



# CALVARY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Chandler, Arizona † February 10 & 11, 2024 † Transfiguration

**Welcome.** At Calvary, our worship is designed to praise God and enrich faith. We aim to make the service clear and appropriately reverent. For your convenience, the service is printed in its entirety in your bulletin. Please do sign the connection cards in the pews or the guest book by the entryway so that we know you were here in case we didn't get to say hello. Feel free to ask Pastor Spaude, Pastor Sprain, Deacon Josh or Mr. Kuether any questions you may have or go to our website, [calvarychandler.net](http://calvarychandler.net)

**Bring the kids.** Our congregation enjoys the worshipping family. Please sit in any pew where you feel comfortable. We do have a message specifically for the children Sunday Morning during worship.

**May we suggest:** Quietly explain the worship service as it takes place. Share with your children the “why” of what they are hearing. Sing the hymns, pray the prayers etc. Children learn behavior by mimicking you. And please remember, if you have to leave the sanctuary (the cry room is located in the back of church) with your child, feel free to do so, but please come back. For Jesus said: “Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.” Matthew 19:14

**To our Calvary Family,** the presence of children is a gift to the Church, and they remind us that our church is growing. Give a smile and a warm encouragement to them and their families.

**Don't feel obligated.** Our members give offerings to the Lord as an expression of our thanks and praise for his amazing love! Visitors, please know you are not expected or required to give an offering. It is completely your choice. We are just glad you are here!

**Make yourself at home.** After the service, we join together for coffee, snacks and conversation. We would be honored if you'd join us.

**For those who have hearing issues** our sound system allows for you to engage the “T” setting on your hearing aid. There are also hearing devices available. Ask an usher.

## SERVICE NOTES FOR THIS SUNDAY

On the Mount of Transfiguration, Jesus gives us a glimpse of his true glory. This final epiphany prepares us for the journey of Lent where we will witness the most glorious work that Jesus would do when he came down from this mountain.

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

## How Good, Lord, to Be Here

Blue: CW 389; Red: CW 95



1 How good, Lord, to be here! Your glo - ry fills the night;  
2 How good, Lord, to be here your beau - ty to be - hold,  
3 Ful - fil - ler of the past, and hope of things to be,  
4 Be - fore we taste of death, we see your king - dom come;



your face and gar - ments, like the sun, shine with un - bor - rowed light.  
where Mo - ses and E - li - jah stand, your mes - sen - gers of old.  
we hail your bod - y glo - ri - fied and our re - demp - tion see.  
we long to hold the vi - sion bright and make this hill our home.

- 5 But you, Lord, do not stay. With mercy resolute  
you leave this glorious hill to die—  
our perfect substitute.
6. How good, Lord, to be here!  
Yet we may not remain;  
but since you bid us leave the mount,  
come with us to the plain.

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## INVOCATION

**P:** The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**C:** And also with you.

## CONFESSION OF SINS

**P:** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

**C:** Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

**P:** God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

**C: Amen.**

## PRAYER AND PRAISE

**P:** In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

## OH, TASTE AND SEE

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of six staves of music. The lyrics are: "C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e - ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav - ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for - ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him." The music features a simple melody with some rests and ties, and ends with a double bar line.

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord God, before the suffering and death of your one and only Son, you revealed his glory on the holy mountain. Grant that we who bear his cross on earth may behold by faith the light of his heavenly glory and so be changed into his likeness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## FIRST LESSON

2 Kings 2:1-12a

When the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven in a whirlwind, Elijah was traveling with Elisha from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, “Stay here, for the Lord has sent me to Bethel.”

But Elisha said, “As surely as the Lord lives and as your soul lives, I will not leave you.” So they went down to Bethel.

The sons of the prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha and said to him, “Do you know that today the Lord is taking your master away from you?”

Then he said, “Yes, I know. Be quiet.”

Then Elijah said to him, “Elisha, stay here because the Lord has sent me to Jericho.”

But he said, “As surely as the Lord lives and as your soul lives, I will not leave you.” So they went to Jericho.

Then the sons of the prophets who were in Jericho approached Elisha and said to him, “Do you know that today the Lord is taking your master away from you?”

He said, “Yes, I know. Be quiet.”

Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here because the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.”

But he said, “As surely as the Lord lives and as your soul lives, I will not leave you.” So the two of them went on.

Then fifty men from the sons of the prophets came and stood and watched them from a distance, while the two of them were standing at the Jordan. Elijah took his cloak, folded it together, and struck the water. The water divided to the right and to the left. Then the two of them crossed on dry land.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Ask me for whatever I can do for you before I am taken from you.”

Then Elisha said, “Let there be a double portion of your spirit on me.”

He said, “You have asked for a difficult thing. If you see me being taken from you, it will surely be yours. But if not, then it will not.”


While they were walking and talking, suddenly a chariot of fire, and horses of fire came and separated them. So Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind. Elisha was watching and crying out, “My father! My father! Israel’s chariot and its charioteers!” Then he did not see him anymore.

*The prophet Elijah never tasted death but instead was taken directly to heaven. On the Mount of Transfiguration Elijah appeared with the glorious Son of God who would taste death.*

## PSALM 2


*Psalm 2:  
Nations  
conspire  
against our  
Lord, but he  
laughs for he  
is the Son of  
God,  
enthroned in  
heaven's  
glory.*

*Refrain*



Great are the works of the Lord. Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le-lu - ia! Great are the works of the Lord.

*Psalm tone*



Why do the nations conspire\*  
and the peoples plot in vain?

The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers  
gather together against the LORD\*  
and against his Anointed One.

### *Refrain*

The One enthroned in heaven laughs;\*  
the Lord scoffs at them.

Then he rebukes them in his anger  
and terrifies them in his wrath, saying,\*  
“I have installed my King on Zion, my holy hill.”

I will proclaim the decree of the LORD:\*  
He said to me, “You are my Son;  
today I have become your Father.”

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son\*  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

### *Refrain*

## SECOND LESSON

2 Corinthians 4:3–6

But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled among those who are perishing. In the case of those people, the god of this age has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from clearly seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is God’s image.

Indeed, we do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus’ sake. For the God who said, “Light will shine out of darkness,” is the same one who made light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the person of Jesus Christ.

*We cannot yet physically see what those disciples saw on the Mount of Transfiguration. But St. Paul teaches we can still see the glory of Christ’s light in the gospel.*

## VERSE OF THE DAY



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

## GOSPEL

Mark 9:2–9

After six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John with him and led them up a high mountain where they were alone by themselves. There he was transfigured in front of them. His clothes became radiant, dazzling white, whiter than anyone on earth could bleach them. And Elijah appeared to them together with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus.

Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” He did not know what to say because they were terrified.

*Jesus gives Peter, James, and John a glimpse of his true glory.*

A cloud appeared and overshadowed them, and a voice came from the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him."

Suddenly when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

*After the Gospel, the congregation sings:*



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (Sunday Morning)

Children are invited to come forward to the altar area for the children's sermon at this time. (Parents can come with their children if the children are hesitant to go by themselves.)

### Down from the Mount of Glory

*Blue: CW 388; Red: CW 97*



- 1 Down from the mount of glo - ry came Je - sus Christ, our Lord.
- 2 Trans - fig - ured, Christ, the low - ly, stood ra - dian - t in the light,
- 3 Yet mark this glo - ry hid - den! See him the mount de - scend
- 4 Strange how his jour - ney end - ed! In love that is his fame
- 5 Then hail the dou - ble glo - ry of Je - sus Christ, our Lord,



Re - call the won - drous sto - ry, rich gem in sa - cred Word.  
light found in God - head sole - ly, for hu - man eyes too bright.  
and, by the Fa - ther bid - den, his will - ing foot - steps bend  
our Lord a - gain as - cend - ed a mount—the hill of shame.  
and let the won - drous sto - ry full peace and joy af - ford!





A - gain your faith will view him in dou - ble glo - ry here;  
 Then came a voice from heav - en, con - firmed what here we see;  
 to seek hu - mil - i - a - tion in deep - est depths of woe,  
 Up - on the cross he prof - ered him - self to ag - o - ny,  
 The ho - ly mount ac - claims him the maj - es - ty di - vine;



the great - er hom - age due him will in your life ap - pear.  
 the words "my Son" were giv - en to seal his de - i - ty.  
 to suf - fer deg - ra - da - tion no mind can probe or know.  
 his ho - ly soul he of - fered to set the guilt - y free.  
 Mount Cal - va - ry pro - claims him Re - deem - er— yours and mine.

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## SERMON

**Mark 9:2-9**

### **God Uses Mountaintop Experiences to Help Us Through the Valleys.**

## APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.  
Amen.

## OFFERING

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

## 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.

### Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain

*Blue: CW 390; Red: CW 712*



- 1 Je - sus, take us to the moun - tain where, with Pe - ter,
- 2 What do you want us to see there that your close com -
- 3 What do you want us to hear there that your dear dis -
- 4 Take us to that oth - er moun - tain where we see you
- 5 We who have be - held your glo - ry, ris - en and as -



James, and John, we are daz - zled by your glo - ry,  
pan - ions saw? Your di - vin - i - ty re - vealed there  
ci - ples heard? Once a - gain the voice from heav - en  
glo - ri - fied, where you shout - ed, "It is fin - ished!"  
cend - ed Lord, can - not help but tell the sto - ry,



light as blind - ing as the sun. There pre - pare us  
fills us with the self - same awe. Clothed in flesh like  
says of the in - car - nate Word: "Lis - ten, lis - ten,  
where for all the world you died. Hear the stunned cen -  
all that we have seen and heard, say with Pe - ter,



for the night by the vi - sion of that sight.  
ours you go, matched to meet our dead - liest foe.  
ev - 'ry - one; this is my be - lov - ed Son!"  
tu - ri - on: "Tru - ly this was God's own Son!"  
James, and John: "You are God's be - lov - ed Son!"

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## PRAYER

**P:** O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

*Or*

Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want Us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**P:** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.



## Beautiful Savior

*Blue: CW 522; Red: CW 369*



1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion, Son of  
2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands, robed in  
3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light, bright the  
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions, Son of



God and Son of Man! Tru - ly I'd love thee,  
flow'rs of bloom - ing spring; Je - sus is fair - er,  
spark - ling stars on high; Je - sus shines bright - er,  
God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or,



our talents, treasures and time. This class is held on Thursday mornings at 10AM. It will still be live-streamed and archived on Calvary's website.

**After Church Refreshments:** There is a new refreshment sign-up sheet located on the back counter of the Church Narthex, covering through April.

Anyone willing to provide and serve refreshments after the Sunday service, please pick a date that works for you. You will not be responsible for making coffee. Questions may be directed to Barb Converse or Jan Enderle.

**The Sunday Bible Class: Don't miss this multi-media Bible study on**

**Leviticus: A Study in Sacred Silhouettes!** Good photographers understand how contrasting light and shadow enhances a composition. In a similar way, God has recorded "shadows" of Christ in the Old Testament in order for us to see the light of the Savior more clearly. Unfortunately, many Bible readers find that those "shadows" of Christ leave them in the dark! Open to Leviticus, for example, and rather than being enlightened you might find yourself groping through unfamiliar details and obscure obligations. You wouldn't be the first to skip over books like Leviticus in search of more "digestible" material. However, "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful..." (2 Timothy 3:16). God designed and recorded these Old Testament laws for a reason. If we bypass these pages of Scripture, we cheat ourselves of a deeper understanding of God's plan of salvation. This book is intended to help you navigate the Old Testament ceremonies, festivals, and laws with a sense of confidence rather than confusion. And more than that: with a sense of wonder at God's graphic love for sinners!

### **This past week at Calvary:**

\$6,347 was given for the work of the Lord. Included in this, \$300 for the Parish Assistance Fund, \$80 for Capital Improvement, \$400 for Instruments, \$800 for the new playground and \$2 by the Sunday School children.

**Pastor:** Martin Spaude

**Organist:** Rachel Traudt

**Head Usher:** James Schroeder

**Ushers:** James Armbruster, Caleb Cole, Ethan Cole, Nate Traudt

**Video:** Matthew Girle