Today’s festival is a bridge between the Advent-Christmas-Epiphany cycle that comes to a close today and the Lent-Easter cycle that begins in several days. On a high mountain Jesus is revealed as God’s beloved Son, echoing the words at his baptism. This vision of glory sustains us as Jesus faces his impending death in Jerusalem. We turn this week to Ash Wednesday and our yearly baptismal journey from Lent to Easter. We will put aside the alleluia at the conclusion of today’s liturgy. This word of joy will be omitted during the penitential season of Lent and will be sung again at Easter.

Gathering Hymn “Beautiful Savior” (Hymn #838)
Hymn of the Day “Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain” (See Insert)
Offering Hymn “Shine, Jesus, Shine” (Hymn #671)
Communion Music “Come, Let Us Eat” (Hymn #491)
Sending Hymn “Alleluia, Song of Gladness” (Hymn #318, vv. 1-3)

May God bless those serving in worship this weekend:
Heidi Womack, worship assistant
Gail Schmidt and Drew Shimkus, lectors
Lois Stuber, greeter

Before the worship begins, you are invited to add your name or the names of those needing prayer to our Prayer Book, located in the back of the church. We are honored to include these names in the Prayers of the People.