

# Faith Lutheran Church and Preschool

*Equipping God's people for a ministry of  
discipleship through Christ.*

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## THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
8:00am Worship Service

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Worship Times:

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know you're here!**

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# ✠ DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING THREE ✠

## **A NOTE TO OUR VISITORS**

We're glad you're here! Our services may look and sound different, but please bear with us! We worship the way we do for a reason. We gather to receive the gifts of salvation our Triune God comes to give through His Word and Sacrament. In these gifts we receive faith, forgiveness, and life eternal. Worship is the unwrapping of these gifts. The liturgy, hymns, and preaching proclaim His Word to us. They remind us of the promise of salvation we have in our baptism, and they prepare our hearts and minds to receive the Lord's Supper. Through these means of grace God comes to serve us in this Divine Service, and so our worship is centered around receiving these gifts of God through faith.

## **A STATEMENT ABOUT CHILDREN IN WORSHIP**

As the Lord comes to us in the Divine Service, we eagerly bring our children to be blessed by Him (Lk 18:15-17; Mt 19:13-15; Mk 10:13-16). All are conceived in sin and desperately need the forgiveness He comes to give no matter the age. Therefore, we ask for your children to *remain* in worship with us, unless it becomes *necessary* to remove them for a time. There is no better way to train up our children in the fear and knowledge of the Lord than by having them watch and absorb in worship. Though noises may prove to be a distraction we trust that the Lord's Word does not return to Him void but accomplishes that for which it was sent. As our children learn from us about God and all He has done and continues to do for us, may we learn from them the child like faith.

## **PRAYERS FOR MEDITATION BEFORE WORSHIP**

### **On Entering a Church**

Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells. In the multitude of Your tender mercies prepare my heart that I may enter Your house to worship and confess Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, my God and Lord.

### **Before worship**

O Lord, our creator, redeemer, and comforter, as we come together to worship You in spirit and in truth, we humbly pray that You would open our hearts to the preaching of Your Word so that we may repent of our sins, believe in Jesus Christ as our only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear us for His sake.

### **Grace to Receive the Word**

Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that, by patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

### **Before Confession and Absolution**

Almighty, everlasting God, for our many sins we justly deserve eternal condemnation. In Your mercy You sent Your dear Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who won for us forgiveness of sins and everlasting salvation. Grant us a true confession that, dead to sin, we may be raised up by Your life-giving absolution. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may be ever watchful and live true and godly lives in Your service; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

# ✠ SERVICE OF PREPARATION ✠

## OPENING HYMN

*416 Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory*



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-i-ence 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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## INVOCATION

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

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

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

**C** Amen.

## EXHORTATION

Hebrews 10:22

**P** 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.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

## CONFESSION OF SINS

[John 20:19–23]

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and self-examination. From Luther's Small Catechism: Before God we should confess all sins, even those we are not aware of, as we do in the Lord's Prayer. Consider your place in life according to the Ten Commandments: Are you a father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife, or worker? Have you been disobedient, unfaithful, or lazy? Have you been hot-tempered, rude, or quarrelsome? Have you hurt someone by your words or deeds? Have you stolen, been negligent, wasted anything, or done any harm?*

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** 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.

**P** 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.

**C** Amen.

# ✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

## INTROIT

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

- P** Your lightnings lighted up the world;  
the earth trembled and shook.
- C** How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!  
My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD.
- P** Blessèd are those who dwell in your house,  
ever singing your praise!
- C** 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.
- P** 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 uprightly.



**C** Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

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

## KYRIE

*Mark 10:47*



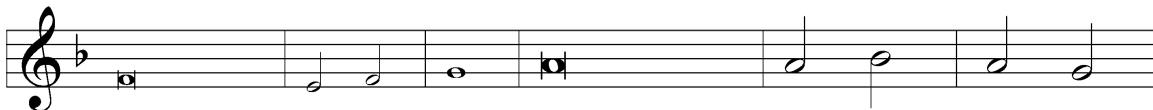
**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



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

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Luke 2:14; John 1:29



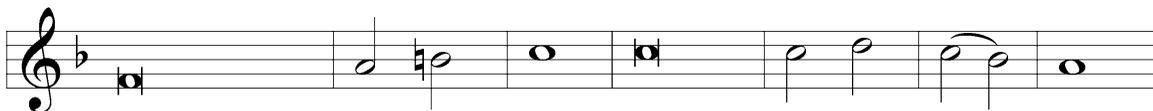
**P** Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



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



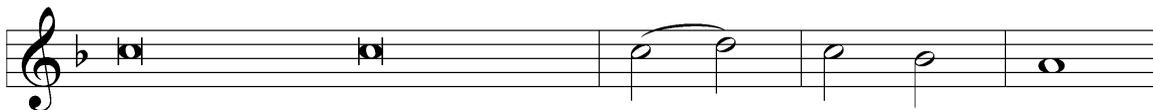
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



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



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



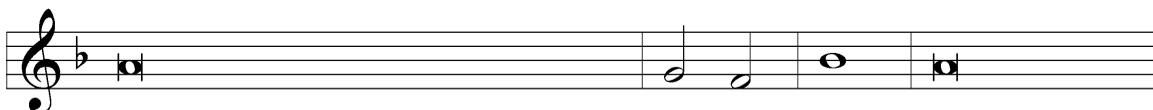
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



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



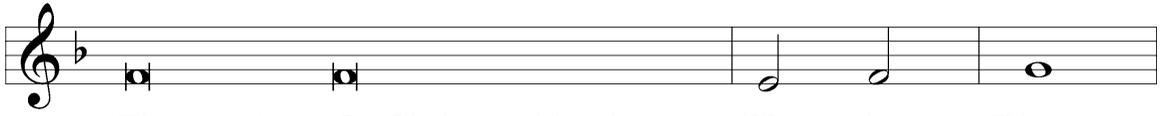
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.



Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,



art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

**SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY**

2 Timothy 4:22

**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

*Brief silence for individual prayers concerning our community, congregation, friends, family, and ourselves.*

**P** 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.



**C** A - men.

## HYMN

## 523 O Word of God Incarnate



1 O Word of God in - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,  
 2 The Church from You, dear Mas - ter, Re - ceived the gift di - vine;  
 3 O make Your Church, dear Sav - ior, A lamp of bur - nished gold



O Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky:  
 And still that light is lift - ed O'er all the earth to shine.  
 To bear be - fore the na - tions Your true light as of old!



We praise You for the ra - diance That from the hal - lowed page,  
 It is the chart and com - pass That, all life's voy - age through,  
 O teach Your wan - d'ring pil - grims By this their path to trace



A lan - tern to our foot - steps, Shines on from age to age.  
 Mid mists and rocks and quick - sands Still guides, O Christ, to You.  
 Till, clouds and dark - ness end - ed, They see You face to face!

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## OLD TESTAMENT READING

## Exodus 34:29–35

When Moses came down from Mount Sinai, with the two tablets of the testimony in his hand as he came down from the mountain, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. Aaron and all the people of Israel saw Moses, and behold, the skin of his face shone, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses talked with them. Afterward all the people of Israel came near, and he commanded them all that the LORD had spoken with him in Mount Sinai. And when Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face.

Whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would remove the veil, until he came out. And when he came out and told the people of Israel what he was commanded, the people of Israel would see the face of Moses, that the skin of

Moses' face was shining. And Moses would put the veil over his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## PSALM 2

**P** Why do the nations rage | and the peoples plot in vain?

**C** The kings of the earth set themselves,  
and the rulers take counsel together,  
against the LORD and against his anointed, saying,

**P** “Let us burst their bonds apart | and cast away their cords from us.”

**C** He who sits in the heavens laughs;  
the Lord holds them in derision.

**P** Then he will speak to them in his wrath, | and terrify them in his fury, saying,

**C** “As for me, I have set my King  
on Zion, my holy hill.”

**P** I will tell of the decree:  
The LORD said to me, “You are my Son; | today I have begotten you.

**C** Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,  
and the ends of the earth your possession.

**P** You shall break them with a rod of iron  
and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.”

**C** Now therefore, O kings, be wise;  
be warned, O rulers of the earth.

**P** Serve the LORD with fear, | and rejoice with trembling.

**C** Kiss the Son,  
lest he be angry, and you perish in the way,  
for his wrath is quickly kindled.

**P** Blessèd are all who take refuge in him.

## EPISTLE READING

*2 Peter 1:16–21*

For 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. For 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,” we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were

with him on the holy mountain. And 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, knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### ALLELUIA AND VERSE

*John 6:68*



**C** Al-le - lu - ia. 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 be to Thee, O Lord.

After six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. And 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." He 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." When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear." And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

And 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 be to Thee, O Christ.

## NICENE CREED

**C** 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  $\text{✝}$  of the world to come. Amen.

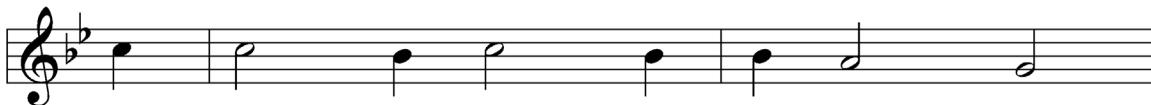
*\*Christian: the ancient text reads "catholic,"  
meaning the whole Church as it confesses the wholeness of Christian doctrine.*

## CHILDREN'S MOMENT—TRANSFIGURATION

*The Season of Epiphany is all about the revelation that this child of Mary is more than just a man, but He is God in human flesh. The Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord is the pinnacle of this revelation. Through the eyes of Peter, James, and John, we are given a glimpse "behind the curtain" to see a peek of the glory of Christ hidden in human flesh. This revelation was given to help strengthen the disciples for the time that is coming, for Jesus comes down from the mount and sets His face toward Jerusalem. He will not be deterred from the path that will lead Him to the cross where His true glory will be revealed as the Savior of the World.*

## HYMN

## 413 O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair



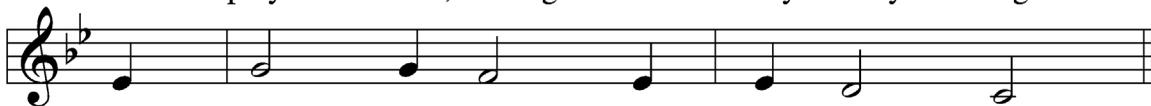
1 O won - drous type! O vi - sion fair  
 2 With Mo - ses and E - li - jah nigh  
 3 With shin - ing face and bright ar - ray  
 4 And faith - ful hearts are raised on high  
 △ 5 O Fa - ther, with the e - ter - nal Son



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

## 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.

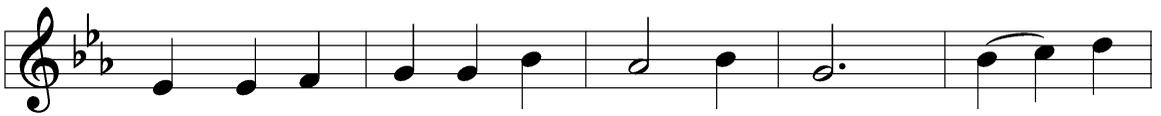
**P** For the Christian Church on earth, that we would be kept strong in faith until that day when we gather with Moses, Elijah, Peter, James and John around the glorified Lord Jesus, never to depart, and we receive our portion with all the saints in light, let us pray to the Lord: **C** Lord, have mercy.

**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.

## OFFERTORY

*Psalm 51:10-12*



**C** 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.

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

**PREFACE**

*2 Timothy 4:22 [Colossians 3:1]; [Ps 136]*

**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.



**C** It is meet and right so to do.

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary... evermore praising you and saying:

**SANCTUS***Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*

**C** 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,



bles - 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.

*Hosanna is a Hebrew word of praise meaning "save us now."*

**LORD'S PRAYER***Matthew 6:9-13*

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.

**THE WORDS OF OUR LORD** *Mt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Cor 11:23-25*

**PAX DOMINI**

John 20:19

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



**C** A - - - men.

**AGNUS DEI** 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.

**A NOTE TO OUR VISITORS**

Holy Communion is for baptized Christians who have been instructed in the biblical teaching of the Christian faith and confess:

- I believe I am a sinner before God in need of divine forgiveness. (Romans 3:9–10)
- I believe the true body and blood of my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, was given and shed for the forgiveness of my sins and given to me in Holy Communion. (Matthew 26:26–28)
- I believe the wine is a participation in the blood of Christ shed for me, the bread is a participation in the body of Christ given for me,



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and we are participants in the altar at which we commune. (1 Corinthians 10:16–22)

- I believe that an altar at which the participants are not united in faith and proclamation is not pleasing to the Lord, and those who are unworthy to participate at the altar or are not united in faith with its proclamation do not receive the promised forgiveness but eat and drink judgment upon themselves. (1 Cor 1:10–13, 11:17–34)
- I aim, by the power of the Holy Spirit, to amend my sinful life. (Romans 8:1–8)

### **PREPARATION FOR THE RIGHT RECEPTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

*“O Lord, our God, in Holy Baptism You have called us to be Christians and granted us the remission of sins. Make us ready to receive the most holy body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of all our sins, and grant us grateful hearts that we may give thanks to You, O Father, to Your Son, and to the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.”*

For Questions and Answers to help PREPARE for the Lord's Supper, turn to page 329 in the hymnal.

### **INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMMUNING**

- Please follow the ushers' directions. If you are not communing or receiving a blessing, you are welcome to remain in your seat and sing the hymns, meditate on God's Word, or pray for the day when we will all be united as our Lord prays for us to be united.
- If you are receiving communion, please cup your hands to receive the host. If you are not receiving communion, please cross your forearms over your chest to indicate your desire to receive a blessing.
- If you desire an individual cup, please take one from the assisting elder. If you desire the common cup, please cross your hands over the rail as the assisting elder passes by. Once the assisting elder passes, please place your hand out to receive the common cup and help guide it to your mouth.
- If you have difficulty walking, please alert the ushers. The elements will be brought to you.

### **THANKSGIVING AFTER RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT**

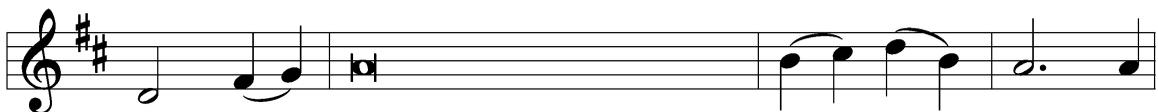
*“Blessed Savior, Jesus Christ, You have given Yourself to us in this holy Sacrament. Keep us in Your faith and favor that we may live in You even as You live in us. May Your body and blood preserve us in the true faith to life everlasting. Hear us for the sake of Your name. Amen.”*

### **HYMNS**

- 621 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence
- 414 'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here | 537 Beautiful Savior
- 821 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus | 631 Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face

NUNC DIMITTIS

Luke 2:29-32



**C** 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 - tles 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 with - out end. A - men.

THANKSGIVING

Psalm 107:1

**P** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.



**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

**P** 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.

**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

## BENEDICAMUS

*Psalm 103:1*

**P** Bless we the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.

## BENEDICTION

*Numbers 6:24-26*

**P** 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.



**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

## BURYING THE ALLELUIA

**P** Having seen the glory of the Lord on the Mount of Transfiguration, the shadow of the cross looms near. As the Season of Light and revelation comes to an end we now ‘bury’ the Alleluia, our word of praise. We part from the Alleluia as from a beloved friend to reflect the penitential mood of Lent, but we do so with much anticipation at the joy of its return. We ‘bury’ our Alleluias in a chest and placed under the altar, where they will remain during Lent as an ever-present reminder that although our praise is hidden by in life of sin and death, an even

greater reality remains hidden beneath, as a seed sprouting and ready to break through the surface into blessed joy.

Following our hymn, our Alleluias will remain ‘buried’ until the appointed time when they will burst forth from their tomb in triumph, as Christ did from His grave. On Easter morning, we will see our darkness turned to light as our Alleluias are revealed and we joyfully proclaim our Easter Acclamation: Alleluia, Christ is risen!

**C** He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

**P** Let us now bid farewell to our song of gladness until we greet it again on that marvelous day.

## HYMN TO DEPART

## 417 Alleluia, Song of Gladness



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.

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