



Transfiguration of Our Lord
February 11, 2024



Ascension Lutheran Church

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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 worshiping 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.

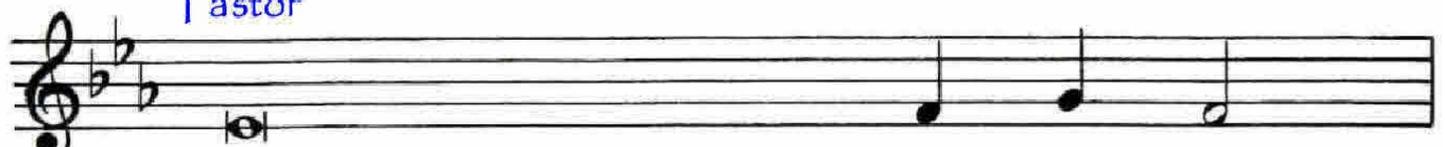
Introduction

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.

Welcome to Worship

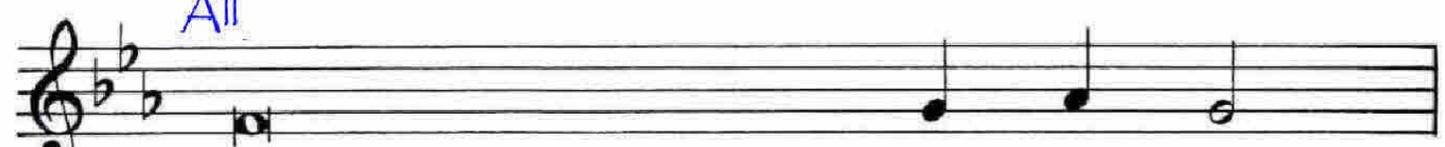
Opening Song

Pastor



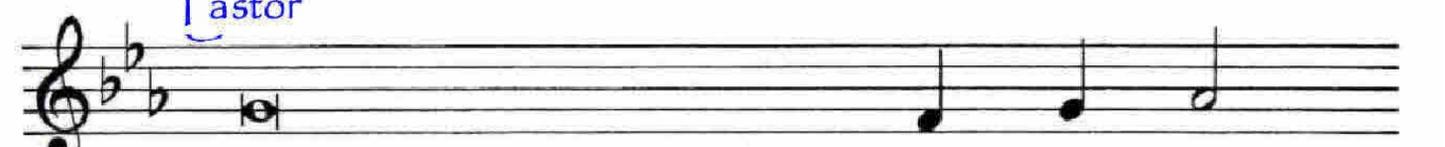
Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world;

All



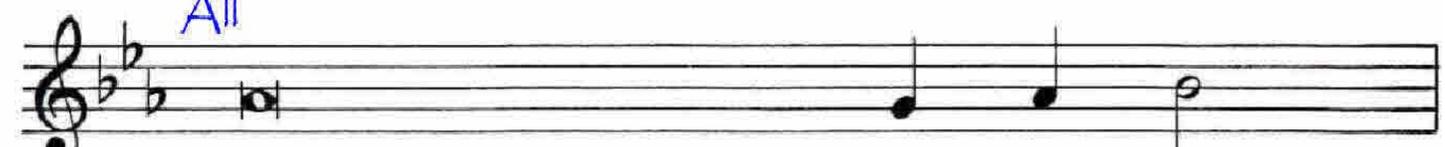
the light no darkness can o - ver - come;

Pastor



Stay with us now, for it is morning,

All



and the day is just be - gun.

Pastor



Let your light scat - ter the darkness,

All

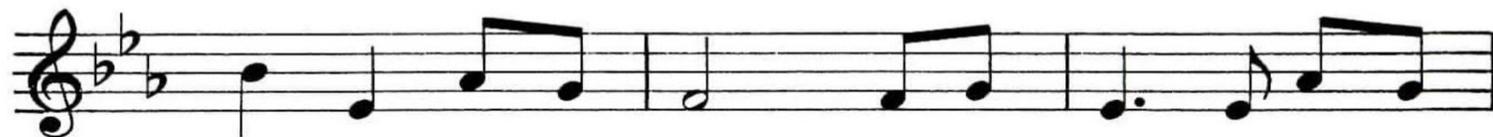


and shine within your peo - ple here. —

All:



1. Joy-ous light of heav-'nly glo - ry, lov - ing
2. In the stars that grace the dark - ness, in the
3. You who made the heav - en's splen - dor, ev - 'ry



glow of God's own face, you who sing cre - a - tion's
blaz - ing sun of dawn, of the light of peace and
danc - ing star of night, make us shine with gen - tle



sto - ry, shine on ev 'ry land and race. Now as
wis - dom, we can hear your qui - et song. Love that
jus - tice, let us each re - flect your light. Might - y



morn - ing dawns a - round us, we shall raise our songs to
fills the night with won - der, love that warms the wea - ry
God of all cre - a - tion, gen - tle Christ who lights our



you, God of day - break, God of shad - ows, come and
soul, Love that bursts all chains a - sun - der, set us
way, Lov - ing Spir - it of sal - va - tion, lead us



light our hearts a - new. _____
free and make us whole. _____
on to end - less day. _____

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
creator of darkness and light,
word of truth,
wind sweeping over the waters.

All Amen.

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

Silence for reflection

God, our rock and refuge,

All we pour out our hearts before you.

We have known you but have not always loved you.

**We have wounded one another
and sinned against you.**

**We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit
dwelling in each of us.**

Remember your covenant.

Renew your creation.

Restore us,

that we might proclaim your good news to all.

Amen.

P The voice of the Lord is upon the waters.

God has spoken:

The time of grace is now.

In Jesus, the reign of God has come near.

By the authority of ✝ Jesus Christ,
your sins are forgiven.

You are God's beloved.

All Amen.

You may be Seated

Prayer of the Day



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

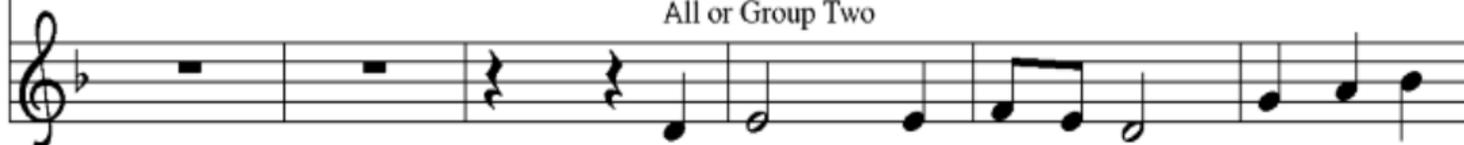


lift - ing up of my hands as an of - fer - ing to you.



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

All or Group Two



Men O God, I call to you, come to me



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



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



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



M up like in - cense be - fore you, the lift - ing up of my



W of-fer-ing to you. Keep watch with - in me, God;



M hands as an of-fer-ing to you. Keep



W deep in my heart may the light of your love be burn - ing



M watch with - in me, God; deep in my heart may the light of your



W bright. Let my prayer rise up like in-cense be -



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



W fore you, the lift-ing up of my hands as an of-fer-ing to



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

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

M of-fer-ing to you. All praise to the

W life; all praise be to Christ and the Spir - it of love.

M God of all— Cre - a - tor of life; all praise be to Christ and the

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

M Spir-it of love. Let my prayer rise up like in - cense be -

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

M fore you, the lift-ing up of my hands as an of-fer-ing to you.

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A Reading from 2 Kings, the 2nd chapter

Today's reading centers on the transfer of power and authority from the prophet Elijah to Elisha. Their travels, which retrace the path of Joshua back to Moab (the place where Moses died) and the parting of the waters, demonstrate that Elisha and Elijah are legitimate successors of the great prophet Moses.

¹Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ²Elijah 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. ³The 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."

⁴Elijah 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. ⁵The 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."

⁶Then 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. ⁷Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸Then 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.

⁹When 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." ¹⁰He 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."

¹¹As 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.

¹²Elisha 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.

2 Kings 2:1-12

L Word of God, Word of Life.

All Thanks be to God!

A Reading from 2 Corinthians, the 4th chapter

The spotlight of Christian ministry is not on the people who carry out ministry but on the Lord Jesus Christ. Just as God made light shine at creation, God makes the light of Jesus Christ shine in our lives through Christian ministry.

³Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴In 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. ⁵For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus’ sake. ⁶For 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.

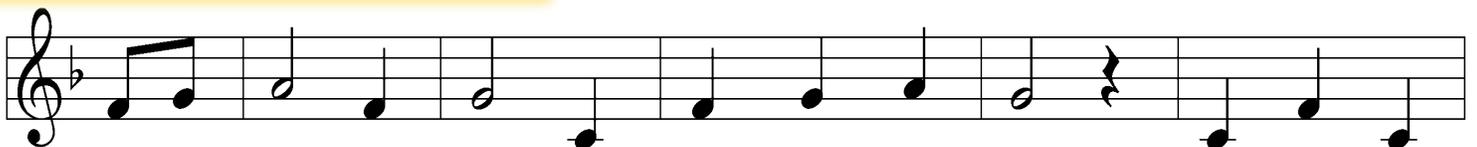
2 Corinthians 4:3-6

L Word of God, Word of Hope.

All Thanks be to God!

Gospel Acclamation

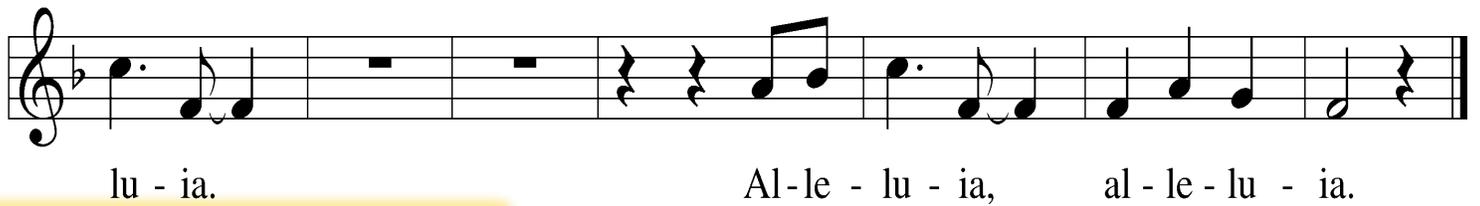
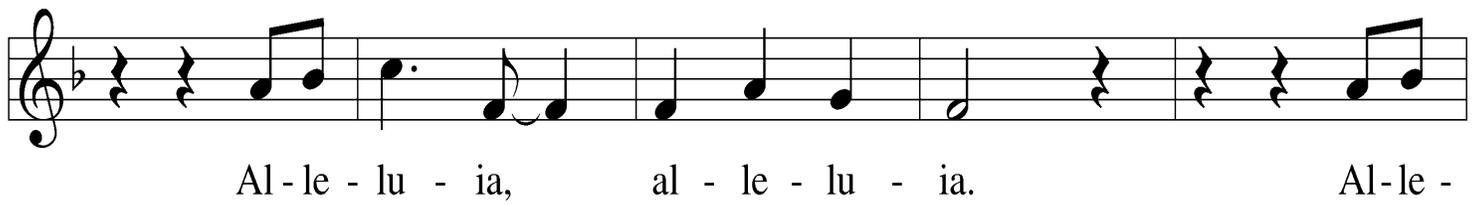
Please stand in body or spirit.



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.



Gospel Reading

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 9th chapter.

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

Mark's gospel presents the transfiguration as a preview of what would become apparent to Jesus' followers after he rose from the dead. Confused disciples are given a vision of God's glory manifest in the beloved Son.

²Six 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, ³and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵Then 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." ⁶He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" ⁸Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

⁹As 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.

Mark 9:2-9

P The Gospel of our Lord.

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

[You may be Seated](#)

Hymn of the Day

Please stand in body or spirit.

Beautiful Saviour

Words and Music by
Stuart Townend

1 All _____ my days I will sing this song of
 2 I _____ will trust in the cross of my Re -
 3 long _____ to be where the praise is nev - er

glad - ness, give _____ my praise to the Foun - tain of de -
 deem - er; I _____ will sing of the blood that nev - er
 end - ing; Yearn _____ to dwell where the glo - ry nev - er

lights; For in my help - less - ness You
 fails, Of sins for - giv - en, of
 fades, Where count - less wor - ship - ers will

heard my _____ cry, and waves of mer - cy poured _____ down on my
 con - science _____ cleansed, of death de - feat - ed and _____ life with - out
 share one _____ song, And cries of "wor - thy" will _____ hon - or the

1 _____ 2, 3 _____
 end. _____
 Lamb! _____
 Beau - ti - ful
 Beau - ti - ful

Sa - viour, Won - der - ful Coun - sel - or, clothed in
 maj - es - ty, Lord of his - to - ry, You're the Way, the Truth, the
 Life. Star of the Morn - ing, glo - rious in

ho - li - ness, You're the Ris - en One, heav - en's
 Cham - pi - on, and You reign, You reign o - ver all!

Apostles' Creed

P Let us join together with the saints across the ages confessing our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the virgin Mary,
 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,
 he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
 and he will come 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 the People

L As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation.



O Lord, hear our prayer we of-fer up to you; O Lord, hear our prayer.

(each prayer petition ends with)

L: God of grace, *All:* receive our prayer.

Sharing the Peace of Christ

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

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.

[You may be Seated](#)

All And also with you.

Offering

[You may be Seated](#)

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 Blessed are you, Holy One,
for all good things come from you.

All As we give back to you a portion of your blessings,
may we be a blessing of your love and light in the world.
In bread and cup you open heaven to us.
Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek
and follow your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving and Words of Institution

P The Lord be with you

All And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give God thanks and praise.

P 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.

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.

The Lord's Prayer

Please stand in body or spirit.

P Let us approach the throne of grace as we pray as Jesus taught us:

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 At Jesus' table, heaven and earth are joined as one.
Come and see.

Note: the communion cups on the periphery of the tray contain red wine
while the cups in the center contain white grape juice.
Gluten Free wafers available –ask the communion attendant

shed for you and
for all people
for the forgiveness of sin



All are Welcome!

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 the flow'rs of bloom - ing
 bright the spar - kling stars on spring;
 Son of God and Son of Man!
 high;

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!

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me. Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me.

Post Communion Blessing and Prayer

Please stand in body or spirit.

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

All Amen

P Let us pray,
Giver of every gift,

**All Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body.
Raise us to life by your power
for the benefit of all and to your glory,
now and forever. Amen.**

You may be Seated

Stewardship of Life and Ministry Announcements

Benediction

Please stand in body or spirit.

P God who names you, Christ who claims you,
and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you,
✝ bless you and remain with you always.

All Amen

Sending

Shine Jesus Shine

Words and Music by
Graham Kendrick



1 Lord, the light of Your love is shin - ing,
2 Lord, I come to Your awe - some pres - ence,
3 As we gaze on Your king - ly bright - ness,



in the midst of the dark - ness, shin - ing;
from the shad - ows in - to Your rad - i - ance;
so our fac - es dis - play Your like - ness;



Je - sus, Light of the world, shine up - on us, set us free by the
By the blood I may en - ter Your bright - ness, search me, try me, con -
Ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry, mir - rored here may our



truth You now bring us. Shine on me, shine on me.
sume all my dark - ness. Shine on me, shine on me.
lives tell Your sto - ry. Shine on me, shine on me.



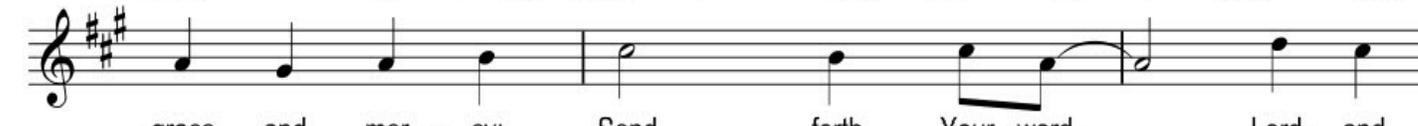
Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry;



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.

Dismissal

P Go in peace. You are God's beloved.

All Thanks be to God.



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Readings for next Sunday,
February 18th
Lent 1

First Reading:

Genesis 9:8-17

Psalm:

Psalm 25:1-10

Second Reading:

1 Peter 3:18-22

Gospel:

Mark 1:9-15

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