

Transfiguration Sunday

A Tiny Glimpse of Christ's Glory

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As We Gather:

Moses was an incredible man. God worked astounding miracles through Moses. He freed the Israelites from slavery in Egypt through Moses. He brought the Israelites to the Promised Land through Moses. After Moses died, no one could fill his shoes (or his sandals!). There were prophets, but none of them were like Moses. There were leaders, but none of them were like Moses.

Until Jesus. Jesus was not only like Moses, he was greater than Moses. "The Law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ." (John 1:17) Several months before Jesus died on the cross, he climbed a mountain with Peter, James, and John. There, he showed his disciples a tiny glimpse of his glory. And he spoke with Elijah – and Moses – about how he would die in Jerusalem. Everything Moses did and wrote, pointed to Jesus and his salvation. Every year at about this time, we in the church celebrate "Transfiguration Sunday". We remember this little preview of Jesus' glory – and his iron-willed commitment to suffer and die so that we could share that glory. Jesus is truly greater than Moses!

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Stand

Sharing God's Peace with One Another

We greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying "Peace be with you" as a sign of our unity and reconciliation in the Holy Spirit. As we are forgiven by God, so we forgive each other. (Matthew 5:22-24; Ephesians 4:1-3)

Congregation Sings Refrain

Refrain

The Lord is my light and my sal-va - tion, The Lord is the
strong-hold of my life. Since the Lord is my life, my
strength, and my all, Whom then shall I fear?

To Stanzas

Choir Sings Verses

Stanza

1 There is one thing I ask of the Lord: To dwell in His
house for - ev - er, To gaze on the beau-ty of the
Lord All the days of my life.

Refrain

2 Do not hide Your face, O Lord; Ev - 'ry day I will
seek Your face. Though my fa - ther and moth-er may for -

Refrain

sake me, The Lord will re - ceive me.

3 Teach me, Lord, and keep me on Your paths; Guide me, Lord, a -

long a lev - el way. I will gaze on the good - ness of the

Lord In the land of all the liv - ing.

Refrain

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Invocation

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

Prayer of Confession and Words of Forgiveness

- P** God is holy and he is glorious. We, on the other hand, are sinners and have failed all too often. We have said and done things which do not bring glory to God's name, but rather shame. The Bible says that sinners cannot come near and see God's glory face to face without perishing.

We pray together:

- A** **Lord God, we confess that from birth our hearts are rebellious. Again and again we have disobeyed you and we do not deserve to see your glory. But you sent Jesus to save us, and in the name of Jesus we ask you to forgive us. Make us clean and help us to do better. And at the end of our lives here on this earth, take us to live with you forever in your glory. Amen.**
- P** God says, "I, even I, am he who blots out your transgressions, for my own sake, and remembers your sins no more." (Isaiah 43:25) We can draw near

to God, the Holy one, in all his glory, because Jesus died and rose for us, and through faith in Jesus we are forgiven and clean, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit!

C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit

Bible Verses for Transfiguration Sunday

- P** The Word [Jesus] became flesh and made his dwelling among us.
- C We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son who came from the Father.** (John 1:14, NIV)
- P** Jesus [is] now crowned with glory and honor because he suffered death...
- C Bringing many sons and daughters to glory.** (Hebrews 2:9-10b, NIV)
- P** Jesus said, "Did I not tell you that if you believe,
- C You will see the glory of God?"** (John 11:40, NIV)
- P** [God] called you to this through our gospel,
- C That you might share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.** (2 Thessalonians 2:14, NIV)
- P** So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do,
- C Do it all for the glory of God.** (1 Corinthians 10:31, NIV)
- P** The Lord is exalted over all the nations,
- C His glory above the heavens.** (Psalm 113:4, NIV)
- P** Sing the glory of his name;
- C Make his praise glorious.** (Psalm 66:2, NIV)
- P** Declare his glory among the nations,
- C His marvelous deeds among all peoples.** (Psalm 96:3, NIV)
- A 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.**

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 34:1–12

(Who could ever fill Moses' shoes?)

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

⁹And 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.

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

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle (New Testament) Reading

Hebrews 3:1-6

(Jesus is greater than Moses)

¹Therefore, holy brothers, you who share in a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession, ²who was faithful to him who appointed him, just as Moses also was faithful in all God's house. ³For 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. ⁴(For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.) ⁵Now Moses was faithful in all God's house as a servant, to testify to the things that were to be spoken later, ⁶but 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.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

LSB 173



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



Holy Gospel

Luke 9:28-36

(Jesus reveals his glory and speaks with Moses about his coming death in Jerusalem)

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the ninth chapter.
- C** **Glorify to You, O Lord.**

²⁸Now about eight days after these sayings [Jesus] took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹And as he was praying, the appearance of his face was altered, and his clothing became dazzling white. ³⁰And behold, two men were talking with him, Moses and Elijah, ³¹who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³²Now 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. ³³And 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.

³⁴As he was saying these things, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. ³⁵And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to him!" ³⁶And 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.
- C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**

- P** Let us pray.
- C** **Almighty God, all glory belongs to you! Thank you for forgiving us and bringing us into your light. Help us to give glory to your name by the way that we live. In the name of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Sit

Hymn of the Day Tis Good, Lord, to be Here

LSB 414



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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Sermon: He Didn't Make It (Deuteronomy 34:1-12)

Stand

Song while Children Come to the Front: I Was Baptized (LOSP 97)

I was baptized, happy day!
All my sins were washed away.
God looked down on me and smiled.
I became his own dear child.

Children's Message

Baptism

Scripture Reading

P Jesus Christ says in the last chapter of Matthew: "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the

Holy Spirit." In the last chapter of Mark, Jesus promises: "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved."

- ❏ Olivia, receive the sign of the cross upon your forehead and upon your heart, to mark you as one rescued by Christ the crucified.

Prayer

- ❏ **Almighty God, we bring Olivia before you. We pray that you give her your Holy Spirit, so that she will have faith in Jesus as her Savior all the days of her life. Wash her from all evil, forgive her and help her to live as a new person. Let her know that she is your child. Give her your love every day and in the end, bring her to eternal life with you. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

Words to the Parents

- ❏ A little child is not able to take care of herself, but depends on her parents for everything. Olivia depends on you, not only for her physical food and care, but also with regard to her faith. It is good that you have brought her to be baptized! But afterwards you must raise her up in the Christian faith. Jesus said to make disciples by baptizing and also teaching. God is calling you to pray for Olivia, to teach her about Jesus, to show her how to follow Jesus, how to pray, how to understand the Bible. God wants you to encourage Olivia and bring her to join with other Christians in worship. Will you commit to doing this? If so, say, "I will, with the help of God."

Parents: I will, with the help of God.

- ❏ God enable you to do this faithful and loving work and with his grace fulfill what we are unable to do.

Parents: Amen.

- ❏ Hear the Gospel according to Mark: "They brought young children to [Jesus] that he might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought them. But when Jesus saw it, he was greatly displeased and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it.' And he took them up in his arms, put his hands on them, and blessed them." This is the Word of the Lord.

❏ **Thanks be to God.**

Baptism Questions

- P** We believe that God can work faith in the hearts of little children just as much, if not more, than in older people. When children are very, very little, they cannot express in words what is in their hearts, and their parents answer for them. However, Olivia is old enough to express what is in her heart and mind and she would like to answer for herself.

Olivia, do you renounce all the devil's works and ways, that is, do you turn your back on the devil and everything bad?

Olivia: Yes, I don't want anything to do with them.

- P** Do you believe in God? I invite the whole congregation to join in this response, in the words of the Apostle's Creed:

C **I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And 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. On the third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead. And 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.**

- P** That is the Christian faith. Do you wish to be baptized in this faith?

Olivia: Yes.

Baptism

- P** Olivia Kielavalezuella, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Blessing

Parents: *(placing hands on child)* **May God bless you and keep you strong in faith. Amen.**

- P** *(placing hands on child)* Almighty God, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you, strengthen you in faith until Jesus comes again. Amen.

Baptismal Candle

- P** *(lighting the baptismal candle and giving it to the parents or the sponsors)* Receive this burning light to show that you belong now to Christ, the Light of the world. Live always in the light of Christ. Amen.

You may extinguish the candle now, to take it home. May I suggest that you keep the candle in a special place and take it out and light it on special occasions such as Olivia's birthday, or on the anniversary of her baptism. Light it with her and remind her that God loves her, that she is baptized, that she belongs to the Lord, and that Jesus wants her to live in the light, in faith and love. Amen.

Presentation


- P** I present to you Olivia, new-born in the Lord, our sister in Jesus' name!
- C** **Amen. We welcome you in the name of the Lord. May God bless you always!**
- P** Peace be with you all.
- C** **Amen.**

Baptism Hymn:


Father Welcomes All His Children

LSB 605


Refrain




Fa - ther wel-comes all His chil-dren To His fam - 'ly



through His Son. Fa - ther giv - ing His sal - va - tion,



Life for - ev - er has been won.



1 Lit - tle chil-dren, come to Me, For My king - dom
 2 In the wa - ter, in the Word, In His prom - ise,
 3 Let us dai - ly die to sin; Let us dai - ly



is of these. Life and love I have to give,
 be as - sured: Those who are bap - tized and be - lieve
 rise with Him, Walk in the love of Christ our Lord,

Refrain

Mer - cy — for your sin.
 Shall be — born a - gain.
 Live in the peace of God.

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Stand

Prayer of the Church

We go to God with all of our needs, because he is our light.

- P** Lord God, for your salvation and for your peace,
- C** **Hear our prayer.**
- P** For Olivia, that she may walk in your ways all her life,
- C** **Hear our prayer.**
- P** For those who do not yet believe in Jesus, that they might come to faith,
- C** **Hear our prayer.**
- P** For all pastors and teachers and leaders at church,
- C** **Hear our prayer.**
- P** For our nation, for our cities and communities, for those who serve, and for the common welfare of us all,
- C** **Hear our prayer.**
- P** For peace and justice in all parts of the world,
- C** **Hear our prayer.**
- P** For those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, for the immigrants and for those in prison,
- C** **Hear our prayer.**
- P** For those who are sick or who are grieving,
- C** **Hear our prayer.**
- P** For our families and loved ones,
- C** **Hear our prayer.**
- P** For seasonable weather and for the earth to be fruitful,
- C** **Hear our prayer.**
- P** For everyone on our prayer list and everyone who ought to be on our prayer list,
- C** **Hear our prayer.**
- P** For these and for all our needs of body, mind, heart and soul, we pray in Jesus' name.
- C** **Amen.**

Sit

Offering

The Bible says: "Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work." (2 Corinthians 9:7-8)

Choir Anthem during the Offering How Good Lord to be Here – Arr. Hal H Hopson

*How good, Lord, to be here! Your glory fills the night;
Your face and garments, like the sun, shine forth in brilliant light.
Lord, we stand and wonder on this mount, we sing loud this song:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen! Alleluia!*

*How good, Lord, to be here, your beauty to behold
Where Moses and Elijah stand, your messengers of old.
Lord, we stand in wonder on this mount, we sing loud this song:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen! Alleluia!*

*We belong to hold the vision bright and make this hill our home:
Lord, we stand in wonder on this mount, we sing loud this song;
Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen! Alleluia!*

*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.
Lord, we stand in wonder on this mount, we sing loud this song;
Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen! Alleluia!*

*How good, Lord, to be here! Your glory fills the sight;
your face and garments, like the sun, shine with a blazing light.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Stand

Offering Prayer of Dedication

A Lord, you have been so generous towards us. We in turn give these offerings so that your salvation may be known among all the nations. Accept and bless these gifts, and multiply them for your mission here on earth. In Jesus' name. Amen.

✠ Service of the Sacrament ✠

Today we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion

Communion is one of the precious gifts that God gives to His people, as we receive the body and blood of our Savior, Jesus, who died on the cross to forgive all of our sins. To prepare for this sacrament, we follow the instruction found in 1 Corinthians 11:28: "*Let each man examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks the cup.*" Therefore, we ask that you review and affirm the following questions:

1. Do I believe I am a sinner without hope of eternal life, except for God's mercy offered through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ?
2. Do I repent of my sins and turn to Jesus as my personal Lord and Savior?
3. Do I believe that the bread and wine I receive is the true body and blood of Jesus, and not just a symbol of it?
4. Do I intend, with the help of God, to live a life that is pleasing to God?

We believe that your "yes" to these questions indicates a common faith with our Christian congregation and, therefore, we invite you to receive Holy Communion with us.

- The light-colored beverage in the center communion cups is non-alcoholic.
- Gluten free wafers are available. Just ask Pastor during distribution.
- Children and those not communing are welcomed to come forward for a blessing, but are not given communion until they have completed basic instruction classes on the Christian faith.

If you are unable to go to the altar, please let an usher know and the Pastor will bring the Lord's Supper to your pew. Please sit close to any of the three aisles in the church. Our Savior's wish is that all Christians receive His body and blood often.

Please see the Pastor following service if you have any questions.

Preparation for Communion

LSB 177

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also 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 necessary that we give thanks to you at all times and in all places, oh Lord our God. You sent Jesus from the glory of heaven into our lost world in order to save us. And through faith in Jesus we are waiting to share your glory for all eternity. For this reason, today we lift our voices to you and give glory to your name:

Sanctus

LSB 178

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of
 pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your
 glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is He who comes in the name
 of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Words of Our Lord

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 ✠ 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 ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

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.

Pax Domini

LSB 180

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

LSB 180



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, grant us peace.

Sit

Communion Hymns

Hymn: How Great Thou Art (LSB 801)



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won - der Con - sid - er
2 When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der, I hear the
3 But when I think that God, His Son not spar - ing, Sent Him to
4 When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion And take me



all the works Thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might - y
birds sing sweet - ly in the trees; When I look down from loft - y moun - tain
die, I scarce can take it in— That on the cross my bur - den glad - ly
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -



thun - der, Thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played;
gran - deur And hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;
bear - ing He bled and died to take a - way my sin;
ra - tion And there pro - claim: "My God, how great Thou art!"



Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to Thee, How great Thou



art! How great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to



Thee, How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

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Hymn: Beautiful Savior (LSB 537)



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 -



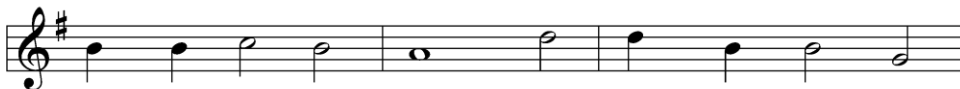
serve Thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
pur - er, He makes our sor - r'wing spir - it sing.
pur - er Than all the an - gels in the sky.
ra - tion Now and for - ev - er - more be Thine!

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Hymn: Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing (LSB 528)



1 Oh, for a thou - sand tongues to sing My
2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, As -
3 Je - sus! The name that charms our fears, That
4 He breaks the pow'r of can - celed sin; He



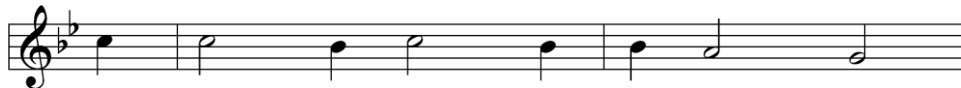
great Re - deem - er's praise, The glo - ries of my
sist me to pro - claim, To spread through all the
bids our sor - rows cease; 'Tis mu - sic in the
sets the pris - 'ner free. His blood can make the



God and King, The tri - umphs of His grace!
 earth a - broad, The hon - ors of Thy name.
 sin - ner's ears, 'Tis life and health and peace.
 foul - est clean; His blood a - vails for me.

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Hymn: O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair (LSB 413)



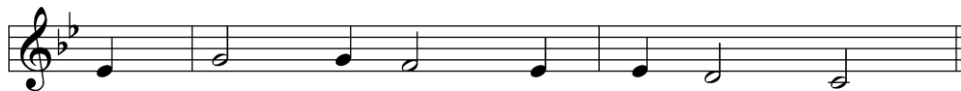
1 O won - drous type! O vi - sion fair
 2 With Mo - ses and E - li - jah
 3 With shin - ing face and bright ar - ray
 4 And faith - ful hearts are raised on high
 Δ 5 O Fa - ther, with the e - ter - nal Son



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.

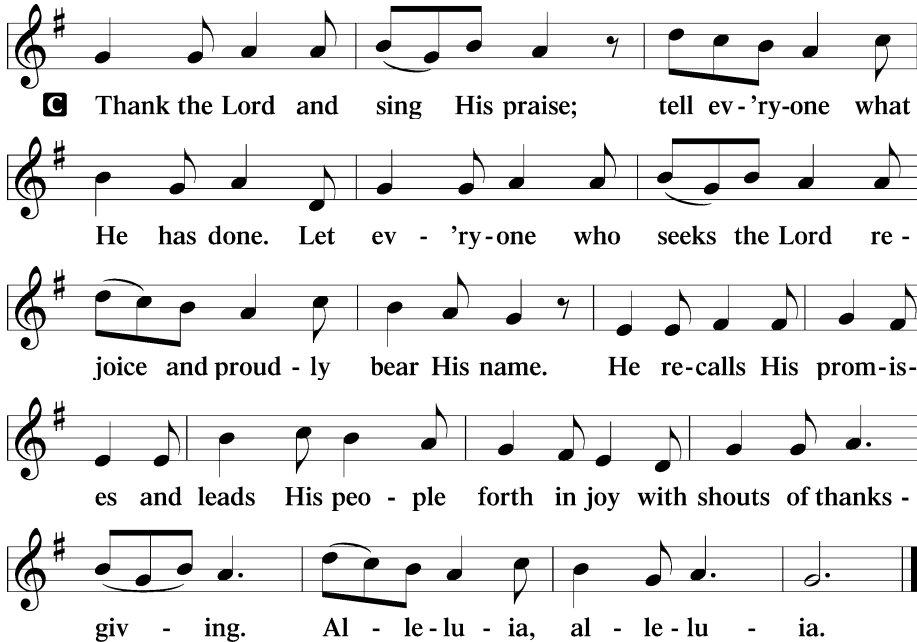
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After Communion:

Stand

Song after Communion

LSB 181



☐ Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what
He has done. Let ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re -
joice and proud - ly bear His name. He re-calls His prom-is-
es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks -
giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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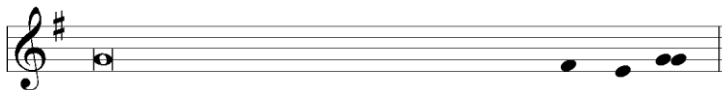
Closing Prayer

☐ Let us pray.

☑ **Lord God, you are the strength of those who hope in you. Be with us, we pray, and help us in our weakness. Guide us so that we can be different, so that we can become more and more like Jesus. In Jesus' own name we pray. Amen.**

Benediction

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☐ 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.



Closing Hymn To God Be the Glory (Make a Joyful Sound 46)

1. To God be the glory – great things he hath done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Refrain: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice!
Oh, come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
And give him the glory – great things he hath done!

2. Oh perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
To every believer the promise of God.
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives. (Refrain)
3. Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son.
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. (Refrain)

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Elder:	Russ DeWitt/David DeMartelaere
Acolyte:	Thomas Karl
Reader:	Russ DeWitt
Ushers:	Team #1

Prayer Ministry Philippians 4:6-7

Please call the church office @ 915-833-1009 to include a prayer request or update for the bulletin. If you have a prayer request or update for the prayer chain, please e-mail Jan Schlak at oveja6925@aol.com.

The passing of **Donna Welch** (sister of Candy Gebler), pray for peace and comfort for the Gelber and Welch family.

The passing of **Jeremiah Johnson** (nephew of David DeMartelaere), pray for peace and comfort for the Johnson family and for the DeMartelaere family.

The passing of **Marcy La Framboise** (friend of Connie Swinney), pray for peace and comfort for the Framboise family and for Connie.

Illness and Recovery:

Gilbert Provencio and Mary Lou Provencio (for peace and patience for both Gilbert and Mary Lou as they wait yet another month for Gilbert's procedure); **Diana and sister Dayna students where Mari teaches, orphaned and living with Aunt** (for protection and comfort in their loss); **Maddy, student where Mari teaches** (for safety from gang violence); **Ascension's housekeeping Lorena's daughter Alexa** (for Alexa's continued concussion recovery); **Andy Barber** (for pain relief radiating from neck to hands); **Bob Gallagher** (Praise God endoscopy revealed no cancer, for confirmation in pending biopsy); **Ruthy Pople** (for safe travels to join her family); **Kirstin Hervin, daughter of Mike & Christy Mielke**, (for treatment to keep Lupus under control); **Judith Morenos** (for continued recovery from COVID and improvement

at home; for comfort and strength for the family); **Dov Kupfer, our Sanctuary flower provider** (for encouragement, strength and resources to recover from condo fire); **Melissa Reddick, friend of Barbara Lewis diagnosed with inoperable cancer** (pray for a miracle, peace and comfort for her and her family); **Turner Allen** (Praises for successful knee surgery and for recovery); **Skipper Balgemann, brother of Maxx Balgemann** (for continued improvement and support, expect discharge 21 Jan); **Pastor Patten and Marilyn, who fell and broke her leg. She is at White Acres (Good Samaritan) in rehab.** (for healing for Marilyn and for strength and patience for both Pastor & Marilyn); **BJ Schwab** (Praise the Lord! Her recent thyroid biopsy came back benign); **Helen Weesner, friend of Maritza Schlak** (recovery from mini stroke); **Gloria Voge** (for successful therapy and strengthening of her legs with resulting better mobility); **Sophia, Lorena's mother, Concepcion Arellanes's, caregiver** (for cancer recovery); **Margaret Yeager** (complete recovery with no complications); **Aubrey McDermott** (15-year-old with MS in hospital due to stroke); **Ken McLennan** (pray for upcoming heart procedure and peace, patience, and strength for his wife); **Barb Spott** (for no further medical issues and for relief from vertigo); **Richard Neal, husband of Martha Neal** (recovery from stroke and for peace and strength for Richard and Martha); **Abigail Kailukatis, friend of Jan Schlak's daughter Elizabeth** (for effective treatment); **Lupita Burke, Ascension Preschool Teacher** (recovery from fracture); **Merle DeMartelaere, father of David DeMartelaere** (correct diagnosis and treatment for Edema and AFib); **David Kwiatkowski, friend of Connie Swinney** (recovery and treatment for brain cancer); **Elizabeth Hinson**, (for recovery from intestinal bug); **Jim Werner, brother of Elliott Werner** (successful treatment of and healing from cancer); **Brian Stickney** (recovery from cracked ribs); **Rebekah Livesay** (For healing and correct diagnosis); **Dick Seiders, father of Ron Seiders** (healing from cancer and recovery from hip surgery); **Mary Spott, Barb Spott's niece Keighley Spott's mother**, (heart related issues); **Ann Perdue** (relief from Osteoarthritis); **Amanda Bowser, friend of the Walker Family**, (recovery from cancer); **Sherri Pfeifer Wilson, niece of Vicki Pfeifer** (cancer); **Patty Jones, sister of Martha Neal** (stage 4 breast cancer); **Robert and Karin Gaudet**, (restoring relationships); **Sean Sweeney**, (brain tumor); **Laurie Sterling**, (colon cancer); **Bruce Walker**, (being treated for Parkinson's); **Coby Clark and family**, (continued cancer recovery); **Ryan Walker**, (cancer is in remission); **Mariella Kraus**, (cancer); **Kathy Kiphart, John Weiske, Linda Seiders.**

Praise and Thanksgiving:

Steve Wilmeth (Thanks be to God for successful cataract surgery);

Gretchen Schmalz's nephew 's son (Thanksgiving for Toronto plane crash safe survival);

Jean DeWitt (Thanks and Paise for good annual checkup results);

Marjy Brady (Becca called us this week stating she'll be staying in San Diego another 3 yrs at Balboa Naval Hospital following her Fellowship which ends in June. (She owes the Navy 6 more yrs!)) Thank you, Lord!;

If you have an update to the status of those on our prayer list, please contact Jan Schlak or the church office.

Ascension News & Notes



Marjy Brady

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Job Opening

Ascension has an open position for an administrative assistant to our pastor and other church staff members.

The position is part time, working five to six hours per day on Tuesdays through Fridays, though some flexibility of schedule may be required.



Anyone interested in this position can contact the church office by alc6520@swbell.net eMail .

Position details are posted on church website <https://alconnect.faith>

On Sunday Jan 26, we sang

"Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love."

We, the people of Ascension, demonstrated that when we collected \$260 in donations to help Dov Kupfer (our sanctuary flower supplier) to help recover from his condo fire and loss of flower supplies.

Thank you and God bless you for your generosity!

A Valentines card was provided with the gift:



28 Jan 25

Dov,

God is our refuge and
strength, an ever-present
help in trouble.

Psalm 46:1

I hope this helps you
during your time of
adversity.

Blessings,
The People of
Ascension

LCMS Youth Gathering

ENDURE

July 19-23, 2025; New Orleans, LA



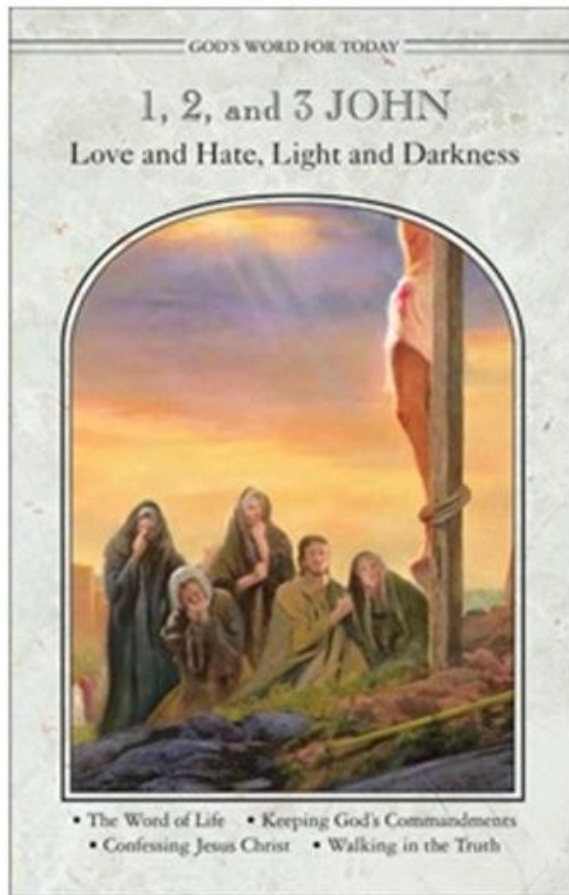
- Youth Gatherings celebrate the meaning of Christian joy in all of life's situations, including transitions and crisis.
- Youth Gatherings recognize and affirm the diversity of God's people.
- Participants **ENDURE** faithfully no matter what they encounter
- Participants cling to and share the good news of God's faithfulness in Christ that **ENDURES forever**

If interested contact the Pastor, David DeMartelaere, or Jacob Meraz for information and registration forms

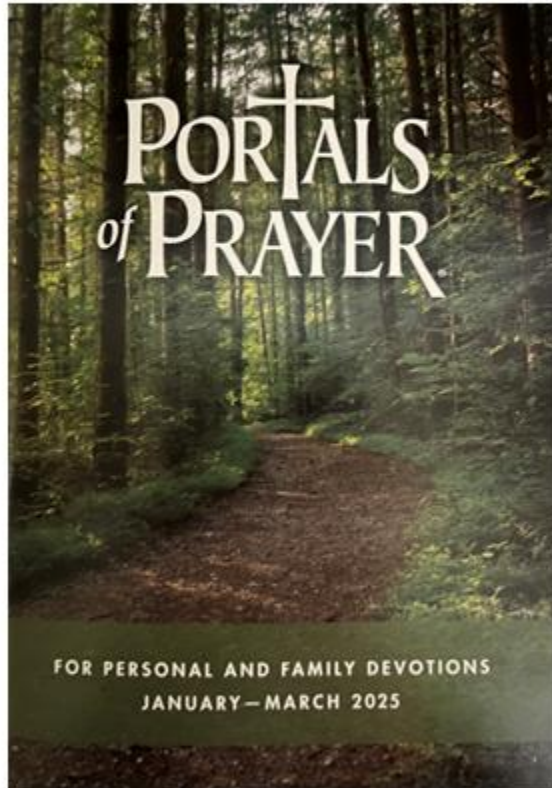
**The Thursday morning Bible study is studying 1, 2,3 John.
We meet at the church on Thursday mornings.**

We gather at 9:45 and begin the lesson at 10:00 and end at 11:00.

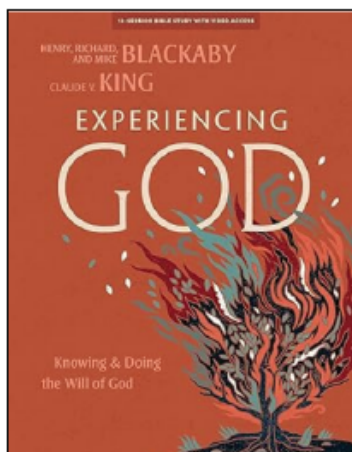
All women are welcome to join us as we study these 3 books. If you have any questions, contact Gretchen Schmalz or Jan Schlak.



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Tuesday Night Bible Study Winter 2025

- Time:** 6:30 p.m. gather, visit, share prayer requests
[Video rolls at 7 p.m.]
- Place:** *Via ZOOM!*
- Date:** First session is Tuesday, January 7, 2025
(proposed schedule below)
- Cost:** Order *Experiencing God* (with video access)
directly from Lifeway.com or Amazon.com

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By Henry T. Blackaby, Richard Blackaby, Mike Blackaby and Claude V. King

God is inviting you into an intimate love relationship through which He reveals to you His will, His ways, and His work. When you recognize where God is working, you can join Him in what He is doing. Carefully listening to His voice will anchor you in His plan and set you free to live it with boldness and freedom. Then you will experience God doing through you what only He can do.

Proposed Schedule:

Features:

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- Interactive teaching videos
(approximately 15-20 minutes per session)
- 12 group sessions (12 weeks of homework, optional)

Benefits:

- Stay connected with your sisters in Christ with weekly fellowship, encouragement and prayer from the comfort and convenience of your own home!

Date	Lesson #
Jan. 7, 2025	1
Jan. 14th	2
Jan. 21st	Break-Church Council Meeting
Jan. 28th	3
Feb. 4th	4
Feb. 11th	5
Feb. 18th	Break-Church Council Meeting
Feb. 25th	6
Mar. 4th	7
Mar. 11th	8
Mar. 18th	Break-Church Council Meeting
Mar. 25th	9
Apr. 1st	10
Apr. 8th	11
Apr. 15th	Break-Church Council Meeting
Apr. 22nd	12-Final Session
Apr. 29th	Dinner/Fellowship

Please RSVP your attendance to Anita Werner by December 31st (awerner@elp.rr.com)

**Please visit Lifeway.com or Amazon.com and
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prior to our first session.**

This Week @ Ascension

Sunday (March 2)

9:00 AM Sunday School and Adult Bible Study
10:00 AM Fellowship
10:30 AM Worship w/Communion
11:45 AM Confirmation Class



Monday (March 3)

Church Office Closed

Tuesday (March 4)

5:00 PM Board of Elders (FH)
6:30 PM Ladies Zoom Bible Class
6:45 PM Boy Scouts (FH)
7:00 PM Men's Bible Study (FH)

Wednesday (March 5)

11:00 AM Sit and Sew (FH)
6:00 PM Soup Supper
7:00 PM Ash Wednesday

Thursday (March 6)

9:45 AM Women's Bible Study (FH)
6:00 PM Choir Practice

Friday (March 7)

No Preschool Extended Care (FH)

Saturday (March 8)

