

**CHRIST OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA**

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**February 11, 2024**

Transfiguration Sunday

**WELCOME VISITORS!**

We are delighted that you are worshipping today at Christ Our Redeemer Lutheran Church. May your experience with God here be a blessing!

ACCESS FOR ALL: While we stand often during the service, please assume a posture of reverence which you are able or comfortable. A wheelchair accessible restroom is located in the Parish Hall through the kitchen. If you'd like Communion brought to your seat, our Pastor will gladly assist you. Activity bulletins are available for young worshippers (see ushers or Pastor).

***How do I find worship music?***

ELW = Evangelical Lutheran Worship (the red book in your pew)

LBW = Lutheran Book of Worship (the green book in your pew)

AAH - African American Heritage (the beige book in your pew)

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Have questions? Interested in baptism or membership? Please speak with our ***Pastor Kimberly Vaughn*** after service Or, call 201.433.1836.

P-Pastor    C-Congregation

Prelude

Welcome

**GATHERING**

Confession and Forgiveness

*Please stand as you are comfortable.*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, creator of darkness and light, word of truth, wind sweeping over the waters.

**C: Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: God, our rock and refuge,

**C: we pour out our hearts before you. We have known you but have not always loved you. We have wounded one another and sinned against you. We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit dwelling in each of us. Remember your covenant. Renew your creation. Restore us, that we might proclaim your good news to all.**

P: The voice of the Lord is upon the waters. God has spoken: The time of grace is now. In Jesus, the reign of God has come near. By the authority of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are God's beloved.

**C: Amen.**

Gathering Hymn:

Come By Here, My Lord (AAH 438)

Apostolic 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.**

### Kyrie

A: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord have mercy.**

A: For peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord have mercy.**

A: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord have mercy.**

A: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord have mercy.**

A: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C: Amen**

### Hymn of Praise

A: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

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

### Salutation

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

### Prayer of the Day

Front page of the *Celebrate* Insert

P: Let us pray... 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.**

## WORD

### Lessons in *Celebrate* Insert

First Reading	2 Kings 2:1-12
Psalmody	Psalm 50:1-6
Second Reading	2 Corinthians 4:3-6
Gospel	Mark 9:2-9

### 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.*

<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.

L: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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

*Out of Zion, perfect in beauty, God shines forth in glory. (Ps. 50:2)*

<sup>1</sup>The mighty one, God the <sup>|</sup> Lord, has spoken;  
calling the earth from the rising of the sun <sup>|</sup> to its setting.

<sup>2</sup>**Out of Zion, perfect <sup>|</sup> in its beauty,  
God shines <sup>|</sup> forth in glory. R**

<sup>3</sup>Our God will come and will <sup>|</sup> not keep silence;  
with a consuming flame before, and round about a <sup>|</sup> raging storm.

<sup>4</sup>**God calls the heavens and the earth <sup>|</sup> from above  
to witness the judgment <sup>|</sup> of the people.**

<sup>5</sup>“Gather before me my <sup>|</sup> loyal followers,  
those who have made a covenant with me and sealed <sup>|</sup> it with sacrifice.”

<sup>6</sup>**The heavens declare the rightness <sup>|</sup> of God’s cause,  
for it is God <sup>|</sup> 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 at creation, God makes the light of Jesus Christ shine in our lives through Christian ministry.*

<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.

L: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*(In honor of God’s Good News to us in Jesus, we stand or assume a posture of reverence to receive the reading of the Gospel.)*

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

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 9<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

**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.*

<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.**

*Please be seated.*

**Children's Time**

The Reverend Kimberly Vaughn

*(Children are welcome to come forward for a special message.)*

**Sermon**

The Reverend Kimberly Vaughn

*Please stand as you are comfortable.*

**Hymn of the Day:**

Beautiful Savior (ELW 838)

**The Apostles' Creed**

P: Let us confess our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come 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.**

**Prayers of Intercession**

Back page of the *Celebrate* Insert

As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

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. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

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. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

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. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for any who are sick and suffering (*especially*). Guide us to offer hospitality, shelter, friendship, and care to any in need. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

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. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

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 (*especially*). Grant us your gift of salvation as we await your coming again in glory. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

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. **Amen.**



## MEAL

### Greeting of Peace

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

**C: And also with you.**

*(We share a sign of Christ's peace—a wave, handshake, smile, hug—however you are comfortable!)*

*Please be seated.*

### Offering & Offertory Music

*(In response to hearing God's Word, we respond with joy in our offering.)*

*Please stand as you are comfortable.*

**C: Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.**

**Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all, unite them with the prayers we offer. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.**

### Offertory Prayer

P: Blessed are you, Holy One, for all good things come from you. In bread and cup you open heaven to us. Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek and follow your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray. **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 him thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**C: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is who comes in the name of**

**the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Words of Institution**

P: In the night in which he was betrayed our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks, broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat, this is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks and gave it for all to drink saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me.

**C. Amen**

**The Lord's Prayer**

P: Let us pray as Jesus taught...

**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**

P: At Jesus' table, heaven and earth are joined as one. Come and see.  
*Please be seated.*

**C: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.**

**Communion Hymn:**

Have Thine Own Way, Lord (AAH 449)

**Distribution of Communion**

*(Please bring the communion back to your seat to eat and drink. Someone will collect the cups afterwards.)*

*Please stand as able.*

**Post-Communion Cantic:**

God is So Good

*GOD IS SO GOOD, GOD IS SO GOOD, GOD IS SO GOOD, HE'S SO GOOD TO ME.*

*HE CARES FOR ME, HE CARES FOR ME, HE CARES FOR ME, HE'S SO GOOD TO ME.*

*HE'S ALL I NEED, HE'S ALL I NEED, HE'S ALL I NEED HE'S SO GOOD TO ME.*

P: Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever.

**C: Amen**

*Please be seated.*

**Announcements**

*(Please see the last page.)*

**SENDING**

*Please stand as you are comfortable.*

**Benediction**

P: God who names you, Christ who claims you, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you, ✠ bless you and remain with you always.

**C: Amen.**

Sending Hymn

We Are Marching in the Light of God (ELW 866)

Closing Anthem

Jesus Remember Me

**Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. You are God's beloved.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Please Remember Our Sick and Shut-Ins:**

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**Worship Participants**

Ministers	The People of Christ Our Redeemer
Pastor	Reverend Kimberly Vaughn
Pianist	Kim Norton
Lector:	Janasia Carter
Counters:	Carla Parker and TBD
Usher:	Corey Brooks and Joy Griggs

*Thank you to those who assisted in today's worship.*

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**Our Parish Calendar**

**February Birthdays:**

<b>James Gumbs</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Jakiya Carter</b>	<b>18<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Pastor Kimberly</b>	<b>22<sup>nd</sup></b>
<b>Torren Green</b>	<b>25<sup>th</sup></b>

## **February Baptism Anniversaries:**

### **Worship Assistants for 2/18/2024**

Lector: Toni Mabry  
Counters: Janasia Carter and TBD  
Usher: Corey Brooks and Joy Griggs

### **Worship Assistants for 2/25/2024**

Lector: Jameka Carter  
Counters: TBD  
Usher: Corey Brooks and Joy Griggs

### **Worship Assistants for 3/3/2024**

Lector: Timekia Carter  
Counters: Jameka Carter  
Usher: TBD

### **Worship Assistants for 3/10/2024**

Lector: Janasia Carter  
Counters: TBD  
Usher: TBD

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **Congregational:**

- BRITISH SWIM SCHOOL rescheduled their presentation at Christ Our Redeemer to next Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm. They will also provide refreshments. Please come out to show your support!
- ASH WEDNESDAY & LENT: Ash Wednesday service will be here on Wednesday, February 14 at 6:30 p.m. Joint supper/worship with area churches begins on Wednesday, February 21 at Grace, Bayonne. Meal begins at 6 pm and worship begins at 7 pm.
- COUNCIL MEETINGS: Our February council meeting will be held TODAY after worship, and our March meeting will be on Tuesday, March 12th. Please note the date changes!

- LENTEN DEVOTIONS are available for pick up in either regular or large print at the church. Take yours home today.
- OFFERING ENVELOPES: See Wanda Fluellen if you don't have your envelopes. Please note - your envelope number may have changed.
- BIBLE STUDY: Join us each Thursday at 6:30 p.m. for study and conversation on "Daily Discipleship". See Pastor Kimberly for details.
- HOLY BAPTISM: If you or your child are interested in being baptized, please see Pastor Kimberly.
- FIRST COMMUNION: Do you have a child ready to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion? Please see Pastor Kimberly.
- LOOSE CHANGE: Got any spare change? Drop it in the jar after worship—all monies go towards the building fund.
- Please see page 9 for the list of upcoming worship assistants.

**NJ Synod and Community:**

- The 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering will take place July 16-20, 2024 in New Orleans. Registration fee is \$425 through February 14th. Late fee (Feb. 15—April 15) is \$475. MYLE and tAble registration fee is \$190 (Waived restriction apply). A \$150 nonrefundable and registration fee are due at sign-up.

***126<sup>th</sup> YEAR OF WITNESS AND SERVICE TO CHRIST  
THROUGH GOD'S WORD, THE LIGHT AND THE TRUTH,  
WE INVITE ALL TO GROW IN CHRIST***

*† Connected to Christ † Connected to Each Other † Connected to Community*

Meal starts @ 6 pm  
Worship starts @ 7 pm

Feb. 21  
Grace Lutheran  
Church  
836 Avenue C  
Bayonne

Feb. 28 Christ  
Our Redeemer  
Lutheran Church  
37 Warner Ave.  
Jersey City

***"OPEN MY LIFE"***  
**LENT 2024**

*Wednesday Soup &  
Services*

Join our area Lutheran congregations for meals &  
meditations each Wednesday in Lent

March 6  
Bethany Lutheran  
Church  
2015 JFK Blvd.  
Jersey City

March 13  
Trinity Lutheran  
Church  
195 Claremont  
Ave.  
Jersey City

**All are welcome**