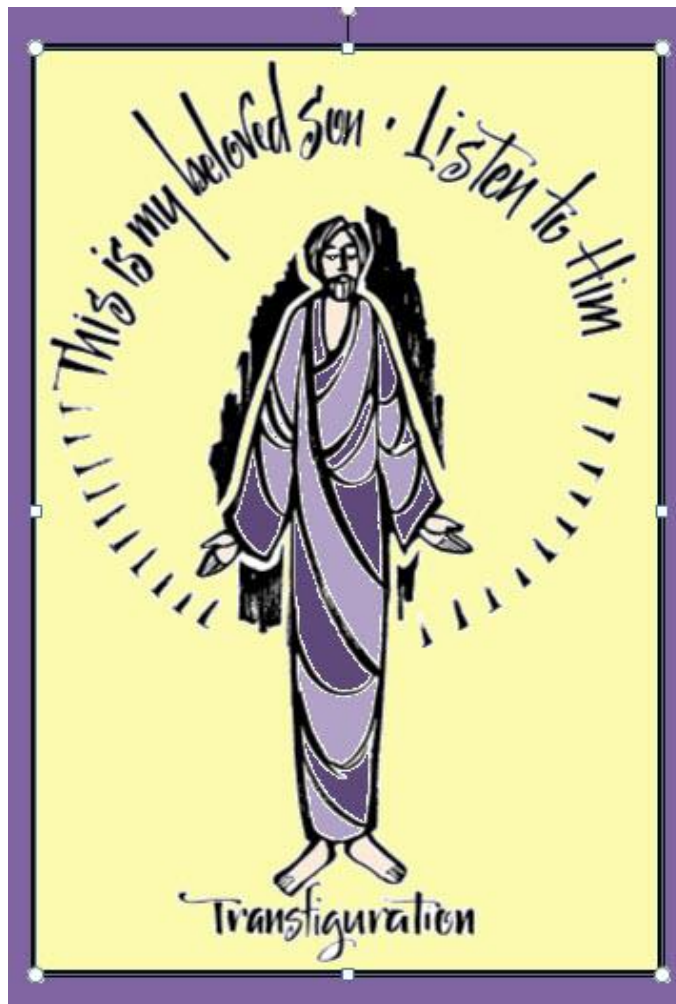


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March 2, 2025 The Transfiguration of Our Lord



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OPENING HYMN #389

"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 - fil - ler of the past, and hope of things to be,
4 Be - fore we taste of death, we see your king - dom come;



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.

5 But you, Lord, do not stay.
With mercy resolute
you leave this glorious hill to die—
our perfect substitute.

6 How good, Lord, to be here!
Yet we may not remain;
but since you bid us leave the mount,
come with us to the plain.

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Please stand.

INVOCATION & OPENING SENTENCES (PSALM 99)

M: In the name of God the Father Almighty,

C: who made heaven and earth.

M: In the name of God the Son,

C: who reigns in glory and great honor.

M: In the name of God the Holy Spirit,

C: who reveals to us our sin and our Savior. Amen.

M: O God of love and mercy, how good it is to be here today and to hear once again that you are faithful, that you keep all your promises of love towards us. Open our eyes to see your goodness. Open our ears to hear your words of promise. Open our minds to understand how great your love is for us.

C: Open our lips and our mouths to declare your praise. Amen.

M: Great is the LORD in Zion; he is exalted over all the nations.

C: Let them praise your great and awesome name.

M: Moses and Aaron were among his priests.

C: They called on the LORD and he answered them.

M: O LORD our God, you answered them;

C: **You were to Israel a forgiving God, though you punished their misdeeds.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

M: The Lord our God is holy. He is also loves justice. In his holiness he requires that people do what is just and right.

C: **Holy God and mighty King, we fall before you aware
that we have not done what is just and right.**

We confess our faults, failures, and sin to you.

We have not lived holy lives.

For the sake of your Son, Jesus the Christ, forgive us.

M: Lord God, hear our silent confessions, for as you were a forgiving God to Israel, you are a forgiving God toward us.

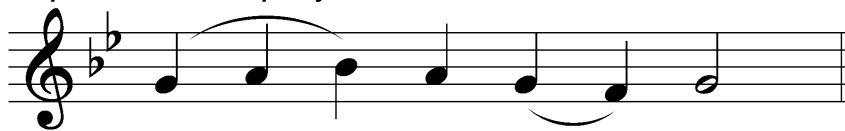
(Silence for personal reflection and confession.)

M: The Lord our God is a forgiving God. He punished our sins when his Son bore the burden of our guilt on the cross. Now, in the stead of Jesus and by the power of the cross, I, a called servant of the King, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen. Exalt the LORD our God and worship at his holy mountain.**

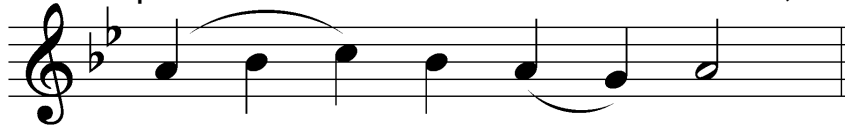
LORD, HAVE MERCY

M: In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C: **Lord, have mer - cy.**

M: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



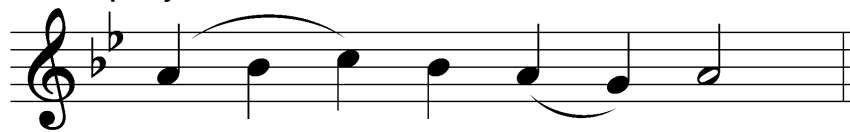
C: **Lord, have mer - cy.**

M: 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.



C: **Lord, have mer - cy.**

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



C: **Lord, have mer - cy.**

M: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

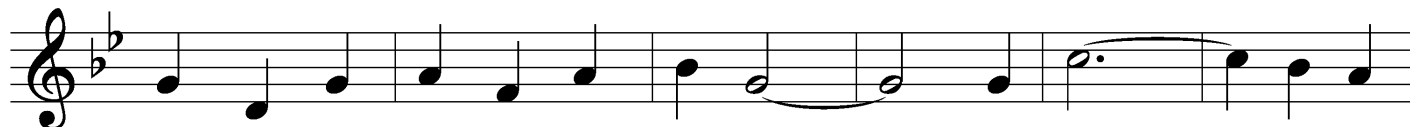


C: **A - men.**

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GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST

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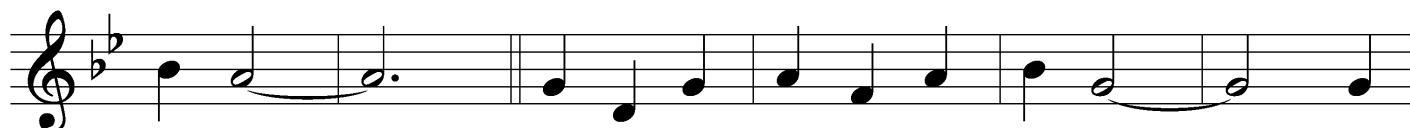
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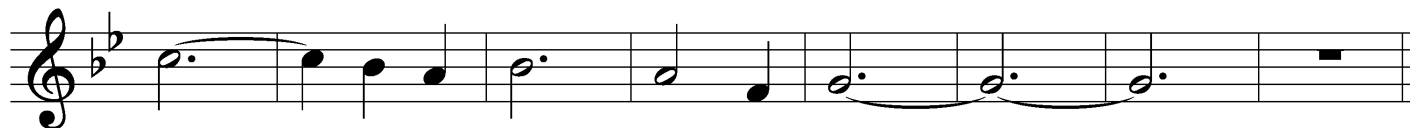
heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we



wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your



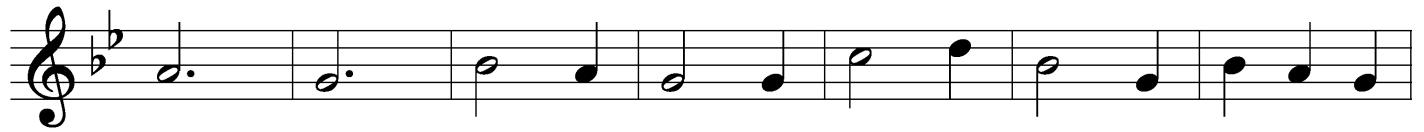
glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and



peace to his peo - ple on earth.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. You are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his



peo - ple on earth. For you a -



lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



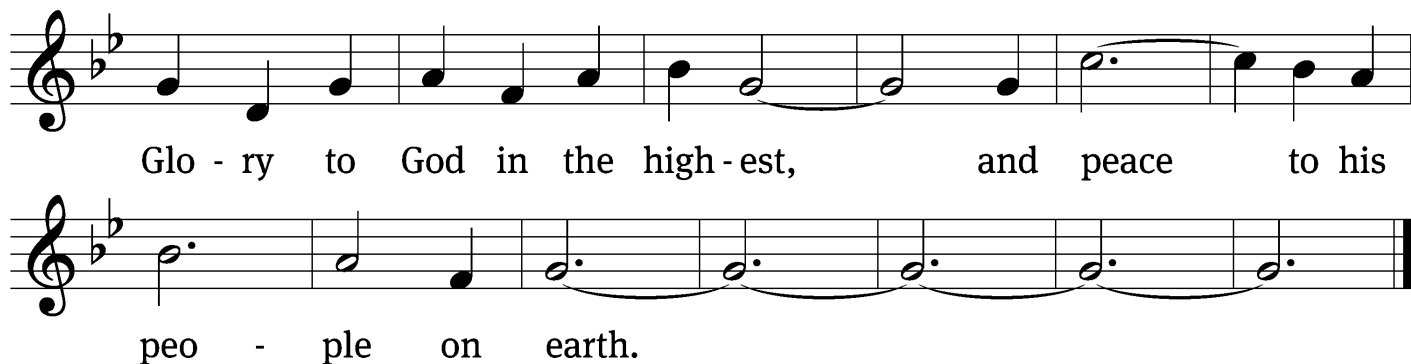
you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ,



with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the glo - ry of



God the Fa - ther. A - men. A - men.



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PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Let us pray.

O God, in the glorious transfiguration of your only-begotten Son, you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice that came from the bright cloud, you foreshadowed our adoption as your sons. In your mercy, make us co-heirs of glory with Jesus our King, and bring us at last to heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Be seated.

FIRST READING

EXODUS 34:29-35

²⁹When Moses came down from Mount Sinai with the two tablets of the covenant law in his hands, he was not aware that his face was radiant because he had spoken with the LORD. ³⁰When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, his face was radiant, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹But Moses called to them; so Aaron and all the leaders of the community came back to him, and he spoke to them. ³²Afterward all the Israelites came near him, and he gave them all the commands the LORD had given him on Mount Sinai.

³³When Moses finished speaking to them, he put a veil over his face. ³⁴But whenever he entered the LORD's presence to speak with him, he removed the veil until he came out. And when he came out and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, ³⁵they saw that his face was radiant. Then Moses would put the veil back over his face until he went in to speak with the LORD. (NIV)

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 99B (sung as indicated)

"GREAT IS THE LORD IN ZION"

Refrain

C:

Great is the LORD in Zi - on; he is ex -

alt - ed o - ver all the na - tions.

Psalm Tone

M: The LORD reigns, let the nations / tremble;
he sits enthroned between the cherubim, let the / earth shake.

C: **The King is mighty, he loves / justice—
you have established / equity.
Exalt the / LORD our God
and worship at his footstool; he is / holy. Refrain**

C: **Moses and Aaron were a- / mong his priests,
Samuel was among those who called / on his name.
LORD our God, you / answered them;
you were to Israel a forgiving God, though you punished / their misdeeds.
Exalt the LORD our God and worship at his holy / mountain,
for the LORD our God is / holy.
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. Refrain**

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SECOND READING

2 CORINTHIANS 3:7-18

⁷Now if the ministry that brought death, which was engraved in letters on stone, came with glory, so that the Israelites could not look steadily at the face of Moses because of its glory, transitory though it was, ⁸will not the ministry of the Spirit be even more glorious? ⁹If the ministry that brought condemnation was glorious, how much more glorious is the ministry that brings righteousness! ¹⁰For what was glorious has no glory now in comparison with the surpassing glory. ¹¹And if what was transitory came with glory, how much greater is the glory of that which lasts!

¹²Therefore, since we have such a hope, we are very bold. ¹³We are not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face to prevent the Israelites from seeing the end of what was passing away. ¹⁴But their minds were made dull, for to this day the same veil remains when the old covenant is read. It has not been removed, because only in Christ is it taken away. ¹⁵Even to this day when Moses is read, a veil covers their hearts. ¹⁶But whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. ¹⁷Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit. (NIV)

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ST. MARK 9:7



Refrain



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

M: A cloud covered them, and a voice came from the cloud:

“This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!”

C: **Refrain**

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HOLY GOSPEL

ST. LUKE 9:28-36

²⁸About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray. ²⁹As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. ³⁰Two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendor, talking with Jesus. ³¹They spoke about his departure, which he was about to bring to fulfillment at Jerusalem. ³²Peter and his companions were very sleepy, but when they became fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. ³³As the men were leaving Jesus, Peter said to him, “Master, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.” (He did not know what he was saying.)

³⁴While he was speaking, a cloud appeared and covered them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. ³⁵A voice came from the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him."
³⁶When the voice had spoken, they found that Jesus was alone. The disciples kept this to themselves and did not tell anyone at that time what they had seen. (NIV)

M: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

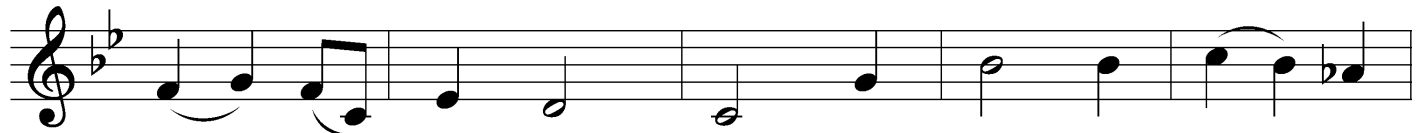
GOD SAYS, "LISTEN"

HYMN #391

"O WONDROUS TYPE! O VISION FAIR"



1 O won - drous type! O vi - sion fair of glo - ry
 2 With Mo - ses and E - li - jah nigh th' in - car - nate
 3 With shin - ing face and bright ar - ray Christ deigns to
 4 And faith - ful hearts are raised on high by this great
 5 O Fa - ther, with th' e - ter - nal Son and Ho - ly



that the Church may share, which Christ up - on the
 Lord holds con - verse high, and from the cloud the
 man - i - fest to - day what glo - ry shall be
 vi - sion's mys - ter - y, for which in joy - ful
 Spir - it ev - er one, we pray you, bring us



moun-tain shows, where bright - er than the sun he glows!
 Ho - ly One bears rec - ord to the on - ly Son.
 theirs a - bove who joy in God with per - fect love.
 strains we raise the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.
 by your grace to see your glo - ry face to face.

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SERMON TEXT

ST. LUKE 9:28-36

SERMON

"SEE JESUS' GLORY IN HIS TRANSFIGURATION"

Please stand.

CONFESSION OF FAITH: APOSTLES' CREED

C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Be seated.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Eternal God and Father, we pray for the Church around the world. Always keep your people faithful to you. Lift the veil from our eyes and guide us to see Christ in the Word and sacraments. During all the distractions of life, help us set our sights on Jesus. Keep us safe and protect us from the tricks and treachery of the devil. Lord, in your mercy:

C: **hear our prayer.**

M: We pray that you move us to have compassion on those stumbling in the darkness and empower us to proclaim Christ to all who have no faith. Give us courage to be unashamed of the light you have given us and to carry it willingly with joy wherever we go and whatever we do. Lord, in your mercy:

C: **hear our prayer.**

M: Hear our prayers for Christians everywhere who are being persecuted because of the light they bear. Give them the strength to endure the hardships they are undergoing and give them the peace and hope of Christ as they battle on. [We pray especially for...] Lord, in your mercy:

C: **hear our prayer.**

M: We pray that Christ reveals his gracious presence to all who suffer. We pray especially for our families and those in our circle of friends who are sick or in need and for everyone whose needs we hold in our hearts. Lord, in your mercy:

C: **hear our prayer.**

M: Be with us, Lord, as we think about the coming days of Lent. Let your law convince us that we indeed deserve your punishment and would be lost forever without Christ. As our hearts fill with sorrow and regret, lift us up to see the Savior's sacrifice on the cross and give us hearts full of faith in him. Lord, in your mercy:

C: **hear our prayer.**

M: Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

(Silent prayer)

M: Lord God, hear the prayers we offer and let your grace and mercy flow to us and all for whom we pray. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, the Light of the world.

C: **Amen.**

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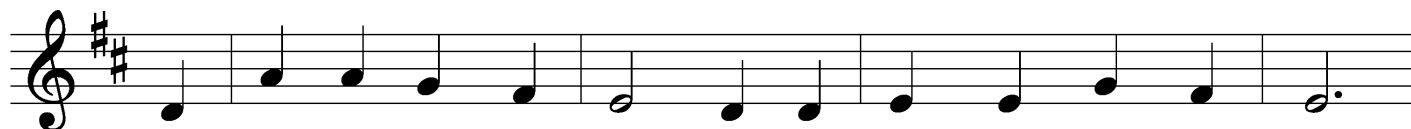
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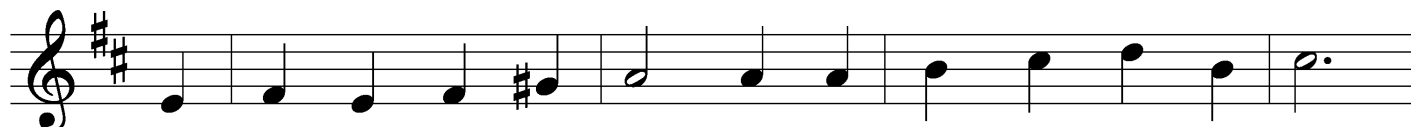
"DOWN FROM THE MOUNT OF GLORY"



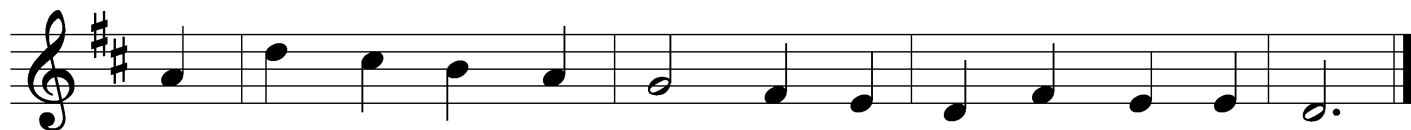
1 Down from the mount of glo - ry came Je - sus Christ, our Lord.
2 Trans - fig - ured, Christ, the low - ly, stood ra - dian - t in the light,
3 Yet mark this glo - ry hid - den! See him the mount de - scend
4 Strange how his jour - ney end - ed! In love that is his fame
5 Then hail the dou - ble glo - ry of Je - sus Christ, our Lord,



Re - call the won - drous sto - ry, rich gem in sa - cred Word.
light found in God - head sole - ly, for hu - man eyes too bright.
and, by the Fa - ther bid - den, his will - ing foot - steps bend
our Lord a - gain as - cend - ed a mount—the hill of shame.
and let the won - drous sto - ry full peace and joy af - ford!



A - gain your faith will view him in dou - ble glo - ry here;
Then came a voice from heav - en, con - firmed what here we see;
to seek hu - mil - i - a - tion in deep - est depths of woe,
Up - on the cross he prof - ered him - self to ag - o - ny;
The ho - ly mount ac - claims him the maj - es - ty di - vine;



the great - er hom - age due him will in your life ap - pear.
the words "my Son" were giv - en to seal his de - i - ty.
to suf - fer deg - ra - da - tion no mind can probe or know.
his ho - ly soul he of - fered to set the guilt - y free.
Mount Cal - va - ry pro - claims him Re - deem - er—yours and mine.

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CLOSING PRAYER

M: We praise you, King of heaven. We praise you, Lord of earth. You reign in glory. You reign in majesty. Now we bless your name, for you are our Savior. You are the One who has fulfilled the saving promises of the Father. Life is in your name.

C: **Great is your love towards us, O Christ. Great is your love to all the earth.**

M: We thank you that we have been forgiven by your love once again. Beloved Son of God, reign in our hearts now and forever.

C: **In your name we pray. Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

C: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

BLESSING

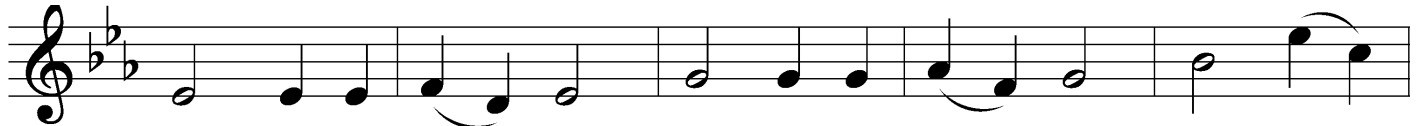
M: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord, the exalted God and reigning King. The whole earth is full of his glory. The holy, righteous, and loving God bless you and keep you. The LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The LORD look on you with his favor and ✝ give you his peace.

C: **Amen.**

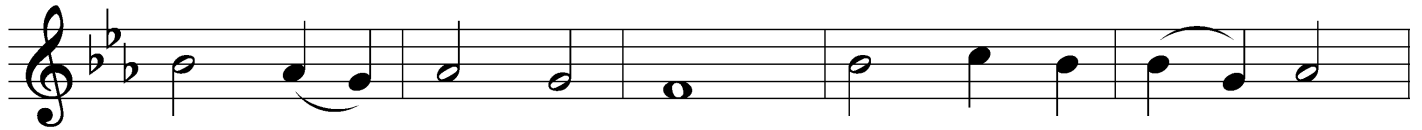


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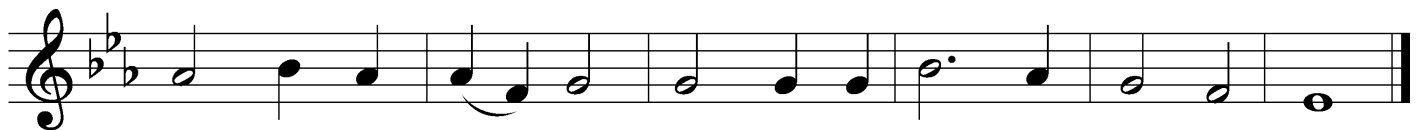
"BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR"



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,
flow'rs of bloom - ing spring; Je - sus is fair - er,
spark - ling stars on high; Je - sus shines bright - er,
God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or,



tru - ly I'd serve thee, light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
Je - sus is pur - er, he makes our sor - r'wing spir - it sing.
Je - sus shines pur - er than all the an - gels in the sky.
praise, ad - o - ra - tion now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

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WELS CONNECTION Please stay for the WELS Connection video.

ASH WEDNESDAY & LENTEN SERVICES start Wednesday, March 5, at 7:00 PM. We will have a meal before each Wednesday service at 5:30 PM. Please sign up in back if you can attend the meal. All sign-up sheets for the Lenten season are on the clip board.

WISCONSIN LUTHERAN COLLEGE CHOIRS will sing on March 9 at our 10:30 AM service. We will not have an early service that morning, or Adult Sunday School.



EUCHRE TOURNAMENT Sign up in the narthex to attend this years Euchre Tournament. It is being held at Trinity Lutheran Church in Jenera on March 15 at 6 PM. Bring a snack to share if you want to, otherwise just come and have fun with fellow church members.

THURSDAY BIBLE CLASS is not meeting until after Easter.

SOCIAL MEDIA If you are in a social media group and people ask about preschools, tell them about ours. Mention that: Immanuel Lutheran Preschool does a great job preparing kids for kindergarten, is affordable with scholarships available, all in a Christian environment. www.immanuelfindlay.org; 419-422-8209.

VICAR FOR NEXT YEAR: We have the opportunity to have a vicar serve us again in fall. Our Seminary asked us to apply for a vicar. Our voters decided that we will, with the Council deciding on March 17 what level of financial support we can provide. We currently pay \$33,000 for the year (plus \$2000 for moving and mileage). We would like to offer at least \$30,000 for the coming year. There is currently about \$5000 in the restricted vicar fund. If you can give an offering over-and-above your regular church offerings, please designate it for "**Vicar Fund.**" Any donations received by March 16 will be considered by the Council (though contributions can be made after that to fulfill our commitment). If there are extra donations, they will be held in the restricted fund, and we will apply again the following year.

LUTHERAN SCHOLARSHIP GRANTING ORGANIZATION OF OHIO (LSGOO)

To date, we have been able to provide \$9,420 in scholarships from this program to preschool families needing additional assistance in the preschool year 2024-2025. If you are not taking advantage of this excellent opportunity to **redirect** a portion of your Ohio tax liability to our school's ministry, please check out www.lsgoohio.org or talk with Elden Betts, Don Lucas or Howard Wilch. Up to \$750/individual or \$1500 filing jointly can be directed to this program with a one-time or recurring payment (It's a State of Ohio tax credit not a deduction). So far this tax year we have donor collections of \$14,500 toward the Board of Education goal of \$30,000. Thank you - donors - with additional donors, we can meet this goal for the preschool year 2025-2026 or even exceed that goal! What a great program, and it **costs you nothing** and you are helping in our preschool's ministry to share the Word of God not only with these young children but in some cases with the parents as well.

MARCH GREETERS

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|-------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 3/2 | <i>East Door</i> | North Door |
| 8:00 | Volunteer | Volunteer |
| 10:30 | <i>Diane L.</i> | <i>Deana H.</i> |
| 3/9 | | |
| 8:00 | Howard & Nancy | Volunteer |
| 10:30 | <i>Kay M.</i> | <i>Becky F.</i> |
| 3/16 | | |
| 8:00 | Bob H. | Volunteer |
| 10:30 | <i>Brad & Sarah S.</i> | <i>Bill & Helen R.</i> |
| 3/23 | | |
| 8:00 | Karl & Lynn F. | Volunteer |
| 10:30 | <i>Marjorie H.</i> | <i>Jim & Jamie T.</i> |
| 3/30 | | |
| 8:00 | Volunteer | Volunteer |
| 10:30 | <i>Denny & Sharon P.</i> | <i>Laura & Mike B.</i> |

MARCH USHERS 8:00 Brad S., Nate W. 10:30 Sam P., Matt M.

ACCOMPANIST

Connie Krueger

CALENDAR

Sunday *Worship, 8:00AM & 10:30AM*
Adult & Youth Sunday School, 9:15AM
Confirmation, 6:30PM

Wednesday Adult Bible Class, 10:00 AM
Lenten Meal 5:30 PM
Ash Wednesday Service, 7:00 PM

Thursday Choir Practice, 7:00 PM

Friday Japanese Bible Cooking Class, 11:00 AM

Saturday

Sunday *Wisconsin Lutheran College Choir Concert, 10:30AM*
(No 8 AM Service, No Adult Sunday School)
Youth Sunday School, 9:15AM
Confirmation, 6:30PM

BIBLE STUDY *Sunday* Adult Bible Study Today's Readings 9:15AM
Wednesday Adult Bible Study Joshua 10:00AM
Thursday Not meeting until after Easter

Welcome! We join together here to thank God for a new week of promise and possibilities. Let us welcome the opportunity of worship. Let us greet one another joyfully and lovingly! If you are searching for a church home, please feel free to talk to the pastor after the service.

Large print bulletins are available at the back of the fellowship hall.

There are visitor welcome packets available in the narthex.

There are children's books, coloring pages, pencils, and crayons available at the back of the fellowship hall. Please return the books, clipboards, pencils and crayons.

Silence is golden. Please silence cell phones before worship.

Bulletin Board: If you would like items displayed, please contact the office.



Today in the Gospel lesson we heard about the Transfiguration of Jesus in Luke 9: *²⁹As he (Jesus) was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. ³⁰Two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendor, talking with Jesus.* **The disciples of Jesus must have been amazed at this miraculous transformation they witnessed. Draw a picture of a time when you were amazed at something you witnessed.**