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## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*During the Prayers of Intercession, you are invited to add your own prayer(s) either in speech or in silence as indicated by the line: "Other intercessions may be added here." You may wish to use this insert to write down your prayer(s) which you may then offer aloud during that time. If you wish to have your prayers added to the Prayer of the Church during the coming weeks, please remove and place this card in the offering plate.*

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# TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025 ✚ 10:15 a.m.

*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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## HOLY COMMUNION

***EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP, SETTING FOUR, PAGES 147-156***

### GATHERING

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*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

### WELCOME AND PRELUDE

### \*ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Let us come into the light of Christ, confessing our need for God's mercy.  
*Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.*

**God of light and peace, we confess that we are not at peace—with others or with ourselves. We bring to you all that tears us apart: discord in our families, violence in our world, our own conflicted hearts. In your mercy, mend us. Reunite us with one another and to you. Let peace reign over all the earth, through the Prince of Peace, our Savior and Lord Jesus. Amen**

In the Word who has come to dwell with us, God has given us grace upon grace: forgiveness that is stronger than our sins, love that can heal every broken heart. Hear this word of God's pardon and peace: in the name of Jesus our Savior, you are free from all your sins. Rise, shine, for your light has come.  
**Amen**

\*GREETING

The grace that is Christ's gift to us, the love of God, and the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace be with you all. **And also with you.**

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Holy God, mighty and immortal, you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. Transform us into the likeness of your Son, who renewed our humanity so that we may share in his divinity, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

WORD

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*God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

FIRST READING

Exodus 34:29-35

*Moses' face shone with the reflected glory of God after he received the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai. The sight caused the Israelites to be afraid, so Moses wore a veil to mask the radiance of God's glory, taking it off when he spoke directly with God.*

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 3:12—4:2

*In his debates with the Corinthians, Paul contrasts the glory of Moses with the glory of Christ. The Israelites could not see Moses' face because of the veil. But in Christ we see the unveiled glory of God and are transformed into Christ's likeness.*

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Halle, Halle, Hallelujah*

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\*GOSPEL

Luke 9:28-36

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke... **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*The conversation about Jesus' suffering and death is enclosed in a dazzling foreshadowing of the resurrection. God affirms Jesus' identity, the disciples are stunned speechless, and Jesus resumes his mission with a demonstration of his power over evil.*

The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## \*CREED

God has made us his people through our baptism into Christ, living together in trust and hope we confess our faith.

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He 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,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again 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 INTERCESSION

The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made. *A brief silence is observed.*

Heavenly Father, even as Moses' face shone after being in your presence, brighten our lives with the presence of Christ the Lord, that our hearts may burn with joy when we hear his Word. Let us walk: **In the light of the Lord.**

Holy God, lover of justice, let us receive your decrees and commands with serious faith, for it is your pleasure to guide us, forgive us, and make us accountable to your Word. Let us walk: **In the light of the Lord.**

Holy Spirit, never let us lose heart. Transform us into the image of Christ, as we engage in ministry. Let us walk: **In the light of the Lord.**

Lord Jesus, help us imagine being with you on the Mount of Transfiguration, hearing the voice of the Lord saying, “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!” Let us walk: **In the light of the Lord.**

God of all gods, removing the divinity of everything else we would follow, help us turn to you as the singular source of the Divine. Let us walk: **In the light of the Lord.**

Lord Jesus, even as you cast out demons, healed the sick, and raised the dead, we come before you with the needs of many, now named in your presence, especially... Let us walk: **In the light of the Lord.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered in speech and silence.*

Holy Spirit, keep us in your care until we gather with all the saints from every time and place in the company of our sovereign God, remembering especially... Let us walk: **In the light of the Lord.**

Light of the world, shine upon us. **Amen**

\*PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Lift Your Eyes and See the Glory*



## MEAL

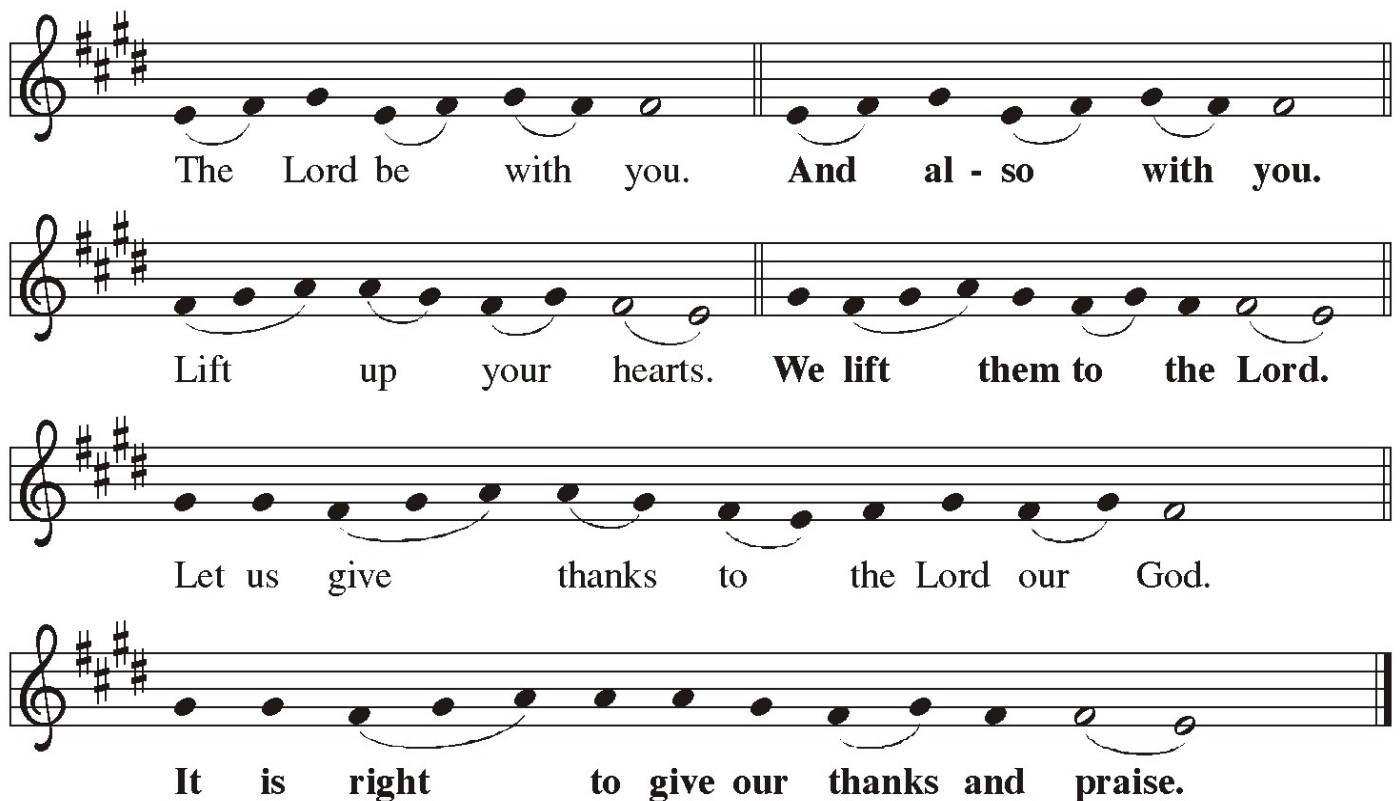
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*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

### \*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. Good and loving God, we rejoice in the birth of Jesus, who came among the poor to bring the riches of your grace. As you have blessed us with your gifts, let them be blessing for others. With the trees of the field, with all earth and heaven, we shout for joy at the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### \*DIALOGUE



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

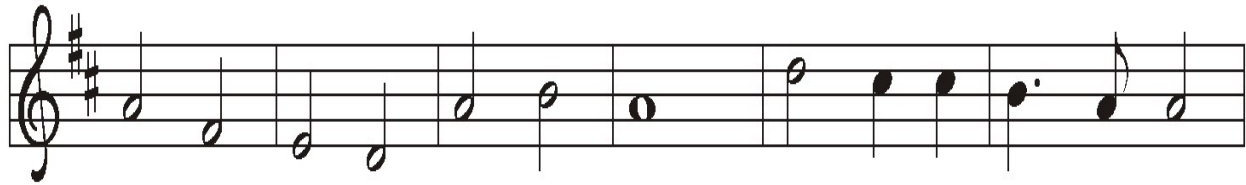
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

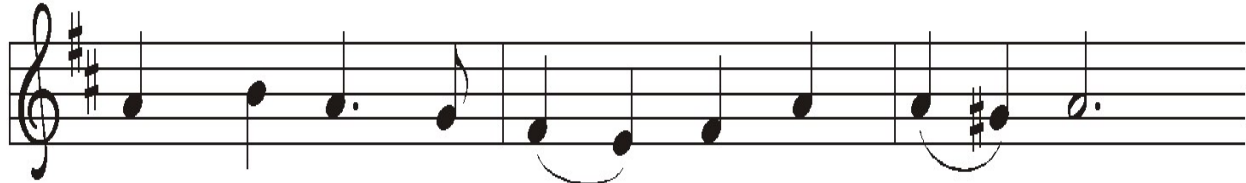
### \*PREFACE FOR TRANSFIGURATION

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who, sharing our life, lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to your own brilliant light. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

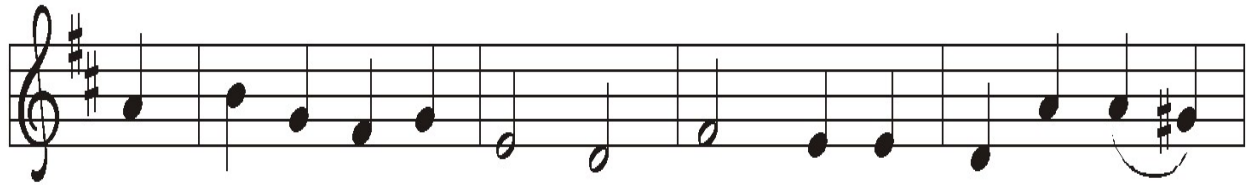
\*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

\*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:  
Blessed are you for the birth of creation.  
Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.  
Blessed are you for your promise to your people.  
Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.  
Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.  
Blessed are you for your Son Jesus,  
the Word made flesh.

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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

With this bread and cup  
we remember your Word dwelling among us,  
full of grace and truth.  
We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.  
We look with hope for his coming. **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Holy God, we long for your Spirit.  
Come among us.  
Bless this meal.  
May your Word take flesh in us.  
Awaken your people.  
Fill us with your light.  
Bring the gift of peace on earth. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

All praise and glory are yours,  
Holy One of Israel,  
Word of God incarnate,  
Power of the Most High,  
one God, now and forever. **Amen**



**\*LORD'S PRAYER**

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

**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**

**\*INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Friends of Jesus, come to the table. Receive nourishment for your journey.

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**\*BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen**

**\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray. O Morning Star, fair and bright, you have refreshed us again with heavenly food. You are our dearest treasure. Go with us now—today, tomorrow, every day—that we tell the story of your never-ending love and sing your praise both now and forever. **Amen**

## SENDING

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

### \*BLESSING

The God of glory dwell in you richly,  
name you beloved,  
and shine brightly on your path;  
and the blessing of almighty God,  
the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen**

### \*SENDING HYMN

*Shine, Jesus, Shine*

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### \*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE

*Prodaná nevěsta*

Smetana

## SERVING IN THE LITURGY

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PREACHING AND PRESIDING MINISTER

Dennis Lauritsen, pastor

ASSISTING MINISTER

Vicki Michaels

MUSIC MINISTER

David Richards

SERVICE LEADER

Carrie Watkiss

LECTORS

Gary and Jocelyn Drahos

GREETER

Karyn Bute

USHER

Rafael Martinez

LIVE STREAM

Fred Kuzel

ALTAR CARE AND SACRISTANS

Beverly Tarbox

## IN THE PRAYERS...

*Members of the Congregation:* Heather Greer, Ann Head, Luddy Kovalsky, Shirley Kostelny, Rev. James Kuemmerle, Mary Sasuta, and Edward Sefara. *Friends and Relatives of the Congregation:* Betty Bartel, Kurt Behrendt, Wally Bisping, Dan and Mary Costello, Eric Dennison, Tom Duran, Barbara Dykes, Melissa Foe, Denise Fricano, Walid Jabbar, Drew Janos, Ron Kelly, Nicole Kisiel, Lenyce Lawrenson, Darlene Loughlin, Nick, Julie Mroz, Donald Neal, Gail Purcell, Tim Richard, Mary Lee Rosland, Sandy Rossella, Stevie Singer, Peter Spilotro, Kathy Stenson, Janie Tarbox, Tom Thoreson and Tom Zajac.

Next Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m., the congregation will host **a concert by the Baroque String Ensemble and Viol Consort** from Stevenson High School in Lincolnshire. The hour long performance includes music by Vivaldi, Bach, and Telemann. This program features such period instruments as harpsichord, theorbo and violone. A free will offering is welcome.

## COMMEMORATIONS

*John Wesley, died 1791; Charles Wesley, died 1788; renewers of the church  
Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>*

These brothers led a revival originally intended to remain within the Church of England, one that involved frequent communion and advocacy for the poor. Except for a brief time in America, they worked in England. Charles was also a prolific hymn writer. After their deaths, their work led to the formation of the Methodist Church.

*Perpetua and Felicity and companions, martyrs at Carthage, died 202  
Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup>*

Vibia Perpetua, a noblewoman, and Felicity, an enslaved woman, were catechumens at Carthage, northern Africa. They, with four other catechumens, had defied the Roman emperor who had forbidden conversions to Christianity, and were put to death in the amphitheater.

### Current, Benevolence and Freewill Offering

February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025

<i>Weekly Budgeted Offering for 2025:</i>	\$1,962.00
<i>Offering Received for the Above Categories:</i>	\$ .00
<i>Shortage:</i>	\$ .00

Donations are welcome via Zelle at [donations@stspeterandpaulriverside.org](mailto:donations@stspeterandpaulriverside.org) .