



*Transfiguration*  
SUNDAY

"This is  
**MY SON,  
MY  
CHOSEN  
ONE;**  
listen to him!"

LUKE 9:35, ESV

**March 2, 2025**

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March 2, 2025  
9:30 AM Service – Transfiguration  
Ministers: The People of Holy Trinity  
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If you're looking for a community that seeks to follow God's star, there is a place for you here. Trust that the mystery of God has brought you this far on your journey and will guide your future steps. All of who you are is welcome here.

Our worship services are livestreamed on our YouTube channel and website. If you do not wish to be filmed, please do not sit in the first four pews or the last pew. Children's Time and communion distribution are not filmed.

All invitations to stand or kneel are for those who are able.

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*Witnesses to the glory of God in the face of Jesus reflect 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 God's glory in the word and in the supper and who are being "transformed into the same image" by God's Spirit.*

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## **GATHERING**

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### **SINGING BOWL**

During the ringing of the bowl, you are encouraged to center your thoughts on God the Creator, Christ the Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit our Comforter.

### **PRELUDE**

### **WELCOME**

Please Stand

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

*P: Peace is a gift of God's love.*

**All: Let God bless us and give us strength, as we share signs of this peace!**

*P: The peace of Christ is with you.*

**All: And also with you.**

Please share the peace with each other.

## CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Climb with Moses up the mountain of God.

**All: God's glory shines like the sun.**

L: Climb with Jesus up the mountain of God.

**All: Christ's glory shines like the sun.**

L: Climb with the faithful up the mountain of God.

**All: The Spirit's glory shines like the sun.**

L: Climb the mountain of God.

**All: We have come to see and to worship.**

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross,  
the sign that is marked at baptism

*P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life.*

**All: Amen.**

*P: Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.*

Silence is kept for reflection



*P: Merciful God,*

**All: you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.**

*P: God proclaims these words of assurance: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine." In Christ, we are forgiven.*

**All: In the Spirit, we are made free.**

*P: Refreshed by the waters of mercy, we will live anew as beloved children of God.*

**All: Amen.**



# ENTRANCE HYMN: "We Are Marching in the Light of God"

1. We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the light of God.  
 2. danc - ing danc - ing.

We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the light of God.

We are march - ing in the light of God.

(march - ing, danc - ing, we are march - ing) oo

we are march - ing in the light of God.

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we are march - ing in the light of God.

## GREETING

*P:* Faithful God, we come to you from many walks of life.

**All:** Some of us come after wandering off.

*P:* Others come sensing that you are as close as their very breath.

**All:** From our many journeys, welcome us with your love.

*P:* Pour out your Holy Spirit on us, that we might sense your presence in our lives.

**All:** In joyous gratitude, we pray. Amen.

# LITANY

L: The one transfigured is in our midst.

**All: Christ is clothed with power and might.**

L: The one who is our light and our salvation calls.

**All: Christ reveals God's truth and light.**

L: The one who is God's Son is revealed in glory.

**All: Christ is the very image of God.**

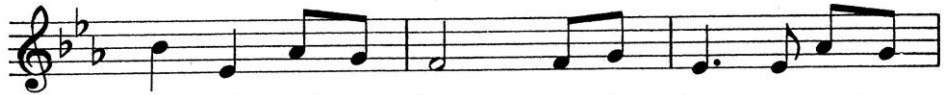
L: The one who unveils the gospel leads us forth.

**All: We will not shut out the lessons he teaches.**

# HYMN OF MORNING PRAISE



All: 1. Joy-ous light of heav-'nly glo - ry, lov - ing  
2. In the stars that grace the dark - ness, in the



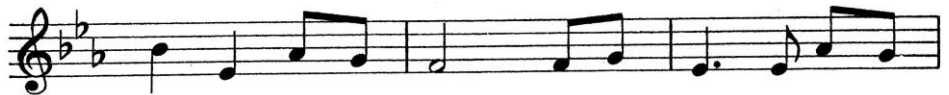
glow of God's own face, you who sing cre - a - tion's  
blaz - ing sun of dawn, in the light of peace and



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wis - dom, we can hear your qui - et song. Love that



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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Holy God, mighty and immortal, you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.

**All: Transform us into the likeness of your Son, who renewed our humanity so that we may share in his divinity, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Be Seated

**ANTHEM:** “*Arise, Shine*” – Choir

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## WORD

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## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

R: Holy One, our light and our salvation, open our ears to hear your word.

**All: Open our hearts to welcome your love. Amen.**

R: A reading from Second Corinthians, chapter three, beginning with the twelfth verse.

## READING: 2 Corinthians 3:12—4:2

With such hope we are very bold in what we say. And we are not like Moses, who covered his face with a veil to keep the Israelites from gazing at the radiance as it faded away. But their minds had been dulled, and to this day the same veil remains whenever the old Covenant is read—it has not been taken away, for only in Christ can it be removed. To this day, whenever Moses is read, a veil covers their understanding.

But whenever anyone turns to our God, the veil is removed. Now our God is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of our God is, there is freedom. And we, who with unveiled faces reflect our God’s glory, grow brighter and brighter as we are being transformed into the image we reflect. This is the work of our God, who is Spirit.

Therefore, because we have this ministry through God’s mercy, we do not give in to discouragement. On the contrary, we renounce the shameful deeds that were kept hidden. We are not deceitful, nor do we adulterate the word of God. But by speaking the truth plainly, we commend ourselves to every person’s conscience in the sight of God.

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

R: God, you come and do not keep silent, no matter the strength of the wind or the intensity of the fire.

All: **You illuminate our shadows and bring clarity to our confusion.**

R: You speak.

All: **You shine.**

R: And in your voice, we have heard mercy. In your presence, we have seen grace.

All: **May your presence, your work, and your Word move in our minds and hearts, our bodies and spirits, to transfigure and transform the world. Amen.**

Please Stand

## ALLELUIA VERSE

*All:*  
My — soul pro - claims your  
great - ness, O God, and my spir - it re - joic - es in  
you, You have looked with love on your



*fine last time*

ser - vant here, and blessed me all my life through.

Great and might - y are you, O Faith - ful One,

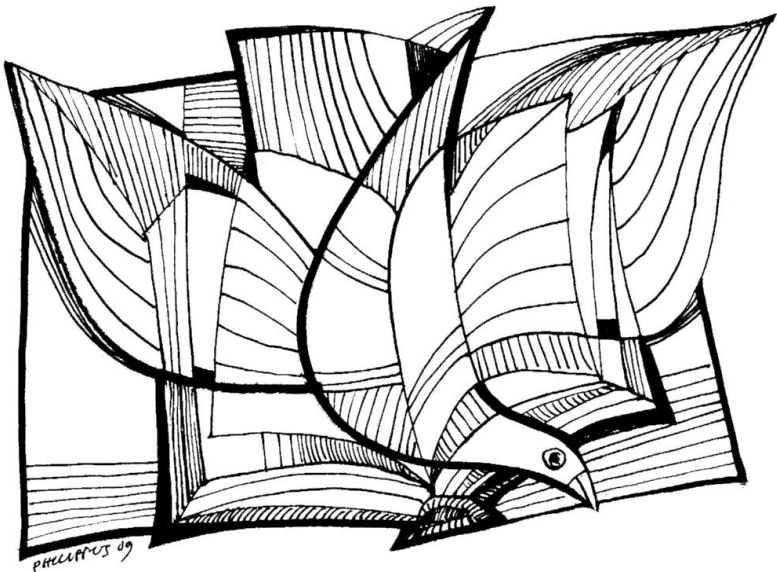
strong is your jus - tice strong your love,

As you prom - ised to Sar - ah and A - bra - ham,

kind - ness for - ev - er - more.

*P:* The holy Gospel according to Luke.

**All:** Glory to you, O God.



**GOSPEL:** *Luke 9:28-36*

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now 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. Just 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. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!” When 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.

*P: The Gospel of our Messiah.*

**All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Be Seated

**CHILDREN’S TIME** – Pastor Tim



Please Stand

# HYMN: "Christ, Be Our Light" vs. 1,2



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for  
5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,  
hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.  
to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

Be Seated

MESSAGE – Pastor Tim



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# MEAL

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## INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

L: Named and claimed by God, we are called to embody God's love and presence in the world.

**All: Our offering will enable this church to be the voice that speaks love, that speaks challenge, and that speaks grace to a world that so desperately needs to hear this radical, transforming message.**

## OFFERING

Please Stand

## OFFERTORY RESPONSE

All

Let my prayer rise up like in-cense be-fore you, the

lift-ing up of my hands as an of-fer-ing to you.

Leader or Group One

O God, I call to you, come to me now; oh, hear my

All or Group Two

O God, I call to you, come to me

voice when I cry to you. Let my prayer rise up like

now; oh, hear my voice when I cry to you. Let my prayer rise

in - cense be - fore you, the lift - ing up of my hands as an  
up like in - cense be - fore you, the lift - ing up of my

of - fer - ing to you. Keep watch with - in me, God;  
hands as an of - fer - ing to you. Keep

deep in my heart may the light of your love be burn - ing  
watch with - in me, God; deep in my heart may the light of your

bright. Let my prayer rise up like in - cense be -  
love be burn - ing bright. Let my prayer rise up like

fore you, the lift - ing up of my hands as an of - fer - ing to  
in - cense be - fore you, the lift - ing up of my hands as an

you. All praise to the God of all— Cre - a - tor of  
of - fer - ing to you. All praise to the

life; all praise be to Christ and the Spir - it of love.  
 God of all— Cre - a - tor of life; all praise be to Christ and the  
 Let my prayer rise up like in - cense be - fore you, the  
 Spir - it of love. Let my prayer rise up like in - cense be -  
 lift - ing up of my hands as an of - fer - ing to you.  
 fore you, the lift - ing up of my hands as an of - fer - ing to you.

## OFFERING PRAYER

**L:** Gracious God, we give you thanks for the light of love around us and the fire of faith within us.

**All:** As we go forth from this place let our lives reflect the One who is the image of your glory: Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

## THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

**L:** With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation. Transfiguring God, through the glory of your presence, you transform us. Move the church from complacency to boldness in sharing the good news with others.

God of grace,

**All:** hear our prayer.

L: We pray for all in leadership, especially for those who lead states, counties, and town councils. Give them wisdom to protect local resources so that all will flourish both now and in the years to come. God of grace,

**All: hear our prayer.**

L: Bring your healing grace to those who feel distant from you. Speak comfort to those who need your words of mercy. We pray for those close to our communities and in our hearts. God of grace,

**All: hear our prayer.**

L: God of our past, present, and future, lead us into new beginnings, trusting in the promise of new life in Christ. Accompany congregations needing to close, and give courage to congregations starting new ministries. God of grace,

**All: hear our prayer.**

L: God of all, hear the prayers of our heart said silently or aloud.

Here other prayers may be offered.

L: God of grace,

**All: hear our prayer.**

L: We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.

**All: Amen.**

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

L: May God be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to our Redeemer.**

L: Let us give thanks to our Creator, in whose image we are made.

**All: To the Creator of all, we give thanks and praise.**

## THE EUCHARIST

*P: It is right and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere, to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. From ancient times, you brought forth light from primordial darkness, created us in your image,*

**All: called us to be your people, and shone through us with your love.**

*P: When we wandered in darkness and became lost in grumbling and fear,*

**All: you led us as a pillar of light and beckoned us home.**

*P: In the words of prophets and poets, you called us to return to your light,*

**All: offering us a vision of renewal and promising us a better future.**

*P: And in the fullness of time, you sent your Son, Christ Jesus, the Light of the World, to redeem us with love and grace, invite us to walk in the light, and shine as light for the world.*

*And so, with your people on earth, and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:*

**All: Holy God of endless love, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Blessed is the One who was born that we might have life. Glory to God and on earth peace to all people.**

*P: Holy are you, and blessed is your child of light, Christ Jesus. With humble gratitude, we remember the night when the darkness of impending death began closing in. Jesus took the bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to disciples, who had witnessed the glory of his transfiguration and who would soon witness his death, saying: "Take, eat, this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."*



*After supper, Jesus took the cup, blessed it and gave it to his disciples, saying: “Drink from this, all of you. This is my life, poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”*

*And so, in remembrance of these, your mighty acts of love and light, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving. As your covenant people and as reflections of your glory, in union with Christ’s love for us, we proclaim the mystery of faith.*

**All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*P: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine.*

**All: May these be for us your life and love, shining through us with the power of your Holy Spirit.**

*P: Through these gifts, may all be one with you, one with each other, and one in the ministry of love and light to the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at your heavenly banquet. Through Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forevermore.*

**All: Amen.**

## **THE LORD’S PRAYER**

*P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us, using the language or translation of our hearts.*

**All: 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.**

# FRACTION RITE

*P:* Come to the joyful meal of the God of Light, who welcomes all.

**All:** For this meal we give thanks!

Be Seated

The Ushers will invite you forward to communion after the Lamb of God is sung.

## LAMB OF GOD

All: Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

Holy Communion is open to all.

Wine is red, grape juice is yellow, water is in the center of the tray.

Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

Let an usher know if you need communion brought to you.



## For communion at the altar rail:

When directed by the ushers, you may come up the center aisle to the altar rail, stand or kneel, and hold out your hand for the pastor to drop the host into. Eat. Then take a cup of wine (red), grape juice (light yellow), or water (clear) from the assistant. Drink. Then place your empty cup in the tray that follows. Rise and return to your seat via the side aisles.

### COMMUNION HYMN: “Beautiful Savior”



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!



## COMMUNION HYMN: "Come to the Table"



Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.



All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.



Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.



Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

## SINGING BOWL

Please Stand

### POST COMMUNION BLESSING

*P: God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people.*

**All: Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the light of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

**L: Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink.**

**All: Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray, Amen.**

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# Sending

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Be Seated

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please Stand

### FINAL BLESSING



L: Let us bless our God: All: praise and thanks to you.



L: May God, Cre - a - tor bless us and keep us, may



Christ be ev - er light for our lives, may the



Spir - it of Love be our guide and path, for



all of our days. \_\_\_\_\_



All: A - men.



# SENDING HYMN: "Shine, Jesus, Shine" vs. 1,2

*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:

## SENDING

L: Go in peace. Be the light of God.

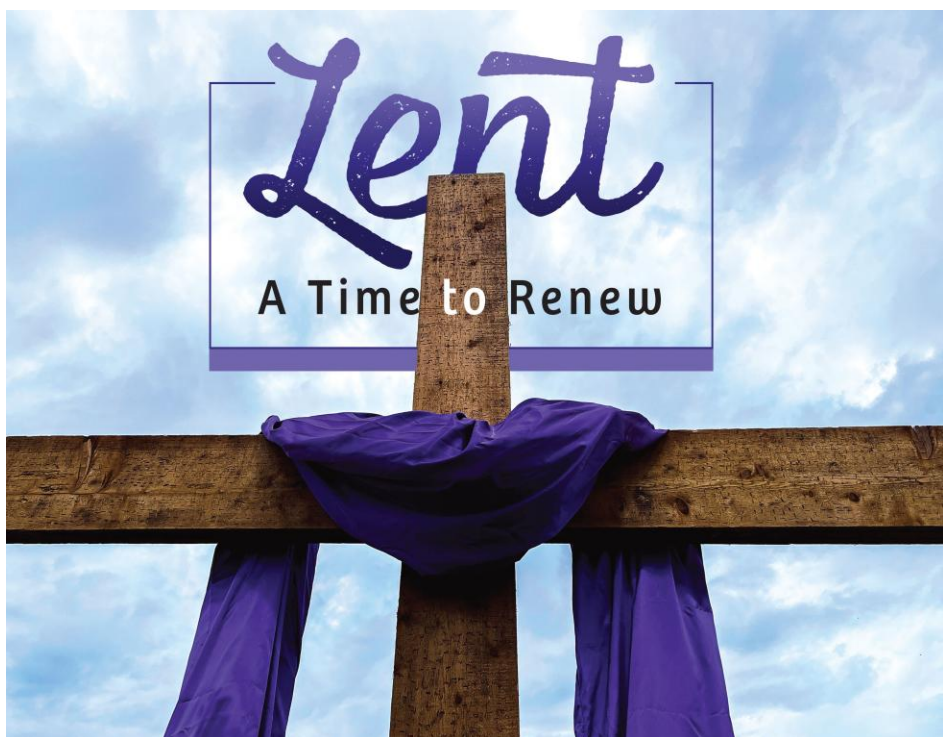
All: Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

Please join us for:

**Ash Wednesday Service**  
at 7 pm, March 5<sup>th</sup>

**Midweek Lenten Services**  
at 6:30 pm, Wednesdays  
March 12<sup>th</sup> – April 9<sup>th</sup>



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