

Transfiguration of Our Lord

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GATHERING

Welcome & Announcements

PRELUDE

Beautiful Savior

Charles Ore

Stand

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life.

Amen.

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

you speak blessing and compassion into the world.

**Forgive us for the ways we act
with judgment, cruelty, or indifference.**

**We ignore the needs of our neighbors;
we resist your call to oppose injustice;
we give in to scarcity and fear;
we assume the worst about one another.**

**Cleanse us from our faults
and release us from their grasp.**

Show us your lovingkindness.

**Restore our hearts and repair your world,
that we may live in Christ's ways.**

Amen.

God proclaims these words of assurance:

“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.

I have called you by name. You are mine.”

In † Christ, you are forgiven.

In the Spirit, you are made free.

Refreshed by the waters of mercy,

live anew as beloved children of God. **Amen.**



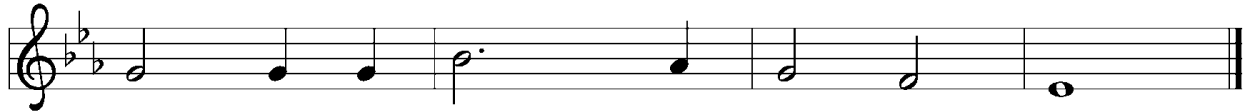
1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,



Son of God and Son of Man!
 robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;
 bright the spar - kling stars on high;
 Son of God and Son of Man!



Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er,
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,



light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
 than all the an - gels in the sky.
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904
 Music: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.

GREETING

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

KYRIE

*In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.** For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.** For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen.***

HYMN OF PRAISE *Glory to God*

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, mighty and immortal, you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. Transform us into the likeness of your Son, who renewed our humanity so that we may share in his divinity, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Sit

WORD

FIRST READING

Exodus 34:29-35

Pew Bible Page 71

After the reading: The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 99

The refrain is sung by ALL at the beginning and where indicated (R).

Fine print verses sung by cantor; bold print sung by ALL.

R



Pro - claim the great - ness of the LORD;



wor - ship up - on God's ho - ly hill.

¹ The Lord is king; let the ¹ people tremble.

The Lord is enthroned upon the cherubim; let ¹ the earth shake.

² **The Lord, ¹ great in Zion, is high a- ¹bove all peoples.**

³ Let them confess God's name, which is | great and awesome;
God is the | Holy One.

⁴ **O mighty king, lover of justice, you have es- | tablished equity;
you have executed justice and righteous- | ness in Jacob. R**

⁵ Proclaim the greatness of the Lord and fall down be- | fore God's
footstool; God is the | Holy One.

⁶ **Moses and Aaron among your priests, and Samuel among those
who call upon your | name, O Lord,
they called upon you, and you | answered them,**

⁷ you spoke to them out of the pil- | lar of cloud;
they kept your testimonies and the decree | that you gave them.

⁸ **O Lord our God, you answered | them indeed;
you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for
their | evil deeds.**

⁹ Proclaim the greatness of the Lord and worship upon God's | holy
hill; for the Lord our God is the | Holy One. **R**



R Pro - claim the great - ness of the LORD;



wor - ship up - on God's ho - ly hill.

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

Pew Bible Page 939

After reading: The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Before the reading: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 9th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 9:28-43a

Pew Bible Page 843

After the reading: The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sit

SERMON

Silence for meditation

Stand

HYMN ELW #315

How Good, Lord, to Be Here! (see page 12)

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

Silence is kept for reflection. Please kneel as you are able.

Transfiguring God, through the glory of your presence, you transform us. Move the church from complacency to boldness in sharing the good news with others. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for your creation. As seasons change, give patience and skill to all who tend to animals giving birth. Grant nourishing weather for the growing of crops. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all in leadership, especially for those who lead states, counties, and town councils (*local leaders may be named*). Give them wisdom to protect local

resources so that all will flourish both now and in the years to come. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Bring your healing grace to those who feel distant from you. Speak comfort to those who need your words of mercy. We pray for those close to our communities and in our hearts (*especially*). God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of our past, present, and future, lead us into new beginnings, trusting in the promise of new life in Christ. Accompany congregations needing to close, and give courage to congregations starting new ministries (*new ministries may be named*). God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Renewing God, the saints who have gone before us witnessed to the ways you transform your church and people (*especially John Wesley and Charles Wesley, renewers of the church*). We give thanks for their example and pray we carry it forward. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace and may say "peace be with you" or similar words.

Sit

MEAL

MUSIC AT THE OFFERING

Down from the Mount of Glory

*Down from the mount of glory came Jesus Christ the Lord.
Recall the wondrous story, rich gem in Sacred Word.
Again your faith will view him in double glory here;
The greater homage due him will in our life appear.
Transfigured, Christ, the lowly stood radiant in light.
Light found in Godhead solely, for human eyes too bright.
Then came a voice from heaven, confirmed what here we see;
The words "My Son" were given to seal his deity.
Yet mark this glory hidden! See him the mount descend,
And by the Father bidden, his willing footsteps bend
To seek humiliation in deepest depths of woe,
To suffer degradation no mind can probe or know.*

CHOIR ANTHEM

Jonathan Kohrs

*Strange how his journey ended! In love that is his fame
Our Lord again ascended a mount- the hill of shame.
Upon the cross he proffered Himself to agony;
His holy soul he offered to set the guilty free.
Then hail the double glory of Jesus Christ, our Lord,
And let the wondrous story full peace and joy afford!
The holy mount acclaims him the Majesty divine;
Mount Calvary proclaims him Redeemer – yours and mine.*

Stand

OFFERTORY

As with Gladness Men of Old

*As they offered gifts most rare at thy cradle, rude and bare,
so may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy,
all our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav'nly king.*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy. . .we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.*

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Eucharistic Prayer

Lord's Prayer

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The joy of the Lord is our strength. Come, eat this meal of gladness.

Thanks be to God!

Sit

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

All baptized Christians are invited to receive the sacrament of our Lord's body and blood.

**Beginning from the front pews, you are invited to come forward using the center aisle. Return to your seat using the side aisle.*

**As you turn onto the side aisle, please leave your cup in the silver tray.*

**Let the pastor or communion assistant know you would prefer grape juice and/or gluten free bread.*

**Please let the ushers know if you would like communion brought to you in the pew.*

**If you prefer, you may use an individual cup-set in your pew, opening the bread section first, then the juice!*

**Children who do not yet commune may come forward to receive a blessing.*

COMMUNION HYMN

ELW #815

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light (see page 13)

Stand

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE "O Lord, Now Let Your Servant" ELW #313



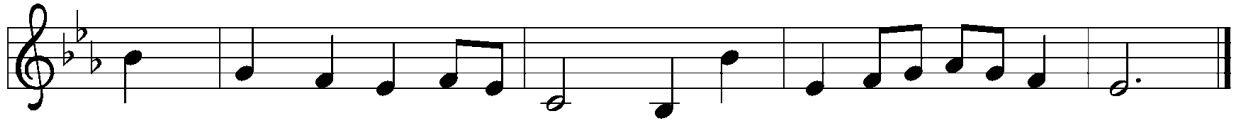
1 O Lord, now let your ser - vant de - part in heav'n-ly peace,



for I have seen the glo - ry of your re - deem - ing grace:



a light to lead the na - tions un - to your ho - ly hill,



the glo - ry of your peo - ple, your cho - sen Is - ra - el.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray, **Amen.**

SENDING

BENEDICTION

The Spirit of the triune God ✝ bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love. **Amen.**

HYMN ELW #318

Alleluia, Song of Gladness (see page 14)

All turn to face the processional cross during the hymn.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live in hope. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Alleluia, Song of Gladness

Johann Adam

Offering: Thank you for continuing to give of your finances to support Christ Lutheran Church and our community ministries.

Giving options are:

- 1) ***QR Code*** (*secure.myvanco.com*), takes you to the General Fund to donate. This option is helpful to create automatic recurring donations.
- 2) You can put your check in the ***US postal*** service to the church address.
- 3) Share your offering when the ***plate*** is passed during the service.



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Serving Today 11am

Greeter: Judy Allee, **Ushers:** Ramsey family

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Reader: Mike Ramsey, **Flower Delivery:** Wanda & Greg Hoge

Communique: Thursday March 27 @ 9am, Sue Berry, Linda Akers, Steb Lindsey and Buck Buchanan.

The Altar Flowers: *Given in memory of Harry Donaldson by Martha Crute & Pat Ferguson.*

Please sign up on the Flower Chart located opposite the Preschool office door or email Fiona in the church office. All Altar Flowers given in donations (\$65.00) from the members and guests of Christ Lutheran Church.

Children's Bulletins: Activity bulletins based on today's readings are found as you enter the Narthex when picking up service bulletin and communion, emails sent out each week with the Children's bulletin attached.

Parlor for Parents & Infants/Preschoolers: Our Parlor has been set up as space for you to come during 11:00am worship time if you need to bring your child out for a while during the service. We have child-proofed the room and provided a basket with books & toys. Speakers are in the room so you can continue to follow the worship service. Please let the Ushers/Greeters know if you need assistance.

Worship Kits: These are age-appropriate activity kits for use during the service that are available next to the main doors in the Narthex. Tan colored kits are for pre-school children and the brown kits are for early elementary.

Devotionals: for the 2nd Quarter 2025, April, May, and June are available in the Narthex.

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How Good, Lord, to Be Here!



- 1 How good, Lord, to be here! Your glo - ry fills the night;
- 2 How good, Lord, to be here, your beau - ty to be - hold
- 3 Ful - fill - er of the past and hope of things to be,
- 4 Be - fore we taste of death, we see your king - dom come;
- 5 How good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not re - main;



your face and gar - ments, like the sun, shine with un - bor - rowed light.
where Mo - ses and E - li - jah stand, your mes - sen - gers of old.
we hail your bod - y glo - ri - fied and our re - demp - tion see.
we long to hold the vi - sion bright and make this hill our home.
but since you bid us leave the mount, come with us to the plain.

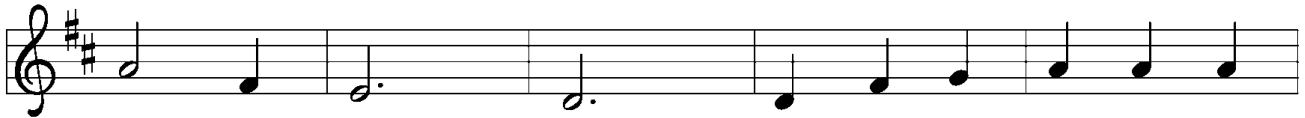
Text: Joseph A. Robinson, 1858–1933, alt.

Music: POTSDAM, W. Mercer, *The Church Psalter and Hymn Book*, 1854

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light



1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to
2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to
3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to



fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give
look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous-ness,
be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with



light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.
shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain



In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the



day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the



cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

Text: Kathleen Thomerson, b. 1934
Music: HOUSTON, Kathleen Thomerson
Text and music © 1970, 1975 Celebration

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Alleluia, Song of Gladness



- 1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of glad - ness, voice of joy that can - not die;
- 2 Al - le - lu - ia you are sound - ing, true Je - ru - sa - lem and free;
- 3 Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways be our song while here be - low;
- 4 In our hymns we pray with long - ing: Grant us, bless - ed Trin - i - ty,



al - le - lu - ia is the an - them ev - er dear to choirs on high;
al - le - lu - ia, joy - ful moth - er, bring us to your ju - bi - lee;
al - le - lu - ia our trans - gres - sions make us for a while for - go;
at the last to keep glad Eas - ter with the faith - ful saints on high;



in the house of God a - bid - ing thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly.
here by Bab - y - lon's sad wa - ters mourn - ing ex - iles still are we.
for the sol - emn time is com - ing when our tears for sin shall flow.
there to you for - ev - er sing - ing al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly.

Text: Latin hymn, 11th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
Music: PRAISE, MY SOUL, John Goss, 1800–1880