

+ THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD +
Divine Service Setting One ~ LSB 151
January 25, 2026

As We Gather: Jesus Is Transfigured and Manifests His Glory

The Lord appeared to Moses in the light of the burning bush (Ex. 3:1–14). Later Moses' face would shine with the light of God's glory when he came down from Mount Sinai (Ex. 34:29–35). At the Transfiguration, Moses and Elijah appeared with the One who is the Light of Light Himself (Matt. 17:1–9). Jesus' glory as God shines with brilliant splendor in and through His human nature. By this epiphany, our Lord confirmed the prophetic word (2 Pet. 1:16–21), revealing that He is the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets. He manifested His majesty as the eternal Son of the Father, and He wonderfully foreshowed our adoption as sons (Collect). We who have been baptized into Christ's body are given a glimpse of the glory that we will share with Him in the resurrection on the Last Day.

As the Cross, a symbol of our redemption, enters the sanctuary, God's people stand and fix our eyes upon it.

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

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

C Amen.

Exhortation

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P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins

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P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Absolution

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P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

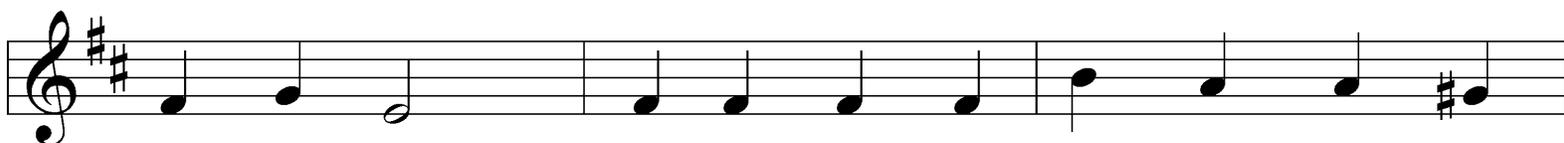
C Amen.

Opening Hymn 'Alleluia, Song of Gladness'

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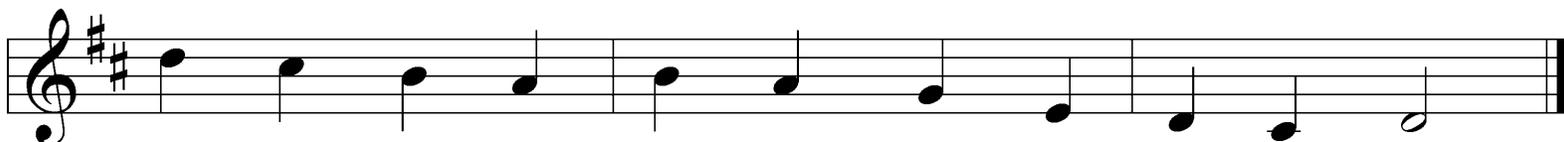
1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of glad - ness, Voice of joy that
2 Al - le - lu - ia, thou re - sound - est, True Je - ru - sa -
3 Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways Be our song while
4 There - fore in our hymns we pray Thee, Grant us, bless - ed



can - not die; Al - le - lu - ia is the an - them
lem and free; Al - le - lu - ia, joy - ful moth - er,
here be - low; Al - le - lu - ia, our trans - gres - sions
Trin - i - ty, At the last to keep Thine Eas - ter



Ev - er raised by choirs on high; In the house of
All thy chil - dren sing with thee, But by Bab - y -
Make us for a while for - go; For the sol - emn
With Thy faith - ful saints on high; There to Thee for -

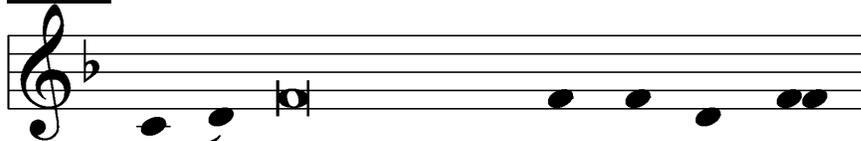


God a - bid - ing Thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly.
lon's sad wa - ters Mourn - ing ex - iles now are we.
time is com - ing When our tears for sin must flow.
ev - er sing - ing Al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly.

Text: Latin, c. 11th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–66, alt.

Tune: John Goss, 1800–80

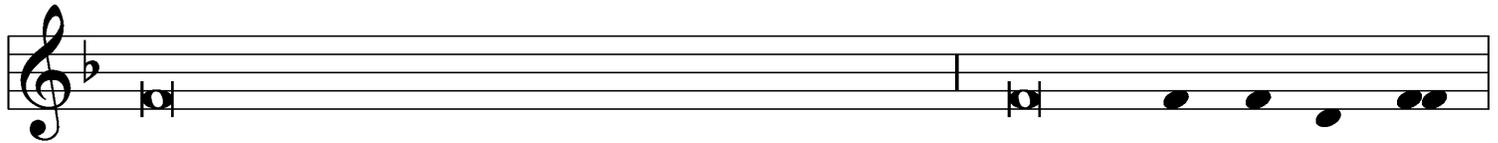
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A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



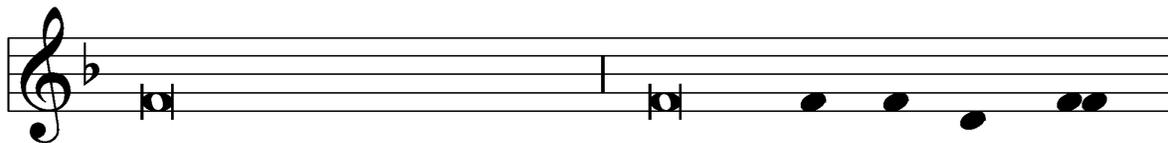
A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



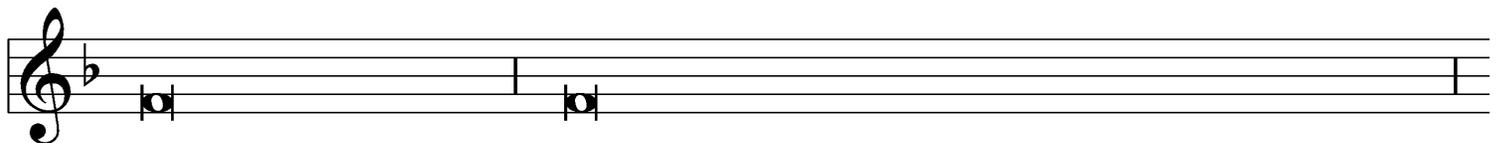
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



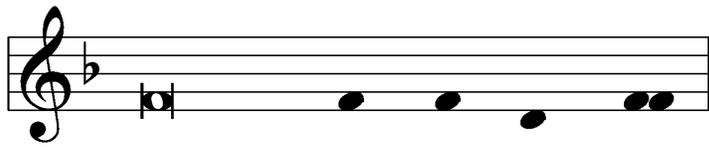
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



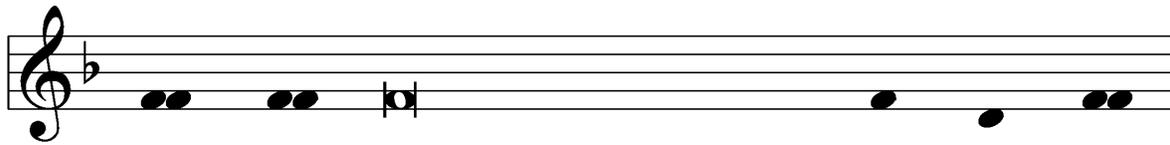
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



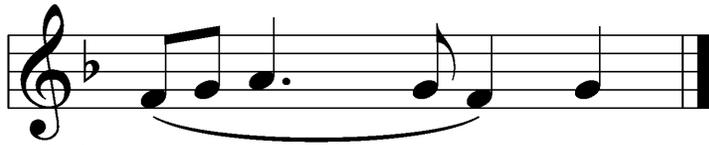
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C Lord, have mer - cy.



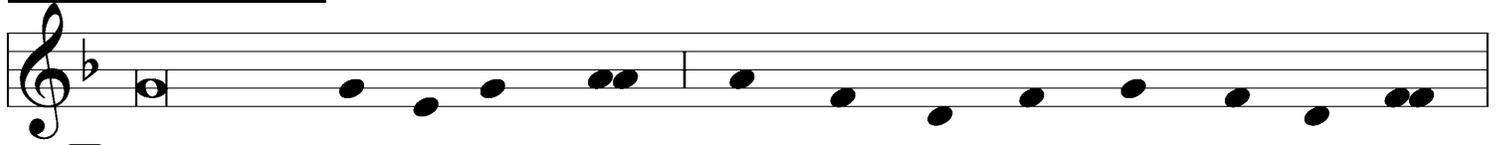
A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

Gloria in Excelsis

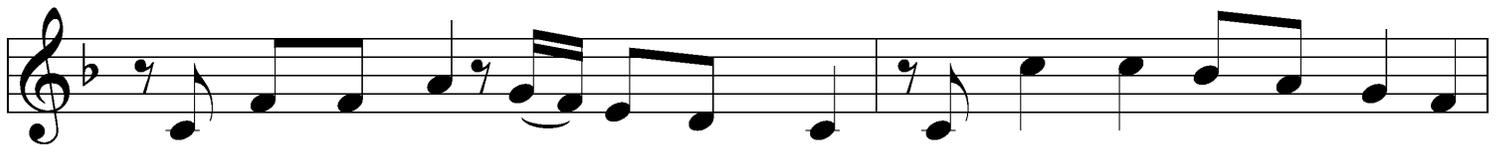
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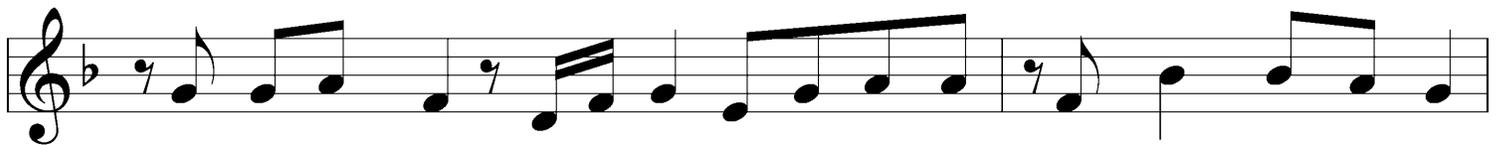
A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



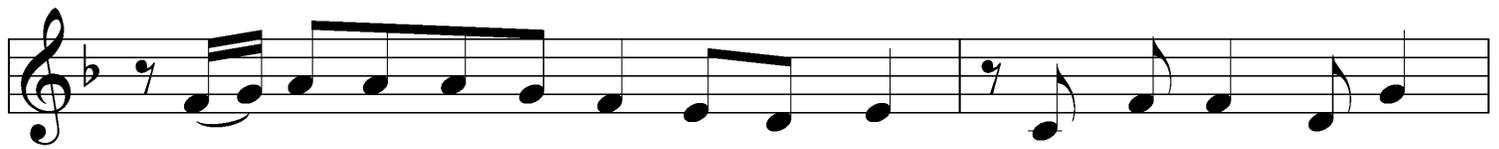
C Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



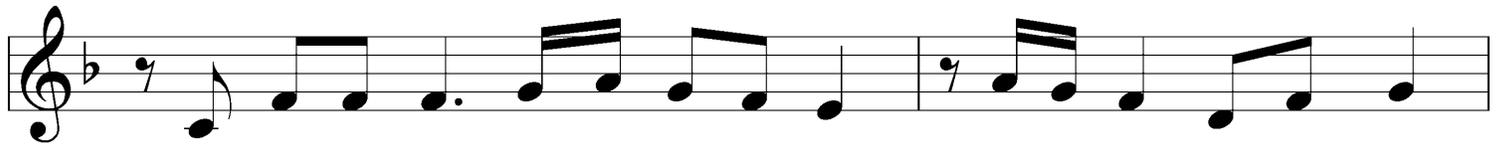
Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



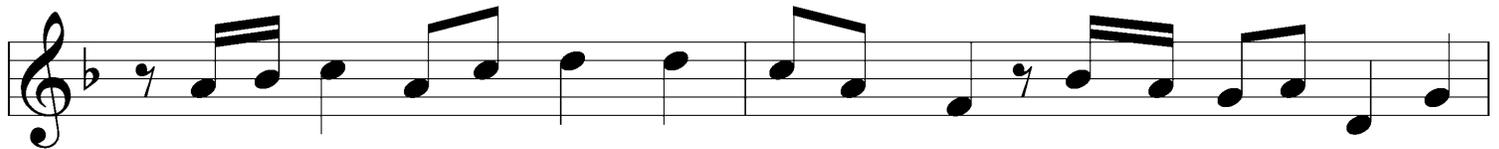
You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a - lone are the Ho - ly One, You a - lone are the Lord,



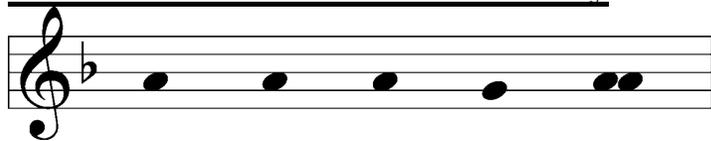
You a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

Transfiguration



P The Lord be with you.

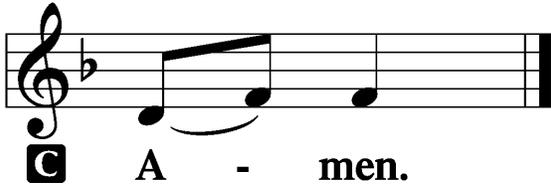


C And al - so with you.

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.



Please be seated.

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 3:1–14

¹Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ²And the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. ³And Moses said, “I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned.” ⁴When the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, “Moses, Moses!” And he said, “Here I am.” ⁵Then he said, “Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.” ⁶And he said, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

⁷Then the LORD said, “I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, ⁸and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. ⁹And now, behold, the cry of the people of Israel has come to me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. ¹⁰Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt.” ¹¹But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?” ¹²He said, “But I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain.”

¹³Then Moses said to God, “If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” ¹⁴God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” And he said, “Say this to the people of Israel, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Introit

Psalm 84:1–2a, 4, 10–11; antiphon: Psalm 77:18b



Your lightnings lighted up the world;
the earth trembled and shook.

How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!

My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD.

Blessèd are those who dwell in your house,
ever singing your praise!

For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor.

No good thing does he withhold from those who walk up-rightly.

**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.

Your lightnings lighted up the world;
the earth trembled and shook.

Epistle

2 Peter 1:16–21

¹⁶For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased,” ¹⁸we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain.

¹⁹And we have something more sure, the prophetic word, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, ²⁰knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone’s own interpretation. ²¹For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
 words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 17:1-9

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

C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

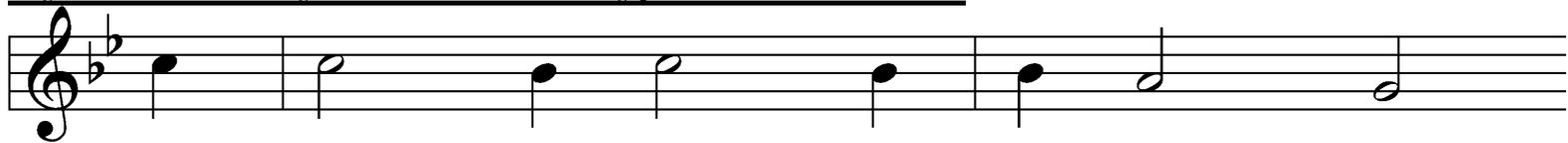
¹After six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. ²And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. ³And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴And Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah.” ⁵He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.” ⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Rise, and have no fear.” ⁸And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

⁹And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, “Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Please be seated.



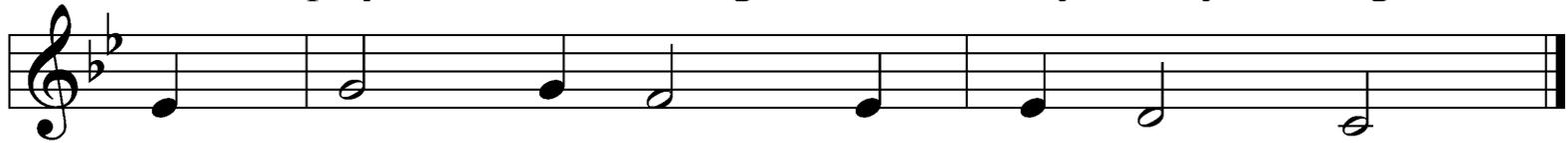
1 O won - drous type! O vi - sion fair
 2 With Mo - ses and E - li - jah nigh
 3 With shin - ing face and bright ar - ray
 4 And faith - ful hearts are raised on high
 △ 5 O Fa - ther, with the e - ter - nal Son



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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Sermon

"Behold, the Cross"

Matthew 17:1-9

Please stand as you are able.

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.**

Prayer of the Church

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the eyes of all people to be opened, that they would see the glory of God in the face of Christ, who has won for us eternal life, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all pastors and servants of the Church, that their preaching and teaching would flow from a right understanding that all Holy Scripture testifies of Christ and His work for our eternal salvation, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For our homes, that God would be the companion of those who live alone and fill every household with His wisdom and grace until He guides us to His holy abode, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all those who have been placed in authority, that they would serve with integrity and honor, for the good of all; and for our country, that division, conflict and strife would give way to unity, peace and quietness, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the sick, [*especially* _____,] that they would be fully restored to health according to God's will; and if not, that they would be given grace to accept their affliction, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all who approach the holy altar to receive Christ's body and blood this day, that they would come in repentance and faith and depart in the peace only our Savior can give, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the Christian Church on earth, that we would be kept strong in faith until that day when we gather with Moses, Elijah, Peter, James and John around the glorified Lord Jesus, never to depart, and we receive our portion with all the saints in light, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

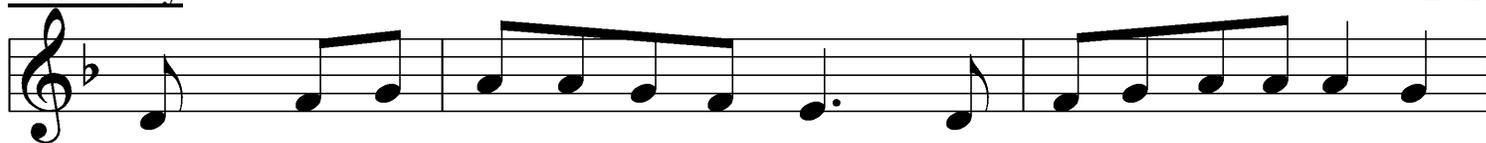
P Lord God, heavenly Father, Your power is beyond compare and Your glory beyond understanding. Open our hearts to know You through the glory of Your Son, whose saving will and purpose has rescued us from sin and death and made us Your own people by Baptism and faith; for to You, blessed and eternal Father, belong all honor and glory, worship and praise, with Your beloved Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

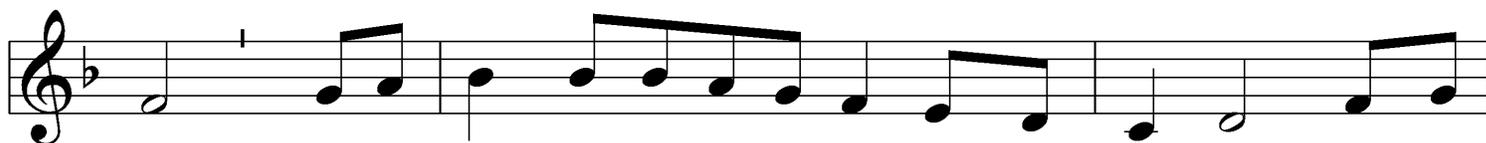
Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).

Offertory

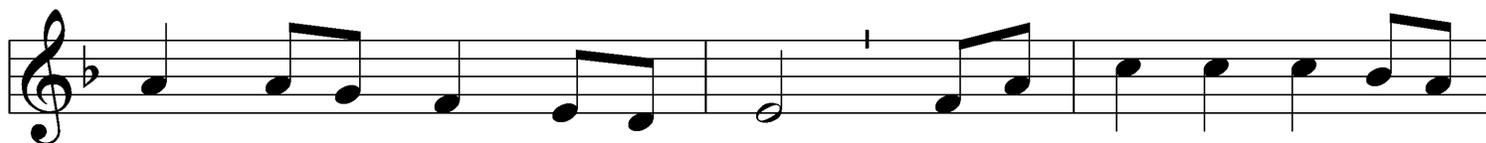
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C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to



me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-



va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my



vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo-ple, in the

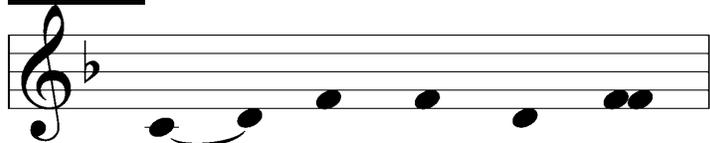


courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

Preface

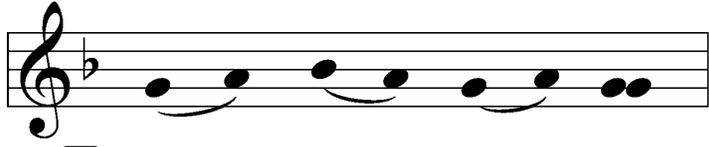
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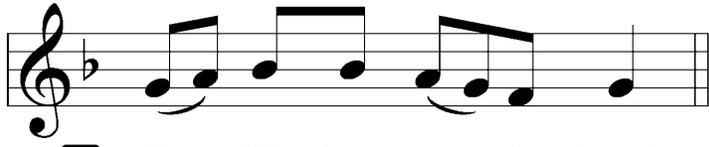
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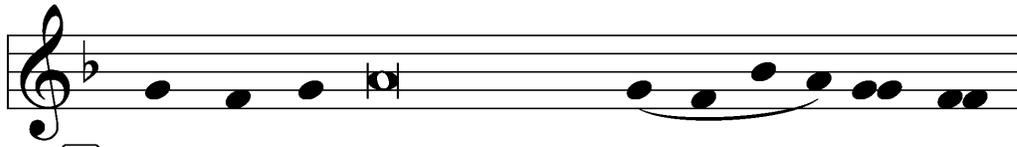
C And al - so with you.



P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



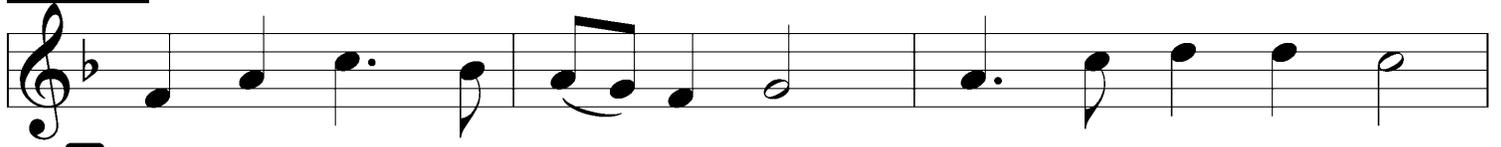
C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface (Full)

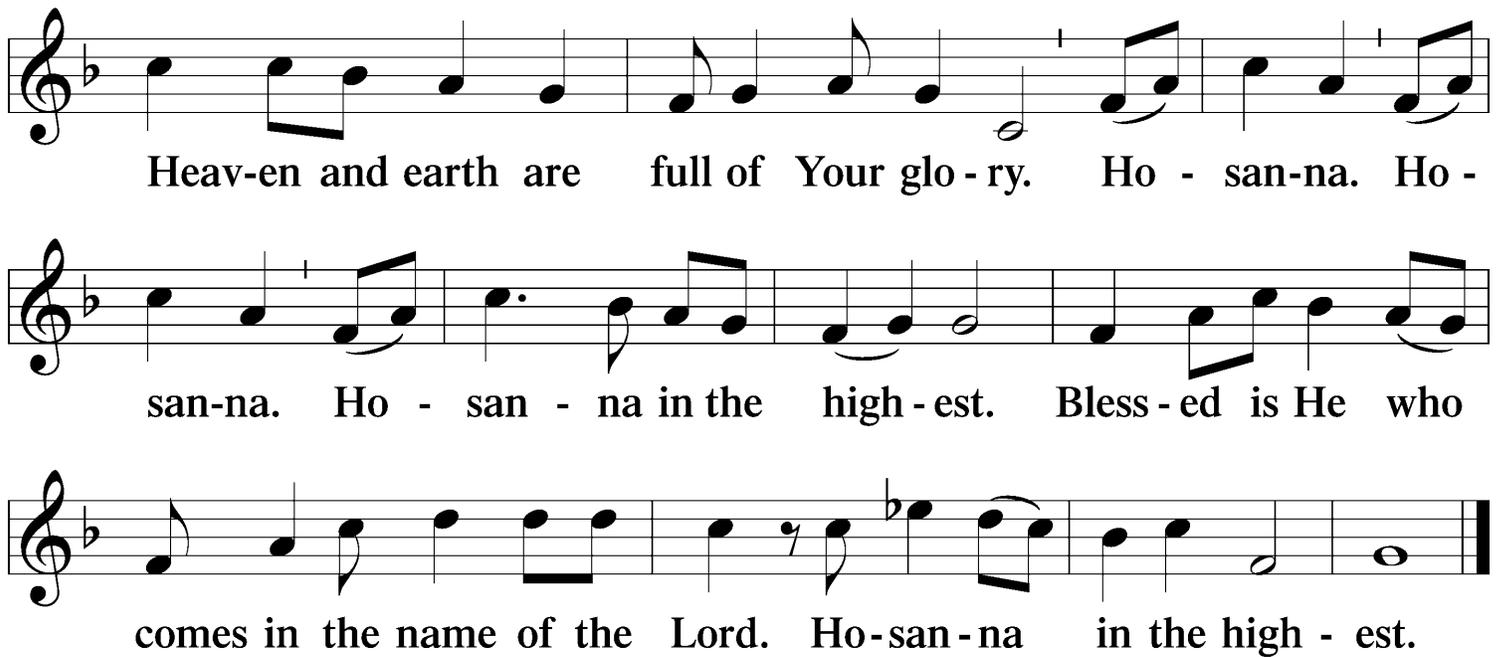
P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who at His transfiguration revealed His glory to His disciples that they might be strengthened to proclaim His cross and 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 saying:

Sanctus

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C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho-san-na. Ho-san-na. 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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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P 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

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.”

Proclamation of Christ

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

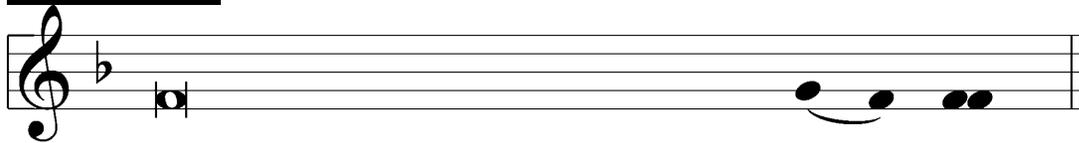
P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Lord's Prayer

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

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P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



C A - men.

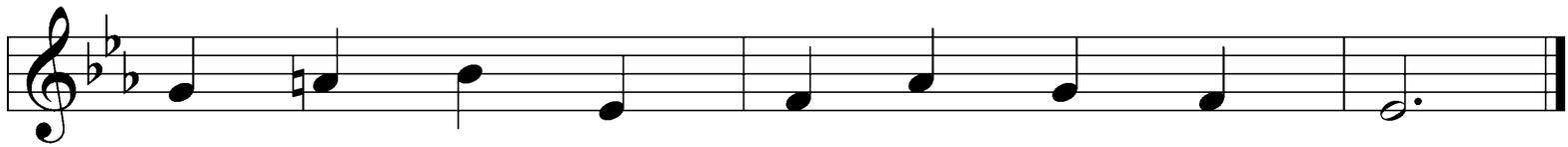
C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the
 world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the
 sin of the world; grant us peace.

Please be seated.

Distribution Hymn "Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here"

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	We	hail	Thy	bod - y
see	Thy	king -	dom	We	long	to	hold
we	may	not	re -	But	since	Thou	bidst
		main;					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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Distribution Hymn ‘Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory’

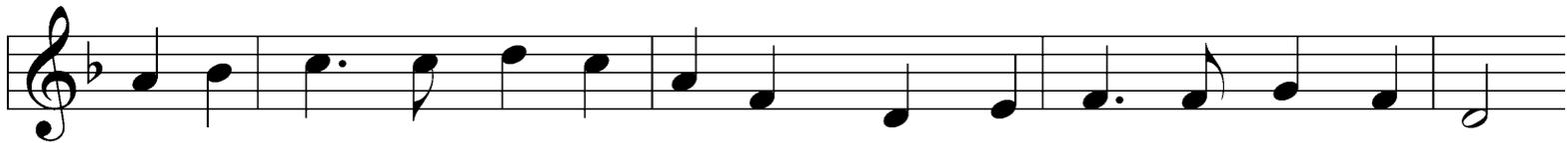
S.S. Kids Singing LSB 416



1 Swift - ly pass the clouds of glo-ry, Heav-en’s voice, the daz-zling light;
2 Glimpsed and gone the rev - e - la-tion, They shall gain and keep its truth,
3 Lord, trans - fig - ure our per - cep-tion With the pur - est light that shines,



Mo-ses and E - li - jah van - ish; Christ a - lone com - mands the height!
Not by build - ing on the moun-tain An - y shrine or sa - cred booth,
And re - cast our life’s in - ten - tions To the shape of Your de - signs,



Pe - ter, James, and John fall si - lent, Turn - ing from the sum - mit’s rise
But by fol - low - ing the Sav - ior Through the val - ley to the cross
Till we seek no oth - er glo - ry Than what lies past Cal - v’ry’s hill



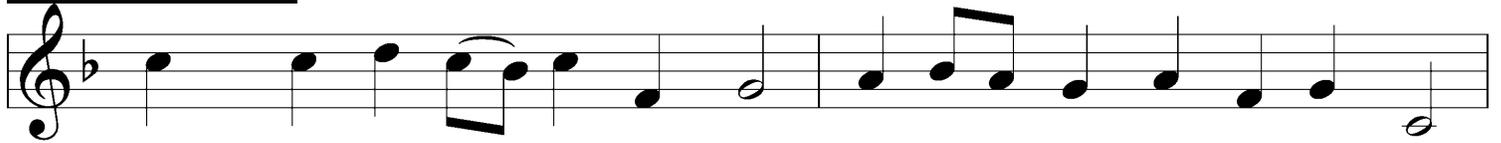
Down - ward toward the shad - owed val - ley Where their Lord has fixed His eyes.
And by test - ing faith’s re - sil - ience Through be - tray - al, pain, and loss.
And our liv - ing and our dy - ing And our ris - ing by Your will.

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Please stand as you are able.

Thank the Lord

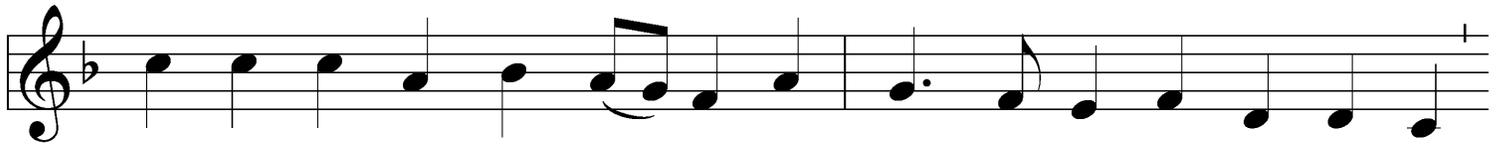
LSB 164



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice 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.

Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

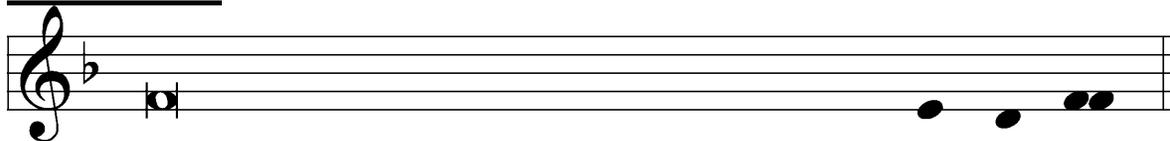
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You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



C A - men.

Benediction

LSB 166



P 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.



C A - men.

Please be seated.

Closing Hymn ‘Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies’

LSB 873



1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true and on - ly light,
2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn Un - ac - com - pa - nied by Thee;
3 Vis - it then this soul of mine, Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;



Sun of righ - teous - ness, a - rise; Tri - umph o’er the shades of night.
Joy-less is the day’s re - turn Till Thy mer - cy’s beams I see,
Fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine, Scat - ter all my un - be - lief;



Day - spring from on high, be near; Day - star, in my heart ap - pear.
Till they in - ward light im - part, Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
More and more Thy - self dis - play, Shin - ing to the per - fect day.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Guests: Welcome! We are so glad to have you with us today! If you are visiting us for the first time, please sign our guest book, or a guest card in the pew and place in the offering plate before leaving. Please join us for fellowship after the service.

Communion Statement: As we learn from 1 Corinthians, when we commune together, we make a confession of our oneness in doctrine & understanding of God's Word. Since those who show publicly that they agree with the teachings believed, taught, & confessed by the Pastor & congregation at which the Sacrament is distributed, we ask that those who are not members in good standing of a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, or one of our sister churches to please refrain from partaking of the Sacrament. Instead, if you would like to receive a blessing, you are more than welcome to come to the altar rail & please indicate you would like to receive a blessing by crossing your arms in front of your chest. A list of church bodies with whom we share Altar & Pulpit fellowship is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway. If you would like to visit about this doctrine & practice, please talk to Pastor or an Elder. For further study on this matter see Matthew 5:23, 18:15-35, 26:26-39; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20 & 1 Cor. 11:17-34. Thank you.

Clarification on Individual Cups for Communion: The Individual Cups in the middle of the tray during the Lord's Supper have a lighter color to them, as they are a few drops of wine mixed with water. The practice is to dilute the wine for those who have wine allergies or wine sensitives. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Pastor Koepp.

Loose Giving Envelopes are available in the pews and on the entryway table for visitors and for regular churchgoers who may have forgotten their offering envelopes. Congregation members, please place your offering inside the envelope that has been designated for you. Thank you.

Thank you for all the prayers, cards, and gifts. We are blessed to be in a congregation that goes way above and beyond taking care of their pastor and his family. We are grateful for all of you. May the Lord bless and keep you in the coming year. ~ Pastor Koepp and Family

Starting February 1, the council meetings will be the first Sunday of the month after the Divine Service.

Sunday School: We are looking for Sunday School teachers for 2025-2026. There is a sign-up sheet on the back table.

2nd Plate Mission for next Sunday, February 1st is designated to LCMS Office of International Mission – Cody & Aurelie Mock. The 1st Sunday of each month is designated for Missions, but you are welcome to leave a donation anytime in the offering plate.

Sunday School: The Lesson this week is “A Mighty Wonder.” In six days—through His spoken Word alone—the heavenly Father creates a universe so vast and complex it defies our limited human understanding. Humankind, the crown of His creation, made in His own image, comes to be through the intimate work of His hands and with His own breath. Discuss the wonders of God’s creation with your family.

Stewardship: *Matthew 17:8* – “*And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.*” Jesus is enough. Moses and Elijah point to Jesus and are happy to fade into the background. With our eyes focused on Him and Him alone, the rest of our lives come into focus. He is primary, all else is secondary. When that order is right in our lives, things truly fall into place.

Building Healthy Families: Our culture encourages us to see the world and our relationships through a lens of individualism, in which we make decisions based on the question: “How will this affect ME?” How would our world be different if we returned to a faith, family, and community-centered lens, in which decisions are instead based on this question: “How will my actions effect my children, my spouse, my parents, my congregational family, my community?” Give it a try this week and see what a difference it makes! ~ www.LutheranFamilyService.org

A Life Quote: “The One who gives us our new beginning in Baptism is the same God who fashioned us and gave us our first beginning in the womb. It is God who brings forth life. It is God who created us, who ‘knits us together,’ so that we are ‘intricately and wonderfully made.’ Some say that the Bible never mentions abortion, and thus we should not speak against it. How far from the truth! The decisive moral truth of what Scripture teaches is this: Human beings are such from fertilization. And—it is a sin to shed innocent blood.” *Rev. Paul Clark, Lutherans For Life of Michigan ~ A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Lutheran Hour Ministries for Feb. 1st: Hear "Rotten Tomatoes" based on 1 Corinthians 1: 30-31 by Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Boasting gone wrong—it’s the rotten fruit of rightful praise. It happens when we forget that everything we have is a gift, even the things we think we’ve earned and deserved. ~ *Listen next Sunday on 600 WMT at 6:30 a.m., 1190 KFJB at 8:30 a.m., WHO-1040 at 7:30 a.m.*

A Life Thought in the Church Year: Abortion and assisted suicide are often followed by crushing amounts of guilt and shame. While the Church rightly teaches that these are sins against God and neighbor, may we never forget that Christ has sent us to preach the Gospel, which is the power of God unto salvation (1 Corinthians 1:17-18). In Christ, “there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish,” (Isaiah 9:1), for He has come in the fulfillment of His promises, bringing the Kingdom of God near to us (Matthew 4:14-17), that all who repent and believe in Him can take shelter in the Lord (Psalm 27:5).

THE PARABLE OF THE PRODIGAL SON SERIES... Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. You can listen to a series of interviews with Pastor Bryan Wolfmueller, author of the new book “Finally Free: Three Lessons in the Parable of the Prodigal Son” at issuesetc.org/prodigalson.

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CONFIRMATION MEMORY WORK FOR JANUARY 28th

5th & 6th Grades

3rd Article & Meaning

7th & 8th Grades

Office of the Keys: *What is the Office of the Keys? Where is this written? What do you believe according to these words?*

DARTBALL SCHEDULE 2026
(ALL GAMES BEGIN AT 7 P.M.)
HOME TEAM LISTED FIRST

MONDAY JANUARY 5TH
WILLIAMSBURG 2-GRINNELL
MARENGO-WILLIAMSBURG 1
LINCOLN-BYE

MONDAY FEBRUARY 9TH
GRINNELL-WILLIAMSBURG 2
WILLIAMSBURG 1-MARENGO
LINCOLN-BYE

MONDAY JANUARY 12TH
WILLIAMSBURG 2-MARENGO
GRINNELL-LINCOLN
WILLIAMSBURG 1-BYE

MONDAY FEBRUARY 16TH
MARENGO-WILLIAMSBURG 2
LINCOLN-GRINNELL
WILLIAMSBURG 1-BYE

MONDAY JANUARY 19TH
MARENGO-GRINNELL
LINCOLN-WILLIAMSBURG 1
WILLIAMSBURG 2-BYE

MONDAY FEBRUARY 23RD
GRINNELL-MARENGO
WILLIAMSBURG 1-LINCOLN
WILLIAMSBURG 2-BYE

MONDAY JANUARY 26TH
LINCOLN-WILLIAMSBURG 2
WILLIAMSBURG 1-GRINNELL
MARENGO-BYE

MONDAY MARCH 2ND
WILLIAMSBURG 2-LINCOLN
GRINNELL-WILLIAMSBURG 1
MARENGO-BYE

MONDAY FEBRUARY 2ND
MARENGO-LINCOLN
WILLIAMSBURG 2-WILLIAMSBURG 1
GRINNELL-BYE

MONDAY MARCH 9TH
LINCOLN-MARENGO
WILLIAMSBURG 1-WILLIAMSBURG 2
GRINNELL-BYE

MONDAY MARCH 16TH-MAKE UP NIGHT IF NEEDED

SUNDAY MARCH 22-TOURNAMENT AT LINCOLN 1 P.M. START

2026

IOWA PRAYER RALLY FOR LIFE



THU, FEB 5 | IOWA STATE CAPITOL

Join the Movement | 10:30 AM - 2:00 PM | Iowa State Capitol

EVERY life is precious! Join the Iowa Coalition of Pro-Life Leaders at the Iowa State Capitol for a day of prayer, education, and advocacy.

Learn to Lobby | 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM | Room TBD

Your voice matters. Veteran lobbyists will equip you with practical tools to confidently engage legislators and advocate for life-affirming policies.

Exhibitors & Pro-Life Resources | 10:45 AM - 11:45 AM | Rotunda

Connect with pro-life organizations from across Iowa offering resources, information, and meaningful ways to get involved.

Prayer Rally for Life | 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM | Rotunda

Invited speakers include: Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds, Iowa Attorney General Brenna Bird, Iowa Representative Jon Dunwell, and other governmental, faith, and pro-life leaders.

Lobby Your Legislators | 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Meet with legislators to encourage, pray with, and advocate for life-affirming legislation, including: Life at Conception, Black Market Abortion, and support for mothers through the MOMS Bill.

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Our Gifts to God (given at Immanuel)

For the Week of January 18, 2026

Attendance 47

Calendar of Events for This Week

Today 9:00am The Transfiguration of Our Lord
10:30am Bible Study / Sunday School / Popcorn Sunday
Greeter: Bayer
Usher: Keith T.
Servers: Sue F. & Robin M.
Acolyte/Crucifer: Alivia & Sophia
Elder: Joe W.
Food Pantry Sunday

Tuesday Pastors Day at Capitol / IDE Board of Directors Meeting: Pastor at District Office

Wednesday 4-5:30pm 7th/8th Grades Confirmation
5:30-7pm 5th/6th Grades Confirmation

Thursday 11:00am Bible Study

Next Sunday 8:00am Elders Meeting
9:00am Septuagesima
10:30am Council Meeting
10:30am Sunday School
Bible Study after Council Meeting
Greeter: Christinson
Usher: Joel R. Koeppe
Servers: Julie M. & Lindsey W.
Acolyte/Crucifer: Thatcher & Elsie
Elder: Joel M.