

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

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OUR SAVIOR

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✠ Hymns ✠

874

413

414

395

417

Visitors, welcome to Our Savior! Please take a moment to sign our guestbook on the stand in the narthex before you leave. We follow a traditional Lutheran order of service, which is based on Holy Scripture and historical practice. The order of service in this bulletin is taken from *Lutheran Service Book* (LSB) Divine Service Setting Three. Please feel free to ask any member of the congregation for help if this is new to you.

This morning we will celebrate Holy Communion

Visitors who have not before received communion from Pastor McCall are kindly asked to speak with him before Divine Service begins and before approaching the altar for the first time. Because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar and because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm, it is very important to speak with pastor before service if you desire the Lord's Body and Blood. Also, those who receive the Lord's Supper at Our Savior Evangelical Lutheran Church are baptized Christians who have been instructed in and publicly confess the Evangelical Lutheran faith. For these reasons, *only members of this congregation or sister congregations of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod* receive Holy Communion at this altar. If you have any questions regarding the doctrine and practice of Closed Communion, please talk to the pastor before or after the Divine Service.

Individuals needing pastoral care can contact **Pastor Jonathan McCall** at (216) 618-1811 or rev.mccall@pm.me

“WHY HAVE THE ALLELUIAS GONE AWAY?”

adapted from: Rev. Stefan Michael Gramenz, *Evangelical Lutheran Church of Christ the King, Pawling, NY*

Next Sunday, we will begin the season of *Septuagesima*, sometimes also called “Gesimatide” or “Pre-Lent,” a period of three Sundays that leads up to Ash Wednesday. Septuagesima is related to the Latin word for “Seventy,” and is roughly seventy days before Easter. The following Sunday is Sexagesima, about sixty days before Easter, and then follows Quinquagesima, about fifty days before Easter.

This brief season of the Church's year looks back to the Biblical account of the Israelites' seventy-year captivity in exile in Babylon. The beginning of the exile is recounted in 2 Kings 24:10ff, and its end in the first chapters of Ezra. The books of

Daniel and Lamentations are products of this exile, but perhaps the most poignant picture of this period of captivity is found in Psalm 137:

“By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down,
yea, we wept when we remembered Zion.
We hanged our harps upon the willows
in the midst thereof....

How shall we sing the Lord’s song in a strange land?
If I forget thee, Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her cunning.”

Psalm 137:1-2,4

In these seventy days following Septuagesima, which include the forty days of Lent, we join with these Israelites in “hanging up our harps.” As we begin to turn our faces toward Jerusalem and Holy Week, we recognize that we are, like those Israelites, not completely at home in this world beset by sin. In response, we set aside our “Alleluias” as well as the song of the angels, the Gloria in Excelsis, while we wait for the resurrection of Our Lord and the undoing of sin.

As we say farewell to *Alleluia*, we sing hymn 417, “Alleluia, Song of Gladness,” sometimes more accurately translated as “Alleluia, Song of Sweetness.” In its first stanza, it reminds us that *Alleluia* is most properly the song of heaven. In the second, we exiles from Paradise are set alongside those exiles from Israel, singing “But by Babylon’s sad waters / Mourning exiles now are we.” The third stanza recalls why we must leave behind this song for a time, and the fourth points us forward to where we are going: to Easter, to resurrection, and to the company of the saints and the eternal presence of God Himself.

The following is the psalm-prayer for Psalm 137, which will serve us well in the days following Septuagesima:

O God, Almighty Looser of our captivity, grant that we may sing Your praise with spiritual harmony, so that the lifting up of Your right hand may restore to heavenly citizenship those whom the load of sin exiles from You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

✠ THE DIVINE SERVICE ✠

10:30am

THE PRELUDE

The bell tolls three times to signify the beginning of service in reverence of the Holy Trinity. After the tolls, the Processional Hymn will begin.

Please STAND and face the Procession (beginning at the rear of the nave).

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 874 *O Splendor of God’s Glory Bright*

✠ THE PREPARATION ✠

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

ST. MATTHEW 28:19B; [18:20]

Amen.

Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

[HEBREWS 10:22]

KNEEL IF YOU DESIRE AND ARE ABLE

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

PSALM 124:8

I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD,
and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

PSALM 32:5

Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination. The pastor will resume...

O almighty God, merciful Father, I a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

[ST. JOHN 20:19-23]

STAND

☩ THE SERVICE OF THE WORD ☩

THE INTROIT

PSALM 77:18B; PSALM 84:1-2, 4, 10-11



| The light- | nings lightened the / wôrld:
the earth trem- / bled and shook.—

How amiable are thy tabernacles, O / LORD of hosts!

My soul longeth, yea,

even fainteth for the courts / of the LORD:—

Blessed are they that dwell in thy / hôte:

they will / be still praising thee.

For a day in thy courts is better than a / thousand.

I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God,

than to dwell in the / tents of wickedness.

For the LORD God is a sun and shield:

the LORD will give grace and / glory:

no good thing will he withhold from them / that walk uprightly.

***Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the / Holy Spirit;***

as it was in the be- / ginning,

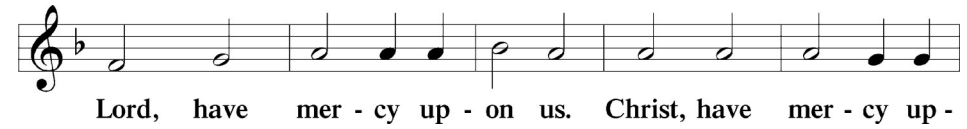
is now and will be for- / ever. Amen.

| The light- | nings lightened the / wôrld:

the earth trem- / bled and shook.—

THE KYRIE

ST. MARK 10:47



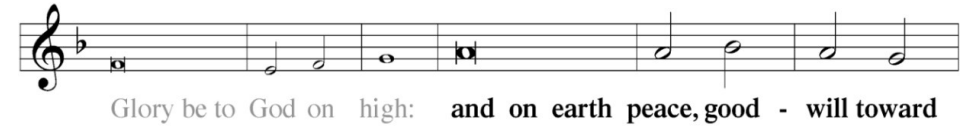
Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



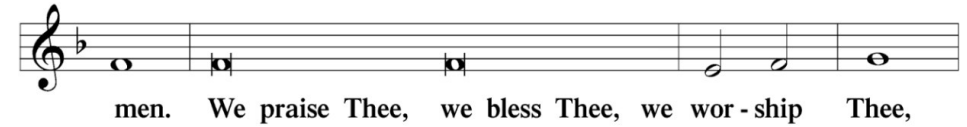
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

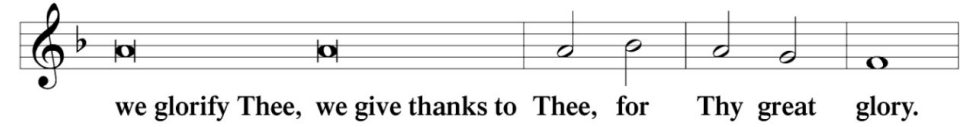
ST. LUKE 2:14; ST. JOHN 1:29



Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward



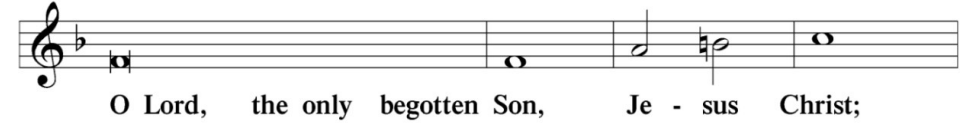
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



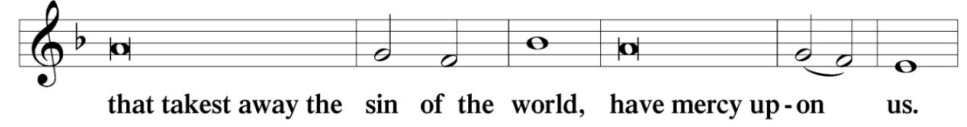
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



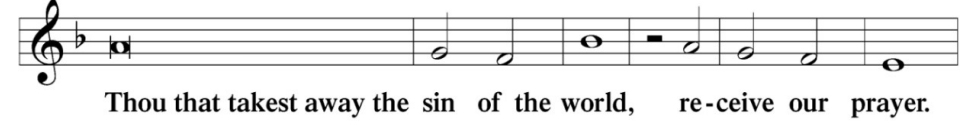
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



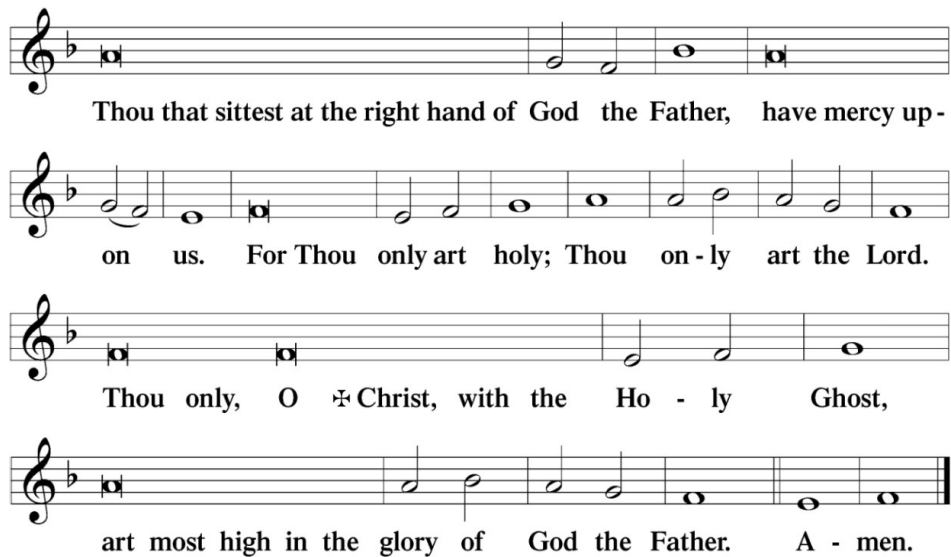
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.



Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.

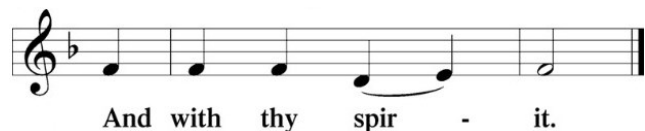


Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE SALUTATION

2 TIMOTHY 4:22

The Lord be with you.



And with thy spirit.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Amen.

SIT

THE OLD TESTAMENT

EXODUS 34:29-35

In those days: When Moses came down from Mount Sinai (and the two tablets of the Testimony were in Moses' hand when he came down from the mountain), Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone while he talked with Him. So when Aaron and all the children of Israel saw Moses, behold, the skin of his face shone, and they were afraid to come near him. Then Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the rulers of the congregation returned to him; and Moses talked with them. Afterward all the children of Israel came near, and he gave them as commandments all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. And when Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face. But whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with Him, he would take the veil off until he came out; and he would come out and speak to the children of Israel whatever he had been commanded. And whenever the children of Israel saw the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face shone, then Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with Him.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL

PSALM 45:2A; 110:1



Thou art fairer than the children of / men:
grace is / poured into thy lips:

**The LORD said unto my Lord,
Sit thou at my / right hand,
until I make thine ene- / mies thy footstool.**

THE EPISTLE

2 PETER 1:16-21

Dearly Beloved: We did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty. For He received from God the Father honor and glory when such a voice came to

Him from the Excellent Glory: “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.” And we heard this voice which came from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain. And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts; knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

STAND

THE ALLELUIA VERSE

PSALM 96:2-3



Alle- / luia!

- / Alleluia!

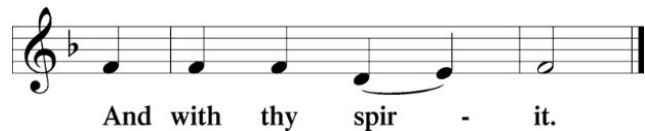
**Sing unto the LORD, bless his / nâme;
shew forth his salva- / tion from day to day.**

Declare his glory among the / heathen,
his wonders among all people. / Alleluia.

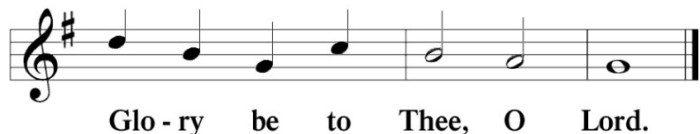
THE HOLY GOSPEL

ST. MATTHEW 17:1-9

The Lord be with you.



The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the seventeenth chapter.



✠ *At that time:* Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, led them up on a high mountain by themselves; and He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him. Then Peter answered and said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if You wish, let us make here three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and suddenly a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!” And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their faces and were greatly afraid. But Jesus came and touched them and said, “Arise, and do not be afraid.” When they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. Now as they came down from the mountain, Jesus commanded them, saying, “Tell the vision to no one until the Son of Man is risen from the dead.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



THE NICENE CREED

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.

SIT

THE HYMN OF THE DAY 413 *O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair*

THE SERMON

STAND

THE OFFERTORY

PSALM 51:10-12

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

SIT

THE OFFERING

Tell Out, My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord

STAND

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS AND THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

[I TIMOTHY 2:1-4]

- please read the announcements and prayer list details on bulletin insert

After each bid: Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

At the conclusion: O Lord, ... one God, now and forever.

Amen.

THE SERVICE OF

✠ THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR ✠

THE PREFACE

The Lord be with you.

2 TIMOTHY 4:22

And with thy spir - it.

Lift up your hearts.

[COLOSSIANS 3:1]

We lift them up un - to the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto the LORD our God.

[PSALM 136]

It is meet and right so to do.

It is truly meet, right, and salutary... praising You and saying:

THE SANCTUS

ISAIAH 6:3; ST. MATTHEW 21:9

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;

heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,

ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. ✠ Bless - ed is He,

bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.

Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

KNEEL IF YOU DESIRE AND ARE ABLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ST. MATTHEW 6:9-13

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.

THE WORDS OF CHRIST'S TESTAMENT

ST. MATTHEW 26:26-28;

ST. MARK 14:22-24; ST. LUKE 22:19-20; 1 CORINTHIANS 11:23-25

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.

THE PAX DOMINI

ST. JOHN 20:19

The ✠ peace of the Lord be with you always.

A - men.

THE AGNUS DEI

ST. JOHN 1:29

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the

world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that

tak - est a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the

world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

SIT

THE COMMUNION HYMNS

414 'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here

395 O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

417 Alleluia, Song of Gladness

STAND

THE NUNC DIMITTIS

ST. LUKE 2:29-32

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -
 cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
 which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
 a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
 peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
 to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
 is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

THE THANKSGIVING

PSALM 107:1

Oh, give thanks unto the LORD for He is good.

and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift; and we beseech You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

A - men.

THE SALUTATION

2 TIMOTHY 4:22

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spir - it.

THE BENEDICAMUS

[PSALM 103:1]

Bless we the LORD.

Thanks be to God.

KNEEL IF YOU DESIRE AND ARE ABLE

THE BENEDICTION

NUMBERS 6:24-26

The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and ☩ give you peace.

A - men, a - men, a - men.

STAND

THE RETIRING PROCESSION WITH POSTLUDE

Please face the Procession as it passes your pew.

Once the Retiring Procession reaches the narthex, depart in ☩ peace.

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