

**Transfiguration of Our Lord**

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### Welcome to Worship...

Welcome to all God's guests, including those who call themselves "members" of this church named Ascension Lutheran Church more than 50 years ago.

A special welcome to guests who are here for the first time or who call yourselves "visitors" among the people of this community. It is at God's invitation, through worship, the Holy Spirit calls each of us to come to a place of **community, communion and commitment**. Each of us brings a different lens to worship, and yet, in a worshipping community, these differences become celebrations of diversity.

**Children are always welcome in worship services;  
however please know a nursery space is available for  
parents who need to tend to their little ones.**

#### 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.

## Welcome to Worship

### Confession and Forgiveness

*Please stand as you are able.*

*P* Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever.

**All Amen.**

*P* Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy One, source of our renewal,

**All we confess that we are wrapped up in sin,  
and cannot free ourselves.**

**We have not practiced your righteousness.**

**Our hearts have turned away from you.**

**For the sake of the world you so love,  
forgive us,**

**that we may be reconciled to one another  
for the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

*P* Thus says our God:

“The former things have come to pass  
and new things I now declare.”

God's mercy makes us new.

We are forgiven in the name of ✝ Christ our Savior.

**All Amen.**

# Opening Song

## CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

Bernadette Farrell

### Verses



1. Long-ing for light, — we wait in dark-ness. Long-ing for
2. Long-ing for peace, — our world is trou- bled. Long-ing for
3. Long-ing for food, — man - y are hun - gry. Long-ing for
4. Long-ing for shel-ter, man - y are home-less. Long-ing for
5. Man - y the gifts, — man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



1. truth, — we turn to you. Make us your own, —
2. hope, — man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone —
3. wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread, —
4. warmth, — man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
5. hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



1. your ho - ly peo-ple, light for the world to see. *(to verse 2)*
2. has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice. *(to refrain)*
3. bro - ken for oth-ers, shared un - til all are fed. *(to verse 4)*
4. shel - ter - ing oth-ers, walls made of liv - ing stone. *(to refrain)*
5. to one an - oth - er, mak - ing your king - dom come. *(to refrain)*

### Refrain



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.

## Greeting

*P* 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.

## Prayer of the Day

*P* 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.

**All** 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.

[You may be Seated](#)

## A Reading from Exodus, the 24<sup>th</sup> chapter

*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; and 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 into the mountain of God. <sup>14</sup>To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for 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 people of Israel. <sup>18</sup>Moses entered the

cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

*Exodus 24:12-18*

L Word of God, Word of Light.

**All Thanks be to God**

A Reading from 2 Peter, the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter

*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>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 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.

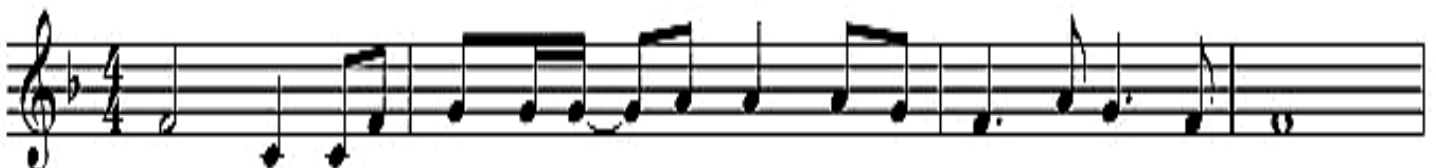
*2 Peter 1:16-21*

L Word of God, Word of Life.

**All Thanks be to God**

Gospel Acclamation

[Please stand as you are able.](#)



Thy Word is a lamp un-to\_\_\_ my feet and a light un-to my path.



Thy Word is a lamp un-to\_\_\_ my feet and a light un-to my path.

## Gospel Reading

*P* The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 17<sup>th</sup> chapter.

### **All Glory to you, O Lord.**

*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>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 dazzling white. <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 make three dwellings 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 from the cloud a voice 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 looked up, 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."

*Matthew 17:1-9*

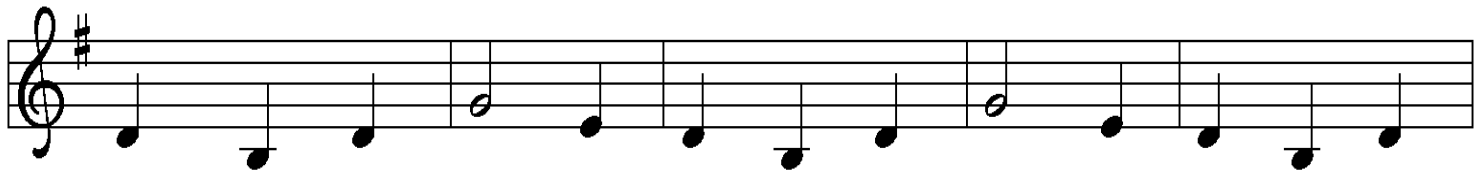
*P* The Gospel of our Lord.

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

[You may be Seated](#)

Sermon

**Pr. Debra Jimenez**



1 Peo - ple who walk in dark - ness have sought a light in the  
 2 How can we tell a heav - en from hell if ev - 'ry - one



heart of the dark - est night. Just when we thought all would be  
 dwells in the dark of night? Morn - ing dis - pels, gent - ly com -



lost, we were drawn to the light of God.  
 pels, and we're drawn to the light of God.

*Refrain*



Dawn is in sight! Gone is the night, drawn to the



light and the morn - ing. Glo - rious and bright, oh, what a



sight to be drawn to the light of God.

Text: John C. Ylvisaker, b. 1937  
 Music: LA CROSSE, John C. Ylvisaker  
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## Sharing the Peace

*In our continued physical distancing out of love for the health of one another, we will share the peace of our risen Lord by “speaking” that peace through sign language.*

*P* Christ become Peace with you.

**All** And also with you.

## Offering

*While we still will not physically pass the offering plates we will continue to have the plates available at the entrance to receive your offerings and will lift them up in thanksgiving before the throne of grace.*

All that we have \_\_\_\_\_ and all that we of - fer \_\_\_\_\_  
comes from a heart both fright - ened and free. \_\_\_\_\_  
Take what we bring now and give what we need; \_\_\_\_\_  
All done in His name. \_\_\_\_\_

## Offertory Prayer

*P* Liberating God,  
you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free.

**All** Receive these offerings in thanksgiving  
for all your works of merciful power,  
and shape us as people of your justice and freedom.  
You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior, Amen.

## The Great Thanksgiving and Words of Institution

*P* The Holy One be with you

**All** And also with you.

*P* Lift up your hearts

**All** We lift them up to our God.

*P* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

**All** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*P* Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth, for you have had mercy on us and given your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh you have opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision of your glory; that, beholding the God made visible, we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see.



**All:** On the night You were be - trayed You took the bread;\_\_ Af - ter



giv - ing thanks,\_\_ You broke it and said, "This is My \_\_



bod - y, bro - ken for\_\_ you, and as you



eat\_\_ it, re - mem - ber Me; This is My\_\_

bod - y bro - ken for\_\_ you, and as you  
 eat\_\_\_ it, re - mem - ber Me." On the  
 night You were\_\_ be - trayed\_\_ You held the cup;\_\_ Af - ter  
 giv - ing thanks,\_\_ You lift - ed it up. "This is My\_\_  
 blood, poured out for\_\_ you, and as you drink\_\_ it, re - mem - ber  
 Me; This is My\_\_ blood, poured out for\_\_ you, and as you  
 drink\_\_\_ it, re - mem - ber\_\_\_ Me." So, we  
 thank You for\_\_ the wine\_\_\_ and for the bread;\_\_ For we  
 see the life\_\_ You gave\_\_ and the blood You\_ shed. And we re -

mem - ber Your won - drous\_\_ love, You gave Your  
 bod - y, You shed Your blood; And we re - mem - ber Your won - drous  
 love, You gave Your bod - y, You shed Your blood.

## The Lord's Prayer

*P* Let us approach the throne of grace, praying as Jesus taught:

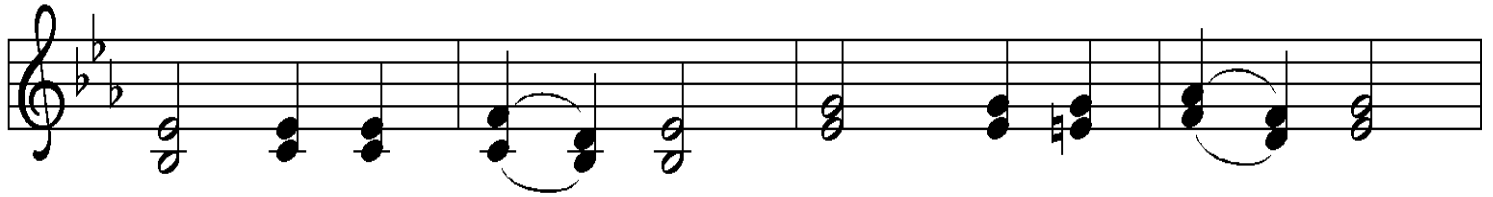
**All**      **Our Father, who art in heaven,**  
                  **hallowed be thy name,**  
                  **thy kingdom come,**  
                  **thy will be done,**  
                  **on earth as it is in heaven.**  
**Give us this day our daily bread;**  
**and forgive us our trespasses,**  
                  **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.**

## The Invitation

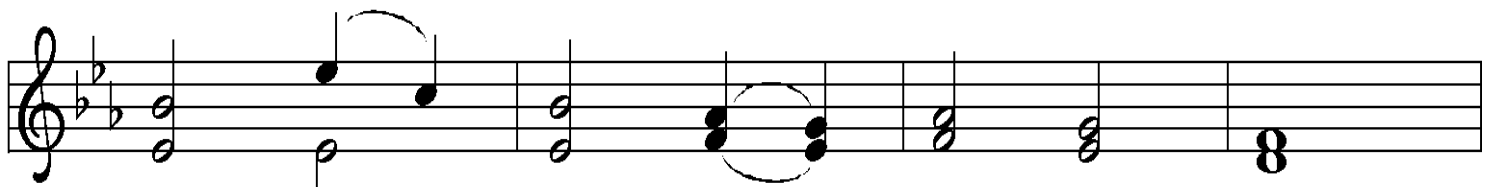
*P* Come and taste the joy of God!

# Communion Songs

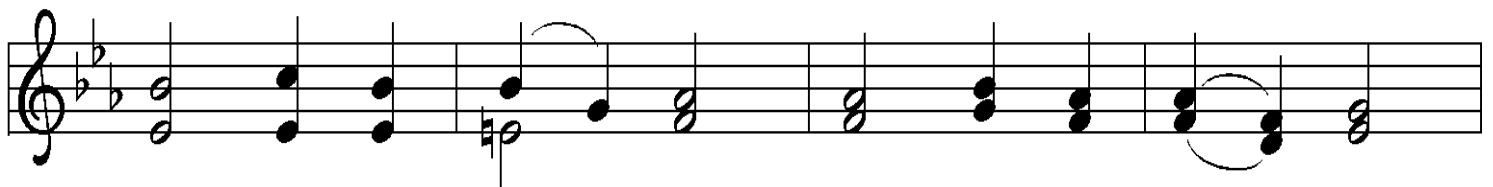
## Beautiful Savior



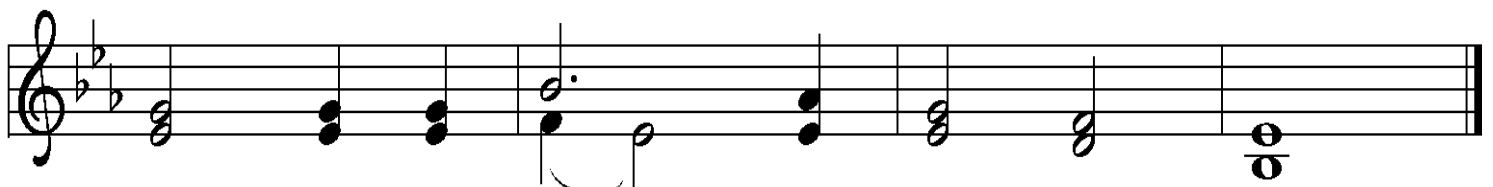
1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,  
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,  
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,  
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,



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!

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

# Dance with Me Greg Evans



This is ho - ly time We're ga-thered to - ge - ther to wor - ship



you to love one an-oth - er And as we pray And as we



sing And as we dance and as we dream Oh Lord I



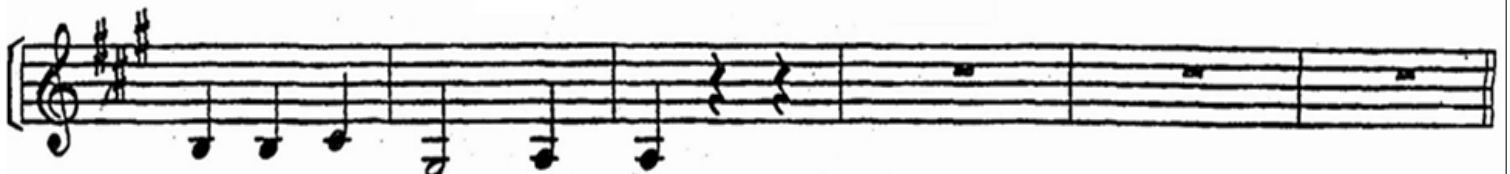
beg of you Just this one thing Won't you



dance with me Throu - out the heav - ens and be - low the sea and



u-pon the moun - tain tops Flow with the breeze Come car-ry me



Lord won't you dance with me.

## Post Communion Blessing *and* Prayer

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

**All Amen**

*P* Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table.

**All Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you. Amen.**

# *Stewardship of Life and Ministry Announcements*

## Benediction

[Please stand in body or spirit.](#)

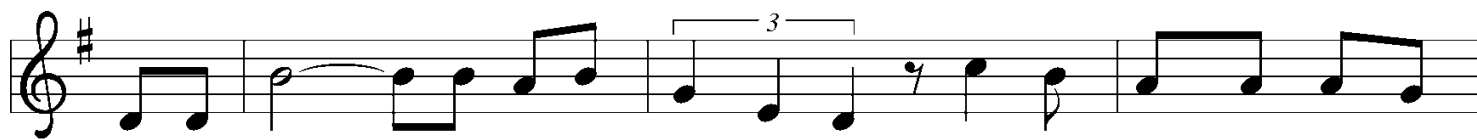
*P* The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod  
✝ bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always.

**All Amen**



# Sending Song

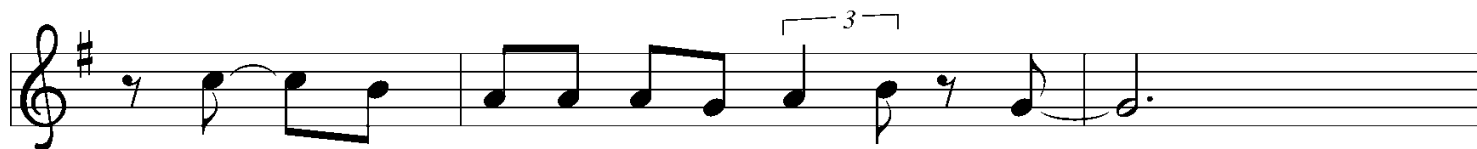
## We Are Marching in the Light of God



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



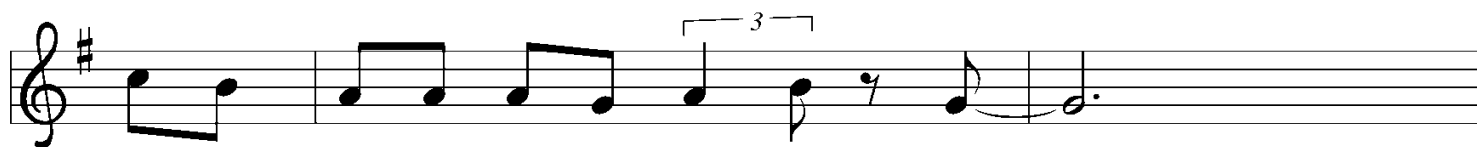
light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God,



we are march-ing in the light of God.



We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) OO



we are march-ing in the light of God.



We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) OO



we are march - ing in the light of God.

*Additional stanzas ad lib.:*

We are dancing ...

We are praying ...

We are singing ...

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Music: SIYAHAMBA, South African traditional  
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Dismissal

*P* Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

**All** Thanks be to God.

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Readings for next Sunday,  
February 26<sup>th</sup>  
1st Sunday in Lent

**First Reading:** Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7  
**Psalm:** Psalm 32  
**Second Reading:** Romans 5:12-19  
**Gospel:** Matthew 4:1-11

WAIT! IS THIS PETER  
REMEMBERING HIS  
EXPERIENCE AT  
**JESUS'**  
TRANSFIGURATION?



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YES, IT IS.

INTERESTING.  
HE LEAVES OUT THE  
PART WHERE HE SAYS  
**STUPID STUFF** TO  
JESUS.



I'M SURE HE  
DIDN'T NEED TO  
BE REMINDED.



2 PETER 1:16-21

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