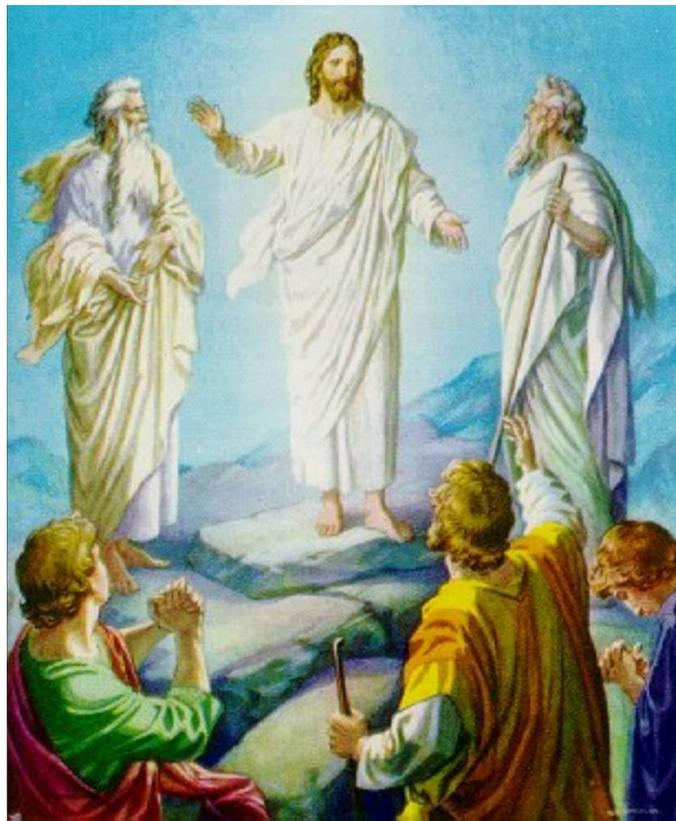


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## The Transfiguration of Our Lord

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*Lutheran Service Book - Divine Service, Setting III*

## ✠ Welcome in the name of Jesus! ✠

Today we observe the Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord. On this day, we recall how Jesus once took Peter, James, and John up onto a mountain and was transfigured before them, so that they saw with their own eyes His true glory. Alongside them, we also behold the glory of Christ through the eyes of faith, confessing that He is Lord of heaven and earth. As His people, we rejoice to listen to Him and to receive through faith His eternal salvation.

If you are a VISITOR here, offer you our warmest welcome! We pray that your experience among us is blessed, and that you depart filled with God's peace and life.

Also, toward the end of our service today we will be celebrating Holy Communion, in which we will eat and drink Jesus' body and blood, under bread and wine, for the forgiveness of our sins (Matthew 26:26-28). Therefore, we ask that you would please see the statement titled "On the Sacrament of Holy Communion," printed below, which describes our beliefs and practices regarding this sacred gift.

O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter,  
as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth,  
I humbly pray that You would open my heart  
to the preaching of Your Word so that I may  
repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my  
only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness.  
Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.

**ON THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION:** We believe that receiving Holy Communion together is a sacred expression of Christian unity, which includes unity in doctrine (1 Cor. 10:16-17; 1 Cor. 1:10; Eph. 4:5). We also believe that if we receive this sacrament in unbelief, we risk God's judgment (1 Cor. 11:27-30).

Therefore, communion at this altar is reserved for those who believe and confess with us the teachings of our church body, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Those who have not been formally instructed in our teachings should wait to commune until completing a course of instruction with us.

If you are a VISITOR and would like to commune with us today, please speak with the pastor before the service. If you will not be communing, you are welcome to kneel at the altar with your arms folded across your chest to receive a blessing, or you may simply remain in your pew.

## Announcements

### Sharing of the Peace

*Those who wish may stand and share Christ's Peace with one another by offering a handshake and the words, "Christ's peace be with you."*

## Confession and Absolution

*Stand*

*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.

**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.

*Kneel/Stand*

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

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained 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.

Stand

## Processional Hymn: 821 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

*During the Procession, the ancient and laudable custom is to **bow your head** in reverence to Christ our King as the processional cross passes by your pew.*



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."

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## Service of the Word

### Introit (*spoken responsively*)

*Psalm 84:1–2a, 4, 10–11; antiphon: Psalm 77:18b*

- P** Your lightnings lighted up the world;  
the earth trembled and shook.
- P** How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!  
My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD.
- C** **Blessèd are those who dwell in your house,  
ever singing your praise!**
- P** For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.  
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of  
wickedness.
- C** **For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor.  
No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly.**

**All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

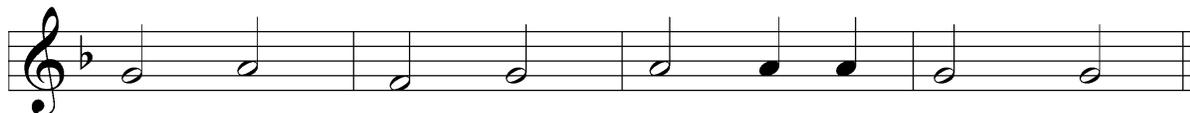
- P** Your lightnings lighted up the world;  
the earth trembled and shook.

### Kyrie

*Mark 10:47*



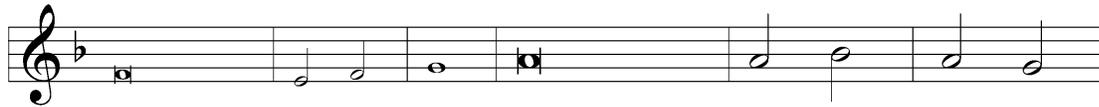
**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



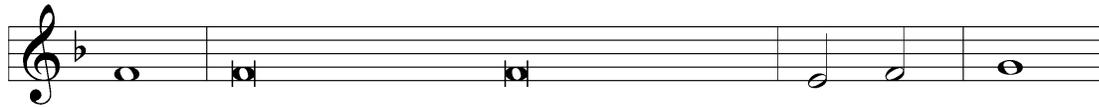
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

# Gloria in Excelsis

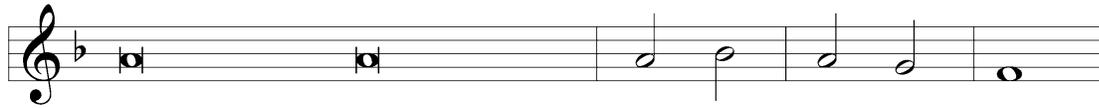
*Luke 2:14; John 1:29*



Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



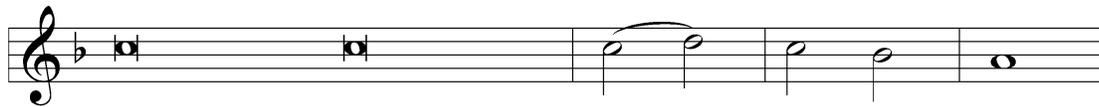
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



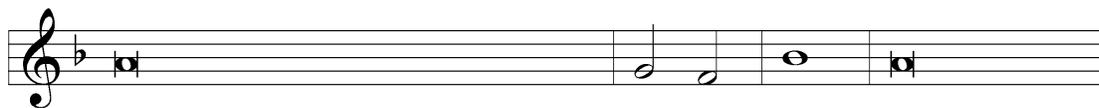
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.



Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.

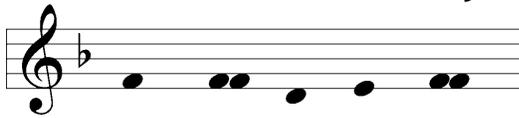


Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,



art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

**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** A - men.

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

*Exodus 34:29–35*

<sup>29</sup>When Moses came down from Mount Sinai, with the two tablets of the testimony in his hand as he came down from the mountain, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. <sup>30</sup>Aaron and all the people of Israel saw Moses, and behold, the skin of his face shone, and they were afraid to come near him. <sup>31</sup>But Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses talked with them. <sup>32</sup>Afterward all the people of Israel came near, and he commanded them all that the LORD had spoken with him in Mount Sinai. <sup>33</sup>And when Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face.

<sup>34</sup>Whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would remove the veil, until he came out. And when he came out and told the people of Israel what he was commanded, <sup>35</sup>the people of Israel would see the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face was shining. And Moses would put the veil over his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual (*spoken responsively*)

*Psalms 45:2a; 110:1*

**P** You are the most handsome of the sons of men;  
grace is poured upon your lips.

**C** The LORD says to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand,  
until I make your enemies your footstool."

## Epistle

2 Peter 1:16–21

<sup>16</sup>For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty.

<sup>17</sup>For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased,” <sup>18</sup>we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. <sup>19</sup>And we have something more sure, the prophetic word, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, <sup>20</sup>knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone’s own interpretation. <sup>21</sup>For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Gospel Procession

*Please stand and turn in the direction of the Processional Cross and the reader as they move into the center of the nave. The Gospel is read in the midst of the congregation to symbolize the risen Christ's abiding presence among us and to mark the high point of the Service of the Word.*

## Alleluia



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

## Holy Gospel

Matthew 17:1–9

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the seventeenth chapter.



**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>After six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. <sup>2</sup>And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. <sup>3</sup>And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. <sup>4</sup>And 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.” <sup>5</sup>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.” <sup>6</sup>When the disciples heard this, they fell on their

faces and were terrified. <sup>7</sup>But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Rise, and have no fear.” <sup>8</sup>And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

<sup>9</sup>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.”

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



**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## Gospel Recession

*As the Gospel Procession returns to the chancel, the congregation repeats the "Alleluia" found on the previous page.*

## Nicene Creed

**C** 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.**

*Sit*  
**Children's Message**

**Hymn of the Day: 413 O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair**

1 O won - drous type! O vi - sion fair  
 2 With Mo - ses and E - li - jah nigh  
 3 With shin - ing face and bright ar - ray  
 4 And faith - ful hearts are raised on high  
 △ 5 O Fa - ther, with the e - ter - nal Son

Of glo - ry that the Church may share,  
 The in - car - nate Lord holds con - verse high;  
 Christ deigns to man - i - fest to - day  
 By this great vi - sion's mys - ter - y,  
 And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er one,

Which Christ up - on the moun - tain shows,  
 And from the cloud the Ho - ly One  
 What glo - ry shall be theirs a - bove  
 For which in joy - ful strains we raise  
 We pray Thee, bring us by Thy grace

Where bright - er than the sun He glows!  
 Bears rec - ord to the on - ly Son.  
 Who joy in God with per - fect love.  
 The voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.  
 To see Thy glo - ry face to face.

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**Sermon**

## Offering

*During the Offering, we ask that you please sign a black attendance book located in your pew.*

*Stand*

## Offertory

*Psalm 51:10-12*



**C** Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

*Sit*

## Rite of Installation for 2020 Church Servants

*Stand*

## Prayer of the Church

- P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

*Brief silence*

- P** For the baptized, that we would heed our Heavenly Father's admonition to listen to His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, as He speaks to us through His Holy Word and Sacraments, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For those who are called and ordained to serve in Christ's stead and by His command, that all their preaching and teaching would flow from a right understanding of the Holy Scriptures, recognizing that all Scripture testifies to Christ and His salvation, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the Lord's flock here at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, that we would be granted faithfulness, humility, patience, and joy, striving to love God and to love our neighbors in all that we say and do, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For all those who have been placed in authority over us, that they would serve with integrity and honor, having the welfare of all in mind; and for our country, that division, conflict and strife would give way to unity, peace and quietness, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For all those who are sick, hospitalized, recovering, enduring ongoing treatment or suffering in any way, [*especially \_\_\_\_\_,*] that they would know God's peace and receive healing and relief according to His gracious will, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For those who come to the holy altar this day to receive the Holy Supper of Christ's very body and blood, that their eyes would be opened to see the salvation and peace they receive in the blessed Sacrament, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For Moses, Elijah, Peter, James, John and all the saints who have fallen asleep trusting in our Savior's promises, let us give thanks to the Lord; and that we would be kept in this same faith and brought to behold with them the fullness of Christ's glory in His Kingdom, which has no end, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** All this we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Through Him, with Him and in Him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is Yours, forever and ever.

**C Amen.**

## Service of the Sacrament

### Preface

*2 Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1 Psalm 136*



**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 un - 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, who at His transfiguration revealed His glory to His disciples that they might be strengthened to proclaim His cross and resurrection and with all the faithful look forward to the glory of life everlasting. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*



**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,



bless - ed is He, bless - 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

*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

*John 20:19*



**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



**C** A - men.

## Agnus Dei

*John 1:29*



**C** 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.

*Sit*

## Distribution

*Visitors – Please see note on the inside front cover of this service folder regarding our Holy Communion policy.*

## Distribution Hymn: 396 Arise and Shine in Splendor



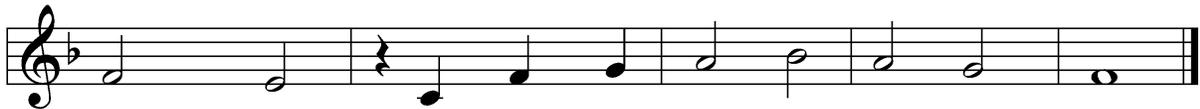
1 A - rise and shine in splen - dor; Let night to day sur -  
 2 See earth in dark - ness ly - ing, The hea - then na - tions  
 3 The world's re - mot - est rac - es, Up - on whose wea - ry  
 4 Lift up your eyes in won - der— See, na - tions gath - er  
 5 Your heart will leap for glad - ness When from the realms of



ren - der. Your light is draw - ing near. A - bove, the  
 dy - ing In hope - less gloom and night. To you the  
 fac - es The sun looks from the sky, Shall run with  
 yon - der From sin to be set free. The world has  
 sad - ness They come from near and far. Your eyes will



day is beam - ing, In match - less beau - ty  
 Lord of heav - en— Your life, your hope— has  
 zeal un - tir - ing, With joy Your light de -  
 heard Your sto - ry; Her sons come to Your  
 wake from slum - ber As peo - ple with - out



gleam - ing; The glo - ry of the Lord is here.  
 giv - en Great glo - ry, hon - or, and de - light.  
 sir - ing That breaks up - on them from on high.  
 glo - ry; Her daugh - ters haste Your light to see.  
 num - ber Re - joice to see the Morn - ing Star.

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# Distribution Hymn: 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.

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Stand  
Nunc Dimittis

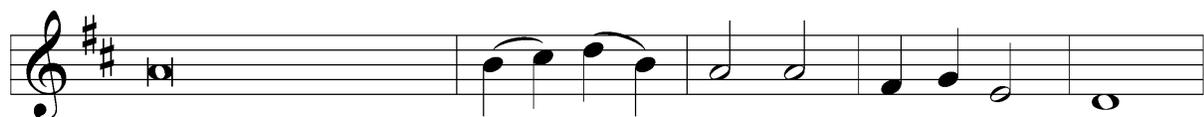
Luke 2:29–32



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



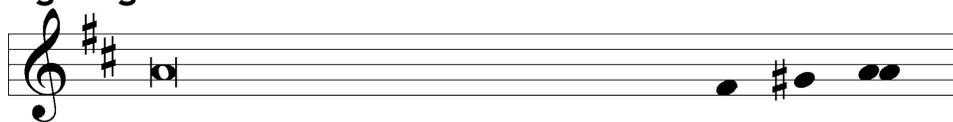
to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,



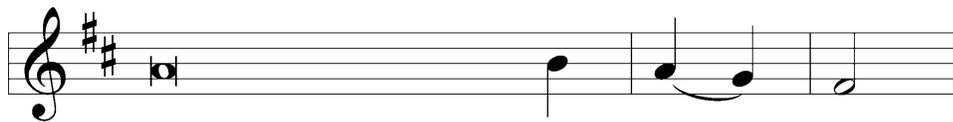
is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

## Thanksgiving

*Psalm 107:1*



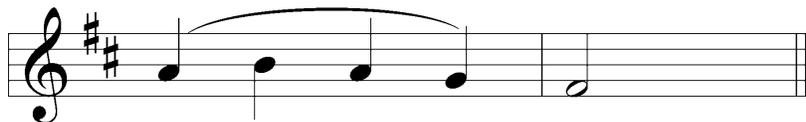
**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



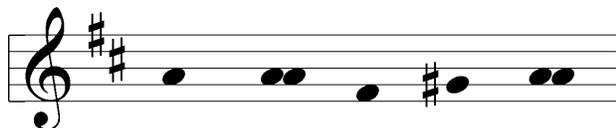
**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

**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** A - men.



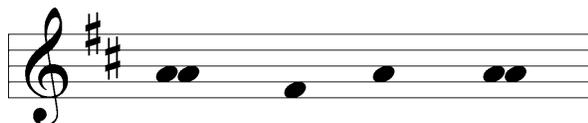
**P** The Lord be with you.



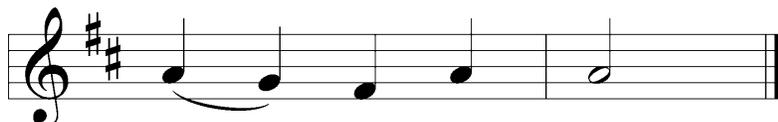
**C** And with thy spir - it.

## Benedicamus

*Psalm 103:1*



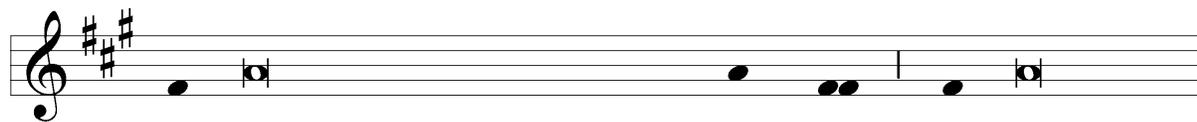
**A** Bless we the Lord.



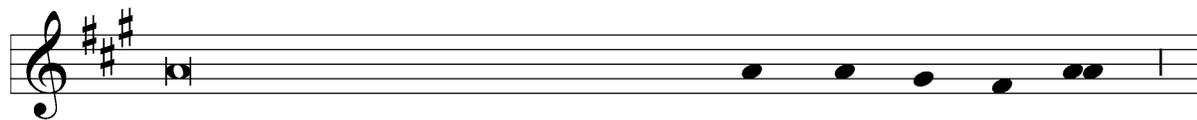
**C** Thanks be to God.

# Benediction

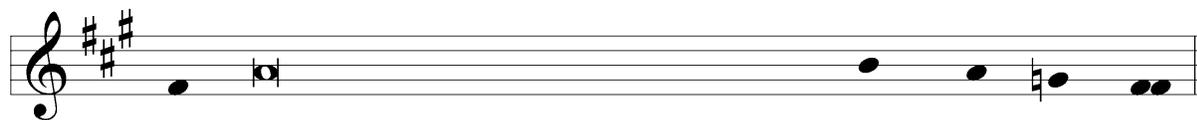
*Numbers 6:24-26*



**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.



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

## Recessional Hymn: 417 Alleluia, Song of Gladness

*During the Cross Recession, the ancient and laudable custom is to bow your head in reverence to Christ our King as the cross passes by your pew.*



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.

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***NOTE: The above hymn represents the last time we will sing the "Alleluia," an expression of joy, until Easter morning. The Alleluia will remain "buried" throughout the Season of Lent. Hence, our white Alleluia banner is also buried today, not to be seen again until Easter morning. Finally, our "Hymn of Praise" ("Glory to God in the highest...") will also not be sung again until Easter morning.***

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## THIS WEEK'S CHURCH CALENDAR

- Sun. 2/2**      **The Transfiguration of our Lord**  
**Installation of 2020 Servants**
- **Divine Service** 9:30 a.m.
  - **Adult Bible Class** 10:45 a.m., Fellowship Hall (basement)
  - **Sunday School for Children** 10:45 a.m., Library
  - **Board of Family/Youth Meeting** 12 p.m., Library
- Superbowl Sunday**  
**Groundhog Day**
- Mon. 2/3**      **Pastor's Day Off**
- Tue. 2/4**      **Pastor out of office in p.m.**  
**Board of Elders' Meeting** 7 p.m., Library
- Wed. 2/5**      **Confirmation Class A** 4 p.m., Library
- Thu. 2/6**      **Quilting Bee** 10 a.m.
- Fri. 2/7**      **Confirmation Class B** 4 p.m., Library  
**Secretary Debbie Off**
- Sat. 2/8**      **Men's Bible Study** 9:00 a.m., Greek Jalapeno Restaurant
- Sun. 2/9**      **Septuagesima**  
**Lutheran Hour Ministries Sunday**
- **Divine Service** 9:30 a.m.
  - **Adult Bible Class** 10:45 a.m., Fellowship Hall (basement)
  - **Sunday School for Children** 10:45 a.m., Library

## TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR this morning were placed to the glory of God by Nancy Salo in order to help beautiful the altar area. We thank Nancy for this floral tribute.

INSTALLATION OF 2020 SERVANTS TODAY – During this morning's Divine Service, Pastor Vergin will invite all those in our congregation who will be serving our church in any capacity to come forward to be installed into their 2020 positions. This includes those serving as officers, on boards, musicians, teachers, etc. We are very grateful that so many of our members have chosen to serve St. Mark's this year and beyond!

QUILTING GROUP MEETS THURSDAY, STILL NEED SHEETS/BLANKETS - Our quilting group will resume their bi-monthly meetings on **Thursday, February 6** at 10 a.m. They continue to need gently-used sheets and blankets to be used in making quilts for Lutheran World Relief. If you'd like to donate sheets and/or blankets, please leave them in the Quilt Donations Box in the lobby.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY ON FEBRUARY 8 - Attention Men of St. Mark's! We will be holding our monthly Men's Bible Study this **Saturday, February 8** from 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. at Greek Jalapeno Restaurant (6636 Cooley Lake Road, Waterford) and will continue our study of the book of Acts. We'd love to have you there! This is a great opportunity to gather as men of God around His holy Word and to be formed together in the image of Christ! Please remember your Bible!

*EVERY ONE HIS WITNESS WORKSHOP* – The *Every One His Witness* Workshop will take place on **Saturday, February 22** from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. This program was developed by the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and its purpose is to train us—as both pastors and laypeople—to share the Gospel with others in our daily vocations. We already held this program at St. Mark's once in 2019, and those who attended will surely tell you just how valuable and helpful it was! So if you haven't gone through it before, please consider signing up to attend! The program will take the form of an all-day workshop led by Pastor Vergin and lunch will be provided to all participants. A sign-up sheet is now located on the table in the back of the sanctuary, if you're interested in participating.

ASH WEDNESDAY EVENTS - Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent, a 40-day period of repentance in which we prepare our hearts and minds to remember Jesus' suffering and death and then to celebrate with joy His resurrection. Ash Wednesday inaugurates this season with a special focus on our sin and its consequences, as well as a joyous proclamation of Jesus' salvation. This year, Ash Wednesday will be on **February 26**. On this day, at 7 p.m., we will hold our annual Ash Wednesday service at St. Mark's. This service will include Holy Communion and the imposition of ashes. Additionally, before our service, from 5:30 - 6:30, we will hold our traditional Soup and Salad Supper. This supper is open to all at no cost. Come and enjoy some delicious food, as well as fellowship with your family of faith! We look forward to seeing you there!

TOILETRY/HYGIENE DONATIONS FOR THE OPEN DOOR OUTREACH CENTER – We continue to receive hygiene & toiletry products year around for the Open Door Outreach Center in Waterford. There are two bins located on the shelves at the bottom of the sanctuary stairs where you can place product donations. The Open Door is a non-profit organization that assists needy families in the Lakes Area. They are ALWAYS in need of toiletry and hygiene items, so **if you can provide any of these throughout the year, it would be appreciated.**

**LENTEN MIDWEEK SERVICES COMMENCING IN MARCH** - Once we enter into the season of Lent, we will begin holding our traditional Lenten midweek services. These services will be held on Wednesdays during Lent (**March 4, 11, 18, 25, and April 1**) and will begin at 7 p.m. Here, we will be following a series from Concordia Publishing House titled Eyes on Jesus. Please join us! We look forward to worshipping the Lord with you!

**UPCOMING LENTEN STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE DRIVE** - As you may know, we are currently projecting a financial shortfall of around \$20,000 for St. Mark's for this year. Therefore, the congregational leaders have put together a plan to help ensure, with God's blessing, that we can get back to a sustainable financial situation, in order that the Gospel might continue to be preached here for years to come. As part of this plan, we will be holding a Stewardship Pledge Drive during the season of Lent. Here, congregational members and families are asked to prayerfully consider their personal resources and to make a pledge to increase their regular offerings according to their ability. Pledge forms will be mailed out to member households in early February. Completed forms should be returned during the season of Lent (**February 26-March 29**). A box will be provided on the back table of the sanctuary for completed forms, along with envelopes to seal the forms. All forms will remain confidential and will not be opened or viewed. During the Divine Service on Sunday, March 29, these pledges will be presented to the Lord with prayer and thanksgiving. Please join us in this pledge drive! The Church Council has worked very hard to trim the budget for this year and the Lord has been blessing us with new members. But at the same time, we all have to work together and do our part, according to our ability, to address this financial shortfall for the sake of the Gospel. Can we count on you?

**SEEKING ALTAR FLOWER SPONSORS FOR 2020** – St. Mark's doesn't have a budgeted line item for altar flowers, and so we depend on the generosity of our congregation's members and friends in order to have two beautiful vases of flowers sitting on the altar each Sunday. Could you possibly help with this? Each vase costs \$20. If you'd like to sponsor a vase (or two) for one Sunday or more, it would be greatly appreciated! Vases of flowers may be sponsored in honor, or in memory, of a loved one, or just to help beautify the altar. If interested, just write your name alongside the date you wish to sponsor on the purple Altar Flower sign-up sheet (located on the bulletin board at the top of the basement stairs). Write the name of the person you are honoring or remembering next to your name on the same line. Then, when that particular Sunday comes (or before, if you'd like), you may insert a check (made payable to St. Mark's Lutheran Church) or cash into a pink flower envelope (found in the pew racks), write the date you're sponsoring flowers and who they are in honor of on the envelope, and place it in an offering plate. Thanks so much in advance for supporting St. Mark's Altar Flower Fund!

**WE CONTINUE TO COLLECT** used postage stamps for Wycliffe Bible Translation Ministries, and used eyeglasses for MOST Ministries in the two plastic bins on the shelves at the bottom of the sanctuary stairs. Wycliffe sells the stamps to stamp collectors and then uses the proceeds to fund Bible translation projects throughout the world. MOST Ministries repairs/refurbishes used eyeglasses and distributes them via eyeglass clinics to the needy around the world. If you donate postage stamps, please be sure to leave ¼" of the envelope paper around the stamp so that the stamp isn't damaged. Thank you.

OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN JOB POSTING: SCHOOL OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR - Our Savior Evangelical Lutheran Church & School located at 13667 W. Highland Road in Hartland, MI is seeking a school office administrator for approximately 30 hours per week for their Preschool through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade day school beginning as soon as possible. Candidates should have good organizational, computer and professional skills, as well as a desire to be of service to the children, families, teachers, and principal. The position involves administrating the school infirmary, and warmly and effectively communicating with children and adults while maintaining confidentiality. If interested, please contact Our Savior's Board President, Mr. Ed Dietrich, or their Principal, Deaconess Sara Bielby, at 248-887-3836.







## SERVING THE LORD WITH GLADNESS THIS MORNING

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Trumpeter

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