

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany February 4, 2024 at 8:45am & 11:15am

Saint Luke Lutheran Church and School

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In Isaiah the one God who sits above the earth and numbers the stars also strengthens the powerless. So in Jesus' healing work we see the hand of the creator God, lifting up the sick woman to health and service (diakonia). Like Simon's mother-in-law, we are lifted up and healed to serve. Following Jesus, we strengthen the powerless; like Jesus, we seek to renew our own strength in quiet times of prayer.

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE ● Winter from Concerto, Op. 8, No. 4

Antonio Vivaldi arr. Kris Anthony

Reformation Bells

WELCOME

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ♣ one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever. Amen.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One, source of our renewal,

we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Thus says our God: "The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare." God's mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of ♣ Christ our Savior. Amen.



GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Everlasting God, you give strength to the weak and power to the faint. Make us agents of your healing and wholeness, that your good news may be made known to the ends of your creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated.

THE WORD

FIRST READING • Isaiah 40:21-31

The Judeans in exile have a good reason to be hopeful: the one who will bring them to freedom is the God who created the world, the God who subdues the rulers of the earth and gives strength to those who are weary.

Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers, who stretches out the heavens like a curtain and spreads them like a tent to live in, who brings princes to naught and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing. Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. To whom, then, will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing. Why do you say, O Jacob, and assert, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God"? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted, but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALTER ● 147:1-11, 20c



Chant: Kennedy

- Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our <u>God!</u> How pleasant it is to honor God with <u>praise!</u>
- 2 The LORD rebuilds Je<u>rusalem</u>, and gathers the exiles of <u>Israel</u>.



- The LORD heals the broken hearted and binds up their wounds.
- The LORD counts the number of the **stars** and calls them all by their **names**.
- 5 Great is our LORD and mighty in **power**; there is no limit to God's **wisdom**.
- 6 The LORD lifts up the <u>lowly</u>, but casts the wicked to the <u>ground</u>.
- 7 Sing to the LORD with thanks **giving**; make music upon the harp to our **God**,
- 8 who covers the heavens with <u>clouds</u> and prepares rain for the earth, making grass to grow upon the <u>mountains</u>.
- 9 God provides food for the <u>cattle</u> and for the young ravens when they <u>cry</u>.
- God is not impressed by the might of a **horse**, and has no pleasure in the speed of a **runner**,
- but finds pleasure in those who fear the **LORD**, in those who await God's steadfast love. Halle**lujah!**

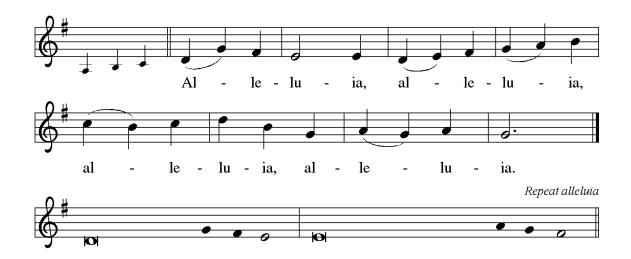
SECOND READING • 1 Corinthians 9:16-23

God entrusted Paul with the responsibility of bringing the gospel to diverse people. Hence the focus of Paul's ministry is not his own rights or privileges as an apostle but the privilege of serving God by freely sharing the good news of Christ with others.

If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a wage, but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. What then is my wage? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel. For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might gain all the more. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to gain Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might gain those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not outside God's law but am within Christ's law) so that I might gain those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, so that I might gain the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I might become a partner in it.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



All: Alleluia.

Choir/Cantor: The servant of God took | our infirmities*

and bore | our diseases. (Matt. 8:17)

All: Alleluia.

GOSPEL READING ● Mark 1:29-39

Everywhere Jesus goes, many people expect him to set them free from oppression. Everywhere he goes, he heals people and sets them free. Disease, devils, and death are running for their lives.

The forces that diminish human life are rendered powerless by Jesus.

The holy gospel according to St. Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

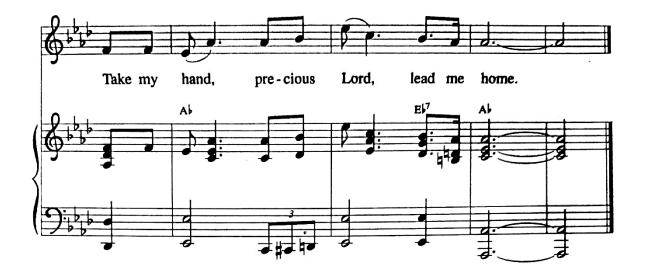
As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed by demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases and cast out many demons, and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also, for that is what I came out to do." And he went throughout all Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Pastor Miller





APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

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

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

After each portion of the prayers:

God of grace, receive our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

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.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

Please be seated.

THE MEAL

OFFERING

We invite you to give your offering online at <u>saintlukegive.us</u> You may also mail your checks to:

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM • Noel We Sing

Louis Claude Daquin arr. Lee G. Barrow

Reformation Bells

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

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.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

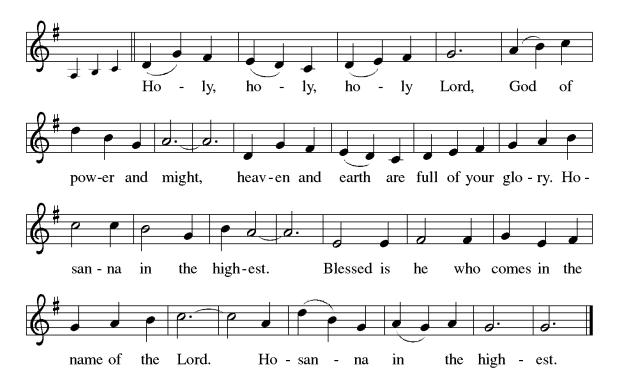
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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 on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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:

SANCTUS • ELW Setting One



Blessed are you, O holy God: you are the Life and Light of all. By your powerful word you created all things. Through the prophets you called your people to be a light to the nations. Blessed are you for Jesus, your Son. He is your Light, shining in our darkness and revealing to us your mercy and might.

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 for the 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 for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his preaching and healing, his dying and rising, and his promise to come again, we await that day when all the universe will rejoice in your holy and life-giving light.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

By your Spirit bless us and this meal, that, refreshed with this heavenly food, we may be light for the world, revealing the brilliance of your Son. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Please pray in your own preferred language.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

Padre Nuestro, que estas en los cielos, santificado sea tu nombre, venga a nosostros tu reino, hagase tu voluntad, asi en la tierra como en el cielo. Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada dia; perdona nuestras ofensas, como nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden; y no nos dejes caer en la tentacion, mas libranos del mal. Porque tuyo es el reino, el poder, y la gloria, por los siglos de los siglos. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

At Jesus' table, heaven and earth are joined as one. Come and see. **Thanks be to God.**

Please be seated.

COMMUNION

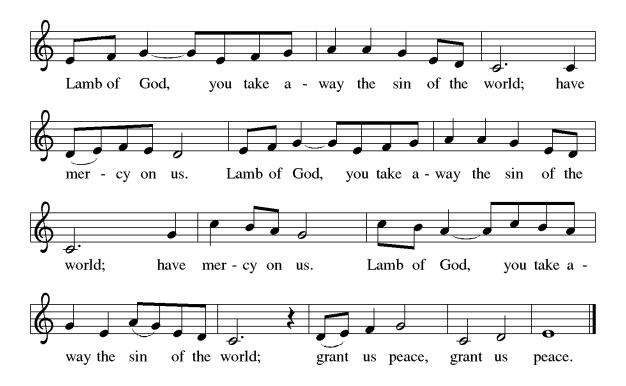
All are invited to the Lord's table, a table of grace and mercy. There are two stations at the foot of the chancel steps. Please stretch out your hand, palm up, to receive the host, the body of Christ. (Gluten-free wafers are available; please ask your server) Then receive in the individual cup the blood of Christ. You may deposit your cup in the basket near the side wall. Those who wish to receive a blessing instead of the Lord's supper are also encouraged to come forward. Those who wish to receive the sacrament in the pew, please inform an usher. All are welcome to the Lord's table.

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say: The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

The communicant may say: Amen.

AGNUS DEI ● ELW Setting One



COMMUNION HYMN ● ELW 787 On Eagle's Wings

ON EAGLES WINGS

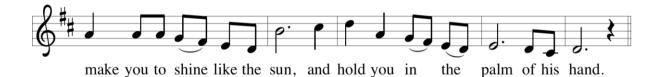


You who dwell in the shel-ter of the Lord, who a-bide in this shad-ow for life,





And he will raise you up on ea-gle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,



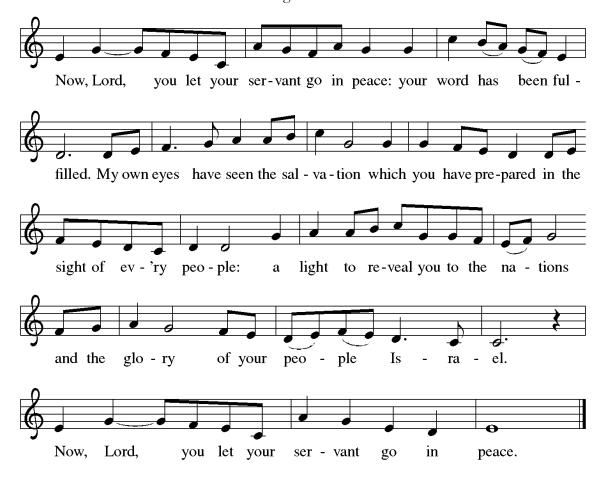


Please stand as you are able.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

POST–COMMUNION CANTICLE ● ELW Setting One



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

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. **Amen.**

THE SENDING

BLESSING

God who names you, Christ who claims you, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you,

▶ bless you and remain with you always. Amen.



DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are God's beloved. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE ● Fanfare for Organ

Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens (1823-1881)

WORSHIP LEADERS:

Presiding Ministers

The Rev. Connie A. Miller, Senior Pastor Bishop Richard Graham, Pastor In Residence The Rev. Rich Zawistoski, Confirmation Pastor

Assisting Minister

Deacon Kyle Warfield, Director of Discipleship and Senior High Ministries

Readers

Ralph Watkins (8:45) Sarah Aderholdt (11:15)

MUSICIANS

Adam Scott Graham, Interim Director of Music Schola Cantorum • Adam Scott Graham, Director Reformation Bells • Edie Venit, Director

UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS:

Monday, February 5: The Martyrs of Japan, died 1597

In the sixteenth century, Jesuit missionaries, followed by Franciscans, introduced the Christian faith in Japan. But a promising beginning to those mission – perhaps as many as 300,000 Christians by the end of the sixteenth century – met complications from competition between the missionary groups, political difficulty between Spain and Portugal, and factions within the government of Japan. Christianity was suppressed. By 1630 Christianity was driven underground. Today we commemorate the first martyrs of Japan, twenty-six missionaries and converts who were killed by crucifixion. Two hundred and fifty years later, when Christian missionaries returned to Japan, they found a community of Japanese Christians that had survived underground.



HYMN OF THE DAY • ELW 773 Precious Lord, Take My Hand

While we can trace some of our hymns to the exact coffee shop where they were written on a napkin, or to a wellknown monastery or place of worship, some hymns can only be attributed to whom we think wrote the text or tune. Precious Lord is one example. While we credit Thomas Dorsey with the tune of this hymn, scholars make a compelling case that it is attributed to American composer George N Allen (1812–1877). The tune for this hymn was taken from the tune "Maitland." The earliest known source (Plymouth Collection, 1855) shows that Allen adapted the text of "Must Jesus bear the cross alone," but not necessarily the composer of the tune. For many years, the tune was printed without any credit for years. The text, however, is a different story. Bereaved over the passing of his wife, Nettie Harper, who passed during childbirth, Dorsey wrote "Precious Lord." Published in over 40 languages, this beloved hymn has been recorded by some of the most well-known musicians such as Mahalia Jackson and Aretha Franklin, and even arranged for choir in a stunning a-capella composition by Arnold Sevier.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM • Noel We Sing

Louis-Claude Daquin arr. Lee G. Barrow A popular organ solo for concert use in showing off many colors of the instrument, it also has a Christmas text about the birth of Christ as King and the shepherd's arrival to see baby Jesus. Only in the gospel of Luke are we ushered into the holy moments surrounding Jesus' birth, and that includes the shepherds. Truly the shepherds were the first evangelists as they saw Jesus before the Wise Men. Born in Paris to an Italian family, Louis-Claude Daquin (1694-1772) was a French composer, writing in the Baroque and Galant styles and revered as a virtuoso organist and harpsichordist. A musical child prodigy, he played for King Louis XIV by age 6, and his great expertise at the organ drew large crowds to hear him. In 1739 he became organist to King Louis XV at the Chapelle Royale. Daquin was later made titular organist at Notre-Dame Cathedral in 1755.

COMMUNION HYMN ● ELW 787 On Eagle's Wings

ON EAGLES WINGS

A liturgical music scholar, composer, and writer, Michael Joncas (b. 1951) wrote both the text and music for this hymn. It became quite popular in the Catholic Church after the Second Vatican Council. A mash-up of different references to scripture, this hymn quotes Exodus 19:4, Psalm 139, and Isaiah 49:16. The text has been criticized for its non-inclusive language for God, which the text has been re-written in Evangelical Lutheran Worship. Verse 1 substitutes "this shadow for life" instead of "His shadow for life." Verse 2 substitutes "under God's wings your refuge" for the original "under His wings your refuge." Verse 4 substitutes "For to the angels God's given a command" in place of "He's given a command." It is interesting that these changes have been made but no edit was provided in the refrain "And he will raise you up." After all, this is a paraphrase from Deuteronomy 32:11 where God is like an eagle who lifts us up, on whose wings we ride and who provides shelter for us under His wings.

SUNDAY, FEBRURY 25 REACHING TO THE BORDER



CONGREGATION SERVICE PROJECT

ASSEMBLING KITS FOR THOSE AT THE SOUTHERN BORDER through the ELCA ministry of IGLESIA LUTERANA CRISTO REY, EL PASO, TEXAS

10:00 a.m. ONE MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

11:00 a.m. LIVE MUSIC, DELICIOUS LUNCHEON, SERVICE PROJECT

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ALL GENERATIONS – LET'S DO IT!

LENTEN JOURNEY 2024

The journey from ashes to Easter begins....
Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return

ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

6:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Ashes-To-Go South Parking Lot *(Weather permitting)*

12:00 noon Ash Wednesday Service Nave Imposition of Ashes, Holy Communion7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service (Full Liturgy) Nave

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS IN LENT Holy Lament

7:00 p.m. (In person and Online)

February 21, 28, March 6, 13, 20

Special Guests, Word, Prayer, Song

What comes to mind with you hear the word lament? What does it mean to sit with our grief, rather than push it aside? So many faithful believers have wrestled with grief, sorrow, and questions for God about why the innocent suffer. Let us this Lent explore the laments found in scripture and relearn the gift of holy lament.

Guaranteed to be a meaningful worship experience for our Lenten time together!

WEDNESDAY MORNINGS IN LENT

Jesus: My Song as I journey

7:00 a.m. Online at www.saintlukeonline.us

February 21, 28, March 6, 13, 20

We have sung the beautiful hymn, *Lord Jesus, You Shall be My Song as I Journey*, now and then, but what does it mean for Jesus to be our song each day? We thank Luther Seminary for this 2024 Lenten Devotional and will glean words and wisdom each Wednesday morning from this moving hymn, ELW 808. Imagine Jesus as a song of life, a song of peace, a song of love. Let us "sing."

THIS WEEK AT SAINT LUKE

SUNDAY, February 4—Epiphany 5B 8:00 A		8:00 AM	CDS Classes
8:45 AM	Worship (Hybrid)	2:45 PM	Caring Project: Children's Tutor Program
10:00 AM	Sunday School	7:30 PM	Centering Prayer (Zoom)
10:00 AM	SLSHY	8:30 PM	AA
10:00 AM	Affirmation of Baptism Class		
10:00 AM	Up for Discussion (Hybrid)		
11:15 AM	Worship (Hybrid)		
12:30 PM	Genesis Bells Rehearsal		

MONDAY, February 5

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3:30 PM Girl Scouts

5:00 PM

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8:00 AM	CDS Classes
1:30 PM	CDS Staff Meeting
4:00 PM	After School Art Program - Langley Park
6:00 PM	Yoga
7:00 PM	ESL Class

TUESDAY, February 6 8:00 AM CDS Classes

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1:30 PM	Program Staff Meeting
4:00 PM	Piano Lessons
7:00 PM	Reformation Bells
7:00 PM	Girl Scouts
7:00 PM	ESL Class

WEDNESDAY, February 7

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7:00 AM	Zoom Faith Connections
8:00 AM	CDS Classes
10:00 AM	Women in Community
10:00 AM	CDS Chapel
10:00 AM	Fire Drill
3:00 PM	En Camino: Children's Tutor Program
5:30 PM	Choristers RSMC Program
7:00 PM	ESL Class
7:30 PM	AA
7:30 PM	Schola Cantorum Rehearsal

THURSDAY, February 8

6:30 AM Parking Lot Ministry - Langley Park

FRIDAY, February 9

8:00 AM CDS Classes

SATURDAY, February 10

8:00 AM	Food Distribution: Langley Park
8:30 AM	Men's Group
9:30 AM	AA
10:00 AM	Valentine's Kid's Crafting
11:00 AM	Al-Anon
5:30 PM	Young Adult Dinner/Snow Tubing
6:00 PM	SLSHY Snow Tubing

SUNDAY, February 11—Transfiguration of Our

Lord	
8:45 AM	Worship (Hybrid)
10:00 AM	Welcome Gathering
10:00 AM	Sunday School
10:00 AM	SLSHY
10:00 AM	Affirmation of Baptisn

10:00 AM Affirmation of Baptism Class
10:00 AM Up for Discussion (Hybrid)
11:15 AM Worship (Hybrid)
12:30 PM Genesis Bells Rehearsal
5:00 PM San Lucas Misa (Hybrid)

5:00 PM AA 6:00 PM Reception

NB: Worship Services are in person and livestreamed