The Transfiguration of Our Lord February 11, 2024

Listen to Him

As We Gather - Within the pandemonium of the transfiguration, the voice speaks: "This is My beloved Son; listen to Him" (Mark 9:7). Moses is there and gone. Elijah is there and gone. The disciples are with Him on the mount and then head down into the valley. But the glory of the Lord will not depart. It will remain: lifted high upon the cross, revealed in the empty tomb, and placed upon the followers of Jesus. It is the Word that endures forever, the Word made flesh, and the Word who speaks through the voice of Scripture. The call remains: "Listen to Him."

Offering and Registry of Worship Cards: Please fill out a Registry of Worship Card found in the pew racks. We ask that you print the names of every person in your family, indicating if they take communion. One side of the card is for members and the other side for guests. As the offering is collected, pass the cards to the center aisle so our ushers can gather them.

Saturday Worship: Offerings and Worship Cards will be received in the offering plates at the rear of the church either upon entering or when leaving. Thank you for your gift to the work of the Lord.

About Protecting the Healthy: To protect yourself and others from COVID-19 and other infectious respiratory diseases, individuals may choose to mask at any time. Appropriate hand washing by everyone is encouraged. People with symptoms of an infectious illness are highly encouraged to stay home. Symptoms include fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, and diarrhea. Thank you for helping to keep everyone healthy as we receive God's gifts in worship.

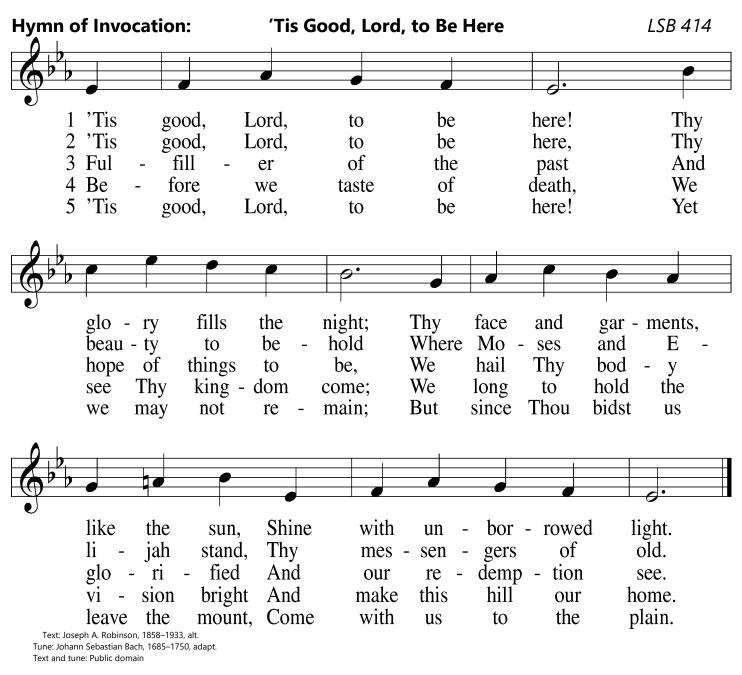
GENERALLY, BE MINDFUL, NOT FEARFUL.

Prelude and Meditation: Before worship we talk to God (see prayers on page 308 in the hymnal); during worship God talks to us; after worship we talk to one another.

Prelude:

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS The Greeting and Sharing of Peace (stand)

PREPARATION



Baptism: (Saturday Only)

Invocation

■ In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

- **P** The King in His might loves justice.
- **G** You have established equity; You have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

Psalm 99:4, 9

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- **P** Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at His holy mountain;
- **G** for the LORD our God is holy!

Silence for reflection.

- Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. We flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.
- Almighty God has had mercy upon you and has given His only Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. In the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I, a called and ordained servant of the Word, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. He who began this good work within you will bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
 Amen.

WORD



The LORD reigns; let the peoples | tremble!* He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the | earth quake!

The LORD is great in | Zion;* he is exalted over all the | peoples.

Let them praise your great and | awesome name!* Ho- | ly is he!

The King in his might loves | justice.*

You have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

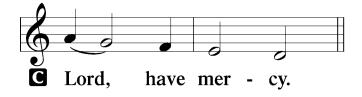
Exalt the LORD our God; worship at his | footstool!* Ho- | ly is he!

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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.
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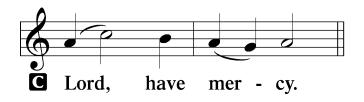
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Kyrie

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

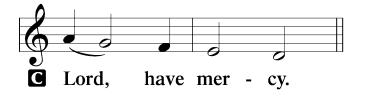


P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

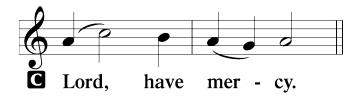


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P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



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



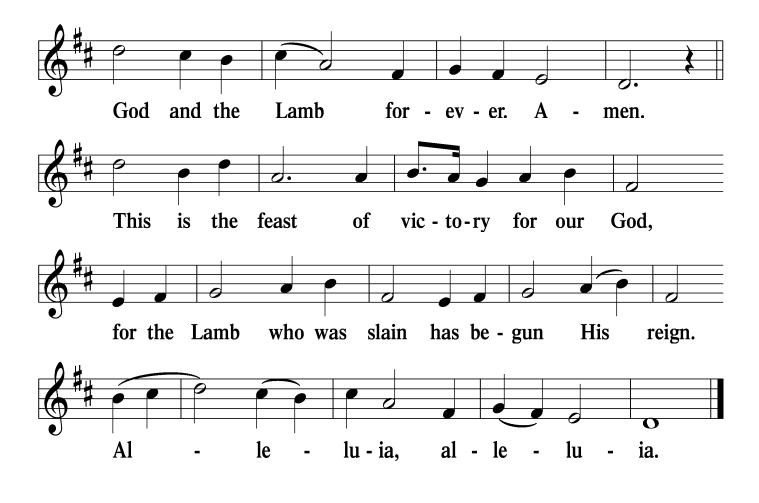
P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



This Is the Feast

P This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.





Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.

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

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

²⁹When 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. ³⁰Aaron and all the people of Israel saw Moses, and behold, the skin of his face shone, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹But Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses talked with them. ³²Afterward all the people of Israel came near, and he commanded them all that the LORD had spoken with him in Mount Sinai. ³³And when Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face.

³⁴Whenever 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, ³⁵the 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.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Epistle

2 Corinthians 3:12–18; 4:1–6

¹²Since we have such a hope, we are very bold, ¹³not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face so that the Israelites might not gaze at the outcome of what was being brought to an end. ¹⁴But their minds were hardened. For to this day, when they read the old covenant, that same veil remains unlifted, because only through Christ is it taken away. ¹⁵Yes, to this day whenever Moses is read a veil lies over their hearts. ¹⁶But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. ¹⁷Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

¹Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. ²But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. ³And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled only to those who are perishing. ⁴In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of

the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

Mark 9:2–9

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

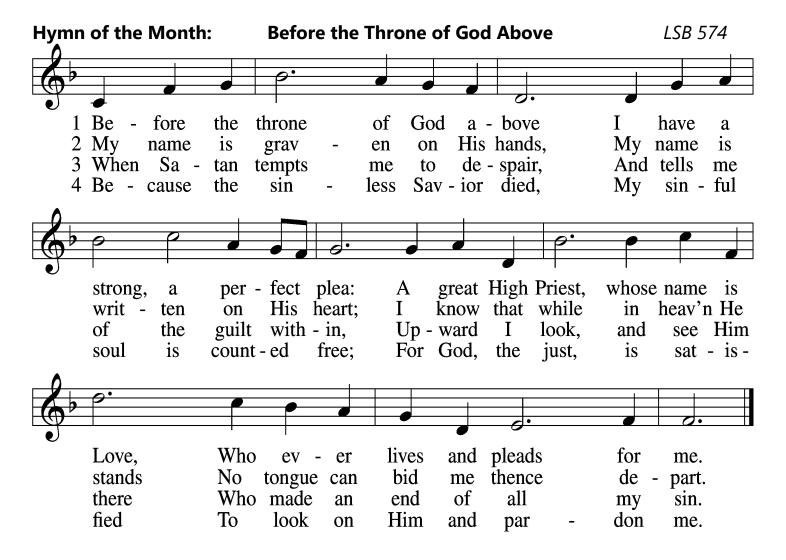
Glory to You, O Lord.

²After six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. ⁵And Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." ⁶For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is my beloved Son; listen to him." ⁸And suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them but Jesus only.

⁹And as they were coming down the mountain, he charged them to tell no one what they had seen, until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to You, O Christ.



 5 Behold Him there! The risen Lamb! My perfect, spotless righteousness, The great unchangeable I AM, The King of glory and of grace!

 At one with Him, I cannot die, My soul is purchased by His blood; My life is hid with Christ on high, With Christ, my Savior and my God.
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Sermon:

"Lifting the Veil" Exodus 34:29-35 **Apostles' Creed**

G 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. 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.

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.

Prayer of the Church

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

For the eyes to see, ears to hear, and faith to believe Christ is the glory of the Father who has accomplished salvation by fulfilling the Law and the prophets for us; Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

For the Church, where the glory of God shines through the voice of His Word and by the sacraments of Christ, and for our life together in the unity of this Word believed and this Gospel proclaimed; Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

For the pastors who preach the glory of the cross and the church workers who serve us in Christ's name and for those preparing for church work; Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

- For the faded glory of the world, of nations in conflict, of the victims of violence and hate, and of the inequities of our broken world and for those who serve us on every level of government; Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.

- For those afflicted in mind or body, those bearing the pain of grief or loss, and for the dying, [*especially*...], and for comfort, peace, healing, and faith to sustain them in their trouble; Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- For each of us that we may shine with the borrowed light of Christ, displaying in words and works the love that Christ has manifested toward us; Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- P For our wisdom in the face of falsehood, our strength in the face of temptation, and our courage in the face of threat and persecution; Lord, in Your mercy,
- **G** hear our prayer.
- For faithful worship where Christ and His gifts are the center of why we gather and all we do and for grace to receive His gifts with faith and repentance; Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- For this altar and those who commune here and for our unity of faith, our fellowship as the baptized, and our witness and service to others in Christ's name; Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.

Additional petitions may be inserted here.

- Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- **C** Amen.
- **P** Peace be with you.
- **C** And also with you.

The congregation may greet one another in peace.

Choir Anthem: (Sunday) "Song of Transfiguration" Gathering of Our Tithes and Offerings (Sunday)

Registry of Worship Cards (Sunday) – Please pass your completed cards to the center aisle.

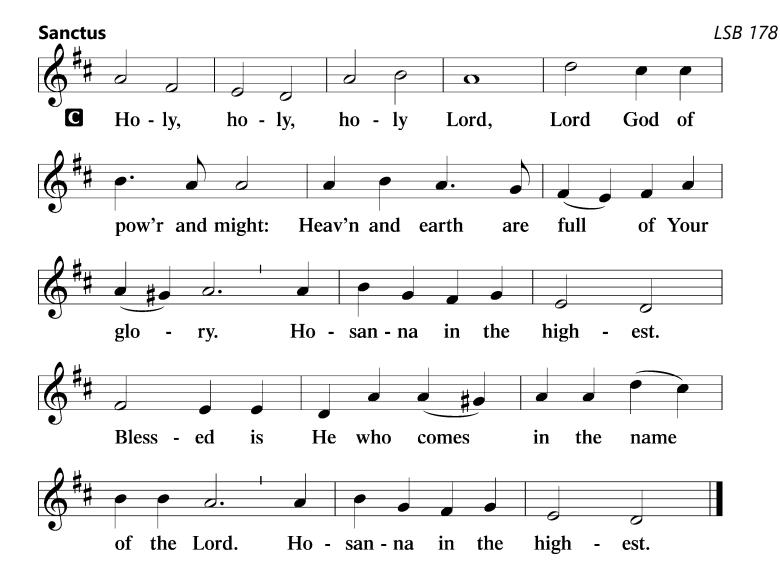
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Preface



Proper Preface

It is truly good, 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 singing:



Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

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."

Proclamation of Christ

- As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- **G** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Lord's Prayer

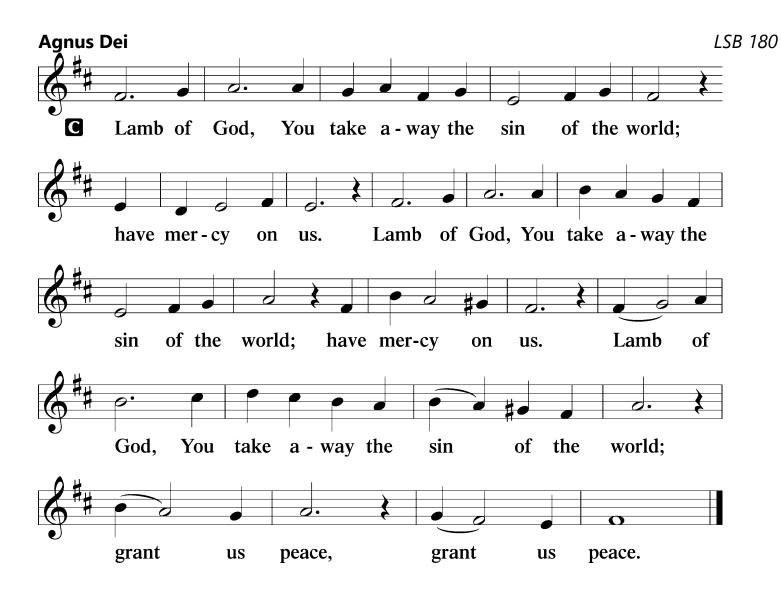
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Pax Domini

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P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

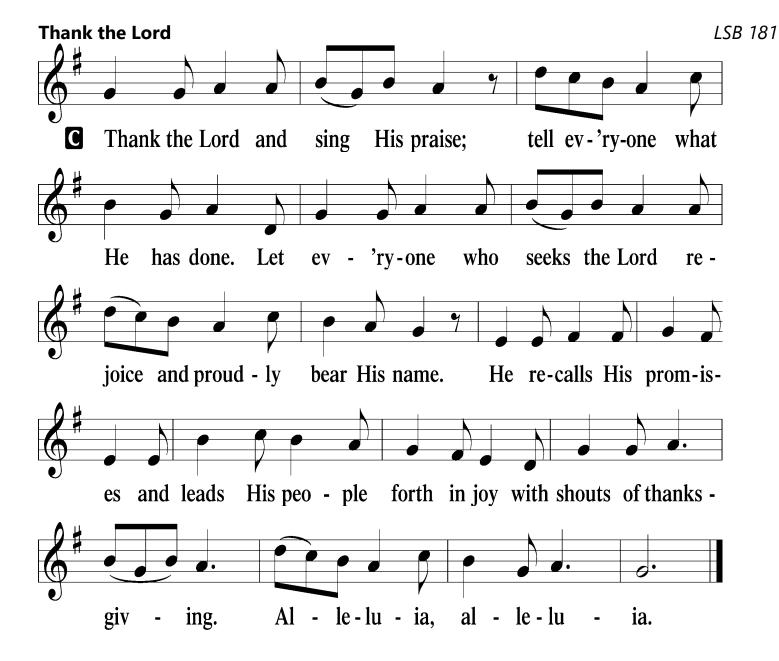




Distribution:

Distribution Hymns (Sunday)

LSB 537 Beautiful Savior LSB 821 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus



Litany on Alleluia

- P "Alleluia," said the prophets of old;
- **C** Christ is coming; prepare His way.
- P "Alleluia," said angels and shepherds;
- **C** Christ is born; the Word made flesh is come to earth.
- P "Alleluia," said the Magi from the East;
- **C** Christ is King; bow down in worship and bring offerings to Him.
- P "Alleluia," said the Baptizer John;
- **C** Christ is here; the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
- P "Alleluia," said the servants and disciples;
- **C** Christ is Lord; revealed clearly in water changed to wine.
- P "Alleluia," said the people;
- **C** Christ is Messiah; fulfilled of God's promise and the prophets' word.
- P "Alleluia," said the fishermen;
- **C** Christ is Master; follow Him and fish for men.
- P "Alleluia," said the sick and suffering;
- **C** Christ is healer; trust Him for healing and hope in Him for life brand new.
- P "Alleluia," said the students;
- **C** Christ is teacher; listen to His word and wisdom.
- P "Alleluia," said Moses and Elijah;
- **C** Christ is God; the Light of Light has come to shine on us the love from on high.
- P "Alleluia," said the apostles, standing on the mountain high;
- **C** Christ is shining; in this glory let us stay.

- P "Alleluia," said the Savior, "Christ means suffering";
- **O** Down the mount the Lord must go and meet the death that awaits Him in the valley below.
- P "Alleluia," bids the Savior, "follow Me and be not afraid";
- Christ reveals greater glory hidden in the cross and grave; there we find salvation's story and there we find the hope which saves.

Benedicamus

- **P** Let us bless the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

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.





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LEADING AND ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Pastor	Pastor Christopher Hazzard
Organist	Elena Miraztchiyska

Saturday

Elder	Keith Kallstrom
Lector	
Audio	Lee Crapo/Robin Fox/Taniqua Jackson

Sunday	
Elder	Lee Crapo
Lector	
Greeter	
Audio	Kyle Welch
Video	Video TD: Kris Welch
	GFX/ Stream: Robin Fox
Altar Guild	Gwen Snook and Helen Borgwardt

LEADING AND ASSISTING IN WORSHIP <u>NEXT SUNDAY</u>

Pastor	Pastor Christopher Hazzard
Organist	Elena Miraztchiyska
Elder	Steve Rosane
Lector	Ki Kaniecki
Greeter	
Audio	Maria Hazzard
Video	Video TD: Josiah Hazzard
	GFX: / Stream: Andrea Hazzard
Altar Guild	Gwen Snook and Helen Borgwardt

ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS FROM LAST WEEK

Saturday Worship Attendance	
Sunday Worship Attendance	
Envelope and Loose Plate Offerings	\$0
Simply Giving/Vanco	\$0
Paypal Offerings	\$0
Website (ShareFaith)	\$0
Total of Offerings Received	\$0
Misc. Income, Memorials and Special Gifts	\$0

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH - Transfiguration of Our Lord – We proclaim not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord (2 Corinthians 4:5) of body and sexuality. We proclaim not personal choice, but Jesus Christ as Lord of marriage and procreation. We proclaim not popular opinion, but Jesus Christ as Lord of hurts and healing. We proclaim not political debate, but Jesus Christ as Lord of life and death. Listen to Him who makes us beloved children of God (Mark 9:7).

FLOWER SPONSOR – No Flower Sponsor this week.

BULLETIN SPONSOR – No Bulletin Sponsors this week.

FELLOWSHIP HOUR (SUNDAY) – Team 6 is serving today; team 1 will serve next week. Everyone is invited. There is no charge and a freewill offering is voluntary.

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY TODAY – Today, February 11th is Souper Bowl Sunday. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall for a variety of different soups.

COUNCIL MEETING – The Church Council will meet this Monday, February 12th, at 6:30 pm.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE - Ash Wednesday Service will be at 6:30pm this week. This will begin our season of Lent. Service times will be at 6:30 pm each Wednesday. The Lenten theme this year is "Guided to the Cross". The pastors of the Winter Haven Circuit will once again join in a round robin during the season.

MARY MARTHA FASHION SHOW CANCELLED – On behalf of Mary Martha, I would like to apologize for the cancellation of the Fashion Show for February 10th. Due to reasons beyond our control, we simply couldn't pull it off! Everyone who purchased tickets will be given refunds. Perhaps in the future, we will try again! Charlotte Mantz, President

BABY BOTTLE DRIVE RESULTS – Thank you for your generosity! The total from our congregation was \$1,400.

SERVICE FOR BARBARA BOLTON – Graveside services will be held at 2pm, February 21st at Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell. In lieu of flowers the family asks that you consider donations to either TGH Foundation, memo: Help a Heart Foundation #43520, P.O. Box 1289, Tampa, FL 33601, enclose a note; In Honor of Barbara Bolton or to Christ Lutheran Church in honor of Barbara Bolton.

HOT DOG CONCESSIONS SIGN-UP – A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board for Volunteers for Christ Lutheran Church Hot Dog Concessions Stand for the Tigers Baseball Spring Training. The training games are in February and March. Please put your name and telephone number on the sheet. We will contact you for days you will be available. Many hands make light of work. Sign up now to make sure your days are reserved. Any questions, please contact John Freer at 863-660-6438 or Charlene Rosane at 863-660-1689.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – There will be a congregational meeting next Sunday, February 18th, after service.

MARY MARTHA QUILTERS – The Mary Martha Quilters meet each Tuesday morning from 10 AM – Noon. Anyone who would like to join them is welcomed.

SATURDAY LECTORS NEEDED – If you would be willing to volunteer to serve as a lector during the Saturday Service, please contact the church office at 682-7802.

UNUSED HEARING AIDS: Unused hearing aids can be donated. Place them in the Munz mailbox in the church mailroom. Pastor Jerry Munz collects them and takes them to the Lakeland Hearing Center. If you want a tax receipt be sure to ask Pastor Jerry to get one for you.

DREAM CENTER VOLUNTEERS – Volunteers are needed to help check- in and sort items here at Christ Lutheran for the Dream Center. Please see or contact Robin Fox at 863-513-4774 to schedule a day and time to volunteer.

RECIPES WANTED - Mary Martha is collecting favorite recipes for the Church Cookbook. If you have a favorite recipe and would be willing to share it, please write it legibly, sign your name on it and put it in the box located in the Narthex. There is no limit to number of recipes you can submit.

CHECK YOUR MAILBOX – Please check your mailbox in the narthex.

CHURCH DIRECTORY – For those that are not aware, our church member directory is now available online. Please see the flyer sheets in the narthex for more information or email Kim Kaniecki at <u>stewardship@clclakeland.org</u>.

TRUSTEE VOLUNTEER DAY – Every Tuesday from 9 am – 1 pm. If you would like to help with the various needs of the church, come join us. A job, whether large or small can be found to help with. If you notice something you think needs attention, come let us know. Thanks for helping.

GREETERS NEEDED – Volunteers are needed to be Greeters in the Narthex to welcome guest and members as they enter for service. If you are interested, please sign up on the sign-up sheet on the Bulletin Board.

NAMETAGS – We would like to encourage all our members to please wear their nametags to church. If you can't find your nametag or don't have one, please sign-up for one on the bulletin board in the Narthex of the church.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER - Mark 9:6 – "For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified." Soon enough, the disciples' terror turned into joy, for when Jesus is with us, there is no need to fear. He loves us and cares for us and will never abandon us. That assurance is the basis of all generosity — for only those who are set free from worry can learn the joy of giving.

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST LUTHERAN

Monday	Council Meeting @ 6:30 pm
Tuesday	Trustee Workday @ 9 am
	Quilters @ 10 am
Wednesday	Dream Center @ Christ Lutheran
	Private Communion @ 1:30 – 2:30 pm
	Ash Wednesday Service @ 6:30 pm
	NO Jr. Confirmation
	Choir @ 7:30 pm
	In Person & Zoom Bible Study @ 10 am
Friday	Church Office closed, Pastor's Day Off
Saturday	Bible Study @ 4 pm
	Worship @ 5:30 pm
Sunday	Bible Study @ 8:30 am
	Worship Service @ 10 am
	Congregational Meeting