THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

MARCH 2, 2025

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> Sunday 9:00 A.M. Worship Service

> > 10:30 A.M.

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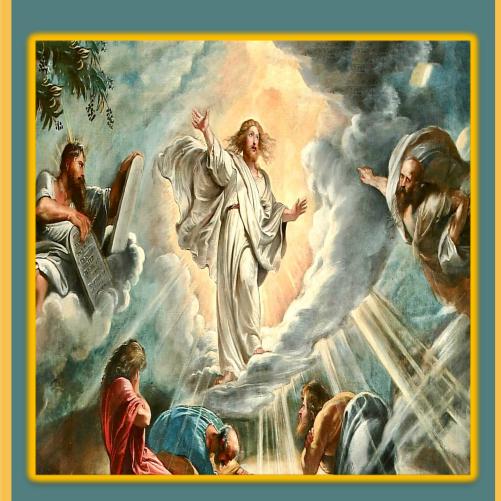
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And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is My beloved Son. Hear Him!" Luke 9:35

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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.

The Lord's Supper is celebrated every Sunday at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as Christ our Lord says, He gives into our mouths not only bread and wine, but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins (Matthew 26:26-29). And through this sacrament, He strengthens us for new life in Him (Romans 8:10;1 Peter 2:4). Jesus personally invites weak sinners (Mark 9:24) who trust His words, "This is My body which is given for you... this cup is the new covenant in My blood which is shed for you" (Luke 22:19-20), to receive His blessings of forgiveness, life and salvation. (Romans 8:31-32). Because "he who eats and drinks our Lord's body and blood in an unworthy manner drinks judgement to oneself" (1 Corinthians 11:29), and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith by those gathered at this altar (1 Cor.10:17;11:26), any who have not been instructed, or who hold a confession and church fellowship differing from that of this congregation, and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and desire to receive the Sacrament, should first arrange to speak with the pastor. For further study, see Matthew 10:32f.; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; Mark 14:22-26; Luke 22:14-20; Acts 2:42; 20:7; 1 Cor. 10:14-21;11:17-34.

A Prayer Upon Entering Church - O God, as a witness of the Transfiguration, I see Your glory, along with Moses and Elijah. O God, as a witness of the Transfiguration, I want to hold on to that glory, like Peter, James, and John. O God, as a witness of the Transfiguration, I hear Your voice, "This is My Beloved Son, Hear Him!" O God, as a witness of the Transfiguration, let me with confidence take up my

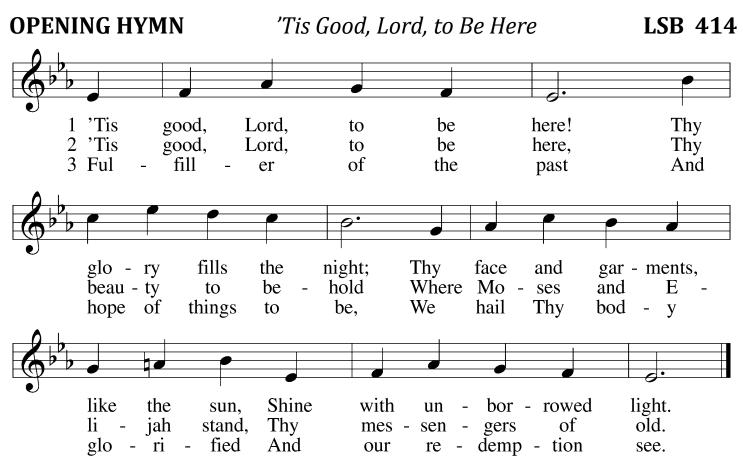
cross and follow Jesus alone. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

AS WE GATHER - Beloved heirs of God's glory—sinners and saints, sons and daughters—see God's promised revelation in Jesus' transfigured glory! All believing patriarchs, prophets, disciples, leaders, teachers, and confessors experience the tragic result of sin. Yet we are all invited into the light of Jesus! Our journeys, despite mistrust and faithlessness, are enveloped in God's forgiveness. The sinless Son of God appears before sinful Moses, Elijah, Peter, James, and John on the mountain together! A revelation like no other! This pivotal moment of glory compels us to anticipate the journey of the "gory," the pending crimes against Jesus: the cross, the mockery, the crucifixion. Death is coming! Soon, the church's alleluias will be hushed.

DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING THREE

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PRELUDE (a quiet time for prayer and meditation in preparation for worship) **WELCOME**



- 4 Before we taste of death,
 We see Thy kingdom come;
 We long to hold the vision bright
 And make this hill our home.
- 7 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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INVOCATION

- P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C who made heaven and earth.
- P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination)

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- 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.

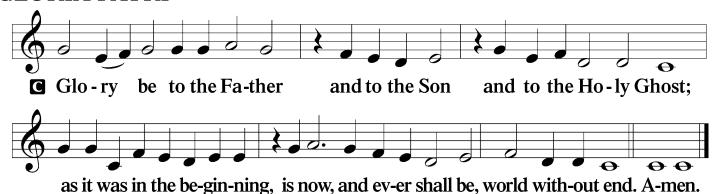
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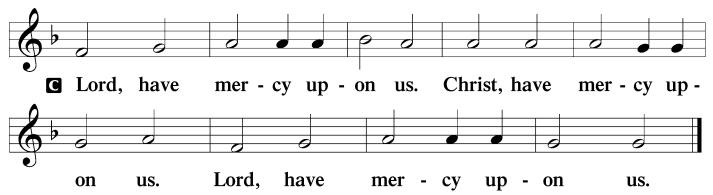
INTROIT *Psalm 84:1–2, 9, 11; antiphon: v. 4*

- P Blessed are those who dwell in Your house; they will still be praising You.
- C How lovely is Your tabernacle, O Lord of hosts!
- P My soul longs, yes, even faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.
- C O God, behold our shield, and look upon the face of Your anointed.
- P For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord will give grace and glory; no good thing will He withhold from those who walk uprightly.
- C Blessed are those who dwell in Your house; they will still be praising You.

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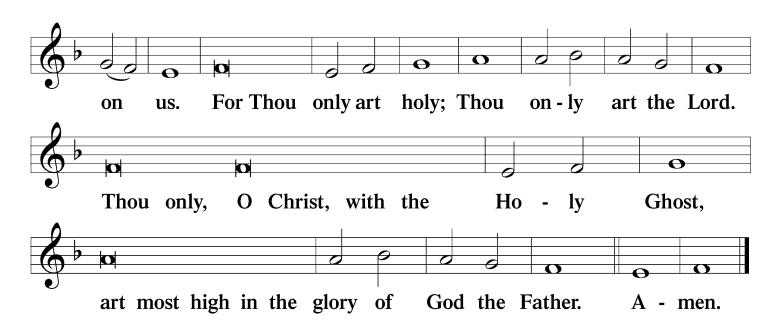
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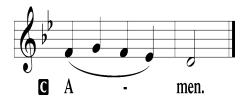
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-



SALUTATION and PRAYER OF THE DAY



P 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 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.



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OLD TESTAMENT READINGDeuteronomy 34:1–12

(The Promised Land is seen as an incomparable inheritance—sworn to the lineage of faithful prophets and their sons. By God's design, however, Moses is denied entrance and is laid to rest.)

1 Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is across from Jericho. And the Lord showed him all the land of Gilead as far as Dan, 2 all Naphtali and the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, 3 the South, and the plain of the Valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees, as far as Zoar. 4 Then the Lord said to him, "This is the land of which I swore to give Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, saying, 'I will give it to your descendants.' I have caused you to see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there."

5 So Moses the servant of the Lord died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the Lord. 6 And He buried him in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth Peor; but no one knows his grave to this day. 7 Moses was one hundred and twenty years old when he died. His eyes were not dim nor his natural vigor diminished. 8 And the children of Israel wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days. So the days of weeping and mourning for Moses ended.

9 Now Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands on him; so the children of Israel heeded him, and did as the Lord had commanded Moses.

10 But since then there has not arisen in Israel a prophet like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face, 11 in all the signs and wonders which the Lord sent him to do in the land of Egypt, before Pharaoh, before all his servants, and in all his land, 12 and by all that mighty power and all the great terror which Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

- P This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

PSALM *Psalm 99; 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 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 Moses and Aaron were among His priests, and Samuel was among those who called upon His name; they called upon the Lord, and He answered them.
- C He spoke to them in the cloudy pillar; they kept His testimonies and the ordinance He gave them.
- P You answered them, O Lord our God; You were to them God-Who-Forgives, though You took vengeance on their deeds.
- C Exalt the Lord our God, and worship at His holy hill; for the Lord our God is holy.

EPISTLE Hebrews 3:1–6

(As Moses was faithful, we witness and inherit all the revealed truths of Jesus, the very Son of God, who is the hope of our house, here in this place.)

1 Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our confession, Christ Jesus, 2 who was faithful to Him who appointed Him, as Moses also was faithful in all His house. 3 For this One has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses, inasmuch as He who built the house has more honor than the house. 4 For every house is built by someone, but He who built all things is God. 5 And Moses indeed was faithful in all His house as a servant, for a testimony of those things which would be spoken afterward, 6 but Christ as a Son over His own house, whose house we are if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm to the end.

- P This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

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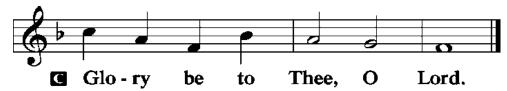
ALLELUIA



HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 9:28–36*

(Revered prophets and famed disciples witness the vision of Jesus' glory.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the ninth chapter.



28 Now it came to pass, about eight days after these sayings, that He took Peter, John, and James and went up on the mountain to pray. 29 As He prayed, the appearance of His face was altered, and His robe became white and glistening. 30 And behold, two men talked with Him, who were Moses and Elijah, 31 who appeared in glory and spoke of His decease which He was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. 32 But Peter and those with him were heavy with sleep; and when they were fully awake, they saw His glory and the two men who stood with Him. 33 Then it happened, as they were parting from Him, that Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; and let us make three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"—not knowing what he said. 34 While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were fearful as they entered the cloud. 35 And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is My beloved Son. Hear Him!" 36 When the voice had ceased, Jesus was found alone. But they kept quiet, and told no one in those days any of the things they had seen.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

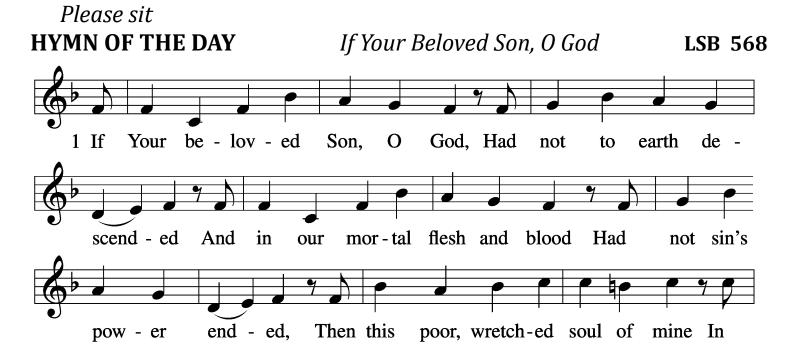


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All: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

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.





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SERMON "Indeed, it is good to be with God's Beloved Son!"

Luke 9:32-35

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SHARING OF THE PEACE "Peace be with you" [American Sign Language] PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

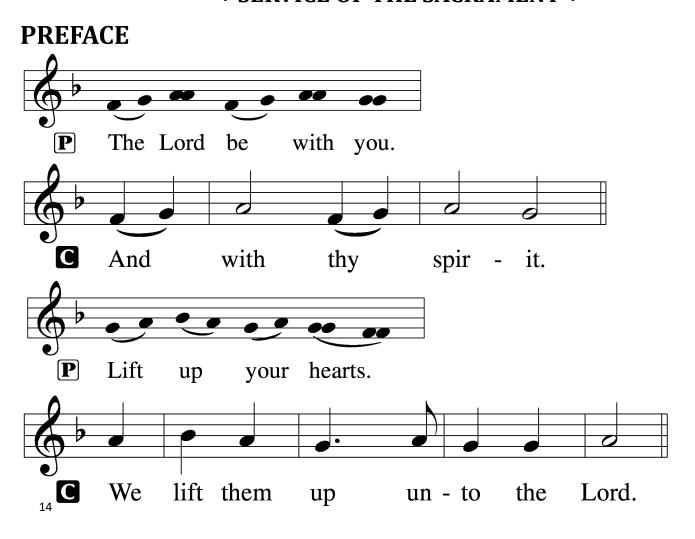
- Let us pray for the whole church of God in Christ and for all who bear crosses and yet seek to follow Jesus. As the people of God, let us remember and treasure the saints of old, who struggled to guide and admonish God's people, trusting in His plan. Encourage us by their unwavering witness, determined leadership, and inordinate sacrifice.
- As living saints, give us courage to immerse ourselves into the redemption story of Jesus, sharing not only in His glory but also in His suffering.
- As the people of God, let us unite ourselves into a common and earnest confession that we are both sinners and saints, baptized into the glory of knowing and being known by Jesus.
- As living saints, give us courage to immerse ourselves into the redemption story of Jesus, transfigured, glorified, punished, and crucified. (Continue on next page) 13

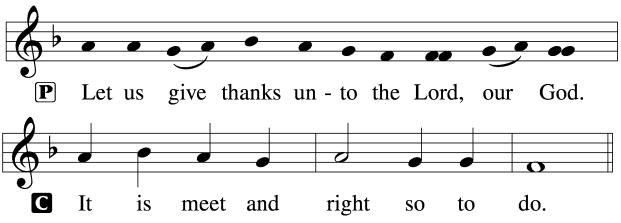
- P As the people of God, let us support one another amid so many crosses that are hard to understand and difficult to bear. Safeguard us from harsh, unrelenting judgment of one another. Let us seek to uphold one another in the mercy and grace of God generously given to each one of us.
- C As living saints, give us courage to immerse ourselves into the redemption story of Jesus, generous in forgiveness, patience, understanding, and kindness. Help us to see the light of fellow believers, understanding that the crosses they bear are both visible and invisible to us.

Additional prayers for the burdens and crosses of individual members may be included.

- P We commend to You, O Lord, the lives of all the witnesses of Your glory and heirs of Your eternal promises. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

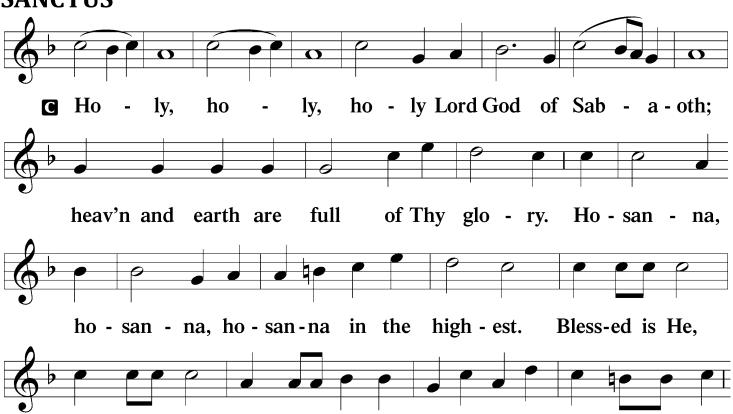
+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +





P It is truly good, 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:





bless-ed is He, bless-ed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.



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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.



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."

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P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



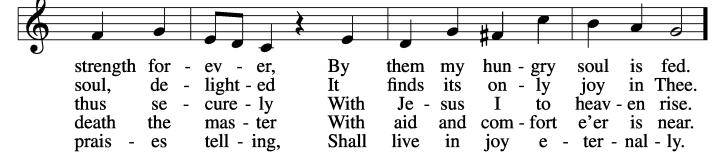
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SILENT PRAYER before COMMUNING

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. **COMMUNION HYMN** Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior LSB 619 1 Thy giv'n for Thy blood which bod - y, Say - ior. me, 2 With Thee, Lord, am now u - nit - ed; Ι live in Ι 3 Who can con - demn me now? For sure - ly The Lord is 4 Though death may threat - en with dis - as - ter. It can - not 5 My heart be - come Thy dwell-ing, 0 bless - ed, has now Thou These for didst shed, life me and are my Thee and Thou No fills in me. sor row my nigh, who ius ti fies. No hell I fear, and of cheer; For He of rob me my who is



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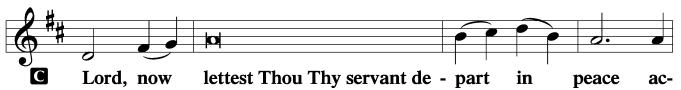
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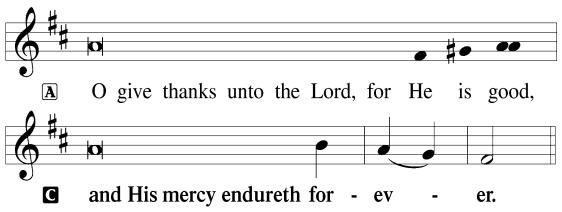
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THANKSGIVING



P Let us pray. O God the Father, source of divine nourishment, through Your Holy Word, body, and blood, You increase our faith and courage to bear our crosses in the name of Jesus, glorified and crucified. At this Table, You unite us with the myriad of saints who have preceded us. Together, past, present, and future, we are believing heirs of Your eternal promises. We are witnesses of (Continue on next page)

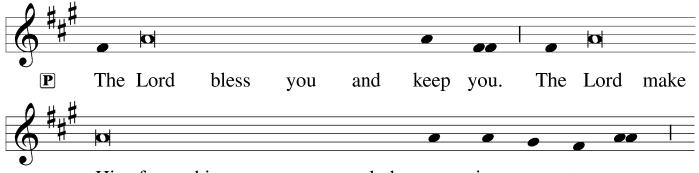
Christ's life, suffering, death, and resurrection. Prepare us for our eternal glory, where we will reside with You in Jerusalem, our eternal home.



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His face shine upon you and be gra-cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.



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DISMISSAL

- P Go in peace as you serve our heavenly Father and His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Portals of Prayer for <u>January to March 2025</u> are available in the Narthex or office.

Join us for **Sunday School and Bible Study** at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Rev. Goetz is leading the class.

March Activities

Family Confirmation Class on Thursdays @ 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Choir Practice

Thursdays at 4:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Elders' Meeting

Sunday, March 2nd after church.

Ash Wednesday

March 5th, 2025

Soup Supper @ 5:00 p.m.

Service at 6:00 p.m.

(See page 24 for complete Lenten/Easter schedule)

Daylight Saving Time Begins

Sunday, March 9, 2025

(Spring forward your clocks 1 hour

before going to bed, Saturday night.)

Immanuel Lutheran School

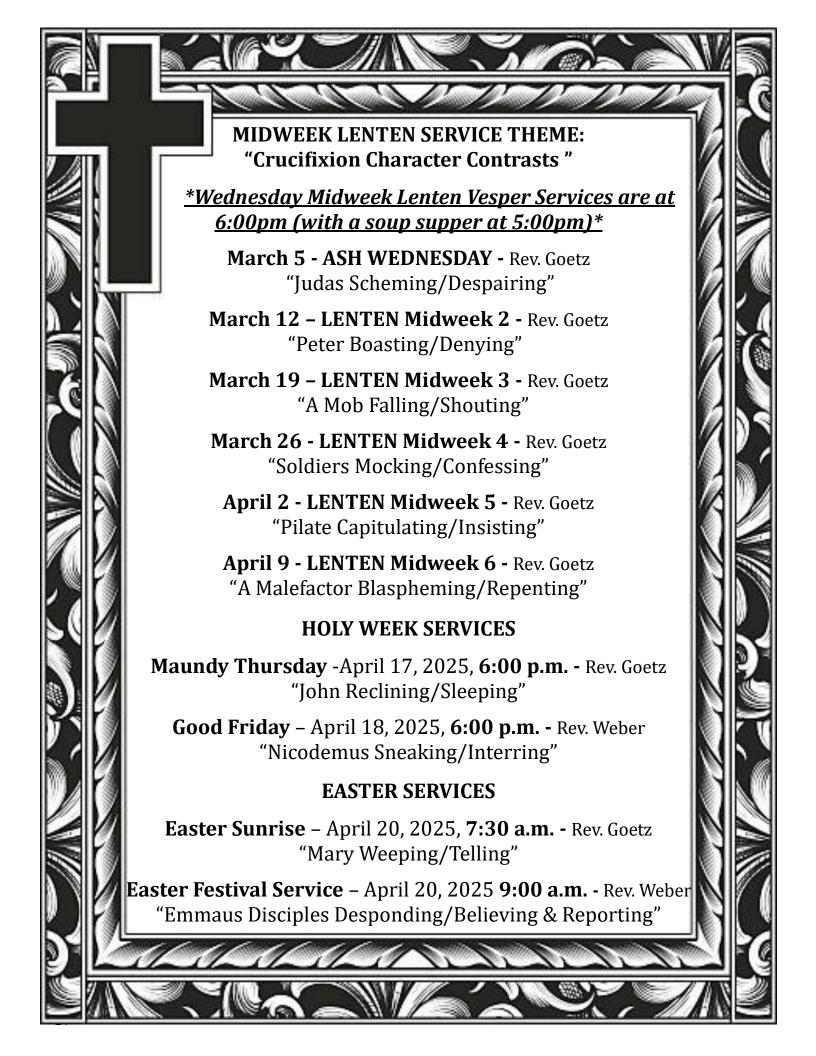
Spring Break

March 10th through 14th

Spring Break-Servant Group from Concordia, Austin March 16th through 19th

Men's Steak Night/Bible Study

Tuesday, March 25th at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall



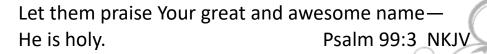


Sermon Notes	
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Colossians 3:16

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.



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Sunday Worship 73

Plate: \$ 567.00

Envelopes: \$ 1,818.00

Envelopes-Other:

Handicap Paving \$ 200.00

On Line

Donation:

Memorial:

Total: \$ 2,585.00

Bible Class: **26** \$ 28.00

First Sunday in Lent

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Psalm 91:1-13

Romans 10:8b-13

Luke 4:1-13

The Glory of God Is Manifested in the Body of Christ

"Moses was faithful in all God's house as a servant," but Christ Jesus "has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses" (Heb. 3:3, 5). A beloved and well-pleasing Son, faithful even to the point of death, Jesus' own body was raised up on the third day as the house of God, and He has brought us into that house through the waters of Holy Baptism (Heb. 3:6). Thus, it was not Moses, the lawgiver, but his successor, Joshua (the Hebrew name for Jesus), who led the people into the Promised Land (Deut. 34:1-4, 9). Now, on the Mount of Transfiguration, the New Testament Joshua appears in the glory that He is about to manifest by His "departure" (exodus) in Jerusalem (Luke 9:31). Having entered the waters of the Jordan in His Baptism, He passed through those waters and entered into glory by His cross and Passion. What He thereby accomplished in His own flesh and blood, crucified and risen, He reveals and gives to His Body, the Church, by the means of His Word. Therefore, the Father declares from heaven, "Listen to him!" (Luke 9:35).

	Bi-Weekly Church Activity Schedule	
	March Sunday Servants:	
Elder:	Dan Wehling	
Altar Guild:	RoseAnn Cisneros/Maribel Perez/Cheyanne Zink	
Music:	Doris Pickering/Pam Terral	
This Week	The Transfiguration of Our Lord	
Usher:	Earl Neuhaus	
Sunday:	Holy Communion Worship Service	9:00 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am
Next Week	First Sunday in Lent	
Usher:	Ken Eilers	
Sunday:	Holy Communion Worship Service	9:00 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am