



# TRANSFIGURATION OF JESUS AND BAPTISM OF ROSIE ZEIMET FEBRUARY 11, 2024

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH  
OF NORTHEAST MINNEAPOLIS

*Welcome to worship! We are a congregation with a long history of loving God and serving our neighbors. We welcome and celebrate all of you, including race, culture, sexual orientation, gender identity, ability, age, and family.*

*We welcome you to share fellowship with us in your joys and struggles. If you hunger for a good meal, a bag of groceries, the bread of communion, an opportunity to serve your neighbors, or a welcoming church home, **there is a place for you at Grace!***

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**We love to sing!** When music and words are not printed in the bulletin, you can find the song in the red hymnal underneath the chairs at the page number listed.

**Children belong in worship!** We recognize that children aren't wired to "sit still" for an hour, so we welcome their quiet movement, joyous singing, and encourage their involvement in worship. Children of any age may pick out a book, toy, or art supplies in the Commons for use during the service.

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**All are welcome at Jesus' table to receive holy communion.** We set the table with wheat bread, gluten-free crackers, white grape juice, and red wine.

**Join us for fellowship time!** All are invited to stay after worship for coffee, treats, and community connection in the Multi-Purpose Room.

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## PRELUDE

## WELCOME & GREETING

The grace of our savior Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**And also with you.**

✠ HYMN      *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*      #807  
*Raised to new life in Christ and sustained by the Holy Spirit, we sing of God's grace as Rosie Zeimet, sponsor Barb Bower, and family gather at the font.*

## ✠ PRESENTATION

*God's grace calls forth our grateful response. Led by the Holy Spirit, Rosie Zeimet presents herself for baptism. Because the Spirit makes us one body in Christ, the whole congregation promises our support.*

Rosie, many months ago you started asking questions about baptism. Ashley accompanied you on a journey of learning about this sacrament. Do you now desire to be baptized?

***Rosie: I do.***

Before you could understand it, God loved you and cared for you. Now, at the Spirit's prompting, you are invited to enter into a covenant, a public promise of relationship that calls forth a new way of life. Trusting that God will always love you and care for you, do you intend to enter into the covenant God makes with us in baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,  
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,  
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ  
through word and deed,  
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,  
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

***Rosie: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.***

Jesus sent his disciples two by two, and even now we do not make our journey of faith alone. Rosie, whom have you asked to accompany you from this congregation along with your parents? ***Rosie: Barb Bower***

Barb, Rosie has asked you to accompany her on her journey of faith. Do you accept this invitation? ***Barb: I do.***

Barb, Brenna, Nick, do you promise to nurture Rosie in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with Christ and with those the Spirit gathers around Christ? ***Sponsor and family: We do.***

People of God, do you promise to support Rosie

and to pray for her in her new life in Christ?

**Congregation: We do.**

PRAYER AT THE FONT

*We give thanks for the waters of creation, for God's saving waters, and for raising us—especially Rosie—to new life through water and the Word.*

Let us give thanks and praise to God  
for the waters of creation and the gift of baptism.

Water! Water! We praise you, O God, for water—  
the Mississippi River and Silver Lake,  
the rain that nourishes animals and plants,  
the water for drinking and bathing.

**We praise, O God, for water!**

We praise you, O God, for our water stories—  
**a well discovered in the desert,**  
**a sea that led the way to freedom,**  
**an ever-flowing stream of righteousness.**

We remember the waters of Jesus—  
**baptized in the Jordan River,**  
**calming the Sea of Galilee,**  
**drinking from Jacob's Well,**  
**washing disciples' feet.**

We praise you, O God, for the water in this font,  
for you use this water  
to wash away our sin,  
to clothe us in Christ,  
and to birth us each day into your peace and joy.

**We praise you, O God, for water!**

You, O God, are the fountain of justice,  
you are the wellspring of mercy,  
you are living water in our midst,  
sustaining, redeeming, and renewing the earth.

All thanks and praise to you, Trinity of overflowing love,

today, tomorrow, forever. **Amen.**

## BAPTISM

*Baptized with water in the name of the triune God, Rosie is then presented with a baptismal garment: a prayer shawl crocheted by Grace crafters.*

The grace poured out on us in baptism begins in the heart of God, flows through these waters, and echoes in the name of the triune God. Rosie, do you now say 'yes' to God's grace in baptism? **Rosie: I do**

Rosalie Debra,

I baptize you in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, the rock who gave us birth. **Amen.**

## PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT AND SIGN OF THE CROSS

*All are invited to lay hands on Rosie or one someone touching her as we pray for the Spirit to sustain her. Afterward, as she is anointed with oil—an ancient symbol of God's blessing—we acknowledge that she is Christ's own forever.*

## ✠ WELCOME

*Barb presents Rosie with a candle, and we welcome Rosie as a new companion in God's mission.*

Rosie, you are called to follow Jesus, the light of the world. Receive this candle and Christ's encouragement:  
Let your light so shine before others  
that they may see your good works and glorify God. **Amen.**

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**We welcome you into the body of Christ  
and into the mission we share.**

**Join us in giving thanks and praise to God  
and bearing God's creative and redeeming word  
to all the world.**

*Let us sing as we welcome the newly baptized!*



1 I'm go-ing on a jour-ney, and I'm start-ing to-day. My



head is wet, and I'm on my way. Christ's mark is on me;



it's on you, too; it says he loves me, and he loves you, too!



2 I'm be-com-ing this day a saint of God. It



real-ly does-n't mat-ter what roads I trod. Wher-ev-er I go, God's



been there, too. God's love has touched me and will car-ry me through.



3 There are oth-er saints who have said a-men. They'll



keep me faith-ful to my jour-ney's end. A - long the way



I want to be the kind of per-son that God set free.

*The newly baptizes us invites us to share signs of Christ's peace.*

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Please share a sign of peace with others as you are comfortable. When the hymn of praise begins, you may return to your seats and remain standing.*

✠ HYMN OF PRAISE

*The Summons*

#798



5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call  
my name. Let me turn and fol - low  
you and nev - er be the same.  
In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and  
foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and  
grow in you and you in me.

### OBJECT LESSON

*Any children who are interested and comfortable are invited to come forward for a reflection and short prayer. Parents and guardians are welcome too!*

### CHORAL OFFERING

*As we prepare to hear the Word, music opens our hearts to receive God's blessing.*

### FIRST READING

*Isaiah 40:21-31*

Don't you know? Haven't you heard? Wasn't it announced to you from the beginning? Haven't you understood since the earth was founded? God inhabits the earth's horizon—

its inhabitants are like locusts—stretches out the skies like a curtain and spreads it out like a tent for dwelling.

God makes dignitaries useless and the earth's judges into nothing. Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely is their shoot rooted in the earth when God breathes on them, and they dry up; the windstorm carries them off like straw. So to whom will you compare me, and who is my equal? says the Holy One.

Look up at the sky and consider: Who created these? The One who brings out their attendants one by one, summoning each of them by name. Because of God's great strength and mighty power, not one is missing.

Why do you say, Jacob, and declare, Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, my God ignores my predicament"? Don't you know? Haven't you heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the creator of the ends of the earth. The LORD doesn't grow tired or weary. God's understanding is beyond human reach, giving power to the tired and reviving the exhausted. Youths will become tired and weary, young men will certainly stumble; but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength; they will fly up on wings like eagles; they will run and not be tired; they will walk and not be weary.

This is the word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

✠ GOSPEL CHANT

*Let us rise to follow Jesus, calling in the Gospel!*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



A reading from the Gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

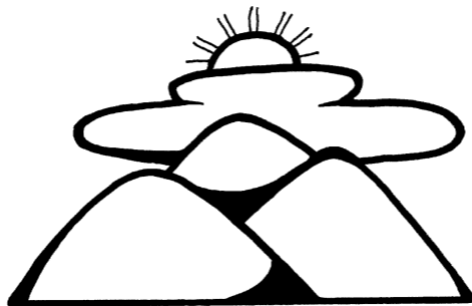
Jesus took Peter, James, and John, and brought them to the top of a very high mountain where they were alone. He was transformed in front of them, and his clothes were amazingly bright, brighter than if they had been bleached white. Elijah and Moses appeared and were talking with Jesus. Peter reacted to all of this by saying to Jesus, “Rabbi, it’s good that we’re here. Let’s make three shrines—one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” He said this because he didn’t know how to respond, for the three of them were terrified.

Then a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice spoke from the cloud, “This is my Son, whom I dearly love. Listen to him!” Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them not to tell anyone what they had seen until after the Human One had risen from the dead.

This is the Good News.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON



## ✠ HYMN

*Dazzling Presence on the Mountain*

1. Dazzling presence on the mountain: human eye had ne - ver seen  
 2. From the heights of new cre - a - tion, Christ be - holds his world, redeemed;  
 3. Let our praise ring from each mountain, in - to deep - est val - leys pour,



such a wonder, such resplendence, heav'n and earth in cloud convene.  
 as with Pe - ter and companions, brings us now to sights unseen.  
 where, with lives of grate - ful ser - vice, we a - dore Christ e - ver - more.



“This is my Son, the be - lov - èd,” thund'rous voice from cloud exclaimed.  
 Jus - tice, mer - cy, and com - passion: these the booths he bids us build,  
 To the Son, God's own be - lov - èd, and the Spi - rit end - less - ly,



Word made flesh to heal cre - a - tion, to dis - ci - ples God proclaimed.  
 that the earth he loves may flourish as each life with grace is filled.  
 may the church's praise be lif - ted to the bles - sèd Tri - ni - ty.



# PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

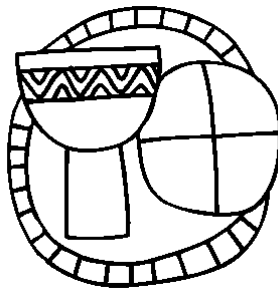
*The psalmist sang: "As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God" (Ps 42:1). Let us call out to God on behalf of creation, community, and our deepest longings.*

O God, we call, O God, we call, from  
deep in - side we yearn, from deep in - side we yearn, from  
deep in - side we yearn for you.

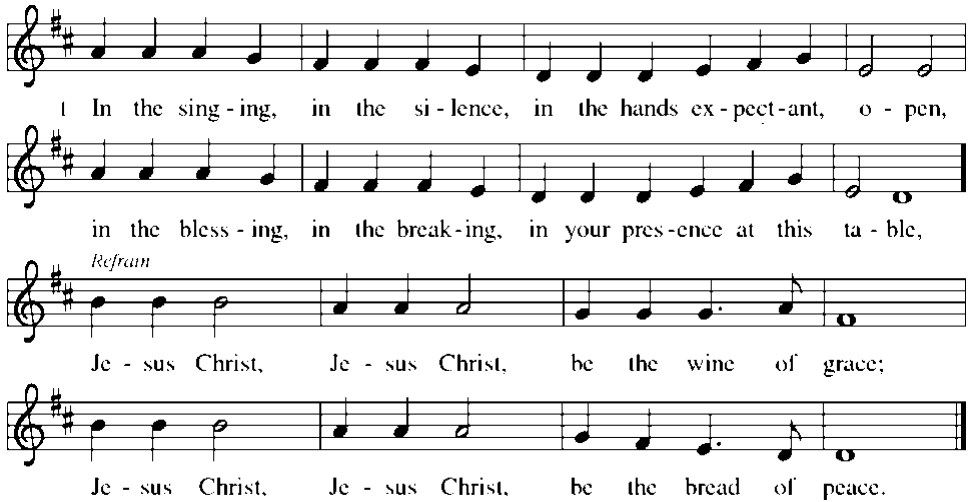
The musical score consists of three systems of two staves each (treble and bass clef). The lyrics are written below the treble clef staff. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a steady rhythm.

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## ✠ COMMUNION: SINGING THE STORY



In the sing - ing, in the si - lence, in the hands ex - pect - ant, o - pen,  
in the bless - ing, in the break - ing, in your pres - ence at this ta - ble,  
*Refrain*  
Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the wine of grace;  
Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the bread of peace.

Christ broke bread among disciples,  
sharing with them as he said:

“Take and eat, this is my body, given for you to be fed.”

**Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, be the wine of grace;  
Jesus, Christ, Jesus Christ, be the bread of peace.**

“This cup too is full of promise;  
drink it and remember me;

A new covenant I offer for all people to be free.”

**Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, be the wine of grace;  
Jesus, Christ, Jesus Christ, be the bread of peace.**

## ✠ COMMUNION: PRAYER

Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.

*Echo each acclamation of praise as you are invited:*

We praise you, O God! **We praise you, O God!**

We bless you, O God! **We bless you, O God!**

We thank you, O God! **We thank you, O God!**

United with disciples in every time and place, let us pray...

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.**

**Your kingdom come.**

**Your will be done on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

### COMMUNION: SHARING THE MEAL

At Jesus' table, heaven and earth touch.

Come and see. **Amen.**

*All are welcome at the Lord's table. If you wish to receive, ushers will invite you forward. The pastor will place a piece of bread or a gluten-free cracker in your cupped hand as you hear "Body of Christ, given for you." In the brass trays are cups of red wine or golden grape juice. Take a small cup as you hear, "Cup of Christ, given for you." You may respond with "Amen," "Thank you," or with quiet acceptance.*

*If you cannot come forward but wish to receive communion or a blessing, please let an usher know and the servers will come to you. If for any reason you do not wish to receive, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing with your arms crossed over your chest.*

*As we celebrate Communion, you may join in singing:*

### HYMN

### O Lamb of God

O Lamb . . of God, you . . take a - way the  
sin of the world; . . . have . . mer - cy up - on us. *Repeat*  
O Lamb . . of God, you . . take a - way the

sin of the world; . . . have . . . mer - cy up -  
on us, have . . . mer - cy up - on us.  
Grant us your peace. A - men.

HYMN

*Bread of Life from Heaven*

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✠ POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

Now may the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

Let us pray: **Thank you, generous God, for this meal and the community in which we share it. As we have received Christ's life, send us forth in your Spirit that our neighbors may know your presence, power, and love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

FAREWELL TO ALLELUIA

*As we sing "Alleluia!" one last time before Easter, children are welcome to come to the front of the sanctuary help say farewell to Alleluia.*

✠ BENEDICTION

*based on Psalm 121*

May God, maker of heaven and earth,  
our rescue and refuge,  
bless and keep you, going or coming,  
today, tomorrow, and always. **Amen.**

✠ HYMN

*In Christ Called to Baptize*

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✠ SENDING

Go in peace, led by the grace of Christ.  
**We will. Thanks be to God!**

## POSTLUDE

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*Do you not know that all who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore, we were buried together with him through baptism into his death, so that just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too can walk in newness of life. – Romans 6:3-4*



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