

# Tuesday Tidings of Grace



This Tuesday is February 6, 2024

This past Sunday was:

5th Sunday after the Epiphany

[Sunday Worship on YouTube](#)

[Sunday Sermon on Website](#)

This past Sunday we learned more about prayer from the example of Jesus. In Mark 1 he takes the time to go out to a desolate place to pray. Jesus was always praying. Jesus remained in tune with the will of the Father. We need the same. Prayer is exercise for our faith and it is a foundation part of our Christian life.

Next Sunday, February 4 is:

## Transfiguration

Jesus' ministry takes its next big step. He begins to reveal, quite vividly, a new look at His true nature. He is transfigured before Peter, James, and John giving them a peek "under the hood". They see the full glory of God in the flesh of Jesus

*The readings are:*

[2 Kings 2:1-12](#)

[2 Corinthians 3:12-13, 4:1-6](#)

[Mark 9:2-9](#)

*The Hymn of the Day is:*

"O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair" (LSB #413)

## Grace Events This Week

Join us in a prayer for peace in all forms for all people. Whether it is worldly unrest or just illness in the home, we need peace.

Thu 2/8 - (9:30am) Lutheranism 101 Study

Fri 2/9 - (7:00pm) Ultreya

Sat 2/10 - (5-7pm) Youth Valentine's Dinner

Sun 2/11 - (9:15am) Every One His Witness Bible Study

## Daily Bible Readings

<https://bit.ly/gracedailybible>

# The Transfiguration of our Lord

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February 11, 2024

**Psalm:** Psalm 50:1-6

**Old Testament Reading:** 2 Kings 2:1-12

The 2 Kings 2 reading gives us the amazing account of Elijah and Elisha. As the Lord prepares to call Elijah home, we see him preparing Elisha to take up the mantle of prophet of the Lord. Elisha makes the request of a “double portion” of Elijah’s spirit. A request recognizing the wonderful work God had done through Elijah. At the end, Elijah is called up to heaven in a whirlwind and becomes one of only two people in history to be called up to heaven without death. We think of Elijah, the great prophet, today as he also appears with our Lord Jesus at His transfiguration as a representative of the prophets of the Old Testament.

**Epistle Reading:** 2 Corinthians 3:12-13, 4:1-6

The Transfiguration of Jesus and its readings have a common thread using the term “veil.” Paul uses this word in 4:3 when he notes “even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing.” Veils hide things and the unveiling or revealing of things is something we see throughout Scripture. The Gospel has certainly been unveiled to the nations through the work of Jesus Christ and the preaching of the apostles. In His transfiguration, we see the full glory of God which was once veiled in the flesh of Jesus, now being revealed to the three apostles.

**Gospel Reading:** Mark 9:2-9

One might picture the ministry of Jesus in three pivotal moments. Beginning at His baptism where the Father in heaven says “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.” Then in the middle of His ministry at His transfiguration where the Father in heaven again says “This is my beloved Son; listen to Him.” We understand this moment of the transfiguration as a turning point where Jesus begins to set His sights on Jerusalem and the cross. And then the ultimate moment of Jesus ministry where He is on the cross and it is Jesus then who does the speaking “Father into Your hands I commend my spirit.” It reminds us of the ongoing connection between Father and Son. The Father who continues to identify Jesus as His Son and one to whom we should always listen. And then Jesus who reminds us all, He is here doing the Father’s bidding even unto His very last moment.