

# FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Missouri Synod*



## **The Transfiguration of Our Lord**

March 2, 2025

Divine Service, Setting One – LSB 151

**8:00 & 10:30\*am, 5:00 pm**

\*livestreamed on [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#)

## **AS WE GATHER**

Daily, as believers, we endeavor to follow Jesus. Also daily, we are consumed by the crosses, burdens, disease, fear, and anxiety of this sinful world, and we feel as if we are drowning. But God's Word keeps us buoyant as we cling to our Baptism, where we are claimed as God's beloved children.

Transfiguration is a moment of incomparable glory. Surely, we too, would want to sequester that divine moment in time. But wait! We cannot delay or halt the gruesome journey to the cross yet to take place. Jesus knows this. He claims the journey to the cross as His own. Momentary glory cannot and will not impede God's will. Jesus' cross will be taken up! It is a cross of death for the Son of God, and the cross of life for all who follow Jesus—and believe.

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# ✠ ✠ ✠ GATHERING ✠ ✠ ✠

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC – *Meine Jesu* (from Cantata No. 22, J. S. Bach)

HYMN OF INVOCATION – 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.

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## INVOCATION

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

**C** Amen.

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*(silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination)*

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our

neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

**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  $\text{†}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

$\text{†}$   $\text{†}$   $\text{†}$  **WORD**  $\text{†}$   $\text{†}$   $\text{†}$

**INTROIT – Psalm 84:1-2, 9, 11; antiphon: v. 4**

*Choir:* Blessed are those who dwell | in your house,\*  
ever sing- | ing your praise!

**C** **How lovely is your | dwelling place,\***  
**O | Lord of hosts!**

*Choir:* My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts | of the Lord;\*  
my heart and flesh sing for joy to the | living God.

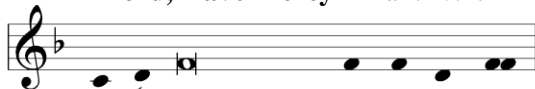
**C** **Behold our shield, | O God;\***   
**look on the face of your a- | nointed!**

*Choir:* 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 up- | rightly.

**C** **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.**  
**Blessèd are those who dwell | in your house,\***  
**ever sing- | ing your praise!**



**KYRIE – Lord, Have Mercy – Mark 10:47**



**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



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



**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



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



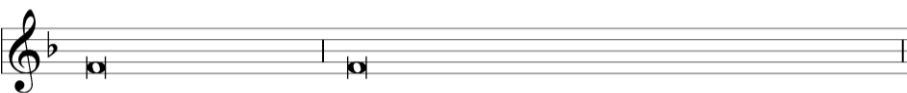
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



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



**A** 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.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



**C** A - men.



## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS – Luke 2:14; John 1:29

**P** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.



**C** Lord God, 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.



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.



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.

Today is not only the last time we will sing “Alleluia” until Easter Sunday but is also the last time we will sing the **Gloria in excelsis**.

The Alleluia and Gloria are omitted during penitential seasons, reflecting the grave and somber journey of Christ to the cross.

## SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray... one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## FIRST LESSON – Deuteronomy 34:1-12 – The death of Moses

<sup>1</sup>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.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.    **C** Thanks be to God.

### GRADUAL – Psalm 117:1-2a; Psalm 96:8



**C** Praise the Lord, all na - tions! Ex -



-tol him, all peo - ples! For great is his stead- fast love toward us, and the



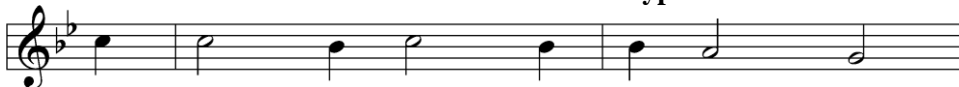
faith-ful - ness of the Lord en-dures for - ev - er. A - scribe to the Lord the



glo-ry due his name; bring an of-fer-ing, and come in-to his courts!



## HYMN OF THE DAY – LSB 413 – O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair



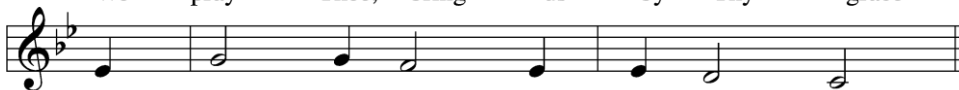
1 O won - drous type! O vi - sion fair  
 2 With Mo - ses and E - li - jah nigh  
 3 With shin - ing face and bright ar - ray  
 4 And faith - ful hearts are raised on high  
 Δ 5 O Fa - ther, with the e - ter - nal Son



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 – *Glory Road* – Luke 9:28-36

### 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.

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

- A** ...Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.
- A** ...one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

**OFFERING – I to the Hills Lift Up Mine Eyes** (arr. Jean Berger)

**OFFERTORY – Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19**

**C** What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fi-ce of thanks-giv - ing and will call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa-lem.

*I to the hills lift up  
mine eyes, from  
where shall come  
mine aid.  
Mine help doth from  
Jehovah come,  
which heav'n and  
earth hath made.  
He will not let thy  
foot be mov'd, nor  
slumber that thee  
keeps.*


*Lo he that keepeth  
Israel, he slumb'reth  
not, nor sleeps.  
The LORD thy keeper  
is, the LORD on thy  
right hand the  
shade.  
The sun by day, nor  
moon by night, shall  
thee by stroke  
invade.*

*The LORD shall keep  
thee from all ill thy  
soul he keeps  
always,  
Thy going out, and  
thy income, the  
LORD keeps now and  
aye. Amen.*

Psalm 121 – Bay  
Psalm Book (1640)

# ✠ ✠ ✠ SACRAMENT ✠ ✠ ✠

## PREFACE



**P** The Lord be with you.



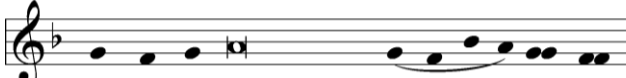
**C** And al - so with you.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



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



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




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

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary...evermore praising You and singing:

## SANCTUS – *Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who

### For Guests and Visitors Desiring the Sacrament

As a congregation of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, we confess, in accord with the Scriptures, that **in this sacred meal Jesus Himself is truly present to forgive our sin and strengthen our faith.**

Participation in this meal indicates that you **believe, have been baptized, and have been taught** according to our Lord's command **and are in doctrinal agreement** with this confession.

- **If you are visiting from outside the Lutheran Church or are new to the faith,** we welcome you to come to the altar with arms crossed to receive a blessing.
- **If you desire to receive instruction for the Lord's Supper,** please speak with one of our pastors.



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**P** ...one God, now and forever. **C** Amen.

### LORD'S PRAYER

**C** 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.

### WORDS OF OUR LORD

#### 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** Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

#### Distribution Notes:

If you need **gluten-free wafers**, please let one of the pastors know.

**Non-alcoholic** grape juice, containing *a trace amount of wine*, is available in the center of the tray.

## DISTRIBUTION



**Anthem** – *My Eyes for Beauty Pine* (Herbert Howells)

### 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!

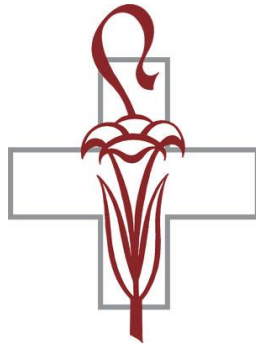
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*My eyes for  
beauty pine,  
My soul for  
God['s] grace:  
No other care nor  
hope is mine,  
To heaven I turn  
my face.*

*One splendour  
thence is shed  
From all the  
stars above :  
'Tis named when  
God's name is said,  
'Tis Love,  
'tis heavenly Love.*

*And every  
gentle heart,  
That burns with  
true desire,  
Is lit from eyes  
that mirror part  
Of that celestial fire.*

-Robert Seymour  
Bridges (1844-1930)



## LSB 631 – Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face



1 Here, O my Lord, I see Thee face to face;  
 2 Here would I feed up - on the bread of God,  
 3 This is the hour of ban - quet and of song;  
 4 I have no help but Thine; nor do I need



Here would I touch and han - dle things un - seen;  
 Here drink with Thee the roy - al wine of heav'n;  
 This is the heav'n - ly ta - ble spread for me;  
 An - oth - er arm but Thine to lean up - on.



Here grasp with firm - er hand the e - ter - nal grace,  
 Here would I lay a - side each earth - ly load,  
 Here let me feast and, feast - ing, still pro - long  
 It is e - nough, my Lord, e - nough in - deed;



And all my wea - ri - ness up - on Thee lean.  
 Here taste a - fresh the calm of sin for - giv'n.  
 The brief bright hour of fel - low - ship with Thee.  
 My strength is in Thy might, Thy might a - lone.

- 5 Mine is the sin, but Thine the righteousness;  
 Mine is the guilt, but Thine the cleansing blood;  
 Here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace:  
 Thy blood, Thy righteousness, O Lord my God.
- 6 Too soon we rise; the vessels disappear;  
 The feast, though not the love, is past and gone;  
 The bread and wine remove, but Thou art here;  
 Nearer than ever; still my shield and sun.
- 7 Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,  
 Yet, passing, points to that glad feast above,  
 Giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy,  
 The Lamb's great marriage feast of bliss and love.

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## POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

### LSB 680 – Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise

*Vs. 1: Women*

*Vs. 3: Choir*

*Vs. 2: Men*

**Vs. 4-5: All**



1 Thine the a - men Thine the praise Al - le -  
2 Thine the life e - ter - nal - ly Thine the  
3 Thine the tru - ly Thine the yes Thine the  
4 Thine the king - dom Thine the prize Thine the  
5 Thine the glo - ry in the night No more



lu - ias an - gels raise Thine the ev - er - last - ing head  
prom - ise let there be Thine the vi - sion Thine the tree  
ta - ble we the guest Thine the mer - cy all from Thee  
won - der full sur - prise Thine the ban - quet then the praise  
dy - ing on - ly light Thine the riv - er Thine the tree



Thine the break - ing of the bread Thine the glo - ry Thine the  
All the earth on bend - ed knee Gone the nail - ing gone the  
Thine the glo - ry yet to be Then the ring - ing and the  
Then the jus - tice of Thy ways Thine the glo - ry Thine the  
Then the Lamb e - ter - nal - ly Then the ho - ly ho - ly



sto - ry Thine the har - vest then the cup Thine the  
rail - ing Gone the plead - ing gone the cry Gone the  
sing - ing Then the end of all the war Thine the  
sto - ry Then the wel - come to the least Then the  
ho - ly Cel - e - bra - tion ju - bi - lee Thine the



vine - yard then the cup is lift - ed up lift - ed up,  
sigh - ing gone the dy - ing what was loss lift - ed high.  
liv - ing Thine the lov - ing ev - er - more ev - er - more.  
won - der all in - creas - ing at Thy feast at Thy feast.  
splen - dor Thine the bright - ness on - ly Thee on - ly Thee.

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## POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

**P** We give thanks to You, almighty God ... one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## BENEDICTION – Numbers 6:24-26

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C** Amen.

## RECESSIONAL HYMN – Farewell to Alleluia (arr. Donald Busarow)

The choir sings verses 1-3 and the congregation joins on verse 4.

Please rise during the interlude after verse 3.

- Alleluia, song of sweetness, voice of joy that cannot die;  
Alleluia is the anthem ever dear to choirs on high;  
In the house of God abiding thus they sing eternally.*
- Alleluia thou resoundest, true Jerusalem and free;  
Alleluia, joyful mother, all thy children sing with thee;  
But by Babylon's sad waters mourning exiles now are we.*
- Alleluia cannot always be our song while here below;  
Alleluia our transgressions make us for awhile forego;  
For the solemn time is coming when our tears for sin must flow.*



4. There-fore in our hymns we— pray Thee grant us, bless-ed



Trin - i - ty, At the last to keep Thine Eas - ter



in our home be-yond the— sky, There to Thee for - ev - er



sing - ing "Al - le - lu - ia" joy - ful - ly.

## SILENT PRAYER / ANNOUNCEMENTS

**POST-SERVICE MUSIC** – *Gerechter Gott, ach, rechnest du?* (from Cantata No. 89, J. S. Bach)



## TUESDAY, March 4

9:00am **Playgroup**

9:00am **Chinese Bible Study** (Grand Hall)

1:00pm **Fellowship Ministry Team**

5:15pm **First Steps in Music** (Classroom C; ages 0-5)

*Senior Choir: Layna Brandimore, Don Donham,  
Christina Dragnea, Robert Gilbert, Shirin  
Hassan, Joseph Ittoop, Kelly Johnson, Trevor  
Jones, Vern Rogers, Meera Popkin-Tarack,  
Gary Wohlafka, Louise Wohlafka*

*Gennavieve Wrobel, Oboe*

## ASH WEDNESDAY, March 5

# Ash WEDNESDAY



MARCH 5  
NOON & 7 PM

Worshippers may arrive up to 30 minutes before the service  
to receive ashes on their foreheads  
and to spend time in meditation and prayer.



The altar flowers  
are given to the  
glory of God by  
**Richard Ahern** in  
loving memory of  
his late wife, **Janet**,  
on her birthday.

### Ash Wednesday – March 5

Noon & 7 pm **Worship** with Holy Communion

✠ **Imposition of ashes** in the sanctuary ✠  
30 mins. before & immediately after each service

### Wednesdays – March 12, 19, 26; April 2, 9

Midweek Lenten Fellowship & Worship:

Noon **Worship** ✠ 12:30pm **Meal**

5:45pm **Meal** ✠ 7pm **Worship**

✠ **Personal confession/absolution** in the pastors' studies ✠  
30 mins before & immediately after each service



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