



**Immanuel
Lutheran**
of Evanston

Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord

**Worship with Eucharist and
Rite of Affirmation of Baptism**

March 3, 2019

Welcome!

Immanuel Lutheran Church is a Reconciling in Christ congregation.

We welcome people of every age and size, color and culture, every sexual orientation and gender identity, socio-economic status and marital status, every ability and challenge.

We welcome believers and questioners, and questioning believers.

We're glad God has called you here today! If you're a guest, please feel free to introduce yourself to our pastor or assisting minister. If you would, sign the guest book in the Gathering Area or fill in a guest card, and we'll be happy to send information on how you can get involved at Immanuel.

Facilities

- Our parking lot is located on the south side of the church off Sherman Avenue. You may park in the lot at any time, whether for church events or for shopping or other errands in downtown Evanston; weekdays, see the church office at the Lake St. entrance to get a parking pass. On Sundays, additional parking is available across the street at the Holiday Inn or in Lot 6 on Lake St. across from the Police and Fire Headquarters. Parking meters are free until 1 pm on Sunday.
- The parking lot entrance is an accessible entrance. An elevator is located just inside that door.
- Restrooms are downstairs near the meeting of the two hallways. Accessible restrooms are located near the elevator on both upper and lower levels. A gender-neutral restroom is located on the lower level by the elevator.
- We love having children in worship! There is a nursery and changing/crying room for parents to use, if needed, located downstairs. There are also changing tables in both restrooms on this level, by the elevator. An usher will be happy to direct you.
- Hearing assistance is available. Ask an usher for equipment.
- Wi-Fi is available throughout most of the building. The network is "Immanuel," password "allarewelcome". Please use the Internet responsibly!

About Our Worship

Our Sunday worship is organized around the proclamation of the Word of God and the celebration of the Lord's Supper. It has a familiar form each week, but the content changes for each service according to a calendar shared with many other Christians. Our hymnal, *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, is organized so that page numbers for the liturgy are in the front part of the book, while hymn numbers are in the second part. The liturgy and hymns are printed in this bulletin, but page numbers are provided for those who wish to follow along in the hymnal.

Receiving Holy Communion

We invite you to share with us in the sacramental meal, because Christ himself invites you! At the direction of the usher, come forward if you are able, and kneel at the altar rail, starting at the walls. Receive the bread in the palm of your hand. (Gluten-free wafers are available. Just ask the pastor.) You may eat it immediately, then take the silver chalice and drink from it or, if you prefer, take a small cup from the tray. The cups in the outer ring contain wine. The cups in the center contain grape juice. As you return to your seat, place your empty cup in the trays provided at the ends of the front pews. Return to your place via the side aisles after you have communed. If you need to have Communion brought to you, please sit on the aisle, and let either the pastor or an usher know before the service that you would like to commune at your seat. If you desire a blessing but not the sacrament, you are invited to come forward with everyone else and fold your arms over your chest to indicate this.

Gathering: *The Holy Spirit assembles us as the People of God ...*

Witnesses to the glory of God in the face of Jesus will be unable to avoid reflecting that glory in the world. It was true for Moses. It was doubtless true for Peter, James, and John. We pray that it will be true of all of us who see the glory of the Lord in the word and in the supper and who are being "transformed into the same image" by the Spirit of God. And today we give great thanks as Tyler Knohl affirms the promises of his baptism through the laying on of hands and confirmation of the work of the Spirit in his life.

P: Presiding Minister **L:** Leader/Assisting Minister **R:** Reader **A:** Assembly
+ All may make the sign of the cross.

Pre-Service Music

Selections from Franck's mature masterworks

The Assembly stands when directed and turns toward the font.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth,
our light and our salvation.

A Amen.

P Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water is poured into the font as the Presiding Minister prays.

We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters
and by your Word you created the world,
calling forth life in which you took delight.
Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.
By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.
We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.
Shower us with your Spirit,
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.
To you be given honor and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

A Amen.

Gathering Song

"Shine, Jesus, Shine" Hymnal 671

You may reverence the cross as it passes you. The Assembly is sprinkled with water in remembrance of baptism.

Refrain



Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry;



blaze, Spir - it, blaze, set our hearts on fire.



Flow, riv - er, flow, flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy;



send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!

1 Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing, in the midst of the
2 As we gaze on your king - ly bright-ness, so our fac - es dis -



dark - ness, shin - ing; Je - sus, light of the world, shine up - on us,
play your like - ness, ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry,



set us free by the truth you now bring us.
mir - rored here, may our lives tell your sto - ry.

Refrain



Shine on me, shine on me:
Shine on me, shine on me:

Greeting

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all!

A And also with you!

Kyrie

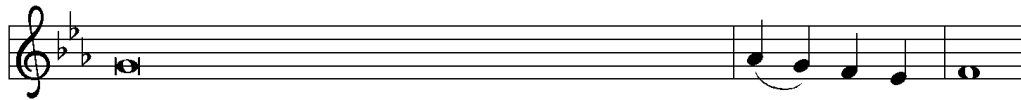
The Leader sings the bids, and the Assembly sings the "Lord, have mercy" and "Amen." **Hymnal p. 98**



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



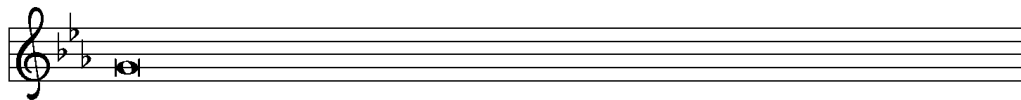
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



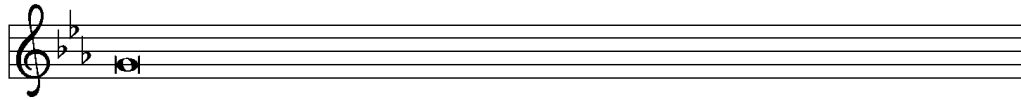
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



let us pray to the Lord.



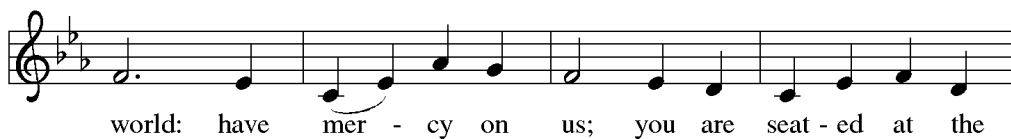
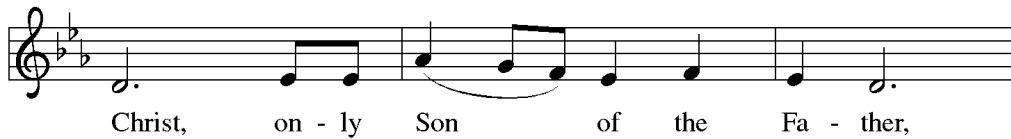
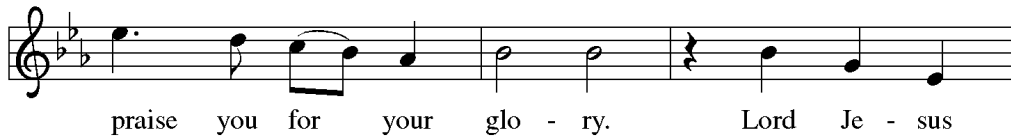
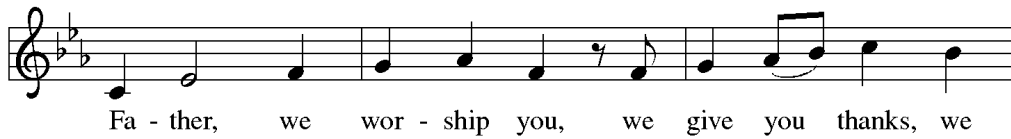
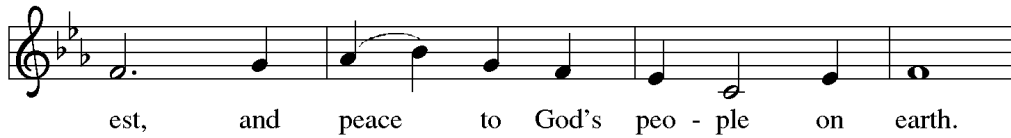
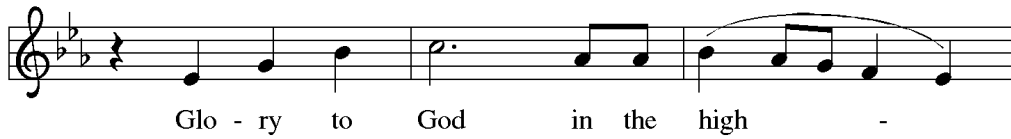
Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.



Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of
 God the Fa - ther. A - men.
 Glo - ry to God in the high -
 est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray. Holy God, mighty and immortal, you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. Transform us into the likeness of your Son, who renewed our humanity so that we may share in his divinity, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

A Amen.

The Assembly is seated.

Welcome and Announcements

Word: *God speaks to us in scripture, preaching, and song*

Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures

Exodus 34:29-35

R A reading from Exodus.

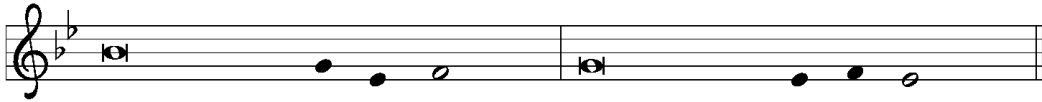
²⁹Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. ³⁰When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. ³²Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. ³³When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; ³⁴but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, ³⁵the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

R Word of God, word of life.

A Thanks be to God!

The organ will play the tone, and then the refrain, and then the Assembly will sing the refrain through.
 The right side of the Assembly sings the lightface verses to the tone; the left side of the Assembly sings boldface verses.
 All sing the refrain where indicated by "R."

Tone:



Refrain:



- ¹The LORD is king; let the | people tremble.
 The LORD is enthroned upon the cherubim; let | the earth shake.
- ²**The LORD, | great in Zion,
 is high a- | bove all peoples.**
- ³Let them confess God's name, which is | great and awesome;
 God is the | Holy One.
- ⁴**O mighty king, lover of justice, you have es- | tablished equity;
 you have executed justice and righteous- | ness in Jacob. R**
- ⁵Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and fall down be- | fore God's footstool;
 God is the | Holy One.
- ⁶**Moses and Aaron among your priests, and Samuel among those who call upon your |
 name, O LORD,
 they called upon you, and you | answered them,**
- ⁷you spoke to them out of the pil- | lar of cloud;
 they kept your testimonies and the decree | that you gave them.
- ⁸**O LORD our God, you answered | them indeed;
 you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their | evil deeds.**
- ⁹Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and worship upon God's | holy hill;
 for the LORD our God is the | Holy One. R

R A reading from the Second Letter to the Corinthians.

¹²Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, ¹³not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. ¹⁴But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. ¹⁵Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; ¹⁶but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. ¹⁷Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

^{4:1}Therefore, since it is by God’s mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. ²We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God’s word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

R Word of God, word of life.

A **Thanks be to God!**

The Assembly stands to greet the Good News of Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation

Hymnal p. 102

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Repeat alleluia
This is my | Son, my Chosen,* lis- | ten to him!

P This is the Good News of Jesus Christ according to Luke.

A 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 while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³⁰Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. ³¹They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³²Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah”—not knowing what he said. ³⁴While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. ³⁵Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!” ³⁶When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

³⁷On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. ³⁸Just then a man from the crowd shouted, “Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. ³⁹Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. ⁴⁰I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not.” ⁴¹Jesus answered, “You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here.” ⁴²While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. ^{43a}And all were astounded at the greatness of God.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

A Praise to you, O Christ!

The Alleluia of the Gospel Acclamation is sung once again. The Assembly is then seated.

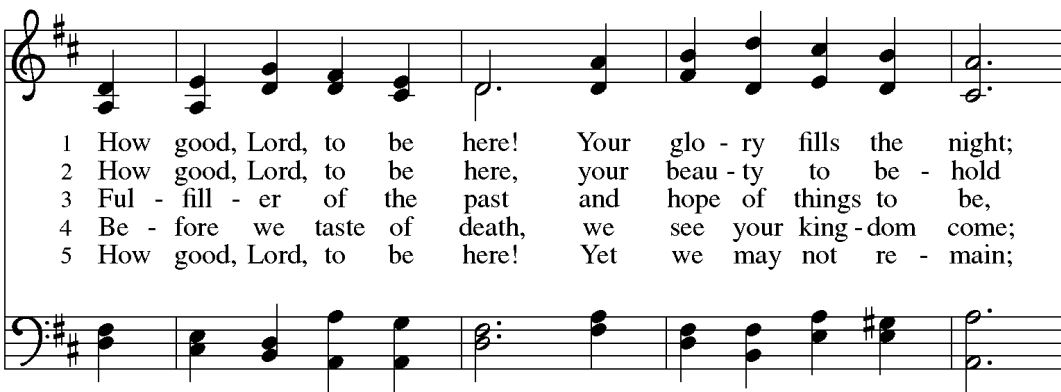
Sermon

Time of Silence

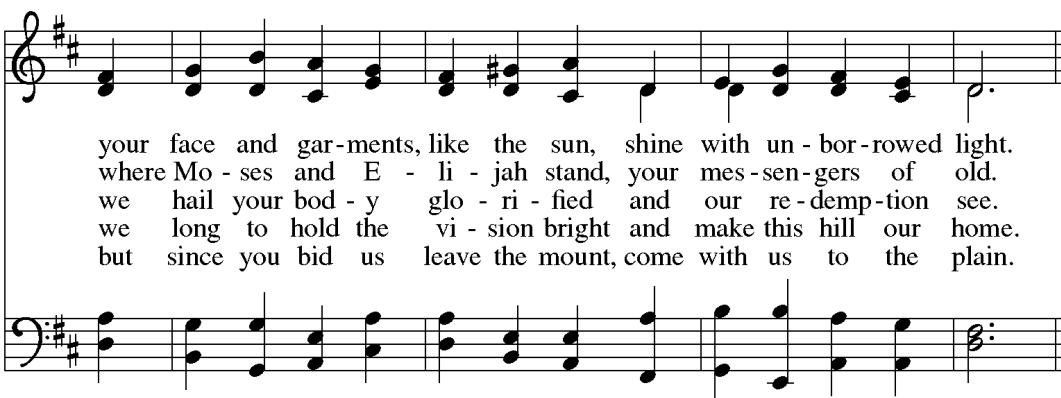
A bell will sound to signal a time of silence for reflection.

During this time, you may want to meditate on one word from the scriptures or from the sermon that stands out to you, asking the Spirit to show you how it applies to your own life.

When the bell sounds a second time, the Assembly stands to respond to the Word with song.



1 How good, Lord, to be here! Your glo - ry fills the night;
 2 How good, Lord, to be here, your beau - ty to be - hold
 3 Ful - fill - er of the past and hope of things to be,
 4 Be - fore we taste of death, we see your king - dom come;
 5 How good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not re - main;



your face and gar - ments, like the sun, shine with un - bor - rowed light.
 where Mo - ses and E - li - jah stand, your mes - sen - gers of old.
 we hail your bod - y glo - ri - fied and our re - demp - tion see.
 we long to hold the vi - sion bright and make this hill our home.
 but since you bid us leave the mount, come with us to the plain.

The Assembly remains standing.

The Rite of Affirmation of Baptism for Tyler Knohl

Presentation

- P Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for this brother, one with us in the body of Christ, who is making public affirmation of his baptism.
- L I present Tyler Gregory Knohl, who desires to make public affirmation of his baptism.
- P Let us pray. Merciful God, we thank you for this brother, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called him to yourself, enlightened him with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished him in the community of faith. Uphold your servant in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

A Amen.

Profession of Faith

P I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

P Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

A I renounce them.

P Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

I renounce them.

P Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

A I renounce them.

P Do you believe in God the Father?

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

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**A I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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

Affirmation of Baptism

P Tyler, you have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,

to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,

to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,

to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,

and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Response: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

P People of God, do you promise to support this brother and pray for him in his life in Christ?

A We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

The Assembly is seated. The one making affirmation kneels as the Presiding Minister blesses him.

P Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

The minister lays both hands on the head of the person and says:

Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in Tyler the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm his faith, guide his life, empower him in his serving, give him patience in suffering, and bring him to everlasting life.

A Amen.

The one making public affirmation stands and faces the Assembly.

The Assembly stands as a representative of the congregation addresses the Assembly.

L Let us rejoice with this brother in Christ.

**A We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.
Together we will give thanks and praise to God
and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

The Assembly responds with joy.

Prayers of the People

L United as one body in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in any need.

L We pray for the church. Open us to listen to your word and to do your will. We pray for our bishops, Elizabeth and Wayne, our pastor, Keith, our president, Sara, our Council, and for all whom you have called here in your name. Direct us in paths of faithful service that reflect your love. Lord, in your mercy,

A hear our prayer.

L For the earth, your beloved creation and our fragile home; for mountains and prairies; for cities and wilderness areas. Renew places we have neglected or misused. Where natural disasters have altered the land, help us to honor nature's healing. Lord, in your mercy,

A hear our prayer.

L For the nations. Shine the light of truth into world relationships hindered by mistrust or misunderstanding. Bring freedom and stability to all nations. Shelter those who have been displaced by war, famine, or natural disaster. Lord, in your mercy,

A hear our prayer.

L For those in need. Free those who struggle with shame or guilt. Bring clarity to those whose judgment is clouded by fear. Comfort those who grieve, and heal the sick, especially Serena Bernstein, Margaret Carlson, Lynn Carson, Lucas Forzley, Bob Fried, Jo Ann Fry, Kim Gann, Jennifer Grethe, Judy Hokenson, Ron Laudert, Richard Lewis, Patti, Alyssa Steinberg, John and Doris Strom, and those we name now aloud or in our hearts [...]. Lord, in your mercy,

A hear our prayer.

L For this assembly. Deepen our faith and understanding. Guide our ministries of hospitality and outreach. With our brother Tyler, renew us in the baptismal promise to care for others and the world you have made. Lord, in your mercy,

A hear our prayer.

L And now, sisters and brothers, for what else shall we pray?

The petitions and thanksgivings of the Assembly, silent or spoken aloud, are invited.

L Lord, in your mercy,

A hear our prayer.

L With thanksgiving, we remember those who have died, especially the blessed martyrs Perpetua and Felicity, whom we commemorate this week. Inspire us by their example and bring us with them into the eternal light of your presence. Lord, in your mercy,

A hear our prayer.

P Receive our prayers and fill us with the radiance of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A Amen.

Peace

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

A And also with you.

Greet one another in the peace of Christ, saying "Peace be with you," "The peace of the Lord," or similar words.

If you prefer not to shake hands, you might raise your hand in a gesture of blessing as you speak peace to your neighbors. After the Peace, all return to their seats.

Meal: *God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ ...*

Offering *An offering is gathered for doing God's mission, including the care of those in need.*

Offering Music

"Jesu bleibet meine Freude" *J.S. Bach*

Jesus, my joy forever, cordial, comfort of my soul,
Jesus turns away all sorrows that would light and life control.
Strong and righteous, Jesus shining, brightness, pleasure, good defining,
So I ever am aware, heart and soul, of Jesus there!

Presentation of the Gifts

"Light Shone in Darkness" **Hymnal 307**

The Assembly stands and sings as the gifts are brought forward.



1 Light shone in dark - ness at the world's cre - a - tion,
2 Light shone in dark - ness at the new cre - a - tion;
3 Light shines in dark - ness till the full cre - a - tion;



bath - ing in beau - ty na - ture's rev - e - la - tion. All that has be - ing,
Christ rose in glo - ry, won for us sal - va - tion. Sing, earth and heav - en,
Christ's bod - y, groan - ing, suf - fers trib - u - la - tion, longs for God's jus - tice,



cry in ad - o - ra - tion, "Praise for the light. A - men!"
hymns of ju - bi - la - tion, praise for the light. A - men!
glob - al trans - for - ma - tion, prays for the light. A - men!

Offering Prayer

L Let us pray.

A **Holy God, your beauty shines forth from the manger,
and your love flows from the cross.**

**As you gather us around these signs of your love come among us,
warm us to extend your care
among the hungry and all in need.**

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Dialogue

P The Lord be with you!

A And also with you!

P Lift up your hearts.

A We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

A It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

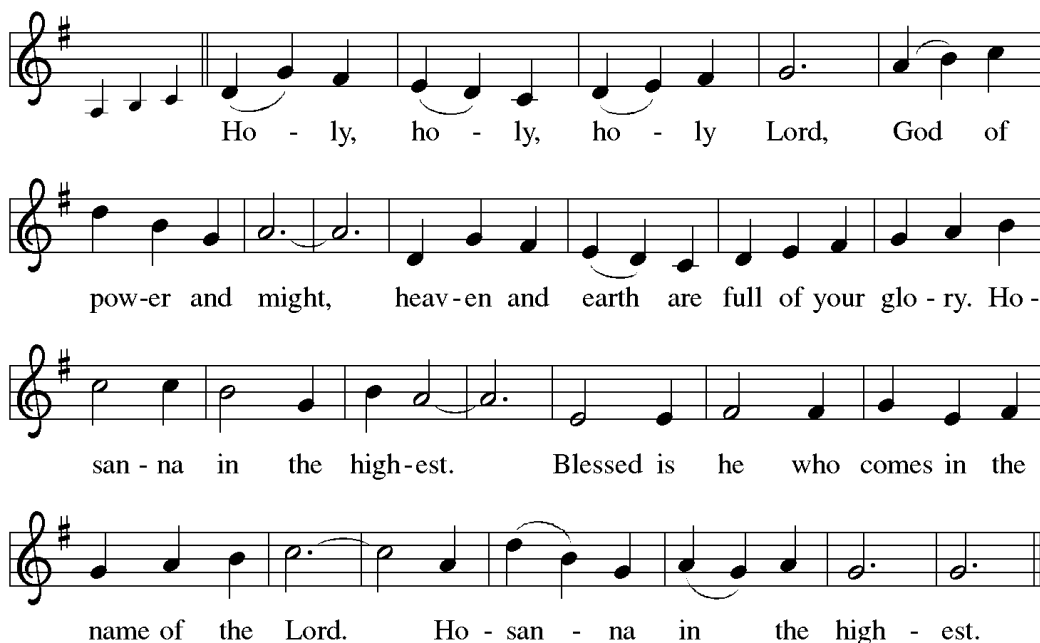
P It is indeed right to give you our thanks and praise, O God, for you remove the veil from our minds and transfigure us in the wondrous light of your glory. At creation your word lit up the sun and stars and dispelled the chaos to form the earth. You revealed your glory to your servant, Moses, and, from the cloud, made a covenant with your people.

In the timeless presence of Moses and Elijah you transfigured your Son, Jesus, allowing his terrified followers to witness his glory and hear your voice from the awesome cloud. He was killed by those whose minds were hardened, but, by your mercy, his exodus through the waters of death led to resurrection life and freedom. Now, you have called us to listen to him, and through your Holy Spirit you are transforming us into his image and clothing us with honor and majesty.

Therefore, with hearts full of gratitude, we sing joyfully, giving thanks to you, who are both Father and Mother to us, at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We join our voices with Perpetua and Felicity, and with all your holy ones of all times and places. With earth and all its creatures, with sun, moon, and stars, with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your Name, and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy

Hymnal, p. 108



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Thanksgiving at the Table

P We give you thanks, O God,
through Jesus Christ, your beloved Son,
whom you sent in this end of the ages
to save and redeem us and to proclaim to us your will.

He is your Word, inseparable from you,
through whom you created all things,
and in whom you take delight.

He is your Word, sent from heaven to a virgin's womb.

He there took on our nature and our lot
and was shown forth as your Son,
born of the Holy Spirit and of the virgin Mary.

He, our Lord Jesus, fulfilled all your will
and won for you a holy people;
he stretched out his hands in suffering
in order to free from suffering those who trust you.

He is the one who, handed over to a death he freely accepted,
in order to destroy death, to break the bonds of the evil one,
to crush hell underfoot, to give light to the righteous,
to establish his covenant, and to show forth the resurrection,
taking bread and giving thanks to you, said:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

In the same way he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, then, his death and resurrection,
we take this bread and cup,
giving you thanks that you have made us worthy
to stand before you and to serve you as your priestly people.

Send your Spirit upon these gifts of your church;
gather into one all who share this bread and wine;
fill us with your Holy Spirit to establish our faith in truth,
that we may praise and glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ;
through whom all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father,
with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, both now and forever.

A Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

A Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come, your will be done

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,

now and forever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread and Invitation

L Come to the table where Christ meets you.

Eat, rejoice, and be glad!

A Thanks be to God!

Distribution of Holy Communion

The Assembly is seated. Please come forward as the ushers direct, and as you are able.

See the inside front cover for instructions concerning Holy Communion.

Communion Song

"Lamb of God" Hymnal p. 112

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, grant us peace.

Communion Song

"Come Light of Lights"

*The Assembly is invited to sing. You may choose either part.
To sing in a round, you may begin at any of the lettered notes.*

Part 1

A B C D E

Come light of lights in - to my heart. Come

wis - dom of spi - rit in - to my heart. Come

Part 2

A B C D E

Come light of lights in - to my heart. Come

wis - dom of spi - rit in - to my heart. Come

The Assembly stands when directed by the Presiding Minister.

Blessing after Communion

P May the body and blood of our + Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you, and keep you in his grace.

A Amen.

This Week's Commemorations

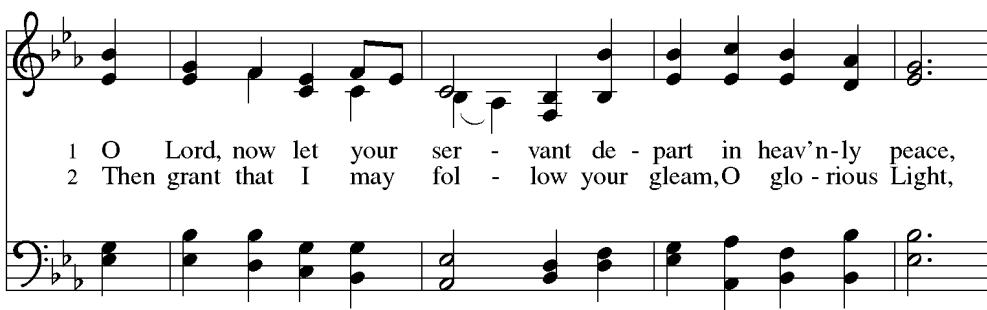
Perpetua and Felicity and companions, martyrs at Carthage, d. 202

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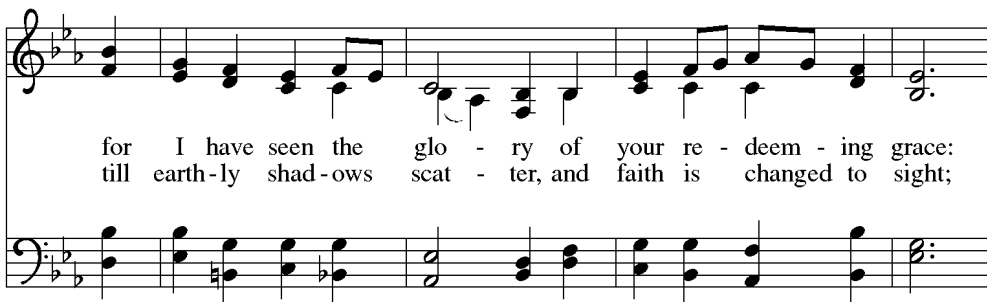
Vibia Perpetua was a noblewoman, and Felicitas (Felicity) her slave, who were catechumens at Carthage in northern Africa. They, with four other catechumens, had defied the Roman emperor, who had forbidden conversions to Christianity, and were put to death in the amphitheater, torn apart by animals. The *Acts of Perpetua and Felicitas*, a first-person account of their sufferings and the vision Perpetua was given while imprisoned, was one of the most popular works of early Christian writing, and was widely read as an example of faithfulness to encourage those facing persecution at the hands of the Roman Empire.

Post-Communion Song

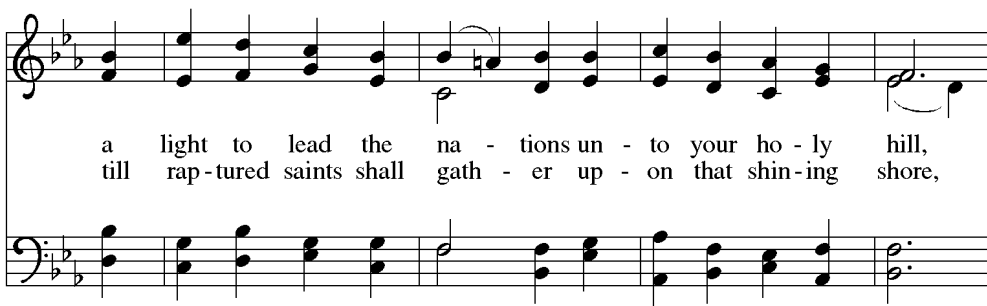
"O Lord, Now Let Your Servant" Hymnal 313



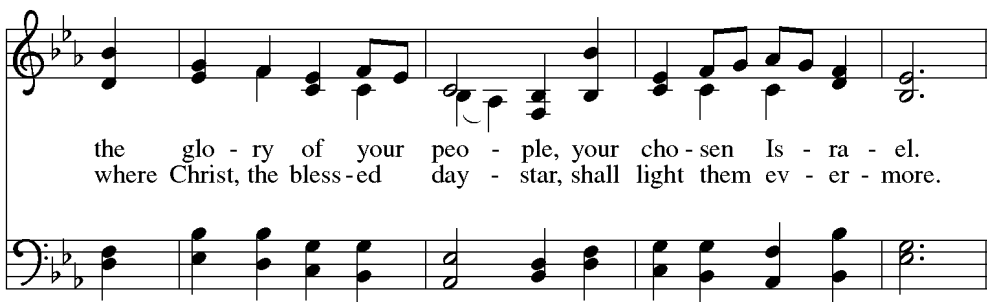
1 O Lord, now let your ser - vant de - part in heav'n-ly peace,
2 Then grant that I may fol - low your gleam, O glo - rious Light,



for I have seen the glo - ry of your re - deem - ing grace:
till earth-ly shad - ows scat - ter, and faith is changed to sight;



a light to lead the na - tions un - to your ho - ly hill,
till rap - tured saints shall gath - er up - on that shin - ing shore,



the glo - ry of your peo - ple, your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
where Christ, the bless - ed day - star, shall light them ev - er - more.

Prayer after Communion

L Let us pray. God of wonder, in Jesus we behold the light of the world come near. As you have come among us now, send us out in joy, hastening to share the good news of your love. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit dwelling among us now and forever.

A Amen.

Sending: *God blesses us, and sends us in mission to the world ...*

Sending of Communion

P Let us pray. God of abundance, as you commanded your people to send food and sweet wine to those who could not be in the assembly on the day you declared holy, we send this bread and wine to our sisters and brothers who are sick or homebound. May they know that a feast has been prepared for them, and may their grief be softened as they are reminded that your joy is their strength. We pray this through Christ our Lord.

A Amen.

Sending Song

"Alleluia, Song of Gladness" [printed on next page] Hymnal 318

In this hymn, we sing our last "Alleluia" before Lent begins on Ash Wednesday. We "fast" from "Alleluia" until Easter. Please turn as the cross passes you to face the doors through which you will be sent out in mission.

Blessing

P Go now and live your faith boldly as an open statement of God's truth. Keep nothing hidden, and refuse anything deceitful or manipulative. By God's mercy, engage in the ministry to which you have been called, and let the light of God's word shine brightly in you.

And may God strengthen you and keep you safe;
may + Christ Jesus unveil your minds;
and may the Holy Spirit transform you from glory to glory.

A Amen.

Dismissal

L Go in peace. Share the joy of Christ!

A Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Please stay for a time of fellowship immediately following the service in Fellowship Hall. Refreshments are provided by the Hummel and Knohl Families in celebration of Tyler's confirmation. Come enjoy one another's company and hear about all the opportunities for service and community!

Serving in Worship today...

Presiding Minister Pr. Keith Fry
Assisting Minister Kathryn Skelton
Acolyte Tyler Knohl
Lector Dana Barron
Communion Minister Terri Hummel
Organist Greg Hummel
Table Preparation Kathryn Skelton
Communion Bread TBD
Ushers Marlene Chatain

Alleluia, Song of Gladness

1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of glad - ness, voice of joy that can - not die;
 2 Al - le - lu - ia you are sound - ing, true Je - ru - sa - lem and free;
 3 Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways be our song while here be - low;
 4 In our hymns we pray with long - ing: Grant us, bless - ed Trin - i - ty,

al - le - lu - ia is the an - them ev - er dear to choirs on high;
 al - le - lu - ia, joy - ful moth - er, bring us to your ju - bi - lee;
 al - le - lu - ia our trans - gres - sions make us for a while for - go;
 at the last to keep glad Eas - ter with the faith - ful saints on high;

in the house of God a - bid - ing thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly.
 here by Bab - y - lon's sad wa - ters mourn - ing ex - iles still are we.
 for the sol - emn time is com - ing when our tears for sin shall flow.
 there to you for - ev - er sing - ing al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly.

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Reveling in Joy

The story of Jesus' transfiguration in today's gospel stands at the threshold of Lent. Here we encounter the first shadows of Gethsemane in the drowsy disciples and catch the first echoes of the walk toward Golgotha in Jesus' footsteps ascending the mountain. Eight days before this climb, Jesus told his disciples of his resolve to face suffering, rejection, and death in Jerusalem before being raised on the third day. His words may twinge our hearts with pain for what is coming.

Yet, this moment on the mountaintop is filled not with sadness but with joy. In his obedience to the will of God, Jesus evokes the overwhelming pleasure of his Father. His appearance breaks forth with all the glory of God, shining and dazzling. God's chosen servants, Moses, the great lawgiver, and Elijah, the great prophet, appear. They, too, are filled with words of awe at what Jesus is about to do. The disciples who are present there are overcome with wonder and long to stay in this place with their Lord. The voice from the cloud erupts with pride as God revels in the joy Jesus has inspired: "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" (*Luke 9:35*).

As we prepare to begin Lent, today's worship offers a moment for those assembled to revel in this joy too. We are invited to walk to the mountaintop with the disciples at Jesus' side, to listen for the testimony regarding Christ in the law and the prophets, and to hear God's affirmation. Here we are invited to experience love and grace flowing freely from our transfigured Lord and to rest a while. Going forward from this time, we can take with us hope, strength, faith, and awe as we settle into the long journey of Lent.

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, March 6	Ash Wednesday	Noon, 7 PM
Thursday, March 7	Daytime Quilters	10:00 AM
Sunday, March 10	Adult Spiritual Growth Group	9:00 AM
	Lent 1, Worship with Eucharist	10:30 AM
	<i>(Daylight Saving Time begins)</i>	

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