

**THE TRANSFIGURATION
OF OUR LORD**

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9:00 AM

Worship Service

10:30 AM

Adult Bible Class

Sunday School

Holy Communion:

1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday

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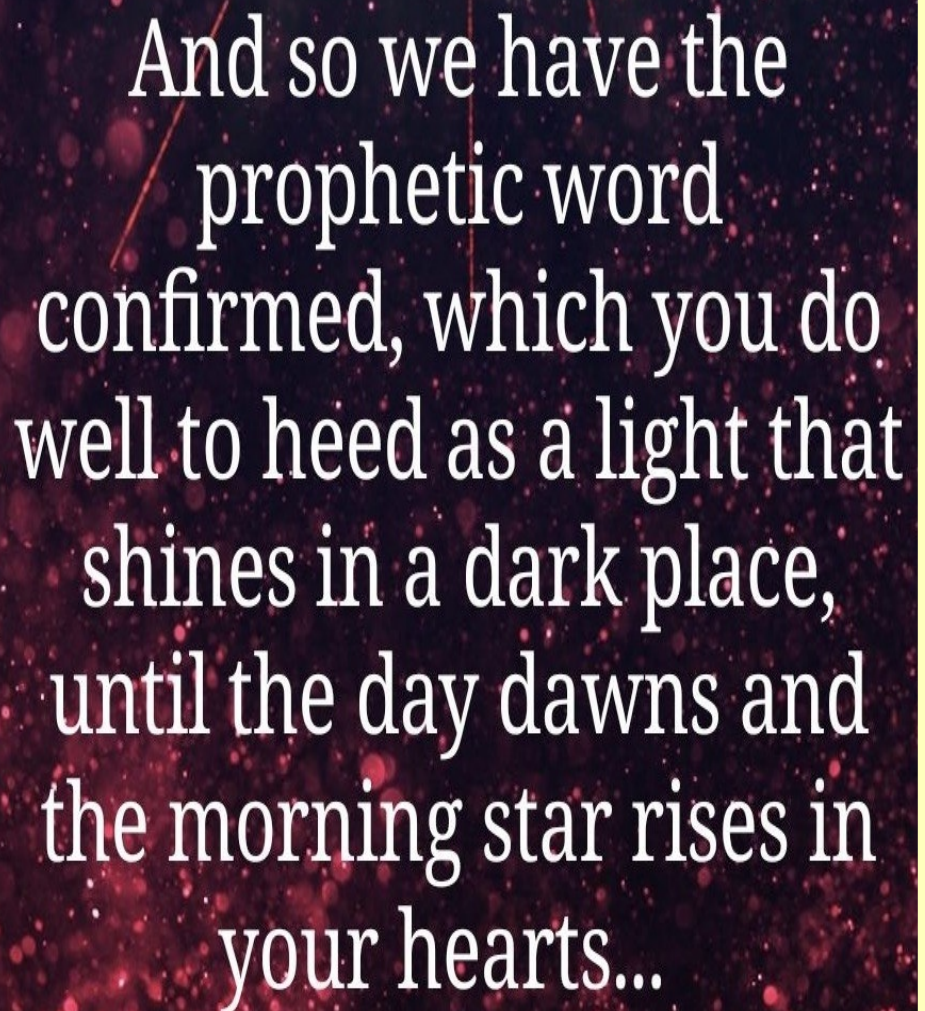
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**And so we have the
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shines in a dark place,
until the day dawns and
the morning star rises in
your hearts...**

2Peter 1:19

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FEBRUARY 12, 2023

WELCOME to IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

We wish to extend a warm welcome to all our visitors this morning. It is our hope that you will benefit by your worship here with us, and that you will return again soon. We would greatly appreciate it if everyone would fill out an Attendance/Communion card so that we can keep track of our attendance. They are located in the pew racks in front of you.

This week we celebrate Holy Communion. We teach that in the receiving of the Lord's Supper each person receives the real presence of the Body and Blood of Christ for the forgiveness of their sins. If you are not a member of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod and desire to partake of Communion, please ask to speak with Pastor Weber or one of the elders prior to the service.

A Prayer Upon Entering Church - Lord God, almighty Father, in many and various ways You spoke to our fathers by the prophets and now in these last days You have spoken to me by Your Son. By Your Word and Spirit, make me all the more certain that You are present with me and that here I see You face-to-face, touch and handle things unseen, grasp with firmer hand Your eternal grace, and all my weariness upon You lean; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

AS WE GATHER - In one sense, the Transfiguration of Our Lord provides a sort of climax to the first part of the story of Jesus in the liturgical year. In the glorious vision, Moses

and Elijah appear as if to prove that everything written in the Bible in the Law and the Prophets has come true in the advent and appearance of Jesus, “true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary” (explanation of the Second Article). Yet this climactic event is not yet the true and complete climax of the story, but a transition now into the season of Lent and the road to the true climax: the cross of Good Friday, the resurrection of Easter, His ascension into heaven, and the sending of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. There is so much more to tell. This brief glimpse of glory and Peter’s eyewitness account is to give us the strength and encouragement now to bring the story to completion in us, that we become witnesses in possession of the glorious hope of eternal life through the forgiveness of our sins.

DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING FOUR

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WELCOME

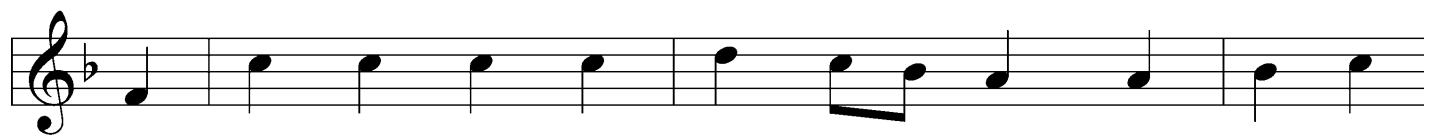
PRELUDE

(A quiet time for prayer and meditation)

OPENING HYMN

The People That in Darkness Sat

LSB 412



1 The peo - ple that in dark - ness sat A glo - rious



light have seen; The light has shined on them who long In



shades of death have been, In shades of death have been.

2 To hail Thee, Sun of Righteousness,
The gath'ring nations come;
They joy as when the reapers bear
Their harvest treasures home,
Their harvest treasures home.

3 To us a Child of hope is born,
To us a Son is giv'n,
And on His shoulder ever rests
All pow'r in earth and heav'n,
All pow'r in earth and heav'n.

4 His name shall be the Prince of Peace,
The Everlasting Lord,
The Wonderful, the Counselor,
The God by all adored,
The God by all adored.

5 His righteous government and pow'r
Shall over all extend;
On judgment and on justice based,
His reign shall have no end,
His reign shall have no end.

△
6 Lord Jesus, reign in us, we pray,
And make us Thine alone,
Who with the Father ever art
And Holy Spirit, one,
And Holy Spirit, one.

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INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(We take a moment of silence to reflect on our sin and our need for the Savior.)

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

INTROIT *Psalm 99:1-5; antiphon: v. 9*

P Exalt the Lord our God, and worship at His holy hill; for the Lord our God is holy.

C The Lord reigns; let the peoples tremble! He

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dwells between the cherubim; let the earth be moved!

P The Lord is great in Zion, and He is high above all the peoples.

**C Let them praise Your great and awesome name—
He is holy.**

P The King's strength also loves justice; You have established equity; You have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

**C Exalt the Lord our God, and worship at His footstool—
He is holy.**

P Exalt the Lord our God, and worship at His holy hill; for the Lord our God is holy

KYRIE



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
 You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
 Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
 In God the Fa-ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with your spirit.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah. In the voice that came from the bright cloud You wonderfully foreshowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King in His glory and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Please sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Exodus 24:8-18*

(The covenant that the Lord made is confirmed.)

8 And Moses took the blood, sprinkled it on the people, and said, "This is the blood of the covenant which the Lord has made with you according to all these words."

9 Then Moses went up, also Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel, 10 and they saw the God of Israel. And there was under His feet as it were a paved work of sapphire stone, and it

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was like the very heavens in its clarity. 11 But on the nobles of the children of Israel He did not lay His hand. So they saw God, and they ate and drank.

12 Then the Lord said to Moses, "Come up to Me on the mountain and be there; and I will give you tablets of stone, and the law and commandments which I have written, that you may teach them."

13 So Moses arose with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up to the mountain of God. 14 And he said to the elders, "Wait here for us until we come back to you. Indeed, Aaron and Hur are with you. If any man has a difficulty, let him go to them." 15 Then Moses went up into the mountain, and a cloud covered the mountain.

16 Now the glory of the Lord rested on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. And on the seventh day He called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud. 17 The sight of the glory of the Lord was like a consuming fire on the top of the mountain in the eyes of the children of Israel. 18 So Moses went into the midst of the cloud and went up into the mountain. And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM *Psalm 2:6–12; antiphon: v. 6*

(The installation of the king)

P "Yet I have set My King on My holy hill of Zion."

C "I will declare the decree: the Lord has said to Me, 'You are My Son, today I have begotten You.

P Ask of Me, and I will give You the nations for Your inheritance, and the ends of the earth for Your possession.

C You shall break them with a rod of iron; You shall dash them to pieces like a potter's vessel.' "

P Now therefore, be wise, O kings; be instructed, you judges of the earth.

C Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling.

P Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, and you perish in the way, when His wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all those who put

their trust in Him.

C **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.**

P "Yet I have set My King on My holy hill of Zion."

EPISTLE *2 Peter 1:16-21* (Eyewitness news)

16 For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty. 17 For He received from God the Father honor and glory when such a voice came to Him from the Excellent Glory: "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." 18 And we heard this voice which came from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain.

19 And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts; 20 knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, 21 for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

ALLELUIA and VERSE



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



C These things are writ - ten that you 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.

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 17:1-9* (The transfiguration)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the seventeenth chapter.

C **Glory to You , O Lord.**

1 Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, led them up on a high mountain by themselves; 2 and He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light. 3 And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him. 4 Then Peter answered and said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if You wish, let us make here three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

5 While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and suddenly a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!" 6 And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their faces and were greatly afraid.

7 But Jesus came and touched them and said, "Arise, and do not be afraid." 8 When they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

9 Now as they came down from the mountain, Jesus commanded them, saying, "Tell the vision to no one until the Son of Man is risen from the dead."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

NICENE CREED

All I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven

and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Please sit

HYMN OF THE DAY

'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here

LSB 414

1 'Tis good, Lord, to be here! Thy
glo - ry fills the night; Thy face and gar - ments,
like the sun, Shine with un - bor - rowed light.

- 2 'Tis good, Lord, to be here,
Thy beauty to behold
Where Moses and Elijah stand,
Thy messengers of old.
- 3 Fulfiller of the past
And hope of things to be,
We hail Thy body glorified
And our redemption see.
- 4 Before we taste of death,
We see Thy kingdom come;
We long to hold the vision bright
And make this hill our home.
- 5 'Tis good, Lord, to be here!
Yet we may not remain;
But since Thou bidst us leave the mount,
Come with us to the plain.

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SERMON *“Jesus’ transfiguration – a majestic confirmation
of God’s prophetic Word to you!”* (2 Peter 1:16-21)

OFFERING

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OFFERTORY *O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright*
LSB 395; vs. 1,4,6



1 O Morn - ing Star, how fair and bright! You shine with God’s
4 Al - might - y Fa - ther, in Your Son You loved us when



own truth and light, A - glow with grace and mer - cy!
not yet be - gun Was this old earth’s foun - da - tion!

Of Ja - cob's race, King Da - vid's son, Our Lord and mas -
Your Son has ran - somed us in love To live in Him

ter, You have won Our hearts to serve You on - ly!
here and a - bove: This is Your great sal - va - tion.

Low - ly, ho - ly! Great and glo - rious, All vic - to - rious,
Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the liv - ing, To us giv - ing

Rich in bless - ing! Rule and might o'er all pos - sess - ing!
Life for - ev - er, Keeps us Yours and fails us nev - er!

6 What joy to know, when life is past,
The Lord we love is first and last,
The end and the beginning!
He will one day, oh, glorious grace,
Transport us to that happy place
Beyond all tears and sinning!
Amen! Amen!
Come, Lord Jesus!
Crown of gladness!
We are yearning
For the day of Your returning!

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SHARING OF THE PEACE *"Peace be with you"* (John 20:21)
(Sharing through ASL (American Sign Language))

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER by PROFESSION OF FAITH
Lee Roy Veland

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Almighty and merciful God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give You thanks for revealing to the world Your goodness and mercy in the gift of Your beloved Son. Being of one substance with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, He has revealed Your glory chiefly in His sacrifice on the cross for the life of the world. Make us certain that because He died and lives again, we and all who trust in Him are now given eternal life in the forgiveness of our sin. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P By Your Word and Spirit, rule and govern Your holy Church throughout the world and her pastors and ministers in order that we may be preserved in the pure doctrine of Your saving Word and may be strengthened in faith and love. Send forth laborers into Your harvest that Your kingdom be extended to all nations. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Grant Your help and protection to all who are in the authority of government, bless our country that righteousness and peace abound that we may lead quiet and peaceable lives in all god-liness and honesty. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Comfort with Your Holy Spirit all who are in trouble, want, sickness, or any adversity, that they may receive healing of body and mind and peace in their souls. Bless all medical professionals and emergency workers and all who supply the needy in any way. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P We give thanks for all Your prophets and apostles who have faithfully delivered Your Word through the ages, and for all Your witnesses who have gone before us and are now with You in Your divine presence. Keep us in the sure faith and hope of Your Word that we may one day look upon our Savior face-to-face in the glory of eternal life. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

+SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C And with your spirit.

P Lift up your hearts.

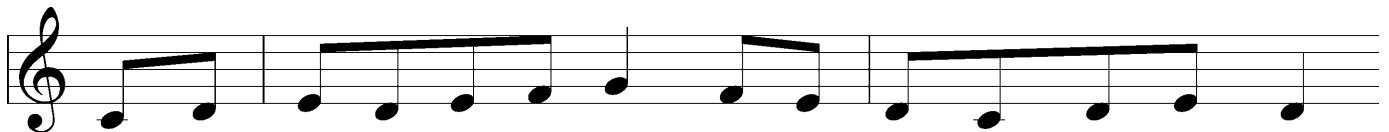
C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who at His transfiguration revealed His glory to His disciples that they might be strengthened to proclaim His cross and resurrection and with all the faithful look forward to the glory of life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



LORD'S PRAYER *(Matthew 6:9-13)*

C 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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

P In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

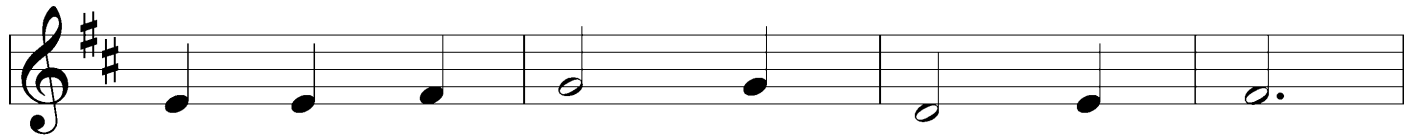
C Amen.

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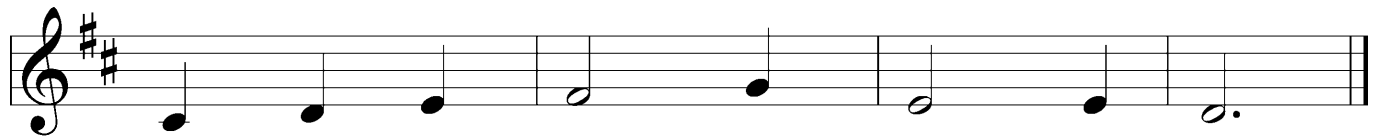




You take the sin of the world a - way;
 You take the sin of the world a - way;



O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,



Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
 And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

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SILENT PRAYER before COMMUNING

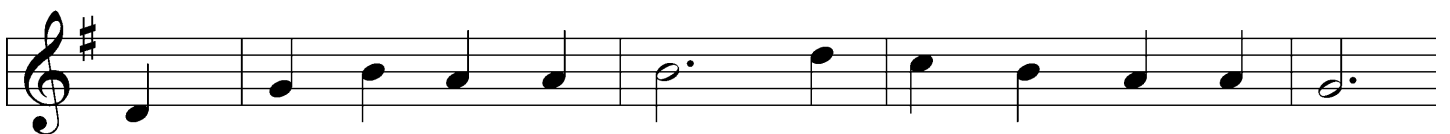
Heavenly Father, in my Holy Baptism you have called me to be Your own possession. Prepare my heart to receive the most holy body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of all my sins.

Strengthen my faith, increase my love and hope, and assure me a place at Your heavenly table, where I will eat eternal manna and drink of the river of the water of life freely, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, my Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

THE DISTRIBUTION

Your Table I Approach

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1 Your ta - ble I ap - proach; Dear Sav - ior, hear my prayer.
 2 Lord, I con - fess my sins And mourn their wretch - ed bands;



Let not an un - re - pen - tant heart Prove hurt - ful to me there.
 A con - trite heart is sure to find For - give - ness at Your hands.

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- 3 Your body and Your blood,
Once slain and shed for me,
Are taken at Your table, Lord,
In blest reality.
- 4 Search not how this takes place,
This wondrous mystery;
God can accomplish vastly more
Than what we think could be.
- 5 O grant, most blessed Lord,
That earth and hell combined
May not about this sacrament
Raise doubt within my mind.
- 6 Oh, may I never fail
To thank You day and night
For Your true body and true blood,
O God, my peace and light.

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NUNC DIMITTIS

C 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All

part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the

glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;



A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICAMUS

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

(Numbers 6:24–26)

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace.

C Amen.

Please sit

(FAREWELL TO ALLELUIA)

On this day, alleluias are sung for the last time in the Church until the resurrection of our Lord. Alleluia is not heard during Lent as we turn in penitence to the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ to be

renewed in our baptismal faith. Though every Sunday is a “little Easter,” we restrain our praise until Easter Sunday, when all of Christendom joins in singing alleluias to our King. Let us now raise our voices in song as we anticipate not only our coming Easter celebration, but that ultimate feast of victory when we shall all sing “alleluia” with saints and angels, cherubim and seraphim, Moses and Elijah, apostles, martyrs, prophets, and all the company of heaven before the Lamb on His throne.

SENDING HYMN

Alleluia, Song of Gladness

LSB 417

1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of glad - ness, Voice of joy that
 can - not die; Al - le - lu - ia is the an - them
 Ev - er raised by choirs on high; In the house of
 God a - bid - ing Thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly.

- 2 Alleluia, thou resoundest,
 True Jerusalem and free;
 Alleluia, joyful mother,
 All thy children sing with thee,
 But by Babylon's sad waters
 Mourning exiles now are we.
- 3 Alleluia cannot always
 Be our song while here below;
 Alleluia, our transgressions
 Make us for a while forgo;
 For the solemn time is coming
 When our tears for sin must flow.

4 Therefore in our hymns we pray Thee,
Grant us, blessèd Trinity,
At the last to keep Thine Easter
With Thy faithful saints on high;
There to Thee forever singing
Alleluia joyfully.

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DISMISSAL

P Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

C **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

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Sermon Notes

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Lent



Biblical Substitutes

February 22, 2023 (***Ash Wednesday***)

A Ram for a Goat – Genesis 22:1-14 (Pastor Goetz)

March 1, 2023

A Lamb Captive for Israel - Exodus 12:21-31 (Pastor Goetz)

March 8, 2023

A Goat for Israel's Sin (Yom Kippur) - Leviticus 16:5-22 (Pastor Goetz)

March 15, 2023

Presentation Lamb for the Firstborn Child – Leviticus 12:6-8 (Pastor Goetz)

March 22, 2023

A Man of Sorrows for All - Isaiah 53:1-12 (Pastor Goetz)

March 29, 2023

Jonah for his Shipmates - Jonah 1:1-16)Pastor Goetz)

April 6, 2023 ***Maundy Thursday (Holy Communion)*** 6:00 p.m.

His Body and Blood for You - Matthew 26:26-29 (Pastor Goetz)

April 7, 2023 ***Good Friday*** 6:00 p.m.

Jesus for Barabbas - John 18:38b-40 (Pastor Weber)

April 9, 2023 – ***Easter Sunrise*** 7:30 a.m.

Jesus' Tomb for Our Tomb – John 20:1-18 (Pastor Goetz)

April 9, 2023 ***Easter Day (Holy Communion)*** 9:00 a.m.

Jesus' Tomb for Our Tomb - Matthew 28:1-10 (Pastor Weber)

Wednesdays, Feb. 22nd through March 29th

5:00 p.m. Soup Supper

6:00 p.m. Mid-Week Lenten Service

From Pastor's Desk

Portals of Prayer for January to March 2023 are available in the Narthex or office.

Adult Bible Class/Sunday School at 10:30 a.m.
Rev. Goetz will be leading the class.

FEBRUARY Activities

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, February 22, 2023

Soup Supper @ 5:00 p.m.

Ash Wednesday Service @ 6:00 p.m.

Men's Steak Dinner and Bible Study Thursday, February 23, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m.

Memory Verse Challenge

The LCMS invites everyone to join together in memorizing a verse each week.

This week's memory verse: ***1 John 1:8***

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.



God Manifests His Glory in the Body of Christ Jesus, Transfigured for Us by His Cross

The Transfiguration confirms “the prophetic word ... to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place” (2 Peter 1:19). The divine glory of Jesus is manifested in the word of His apostles, who were “eyewitnesses of his majesty” (2 Peter 1:16). “He was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun” (Matt. 17:2). Moses and Elijah witnessed the fulfillment of the Old Testament in this Lord Jesus, and the Father testified concerning Him: “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased” (Matt. 17:5). By His own blood, shed on the cross, Jesus makes and seals the new covenant with us. Hence, “the appearance of the glory of the Lord” is no longer “like a devouring fire” (Ex. 24:17), but it is graciously revealed in His own body. As “Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel” went up the mountain with Moses and “beheld God, and ate and drank” (Ex. 24:9, 11), we also behold the Lord our God in Christ Jesus, and we abide with Him as we eat and drink His body and blood at the altar.

2/12/2023			<i>First Sunday in Lent Readings:</i>
Sunday Worship	73		
Plate:		\$ 400.00	<i>Genesis 3:1-21</i>
Envelopes:		\$ 2,556.00	<i>Psalms 32:1-7</i>
Donations:			<i>Romans 5:12-19</i>
Mercedes Baskets Full		\$ 117.00	<i>Matthew 4:1-11</i>
Total:		\$ 3,073.00	
Bible Class:	31	\$ 24.00	

Bi-Weekly Church Activity Schedule		
	February Sunday Servants	March Sunday Servants:
Elder:	Earl Neuhaus	Dan Wehling
Altar Guild:	Suzanne Wehling	Donna Jackson/Lorri Marchant
Music:	Doris Pickering	
This Week	<i>The Transfiguration of Our Lord</i>	
Usher:	Don Vogel	
Sunday:	Holy Communion Worship Service	9:00 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am
Next Week	First Sunday in Lent	
Usher:	Dan Wehling	
Sunday:	Worship Service	9:00 am
24	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am