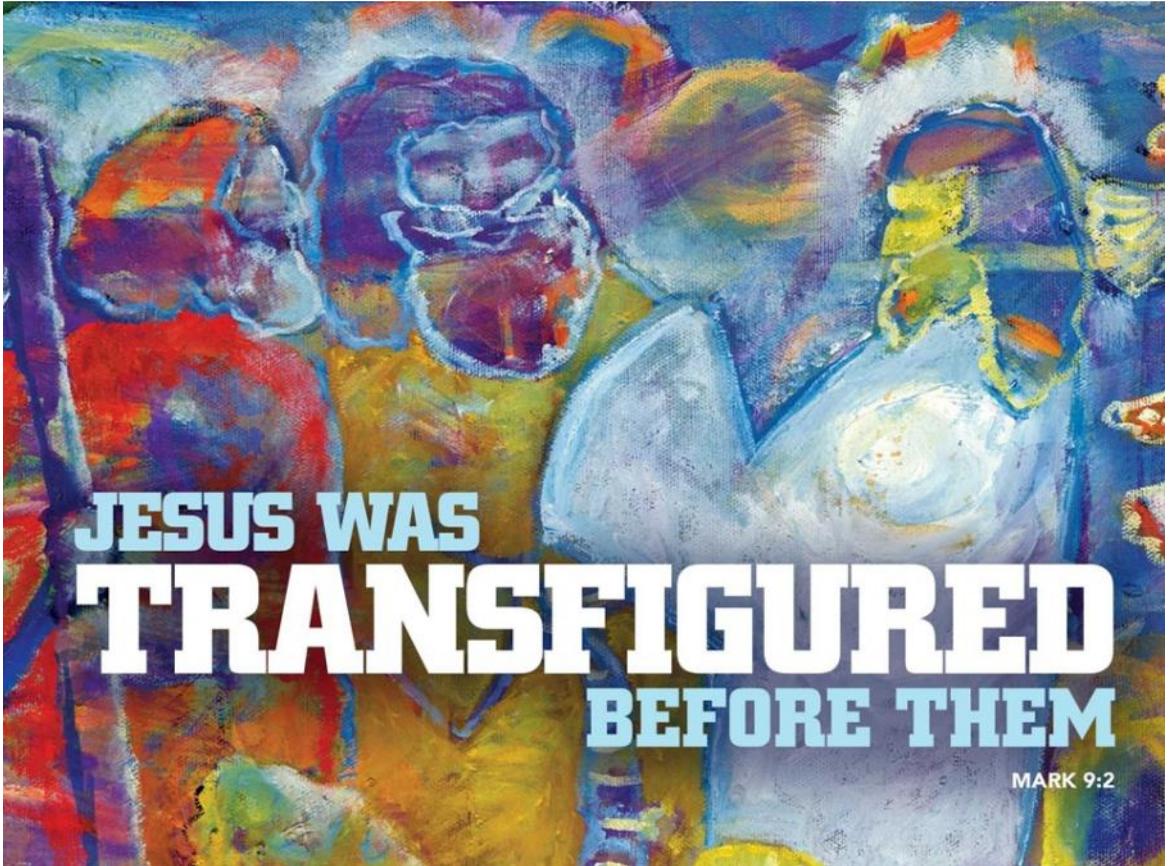


Transfiguration Sunday
February 11, 2018



WELCOME TO EMANUEL

If you have any questions or need assistance of any kind,
please see an usher or ask any of Emanuel's parishioners.

For recycling, you may leave this bulletin and any inserts on your seat.

WELCOME VISITORS! If you are visiting with family or friends, we pray that your time together is filled with joy and love. If you are looking for a church home, we invite you to become part of our community of faith here at Emanuel Lutheran. Please consider filling out one of our “blue forms” back on the usher’s table, if you would like to receive more information about Emanuel.

HYMNS are taken from the Evangelical Lutheran Worship Service Book & Hymnal (the red book in the pew rack), unless otherwise indicated.

PLEASE TURN OFF cell phones and all electronic devices during the Service.

PRAYER REQUESTS can be submitted to the Church Office using a “**blue form**” which can be found on the back Usher’s table. These forms can also be used for address changes, and other information. You can also call the Church Office with your request.

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The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of Laura Tibbo, who worked in the Emanuel Office for 25 years, by Ellen Anderson.

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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.

PRELUDE

Doppler Fantasie

Katie Cox

During the prelude, the congregation is invited into a time of silent prayer.

WELCOME

The congregation is invited to stand for the parts of the Service that are marked with an asterisk "". If you are unable to stand you may remain seated.*

* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
who stretches out the heavens,
who sends light to the nations,
who gives breath to us all.

Amen.

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

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Loving God,

**C: we confess that we have turned from your way
to follow our own ways.
Forgive us for the times
we have spoken or acted too quickly;
we have not spoken or acted at all;
we have hurt those closest to us;
we have hurt those we have yet to know;
we have thought more about ourselves than others;**

**we have thought less of ourselves than we ought.
Turn us around, and give us a fresh start,
so that we can live again as your children. Amen.**

P: Even when we have done wrong, God makes us right.
Even when we have messed up, God puts us together.
God's love never runs out.
God never tires of calling us beloved children.
Hear God say to you now:
Your sins are forgiven,
for the sake of † Jesus Christ our Savior.
Amen.

*** OPENING HYMN**

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!
v. 1, 3, 5, 6

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

*** PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: 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.
C: **Amen**

*The assembly may be seated.
The children are invited to come forward.*

ACCLAMATION

This Little Light of Mine

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

ACCLAMATION

This Little Light of Mine

FIRST READING: 2 Kings 2:1-12

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.

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

PSALM: Psalm 50:1-6

3 Out of Zi - on, per - fect in beau - ty,
God _____ shines forth in glo - ry. _____

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The image shows a musical score for Psalm 50:1-6. It consists of three staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 3/4 time signature. The melody starts on a quarter rest, followed by a quarter note G4, an eighth note A4, a quarter note B4, an eighth note A4, a quarter note G4, an eighth note F#4, a quarter note E4, and an eighth note D4. The second staff continues the melody with a quarter note D4, a quarter note C4, a quarter note B3, a quarter note A3, a quarter note G3, a quarter note F#3, a quarter note E3, and a quarter note D3. The third staff begins with a quarter note D3, a quarter note C3, a quarter note B2, a quarter note A2, a quarter note G2, a quarter note F#2, a quarter note E2, and a quarter note D2. The score ends with a double bar line and a common time signature (C).

- ¹The mighty one, God the | LORD, has spoken;
calling the earth from the rising of the sun | to its setting.
- ²**Out of Zion, perfect | in its beauty,
God shines | forth in glory. R**
- ³Our God will come and will | not keep silence;
with a consuming flame before, and round about a | raging storm.
- ⁴**God 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.”
- ⁶**The heavens declare the rightness | of God’s cause,
for it is God | who is judge. R**

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

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 our-

selves 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

* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Hal le, le, hal le lu jah! Hal le, le, hal le jah! Hal le lu jah! Hal le lu jah!

* GOSPEL: Mark 9:2-9

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.

P: The holy gospel according to Mark

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

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, ³and 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.

*** PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS**

P: We offer our gifts – our time, our talent, and our treasure - to God,
in thanksgiving for all that God has given us.

C: ***Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

*** OFFERING PRAYER**

P: Together, let us pray ...

C: **Merciful God,
receive the gifts we bring,
our selves, our time, and our possessions.
Through this meal unite us as your body,
shining with the light of your justice and mercy;
for the sake of him who gave himself for us,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

*** THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God.
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who, sharing our life, lived among us to reveal your glory and love,
that our darkness should give way to your own brilliant light.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*** HOLY, HOLY**

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho-ly are you, God of pow-er and might;
Heav-en and earth are filled with your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est! Bless - ed is the One who comes in your name. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

The musical score is written on four staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#), and a 6/8 time signature. The second staff changes to a 3/8 time signature, then to a 6/8 time signature, and finally to a 4/4 time signature. The third and fourth staves continue in 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes.

*** WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

*** 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,
forever and ever. Amen**

*** INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

All are welcome

P: We who are many are one body,
for we all partake of the one bread.
Come. Be filled with light and life.

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us,
mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a-way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

*The sacrament is offered using the practice of **intinction**. Please dip the bread into either the red wine or white grape juice.*
Gluten-free wafers are offered on a special tray, along with contaminant-free glasses of wine and grape juice. Please indicate your need to the Communion Servers.
*If you are **unable to come forward**, please let the usher know and we will be happy to bring communion to you.*
Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward for a blessing.
Children will receive a goldfish cracker as a reminder of God's love for them.

COMMUNION MUSIC

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Swing Low, Sweet Chariot

Refrain

Swing low, sweet char - i - ot, com-ing for to car-ry me home.

Swing low, sweet char - i - ot, com-ing for to car-ry me home.

1 I looked o - ver Jor - dan, and what did I see,
 2 If you get . . . there . . . be - fore . . . I do,
 3 The bright - est . . . day . . . that ev - er I saw,
 4 I'm some - times . . . up, . . . I'm some - times down,

com-ing for to car-ry me home? A band of an - gels
 com-ing for to car-ry me home; tell all my friends I'm
 com-ing for to car-ry me home; when Je - sus washed my
 com-ing for to car-ry me home; but still my soul feels

com-ing af - ter me. com-ing for to car-ry me home.
 com - ing . . . too, com-ing for to car-ry me home.
 sins . . . a - way, com-ing for to car-ry me home.
 heav-en - ly . . . bound, com-ing for to car-ry me home.

Refrain

*** TABLE BLESSING**

P: May the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

C: **Amen.**

*** PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

P: O Morning Star, fair and bright,
you have refreshed us again with heavenly food.
You are our dearest treasure.
Go with us now—
today, tomorrow, every day—
that we tell the story of your never-ending love
and sing your praise both now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

*** BLESSING**

P: The God of glory dwell in you richly,
name you beloved,
and shine brightly on your path;
and the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always.

C: **Amen**

*** SENDING HYMN**

Shine, Jesus Shine

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*** DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Please join us downstairs in Luther Hall for coffee and fellowship and then join us, in Luther Hall, for the Annual Meeting of the Congregation.



Please remember the following individuals in your prayers:

Dr. Candito Carroccia † Gail Duek † Melanie Sinche † Karin Gottier † Rudy Peterson
† Tom LaPointe † Kathryn LaPointe † Carol Johnson † Dick Johnson † Elaine Wilson
† Joan Feldmann † Doris Barron † Pamela Vigil † Betty-Lois Benson



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR FRIDAY NIGHT PROGRAM

The Friday Night Program needs Volunteers! There are two time slots available each Friday, one from 3:30—6:00 PM and one from 6:00 PM—9:00 PM. We need two volunteers for each time slot.

The primary duty of the Volunteers is to check participants in (a check in table is set up in the lobby of the new entrance) and direct them up the stairs to the Gym. A sign up sheet is available in Luther Hall and online at: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0e45ada82aa7fc1-friday>



ASH WEDNESDAY

Service and imposition of ashes at 12:15 PM and at 7:30 PM.

Each week, beginning with Ash Wednesday and concluding on Maundy Thursday, we will explore a different Mark of Discipleship during our worship services. Prior to every 7:30 PM worship service, we will have a simple soup and sandwich meal from 6:15 to 6:45 PM, followed by a presentation from Pastor Paula on a faith related issue from 6:45 to 7:15 PM. This week the faith related issue is “Living as a Disciple”. The presentation will be followed by a Service at 7:30 PM.

This year, in addition to coming to worship during Lent, we are also encouraged to live out our faith through concrete acts of giving. Each week, there will be a “faith action” opportunity, where we will be invited to provide a needed item for area residents. These items, selected in consultation with *Hands on Hartford*, will be distributed by *Hands on Hartford*. The “faith action” items for Wednesday are tooth brushes and toothpaste.



THE 128TH ANNUAL MEETING OF EMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH will take place in Luther Hall shortly after the 10:00 a.m. Service. Printed copies of the Annual Report will be available. Please limit copies to one per family.

February/March 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
11 Transfiguration of Our Lord <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Services at 8:00 and 10:00 am Annual Meeting 	12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 Genealogists 7:00 PM Property Committee 	13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12:15 Service 6:15 – 6:45 PM Soup & Sandwich 6:45 – 7:15 PM "Living as Disciple" 7:30 Service 	14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry 10:00 AM Bible Study 6:30 – 7:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00 – 9:00 PM Mission & Ministry: Lounge 	15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3:30 – 9:00 PM Friday Night Program 	16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 – 12:00 Noon Sprout! 5:00 – 12:00 AM Hands on Harford Immersion Experience Lock-In 	17
18 1st Sunday of Lent <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Services at 8:00 and 10:00 am Loose Change for Samaritan Offering No Sunday School 12:00 – 10:00 AM Hands on Harford Immersion Experience Lock-In 	19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:15 – 6:45 PM Soup & Sandwich 6:45 – 7:15 PM "Scripture" 7:30 Service 	20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry 10:00 AM Bible Study 11:15 AM Service 1:00 – 3:00 PM Mission & Ministry: Johnson Residence Newington 6:30 – 7:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal 	21 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry 10:00 AM Bible Study 1:00 – 3:00 PM Mission & Ministry: Johnson Residence Newington 6:30 – 7:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal 	22 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3:30 – 9:00 PM Friday Night Program 	23 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 – 12:00 Noon Sprout! 	24
25 2nd Sunday of Lent <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Services at 8:00 and 10:00 am 12:00 – 2:00 PM 8th Grade Mini Retreat 	26 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00 – 9:00 PM Mission & Ministry: Brodnicki Residence 	27 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00 PM Council Meeting 	28 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:15 – 6:45 PM Soup & Sandwich 6:45 – 7:15 PM "Prayer" 7:30 Service 	1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry 10:00 AM Bible Study 11:15 AM Service 6:30 – 7:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:45 – 9:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 	2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3:30 – 9:00 PM Friday Night Program 	3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 – 12:00 Noon Sprout!
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