gym. We will be studying a series called "Love in Chaos" by Bob Goff. All proceeds from the meals benefit Youth Ministry.



TEACH ME TO PRAY | FEBRUARY 18 | 8 & 10:30 AM – The Sticky Faith Team is pleased to announce the introduction of a new faith milestone at Christ Lutheran. The 4–6-year-old children will be presenting the Lord's Prayer at the 8 am at 10:30 am service. All are welcome to attend the service that works best for their family. Questions can be directed to Cheri Selander at cselander@christlamesa.org.



PARENT EDUCATION SESSION | FEBRUARY 18 | 9:15-10:15 AM – The Sticky Faith Team is presenting a parent education session on how to pray at home with your children. This is in partnership with the Teach Me to Pray milestone. The Parent Education will take place on the 3rd level of the CLS building during education hour on Feb 18. Coffee and muffins will also be provided. All parents are welcome to come.



2024 MISSION TRIPS TO SOUTH AMERICA - Is God leading you to serve on a Su Refugio short-term mission trip this year? Come join us on **Sunday, February 18 at 9:15 a.m. in Youth Center Room 1** to learn more about trips to Paraguay (June 28-July 6), Peru (August 1-10) and Argentina (October 3-12)! For more information contact Sandy Cole at colesj@hotmail.com. Or sign up at <https://www.surefugio.org/join-us>

To see more upcoming events, visit christlamesa.org/calendar.