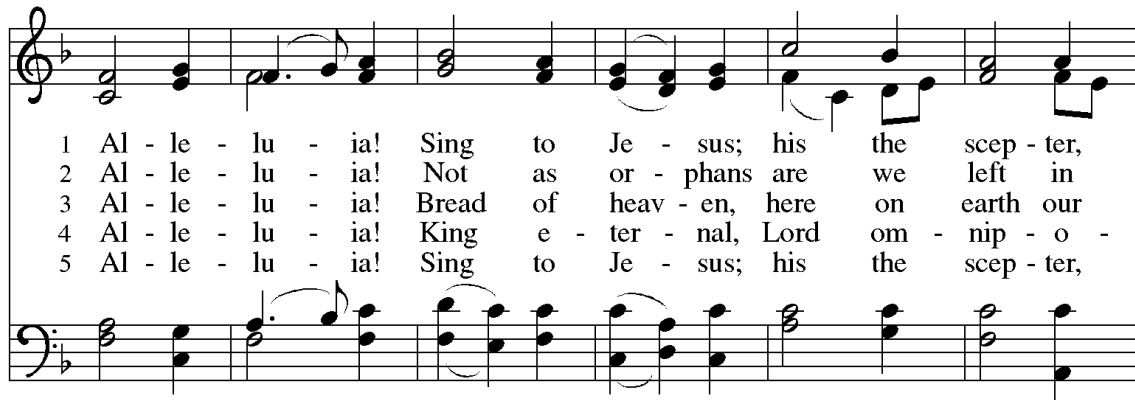


Transfiguration of Our Lord, February 14th 2021

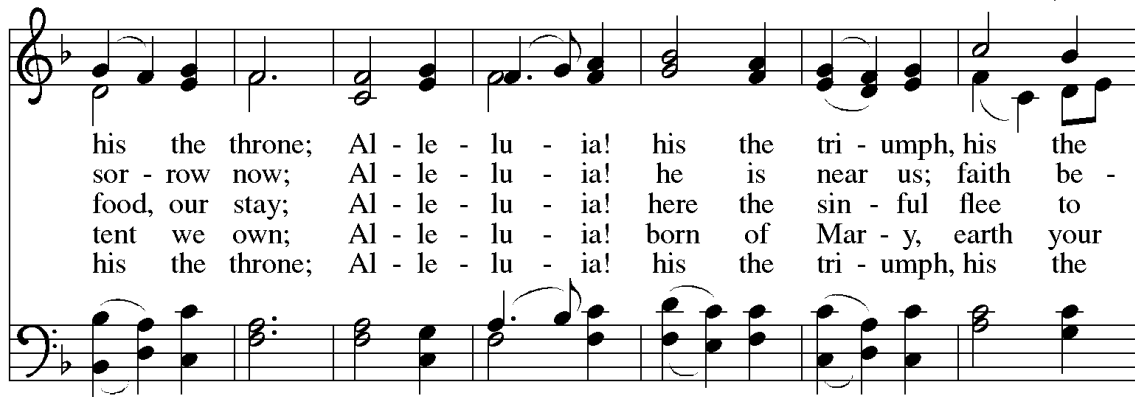
Zoom Service 10:30 AM

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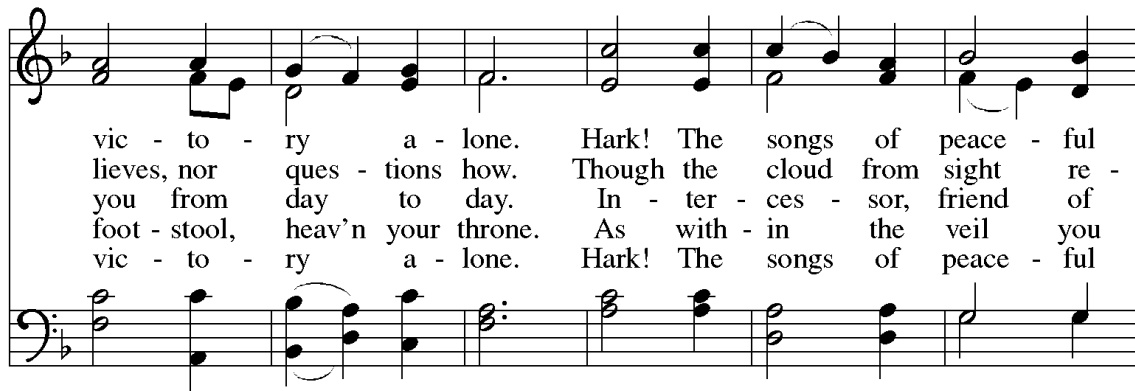
Prelude Alleluia! Sing to Jesus ELW 392



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,
2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we left in
3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, here on earth our
4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om - nip - o -
5 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,



his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the
sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us; faith be -
food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to
tent we own; Al - le - lu - ia! born of Mar - y, earth your
his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the



vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful
lieves, nor ques - tions how. Though the cloud from sight re -
you from day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, friend of
foot - stool, heav'n your throne. As with - in the veil you
vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful



Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus
ceived him when the for - ty days were o'er, shall our
sin - ners, earth's re - deem - er, hear our plea where the
en - tered, robed in flesh, our great high priest, here on
Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus

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out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."
 hearts for - get his prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more"?
 songs of all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
 earth both priest and vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.
 out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."

Text: William C. Dix, 1837–1898, alt.
 Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

Announcements

Thanksgiving for Baptism

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

Amen.

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.

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. **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

As we celebrate transfiguration in a blaze of epiphany light,
as we stand with Jesus renewed in our baptisms,
seeing where we've been, and glimpsing what is to come:

God of our mountaintops,
give us gravity.

God of our valleys,
give us perspective.

God of our peaks,
give us stillness.

God of our depths,
give us footsteps forward.

God of the whole creation,
give us community in Christ.

God of our inmost, quiet souls,
give us your voice

God of our bodies,
give us your Spirit.

God with us in our restlessness and wakefulness,
give us your rest.

God with us in our peace and calm,
give us vision of newness.

God of your most surprising gift in Jesus, source of unending gifts of confidence,
Bless us with fresh hearts of love and generosity to be light to the world,
in Jesus name,
Amen.

Reading from the Old Testament, 2 Kings 2:1-12

¹Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ²Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. ³The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent."

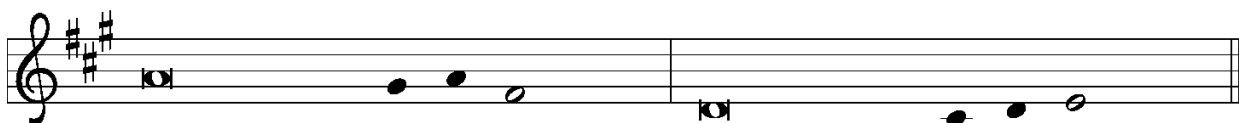
⁴Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. ⁵The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be

silent.”

⁶Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.” But he said, “As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them went on. ⁷Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

⁹When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.” Elisha said, “Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.” ¹⁰He responded, “You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.” ¹¹As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. ¹²Elisha kept watching and crying out, “Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

PSALM: 50:1-6



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- ¹The mighty one, God the | Lord, has spoken;
calling the earth from the rising of the sun | to its setting.
- ²**Out of Zion, perfect | in its beauty,**
God shines | forth in glory.
- ³Our God will come and will | not keep silence;
with a consuming flame before, and round about a | raging storm.
- ⁴**God calls the heavens and the earth | from above**
to witness the judgment | of the people.
- ⁵“Gather before me my | loyal followers,
those who have made a covenant with me and sealed | it with sacrifice.”
- ⁶**The heavens declare the rightness | of God’s cause,**
for it is God | who is judge.

GOSPEL: Mark 9:2-9

²Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵Then Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” ⁶He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, “This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!” ⁸Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

⁹As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Sermon

HYMN: Jesus on the Mountain Peak, ELW 317

1 Je - sus on the moun-tain peak stands a - lone in
2 Trem-bling at his feet we saw Mo - ses and E -
3 Swift the cloud of glo - ry came, God pro - claim - ing
4 This is God's be - lov - ed Son! Law and proph - ets

glo - ry blaz - ing; let us, if we dare to speak,
li - jah speak - ing. All the proph-ets and the law
in its thun - der Je - sus as the Son by name!
sing be - fore him, first and last and on - ly One.

join the saints and an - gels prais - ing.
shout through them their joy - ful greet - ing:
Na - tions, cry a - loud in won - der:
All cre - a - tion shall a - dore him!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936
Music: BETHOLD, Mark Sedio, b. 1954
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Prayers of the People

On this last Sunday after Epiphany, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need, responding to each petition with the phrase, "Alleluia! Amen."

O God of light, we pray for communities of faith around the globe, for our bishops Elizabeth and Yehiel, pastor Kim, pastor Mark, our president Grace, our council, transition and reopening team, our own congregation, and for all Christians who cannot gather for communal worship. Show us your face, and speak your word of power to all the faithful. Receive our prayer, O God.

Alleluia! Amen.

O Morning Star, we pray for the whole earth, for life forming on land and in ocean depths, and for creatures seen and unseen. Give us your Spirit's guidance in our stewardship of the planet. Protect those whose lives are made difficult and dangerous in the cold and snow. Receive our prayer, O God.

Alleluia! Amen.

O Sun of Righteousness, we pray for our nation's elected leaders, for attorneys and juries, and for all who work for justice in our land. Give them all integrity in service and courage to choose what is right. We pray for our citizenry, that prejudice cease and that violence be averted. Receive our prayer, O God.

Alleluia! Amen.

Beautiful Savior, we pray for all suffering from Covid-19, for medical workers, and all who await a vaccine. We pray for those enduring famine, for those experiencing homelessness, for the people of Yemen and Myanmar, and all who live in war zones. Receive our prayer, O God.

Alleluia! Amen.

Source of all goodness, we pray for all who are ill, for all who receive no medical care, for first responders, and for those we name here before you: Steve Andes, Maren Baylaender, Rebecca Bernstein, Serena Bernstein, Babs Deacon, Laura Burdick, Mid Carlson, Lucas Forzley, Bob Fried, Kim Gann, Jennifer Grethe, Pat Helm, Jim Jung, John and Nancy, Judith Kratochvil, Gordon Larson, Elizabeth and Ernie's family, Elaine Nelson, Veronica Repasz, Darryl Simchak, Alyssa Steinberg, George Stewart, Leslie Thais, family and friends of Scott Weidler, the congregation of Iglesia Evangélica Luterana Unida Congregación San Pablo and family and friends of Pastor Kreisher, and those that we name in our hearts (*pause for prayers*). Receive our prayer, O God.

Alleluia! Amen.

Love divine, we pray for those who feel lonely, for those who are abandoned, and for those who must live apart from their dear ones, especially for the children separated from their

parents at our nation's border. Embrace all who are alone with your care. Receive our prayer, O God.

Alleluia! Amen.

Shine, Jesus, shine, also on me, and receive the petitions of our hearts. And now, siblings, for what else shall we pray, silent or spoken aloud? (*A longer period of silence.*) Receive our prayers, O God.

Alleluia! Amen.

We remember before you all who have died in the faith, especially Pastor Fabian Kreisher of the Lutheran Church in Argentina, and for those we name here before you. . . . Be with us in our every struggle, until at our end we join with the saints in your everlasting light. Receive our prayer, O God.

Alleluia! Amen.

O holy Trinity, Light-Creator, Light of Light begotten, and Light-Revealer, receive our praise and hear our prayers, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Peace

Offertory Anthem: O Love! O Life! By Stephan Casurella

We worship God with our offerings. We give thanks for those who support Immanuel's life and mission. [We invite you to do that online](#) or by mail, and with your presence, prayer, and talents.

Offertory Prayer

And now, as we unmute ourselves for the Great Thanksgiving we pray together:

Come Lord Jesus, be our guest and let these gifts to all be blessed.

Feed us with your living bread, that all the world be clothed and fed. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Prayer at the Table

Blessed are you, O holy God:

you are the Life and Light of all.

By your powerful word you created all things.
Through the prophets you called your people to be a light to the nations.
Blessed are you for Jesus, your Son.
He is your Light, shining in our night,
 revealing to us your mercy and power.
In the night in which he was betrayed,
 our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
 broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
 Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.
Again, after supper, 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, therefore,
 his preaching and healing,
 his dying and rising,
 and his promise to come again,
 we await that day when all the universe
 will rejoice in your holy and life-giving light.
 And for this we pray: **Come, Lord Jesus!**

By your Spirit bless us and this meal,
 that, refreshed with this heavenly food,
 we may be light for the world,
 revealing the brilliance of your Son.
 And for this we pray: **Come, Holy Spirit!**

Through him all glory and honor is yours,
 Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
 in your holy Church,
 both now and forever.

Amen

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

Communion

Come for all things are now ready; the gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

This is the body of Christ, given for you.

All communing may receive their bit of bread from God's hand, and may share with others in their household also using these words.

This is the blood of Christ, shed for you.

All communing may drink of the cup they have prepared, and may share with others in their household also using these words.

For those fasting, receive this prayer of blessing in God's presence:

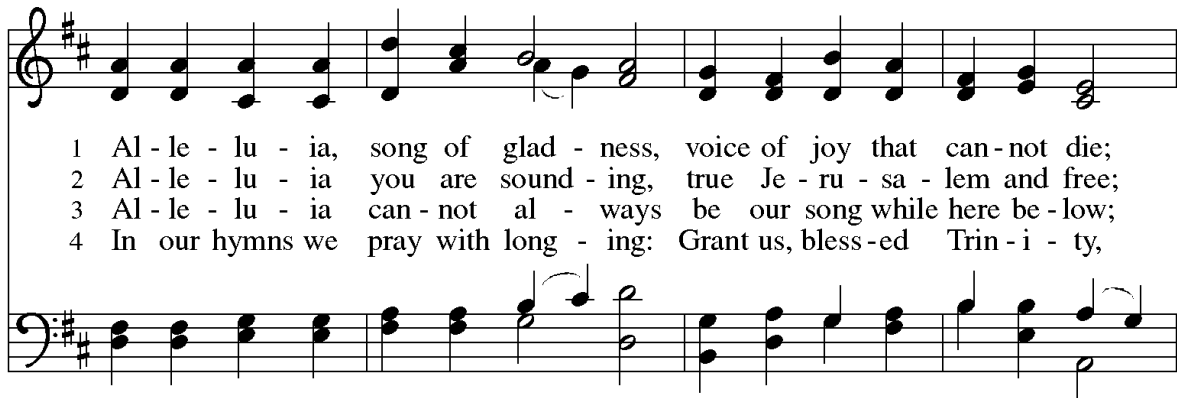
May God who loves you be truly present with the Spirit of grace, mercy and joy, uplifting and blessing you in the promise of your baptism.

Table Dismissal

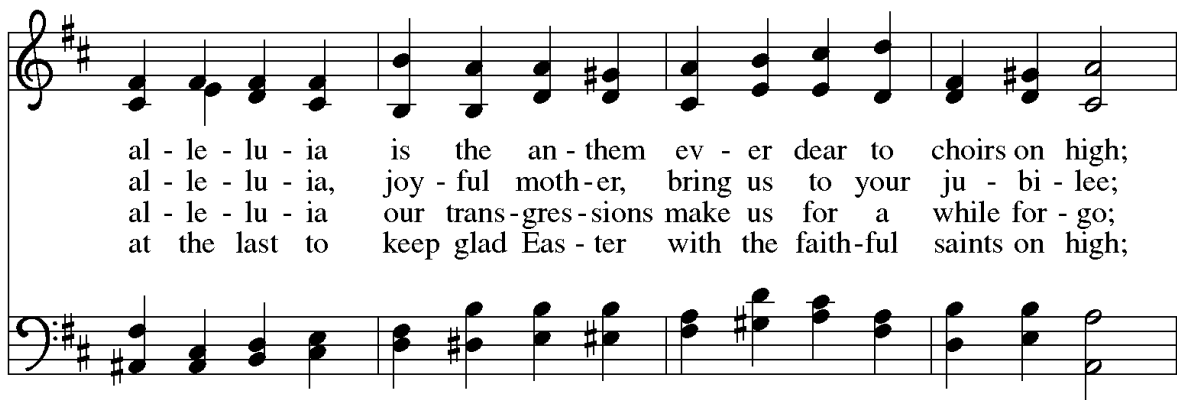
May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you, and keep you in God's grace.

Amen.

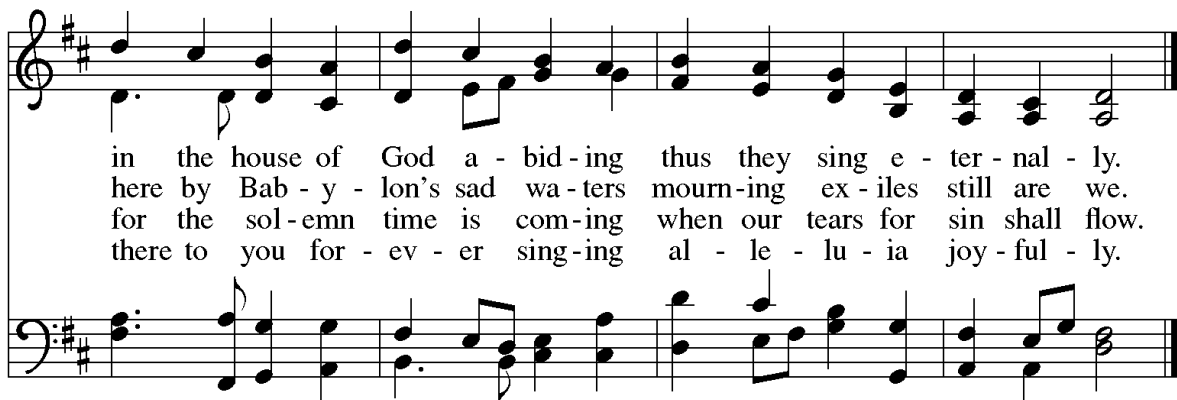
Sending Hymn: Alleluia Song of Gladness, ELW 318



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.

Text: Latin hymn, 11th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
Music: PRAISE, MY SOUL, John Goss, 1800–1880

Farewell to the Alleluia: Shrove Tuesday Benediction of Ambrose of Milan

Alleluia! Enclose and seal up the word!

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Let it remain the secret of your hearts until the appointed time.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

You shall say it again with great joy when that day comes!

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia... Amen!

Go in peace. Serve the Lord! **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Coffee hour/Announcements

TODAY AT IMMANUEL

Transfiguration Sunday – Valentine’s Day.... And Farewell to the Alleluia!

You’re invited to make an ALLELUIA and find a box or folder to “bury” it in for the Lenten season. Be as creative as you wish- from a scribble on a piece of paper, to a coloring sheet, to a chain of letters, or a small sewn banner! Here are some links to coloring sheets

<http://eastertemplate.com/easter-alleluia-coloring-page/>

<https://www.fun365.orientaltrading.com/download/easter-stained-glass-free-printable-coloring-page> http://www.mycatholicsource.com/mcs/pca/coloring_book_alleluia.htm

Or see a couple pre-colored alleluias on the last page to manipulate, print and cut out!

You will also see a Valentine there, also for you to cut out and use at a special time at worship.

AGENDA SUNDAY – Council Agenda is created today!

THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL

Ash Wednesday

7 pm Wednesday on zoom

We enter the season confessing our desire to turn to God for life, and receiving the cup of blessing in Holy Communion. In this pandemic year, we will not be imposing ashes.

The service will feature a joint choir anthem with Immanuel members along with Christ Lutheran, Allentown PA, to lead us into the season of meditation and renewal.

Coffee and Connections Check in!

9:30 am Thursday on zoom hosted by Linda Edlund and Pastor Kim

Look for the link on the Midweek Gathering email

Quilters and Knitters

10:30 am Thursday on zoom

LOOKING AHEAD AT IMMANUEL

- **February 24th** - “The Cup of Our Lives” Midweek Lenten Gathering 7 pm on zoom
Our simple mid-week gathering worship offers time for spiritual growth in Word, Song and Fellowship. While it is not necessary in order to participate, Pastor Mark invites you to consider purchasing this daily/six week themed meditational resource for lent. Many used copies available! <https://www.amazon.com/Cup-Our-Life-Spiritual-Growth/dp/1933495316>

Week 1: The Cup of Life - You are invited to choose a cup from home. What is its story?

- **February 28th** - Pastor Kim’s last Sunday is February 28th

- **March 1st** - Pastor Mark Sloss will be beginning his service at Immanuel. A transition team has been appointed to prepare the way for this new ministry. During these weeks, Pastor Sloss is focusing on the important work of leavetaking in his current congregation. *Before March 1, if there is something you want Pastor Sloss to know about, or ask him about a preference, please send the information to Scott Romans. He will pass it on to Pastor Mark.*

