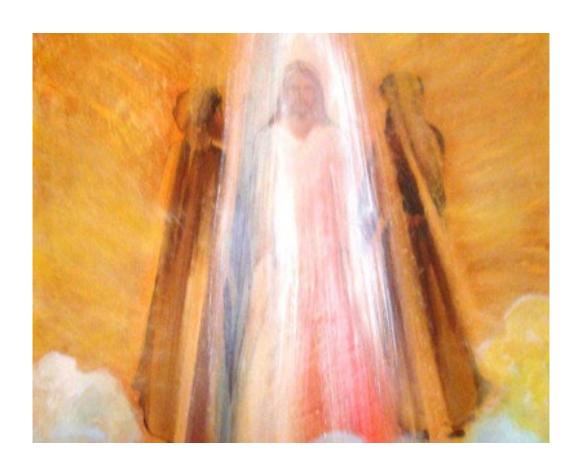
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"Sharing the Good News of Christ With All People."

The Divine Service

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AS WE GATHER

Daily, as believers, we endeavor to follow Jesus. Also daily, we are consumed by the crosses, burdens, disease, fear, and anxiety of this sinful world, and we feel as if we are drowning. But God's Word keeps us buoyant as we cling to our Baptism, where we are claimed as God's beloved children. Transfiguration is a moment of incomparable glory. Surely, we too, would want to sequester that divine moment in time. But wait! We cannot delay or halt the gruesome journey to the cross yet to take place. Jesus knows this. He claims the journey to the cross as His own. Momentary glory cannot and will not impede God's will. Jesus' cross will be taken up! It is a cross of death for the Son of God, and the cross of life for all who follow Jesus—and believe.

Prelude

Invocation

- P In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

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

Confession and Absolution

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

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

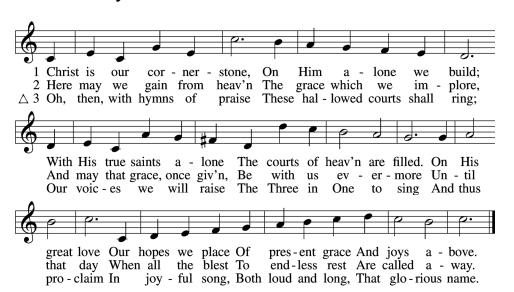
- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the

 Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Processional Hymn

"Christ Is Our Cornerstone"

LSB 912



Kyrie LSB 168

- P In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- **P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- 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.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C Amen.



Salutation

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

- Let us pray. O God, as witnesses of the Transfiguration, we see Your glory, along with Moses and Elijah. O God, as witnesses of the Transfiguration, we want to hold on to that glory, like Peter, James, and John. O God, as witnesses of the Transfiguration, we hear Your voice, "This is My Son, My Chosen One; listen to Him!" O God, as witnesses of the Transfiguration, let us with confidence take up our crosses and follow Jesus alone. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **G** Amen.

The Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 34: 1-12

¹Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho. And the LORD showed him all the land, Gilead as far as Dan, ²all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the western sea, ³the Negeb, and the Plain, that is, the Valley of Jericho the city of palm trees, as far as Zoar. ⁴And the LORD said to him, "This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, 'I will give it to your offspring.' I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not go over there." 5So Moses the servant of the LORD died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the LORD, ⁶ and he buried him in the valley in the land of Moab opposite Beth-peor; but no one knows the place of his burial to this day. ⁷Moses was 120 years old when he died. His eye was undimmed, and his vigor unabated. ⁸And the people of Israel wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days. Then the days of weeping and mourning for Moses were ended. ⁹And Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands on him. So the people of Israel obeyed him and did as the LORD had commanded Moses. ¹⁰And there has not arisen a prophet since in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face, ¹¹none like him for all the signs and the wonders that the LORD sent him to do in the land of Egypt, to Pharaoh and to all his servants and to all his land, ¹² and for all the mighty power and all the great deeds of terror that Moses did in the sight of all Israel.

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Epistle Hebrews 3:1–6

¹Therefore, holy brothers, you who share in a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession, ²who was faithful to him who appointed him, just as Moses also was faithful in all God's house. ³For Jesus has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses—as much more glory as the builder of a house has more honor than the house itself. ⁴(For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.) ⁵Now Moses was faithful in all God's house as a servant, to testify to the things that were to be spoken later, ⁶but Christ is faithful over God's house as a son. And we are his house if indeed we hold fast our confidence and our boasting in our hope.

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Alleluia and Verse





Holy Gospel Luke 9:28–36

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

Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁸Now about eight days after these sayings [Jesus] took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹And as he was praying, the appearance of his face was altered, and his clothing became dazzling white. ³⁰And behold, two men were talking with him, Moses and Elijah, ³¹who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³²Now Peter and those who were with him were heavy with sleep, but when they became fully awake they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³And as the men were parting from him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah"—not knowing what he said. ³⁴As he was saying these things, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. ³⁵And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to him!" ³⁶And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and told no one in those days anything of what they had seen.

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ.





Sermon

"Did You See What I Saw?"

Pastor Scott Henze

Apostles' Creed

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

Petitions end, "Lord, in your mercy... "Congregation responds, "Hear our Prayer".

Offering "As the Deer" Choir, 8:30 a.m.

Offertory Prayer

- Let us pray: Blessed are You, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C Amen.

A word about Holy Communion We are about to receive the Lord's Supper. Before you receive, you might consider the following questions: Do you believe you are a sinner? Do you believe Jesus Christ died for you and shed his blood for you on the cross for the forgiveness of your sins? Do you believe that in the Lord's Supper he gives you his true body and blood for the forgiveness of all your sins and strengthens your faith in him and your love for others? If you are a baptized Christian and share these Biblical truths, please come! Those who have not yet received instruction may come forward for a blessing, crossing their arms over their chest to indicate they are not receiving the elements.

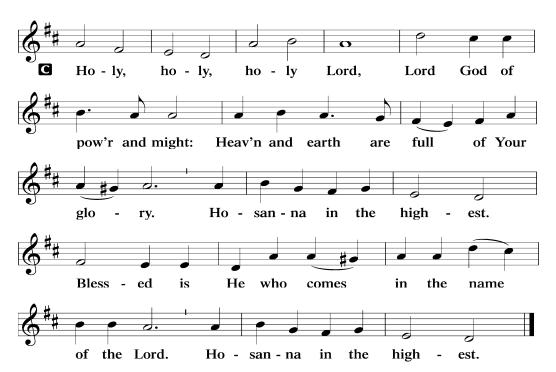
Service of the Sacrament

Preface

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **W**e lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

Sanctus LSB 178



The Lord's Prayer

- P Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:
- 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.

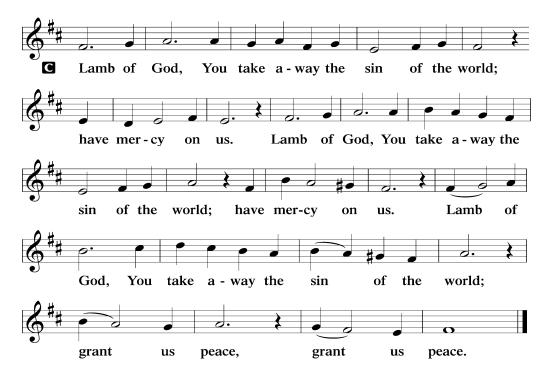
Words of Institution

The Peace of the Lord

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

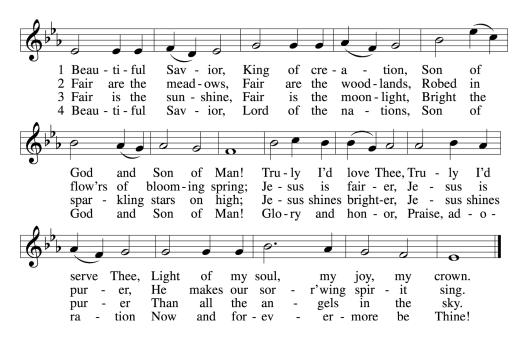
(The congregation and minister may greet each other with the peace of the Lord)

Agnus Dei LSB 180



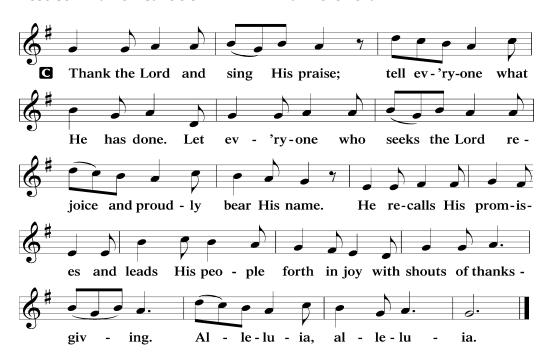


"Beautiful Savior" LSB 537



Closing of the Table





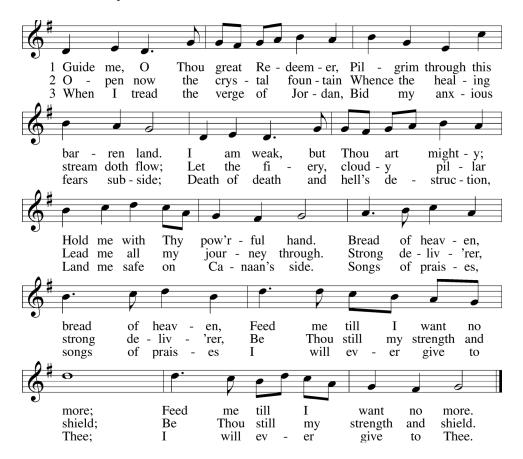
Post-Communion Collect

- 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 Amen.

Small Groups Minute

Announcements

Benediction



Dismissal

- P Lord Jesus you lead us! Now we go as....
- **©** Disciples making disciples.
- **P** Go in peace and serve the Lord.
- Thanks be to God!



March 5, 2025 ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES 6:30 a.m., 12:00 p.m., 6:30 p.m.

March 12, 2025 MIDWEEK LENT WORSHIP SERVICE 6:30 p.m.

March 14, 2025 OLDER WISER LUTHERANS. Older Wiser Lutherans will meet at 7:00 p.m. in rooms 201/202. Come and mingle in fellowship.

April 3, 2025 A NIGHT OF MUSIC AND POETRY at 6:30 p.m. Matt Doering and Tanner Olson will share an evening of music, poetry, and story. The St. Paul Youth are hosting this concert to raise money for their trip to the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans and Spoke Folk Tours in Michigan and Minnesota.

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Sunday Worship Services: 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM Sunday School for children and youth: 9:45 AM Adult Bible Study: 10:00 AM



