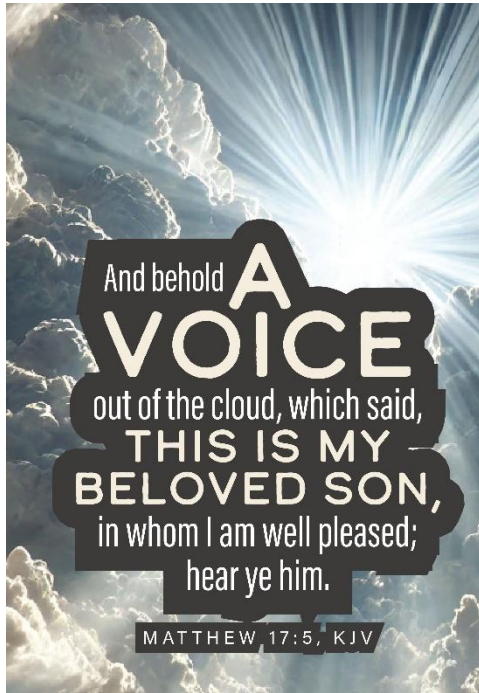


ASCENSION
LUTHERAN CHURCH
Transfiguration Sunday



WELCOME To all of you who are visiting our service this morning, we extend a most cordial welcome in Jesus’ name. It is our hope that you will feel at home in our midst and will be blessed by our message of Christ crucified and risen for the sins of the world.

If you are looking for a church home or would like to know more about our beliefs and practices, please see the pastor. He will be glad to visit with you at your convenience. Be sure to join us again.



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Pre-Service Meditation:

Matthew 17:7-8 ⁷ But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear." ⁸ And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

Prayer: Dear Lord, Your transfiguration truly was a sight to behold, and yet the presence of the Holy God instilled great fear into the hearts of the disciples. It was You who brought them peace and comfort. Your commitment to Your mission to die for the sins of the whole world and not grasping on to that glory showed Your great love for them and all mankind. You set aside Your glory so that we might be transfigured to the same glory eternally. As we look upon Your transfiguration, allow us to see our glory through Your humility. Through Your saving name, even as You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, One God, world without end. Amen.

Service of the Word

Opening Hymn

TLH 38 The Lord, My God, Be Praised

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.**

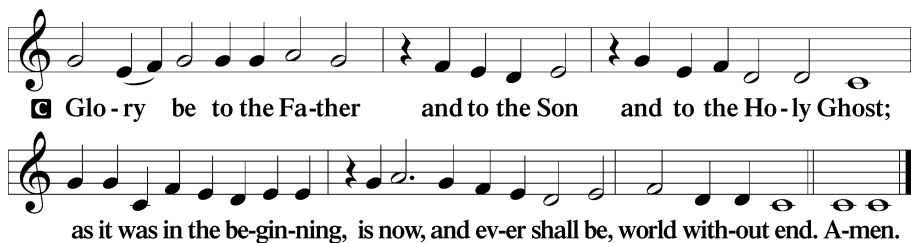
P: Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: **O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

P: Upon this your confession, I, as a called 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.

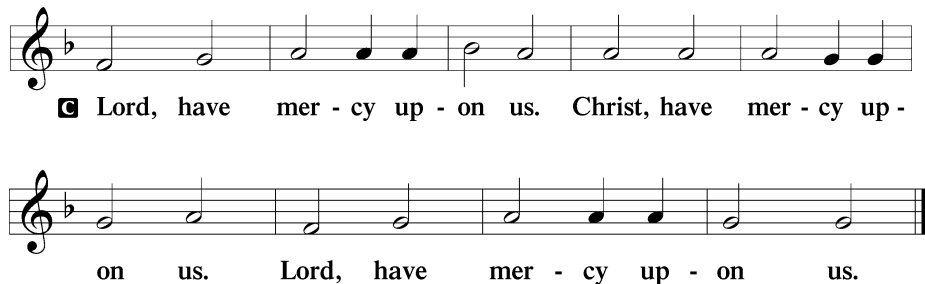
Gloria Patri TLH pg 6



Two staves of musical notation in treble clef with a key signature of one flat. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of text, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are: "Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men."

G Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;
as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

Kyrie TLH pg 7



Two staves of musical notation in treble clef with a key signature of one flat. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of text, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are: "Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us."

G Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Hymn of Response: TLH 237

All Glory be to God on high, Who hath mankind befriended!
To us no harm shall now come nigh, The strife at last is ended.
God showeth His good will to men, And peace shall reign on earth
again; Oh, thank Him for His goodness!

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

G And also with you.

P Let us pray. . .

. . . through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with
You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

Old Testament Lesson:

Deuteronomy 32:1-12

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.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 138 [Selected Verses]

- P** The Lord reigns; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!
- C** **The Lord is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.**
- P** Let them praise your great and awesome name! Holy is he!
- C** **Exalt the Lord our God; worship at his footstool! Holy is he!**
- P** Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel also was among those who called upon his name.
- C** **They called to the Lord, and he answered them.**
- P** O Lord our God, you answered them; you were a forgiving God to them, but an avenger of their wrongdoings.
- C** ⁹**Exalt the Lord our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for the Lord our God is holy!**

Epistle

Hebrews 3:1-6

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, ⁶but 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.

Confession of Faith:

Nicene Creed

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.

Hymn:

WS 720 O Wondrous Type, O Vision Fair

Sermon:

Matthew 17:1-12

¹And after 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." ⁵ 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." ⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. ⁷ But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear." ⁸ And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. ⁹ And 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." ¹⁰ And the disciples asked him, "Then why do the scribes say that first Elijah must come?" ¹¹ He answered, "Elijah does come, and he will restore all things. ¹² But I tell you that Elijah has already come, and they did not recognize him, but did to him whatever they pleased. So also the Son of Man will certainly suffer at their hands."

From Glory to the Cross - God's Love in Action

Offertory:

Create in Me 🎵🎵

Create in me a clean heart O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen

Hymn:

TLH 309 O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee

Offering of Thankful Hearts

Order of the Sacrament

P: The Lord be with you

C And with thy spir - it.

P: Lift up your hearts



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God



C It is meet and right so to do.

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. . . 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;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bles - ed is He, bles - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

P 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.



C For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff in G major. The treble staff begins with a quarter note G4, followed by a half note chord of A4-C5, a quarter note chord of B4-D5, a quarter note chord of C5-E5, a quarter note chord of D5-F5, a quarter note chord of E5-G5, a quarter note chord of F5-A5, a quarter note chord of G5-B5, and a quarter note chord of A5-C6. The bass staff begins with a quarter note chord of G2-B2, followed by a quarter note chord of A2-C3, a quarter note chord of B2-D3, a quarter note chord of C3-E3, a quarter note chord of D3-F3, a quarter note chord of E3-G3, a quarter note chord of F3-A3, a quarter note chord of G3-B3, and a quarter note chord of A3-C4.



glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

The second system of musical notation continues the melody. The treble staff has a quarter note chord of A4-C5, a quarter note chord of B4-D5, a quarter note chord of C5-E5, a quarter note chord of D5-F5, a quarter note chord of E5-G5, a quarter note chord of F5-A5, a quarter note chord of G5-B5, and a quarter note chord of A5-C6. The bass staff has a quarter note chord of G2-B2, a quarter note chord of A2-C3, a quarter note chord of B2-D3, a quarter note chord of C3-E3, a quarter note chord of D3-F3, a quarter note chord of E3-G3, a quarter note chord of F3-A3, and a quarter note chord of G3-B3.

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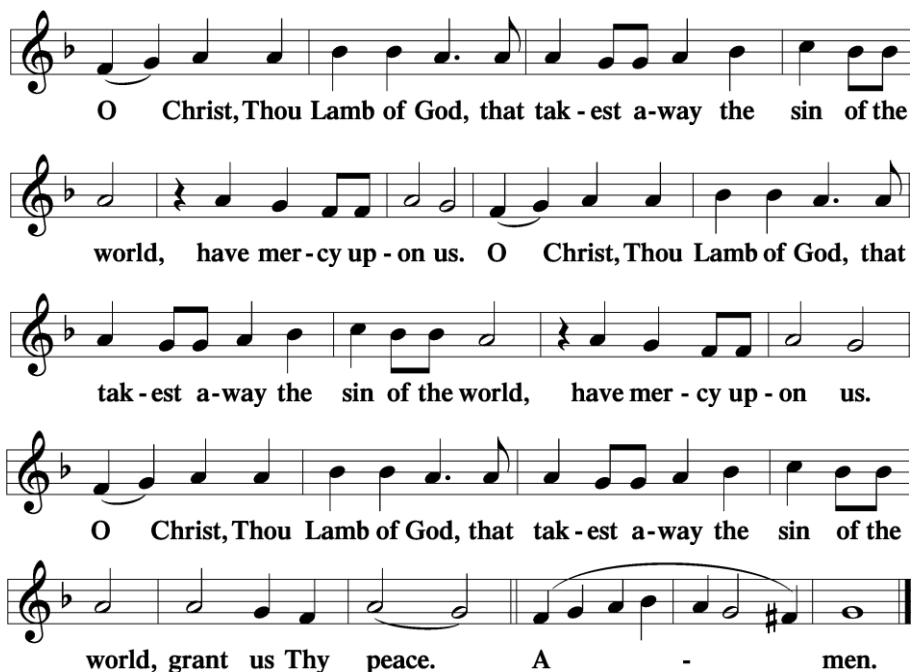
P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C A - men.

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Agnus Dei



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the
world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that
tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the
world, grant us Thy peace. A - - men.

Communion Note:

In order that we might be faithful to our Lord who commands us to be of one mind and the same doctrine (1 Cor. 1:10), and coming to the Lord's table is a public confession of unity of doctrine; we ask that only communicant members of Ascension Lutheran Church or a sister congregation in the Church of the Lutheran Confession come forward to receive the Lord's Supper. This is not a judgment of anyone's faith, but rather a confession of our own. If you would like to learn more about our doctrine and practice, the pastor would be happy to talk with you at your convenience.

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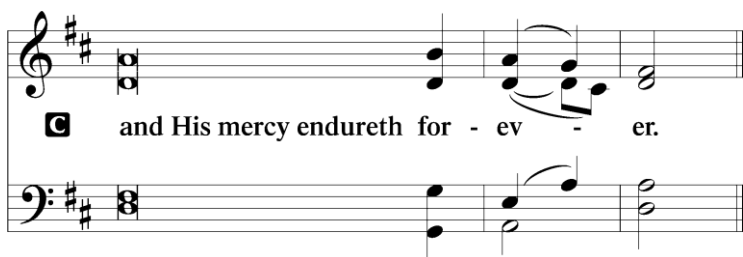
Nunc Dimittis



C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

Thanksgiving

P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

Benediction

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

C A - men, a - men, a - men.

Hymn:

WS 719 Jesus On the Mountain Peak

Silent Prayer

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Announcements

Upcoming Events:

- **ILC Tour Choir:** March 20th we will be hosting the ILC Tour Choir for a concert here at church.
- **Lent:** Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent on March 5th. Ascension will be having their first Midweek Lenten Service on March 6th at 6:30pm.
- **Voter's Meeting:** Our voter's meeting, which was postponed from last month, will be held immediately following the service this morning.

'Call News:

- Pastor Cory Drehle of Berea Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls, SD ***has received the call*** to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO.
- Pastor George Dummann of Salem Lutheran Church in Eagle Lake, MN ***has received the call*** to serve as pastor of Faith Lutheran Church in New Ulm, MN in addition to his current call.

- Pastor Paul Nolting of Grace Lutheran Church, Valentine, NE, Peace Lutheran Church, Mission, SD, and St. Paul’s Ev. Lutheran Church, White River, SD **has announced his retirement** effective Summer of 2025.

Fruits of Faith at Ascension:

DATE	NEEDED	RECEIVED
1/5/2024	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 740.00
1/12/2024	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 882.00
1/19/2024	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 805.00
1/26/2024	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 625.00

Upcoming Schedule:

Sunday, February 16th Ascension Sunday Service at 11:30
 Sunday, February 23rd Ascension Sunday Service at 11:30
 Sunday, March 2nd Ascension Sunday Service at 11:30