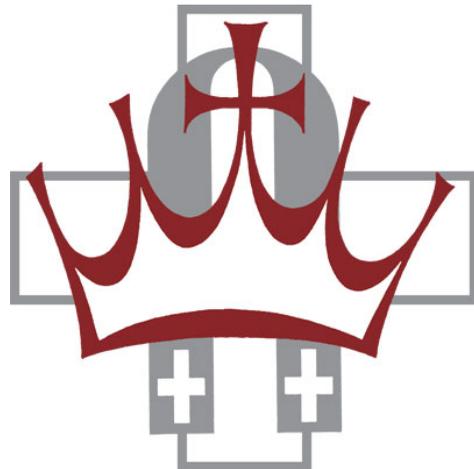


+ The Transfiguration of Our Lord +

February 19, Year of our Lord 2023 | DS3

+ Confession and Absolution +

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



Invocation

Matthew 28:19b; 18:20

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

Exhortation

Hebrews 10:22; Psalm 124:8; Psalm 32:5

- P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C who made heaven and earth.
P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins

- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,
C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Absolution

[John 20:19–23]

- P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

+ Service of the Word +

Processional Introit (please face the cross)

Psalm 99:1-5; antiphon: v. 9



P Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy | mountain;*
for the LORD our God is | holy!

C The LORD reigns; let the peoples | tremble!*

He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the | earth quake!

The LORD is great in | Zion;*

he is exalted over all the | peoples.

Let them praise your great and | awesome name!*

Ho- | ly is he!

The King in his might loves | justice.*

You have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in | Jacob.

Exalt the LORD our God; worship at his | footstool!*

Ho- | ly is he!

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

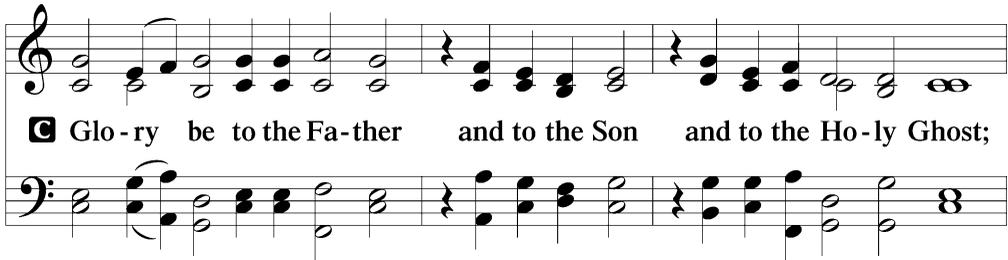
as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

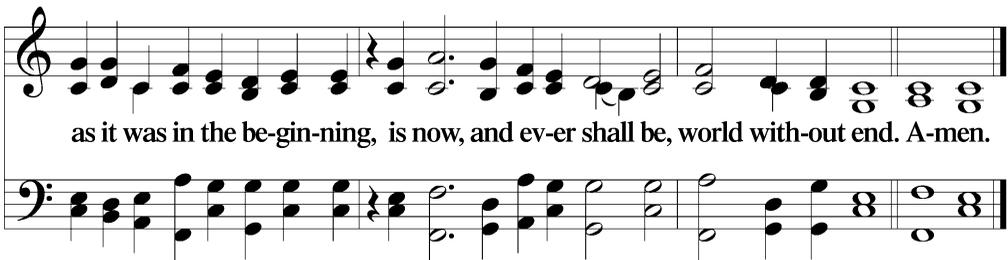
Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy | mountain;*

for the LORD our God is | holy!

Gloria Patri



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



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

Kyrie

Mark 10:47

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

The musical score for the Kyrie consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The first system begins with a common time signature (C) and contains the lyrics: "Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -". The second system continues with the lyrics: "on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us." The piano accompaniment features chords and moving lines in both hands.

Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14; John 1:29

- P** Glory be to God on high:
C and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

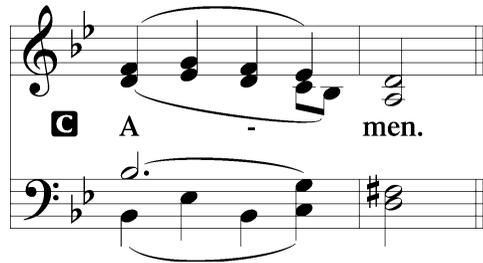
Salutation and Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spir - it.

The musical score for the Salutation and Collect of the Day consists of two systems. The first system has a vocal line (treble clef) with the lyrics "The Lord be with you." and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The second system has a vocal line (treble clef) with the lyrics "And with thy spir - it." and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature has one flat (B-flat).



P Let us pray. O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah. In the voice that came from the bright cloud You wonderfully foreshowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King in His glory and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Old Testament Reading

Exodus 24:8–18

And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, “Behold the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words.”

Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, and they saw the God of Israel. There was under his feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank.

The LORD said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain and wait there, that I may give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” So Moses rose with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. And he said to the elders, “Wait here for us until we return to you. And behold, Aaron and Hur are with you. Whoever has a dispute, let him go to them.”

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the LORD dwelt on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. And on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud. 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 people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalm 117:1-2a; 96:8

**Praise the LORD, all nations!
Extol him, all peoples!
For great is his steadfast love toward us,
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.
Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts!**

Choral Offertory (11:00 a.m. service)

O Jesus, King Most Wonderful

Epistle

2 Peter 1:16-21

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased," we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. And we have something more sure, the prophetic word, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

A This is the Word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

Alleluia Procession to center of Church for the Reading

C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

The musical notation consists of two staves, treble and bass clef, in a 3/4 time signature. The melody is simple and repetitive, with the lyrics 'Al-le - lu - ia.' written below the notes. The notes are mostly quarter and eighth notes, with some rests.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 17:1-9

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the seventeenth chapter.

C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

The musical notation consists of two staves, treble and bass clef, in a 3/4 time signature. The melody is simple and repetitive, with the lyrics 'Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.' written below the notes. The notes are mostly quarter and eighth notes, with some rests.

After six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. And Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear." And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead."



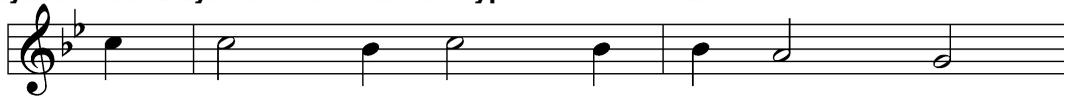
P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn of the Day: 413 O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair



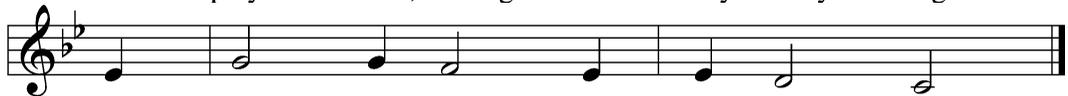
1 O won - drous type! O vi - sion fair
 2 With Mo - ses and E - li - jah nigh
 3 With shin - ing face and bright ar - ray
 4 And faith - ful hearts are raised on high
 △ 5 O Fa - ther, with the e - ter - nal Son



Of glo - ry that the Church may share,
 The in - car - nate Lord holds con - verse high;
 Christ deigns to man - i - fest to - day
 By this great vi - sion's mys - ter - y,
 And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er one,



Which Christ up - on the moun - tain shows,
 And from the cloud the Ho - ly One
 What glo - ry shall be theirs a - bove
 For which in joy - ful strains we raise
 We pray Thee, bring us by Thy grace



Where bright - er than the sun He glows!
 Bears rec - ord to the on - ly Son.
 Who joy in God with per - fect love.
 The voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.
 To see Thy glo - ry face to face.

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+ Sermon +

Offertory (sung, p. 192)

Psalm 51:10–12

**☐ Create in me a clean heart, O God,
 and renew a right spirit within me.
 Cast me not away from Thy presence,
 and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
 Restore unto me the joy of Thy
 salvation, and uphold me with Thy
 free spirit. Amen.**

Announcement of Offering and Greetings of Peace

The people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).

Prayers to God on Behalf of...

World: Praying for the end of the conflict between **Ukraine** and **Russia** (and preservation of life and land). Devasting twin earthquakes in **Turkey** and **Syria**.

Church: For our ongoing **church building/expansion planning** with architect Studio 4, contractor Creative Structures, and our 3-year Capital Campaign with LCEF. Mission work of **Rehema Open Door** (Rehema is Swahili for mercy) palliative care center/hospice in Kenya. Local mission of **Pregnancy Resource Center** of Maryville and Sevierville.

Vocation: **Tyler Smith** (Airforce) in Mississippi and **Megan** beginning law school at UT. **Jacob** (Tami DeHaven's grandson) stationed in S. Korea. **Carter Felt** (Navy: stationed in Charleston).

Casey Lawson (Airforce). For **Emily and Julian Martinez** (expecting). **Alex & Shelby Hicks** (expecting). **Paul & Angela Gift** rejoicing in the birth of **Nyla**. For Bill & Diane Miller's new grandson **Isaiah**. **Tatum Smolter** (and Tanner, rejoicing in birth of **Tylen**). **Eugene & Vicky Gorman** (expecting).

Mourning: Family of **Larry** (Marleen's brother in law, Jeff's uncle) who passed away in Colorado. Family of **Clayton Narveson** who passed away 1/20. Family of **Janet Moore's mother, Mary Lou**, who passed away. Family of **Valier Vesper's uncle** who passed away. Family of **Stan Stubelt** of Friendsville (Sharon Felker's brother) who passed away. Family of **Priscilla Sullenberger** (Debbie's Johnston's sister). Family of **Diane Tschappat** (Pastor & Gretchen's brother in law's mother). Family of **Dick Mohr** who passed away 9/17. Family of **Julia Ernst** who passed away 6/25. Family of **Tamra DeHaven** who passed away 1/23/22.

Health: **Gary Kubin** severe back pain treatment. **Sharon Yoder** trouble with oxygen levels, heart, and leg pain. **Mary Schopmann** treating a leg wound and infection. **Ed McGillick** vertigo and blood pressure/heart health. **Jennifer Morsch** (Joel & Barbara's daughter) with many health issues. **Delora Roth** good leg circulation health. **Rachel Ernst's mother:** cancer treatments. For **Alan Stremsterfer's mother** recovering from kidney stones and health issues. For **Lisa Stremsterfer's father** who fell and is recovering. **Brad** (Phil and Carol Barnett's son) cancer surgery recovery. **Sheila Schnepf** (friend of Tom & Lois Schering) experiencing 24/7 back pain. **Judy Kalkitis** recovering after a fall on Christmas Eve. **Nancy** (Jim Vesper's mother) heart attack recovery; **Arnold Solis** (Nunnink's and Lee's father and [great] grandfather) health. **Aurora Stevens** broken back treatment. For **June**



McDonnell (health). For **Carolyn Dickie** (health). **Jeannie Lindenfesler** for lung cancer treatments. For **Barbara Moyers** health. **Debbie Johnston** kidney health. For **Kathy Bigger** (friend of Donna Wall) pancreatic cancer. **Bob McDermott** dealing with Parkinson's symptoms. **Mark** (Judy Kalkitis's son-in-law) knee treatment. For **all suffering from mental health issues**. For **Michael** (health). For **Lindsey** (cancer). **Barry** (Wendy Slifka's brother in St. Louis, eye cancer) **Al Reuer** health. **Gregory Strege** (Phyllis's son, health). **Tom Williams**, health and care for heart. **Ken Payne's** health (friends of a friend of Jim Vesper). **Paula** (Corlis William's mother) recovering from a stroke. Ruth Kistler's son **William** (tests and possible cancer treatments). Kenna Chorney's mother: **Gail Rieman** (wound care). **Tim Smith** (heart health). Steve Kaiser's mother **Louise** (age 92) in Indiana. Andrew Hebar's Aunt **Kara** (struggling from cancer treatments). **Connie** (Andrew Hebar's friend) brain and lung cancer. **Bill** (Cathy Wacker's father) dementia, health. **Lee Schuck** (health, unable to walk). **Janeen Meier** (Maureen Robert's sister) health. **Mike Gould's friend** recovering from heart procedure.

Prayers of Thanksgiving: For **Cathy Wacker** had successful hip surgery (praying for her recovery). For **Larry Wacker** had two successful procedures at Vanderbilt in recent days with one more trip to Vanderbilt this week. For **Judy Kalkitis's friend** (old classmate) had successful surgery to remove cancer. For **Janet** (Matthew Flaska's mother) who is recovering from a kidney infection (stent is helping).

Birthdays: Joshua K 2/21, Sarah K 2/23, Henry J 2/28, Colin S 02/28, Larry L 3/01, Willie Del C 3/4, Thomas McK 3/04

Anniversaries: Luke & Blair J 2/22

* **Benediction** for those worshipping on the livestream. *

+ Service of the Sacrament +

A Word to Our Guests and Visitors about Communion at Praise

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very Body and Blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death and resurrection until He comes. Scripture warns that those who come forward to eat and drink our Lord's Body and Blood in an unworthy manner do so to their great spiritual harm. The Lord's Supper is also a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar. Therefore, any who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet to desire to receive the Sacrament (Communion), are encouraged to seek guidance from the pastor.

Preface

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



P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.



P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them up un - to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.

C It is meet and right so to do.

Proper Preface (Full)

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who at His transfiguration revealed His glory to His disciples that they might be strengthened to proclaim His cross and resurrection and with all the faithful look forward to the glory of life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus (sung, p. 195)

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9–13

P (sung) 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.

C For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Our Lord *Matt. 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Cor. 11:23–25*

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✝ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✝ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

Pax Domini

John 20:19



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.

C A - men.

Agnus Dei

John 1:29

C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

Distribution

Please see our pastor for details about baptism, instruction, and vow of confirmation of our church's teachings prior to taking the Lord's Supper (Communion) at Praise.

Distribution Hymn: 395 O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

Distribution Hymn: 414 'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here

Distribution Hymn: 415 Jesus on the Mountain Peak

Distribution Hymn: 814 O Bless the Lord, My Soul

Nunc Dimittis (sung, p. 199)

Luke 2:29–32

C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Thanksgiving

Psalms 107:1

A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through

Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C A - men.

Salutation

2 Timothy 4:22

P The Lord be with you. **C** And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus

Psalms 103:1

A Bless we the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make
His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

□ A - men, a - men, a - men.

**Recessional hymn to “pack away” the alleluias (until Easter):
417 Alleluia, Song of Gladness**

1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of glad - ness, Voice of joy that
 2 Al - le - lu - ia, thou re - sound - est, True Je - ru - sa -
 3 Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways Be our song while
 4 There - fore in our hymns we pray Thee, Grant us, bless - ed

can - not die; Al - le - lu - ia is the an - them
 lem and free; Al - le - lu - ia, joy - ful moth - er,
 here be - low; Al - le - lu - ia, our trans - gres - sions
 Trin - i - ty, At the last to keep Thine Eas - ter

Ev - er raised by choirs on high; In the house of
 All thy chil - dren sing with thee, But by Bab - y -
 Make us for a while for - go; For the sol - emn
 With Thy faith - ful saints on high; There to Thee for -

God a - bid - ing Thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly.
 lon's sad wa - ters Mourn - ing ex - iles now are we.
 time is com - ing When our tears for sin must flow.
 ev - er sing - ing Al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly.

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Prayer requests: if possible, please submit by 9:00 a.m. on Thursdays

Organist/pianists: Janice Kaiser, Susan Johnson, Choir Director: Laura Bisconte, Choir Pianist: Susan Johnson



Baby Shower for Emily & Julian Martinez on Mar 26 following the 11:00 a.m. Divine Service, register at Target (gift registry).

Palm Sunday Breakfast on **Sun, Apr 2** between services will be provided by Praise’s Youth. Bring friends to eat with us, learn of Jesus, and get ready for Holy Week! Funds raised will help our Youth attend Campfirmation in July. See Shelli Haynes for details.

DCE Shelli (and husband Travis) Haynes wants to Visit You Please see the bulletin board in the Narthex where you can see her calendar and email shelli@praiselutheran.com or text her at (909) 226-3179 to arrange a time.

Announcements

Message from Betty Narveson: I just want to thank everyone from the bottom of my heart for all the prayers, cards, flowers, food, phone calls and gifts I received during Clayton's last illness and passage. Thank you also for all the hospital visits that made his last days bearable. I still can't believe he is gone after nearly 71 years together so please bear with me as I continue to heal. Buckets of love to you all and don't stop the hugs. -Betty Narveson.

Potluck TODAY after church to show love to Clayton Narveson's family in the wake of his passing.

Young Adults dinner and study led by Levi Nunnink at Levi and Suzanne's home meets on first and third Sundays of the month. Next meets **TODAY** at 5:00 p.m. (ends at 8:00 p.m.)

This Week

Ash Wednesday is **THIS WED**, Feb 22 with Divine Services with Imposition of Ashes at 12:00 noon and 7:00 p.m. Lent begins. The theme for this Lent is *I am a Christian*. Midweek services continue weekly at 12:00 noon and 7:00 p.m. until Holy Week. Lenten Soup and Sandwich Suppers begin on Mar 1. Sign up to help bring food on select Wednesdays.

No Choir Practice this Wednesday, we'll resume 5:30 p.m. on Mar 1. Come to church at 7.
Ladies Bible Study at 10:00 a.m. on Thursdays with Barbara Morsch
Men's Lunch (weekly): on break until Easter

Next Sunday and beyond

Scripture Readings Gen 3:1-21, Rom 5:12-19, Matt 4:1-11

Shelli Haynes, Rite of Installation for a DCE on Sun, Mar 12 in the 11:00 a.m. Divine Service.

ILC's Rev. Roger James to visit Praise on Sun, Mar 5. Pastor James is the Assistant to the General Secretary of the International Lutheran Council. He will preach and present on at Bible study.

Upcoming Build: pricing with our contractor is near completion followed by document completion and permitting, final loan approval, and soon, we pray, breaking ground for excavation work. Keep the process in your prayers and we'll soon have many details to share!

Voters Meeting will be held in early March to (re-)elect officers and boards for Praise and to hear and consider loan details.