

St. Luke's Lutheran Church



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Sharing Jesus Christ's love with those around us.

March 1, 2025 – 6:00 PM March 2, 2025 – 8:30 AM

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THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

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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

Daily, as believers, we endeavor to follow Jesus. Also daily, we are consumed by the crosses, burdens, disease, fear, and anxiety of this sinful world, and we feel as if we are drowning. But God's Word keeps us buoyant as we cling to our Baptism, where we are claimed as God's beloved children. Transfiguration is a moment of incomparable glory. Surely, we too, would want to sequester that divine moment in time. But wait! We cannot delay or halt the gruesome journey to the cross yet to take place. Jesus knows this. He claims the journey to the cross as His own. Momentary glory cannot and will not impede God's will. Jesus' cross will be taken up! It is a cross of death for the Son of God, and the cross of life for all who follow Jesus—and believe.

IMAGE ON THE COVER

O God, as witnesses of the Transfiguration, let us with confidence take up our crosses and follow Jesus alone. *Prayer of the Day*

WELCOME

▼ PREPARATION

HYMN — "Once High Upon the Mountain"

Tune: LSB 442 - "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

- Once high upon the mountain, The Father's will made known; "This is My Son, beloved," All sins He will atone.
 "Take heed and listen to Him, He is the chosen One."
 The plan for our redemption, Comes through His only Son.
- Once high upon the mountain, The Savior's plan made clear; While they were deeply praying, His brightness did appear, His face was changed before them, His clothes as white as snow, So we might fully trust Him And Him as Savior know.
- Once high upon the mountain, The men fell down in fear; "Let us make here three shelters," To keep Your glory near "Get up," said our Lord Jesus, "And do not be afraid, This day should be kept silent, Until the day I'm raised."
- Once high upon the mountain, Our Savior's love revealed;
 He is the Lord's anointed, And by His wounds we're healed.
 This day we saw His glory, It shone bright as the sun,
 Revealed for our assurance, That our salvation's won.

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Stand

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

INVOCATION LSB 151

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

EXHORTATION *LSB* 151

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

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

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

CONFESSION OF SINS

LSB 151

- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

ABSOLUTION LSB 151

- 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 ₩

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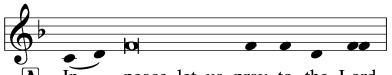
Psalm 84:1-2, 9, 11; antiphon: v. 4



- P Blessèd are those who dwell | in your house,* ever sing- | ing your praise!
- How lovely is your | dwelling place,*
 O | LORD of hosts!
- My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts | of the LORD;*
 my heart and flesh sing for joy to the | living God.
- Behold our shield, | O God;*
 look on the face of your a- | nointed!
- P For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and | honor.*

 No good thing does he withhold from those who walk up- | rightly.
- 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 Blessèd are those who dwell | in your house,* ever sing- | ing your praise!

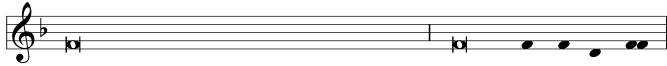
KYRIE LSB 152



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

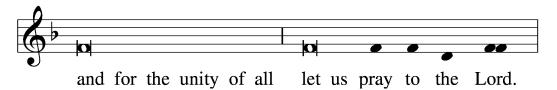


A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

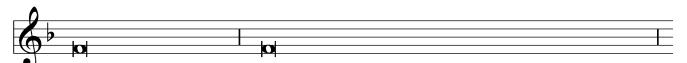




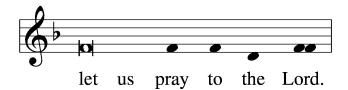
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



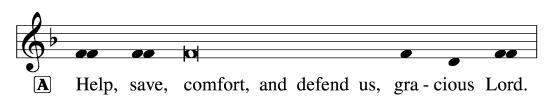




A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise







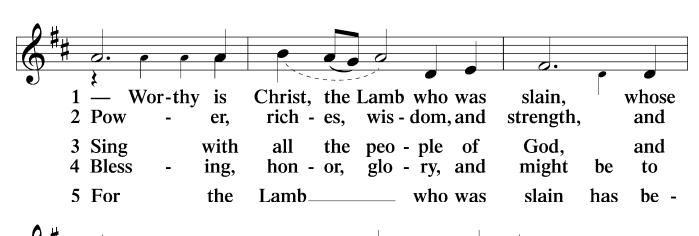


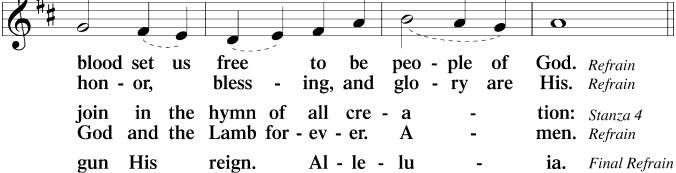
HYMN OF PRAISE – "THIS IS THE FEAST"

LSB 155













SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

LSB 156

P The Lord be with you.



- **P** Let us pray.
 - O God, as witnesses of the Transfiguration,
- we see Your glory, along with Moses and Elijah.
- P O God, as witnesses of the Transfiguration,
- we want to hold on to that glory, like Peter, James, and John.
- P O God, as witnesses of the Transfiguration,
- we hear Your voice, "This is My Son, My Chosen One; listen to Him!"
- P O God, as witnesses of the Transfiguration, let us with confidence take up our crosses and follow Jesus alone.
- In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



Sit

(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.)

¹Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho. And the LORD showed him all the land, Gilead as far as Dan, ²all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the western sea, ³the Negeb, and the Plain, that is, the Valley of Jericho the city of palm trees, as far as Zoar. ⁴And the LORD said to him, "This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, 'I will give it to your offspring.' I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not go over there." ⁵So Moses the servant of the LORD died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the LORD, ⁶and he buried him in the valley in the land of Moab opposite Beth-peor; but no one knows the place of his burial to this day. ⁷Moses was 120 years old when he died. His eye was undimmed, and his vigor unabated. ⁸And the people of Israel wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days. Then the days of weeping and mourning for Moses were ended.

⁹And Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands on him. So the people of Israel obeyed him and did as the LORD had commanded Moses. ¹⁰And there has not arisen a prophet since in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face, ¹¹none like him for all the signs and the wonders that the LORD sent him to do in the land of Egypt, to Pharaoh and to all his servants and to all his land, ¹²and for all the mighty power and all the great deeds of terror that Moses did in the sight of all Israel.

- **I** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

- **L** Praise the LORD, all nations!
- **C** Extol him, all peoples!
- **L** For great is his steadfast love toward us,
- and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.
- **L** Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
- bring an offering, and come into his courts!

EPISTLEHebrews 3:1-6

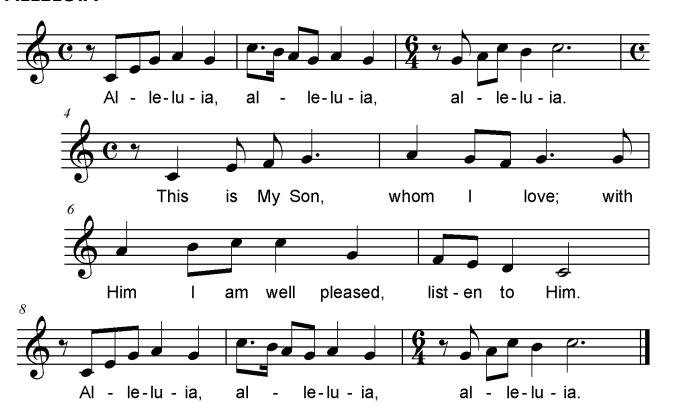
(As Moses was faithful, we witness and inherit all the revealed truths of Jesus, the very Son of God, who is the hope of our house, here in this place.)

¹Therefore, holy brothers, you who share in a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession, ²who was faithful to him who appointed him, just as Moses also was faithful in all God's house. ³For Jesus has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses—as much more glory as the builder of a house has more honor than the house itself. ⁴(For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.) ⁵Now Moses was faithful in all God's house as a servant, to testify to the things that were to be spoken later, ⁵but Christ is faithful over God's house as a son. And we are his house if indeed we hold fast our confidence and our boasting in our hope.

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

Stand

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.



²⁸Now about eight days after these sayings [Jesus] took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹And as he was praying, the appearance of his face was altered, and his clothing became dazzling white. ³⁰And behold, two men were talking with him, Moses and Elijah, ³¹who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³²Now Peter and those who were with him were heavy with sleep, but when they became fully awake they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³And as the men were parting from him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah"—not knowing what he said. ³⁴As he was saying these things, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. ³⁵And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to him!" ³⁶And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and told no one in those days anything of what they had seen.



Sit

LAMB'S MESSAGE

JESUS, TAKE US TO THE MOUNTAIN

Tune: LSB 901 – Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty



- 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 re - vealed there di - vin - i ty ci - ples heard? Once a - gain the Voice from heav - en You shout - ed glo - ri - fied. Where "It is fin - ished!" cend - ed Lord, Can not help but tell the sto - ry,



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



for the night ours You go ev - 'ry - one, tu - ri - on: James, and John:

vi - sion Bvthe of that sight. Matched to meet our dead - liest Foe. be - lov - ed Son!" This is My "Tru this was God's own Son!" ly are God's be - lov - ed Son!" "You

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SERMON

VOTUM

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

Stand

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

the living and the dead,

whose kingdom will have no end.

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

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, in prayer Your Son, Jesus, revealed His glory to Peter, James and John. Grant that we, also gathered in prayer, would see Him by faith and receive from Him the redemption He has accomplished for us. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C hear our prayer.
- P O God, Your Son shines in resurrected light. Illuminate Your Church with His own brightness, that she would tell the world of His mighty deliverance. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Lord, as You appointed Moses of old to lead Your people, so You sent Your Son, Jesus, to found and lead Your Church. Sustain us from age to age, and grant us teachers of righteousness to guide us in the days to come. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.

- P Heavenly Father, as Your Son cares faithfully for His Holy Church, grant us a sure confidence in Him and give us faithful hearts to serve Him according to the callings He has given us. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- P Almighty Father, You alone establish all authority on earth. Bless those entrusted with this responsibility both here and abroad, that they would serve with integrity and honor and for the well-being of all. Grant that all division, conflict and strife in our country would give way to unity, peace and quietness. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Father of all comfort, as we follow the way of Your apostles into Your presence, You join our prayers to the ceaseless petitions of Your dear Son. Hear us for the sake of the troubled, the sick and the dying [especially]. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Gracious Father, You gave Your Son as the final sacrifice for sin. As He faithfully prepares His own body and blood for us Christians to eat and drink, grant us confidence to draw near to Him and receive Him worthily. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- Lord God, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember on this day the glorious manifestation of Your Son's divinity on the Mount of Transfiguration. Teach us to listen to Jesus and ever fix our eyes on Him and His innocent suffering and death for our forgiveness. By Your grace and mercy, strengthen us to remain faithful in all circumstances of trial, temptation and persecution. Preserve us to the end, that we may die a blessed death believing in Your beloved Son with whom You are well pleased; 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.

OFFERING

There are several ways to give.

 Please **send** your offerings to St. Luke's Lutheran Church 4801 Anderson Avenue

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2. **Electronic Funds Transfer -** Sign up through the church office.

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE: Luke 9:36 – "And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone." Moses and Elijah point to Jesus, speak about Jesus and His sacrifice, and then are happy to fade into the background. They know that what we need is Jesus. With our eyes focused on Him and Him alone, the rest of our lives comes into focus. He is primary, all else secondary. When that order is right in our lives, things truly fall into place. Or as Jesus Himself said, "Seek first the kingdom of God ... and all these things will be added unto you" (Matt. 6:33).

SPECIAL MUSIC – Max Peterson
"O Lord on High" by Mozart

Stand

▼ SACRAMENT ▼

PREFACE LSB 160

P The Lord be with you.



P Lift up your hearts.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



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 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:



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

LSB 161

in the high - est.

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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."

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."

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

- P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

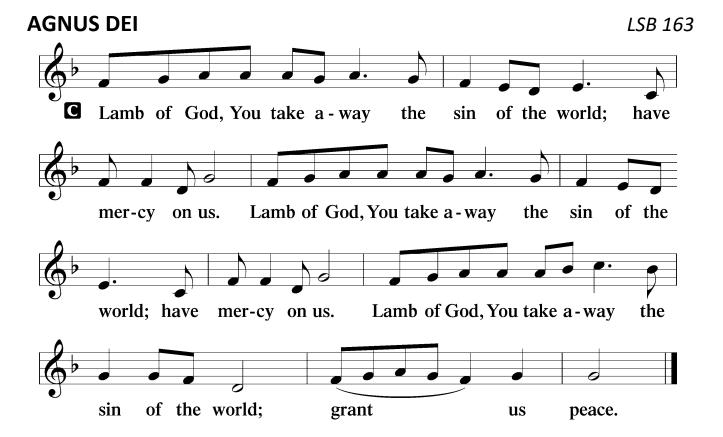
LORD'S PRAYER LSB 162

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.

PAX DOMINI LSB 163

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.





Sit

THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, s 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.

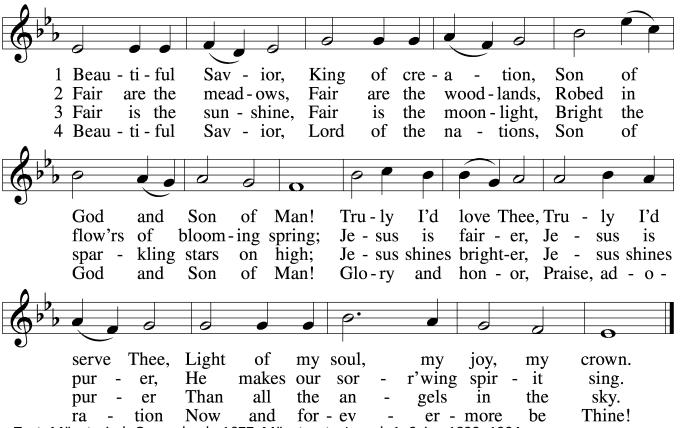
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DISTRIBUTION

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.

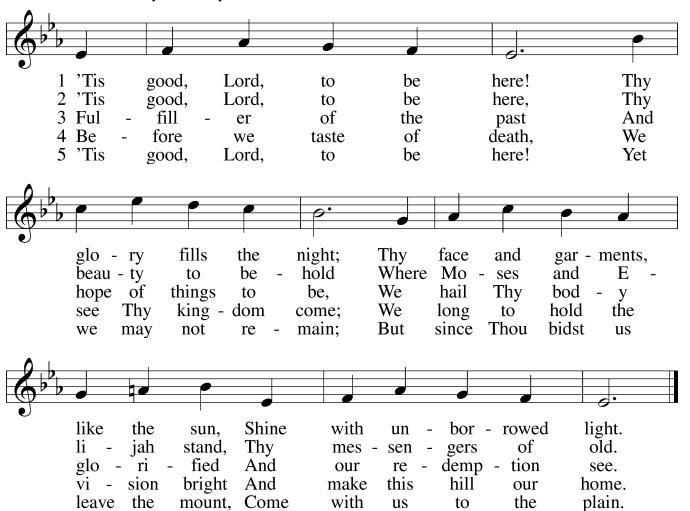
537 BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR



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414 'TIS GOOD, LORD, TO BE HERE



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416 Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory

Words: LSB 416; Tune: LSB 578

- Swiftly pass the clouds of glory, Heaven's voice, the dazzling light; Moses and Elijah vanish; Christ alone commands the height! Peter, James, and John fall silent, Turning from the summit's rise Downward toward the shadowed valley Where their Lord has fixed His eyes.
- 2 Glimpsed and gone the revelation,
 They shall gain and keep its truth,
 Not by building on the mountain
 Any shrine or sacred booth,
 But by following the Savior
 Through the valley to the cross
 And by testing faith's resilience
 Through betrayal, pain, and loss.
- 3 Lord, transfigure our perception With the purest light that shines, And recast our life's intentions To the shape of Your designs, Till we seek no other glory Than what lies past Calv'ry's hill And our living and our dying And our rising by Your will.

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Stand





Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



CONCLUDING COLLECT

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



BENEDICTION LSB 166

The Lord bless you and keep you.

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



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".

353 Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring

Words: LSB 417; Tune: LSB 353

1 Jesus came, the heav'ns adoring, Came with peace from realms on high; Jesus came to win redemption, Lowly came on earth to die; Alleluia! Alleluia! Came in deep humility.

2 Jesus comes again in mercy When our hearts are worn with care; Jesus comes again in answer To an earnest, heartfelt prayer; Alleluia! Alleluia! Comes to save us from despair.

3 Jesus comes to hearts rejoicing, Bringing news of sins forgiv'n; Jesus comes with words of gladness, Leading souls redeemed to heav'n. Alleluia! Alleluia! Hope to all the world is giv'n.

4 Jesus comes in joy and sorrow, Shares alike our hopes and fears; Jesus comes, whate'er befalls us, Cheers our hearts and dries our tears; Alleluia! Alleluia! Comforts us in failing years.

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▼ALLELUIA BURYING

During Lent, which begins this Wednesday, it is customary to not sing Alleluias. "Alleluia" means "Praise ye the Lord." We will sing it next on Easter.

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