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Transfiguration of Our Lord
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GATHERING

The Spirit Calls Us Together

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Choir

Gathering Hymn

"Arise, Your Light Has Come!"

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Arise, your light has come! The Spirit's call obey;
show forth the glory of your God which shines on you today.

Arise, your light has come! Fling wide the prison door;
proclaim the captive's liberty, good tidings to the poor.

Arise, your light has come! All you in sorrow born,
bind up the brokenhearted ones and comfort those who mourn.

Arise, your light has come! The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

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Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.



Se - ñor, Se - ñor, ten pie - dad; ten pie - dad de no -
Lord, . . have mer - cy on us; O . . . Lord, have . . .



so - tros.
mer - cy.

(sing twice)



Cris - to, Cris - to, ten pie - dad; ten pie - dad de no -
Christ, . . have mer - cy on us; O . . . Christ, have . . .



so - tros.
mer - cy.

(sing twice)



Se - ñor, Se - ñor, ten pie - dad; ten pie - dad de no -
Lord, . . have mer - cy on us; O . . . Lord, have . . .



so - tros.
mer - cy.

(sing twice)



¡Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria en las al - tu - ras a Dios! (sing twice)
 Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ry to God . . on high!



Y en la tie - rra paz pa-ra_a-que-llos que_a-ma_el Se - ñor. (sing twice)
 And on earth . . . peace to God's peo-ple. Glo - ry to God.

Prayer of the Day

Special Music

Choir

WORD _____ *God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

First Reading

Exodus 24:12-18

¹² The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and wait there; I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." ¹³ So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the mountain of God. ¹⁴ To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come back to you. Look, Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them." ¹⁵ Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶ The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. ¹⁷ Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the Israelites. ¹⁸ Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya! (sing twice)

A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya,

a - le - lu - ya! A - le - lu - ya!

Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 17th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel

Matthew 17:1-9

¹ Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ² And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. ³ Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴ Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁵ While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" ⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷ But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." ⁸ And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

Sermon

The Rev. Jan Nesse

Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.

(Refrain:) Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us. Make us your living voice. *(Refrain)*

Longing for food, many are hungry. Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others, shared until all are fed. *(Refrain)*

Longing for shelter, many are homeless. Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others, walls made of living stone. *(Refrain)*

Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another, signs of your kingdom come. *(Refrain)*

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Affirmation of Faith

Apostles' Creed

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

The Prayers of the People

As petitions conclude: "Merciful God," please respond "receive our prayer."

Sharing of God's Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

Offering & Offering Prayer

Great Thanksgiving

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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.
It is indeed right....and join their unending hymn.



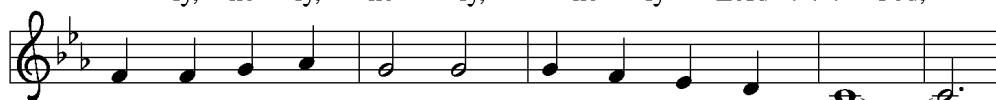
San - to, san - to, san - to_es el Se - ñor,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord . . . God,



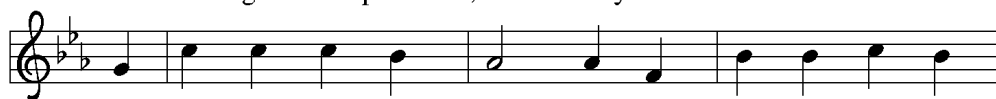
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God of might and pow - er; ho - ly is the Lord.



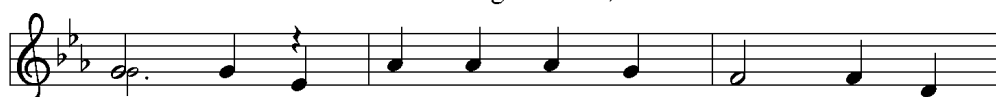
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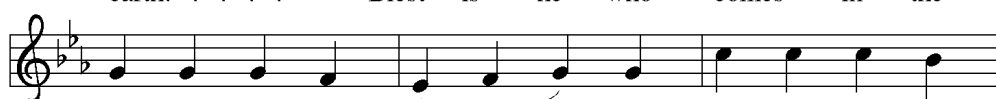
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Ho - san - na en el cie - lo, ho - san - na en la
Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na here on



tie - rra. Ben - di - to el que vie - ne en el
earth. . . . Blest is he who comes in the



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Blest is he who comes in the name . . . of the Lord.

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer *(Please feel free to pray your preferred version of the Lord's Prayer)*

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

Communion Hymn

"I Love to Tell the Story"

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I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story, because I know it's true;
it satisfies my longings as nothing else would do.

(Refrain:) I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story: how pleasant to repeat
what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet!

I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
the message of salvation from God's own holy word. *(Refrain)*

I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
I'll sing the old, old story that I have loved so long. *(Refrain)*

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Communion Blessing & Post-Communion Prayer

SENDING _____ *God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

Blessing

In thee is gladness amid all sadness, Jesus, sunshine of my heart.
By thee are given the gifts of heaven, thou the true redeemer art.
Our souls thou wakest; our bonds thou breakest.

Who trusts thee surely has built securely
and stands forever: Alleluia! Our hearts are pining to see thy shining,
dying or living, to thee are cleaving; naught can us sever: Alleluia!

Jesus is ours! We fear no powers, not of earth or sin or death.
He sees and blesses in worst distresses; he can change them with a breath.
Wherefore the story tell of his glory with heart and voices; all heav'n rejoices
in him forever: Alleluia! We shout for gladness, triumph o'er sadness,
love him and praise him and still shall raise him glad hymns forever: Alleluia!

Text: Johann Lindemann, 1549-1631; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.; Public Domain

Dismissal

Go in peace. Do not lose heart.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

(Setup for Sunday Supper, takes place following worship in the Fellowship Hall.)

Please join us following worship for coffee, snacks, and conversation in rooms
10/12 (friendship room) down the hall from the office.

We Hold in Prayer this Week

Those Grieving: Family and friends of Mary Beck; Family and friends of Ken, friend of Surridges; Friends and family of David Rayfield, cousin of Debbie R.

God's Healing Presence: Kathy Trosvig; Steve Olsen; Mary Beck; Pat Krassin; Sheryn Todd; Elizabeth Ritchie; Gayle & Dave's niece Amanda; Beth's friend Kamm & sister-in-law, Megan; Debbie's friend Larry; Surridges' friends Barby & Larry & Marc Walkden; Ed & Evie Bishop; Peggy & Dave's friend Martin Olson; Joan's father; Dave's friend, Julie Bolser, and niece, Leile Defolo; John, Guillermo, Monica, Cecilia, Sofia and Rosamaria.

Prayers for our world, nation, and communities: For immigrants living in fear. For nations and peoples in the midst of warfare. For refugees seeking safety.

Announcements

Thank You to The Rev. Jan Nesse for providing pastoral services this week!

Clayton's 98th birthday celebration is happening in the fellowship hall after service next week, Sunday February 22. Please join us in fellowship and wish Clayton a happy birthday!

Schedule a visit with Pastor Hoffman: If you haven't already, please sign up for a visit with Pastor Hoffman. Visits can be individual or in a group that form. They can be in-person at the church office, your home, or via Zoom. These visits are part of the transition process on our journey toward permanent leadership. Clipboards with available visit times are on the table at the sanctuary entrance.

Lent begins this week with the celebration of Ash Wednesday. Services will be held at Central on Wednesday evening, 18 February at 6:30 p.m. and will include preaching, the imposition of ashes, and holy communion. As in previous years, we will be joining together with members and friends from other local congregations for our Lenten midweek services. These include: Trinity, Faith, and The Gathering/Zion.

Lenten Midweek Services from 25 February through 25 March will be held each week at Trinity Lutheran Church, 2324 Lombard Avenue. The services of Holden Evening Prayer at 6:30 will be preceded by a shared soup supper at 5:30.

The Stations of the Cross, a Lenten devotional book written by Pastor Hoffman is available free of charge for anyone who would like to have a copy. The books are on the table at the entrance of the church. This is an excellent resource to prepare for our city-wide Lutheran Good Friday service which will be held at Our Savior's Lutheran on Friday, 3 April 2026.

Important Transition Team and Call Committee News

Your Council took bold steps into our future at this past Tuesday evening's meeting, making decisions about forming both the Transition Team and the Call Committee. Since no one can serve on both groups, it is important to think now about who might be call committee members so as not to name them to the Transition Team.

The Transition Team is appointed by the Council. Pastor Hoffman will serve and guide the team, Dave Kurtz will serve as a liaison to the Church Council, and 4-5 additional members will round out the group. The Transition Team will elect its own chairperson.

The Call Committee of 6 members is, according to our constitution, elected by the congregation. The Call Committee will also elect its own chair.

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If you are interested in serving on either of these teams, please speak with a Council member today, in the coming week, or next Sunday. The Team will draft a “congregational profile” which will help guide the Call Committee, and provide information to the pastoral candidates. The Council will meet following worship on 22 February to appoint the Transition Team. The Call Committee will be elected at a later date, hopefully late spring.

It is important that both groups have a wide representation from the congregation with regards to age, length of time in and familiarity with the community and congregation, ethnic and gender diversity. Not everyone who volunteers will necessarily be able to serve, but everyone can be involved -- there will be transition documents to review by everyone, prayers to be lifted, and many of you have already or will soon have initial visits with Pastor Hoffman.

Council Members (note the newly elected officers):

Debbra Saunders, President

Bob Lee, Vice President

Chris Anderson, Secretary

Dave Finstad, Treasurer

Ben Krause

Dave Kurtz

Jan Ahern

Mission of the Month: Faith Action Network is an interfaith, statewide partnership striving for a just, compassionate and sustainable world through community building, education, advocacy and courageous public action. Find more information at: www.fanwa.org.

Sunday School meets at 9:15 a.m. in the nursery and adjoining room. Toddlers, preschoolers, and elementary age children are welcome.

This Week at Central

Montessori Academy M-F, 7:30-4:30

Sunday, February 15

8:45 am Choir Rehearsal
 9:15 am Sunday School
 9:30 am Friends Worship
 10:00 am Central Lutheran Worship
 11:00 am Northview Community Youth (FH)
 1:00 pm Looking for Jesus Prayer Group
 2:30 pm Marshallese Worship
 5:00 pm Sunday Supper
 7:00 pm Marshallese Fellowship

Monday, February 16 (President's Day)

Tuesday, February 17

5:00 pm Academia Latina

Wednesday, February 18

8:00 am Lutheran Counseling Network
 7:00 pm Marshallese Fellowship

Thursday, February 19

8:00 am Lutheran Counseling Network
 5:00 pm Academia Latina
 7:00 pm Marshallese Fellowship

Saturday, February 21

9:00 am Music Artistry Program

Sunday, February 22

8:45 am Choir Rehearsal
 9:15 am Sunday School
 10:00 am Central Lutheran Worship
 1:00 pm Looking for Jesus Prayer Group
 2:30 pm Marshallese Worship
 5:00 pm Sunday Supper
 7:00 pm Marshallese Fellowship

| Worship Leaders | This Sunday, February 15 | Next Sunday, February 22 |
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| Keyboard | Joan Dirska | Joan Dirska |
| Usher | Dave Finstad | Dave Finstad |
| Lector | TBA | TBA |
| Assisting Minister | TBA | Jonathan Todd |
| Communion Bread | Debbie Saunders | Debbie Saunders |
| Fellowship Host | Karen Fox | Olsen Family for Clayton's 98th birthday |
| YouTube Operator | Jonathan Todd | Jonathan Todd |
| Altar Guild | Debbie Saunders | Debbie Saunders |