



**St. Luke's
Lutheran Church**



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Sharing Jesus Christ's love with those around us.

**Saturday, February 14, 2026 – 6:00 PM
Sunday, February 15, 2026 – 8:30 AM**

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**THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD
(Series A)**

**Divine Service, Setting 4
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WELCOME

We are glad you are here to worship our Savior with us. Please remember to turn your cell phone to silence. Restrooms are on the west side of the sanctuary. Prayer requests can be submitted to the church office through email, office@stlukesmanhattan.org, or by calling 785-539-2604. On Communion Sundays, if you need non-gluten wafers at communion, or need to have communion brought to you, please notify the elder who is serving. We hope you will join us again so that you may experience Jesus.

AS WE GATHER

On the Mount of Transfiguration, Jesus shines—not only with divine brilliance, but with the glory of the cross and resurrection already breaking into the present. “After six days,” Matthew tells us, evoking both Sinai’s cloud and creation’s rhythm. The seventh day will bring rest in the tomb; the eighth day will dawn with resurrection. But here, in the sixth, Jesus glows with the light of the new creation. Moses and Elijah appear, pointing to the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets. The Father speaks: “This is My beloved Son... listen to Him.” And the disciples fall in fear—until Jesus touches them and says, “Rise, and have no fear.” Today, we behold His glory, hear His Word, and walk with Him down the mountain, knowing that “Jesus only” is enough. The appointed readings from Exodus and 2 Peter both echo this truth: the glory of God is revealed in the face of Christ, and His Word is our light in the valley.

IMAGE ON THE COVER

And He was transfigured before them, and His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became white as light. And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with Him. . . . He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to Him.” When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Rise, and have no fear.” *Matthew 17:2–3, 5–7*

WELCOME

✖PREPARATION✖

414 'TIS GOOD, LORD, TO BE HERE

1 'Tis good, Lord, to be here! Thy
2 'Tis good, Lord, to be here, Thy
3 Ful - fill - er of the past And
4 Be - fore we taste of death, We
5 'Tis good, Lord, to be here! Yet

glo - ry fills the night; Thy face and gar - ments,
beau - ty to be - hold Where Mo - ses and E -
hope of things to be, We hail Thy bod - y
see Thy king - dom come; We long to hold the
we may not re - main; But since Thou bidst us

like the sun, Shine with un - bor - rowed light.
li - jah stand, Thy mes - sen - gers of old.
glo - ri - fied And our re - demp - tion see.
vi - sion bright And make this hill our home.
leave the mount, Come with us to the plain.

Text: Joseph A. Robinson, 1858–1933, alt.

Tune: Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685–1750, adapt.

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Please Stand

The sign of the cross ✝ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

INVOCATION

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

EXHORTATION

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P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

CONFSSION OF SINS

LSB 203

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

ABSOLUTION

LSB 203

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

✖ WORD ✎

INTROIT

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



P Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy | mountain;*
for the LORD our God is | holy!

C The LORD reigns; let the peoples | tremble!*
He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the | earth quake!

P The LORD is great in | Zion;*
he is exalted over all the | peoples.

C Let them praise your great and | awesome name!*
Ho- | ly is he!

P The King in his might loves | justice.*
You have established equity; you have executed justice and
righteousness in | Jacob.

C Exalt the LORD our God; worship at his | footstool!*
Ho- | ly is he!

C Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

P Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy | mountain;*
for the LORD our God is | holy!

KYRIE

LSB 204



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

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

LSB 204



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.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son, You revealed His divine majesty and confirmed Him as the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets. Shine the light of His glory into our hearts, that we may listen to Him alone, trust His Word above all others, and follow Him from the mountain to the cross. By His death and resurrection, bring us into the new creation and the everlasting light of Your presence; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING*Exodus 24:8-18*

(Moses meets with the Lord God on Mount Sinai.)

⁸And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, “Behold the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words.”

⁹Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, ¹⁰and they saw the God of Israel. There was under his feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. ¹¹And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank.

¹²The LORD said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain and wait there, that I may give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” ¹³So Moses rose with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. ¹⁴And he said to the elders, “Wait here for us until we return to you. And behold, Aaron and Hur are with you. Whoever has a dispute, let him go to them.”

¹⁵Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶The glory of the LORD dwelt 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. ¹⁷Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. ¹⁸Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL FOR THE EPIPHANY SEASON

Psalm 117:1-2a; 96:8



Praise the LORD, all tribes and na - tions! Lift His name with one ac-cord.



Great His love and ev - er - faith- ful Is the kind - ness of our Lord.



Give the glo - ry due His hon - or, Bring your gifts with thank-ful hearts;



Come in - to His courts with prais-es— Sing the grace His light im- parts.

Text: Michael J. Schmidt

Tune: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827; adapt. Edward Hodges, 1796–1867

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(Peter writes of his mountaintop experience with Jesus.)

¹⁶For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased,” ¹⁸we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. ¹⁹And we have something more sure, the prophetic word, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, ²⁰knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone’s own interpretation. ²¹For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA AND EPIPHANY VERSE

1
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
4
This is My Son, whom I love; with
6
Him I am well pleased, list - en to Him.
8
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Tune: *Similarto* LSB, page 205

Words: Michael J. Schmidt

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 17:1-9

(Jesus is transfigured on a high mountaintop.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the seventeenth chapter.
C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹After six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. ²And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. ³And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴And Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah.” ⁵He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.”

⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them, saying, *“Rise, and have no fear.”* ⁸And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

⁹And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, *“Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead.”*

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C** Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

LAMB'S MESSAGE

“The Lord Said to Moses”

(*Tune: LSB 443, Hosanna, Loud Hosanna – Ellacombe*)

- 1 The Lord said to Moses long ago,
"Come up the mount to Me;
Receive the commandments hewn in stone;
My cov'nant people be."
Then Moses climbed the glory hill
And met the Lord on high;
But God did not His plan reveal
Till Moses stood with Christ.
- 2 And then with Sinai's prophet bold,
Elijah did appear;
Who rode to God on chariot gold
Now stood with Jesus near.
In holy convocation meet,
The pillars of God's Word,
And join in witness, glad to greet,
The Savior, Christ the Lord.
- 3 Then Peter spoke for James and John,
"Tis good, Lord, to be here,"
But God proclaimed, "This is My Son,
The One I love so dear.
Now listen and His Word obey;
With Him I am well pleased."
For God has come to you today
And all your fears released.
- 4 Down to the valley they did flee
But not a word betrayed
The glory that their eyes did see
Not told till Christ was raised.
We, too, have witnessed majesty:
Christ death, His life restored.
In Christ God's saving glory seen,
Good news for all the world.

SERMON

VOTUM

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

C Amen.

Stand

NICENE CREED

C 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.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Heavenly Father, on the holy mountain You revealed Your Son's divine glory and commanded us to listen to Him. Grant that the light of His Word would shine into our hearts, driving away fear and strengthening our faith for the valleys ahead. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord of the Church, keep Your people steadfast in the confession that Jesus only is our Savior. Bless all pastors, teachers, missionaries, and church workers, that they may faithfully proclaim Christ's cross and resurrection. Strengthen our Synod, its leaders, and all congregations, that we may walk together in the truth of Your Word. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P God of families, bless parents as they teach their children to listen to Jesus. Let every Christian home be a place where Your Word is heard, forgiveness is spoken, and Christ's peace dwells richly. Guard all expectant mothers and the children they carry, granting health and protection according to Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P King of the nations, You set Your Son as King on Zion, Your holy hill. Grant wisdom, integrity, and a right fear of You to all who govern—our president, our leaders, and all who make, administer, and judge our laws—that equity and justice may flourish in our land. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P God of compassion, Your Son touched His terrified disciples and said, “Rise, and have no fear.” Bring that same comfort to all who suffer in body or soul, especially *[names may be added]*. Give them healing, peace, and the sure hope that the glory of Christ will one day banish every shadow. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord of the feast, as we come to the Table of Your Son, grant that all who eat His body and drink His blood may do so in true faith, receiving forgiveness, life, and salvation. Let this foretaste strengthen us until we join Moses, Elijah, Peter, James, John, and all the saints in the glory of the new creation. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P God of glory, as once the disciples saw “Jesus only,” fix our eyes on Him alone through every trial, temptation, and valley of this life. Keep us steadfast in faith until the day when Christ’s new creation is revealed in fullness and we behold our Savior face to face. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord God, heavenly Father, we give You thanks for the brilliant revelation of Your Son’s majesty on the Mount of Transfiguration. By Your Spirit, teach us to listen to Jesus, trust His promises, and follow Him from the mountain to the cross and into the joy of His resurrection. Preserve us in this faith until we die a blessed death and enter the glory prepared for us; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

OFFERING

There are several ways to give.

1. Please **send** your offerings to
St. Luke's Lutheran Church
4801 Anderson Avenue
Manhattan, KS 66503
2. **Electronic Funds Transfer** - Sign up through the church office.

STEWARSHIP MESSAGE: Matthew 17:8 – “And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.” Jesus is enough. Moses and Elijah point to Jesus and are happy to fade into the background. With our eyes focused on Him and Him alone, the rest of our lives come into focus. He is primary, all else secondary. When that order is right in our lives, things truly fall into place.

Stand

❖SACRAMENT❖

PREFACE

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P The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.

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.

PROPER PREFACE

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 revealed His divine glory on the holy mountain and shone with the brightness of the new creation. There He was seen with Moses and Elijah, the Law and the Prophets bearing witness that He is the promised Christ; and there Your voice declared Him to be Your beloved Son, whom we are to hear. By this vision You strengthened His disciples for the way of the cross, that seeing His majesty they might not fear His suffering, and beholding His glory they might trust His Word alone. So now, with the eyes of faith fixed on "Jesus only," we await the day when His new creation is revealed in fullness and we behold our Savior face to face. 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

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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;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

As once Your glory covered Sinai and filled the tabernacle, so on the holy mountain You revealed the radiance of Your Son, the true dwelling place of Your presence. In Him, the light of the new creation broke into our world, and by His touch You banish fear and strengthen faith. As He now comes to us in His Holy Supper, let His transfiguring grace shine upon us, that we may follow Him from the mountain to the cross and behold, at last, His glory forever.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

LORD'S PRAYER

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 $\text{\tfrac{X}{\text{I}}}$ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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 $\text{\tfrac{X}{\text{I}}}$ 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.

AGNUS DEI

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1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
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.

The Lord's Supper

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord 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 and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust in His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked first to speak with the Pastor or an elder. For further study, see Matt. 5:23ff; 10:32ff; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:17-34.

Sit

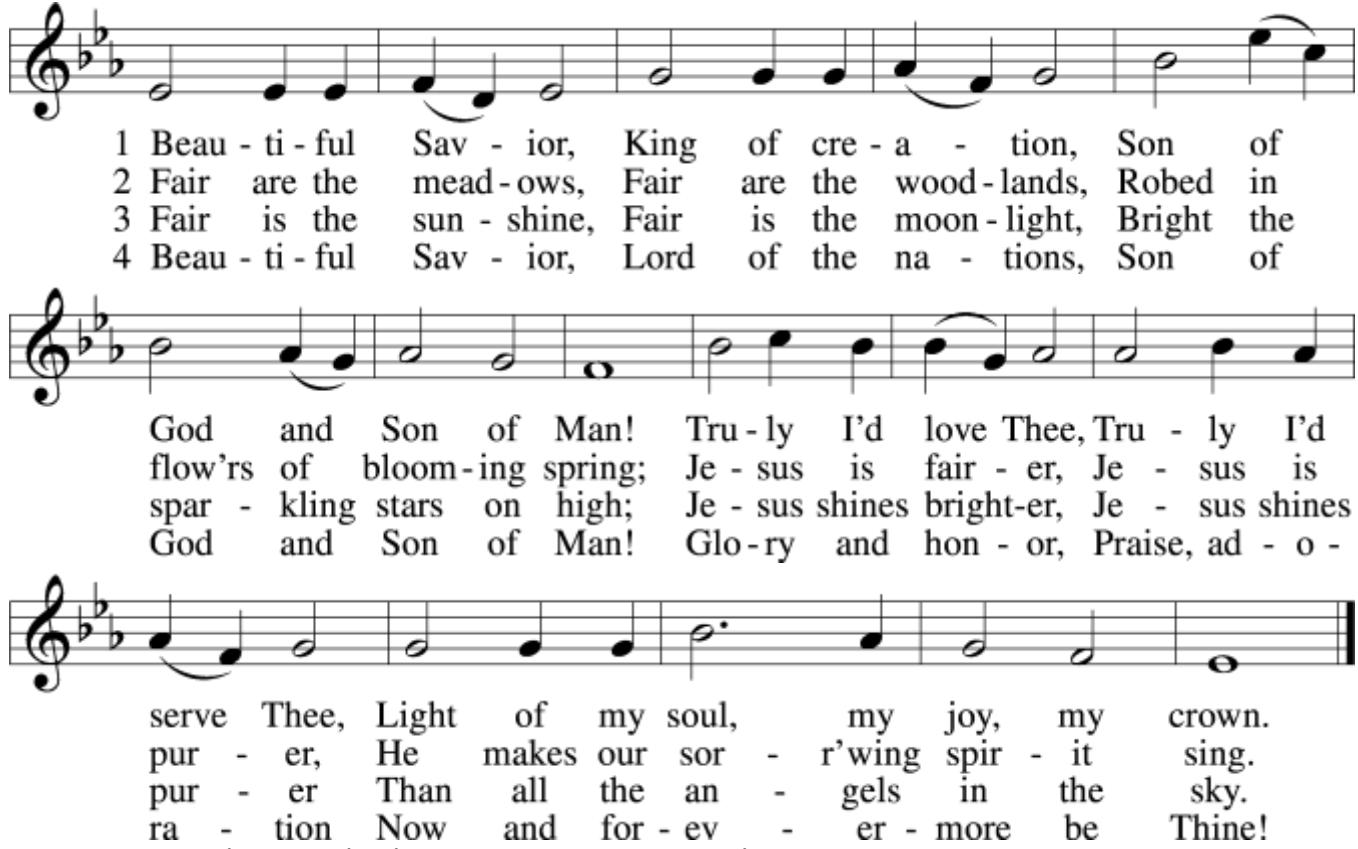
DISTRIBUTION

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first. They then distribute the body and blood of Christ to those in the pews who are unable to come forward, and then finally to those who come forward.

Distribution and dismissal will be done by half tables.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

537 BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR



1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion, Son of
2 Fair are the mead - ows, Fair are the wood - lands, Robed in
3 Fair is the sun - shine, Fair is the moon - light, Bright the
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions, Son of

God and Son of Man! Tru - ly I'd love Thee, Tru - ly I'd
flow'rs of bloom-ing spring; Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is
spar - kling stars on high; Je - sus shines bright-er, Je - sus shines
God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, Praise, ad - o -

serve Thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
pur - er, He makes our sor - r'wing spir - it sing.
pur - er Than all the an - gels in the sky.
ra - tion Now and for - ev - er - more be Thine!

Text: Münsterisch Gesangbuch, 1677, Münster; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904

Tune: Silesian, 19th cent.

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JESUS, TAKE US TO THE MOUNTAIN



1 Je - sus, take us to the moun - tain, Where, with Pe - ter,
2 What do You want us to see there, That Your close com -
3 What do You want us to hear there, That Your dear dis -
4 Take us to that oth - er moun - tain Where we see You
5 We who have be - held Your glo - ry, Ris - en and as -



James, and John, We are daz - zled by Your glo - ry,
pan - ions saw? Your di - vin - i - ty re - vealed there
ci - ples heard? Once a - gain the Voice from heav - en
glo - ri - fied, Where You shout - ed “It is fin - ished!”
cend - ed Lord, Can - not help but tell the sto - ry,



Light as blind - ing as the sun. There pre - pare us
Fills us with the self - same awe. Clothed in flesh like
Says of the In - car - nate Word: “Lis - ten, lis - ten,
Where for all the world You died. Hear the stunned cen -
All that we have seen and heard; Say with Pe - ter,



for the night By the vi - sion of that sight.
ours You go Matched to meet our dead - liest Foe.
ev - 'ry - one, This is My be - lov - ed Son!”
tu - ri - on: “Tru - ly this was God's own Son!”
James, and John: “You are God's be - lov - ed Son!”

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631 HERE, O MY LORD, I SEE THEE FACE TO FACE

1 Here, O my Lord, I see Thee face to face;
 2 Here would I feed up - on the bread of God,
 3 This is the hour of ban - quet and of song;
 4 I have no help but Thine; nor do I need

Here would I touch and han - dle things un - seen;
 Here drink with Thee the roy - al wine of heav'n;
 This is the heav'n - ly ta - ble spread for me;
 An - oth - er arm but Thine to lean up - on.

Here grasp with firm - er hand the e - ter - nal grace,
 Here would I lay a - side each earth - ly load,
 Here let me feast and, feast - ing, still pro - long
 It is e - nough, my Lord, e - nough in - deed;

And all my wea - ri - ness up - on Thee lean.
 Here taste a - fresh the calm of sin for - giv'n.
 The brief bright hour of fel - low - ship with Thee.
 My strength is in Thy might, Thy might a - lone.

5 Mine is the sin, but Thine the righteousness;
 Mine is the guilt, but Thine the cleansing blood;
 Here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace:
 Thy blood, Thy righteousness, O Lord my God.

6 Too soon we rise; the vessels disappear;
 The feast, though not the love, is past and gone;
 The bread and wine remove, but Thou art here;
 Nearer than ever; still my shield and sun.

7 Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,
Yet, passing, points to that glad feast above,
Giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy,
The Lamb's great marriage feast of bliss and love.

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416 SWIFTLY PASS THE CLOUDS OF GLORY



1 Swift - ly pass the clouds of glo-ry, Heav-en's voice, the daz-zling light;
2 Glimpsed and gone the rev - e - la-tion, They shall gain and keep its truth,
3 Lord, trans - fig - ure our per-cep-tion With the pur - est light that shines,



Mo-ses and E - li - jah van - ish; Christ a - lone com - mands the height!
Not by build-ing on the moun-tain An - y shrine or sa - cred booth,
And re - cast our life's in - ten - tions To the shape of Your de - signs,



Pe - ter, James, and John fall si - lent, Turn - ing from the sum-mit's rise
But by fol - low - ing the Sav - ior Through the val - ley to the cross
Till we seek no oth - er glo - ry Than what lies past Cal - v'ry's hill



Down-ward toward the shad-owed val - ley Where their Lord has fixed His eyes.
And by test - ing faith's re - sil-i-ence Through be - tray - al, pain, and loss.
And our liv - ing and our dy - ing And our ris - ing by Your will.

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Stand

NUNC DIMITTIS

LSB 211

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

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

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

A light to lead the be - 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 COLLECT

P Let us pray.

Almighty and ever living God, we give You thanks that in this Holy Supper You have revealed to us the glory of Your beloved Son, whose body and blood strengthen us for the path ahead. As once He touched His fearful disciples and said, “Rise, and have no fear,” so now touch our hearts with His forgiveness and fill us with His light. Having seen His glory and heard His Word, send us from this Table to follow Him faithfully—from the mountain into the valley, from this foretaste to the feast to come—until the day when we behold Him face to face in the brightness of the new creation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

BENEDICAMUS

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and  give you peace.

C Amen.

GREET ONE ANOTHER

We greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, “The Lord be with you,” “Peace be with you,” or “The peace of the Lord be with you”.

P This week, on Ash Wednesday, we begin our observance of Lent. To highlight the penitential nature of the season, it has been the custom in the church to suspend the use of the word *alleluia*, which means “Praise the Lord.” The tradition not to use the joyful word *alleluia* in worship from the conclusion of worship on the final Sunday before Lent until the first service on Easter Sunday has been in place since the fifth century. The text of the hymn “Alleluia, Song of Gladness” (LSB 417) dates back to the 11th century and links us to a millennium of God’s people at worship. We will repeat words from the book of Ecclesiastes, which remind us that there are appropriate times for all things, including a time to keep silence, which we will observe regarding use of the *alleluia* throughout Lent.

P For everything there is a season,
C and a time for every matter under heaven:

P a time to be born, and a time to die;
C a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;

P a time to break down, and a time to build up;
C a time to weep, and a time to laugh;

P a time to mourn, and a time to dance;
C a time to keep silence, and a time to speak.

P As part of our observance of a holy Lent as it begins this week, we now say farewell to the *alleluia* until the time of our rejoicing anew at the resurrection of our Lord on Easter Day.

C Alleluia! Amen.

CLOSING SONG

Tune: LSB 353, Words: LSB 417

- 1 Alleluia, song of gladness,
 Voice of joy that cannot die;
Alleluia is the anthem
 Ever raised by choirs on high;
In the house of God abiding
 Thus they sing eternally.
- 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, blessed 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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