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March 2, 2025

8AM and 10:30AM Worship

Transfiguration Sunday with Communion

Awakening joyful service guided by our still speaking God!

please stand as you are able; **bold print - congregational response*

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TIME OF SHARING/GREETING

PRELUDE MUSIC – “Be Thou My Vision” - Byrne

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

All of us, with unveiled faces are being transformed from one degree of glory to another. This comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

**During this time of worship,
may we find our next step in glory together.**

***HYMN #182 “We Have Come at Christ’s Own Bidding”**

***PRAYER**

Holy God, present in our midst yet beyond all comprehension,
by your light, we see light; by your healing, we are made whole;
by your mercy, we know your greatness.

**Turn your gaze upon our weakness and show us the way of your love
that we may live life with unveiled faces, through Jesus Christ, who
lives and reigns with you and the Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

***RESPONSE TO PRAYER #584 “I Am the Light of the World” (Refrain)
“I am the light of the world! You people come & follow me!” If you follow
and love you’ll learn the mystery of what you were meant to do and be.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful and gracious God, we bow before your unending compassion,
the measure of our falling short. We have not loved as you command.**

**We have not spoken truly. We do not care for creation, including
ourselves, according to your will. What we intend, we have not pursued.**

**What we mean to avoid, we embrace. Help us to know the mind
of Christ, that in all thoughts, words, and deeds,
our lives might come to honor you. Amen**

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

KYRIE #750

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

ANTHEM

“In the Valley Flows a River”

D. Nolan and P. Martin

Senior Choir

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Psalm 99 (Responsive) *(Insert)*

GOSPEL

Luke 9:28-42

SERMON

“Spotlight Savior”

PRAYER/LORD’S PRAYER

HYMN #160 “**Jesus, the Light of the World**” *(Remain Seated)*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(Insert)*

*CELEBRATION OF OUR GIFTS

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE #584 “**I Am the Light of the World**” *(Refrain)*
***“I am the light of the world! You people come and follow me!” If you follow
and love you’ll learn the mystery of what you were meant to do and be.***

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**O Lord! Use us, and these gifts to establish justice, righteousness,
and equity, for the good of your people and your Realm. Amen**

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

(Our table is open & wide! All are invited to commune. We use gluten free bread & grape juice)

INVITATION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy God, we praise you for your love:

Bringing order out of chaos,

Breathing life into dust,

Leading captives into freedom,

Consuming false idols with holy fire.

Calling wondering children home,

Giving bread to the hungry and drink to the thirsty, raising the dead to live. Therefore, we join our voices with the saints and angels and all the faithful of every time and place, singing.

#778 “Eat This Bread”

***Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and never be hungry
Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.***

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

We give you thanks that on the night before he died,
the Lord Jesus, took the bread, and after giving thanks to you,
He broke it and gave it to his disciples.

Take, eat, this is my body, given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way Jesus took the cup, saying,
**This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for
the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, think of me.**

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

(Please come forward as the Usher directs you. We will form a semi-circle around the Communion Table. You will be served the bread first, then the cup. After we commune, the pastor will offer a benediction. You will leave the chancel area, placing your cups in the tray provided & return to your seat.)

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**We give you thanks, God, that you have refreshed us at your table
by granting us the presence of Christ. Strengthen our faith,
increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world
in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

***HYMN #86 “When Morning Guilds the Skies”**

***FINAL BLESSING**

***POSTLUDE**

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Psalm 99 (Responsive)

The LORD is king; let the peoples tremble!

He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

² The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.

³ **Let them praise your great and awesome name. Holy is he!**

⁴ **Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity;
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.**

⁵ Extol the LORD our God; worship at his footstool. Holy is he!

⁶ Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel also
was among those who called on his name.

They cried to the LORD, and he answered them.

⁷ **He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud;**

they kept his decrees and the statutes that he gave them.

⁸ **O LORD our God, you answered them; you were a forgiving
God to them but an avenger of their wrongdoings.**

⁹ Extol the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain,
for the LORD our God is holy.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We believe in God,

the creator of all things,

the giver of life and breath.

We believe in Jesus Christ,

born Emmanuel, God with us,

baptized and revealed the most beloved Son of God;

he sought to heal humanity

by taking our brokenness upon himself,

suffering for us, dying for us

and being raised from the dead for our sake

and for the sake of all the world.

We believe that he will come again.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

continually poured out refreshing our lives,

leading us into a new day,

ever-birthing the church,

the body of Christ in the world.

This Spirit is our soul companion and counselor of truth

reminding us of the gift of faith,

the ever presence of God

and the promise of eternal life.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

182 We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding

Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1988

1. We have come at Christ's own bidding
to this high and ho-ly place,
Where we wait with hope and long-ing
for some to-ken of God's grace.
Here we pray for new as-sur-ance
that our faith is not in vain,
Search-ing like those first dis-ci-ples
for a sign both clear and plain.
2. Light breaks through our clouds and shad-ows,
splen-dor bathes the flesh-joined Word,
Mo-ses and E-li-jah mar-vel
as the heav-enly voice is heard.
Eyes and hearts be-hold with won-der
how the Law and Proph-ets meet:
Christ with gar-ments drenched in bright-ness,
stands trans-fig-ured and com-plete.
3. Strength-ened by this glimpse of glo-ry,
fear-ful lest our faith de-cline,
We, like Pe-ter, find it tempt-ing
to re-main and build a shrine.
But true wor-ship gives us cour-age
to pro-claim what we pro-fess,
That our dai-ly lives may prove us
peo-ple of the God we bless.

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Matt. 17:1-8; Mark 9:2-8; Luke 9:28-36

Katholisches Gesangbuch, 1828

Transl. Edward Caswall, 1854; alt.

1. When morn-ing gilds the skies,
my heart a-wak-ing cries,
may Je-sus Christ be praised!
A-like at work and prayer,
one pur-pose I de-clare:
may Je-sus Christ be praised!
2. New strength comes night or day
when from the heart we say,
may Je-sus Christ be praised!
Let sin and e-vil fear,
when this sweet chant they hear:
may Je-sus Christ be praised!
3. Dis-cor-dant hu-man-kind,
in this your con-cord find,
may Je-sus Christ be praised!
Let all the earth a-round
ring joy-ous with the sound:
may Je-sus Christ be praised!
4. Be this, while life is mine,
my can-ti-cle di-vine,
may Je-sus Christ be praised!
Be this the e-ter-nal song,
through all the a-ges long:
may Je-sus Christ be praised!

(Jesus, the Light of the World)

Charles Wesley, 1739; alt.; adapt. George D. Elderkin; alt.

1. Hark! the her-ald an-gels sing,
Je-sus, the light of the world;
Glo-ry to the Christ-child bring,
Je-sus, the light of the world.

Refrain:

We will fol-low the light, beau-ti-ful light,
come where the dew-drops of mer-cy are bright,
Shine all a-round us by day and by night,
Je-sus, the light of the world.

2. Joy-ful, all you saints a-rise,
Je-sus, the light of the world;
Join the tri-umph of the skies,
Je-sus, the light of the world.

Refrain:

3. Christ, by high-est heaven a-dored,
Je-sus, the light of the world;
Christ, the ev-er-last-ing Word,
Je-sus, the light of the world.

Refrain:

4. Hail the Bear-er of God's peace!
Je-sus, the light of the world;
Hail the Sun of righ-teous-ness!
Je-sus, the light of the world.

Refrain: