



# FIRST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Ordinary Time

Transfiguration Sunday  
Sunday, February 15, 2026  
9:30 a.m.

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## GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME

INTRODUCTION



Today's festival is a bridge between the Advent-Christmas-Epiphany cycle that comes to a close today and the Lent-Easter cycle that begins in several days. On a high mountain Jesus is revealed as God's beloved Son, echoing the words at his baptism. This vision of glory sustains us as Jesus faces his impending death in Jerusalem. We turn this week to Ash Wednesday and our yearly baptismal journey from Lent to Easter. Some churches put aside the alleluia at the conclusion of today's liturgy. This word of joy will be omitted during the penitential season of Lent and will be sung again at Easter.

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the Creator of heaven and earth, the Word who spoke life into being, the Wind stirring the waters.

**Amen.**

Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Mighty God, lover of justice,

**you call us to life in community, but we have served our own interests at the expense of our neighbors. We have sown deceit where honesty was needed. We say the right words, but our hearts are far from you. Turn us to seek your face. Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ, that we may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God.**

**Amen.**

The former things have passed away, and new things God now declares: Like a spring of water that never fails, God covers you in the righteousness of Christ, and forgives your sin in ☩ Jesus' name. May the Spirit give you strength to live for others, and bless you with the gift of peace.

**Amen.**

## GATHERING HYMN

*"Shine, Jesus, Shine"*

ELW 671

# Shine, Jesus, Shine

ELW 671

## 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, ri - ver, 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 - pon 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.

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

Text: Graham Kendrick, b. 1950

Music: Graham Kendrick

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# GREETING

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

And also with you.

# KYRIE

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 wellbeing 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.

## Glory to God

Glo - ry to God in the high -

est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and

Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we

praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus

Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the

right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a -

lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,

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.

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

O God,

**in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Amen**

## ANTHEM

*“Arise, Shine, for Your Light has Come”* by K. Lee Scott

Chancel Choir

## WORD

## READINGS

### **Exodus 24:12-18**

*At Mount Sinai, Moses experienced the presence of God for forty days and forty nights. The “glory of the Lord” settled on the mountain, and on the seventh day God called out to Moses. On the mountain God gave Moses the stone tablets inscribed with the ten commandments.*

<sup>12</sup> 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.” <sup>13</sup> So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the mountain of God. <sup>14</sup> 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.” <sup>15</sup> Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. <sup>16</sup> 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. <sup>17</sup> 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. <sup>18</sup> 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.**

### **2 Peter 1:16-21**

*At the transfiguration, God’s voice was heard, declaring Jesus to be the beloved Son. By the activity of the Holy Spirit, God’s voice continues to be heard through the word of scripture.*

<sup>16</sup> We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. <sup>17</sup> For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.” <sup>18</sup> We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. <sup>19</sup> So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. <sup>20</sup> First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is

a matter of one's own interpretation, <sup>21</sup> because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## CHILDRENS TIME

Deacon Korra Looschen

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. *Repeat alleluia*

**P** Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

## GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 17<sup>th</sup> chapter beginning at the 1<sup>st</sup> verse.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

### Matthew 17:1-9

*Shortly before he enters Jerusalem, where he will be crucified, Jesus is revealed to Peter, James, and John in a mountaintop experience of divine glory called the transfiguration.*

<sup>1</sup> Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. <sup>2</sup> And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. <sup>3</sup> Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. <sup>4</sup> 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." <sup>5</sup> 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!" <sup>6</sup> When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. <sup>7</sup> But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." <sup>8</sup> And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. <sup>9</sup> 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.

**Praise to you , O Christ.**

## SERMON

Pastor Garrett Struessel

## APOSTLE'S 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**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Merciful God

**Receive our prayer**

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

Peace of the Lord be with you always

**And also with you.**

## MEAL

## OFFERTORY

*"Alleluia, Alleluia"* by Johann Sebastian Bach

Chancel Choir

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of majesty,

**no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**



## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

The musical score is written on four staves in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes, often beamed together. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...we praise your name and join their unending hymn...

## HOLY HOLY HOLY

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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.

The musical score is written on four staves in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The melody features a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes, with some notes beamed together. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

### SHARING OF COMMUNION

*All are welcome who come trusting in the gift of God's presence in the Bread of Life and the Cup of Salvation shared in this meal. "The body of Christ, broken for you", and "the blood of Christ shed for you", include the promise of forgiveness, life and salvation in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

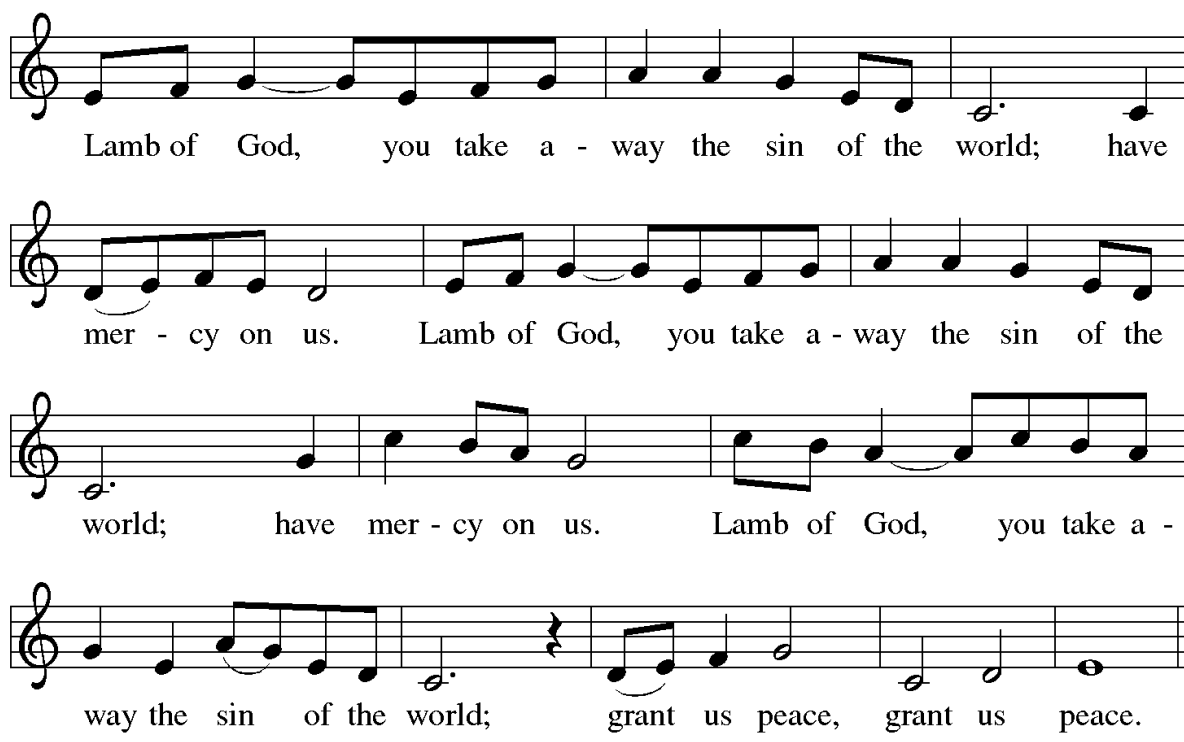
*Hear these words and partake of the bread/cracker and wine/juice, giving it to each other, if possible:*

**"The body of Christ given for you. The blood of Christ shed for you."**

*All are welcome who come trusting in the gift of God's presence in the Bread of Life and the Cup of Salvation, shared in this meal. "The body of Christ, broken for you", and "the blood of Christ shed for you", include the promise of the forgiveness of sin, life and salvation in Christ Jesus our Lord. The ushers will invite you to come forward for communion. We invite everyone to receive communion if you so desire. The invitation to receive Holy Communion is from Christ Jesus; therefore "all are welcome". In our serving communion trays, wine is darker red on the outside, and grape juice is the lighter color in the center. We serve only gluten-free bread prepared in a kitchen excluding wheat flour, to include everyone regardless of wheat-gluten sensitivities. Come, taste and see, that the Lord is good.*

### LAMB OF GOD

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The musical notation is written on four staves, each with a treble clef. The notes are simple, mostly quarter and eighth notes, with some rests. The lyrics are written below the notes, aligned with the music.

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 HYMNS

*"Beautiful Savior"*

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*"I Love to Tell the Story"*

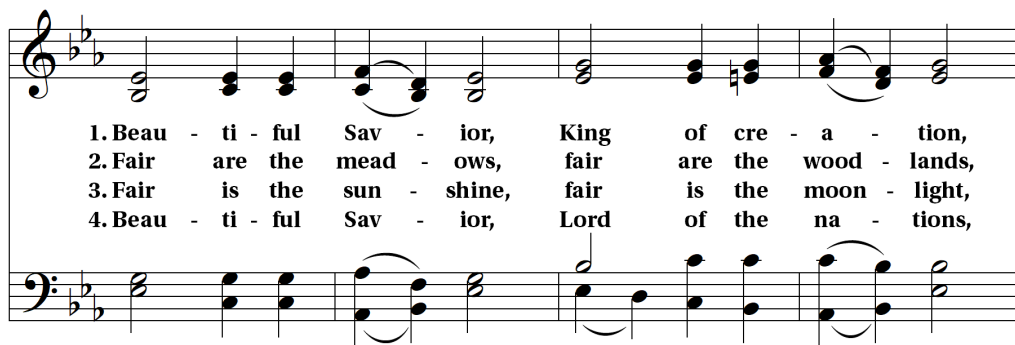
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*"How Good, Lord, to Be Here"*

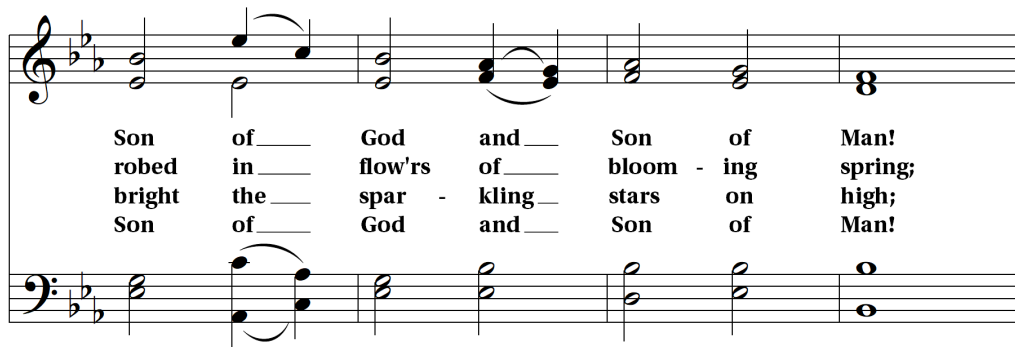
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Beautiful Savior

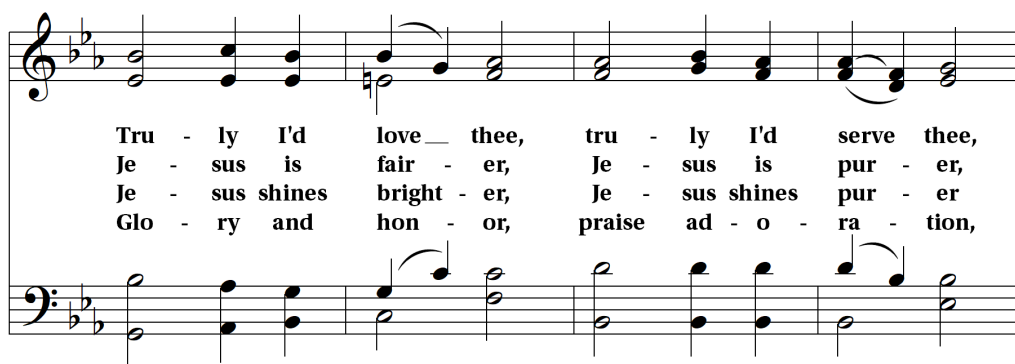
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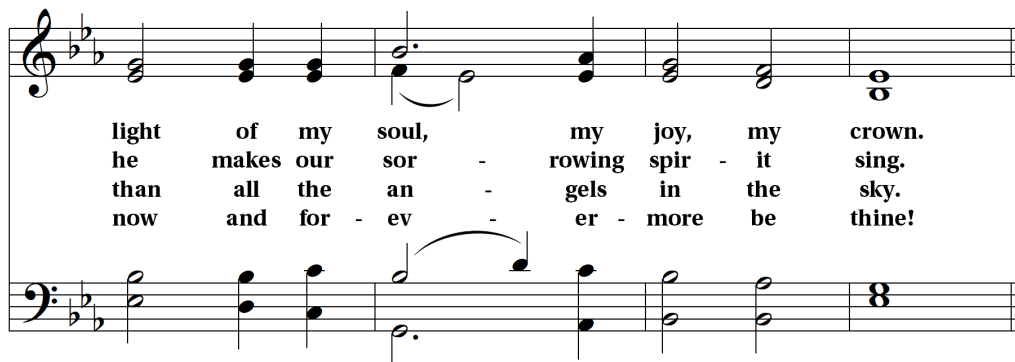
1. Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,  
 2. Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,  
 3. Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,  
 4. Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,



Son of God and Son of Man!  
 robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;  
 bright the spar - kling stars on high;  
 Son of God and Son of Man!



Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,  
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,  
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er,  
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise ad - o - ra - tion,



light of my soul, my joy, my crown.  
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.  
 than all the an - gels in the sky.  
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

# I Love to Tell the Story

ELW 661

1. I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove, of  
 2. I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat what  
 3. I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best seem

Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love. I  
 seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet! I  
 hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest. And

love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true; it  
 love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard the  
 when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song, I'll

sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.  
 mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.  
 sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

# How Good, Lord, to Be Here!

ELW 315

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

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

Text: Joseph A. Robinson, 1858-1933, alt.  
 Music: W. Mercer, *The Church Psalter and Hymn Book*, 1854

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COMMUNION BLESSING

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Radiant God,  
  
we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. In the sacrament of his body and blood you have drawn us to your heart. Send us from this table with delight, that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love, and bear witness to all we have seen and heard, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

**SENDING**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN *“Alleluia, Song of Gladness”* ELW 318

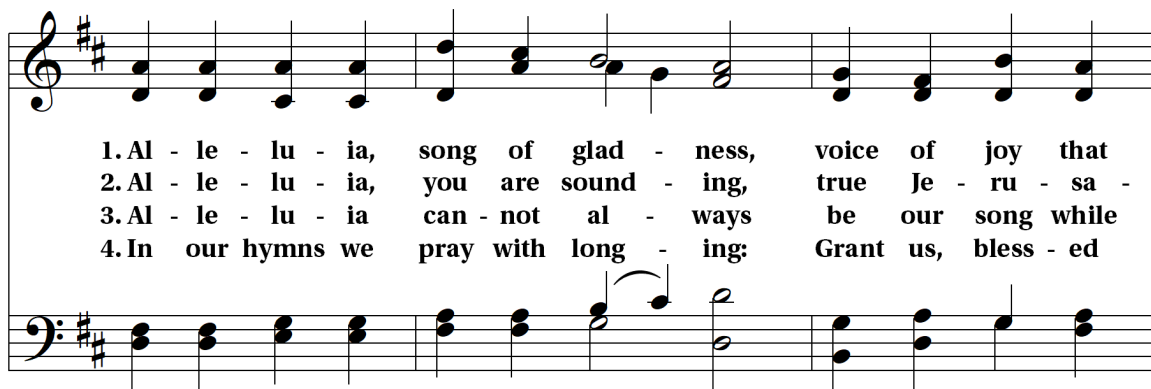
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Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.  
  
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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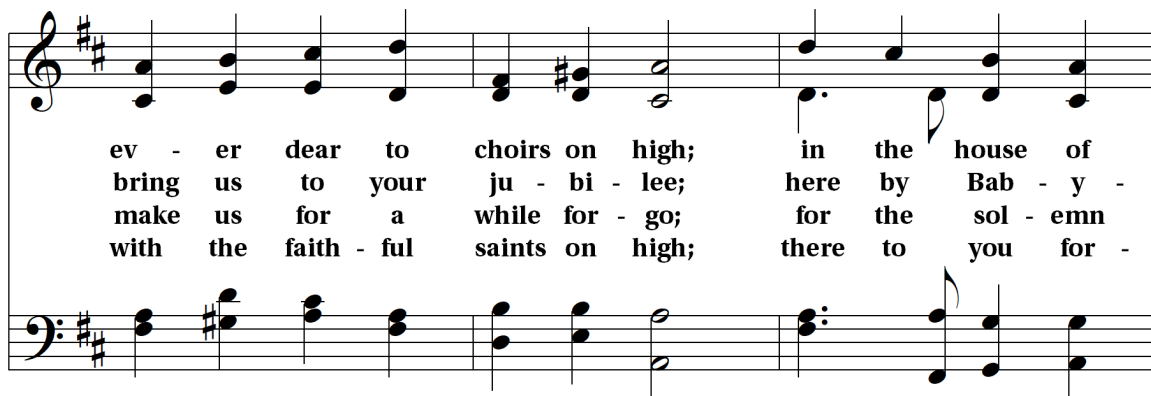
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Ushers	Todd Gould Holly Keenan
Acolyte	Carmen Morelli
Reader	Char Lemkee
Communion Assistants	Milenda Powers
Choir Director	Sally Campbell
Pianist/Organist	Gary Elmquist



1. Al - le - lu - ia, song of glad - ness, voice of joy that  
 2. Al - le - lu - ia, you are sound - ing, true Je - ru - sa -  
 3. Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways be our song while  
 4. In our hymns we pray with long - ing: 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 glad Eas - ter



ev - er dear to choirs on high; in the house of  
 bring us to your ju - bi - lee; here by Bab - y -  
 make us for a while for - go; for the sol - emn  
 with the faith - ful saints on high; there to you for -



God a - bid - ing thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly.  
 lon's sad wa - ters mourn - ing ex - iles still are we.  
 time is com - ing when our tears for sin shall flow.  
 ev - er sing - ing al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly.