

CHRIST OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

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WELCOME VISITORS! We are glad that you have joined us for worship this morning. We have come into God's presence to worship him as our Lord and Savior.

- ❖ Restrooms are located to the right of the main doors.
- ❖ There is a staffed nursery available outside of the worship area for children under 3.
- ❖ There is a private area for nursing mothers located in the main preschool classroom.
- ❖ Coffee and drinks are available after the service.
- ❖ Please sign the guest register in the fellowship area.

TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

FEBRUARY 15, 2026

IDENTITY REVEALED—JESUS IS THE SON OF GOD IN GLORY

IDENTITY

revealed

SERIES THEME:

“Epiphany” comes from a Greek word that means “reveal.” It is the season when you see Jesus begin his public ministry, revealing the reason the Son of God came to earth. During Epiphany, you will come to understand that when the true identity of Jesus is revealed, you realize your own true identity as well.

THEME OF THE DAY:

Jesus was a real human being, and he looked like it when he taught his disciples. But one day atop a high mountain, Jesus gave his disciples a glimpse of his glory as the Son of God. After he came down from the mountain, Jesus went to Jerusalem to suffer and die. It is good for us to view Jesus in glory on the mountain. It prepares us for Lent, and it prepares us for life.

SERVICE OF THE WORD AND SACRAMENT

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1 How good, Lord, to be here! Your glo - ry fills the night;
2 How good, Lord, to be here your beau - ty to be - hold,
3 Ful - fil - ler of the past, and hope of things to be,
6 How good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not re - main;



your face and gar - ments, like the sun, shine with un - bor - rowed light.
where Mo - ses and E - li - jah stand, your mes - sen - gers of old.
we hail your bod - y glo - ri - fied and our re - demp - tion see.
but since you bid us leave the mount, come with us to the plain.

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INVOCATION¹

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SINS²

P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

¹ The Invocation, which uses the words spoken over us at our baptisms, reminds us of who we are (children of God) and what we are members of—the church of God on earth.

² We cannot approach God without having our sins forgiven. He is holy and we are not. Confession assures us of a clean slate before God and prepares us for worship, hearing God's Word, and receiving the Lord's Supper.

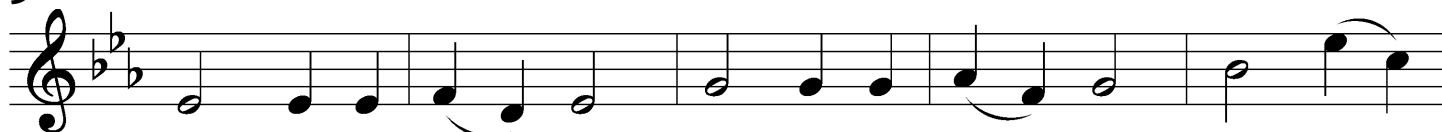
C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

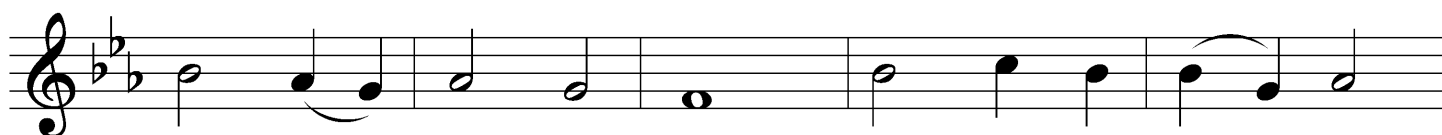
C: Amen.

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

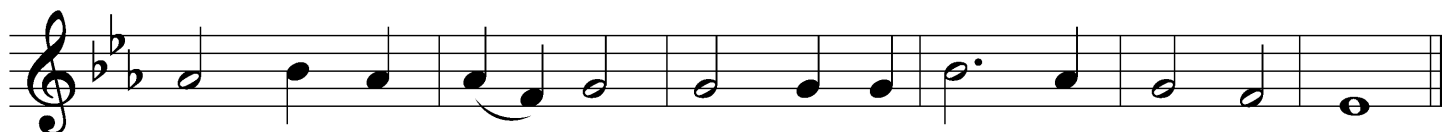
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1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion, Son of
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands, robed in
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light, bright the



God and Son of Man! Tru - ly I'd love thee,
 flow'rs of bloom - ing spring; Je - sus is fair - er,
 spark - ling stars on high; Je - sus shines bright - er,



tru - ly I'd serve thee, light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
 Je - sus is pur - er, he makes our sor - r'wing spir - it sing.
 Je - sus shines pur - er than all the an - gels in the sky.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY ³

P: O God, in the glorious transfiguration of your only-begotten Son, you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice that came from the bright cloud, you foreshadowed our adoption as your sons. In your mercy, make us co-heirs of glory with Jesus our King, and bring us at last to heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST LESSON: EXODUS 24:9-18 ⁴

⁹Moses and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and the seventy elders of Israel went up ¹⁰and saw the God of Israel. Under his feet was something like a pavement made of lapis lazuli, as bright blue as the sky. ¹¹But God did not raise his hand against these leaders of the Israelites; they saw God, and they ate and drank.

¹²The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and stay here, and I will give you the tablets of stone with the law and commandments I have written for their instruction."

³ This prayer was written for the first Feast of the Transfiguration on August 6, 1456-1457. It is a fine collect, despite its unusual length and complex structure with double antecedent clauses and parallel construction throughout indicating it is not an early Latin composition. It recites the event being commemorated and looks backward and forward: back to the testimony of the eyewitnesses (see 2 Peter 1:16-19), confirming the truth of Moses the Lawgiver and Elijah the first of the prophets, and forward to the fulfillment of the purpose of the coming of the Son of God, that all humanity became participants in the divine nature (2 Peter 1:4). The voice from the cloud declared, "You are my Son," but through him and in him it comes to us also, saying, "Now you are co-heirs with the King" (Pfatteicher, 276,277).

⁴ On Mount Sinai, Moses saw the glory of the Lord's law. On the Mount of Transfiguration, Moses would see the glory of the Lord's gospel.

¹³Then Moses set out with Joshua his aide, and Moses went up on the mountain of God. ¹⁴He said to the elders, "Wait here for us until we come back to you. Aaron and Hur are with you, and anyone involved in a dispute can go to them."

¹⁵When Moses went up on the mountain, the cloud covered it, ¹⁶and the glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai. For six days the cloud covered the mountain, and on the seventh day the LORD called to Moses from within the cloud. ¹⁷To the Israelites the glory of the LORD looked like a consuming fire on top of the mountain. ¹⁸Then Moses entered the cloud as he went on up the mountain. And he stayed on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

SECOND LESSON: 2 PETER 1:16-21

¹⁶For we did not follow cleverly devised stories when we told you about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in power, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷He received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." ¹⁸We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain.

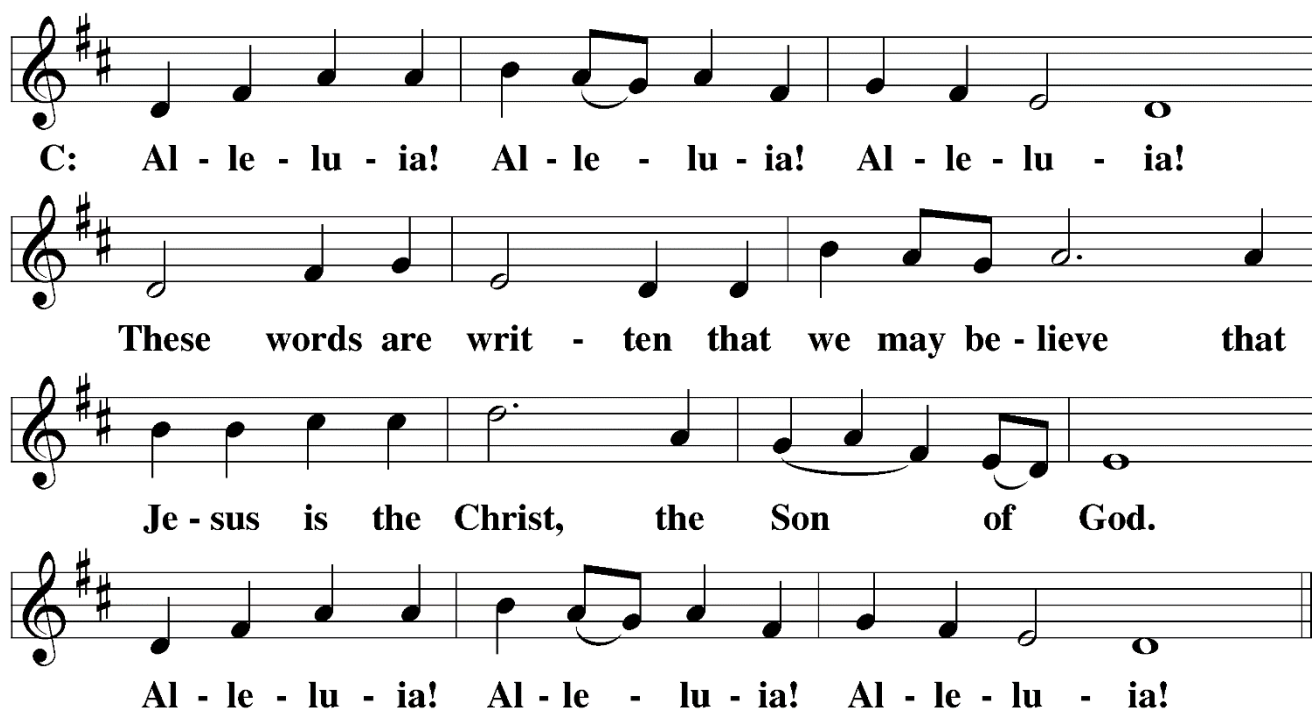
¹⁹We also have the prophetic message as something completely reliable, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. ²⁰Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation of things. ²¹For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

VERSE OF THE DAY ⁵

MARK 9:7

P: Alleluia. A cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!" Alleluia.

⁵ The Verse of the Day, traditionally called the Alleluia (a Latinized form of the Hebrew word meaning "praise the Lord") highlights a text of particular relevance to the theme of the day.



GOSPEL LESSON: MATTHEW 17:1-9⁶

¹After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. ²There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. ³Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus.

⁴Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah."

⁵While he was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!"

⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell facedown to the ground, terrified. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them. "Get up," he said. "Don't be afraid." ⁸When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus.

⁹As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus instructed them, "Don't tell anyone what you have seen, until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

⁶The transfiguration of our Lord.


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1 We stand and we watch on the bank, wide-eyed.
 2 Mar - y's whis - per - ing, but it's not the time.
 3 See the sun out - shined on the hill and hide.



Wa - ter runs and all heav - en
 Yet six jars are filled with the
 Clothes like light - ning white, heav - en




o - pens wide, and a voice like thun - der re - plies.
 fin - est wine. Tell me, who is this by our side?
 o - pens wide, and a voice like thun - der re - plies.


Refrain



Here's my Proph - et, my Priest, my King, a



light in the dark, Christ steps in; here's my Sav - ior, my

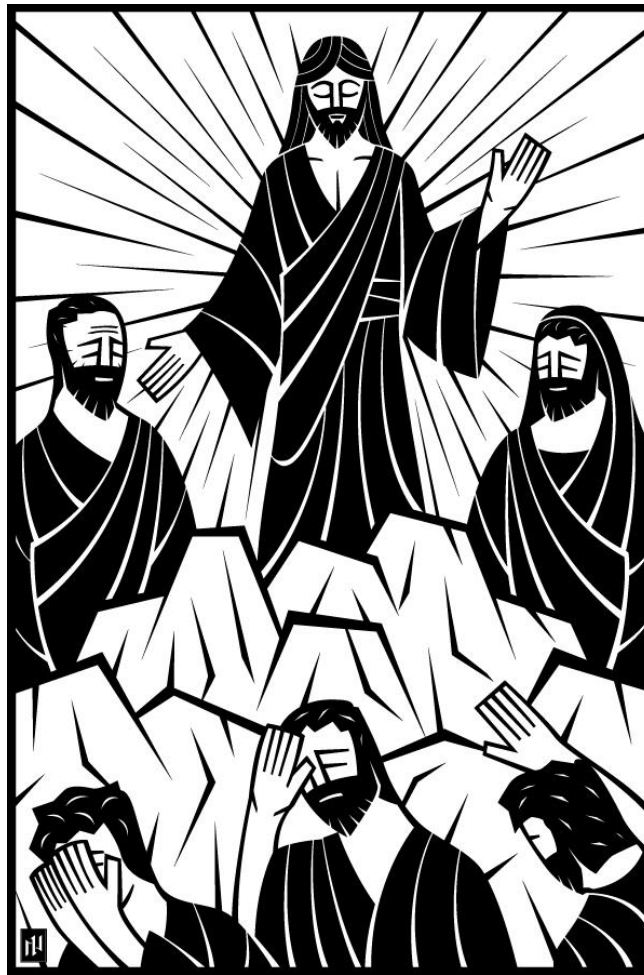


God, my King, the time has come, Christ be - gins.

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We Have Certain Faith

- I. Based on eyewitness testimony
- II. Carried to us by the Holy Spirit



⁷The Sermon is the Word of God, proclaiming the living voice of the Gospel to God's people. The preacher is the appointed representative who illuminates the Scripture for the congregation and applies it to our contemporary situation. He is neither lecturer nor entertainer, but a link through whom the Holy Spirit brings law and gospel to bear upon the hearts and minds of the worshiper and enlivens their faith and life.

NICENE CREED⁸

**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 fully 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 in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and
glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy Christian 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.**

⁸ The Nicene Creed is the great Confession of the Christian faith professed by all Christians. The Creed originated at the First Council of Nicaea (c. A.D. 325) and was finalized at the First Council of Constantinople (c. A.D. 381), which are respectively known as the First and Second Ecumenical Councils of the Church. The Creed itself was crafted as a clear confession of Scripture – that the Lord Jesus and the Holy Spirit are God, equal to the Father in one eternal, undivided Trinity.

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING

The members of Christ Our Savior have joined together to do the Lord's work in this community and around the world. An offering box is located in the back of the sanctuary. We also offer an electronic giving option. If you would like to start giving your weekly offering electronically, please go to the App Store or Google Play and search for "Vanco Mobile" to download the App for free or use this QR Code:



This offering is a joyful response of our faith; so, if you are visiting with us this morning, we do not want you to feel obligated. Please stand for the next hymn.

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4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions, Son of
God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or,
praise, ad - o - ra - tion now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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.

NEW MEMBER WELCOME

THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE ORDER OF COMMUNION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

P: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord who lived among us as a human being and revealed his glory as your only Son, full of grace and truth. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

SANCTUS ⁹



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

⁹ *Sanctus* means "holy." The body and blood of our Lord are present in this Sacrament, and so we use the words of the angels from Isaiah 6 and of the Palm Sunday crowds from Matthew 21 to acknowledge the holy presence of God in this meal. Take note of the intense reverence of God's holiness in this song. We pray that we may daily show such reverence.

You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.

I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -

va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.

The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

THE WORDS OF THE INSTITUTION ¹⁰

P: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take and eat. This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."
In the same way after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, gave it to them, and said: "Drink of it all of you. This is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. ¹¹

C: Amen.

¹⁰ As he speaks the Words of Institution, the minister both proclaims the words of Jesus (Matthew 26; Mark 14; Luke 22; 1 Corinthians 11) to the congregation and sets apart the bread and wine for the Lord's use. The sign of the cross reminds us of Christ's death, which is necessary for this Sacrament.

¹¹ "The peace of the Lord..." The resurrected Lord calmed the fears of his disciples with his peace. The resurrected Lord is present in the Supper, and so the pastor speaks to us on his behalf (John 20:19–21, 26).

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD ¹²

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us your peace.

A - men. A - men.



¹² With the words of John the Baptist, the *Agnus Dei* confesses the mercy and peace that we receive from the Lamb of God in his Supper. He gave of himself – body and blood – that we may receive forgiveness, life, and salvation through that very body and blood in this meal.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Christ Our Savior practices "close communion". This means that we ask that only members of Christ Our Savior or those who have spoken to the pastor in advance take communion. We do this out of love and concern for our fellow men and women, for the Scripture clearly says, "A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself." (1 Corinthians 11:28-29) In communion we have a very close form of fellowship with our fellow Christians and we need to be sure that we stand together on the teachings of the Scripture. We read in 1 Timothy 4:16, "Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers."

PERSONAL PRAYER FOR HOLY COMMUNION

Lord Jesus, with joy and gratitude I now come to your table to receive the precious food of your life-giving body and blood. May it strengthen me to remain in you as you remain in me, so that I bear much fruit in devoted service to you and in acts of kindness to others. Amen.

SONG OF SIMEON ¹³

O Lord, now let your servant
Depart in peace, assured:
For I have seen your promised
incarnate, saving Word—
A Light that will enlighten
All gloom where Gentiles dwell;
The brilliant, crowning glory
Of those in Israel!

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¹³ The *Nunc Dimittis*, which is Latin for "Now you dismiss", is a song that uses the words of the priest, Simeon, found in Luke 2. The Lord promised Simeon that he would see the Savior with his own eyes before his death. When Mary and Joseph brought the baby Jesus to the temple, Simeon held the Son of God in his hands. Out of thanks for the fulfillment of his promise, Simeon praised God with these words.

LORD'S BLESSING ¹⁴

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

FAREWELL TO ALLELUIA

P: Brothers and sisters in Christ, when we next gather for worship, it will be Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. On that day we will begin our solemn journey to the Savior's cross. While the joy of faith remains undiminished throughout the year, our rejoicing during Lent is muted and quiet. For centuries, therefore, Christian churches have omitted their most jubilant songs during this season, including the word *alleluia*, which means, "praise the Lord."

Now for a time we say farewell to *alleluia*. We do this to prepare ourselves for the quieter days of Lent. The *alleluias* will return on Easter dawn as we gather to shout our praise to the risen Lord.

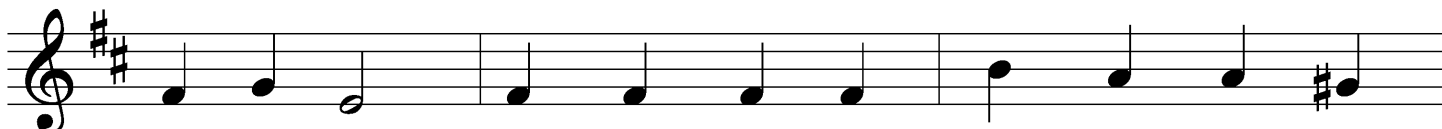


¹⁴ The blessing of Aaron has been spoken over God's people for over 3,500 years. The Lord said, "So they will put my name on [them], and I will bless them." (cf. Numbers 6:27) As we began the service with the Lord's name, so we are sent out in his name.

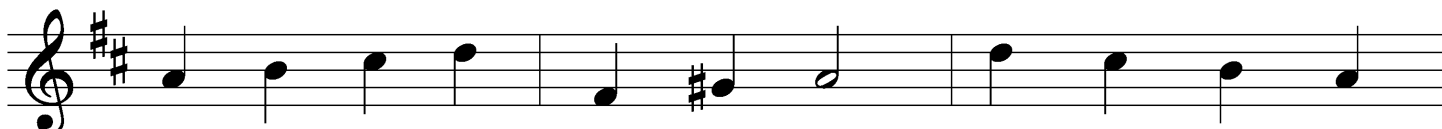
977 ALLELUIA, SONG OF TRIUMPH (*The choir sings verse 1. The congregation joins in verses 2-4.*)



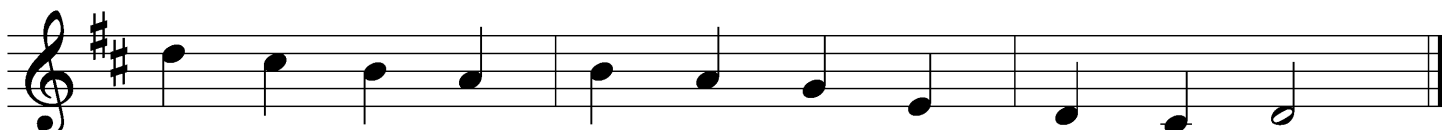
1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of tri - umph, sound of joy that
 2 Al - le - lu - ia we are sing - ing, voic - ing hymns in
 3 Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways be our song while
 4 May our hymns be filled with long - ing— hear us, Ho - ly



can - not die; al - le - lu - ia is the an - them
 pure ac - cord, with Christ's ho - ly Church u - nit - ed,
 here be - low; al - le - lu - ia our trans - gres - sions
 Trin - i - ty— as we look to your blest East - er,



ev - er dear to choirs on high; saints a - dorned in
 jus - ti - fied, re - deemed, re - stored, and with all his
 make us for a while for - go. For the sol - emn
 here, and then e - ter - nal - ly, when we shall once



robes of glo - ry join the great an - gel - ic cry.
 faith - ful peo - ple raise our songs to praise the Lord.
 time is com - ing when our tears for sin must flow.
 more be sing - ing al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS:

The altar flowers are given by the Hidde family in honor of all the new members at Christ Our Savior.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

Genesis 3:1-15

Romans 5:12-19

Matthew 4:1-11

SERVING THEIR SAVIOR AT CHRIST OUR SAVIOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 22:

Flowers: Fauth

Nursery: 8:30am—Pam and Duane Fauth

11:00am—Tai Hintz

Ash Wednesday—Lisa Seltz

Ushers: 8:30am—Charlie Davis and Larry Philo

11:00am—Scott Wernert and Derek Zivolich

CALENDAR OF EVENTS AT CHRIST OUR SAVIOR:

Sunday Worship

8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

Thursday Worship

7:00 PM

Sunday School, Adult & Teen Bible Study

9:45-10:45 AM

Lord's Supper

1st and 3rd Sundays

Youth Confirmation

Sundays, 6:00 PM

Men's and Women's Bible Study

Sundays, 6:00 PM

Choir

Wednesdays, 7:00 PM

Women's Bible Study

2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 10:00 AM

Iron Sharpens Iron

1st Saturday of the month, 8:30 AM

Midweek Lenten Meal/Worship

Wednesdays, 6:00/7:00 PM (2/18)



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Adult Bible Study: You have heard the accusation: "The Bible is an old book filled with contradictions. How can you believe it is the Word of God?" As Christians, we *do* believe the Bible is the Word of God. We do *not* believe the Bible is filled with contradictions. And yet, we can admit that there are paradoxes in the Bible. A paradox is something that sounds like a contradiction, but actually reveals a deeper truth. For example, the Christian is both a sinner *and* a saint. Jesus is both Shepherd *and* Lamb. Faith is individual *and* communal. In this Bible study series, we will discuss some of the paradoxes of Christianity. We will also examine some of the places the Bible appears to contradict itself and offer possible resolutions. Join us on Sunday mornings in the sanctuary during the Bible study hour (9:45am).

Midweek Lenten Services and Dinner: Beginning February 18th with Ash Wednesday, we will have dinner at 6 PM and service at 7 PM each Wednesday through March 25th. Please see the bulletin board for sign-up sheets for each night. **We will not hold Thursday night services during those weeks.**

Sunday School Singing: The Sunday School students will be singing during both services on February 22nd. Please have your children to church by 8:05 on that day for a final practice.

New Midweek Ladies Bible Study: Join us for a 5-week study of the message of the Beatitudes as it applies to the 21st century. The group will meet at 10am on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month beginning February 25.

Directory Update: It's time to update our directory! On Sunday, March 1 and 8 we will have a spot in the fellowship area where you can have your picture taken and review your contact information. Alternately, you can email the office at office@coslutheran.com to update your info and/or send a digital picture.

WELS National Teen Bible Study: Join fellow teens from around the country for a special online Bible study on Sunday, February 15th, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. (Central). The 1-hour Bible study will offer an opportunity to connect with other teens, study and discuss the Word, and apply it specifically to your teen lives today. The Bible study with the theme “Gideon: Strength Made Perfect in Weakness (Judges 6-7)” will be led by Dave Scharf, Professor of Theology at Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minn. More details and a QR code for registration are posted on the church bulletin board.

WELS Youth Night (Event 2 – Friday, 3/6):

Who: 6th - 12th Grade Youth

What: WELS Youth Night provides a series of youth-focused events, three times a year, not only for the youth of your congregation but also the youth from area congregations. Experience an inspiring evening of games, God’s Word, small group discussion, food, and fun with fellow youth (6th–12th grade) from all over the area.

When: Event 2 will be held on Friday, 3/6/26, from 6 PM - 9 PM

Where: Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church (Columbia, TN)

How: Register online now at coslutheran.com

2026 WELS Youth Rally Trip: Youth in grades 8–12 are invited to attend the 2026 WELS Youth Rally at Bowling Green State University, OH, July 14–17. The trip includes rally events plus visits to the Ark Encounter and the U.S. Air Force Museum. Cost: \$500 (collected later). Sign up by Sunday, March 15 on the bulletin board outside the sanctuary. More info: welsyouthrally.net. Questions? Contact John Dale (john.dale@coslutheran.com).

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