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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

During the Prayers of Intercession, you are invited to add your own prayer(s) either in speech or in silence. You may wish to use this insert to write down your prayer(s) which you may then offer aloud during that time. If you wish to have your prayers added to the Prayer of the Church during the coming weeks, please remove and place this card in the offering plate.

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

February 19th, 2023 ✚ 10:15 a.m.

Today's festival is a bridge between the Advent-Christmas-Epiphany cycle that comes to a close today and the Lent-Easter cycle that begins in several days. On a high mountain Jesus is revealed as God's beloved Son, echoing the words at his baptism. This vision of glory sustains us as Jesus faces his impending death in Jerusalem. We turn this week to Ash Wednesday and our yearly baptismal journey from Lent to Easter. Some churches put aside the alleluia at the conclusion of today's liturgy. This word of joy will be omitted during the penitential season of Lent and will be sung again at Easter.

HOLY COMMUNION *EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP*

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE

*WELCOME AND ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father and of + the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Let us come into the light of Christ, confessing our need for God's mercy.
A brief silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

Holy and faithful God,
we so often choose our own way instead of yours. We think we can evade your commandments. We have spoken in ways that injure, strayed with our hearts, betrayed friends, and hated enemies. We have broken our promises. Search us deeply and create us anew. Lift the heavy burden of our sin and free us to follow your way of life. Amen

“Call upon me,” says the Lord, “and I will answer.” God has come among us to loose every bond and set us free from all that weighs us down. Receive the forgiveness of all your sins in the name of + Jesus Christ, our crucified and risen Savior. **Amen**

- 1 Dazzling presence on the mountain:
human eye had never seen
such a wonder, such resplendence,
heav'n and earth in cloud convene.
"This is my Son, the beloved,"
thund'rous voice from cloud exclaimed.
Word made flesh to heal creation,
to disciples God proclaimed.**
- 2 From this mount of mystic splendor
to the cross Christ presses on;
here no Moses nor Elijah,
only thieves Christ's wings adorn.
"Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy,"
was one's penitential sigh.
With transfiguring assurance,
Christ rejoins his fervent cry.**
- 3 From the heights of new creation,
Christ beholds his world, redeemed;
as with Peter and companions,
brings us now to sights unseen.
Justice, mercy, and compassion:
these the booths he bids us build,
that the earth he loves may flourish
as each life with grace is filled.**
- 4 Let our praise ring from each mountain,
into deepest valleys pour,
where, with lives of grateful service,
we adore Christ evermore.
To the Son, God's own beloved,
and the Spirit endlessly,
may the church's praise be lifted
to the blessed Trinity.**

***GREETING**

The boundless grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the light of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray. O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

WORD

God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING

Exodus 24:12-18

At Mount Sinai, Moses experienced the presence of God for forty days and forty nights. The "glory of the Lord" settled on the mountain, and on the seventh day God called out to Moses. On the mountain God gave Moses the stone tablets inscribed with the Ten Commandments.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

2 Peter 1:16-21

At the transfiguration, God's voice was heard, declaring Jesus to be the beloved Son. By the activity of the Holy Spirit, God's voice continues to be heard through the words of Scripture.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

ELW 172

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew...
Glory to you, O Lord.

Shortly before he enters Jerusalem, where he will be crucified, Jesus is revealed to his disciples in a mountaintop experience of divine glory called the transfiguration.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

*CREED

God has made us his people through our baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen**

*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Guided by the light of Christ, who has been made known to the nations, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

God of glory and grace, you call us to wait upon your name. Give your church on earth the strength and patience to be the people you would have us be. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You created mountains and hills, caverns and valleys. Help us to be good stewards of the heights and depths of your creation. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Raise up leaders in this day with wisdom like Moses, so that all will know your peace and justice. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You provide us with mercy and love through your beloved Son. Shine the light of his love to heal the sick, feed the hungry, and comfort the grieving. Be with all who suffer, especially... . Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You raise up your children and counsel us not to be afraid. Help this community of faith to be fearless in proclaiming the gospel. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Other prayers may be offered here in speech or silence.

Holy Spirit, keep us in your care until you gather us with all the saints from every time and place in the company of our sovereign God, remembering especially... Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Radiant God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the One who has made his dwelling among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior.
Amen

*PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

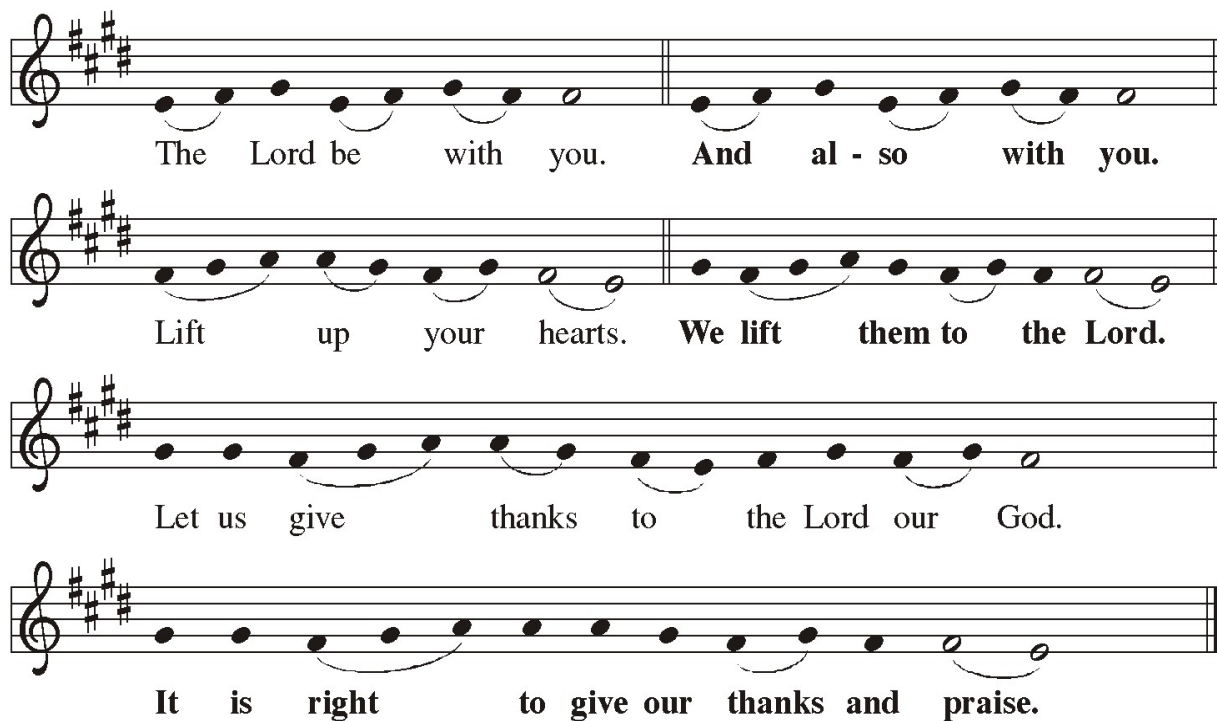
MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. Good and loving God, we rejoice in the birth of Jesus, who came among the poor to bring the riches of your grace. As you have blessed us with your gifts, let them be blessing for others. With the trees of the field, with all earth and heaven, we shout for joy at the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

*DIALOGUE



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

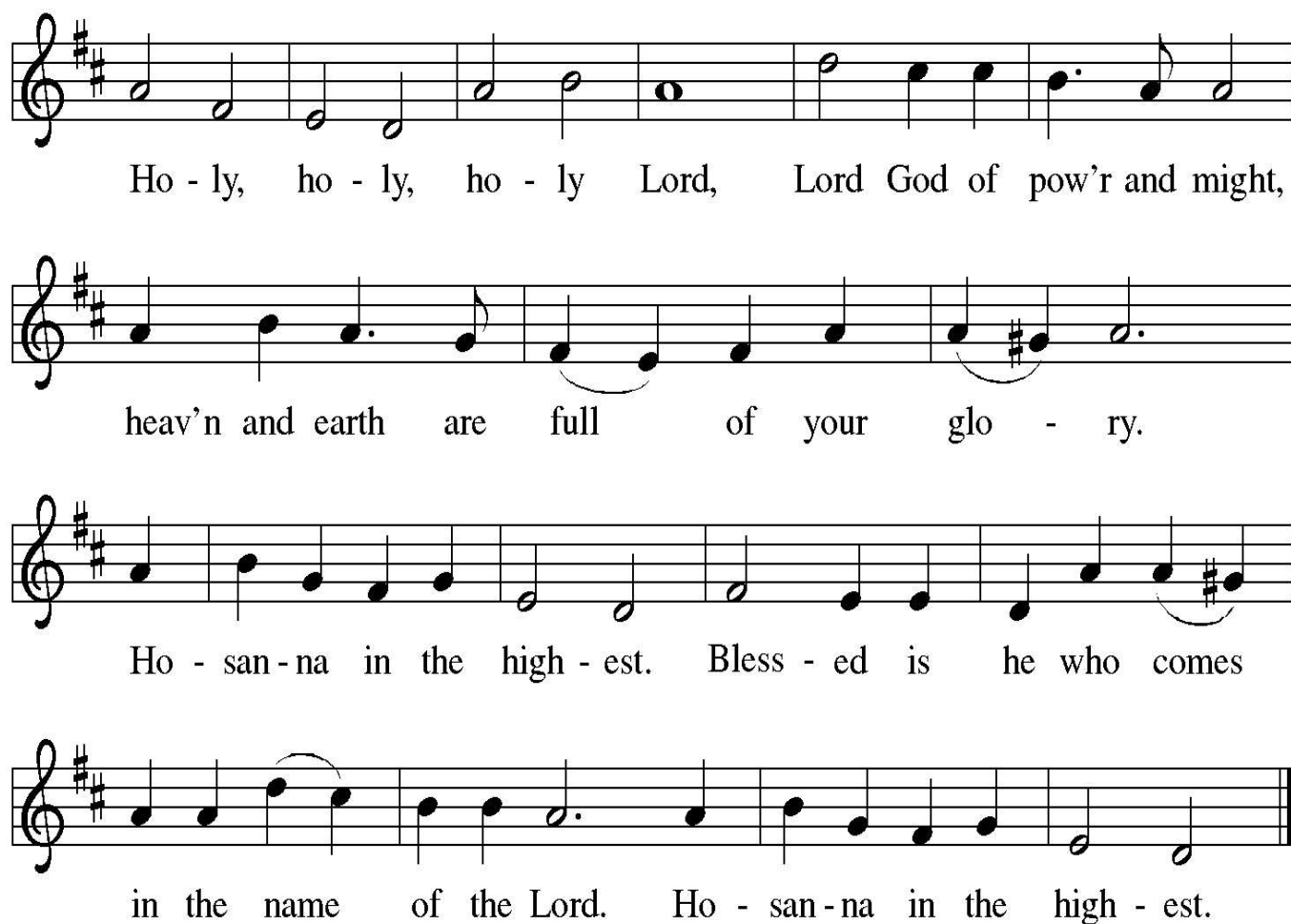
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*PREFACE FOR TRANSFIGURATION

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who, sharing our life, lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to your own brilliant light. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



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.

*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen**

***LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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**

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

We who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread. Come. Be filled with light and life.

DISTRIBUTION

*BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. O Morning Star, fair and bright, you have refreshed us again with heavenly food. You are our dearest treasure. Go with us now—today, tomorrow, every day—that we tell the story of your never-ending love and sing your praise both now and forever. **Amen**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

*BLESSING

The God of glory dwell in you richly,
name you beloved,
and shine brightly on your path;
and the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen**

*SENDING HYMN

Alleluia, Song of Gladness

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*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

SERVING IN THE LITURGY

PREACHING AND PRESIDING MINISTER

Rev. Philip Lund

ASSISTING MINISTER

Vicki Michaels

MUSIC MINISTER

David Richards

SERVICE LEADER

Carrie Watkiss

LECTOR

Carrie Watkiss

GREETERS

John and Shirley Kostelny

LIVE STREAM

Charles Matthies

USHER

John Kostelny

ALTAR CARE AND SACRISTAN

Janice Hapgood

PRAYER LIST

Members of the Congregation: Anne Gavac, Helen Gaydusek, Karole Gaydusek, Elaine Haase, Anita Horak, Luddy Kovalsky, Mildred Mendel, Lois Mika, Beverly Podzamsky, George Pagurko, Mildred Riban, Mary Sasuta and Mary Sordel

Friends and Relatives of the Congregation: Kelly Alvey, Wally Bisping, Ellen Bailey, Dan and Mary Costello, Eric Dennison, Denise Fricano, Bill Holmes, Ron Kelly, Nicole Kisiel, Rev. James Kuemmerle, Lenyce Lawrenson, Delores Linden, Darlene Loughlin, Michele Mason, Donald Neal, Julie Patron, Pat Pileggi, Alice Puglise, Gail Purcell, Sue Renville, Sandy Rossella, Elaine Sorich, Peter Spilotro, Gertrude Tarbox, Janie Tarbox, Tom Thoreson, Mark Van Scharrel and Mike Yavorski.

Thank you to **Rev. Philip Lund** for serving as the preaching and presiding minister at the liturgy this morning. Pastor Dennis and Jane and family are attending the 175th Anniversary of **Lake View Lutheran Church** in Chicago and the final worship service of that congregation in its current facility. The Lake View congregation is collaborating with Over the Rainbow Association to construct a six-story, mixed-use development of 37 dwelling units and ground-floor religious assembly space to be completed in the summer of 2025. The apartments will be disability-accessible affordable rental units. Pastor Dennis served Lake View Lutheran Church from 1991-99.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers at the Lord's Table today are given in memory of beloved father +**Eugene Gana**+ on the anniversary of his death by loving daughter Adrienne Gana.



Ash Wednesday, February 22nd
Liturgy of Holy Communion with
Imposition of Ashes
at 7:15 p.m.

Lenten Vespers and Supper
every Thursday in Lent, March 2nd thru March 30th.
Vespers (Evening Prayer) is sung at 7:00 p.m.,
preceded by Supper at 6:00.

*Sanctuary opens one half hour before Evening Prayer
for quiet meditation and personal prayer and reflection.*

Thank you to everyone with the Mardi Gras planning group who hosted the **Walter E. "Wally" Kessler Memorial Mardi Gras** last evening. Those attending enjoyed entertainment by the "*The Blueridge Strangers*," games for children, a costume parade and a raffle. Thanks for all your hard work!

UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS

Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna, martyr, died 156. Thursday, February 23rd

Because he is said to have been known by John, the author of Revelation, as well as the important early church fathers Irenaeus and Ignatius, Polycarp serves as a vital link in church history. He was burned at the stake at age 86 for refusing to renounce his faith.

Elizabeth Fedde, deaconess, died 1921. Saturday, February 25th

Born in Norway and trained there as a deaconess, Fedde was asked to come and minister to the poor and to seamen in New York City. She established the Deaconess House in Brooklyn as well as Deaconess Hospital in Minneapolis.

Current, Benevolence and Freewill Offering February 12th, 2023

<i>Weekly Budgeted Offering for 2023:</i>	\$2,527.00
<i>Offering Received for the Above Categories:</i>	\$2,666.00
<i>Surplus:</i>	\$ 139.00