

...“Let light shine out of darkness,” who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

*2 Corinthians 4:6*

## Transfiguration of Our Lord

February 14, 2021

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The Sundays after Epiphany began with Jesus’ baptism and end with three disciples’ vision of his transfiguration. In Mark’s story of Jesus’ baptism, apparently only Jesus sees the Spirit descending and hears the words from heaven. But now Jesus’ three closest friends hear the same words naming him God’s Beloved. As believers, Paul writes, we are enabled to see the God-light in Jesus’ face, because the same God who created light in the first place has shone in our hearts to give us that vision. The light of God’s glory in Jesus has enlightened us through baptism and shines in us also for others to see.

*The mission of Augsburg Evangelical Lutheran Church is to glorify God  
by proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ through  
worship, witness, education, service and fellowship.*

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) Setting Four*

### **✠ GATHERING ✠**

**ACCLAMATION** This Is My Beloved Son Tamara Makdad Albrecht  
This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.  
Listen to him, listen to him, everyone.  
*Jubilate Choir & Lobchor*

**OPENING VOLUNTARY** Beautiful Savior F. Melius Christiansen  
ed. G. Winston Cassler

*We stand.*

## **RINGING OF THE BELL**

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

In the name of the Father,  
and of the ✠ Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hid:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you  
and worthily magnify your holy name,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin  
and cannot free ourselves.**

**We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done  
and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us.**

**Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,  
so that we may delight in your will  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your holy name.**

**Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God,

Jesus Christ was given to die for us,  
and for his sake God forgives us all our sins.

As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ,  
and by his authority,

I therefore declare to you  
the entire forgiveness of all your sins,  
in the name of the Father,  
and of the ✠ Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

*The assembly turns to face the cross as it enters the sanctuary, following the cross as we have followed Jesus into this holy place and time of corporate worship.*

GATHERING HYMN 553 Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

RATISBON

1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true and on - ly light,  
 2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pa - nied by thee;  
 3 Vis - it then this soul of mine, pierce the gloom of sin and grief;

Sun of righ-teous-ness, a - rise, tri - umph o'er the shades of night;  
 joy-less is the day's re - turn, till thy mer-cy's beams I see,  
 fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine, scat - ter all my un - be - lief;

Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap - pear.  
 till they in - ward light im - part, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.  
 more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788  
 Music: RATISBON, J. G. Werner, *Choralbuch*, 1815

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.**

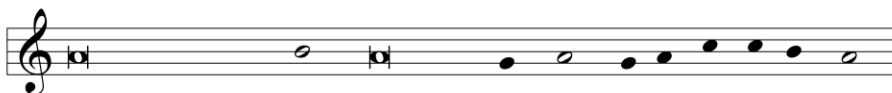
# KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.



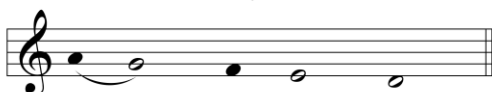
Lord, have mer - cy.



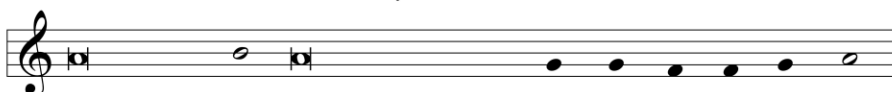
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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 wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

## HYMN OF PRAISE

Assisting minister



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

All



Lord God, hea-ven-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.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. *A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

*After the prayer the assembly responds: Amen.*

*We sit.*

## WELCOME

## ✠ WORD ✠

### FIRST READING 2 Kings 2:1-12

Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, “Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel.” But Elisha said, “As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, “Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?” And he said, “Yes, I know; keep silent.” Elijah said to him, “Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho.” But he said, “As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, “Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?” And he answered, “Yes, I know; be silent.” Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.” But he said, “As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.” Elisha said, “Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.” He responded, “You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.” As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, “Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

The word of the Lord. *The assembly responds: Thanks be to God.*

- <sup>1</sup>The mighty one, God the <sup>1</sup> LORD, has spoken;  
 calling the earth from the rising of the sun <sup>1</sup> to its setting.
- <sup>2</sup>Out of Zion, perfect <sup>1</sup> in its beauty,  
 God shines <sup>1</sup> forth in glory.
- <sup>3</sup>Our God will come and will <sup>1</sup> not keep silence;  
 with a consuming flame before, and round about a <sup>1</sup> raging storm.
- <sup>4</sup>God calls the heavens and the earth <sup>1</sup> from above  
 to witness the judgment <sup>1</sup> of the people.
- <sup>5</sup>“Gather before me my <sup>1</sup> loyal followers,  
 those who have made a covenant with me and sealed <sup>1</sup> it with sacrifice.”
- <sup>6</sup>The heavens declare the rightness <sup>1</sup> of God’s cause,  
 for it is God <sup>1</sup> who is judge.

### SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus’ sake. For it is the God who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord. *The assembly responds:* **Thanks be to God.**

### RECOGNITION OF SCOUT SUNDAY

Almighty Creator, thank you for the opportunity for Scouts to experience the beauty and majesty of your creation. Grant them the strength to endure the challenges of this day, the wisdom to enjoy each moment, and the courage to push themselves further than before. Bless each Scout and each leader as they journey together through the adventure of Scouting. **Amen.**



*We stand.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

## GOSPEL Mark 9:2-9

The holy gospel according to Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, “This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!” Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

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

*We sit.*

## SERMON

Pastor Wollner

*We stand.*

HYMN OF THE DAY 838 Beautiful Savior

SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU

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!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904  
 Music: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.

## NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

*Each portion of the prayers conclude:*

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

## PEACE

*The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.*

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

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say Peace be with you or similar words.*

*We sit.*

## ✠ THANKSGIVING ✠

### OFFERING

#### OFFERTORY ANTHEM God Be in My Head

Mark Schweizer

God be in my head and in my understanding.

God be in my eyes and in my looking.

God be in my mouth and in my speaking.

God be in my heart, and in my thinking.

God be at my end, and at my departing. Amen.

*We stand.*

#### OFFERTORY HYMN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all

The first line of musical notation for the Offertory Hymn, featuring a treble and bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all".

creatures here below; praise God above, ye

The second line of musical notation for the Offertory Hymn, continuing the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: "creatures here below; praise God above, ye".

heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The third line of musical notation for the Offertory Hymn, concluding the piece. The lyrics are: "heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost." The piece ends with a double bar line.

## THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

Let us pray.

O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

**Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**

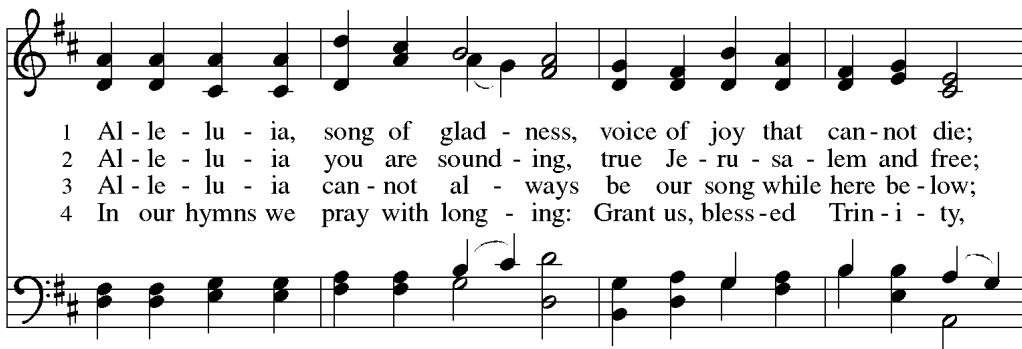
**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## ✠ SENDING ✠

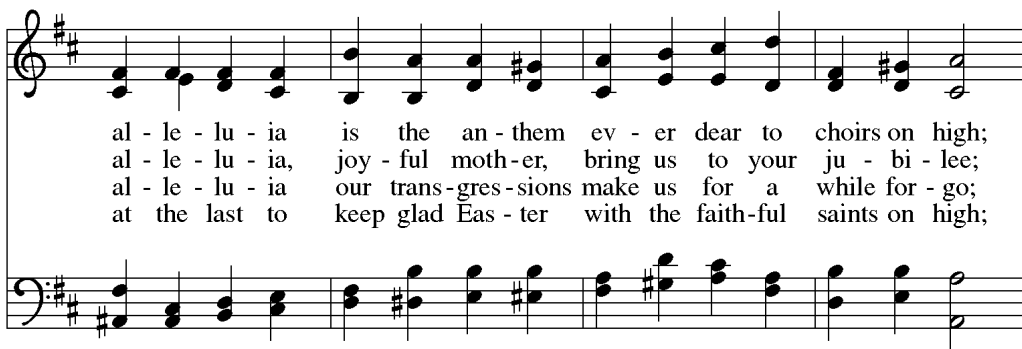
## BLESSING

The Lord bless you...and ✠ give you peace.





1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of glad - ness, voice of joy that can - not die;  
 2 Al - le - lu - ia you are sound - ing, true Je - ru - sa - lem and free;  
 3 Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways be our song while here be - low;  
 4 In our hymns we pray with long - ing: Grant us, bless - ed Trin - i - ty,



al - le - lu - ia is the an - them ev - er dear to choirs on high;  
 al - le - lu - ia, joy - ful moth - er, bring us to your ju - bi - lee;  
 al - le - lu - ia our trans - gres - sions make us for a while for - go;  
 at the last to keep glad Eas - ter with the faith - ful saints on high;



in the house of God a - bid - ing thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly.  
 here by Bab - y - lon's sad wa - ters mourn - ing ex - iles still are we.  
 for the sol - emn time is com - ing when our tears for sin shall flow.  
 there to you for - ev - er sing - ing al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly.

Text: Latin hymn, 11th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.  
 Music: PRAISE, MY SOUL, John Goss, 1800–1880

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

**Thanks be to God.**

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY** Praeludium in C Major, BuxWV 137

Dieterich Buxtehude

## ***Soli Deo Gloria***

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## Announcements

**The altar flowers today are given to the Glory of God** and in loving memory of her mother, Boots Ogburn, by Mo Ogburn.

**This week we keep in prayer Nancy Julian**, 3314 Salemtowne Drive, Winston-Salem NC. 27106. Please send **Nancy** a note.

**Please join Pastor Paul for Bible Study Tuesday**, February 16. This week will focus on chapter 10 of the Book of Ecclesiastes. The same class will be offered on Zoom at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. each week.

**Remember to sign up for the Drive Through Imposition of Ashes**, Wednesday, February 17 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. You should have received a Realm invitation on Thursday, February 11.

**Pastor Lori's Lenten Education Series** begins Thursday, February 18. Join Pastor Lori for the first of a five week study of the book of Philippians. A Zoom link will be sent each Thursday afternoon for the 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. meeting.

**Daily Digital Lenten Journey – Look for Flocknote links** to connect you to daily digital devotions. On Mondays, listen to music that allows you to reflect upon the Lenten season; Tuesdays hear Faith Stories of fellow sisters and brothers in Christ; Wednesdays worship with Pastor Paul live at noon and 7:00 p.m.; Thursdays join Pastor Lori's study of Philippians; and Fridays learn more about our Social Ministry partners.

**Submissions for the March Beacon** should be emailed to Kathy Barnes at [kathy@alcws.org](mailto:kathy@alcws.org) by Saturday, February 20.

**Altar Flower Dedication.** Thank you to everyone who contributes to the beautiful altar flowers each week. If you are interested in dedicating flowers as a memorial or in honor of a loved one, please contact Betty Covington at [covingtonbet@gmail.com](mailto:covingtonbet@gmail.com). The cost is \$80.00.

**We keep you in prayer during our time apart.** Our pastors continue to be available for your pastoral care needs. If you would like to reach a pastor, please call their cell phones, send them a text, or an email. Pastor Paul is 803-331-5970 or [seniorpastor@alcws.org](mailto:seniorpastor@alcws.org) and Pastor Lori is 336-414-2838 or [pastoralassociate@alcws.org](mailto:pastoralassociate@alcws.org)

**Readings for next week:** Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 25:1-10; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15

**Worship attendance for services last week: 224 views on YouTube.**



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