

# The Transfiguration of Our Lord

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*We realize that it is difficult for some to stand, or to kneel, for long periods of time. Please feel free to sit as necessary during the liturgy and the prayers. Sitting during the confession is also appropriate for those who cannot kneel.*

### DIVINE SERVICE

#### Setting Four

Stand

#### PROCESSIONAL HYMN: Thy Strong Word

LSB 578



1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; At Thy  
2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, Dark as  
3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us righ - teous; Bright with  
4 From the cross Thy wis - dom shin - ing Break - eth



speak - ing it was done. For cre - at - ed  
night and deep as death, Broke the light of  
Thine own ho - li - ness, Glo - rious now, we  
forth in con - qu'ring might; From the cross for -



light we thank Thee, While Thine or - dered sea - sons run.  
Thy sal - va - tion, Breathed Thine own life - breath - ing breath.  
press toward glo - ry, And our lives our hopes con - fess.  
ev - er beam - eth All Thy bright re - deem - ing light.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to



Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,  
Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,  
Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,  
Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!  
al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!  
al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!  
al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!

5 Give us lips to sing Thy glory,  
Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,  
Throats that shout the hope that fills us,  
Mouths to speak Thy holy name.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
May the light which Thou dost send  
Fill our songs with alleluias,  
Alleluias without end!

△ 6 God the Father, light-creator,  
To Thee laud and honor be.  
To Thee, Light of Light begotten,  
Praise be sung eternally.  
Holy Spirit, light-revealer,  
Glory, glory be to Thee.  
Mortals, angels, now and ever  
Praise the holy Trinity!

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## INVOCATION

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

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

*Matthew 28:19b; [18-20]*

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C who made heaven and earth.**

*Psalm 124:8*

**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.**

*Psalm 130:3-4*

**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.

*[Luke 18:13]*

*Kneel/Stand      Silence for Reflection*

## CONFESSION OF SINS

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

## ABSOLUTION

**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.**

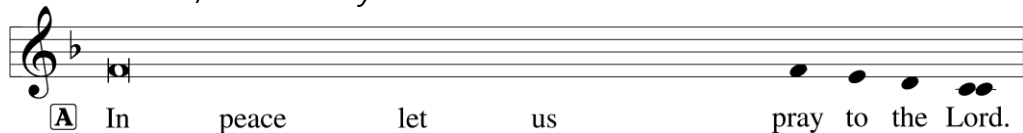
*[John 20:19-23]*

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

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### KYRIE ~ Lord, Have Mercy

Mark 10:47



**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, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



**A** Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.



## HYMN OF PRAISE: Jesus on the Mountain Peak

LSB 415



1 Je - sus on the moun - tain peak      Stands a - lone in  
2 Trem - bling at His feet we saw      Mo - ses and E -  
3 Swift the cloud of glo - ry came:      God pro - claim - ing  
4 This is God's be - lov - ed Son!      Law and proph - ets



glo - ry blaz - ing; Let us, if we dare to speak,  
li - jah speak - ing. All the proph - ets and the law  
in its thun - der Je - sus as the Son by name!  
sing be - fore Him, First and Last and on - ly One.



Join the saints and an - gels prais - ing.  
Shout through them their joy - ful greet - ing:  
Na - tions, cry a - loud in won - der,  
All cre - a - tion shall a - dore Him!



Al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia!

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## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah. In the voice that came from the bright cloud You wonderfully foreshowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King in His glory and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

Sit

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 34:1–12

Then 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, <sup>2</sup>all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the western sea, <sup>3</sup>the Negeb, and the Plain, that is, the Valley of Jericho the city of palm trees, as far as Zoar. <sup>4</sup>And 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." <sup>5</sup>So Moses the servant of the LORD died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the LORD, <sup>6</sup>and 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. <sup>7</sup>Moses was 120 years old when he died. His eye was undimmed, and his vigor unabated. <sup>8</sup>And 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.

<sup>9</sup>And 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. <sup>10</sup>And there has not arisen a prophet since in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face, <sup>11</sup>none 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, <sup>12</sup>and for all the mighty power and all the great deeds of terror that Moses did in the sight of all Israel.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## EPISTLE

Hebrews 3:1–6

Therefore, holy brothers, you who share in a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession, <sup>2</sup>who was faithful to him who appointed him, just as Moses also was faithful in all God's house. <sup>3</sup>For 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. <sup>4</sup>(For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.) <sup>5</sup>Now Moses was faithful in all God's house as a servant, to testify to the things that were to be spoken later, <sup>6</sup>but 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.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## ALLELUIA AND VERSE



**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



**C** These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

*John 20:31*



**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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

**G** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Now about eight days after these sayings [Jesus] took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. <sup>29</sup>And as he was praying, the appearance of his face was altered, and his clothing became dazzling white. <sup>30</sup>And behold, two men were talking with him, Moses and Elijah, <sup>31</sup>who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. <sup>32</sup>Now 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. <sup>33</sup>And 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. <sup>34</sup>As he was saying these things, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. <sup>35</sup>And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to him!" <sup>36</sup>And 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.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**G** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

### **NICENE CREED**

**G** **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.**

## **SERMON HYMN:** Down From the Mount of Glory

Text: Werner H. Franzmann, 1905-1996    Tune: Samuel S. Wesley, 1873-1952

Down from the mount of glory came Jesus Christ, our 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 your life appear.

Transfigured, Christ, the lowly, stood radiant in the 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.

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.

**SERMON:** Because I Said So      LUKE 9:28-36

Rev. Craig Meissler

*Stand*

## **OFFERTORY:** Give Thanks With a Grateful Heart

LSB 806

The musical notation is written on five staves in a single system. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, Give thanks to the Ho-ly One, Give thanks be-cause He's giv-en Je-sus Christ His Son. Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, Give thanks to the Ho-ly One, Give thanks be-cause He's giv-en Je-sus Christ His Son. And now let the weak say 'I am





*Sit*

## GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*Our offering is our way of saying, "Thank you" to God for all His gifts to us and to support His work here at Mt. Calvary and around the world. To all our guests this morning, we are happy to have you with us, but **you are under no obligation to give an offering.** But we would request your prayers for our ministry. We would ask all present to please complete an attendance card found in the pew and place it in the offering plate in order that we have a record of your worshipping with us. If you have a prayer request, please put it on a "Prayer Request Card" and the ushers will bring it forward with the offering.*

## VOLUNTARY

*Stand*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

### PREFACE

**P** The Lord be with you.

*2 Timothy 4:22*

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them to the Lord.

*[Colossians 3:1]*

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

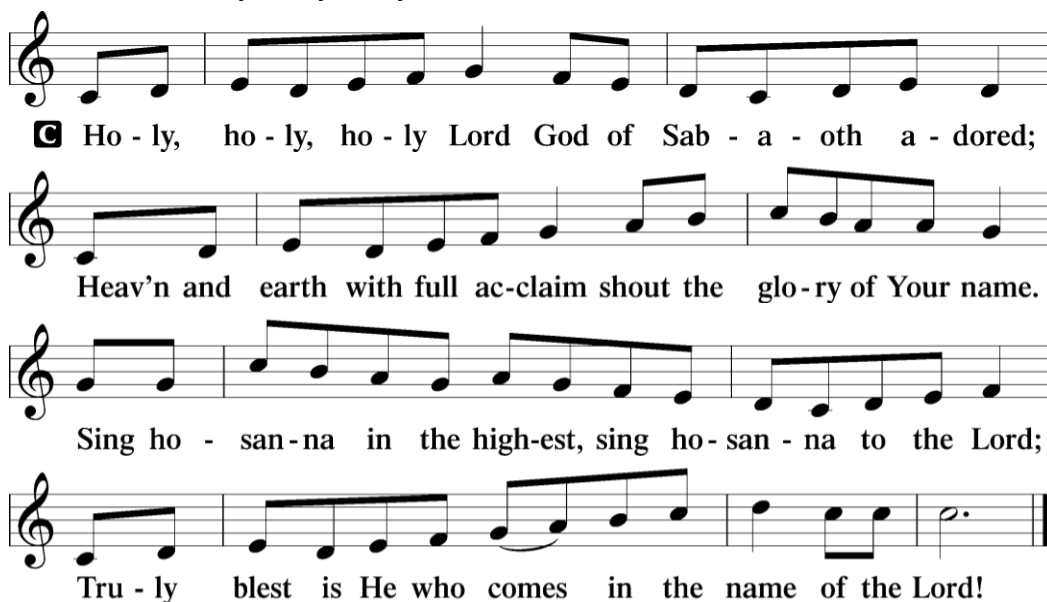
**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

*[Psalm 136]*

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. 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 ~ Holy, Holy, Holy

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



**G** 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 the glory of Your presence once filled Your ancient temple, so in the incarnation of Your Son, Jesus Christ, You manifested the fullness of Your glory in human flesh. We give You thanks that in His most Holy Supper You reveal Your glory to us. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood so that we may one day behold Your glory face to face. Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

## LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

**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

Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

- 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  $\text{✠}$  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  $\text{✠}$  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 ~ The Peace of the Lord

John 20:19

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

## AGNUS DEI ~ Lamb of God

John 1:29

**C** 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.

*Sit*

## DISTRIBUTION

*The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:*

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

**Amen.**

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

**Amen.**

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

No Pillared Flame, No Storm-Clad King

Text: Chad L. Bird, b. 1970 Tune: Puer Nobis, adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571-1621 *Used with permission*

No pillared Flame, no storm-clad King  
No Lord around whom seraphs sing,  
But God made flesh and flesh made God  
Transfigured Savior, Thee we laud.

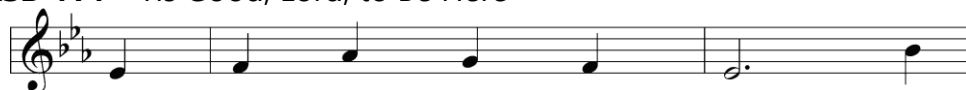
In naked fear we trembling stand,  
A sin-cloaked, dark-souled, outcast band.  
Clothe us in blood-washed robes of white,  
Suffused with Thine own healing light.

No temple veiled for favored few,  
Is He the Word made Man for you:  
His heart the Father's holy place,  
The mercy seat of cleansing grace.

"This is My Son!" the Lord avowed,  
In lowly stream and mountain cloud.  
That we baptized in Jesus' name,  
Here and above, His love proclaim.

Though sickness vex, addictions rage,  
Though ills untold our deaths presage,  
Transfigured life in Christ we bear,  
By grace we all His nature share.

## LSB 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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## LSB 417 Alleluia, Song of Gladness



1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of glad - ness, Voice of joy that  
 2 Al - le - lu - ia, thou re - sound - est, True Je - ru - sa -  
 3 Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways Be our song while  
 4 There - fore in our hymns we pray Thee, Grant us, bless - ed



can - not die; Al - le - lu - ia is the an - them  
 lem and free; Al - le - lu - ia, joy - ful moth - er,  
 here be - low; Al - le - lu - ia, our trans - gres - sions  
 Trin - i - ty, At the last to keep Thine Eas - ter



Ev - er raised by choirs on high; In the house of  
 All thy chil - dren sing with thee, But by Bab - y -  
 Make us for a while for - go; For the sol - emn  
 With Thy faith - ful saints on high; There to Thee for -



God a - bid - ing Thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly.  
 lon's sad wa - ters Mourn - ing ex - iles now are we.  
 time is com - ing When our tears for sin must flow.  
 ev - er sing - ing Al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly.

Text: Latin, c. 11th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–66, alt.

Tune: John Goss, 1800–80

Text and tune: Public domain

**LSB 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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*Stand*

**DISMISSAL**

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

**C** Amen.



*Nunc Dimittis*

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SONG OF SIMEON

## NUNC DIMITTIS

Luke 2:29-32



**C** 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All  
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the  
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;  
A light to lead the 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.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

[Psalm 103:1]

**C** Thanks be to God.

**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.

Numbers 6:24-26

**C** Amen.

# RECESSIONAL HYMN: Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

LSB 821



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; His the  
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans Are we  
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, Here on  
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om -  
 5 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; His the



scep - ter, His the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! His the  
 left in sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! He is  
 earth our food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! Here the  
 nip - o - tent we own; Al - le - lu - ia! Born of  
 scep - ter, His the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! His the



tri - umph, His the vic - to - ry a - lone.  
 near us; Faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how.  
 sin - ful Flee to You from day to day.  
 Mar - y, Earth Your foot - stool, heav'n Your throne.  
 tri - umph, His the vic - to - ry a - lone.



Hark! The songs of peace - ful Zi - on Thun - der  
 Though the cloud from sight re - ceived Him When the  
 In - ter - ces - sor, Friend of sin - ners, Earth's Re -  
 As with - in the veil You en - tered, Robed in  
 Hark! The songs of peace - ful Zi - on Thun - der



like a might - y flood: "Je - sus out of  
 for - ty days were o'er, Shall our hearts for -  
 deem - er, hear our plea Where the songs of  
 flesh, our great High Priest, Here on earth both  
 like a might - y flood: "Je - sus out of



ev - 'ry na - tion Has re - deemed us by His blood."  
 get His prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more?"  
 all the sin - less Sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.  
 priest and vic - tim In the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.  
 ev - 'ry na - tion Has re - deemed us by His blood."

Text: William C. Dix, 1837-98, alt.  
 Tune: Rowland H. Prichard, 1811-87  
 Text and tune: Public domain

## POSTLUDE

**LSB** (Lutheran Service Book 2006)

**OAR** (One and All Rejoice 2020) *The hymnal supplement to the Lutheran Service Book*

**TLH** (The Lutheran Hymnal 1941)

## **SERVICE PARTICIPANTS**

Presiding Minister: Rev. Mike Middaugh

Preacher: Rev. Craig Meissler

Organist: Rev. Craig Meissler

Elders: Dave Thompson      Robert Axtell      Mike Wille

Ushers: Steve Melancon      Martin Aguilar

Daniel Ochoa      Wally Mencke

Greeters: Deidra Thompson      Carol Wilson

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

- If you are a member of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod and desire to take communion, please indicate on the Attendance Card found in the pew and place in the offering plate. Because participation in the Lord's Supper is a public declaration of the Christian Faith which is confessed at this altar (Acts 2:42; 1 John 1:3; 1 Tim. 1:3; 4:16; 6:3-10; 2 Tim. 1:13; Rom. 16:17) those who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, are asked to respectfully refrain from participation today and speak with a pastor after the Divine Service. If you are not communing but wish to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest once you are kneeled at the communion rail.
- Both the common cup and individual cups are offered at each table simultaneously. If you desire the common cup, please hold your hands open and the pastor will provide it to you, while the elders serve the individual cups. It is proper to take hold of the cup when receiving the common cup. This helps prevent spilling and greatly assist the pastor.

## **ALCOHOL-REMOVED WINE/GLUTEN-FREE WAFERS AVAILABLE**

- For those who are allergic, or for health reasons, and unable to drink regular wine, alcohol-removed wine is available for Holy Communion. The alcohol-removed wine is white in color and in the individual cups in the center of each tray.
- Gluten-free wafers are also available. Please notify one of the pastors before the service that you would prefer the gluten-free option. The reception of this wine and the gluten-free wafers in no way affects the theological meaning or benefits of this Sacrament.

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP** During this hour, God comes to us in His Word and Sacrament, and we respond in prayer and praise! Here are a few practical tips for minimizing distractions and maximizing participation:

- **IN ORDER THAT WE HAVE** a record of your worshipping with us, we would ask all present to **please complete an attendance card** found in the pew and place in the offering plate.
- We ask that you turn off or put away your phones and electronic devices so that you can participate fully in what God is doing during this special time dedicated to Him.



- While it is sometimes necessary to quiet an infant or toddler with a small snack or a bottle, **we ask that no other foods or beverages** be brought into the sanctuary.
- The ministerial staff is always available to you should you have spiritual care needs. Please contact the front office to arrange for pastoral care.
- Hearing devices are available for the hearing impaired. Please speak with one of the ushers.

**CHILDREN & WORSHIP** We love children and are happy they are here with us! Just as a child learns to speak by imitating the voice of mom or dad, so too a child learns to worship by participating in the service at an early age. If you have questions about how to incorporate your child into the worship life of the congregation in an age-appropriate way, please see one of the pastors. **Assistance for children with special needs during worship and Sunday school is also available – see and usher for details.** A **nursery** is also available. Parents can use it when quieting a child or changing a diaper. The service can be heard in the nursery. **Activity items** are available for your child(ren) in the narthex. Please make sure all items are returned at the end of the service.

## **MIDWEEK STUDIES**

**Tuesday Morning Class** | *Tues* | 10:00-11:30am {Parish Hall} Immediately following Matins (10:00am)  
**Men's Study** | 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> *Wed* | 6:00pm {Church gym} All men are invited to participate! We are going through *The Bible on Trial*. Contact Matt Wegner.

**Men's Study** | 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> *Sat* | 8:00-9:30am {Parish Hall} The study of Acts. Led by Daniel Ochoa.

**Women's Study** | 3<sup>rd</sup> *Mon* | 7:30-8:30pm {Meets at members' homes} Contact Shirley Wille.

**Women's Study** | 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> *Mon* | 6:00-7:30pm {Library} Our topic is *Cultivating Contentment*.

## **OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WORSHIP SERVICES** continue to be live streamed and archived on our website. Bible class/Sunday school for all ages is at 8:45am with our Divine Service at 10:00am.

**FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TODAY** to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for his many blessings by Mike & Bobbi Klein in memory/honor of their parents, Robert Jackson & Dee Miller and Hal & Gerry Klein; and by Robert & Virginia Axtell in honor of their 29<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on March 15<sup>th</sup>.

**PRAYERS** – Michelle Thompson at BAMC following surgery, Lamar Gillian at home following surgery, Jeff Harwood, Debbie Domel, Bill O'Brien, Vivian Maxwell at Sonterra Health Center, Katie Klann, Heidi Farmer, David Hansmann, Liz Willis, Christine Prinz, Dalton Pape, Kristen Brown, Joshua Gabel, Debbie Kuehling, Dave Weller, Hayley Trujillo; our home-bound members: David Timmons, Joyce Warren, Jim Wegge, Ann Werling, Darlene Wrase.

**LORD'S SUPPER** – If you are physically unable to get to church and would like to receive the Lord's Supper in your home, please contact the church office so that we can schedule a date and time with one of the pastors.

**PASTORAL CARE, VISITATION, & PRAYERS** – If it is your desire to share a health condition, hospitalization, or procedure for which you would like a pastoral visit, it is important for us to know as much information ahead of time as possible. Please contact the church office with all the pertinent information. If you are hospitalized or in rehab, it helps us a great deal to keep us updated as to where you are as well as the room number if possible. If you wish for you or your loved one to be included in the Prayers of the Church on Sunday morning, please contact the church office as soon as you can.

**ASH WEDNESDAY IS** this Wednesday at 7:00pm with five midweek Lent services following. Meals will begin at 5:30pm with a free-will offering. On the menu this Wednesday is baked chicken, green beans, buttered noodles, and rolls.

**A DAY IN THE WORD with Donna Snow** – This is a free community wide event on March 8<sup>th</sup> from 9am – 3pm at Crown of Life Lutheran Church. Lunch and continental breakfast provided. Please RSVP by March 2<sup>nd</sup> to [vegasgeom@yahoo.com](mailto:vegasgeom@yahoo.com).

**IN HIS IMAGE CONFERENCE** *Navigating Christian Sexuality in a Post-Christian Culture* on Friday, March 28-Saturday, March 29 at Crown of Life Lutheran Church. Information sheets are available in the gym.



**SAVE THE DATE!** Laudamus, the touring men's choir of Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, will be at our church on Monday night, March 17, at 7:00pm to lead us in an evening of music titled, "My Song is Love Unknown." These 16 men studying for the office of the holy ministry are under the direction of Dr. Sam Eatherton and will be touring in Oklahoma and Texas in March. Come and hear music in praise to our Savior, Christ this Lententide.

**THE MOUNT CALVARY YOUTH GROUP** started another semester of activities! Any youth 12 years or older are welcome to join us directly after church on the first and third Sundays in the Parish Hall. They will be fed with food and the Word followed by various activities that will allow them to grow in Christian community and build like-minded friendships. Parents are always welcome to stay, but not required. Congregants are also welcome to come see what we're up to. For more information or to get your youth involved, please contact Steven and Kristin Casas or one of the Pastors.

**THE MOUNT CALVARY YOUTH GROUP** is active and growing again, praise be to God! As such, there are many ways the church can help make this a successful community of believers. We ask for your prayers, creative participation, financial support, and active sharing of the Word of God with the next generation of Mount Calvary members. In return, the youth are looking for ways to serve our homebound, church committees, and other service projects. Each and every one of the youth here at Mount Calvary has unique needs and interests, please consider ways that you can get to know them and share your stories and skills, as well as meaningful scripture with them. This group intends to be a source of strength and opportunity, not just for our youth but, for the family of Mount Calvary as a whole, to be encouraged by sharing the Love of Christ with each other. There are also many financial opportunities that can support the youth group, please connect with the youth leaders or Pastors for suggestions.



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT MT. CALVARY, JUNE 16-20, 2025**  
We're going on an epic adventure through Australia, and you're invited! Jesus, who tells us "I am the way, and the truth, and the life" (John 14:6) will be our guide as we encounter amazing animals, lush landscapes, stunning sea life, and wondrous wilderness. Come join the team! Participant registration will begin soon. **Come join the team!**

**Participant registration will begin soon.**

**BOOK OF CONCORD LENTEN READING PLAN IS** available in the narthex.

**LENTEN DEVOTIONS ARE** available in the narthex.

**THE AGAPE MINISTRY** needed items: canned vegetables, canned fruit, peanut butter, jelly, mac & cheese, tomato sauce/pasta sauce, canned meat, soup, rice, dry beans (1–2 pound bags), dry pasta, cereal, crackers, laundry detergent, hygiene items.

**BIBLES NEEDED! CHRISTIAN ASSISTANCE MINISTRY** is in need of bibles. If you have any bibles at home that you no longer need, please consider donating them to CAM. Remove any personal information from them before donating. A bin for CAM is available in the Parish Hall foyer.

**CHRISTIAN ASSISTANCE MINISTRY (CAM) NEEDS** – Men's jeans (all sizes), men's shoes (all sizes), women's tennis shoes (all sizes), belts, socks, bras (new or gently used), financial support, Shoes for our Soles4Souls Program!

**SOLES4SOULS SHOE DRIVE!** CAM designates the months of February and March to collect brand new or gently used shoes for men, women and children of all sizes. Please note, CAM accepts shoes all year long, but February and March are special months. Your old shoes provide new opportunities in your hometown. Did you know there are 46.5 million people living in poverty right here in the United States? Did you know that 16.1 million of these are children? CAM helps people living in poverty gain new dignity, courage and hope. When you donate new or gently used shoes, you are helping people get back on their feet. There is a container outside the Parish Hall for these shoes.

**PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE GALA** - Lutheran High School gym on March 22<sup>nd</sup> from 5:00-9:00pm. Visit [www.lhssa.org](http://www.lhssa.org) or text/call 210-694-4962 to reserve your ticket or table. More information available is in the gym and narthex.

**SPRING FORWARD** – Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour before you go to bed on Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup>.

**ANIMAL DEFENSE LEAGUE URGENT NEEDS:** Canned Dog Food, Canned Cat Food, Blankets, Dog Treats, XL KONG Toys, Bottles, KMR (1st step), Puppy Esbilac, Puppy pads, Miracle nipples, Food scales, Heating pads, and Warming discs. All food items should be unopened. Please separate newspapers and empty medicine bottles into bags.

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR – March 9<sup>th</sup>, "Unless a Grain of Wheat Dies"** Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Do you want a life that amounts to more than a hill o' beans? Hear how Christ's death and resurrection gives us life with God that can't be measured. (John 12:24) Times/Stations: 6:00am on WOAI 1200; 9:00am on KAWZ 88.7 FM; or 8:00am on KWED 1580 AM (Seguin).

**READ, LISTEN, WATCH** – 1517.org is a nonprofit organization that exists to declare and defend the Good News that you are forgiven and free on account of Christ alone. 1517 features hundreds of podcasts, articles, and videos all with the purpose of preaching and teaching Reformation Theology and Christ for You. 1517 is a completely free resource thanks to partnership and support from dozens of LCMS churches here in Texas, and around the country. If you have not already, go to 1517.org to access their large library of online resources.



**ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY**    10:00am – 126    Adult class – 49    PreK-High School – 9

## **BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

March

2 Paul Rablee  
3 Don Cummings  
Sarah Lee  
7 Karen Price

### **CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF March 2, 2025**

Today	8:30am	Fellowship / Coffee
	8:45am	Sunday school/Adult Bible class
	10:00am	Divine Service w/ Holy Communion
Monday	5:30pm	Board of Education
	6:30pm	Board of Elders
Tuesday	9:30am	Braille #3
	10:00am	Matins {Sanctuary – please enter at Parish Hall doors}
	Followed by Tuesday Morning Class {Parish Hall}	
	1:00pm	Braille #8
Wednesday	10:00am	Quilting
	11:00am	Braille #11
	5:30pm	Ash Wednesday Meal {gym}
	7:00pm	Ash Wednesday Worship Service
Thursday	7:00pm	Choir practice
Next Sunday	8:30am	Fellowship / Coffee
	8:45am	Sunday school/Adult Bible class
	10:00am	Divine Service w/ Holy Communion
	11:30am	Youth Group Gym meeting

<b>Giving:</b>	<b><u>2024</u></b>	<b><u>Jan</u></b>
	\$1,558,383	\$ 51,229

<b>Expenses:</b>	\$ 956,621	\$ 63,634
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**Giving: Feb 2 - \$13,192    Feb 9 - \$9,705    Feb 16 - \$55,929    Feb 23 - \$19,865**

**2025 Budget:** Yearly: \$936,894    Monthly: \$78,075    Weekly: \$18,018

Quarterly Giving Statements will be generated in 2025. If you do not wish to receive one, please contact the church office.



# Lenten Season & Holy Week

Our focus this season will be on Lenten Hymns (or hymns with Lenten themes)

**Ash Wednesday, March 5** – 7:00pm - Pastor Mike Middaugh  
LSB 418 "O Lord, throughout These Forty Days"

## **Wednesday Midweek Services – 7:00pm**

**March 12** – Pastor Mike Middaugh

**March 19** – Pastor Mike Middaugh

**March 26** – Pastor Jack Goldberger

(Ret., Shepherd of the Hills LCMS, San Antonio)

**April 2** – Pastor Dave Murillo

(St. Paul LCMS, San Antonio)

**April 9** – Pastor Doug Bielefeldt

(Em., Shepherd of the Hills LCMS, San Antonio)

## **Palm Sunday**

April 13 – 10:00am

Pastor Mike Middaugh

## **Maundy Thursday with Holy Communion**

April 17 - 7:00pm

Pastor Craig Meissler

## **Good Friday Tenebrae**

April 18 - 7:00pm

Pastor Mike Middaugh

## **The Resurrection of Our Lord** – Pastor Mike Middaugh

April 20 - 7:00am (Outdoor Sunrise Service)

10:00am (Holy Communion)

8:00am-9:30am - Breakfast served in the gym (Free-will offering)

Ash Wednesday & Midweek Lenten Services will be preceded by a meal in the gym beginning at 5:30pm (Free-will offering)



### **MOUNT CALVARY STAFF**

Craig Meissler, Pastor      Mike Middaugh, Pastor

David Thompson, Sexton

Susan Melancon, Office Manager

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