

February 11, 2024

# Transfiguration

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church

**GATHERING MUSIC** Aaron Lack and the Vibetet

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Assisting Minister: To you O God, whose voice breaks through the  
skies, calling us to listen, we confess our sin.

For the times we fail to hear your voice;

**All: Forgive us, O Lord.**

Assisting Minister: For the times we speak over and ignore the voice  
of the marginalized;

**All: Forgive us, O Lord.**

Assisting Minister: For the times we choose not to speak, remaining  
silent in the face of injustice;

**All: Forgive us, O Lord.**

Assisting Minister: For the times we busy ourselves instead of being  
still in your presence;

**All: Forgive us, O Lord.**

Assisting Minister: For the times we dwell in comfort too long,  
rather than taking action in the world;

**All: Forgive us, O Lord.**

### ***Time of Silence***

Pastor: Listen to the Good News - through Jesus Christ, God, who  
is rich in mercy and abounding in steadfast love, forgives  
you all your sin and declares that you too are called Child  
of God!

**All: Amen.**

### **OPENING HYMN #671 *Shine, Jesus, Shine***

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

### **WELCOME/LIFE IN COMMUNITY [shephills.org/Events](http://shephills.org/Events)**

Announcements: Shrove Tuesday, Ash Wednesday, Lent

### **SCRIPTURE READING...2 KINGS 2:1-12 NRSV**

Assisting Minister: Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to  
heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from  
Gilgal. 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.

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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." 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.

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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."

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.

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Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. 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.

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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." 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."

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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. 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.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION #174**      *Celtic Alleluia*

### **GOSPEL READING...MARK 9:2-9** NRSV

Leader:      The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

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

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves.

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And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus.

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.” He did not know what to say, for they were terrified.

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Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, “This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!” Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. 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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE** Joel Timmons

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## **MESSAGE SONG #815** *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

## **APOSTLES’ CREED**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*after each petition... Lord in your mercy,*

**All: Hear our prayer.**

## **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

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

**All: And also with you.**

## **THANK OFFERING**

- To make a gift online to the mission and ministry of Shepherd of the Hills, use this link: [shephills.org/give](https://shephills.org/give).
- Scan the QR Code with your camera phone to give now.
- By mail, send to 3525 Bee Caves Rd, Austin, TX 78746



Passing of the plates

**OFFERING MUSIC** Aaron Lack and the Vibetet

**OFFERING PRAYER**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING: ELW SETTING 3**

**PREFACE**

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY: ELW SETTING 3**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**LORD’S PRAYER**

**COMMUNION INVITATION**

As we celebrate this sacrament, all are invited to receive the  
Risen presence of Jesus.

*Christ is really present—in bread and wine—  
forgiving sins and promising new life.*

*Hear these words:*

*Bread/wafer— “The body of Christ given for you”;  
Wine— “The blood of Christ shed for you.”*

*Prayer Station*

*As you leave the communion table, a prayer minister is available to  
offer prayers of thanksgiving or healing prayers  
for the burdens and ills you carry.*

**Lamb of God: ELW SETTING 3**

**COMMUNION MUSIC** Aaron Lack and the Vibetet

10:45 Choir *Christ Upon the Mountain Peak* Paul Bouman

**POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER**

**BENEDICTION**

**SENDING SONG #864** *Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven*

Children come forward to help bury Alleluias

**COMMISSIONING**

Assisting Minister: As we are sent from this place, may we have ears  
to hear the voice of God calling us to go in peace to love  
and serve the Lord...

**All: Thanks be to God, and we WILL!**

**POSTLUDE** Aaron Lack and the Vibetet

## **PRAYERS**

**We pray** for Bob Moore and Rodney Varner.

**We pray** for family and friends of Shepherd members:

Milton Volney, uncle of Debra Wissman.

Wally Holmquist, brother of Mary Macauley.

Pauline Krc, friend of Terrie Thomas.

Layne Walls, friend of Jan Burnight.

**We pray** for Diane Peterson on the death of her brother-in-law, Marlin Torgerson. Give peace and comfort to all who grieve, and may the promise of resurrection be our hope.

**God of Unity**, we thank you for the many different people and perspectives that fill your world and our lives each day. We pray that our church may continue to live out and share the welcoming love of Jesus for all people. As the root of conflict is so often misunderstanding and judgment of others, may we be instruments of your peace as you open our minds and hearts to see every person as your beloved.

**Holy God**, as war continues in the Holy Land, we lift to you prayers for peace and resolution. Draw near to the victims, and inspire leaders to seek your will and your guidance.

**Almighty God**, you inspire and equip us to serve your people, both here in our community and around the world. We thank you for our mission partners of Austin City Lutherans and the ministries of Mariposa Family Learning Center and Bread for All. We thank for our partnership with Upbring Ministries.

We are grateful to serve your people alongside Lutheran World Relief, Global Refuge, ELCA World Hunger, and other ministries across the world. We pray for our sister congregation in Aurora 8 de Octubre, Guatemala, and the ministry of ILAG. We pray for the mission of Charis in Haiti. We thank you for our Butterfly Christian Preschool and the many young minds and hearts that are formed in faith here. May we be your hands and feet!

*\*Prayers for family and friends are listed for 2 weeks,  
unless we are notified otherwise.*



## **WORSHIP TEAM**

<b>Pastor</b>	Pr. Lauren Dow Wegner
<b>Presider</b>	Pr. Adam Varner
<b>Preaching</b>	Joel Timmons
<b>Director of Worship/Arts</b>	Kevin McClure
<b>Musicians</b>	Aaron Lack and the Vibetet
<b>Acolyte</b>	(8:15) Madison Johnson; (10:45)
<b>Altar Steward</b>	(8:15) Sandy Wikelius; (10:45) Richard and Jennifer Arndt
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	(8:15) Larry Wikelius; (10:45) Alana Oehler
<b>AV</b>	Bill Dawson, Dave Wegner, Pete Forsberg, Jamie Nichols, Peter Walsh, Jonathan Wolff, Erin Courtney, Devon Schueppert and Vince Yokubaitis
<b>Bread</b>	Kitt Richter
<b>Food For Fellowship</b>	Mark Tate
<b>Hosts/Tellers</b>	(8:15) Rick Burnight, Terrie Thomas; (10:45) Donna and Dick Auby, Debi Schoenfelt
<b>Prayer Ministry</b>	(8:15) ; (10:45)
<b>Accompanist</b>	Andrei Zimbalist
<b>Admin &amp; Community Life Coordinator</b>	Amanda Forsberg
<b>Campus Superintendent</b>	Philip Perry
<b>Children's Ministry Coordinator</b>	Megan Getman
<b>Communications Director</b>	Dabney Gomes
<b>Digital Ministry &amp; IT</b>	Dave Wegner
<b>Executive Director</b>	Bill Dawson
<b>Finance Controller</b>	Kevin Marlow
<b>Program Ministry Coordinator</b>	Joel Timmons
<b>Spiritual Wellness and Spiritual Director</b>	Rebecca Guengerich

***HAVE A BLESSED WEEK!***

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