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The Holy Eucharist

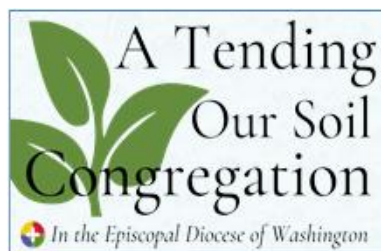
The Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 30, 2023 – 10:30 AM

Welcome to Transfiguration!

Wherever you are on your journey of faith, know you are welcome here.
We hope you will join us for food & fellowship following the service.
Know that we are blessed by your being here!

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS – SEE BACK PAGES

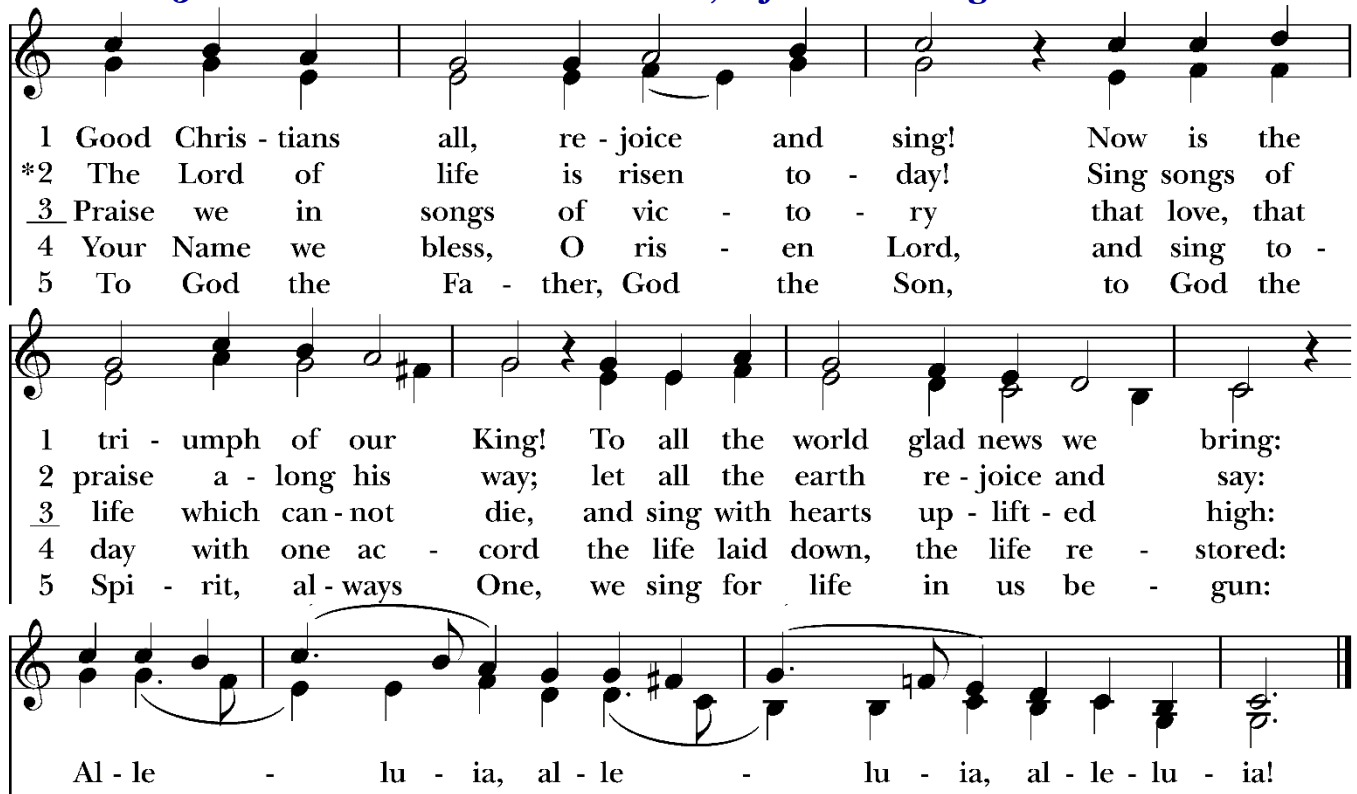


THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE

HYMN 205

Good Christians all, rejoice and sing



1 Good Chris - tians all, re - joice and sing! Now is the
*2 The Lord of life is risen to - day! Sing songs of
3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that
4 Your Name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to -
5 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, to God the

1 tri - umph of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:
2 praise a - long his way; let all the earth re - joice and say:
3 life which can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:
4 day with one ac - cord the life laid down, the life re - stored:
5 Spi - rit, al - ways One, we sing for life in us be - gun:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

THE EASTER ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!
People Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
Celebrant O faithful, come on this day of glorious resurrection:
People Let us drink the wine of the new vineyard,
Celebrant On this day we bless Christ for ever and ever.
People Let us drink the wine of joy, of the kingdom of Christ!
Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!
People Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

HYMN S-280**Canticle 20, Glory to God: *Gloria in excelsis***

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
 King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

THE COLLECT FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Celebrant God be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Life abundant, God of grace, you call us by name to live without fear: in peace
 may we resist all who kill and despoil your people, that their hearts might be
 turned to the only source of life; through Jesus Christ, the gateway.

People **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING Acts 2:42-47

A reading from the Book of Acts.

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

***People* Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 23

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

THE SECOND READING 1 Peter 2:19-25

A reading from the First Letter of Peter.

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

“He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

***People* Thanks be to God.**



1. I can hear my Sav - ior call - ing, — I can hear my Sav - ior call - ing, —
2. I'll go with Him through the gar - den, — I'll go with Him through the gar - den, —
3. I'll go with Him through the judge - ment, — I'll go with Him through the judge - ment, —
4. He will give me grace and glo - ry, — He will give me grace and glo - ry, —



1. I can hear my Sav - ior call - ing, — "Take thy cross and fol - low, fol - low me."
2. I'll go with Him through the gar - den, — I'll go with Him, with Him all the way.
3. I'll go with Him through the judge - ment, — I'll go with Him, with Him all the way.
4. He will give me grace and glo - ry, — And go with me, with me all the way.



Where He leads me I will fol - low, — Where He leads me I will fol - low, —



Where He leads me I will fol - low, — I'll go with Him, with Him all the way.

THE HOLY GOSPEL John 10:1-10

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rev. Kent Marcoux

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*The prayer leaders and **People** pray responsively.*

Brothers and Sisters, Jesus bore our sins on the cross so that we, free from sins, might live in righteousness. Let us pray to our Lord, saying, “Revive our souls, and guide us along right pathways.”

Guardian of our souls, call your Church to greater righteousness. Help us to live by your example and follow in your steps.

Silence

Revive our souls;

And guide us along right pathways.

Guardian of our souls, spread out your table in the presence of those who are troubled. Feed their souls and bodies with your good and generous gifts.

Silence

Revive our souls;

And guide us along right pathways.

Guardian of our souls, you have blessed us with a beautiful planet full of places where we can find rest and peace. May we care for it, as you care deeply for all you have made.

Silence

Revive our souls;

And guide us along right pathways.

Guardian of our souls, you desire the goodwill of all the people. Give us generous hearts and open hands.

Silence

Revive our souls;

And guide us along right pathways.

Guardian of our souls, it is your presence that comforts us. Make your presence known to the sick and the sorrowful, to the fearful and the weak.

Silence

Revive our souls;
And guide us along right pathways.

Guardian of our souls, you came that we may have life, and have it abundantly. Bring the dying and the dead into your eternal home.

Silence

Revive our souls;
And guide us along right pathways.

The Celebrant invites other prayers, then prays a concluding collect, and the people respond, Amen.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

The people greet each other with a sign of God's peace and then are seated.

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

All are invited to make an offering to support our work of sharing God's love in the community and with the world. Online giving is encouraged at the link below.

Transfiguration <https://secure.qgiv.com/for/ecott/restriction/>



CHOIR ANTHEM

Brother Joseph's Air (Marosa)

HYMN 391

Before the Lord's eternal throne

1 Be - fore the Lord's e - ter - nal throne, ye
2 His sov - ereign Power with - out our aid formed
3 We are his peo - ple, we his care, our
4 We'll crowd thy gates with thank - ful songs, high
5 Wide as the world is thy com - mand, vast

1 na - tions, bow with sa - cred joy; know that the Lord is
2 us of clay and gave us breath; and when like wan - dering
3 souls, and all our mor - tal frame: what last - ing hon - ors
4 as the heavens our voic - es raise; and earth, with her ten
5 as e - ter - ni - ty thy love; firm as a rock thy

1 God a - lone; he can cre - ate, and he des - troy.
2 sheep we strayed, he saved us from the power of death.
3 shall we rear, al - might - y Ma - ker, to thy Name?
4 thou - sand tongues, shall fill thy courts with sound - ing praise.
5 truth must stand, when roll - ing years shall cease to move.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The New Zealand Prayer Book

The Spirit of God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift your hearts to heaven

where Christ in glory reigns.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to offer thanks and praise.

It is right indeed to give you thanks most loving God,
through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer,
the first born from the dead, the pioneer of our salvation,
who is with us always, one of us, yet from the heart of God.

For with your whole created universe,
we praise you for your unfailing gift of life.
We thank you that you make us human and stay with us
even when we turn from you to sin:

**God's love is shown to us:
while we were yet sinners,
Christ died for us.**

In that love, dear God,
righteous and strong to save,
you came among us in Jesus Christ,
our crucified and living Lord.
You make all things new.
In Christ's suffering and cross
you reveal your glory
and reconcile all peoples to yourself,
their true and living God.

In the power of endless life
Christ is risen from the grave.
His death has broken death
and opened for us the new and living way.
Christ is now our peace,
our freedom and our joy.

In your mercy you are now our God.
Through Christ you gather us,
new-born in your Spirit,
a people after your own heart.
We entrust ourselves to you,
for you alone do justice
to all people, living and departed.

**Now is the acceptable time,
now is the day of salvation.**

Therefore with saints and martyrs,
apostles and prophets,
with all the redeemed,
joyfully we praise you and say:

**Holy, holy, holy:
God of mercy, giver of life;
earth and sea and sky
and all that lives,
declare your presence and your glory.**

All glory to you, Giver of life
sufficient and full for all creation.
Accept our praises,
living God, for Jesus Christ,
the one perfect offering for the world,
who in the night that he was betrayed,
took bread,
and when he had given thanks,
broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said:
Take, eat, this is my body
which is given for you;
do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup;
and when he had given thanks,
he gave it to them and said:
Drink this, all of you.
This is my blood of the new covenant
which is shed for you, and for all,
to forgive sin.
Do this as often as you drink it
to remember me.

Therefore, God of all creation,
in the suffering and death
of Jesus our redeemer,
we meet you in your glory.
We lift up the cup of salvation
and call upon your name.
Here and now, with this bread and wine,
we celebrate your great acts of liberation,
ever present and living in Jesus Christ,
crucified and risen,
who was and is and is to come.

Amen! Come Lord Jesus.

May Christ ascended in majesty
be our new and living way,
our access to you, Father,
and source of all new life.
In Christ we offer ourselves
to do your will.

Empower our celebration with your Holy Spirit,
feed us with your life,
fire us with your love,
confront us with your justice,
and make us one in the body of Christ
with all who share your gifts of love.

**Through Christ,
in the power of the Holy Spirit,
with all who stand before you
in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Creator God. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

Unison

Our Fa - ther, _____ which art in heav - en, _____ hal - low - ed
be _____ thy name, _____ Thy king - dom come,
Thy will be done on earth _____ as it is in
heav - en. Give us this day our dai - ly
bread. And for - give us our debts as we for - give our
debt - ors. And lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion, But de - liv - er us from
e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, _____ and the pow - er, _____ and the
glo - ry, for - ev - er. A - men. _____

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

The people will come forward to receive communion packs that they bring back to their seats. After the first communion hymn, the Celebrant invites the communicants to receive the Bread and the Cup with these words

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven.

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.

The ushers will pick up the used communion containers during the second communion hymn.

HYMN 325

Let us break bread together on our knees

1 Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees; _____
2 Let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees; _____

let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees; _____
let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees; _____

Refrain
when I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,
O Lord, have mer-cy on me. _____

3 Let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees; _____
let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees; _____

Refrain
when I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,
O Lord, have mer-cy on me. _____



Lead me, guide me, a - long the way,

For if you lead me, I can - not stray.

Lord, let me walk each day with Thee.

Fine

Lead me, Oh Lord, lead me.

1. I am weak and I need thy strength and power to
 2. Help me tread in the paths of right - eous - ness, be my
 3. I am lost if you take your hand from me, I am

1. help me o - ver my weak - est hour; Help me
 2. aid when sa - tan and sin op - press; I am
 3. blind with - out thy light to see; Lord, just

1. through the dark - ness thy face to see,
 2. put - ting all my trust in thee.
 3. al - ways let me thy ser - vant be.

D.C.

1. Lead me, Oh Lord, lead me.
 2. Lead me, Oh Lord, lead me.
 3. Lead me, Oh Lord, lead me.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

People Risen Christ, whom we have seen with our eyes
and touched with our hands;
the word of life in whom our joy is complete:
send us out to declare your truth,
your unshakable faith in the world you love. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Celebrant Life is short, and we do not have much time
to gladden the hearts of those who make the journey with us.
So be swift to love, and make haste to be kind.
And the blessing of God,
who made us, who loves us, and who travels with us,
be with you now and forever.

People Amen.

HYMN 495

Hail, thou once despised Jesus



1 Hail, thou once de - spis - ed Je - sus! Hail, thou Gal - i -
2 Pas - chal Lamb, by God ap - point - ed, all our sins on
3 Je - sus, hail! en - throned in glo - ry, there for ev - er
*4 Wor - ship, hon - or, power, and bless - ing thou art wor - thy
le - an King! Thou didst suf - fer to re - lease us;
thee were laid: by al - might - y love a - noint - ed,
to a - bide; all the heaven - ly hosts a - dore thee,
to re - ceive; high - est prais - es, with - out ceas - ing,
thou didst free sal - va - tion bring. Hail, thou u - ni - ver - sal
thou hast full a - tone - ment made. All thy peo - ple are for -
seat - ed at thy Fa - ther's side. There for sin - ners thou art
right it is for us to give. Help, ye bright an - gel - ic
Sa - vior, bear - er of our sin and shame! By thy mer - it
giv - en through the vir - tue of thy blood: o - pened is the
plead - ing: there thou dost our place pre - pare; ev - er for us
spi - rits, all your no - blest an - thems raise; help to sing our
we find fa - vor: life is giv - en through thy Name
gate of hea - ven, re - con - ciled are we with God.
in - ter - ced - ing, till in glo - ry we ap - pear.
Sa - vior's mer - its, help to chant Em - man - uel's praise!

DISMISSAL

Leader Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ!
People Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

The Holy Eucharist

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 30, 2023 – 10:30 AM

WORSHIP LEADERS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

❖ Celebrant & Preacher	The Rev. Kent Marcoux
❖ Lay Eucharistic Minister (LEM)	Dave Stoddard
❖ Acolytes	Maya Talyowe & Marvin Arthur
❖ Reader (First Lesson)	Betty Boulin
❖ Reader (Psalm)	Betty Boulin
❖ Reader (Second Lesson)	Constance Anammah
❖ Director of Music	Elton King
❖ Vocalists	Transfiguration Parish Choir
❖ Other Lay Ministers	the People of Transfiguration
❖ Altar Guild	Roxane Woods & Cheryl Church
❖ Audio/Visual	Steve van Albert

LEADERS IN MINISTRY AT TRANSFIGURATION

❖ Altar Guild	Karen Facen
❖ Altar Guild – Flowers	Gail Carter
❖ Lectors & LEMs	JJ Boulin
❖ Ushers & Audio/Visual	Steve Van Albert
❖ Choir	Elton King, Director of Music
❖ Episcopal Church Women (ECW)	Kellie Renich, President
❖ The Men's Group (TMG)	Craig Carter, President
❖ Vestry & Treasurer	Dave Stoddard & Ladi Grey-Coker, <i>Wardens</i> Gail Carter, Cheryl Lee Church, Gordon Linton, Charity Nabakuye, Rik Renich, Tom Stevens, Moses Talyowe, Casey Tesfaye, Martha Wolf; Kathy Berry, <i>Treasurer</i>

Thank you for joining us today!
For more information, please see
www.transfig.org
or contact the Church Office at
church@transfig.org
or 301-384-6264

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, April 30, 2023

TODAY at Transfiguration! – Thank you for joining us for worship today!
Please join us downstairs for food & fellowship immediately following the service!

Young people – Our Sunday School classes are meeting today! See below for details!

Nursery Available – The nursery is available for childcare. You may go there directly or ask the ushers for directions. The nursery is downstairs next to the Parish Hall.

Our Prayer List – At this time we are praying for:

Gloria, Emy, Beverly, Ida, Edwin, Tina, Marilyn, Dave, Bankole, John, Kathe, Toni, Rose & Roscoe, Linnet, Arthur, Lloyd, Lucille, Paulette, Karlyn, Ruth, Desmond, Joan, Noel, Olivia, Terri, Bill, Joyce, Ernest, Betty, Jim, John, and Joycelyn

*Please submit prayer requests at transfig.org/prayer-request or call the office at 301-384-6264.
Note: the prayer list will be updated every two weeks. If you wish to continue praying for someone, you may submit another request online or call the office for an extension.

This Week at Transfiguration (new items highlighted) *More info on next page

Apr 30 (Sun)	FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 9:00 AM Holy Eucharist – online via Zoom 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist – In person/livestream
May 3 (Wed)	10:00 AM Morning Prayer & Bible – Library/Zoom
May 4 (Thu)	time TBD Meeting: Worship Cte – Library 7:30 PM Choir rehearsal – Community Building
May 7 (Sun)	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 9:00 AM Holy Eucharist – online via Zoom 9:30 AM Intro to Worship at Transfiguration & the Worship Committee – Library All are welcome to this overview – please join us! 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist – In person/livestream
May 10 (Wed)	10:00 AM Morning Prayer & Bible – Library/Zoom
May 11 (Thu)	7:30 PM Choir rehearsal – Community Building

PARISH CALENDAR ONLINE: transfig.org/calendar/
Stay up to date by visiting our parish calendar on our website.
Contact the church office to submit events for the calendar or with any questions. Thank you for helping us to stay current!

SUNDAY SCHOOL AT TRANSFIGURATION

Our Sunday School is a time of fun, friends, and learning about God's love.

SUNDAY SCHOOL GRADES 6-12 (10:30–11:15 AM)

Youth in grades 6-12 are invited to join Sunday School during the 10:30 am service. At 10:30 go directly to your class, which gathers in the Community Building. You will join your family during the Announcements.

Teachers: Casey Tesfaye,
David Boyd, Humphrey Magino

SUNDAY SCHOOL GRADES K-5 / AGES 3-5 (12:00–12:45 PM)

Youth in grades K-5 and ages 3-5 are invited to join Sunday School after the 10:30 am service. Come down to the Parish Hall – then join your class in the Community Building.

Teacher: Martha Wolf