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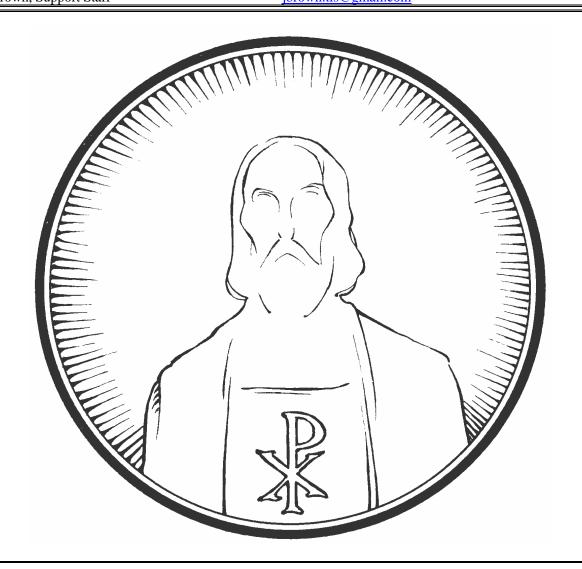
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THE TRANSFIGURATION
OF OUR LORD
JANUARY 21, 2024



OUR ACTIVITIES FOR CHRIST THIS WEEK

Today 9:00 am Divine Worship Service

10:30 am Bible Study

10:30 am Sunday School

1:00 pm Confirmation

Wednesday NO Wednesday Bible Study

(March 4 Life)

Thursday 5:30 pm Bells Practice

Next Sunday 9:00 am Divine Worship Service

10:30 am Bible Study

10:30 am Sunday School

1:00 pm Confirmation

OUR LOVE FOR CHRIST

January 14, 2024

Sunday Attendance:	41
Bible Study:	16
Sunday School:	10
Wednesday Bible Study:	n/a
Offering:	\$1,095.00
Online Offering:	\$140.00
Totals	\$1,235.00
Weekly Budget Needs:	\$
YTD Budget Performance:	\$7,995.00

Elder of the Month: Eric Forsberg

LSB 413 O WONDROUS TYPE! O VISION FAIR

(Transfiguration of Our Lord)

Today's hymn uses "type" in a somewhat confusing way. In its biblical sense, "type" refers to something that is foreshadowed earlier and that will be brought to fulfillment later; St. Paul called Adam a type of Christ (Rom. 5:14), and St. Peter identified Noah's flood a type of Baptism (1 Peter 3:21). In today's hymn, Jesus' transfiguration is a type of Easter, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Jesus will share this glory



with His Church through every age (stz. 1). That includes Moses and Elijah (stz. 2), those already in heaven (stz. 3), and even us who look forward to eternal life with Christ (stz. 4). We pray that God will bring us to this unceasing joy.

COFFEE AND CONCORD - What do Lutherans believe? How have our forefathers confessed the Christian faith? How can we learn from them? Join us Wednesday mornings from 6:00-7:00 AM to study the Book of Concordalong with a big pot of coffee. No need to prepare, just come, read, and ask questions! This week, we are continuing in Apology to the Augsburg Confession XXIV The Mass.

LOOKING FORWARD TO SUNDAY- Is it hard to focus on Sunday morning? Wouldn't you love to know what's coming next Sunday? Join us Wednesdays from 9:30-11:00 as we look forward to Sunday's readings. Next week's readings: Exodus 17:1-7; 1 Corinthians 9:24-10:5; Matthew 20:1-16; LSB 555.

THE 2024 ALTAR FLOWERS SIGN-UP SHEET is located in the hall by the north door. If you want to contribute to a Sunday arrangement, you can purchase flowers for \$30. You can drop your payment in the offering plate or give it to the church office. Please label checks in the memo line or put them in a sealed envelope with a clear label. We truly appreciate your willingness to serve God in this meaningful manner.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE will be held on February 14th this year and is rapidly approaching. A delicious dinner, prepared by the LWML, will be served at 5 pm, followed by service with communion at 6 pm. We would love to have all of you join us as we embark on this Lenten season.

HOLY COMMUNION: Keeping with Scriptural and Confessional practice, the Lord's Supper is celebrated at First Lutheran every Sunday. In this meal, our Lord Jesus Christ graciously feeds the humble sinner with His true Body and Blood to forgive sins and strengthen faith (Matt. 26:26-28; Heb. 10:19-25). Scripture clearly teaches that anyone who eats and drinks without believing in and publicly confessing that the bread and wine are Christ's true Body and Blood receives condemnation from God rather than forgiveness, life, and salvation (1 Cor. 11:27-29). Therefore, out of a Christian concern for souls, we require a thorough instruction in the teachings of the Lutheran Church before participating in this Sacrament (See Luther's Large Catechism VI). Participation at the altar is also a testimony of unity of faith with all others who partake (1 Cor. 10:16-22). Since unity at the altar demonstrates unity in teaching and practice (Acts 2:42) and out of Christian love and concern, we request that only those who are in confessional fellowship with the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod attend. Please know that we look forward to having you at the Lord's Table soon. We sincerely invite you to visit with Pastor Schultz to learn more about the joys of the Lord's Supper.

BIRTHDAYS:

Diane Lacy	January 21
Thea Tagler	January 21
Dale Koontz	January 23
Jace Lofing	January 23
Zechariah Lyons	January 23
Kloe Mead	January 25
Amelia Garrison	January 26
Cindy Lovekamp	January 26
Michael Thoden	January 26

RUTH BIBLE STUDY...The Word of the Lord Endures Forever is a daily 15 minute verse-by-verse Bible study produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Will Weedon. Pastor Weedon begins a study this week on The Book of Ruth. You can listen at your convenience at thewordendures.org, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, the LPR mobile app or your favorite podcast provider.

STEWARDSHIP January 21 – Transfiguration Matthew 17:7 – "But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Rise, and have no fear." When Jesus is with us, there is no need to fear. He loves us and cares for us and will never abandon us. That assurance is the basis of all generosity, for only those who are set free from worry can learn the joy of giving.

LUTHERAN'S FOR LIFE- Transfiguration of Our Lord – Jesus radiates the glory of God among human beings humbled by sinful brokenness. This glory resides not in a certain age or a particular appearance or a specific ability but in God's love for us creatures as His children. Let us behold this glory embodied in the least of these and remind neighbors of their eternal worth. *Holy Son of God, lead us to listen and mimic You in respecting, protecting, advocating, and assisting. Amen.*



415 Jesus on the Mountain Peak



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Confession and Absolution

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

- ${f P}$ In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- Amen.

Exhortation LSB 151

- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins LSB 151

- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.

Absolution LSB 151

- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the
 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- Amen.

Service of the Word

Psalm 84:1–2a, 4, 10–11; antiphon: Psalm 77:18b

Your lightnings lighted | up the world;*
the earth trem- | bled and shook.
How lovely is your dwelling place, O | Lord of hosts!*
My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts | of the Lord.
Blessèd are those who dwell | in your house,*
ever sing- | ing your praise!

For a day in your courts is better than a thousand | elsewhere.*

I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of | wickedness.

For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and | honor.*

No good thing does he withhold from those who walk up- | rightly.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

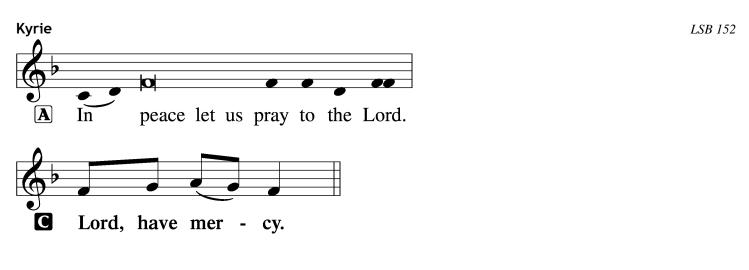
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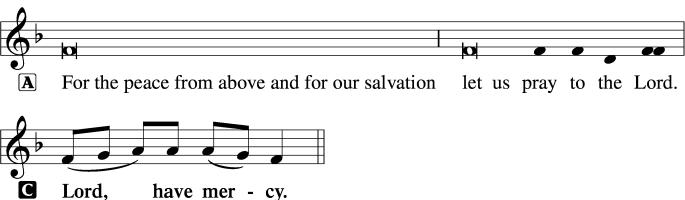
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is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Your lightnings lighted | up the world;*

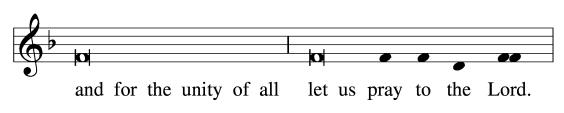
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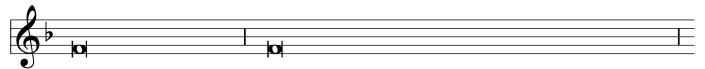




A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,







A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



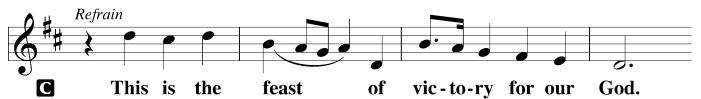




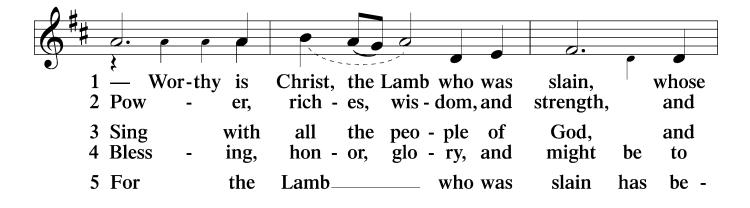
A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra-cious Lord.

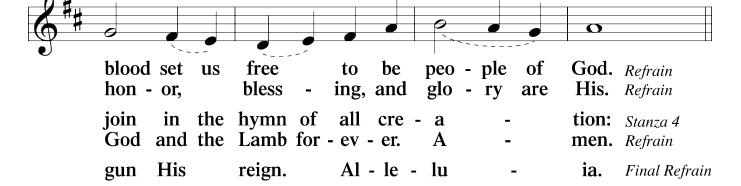


This Is the Feast LSB 155



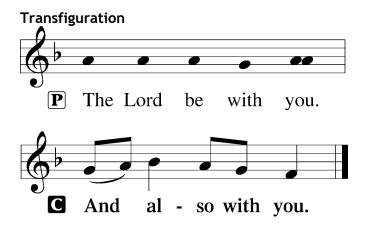












P Let us pray.

O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah. In the voice that came from the bright cloud You wonderfully foreshowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King in His glory and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Exodus 34:29-35 Exodus 34:29-35

When Moses came down from Mount Sinai, with the two tablets of the testimony in his hand as he came down from the mountain, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. Aaron and all the people of Israel saw Moses, and behold, the skin of his face shone, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses talked with them. Afterward all the people of Israel came near, and he commanded them all that the LORD had spoken with him in Mount Sinai. And when Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face. Whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would remove the veil, until he came out. And when he came out and told the people of Israel what he was commanded, the people of Israel would see the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face was shining. And Moses would put the veil over his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual

You are the most handsome of the sons of men; grace is poured upon your lips.

The LORD says to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool."

2 Peter 1:16-21 2 Peter 1:16-21

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 were eyewitnesses of his majesty. For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased," we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. And we have something more sure, the prophetic word, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.



Matthew 17:1-9 Matthew 17:1-9

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the seventeenth chapter.



After six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. And Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear." And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



☑ I believe in one God,

the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,

the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,

begotten, not made,

being of one substance with the Father,

by whom all things were made;

who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man;

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life

→ of the world to come. Amen.

413 O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair



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Sermon

Sharing of the Peace

Following the Sermon, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).



Offering - please sign the attendance book

Installations of Officers

Prayer of the Church

- **P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:
- **■** Lord, have mercy.
- That the eyes of all people would be opened to see the glory of God in the face of Christ, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.

- For the children of God, that our Father would give us ears to hear His Son as He speaks to us through His Holy Word and Sacraments and faith to believe that He delivers forgiveness, life and salvation to us through the same, let us pray to the Lord:
- **■** Lord, have mercy.
- For pastors and servants in the Church, that all their preaching and teaching would flow from the right understanding that all Scripture testifies of Christ and His work for our eternal salvation, let us pray to the Lord:
- **⚠** Lord, have mercy.
- For families, that parents would teach the faith to their children and that the forgiveness of sins would be proclaimed in all households; and for all expectant mothers, that they and their babies would be kept healthy throughout their pregnancies, let us pray to the Lord:
- **⚠** Lord, have mercy.
- For the nations, that injustice and oppression would come to an end and all would share in the goodness of creation; and for our soldiers and those who serve in our armed forces, that God would watch over them, let us pray to the Lord:
- **■** Lord, have mercy.
- Profession need, [especially Our Members: Martha Brunkhardt; Kathy Courtney; Jane Chronister; Millie Joeckel; Matt Klawonn; Karl Lohaus; Ted Moore; Dennis & Jeanette Norton; Gail Sawyer; Laverne Stringham; Marjorie Smith; Ethel Weaver; Helen Webster; Helen White. Family & Friends: Abigail Albright; Max Brown; Jerrie Frizzel; Mary Ginkel; Grant Haley; Bill Koelch; Jacqueline Robbins; James Robbins; Julie Robbins; Olivia Robinson; Edee Sinclair; Ellie Teagarden, I that God would grant them relief and comfort through the promise of eternal glory with Christ, let us pray to the Lord:
- **■** Lord, have mercy.
- For all who eat and drink Christ's body and blood, that God would grant them repentant hearts to receive forgiveness in this Sacrament and strengthen them in faith toward God and in fervent love toward one another, let us pray to the Lord:

⚠ Lord, have mercy.

P Holy Father, we give You thanks for Moses, Elijah, Peter, James, John and all who have fallen asleep trusting in Your promises. Keep us in this faith by Your Spirit and bring us with Your saints to behold the fullness of Christ's glory in His kingdom, which has no end; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

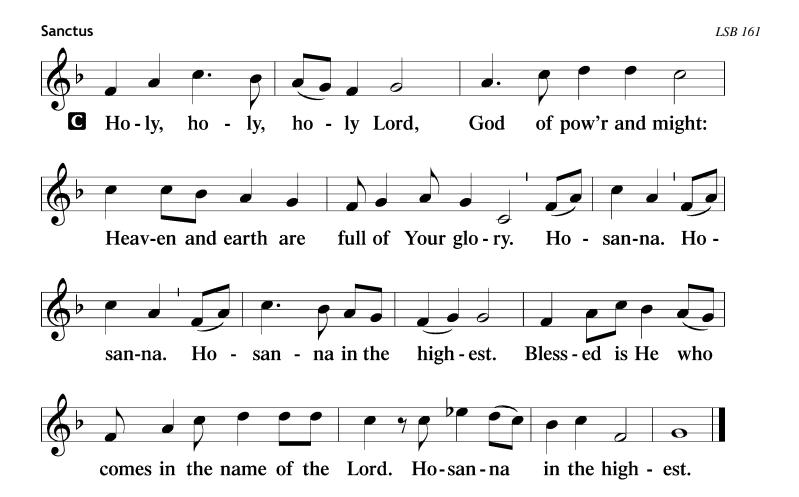
Amen.

Service of the Sacrament



Proper Preface (Full)

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who at His transfiguration revealed His glory to His disciples that they might be strengthened to proclaim His cross and resurrection and with all the faithful look forward to the glory of life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



Prayer of Thanksgiving LSB 161

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body

and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My

→ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

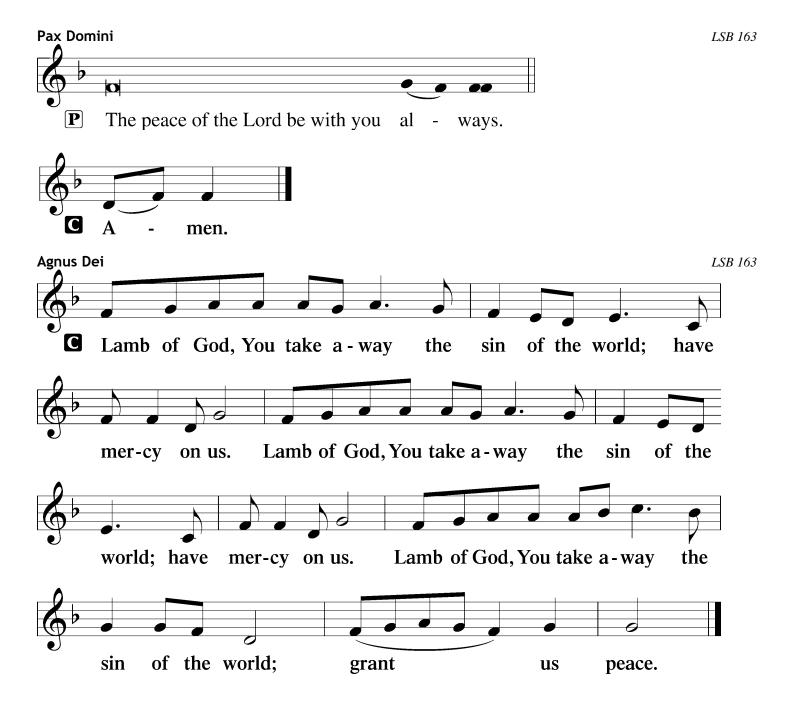
Proclamation of Christ

- As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Lord's Prayer

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.







- 1 We praise You and ac - knowl-edge You, O God, be the Lord, to
- tles in 2 The band of the a - pos glo - ry sing Your praise;
- 3 You, Christ, are King ry, the ev - er - last - ing Son, of glo
- sit in splen - did glo ry, en-throned at God's right hand,



ev - er - last - ing, The by all the earth a - dored. Fa - ther fel - low - ship of proph - ets their death-less voic - es raise. The You, with bound-less love, sought to res - cue ev - 'ry - one: Up - hold - ing earth and heav - en by forc - es You com-mand.



an - gel pow - ers cry a - loud, the heav-ens To You all mar - tyrs of Your king-dom, a The great and no - ble throng, You laid a - side Your glo - ry, were born of vir - gin's womb, know that You will come as our Judge that fi - nal



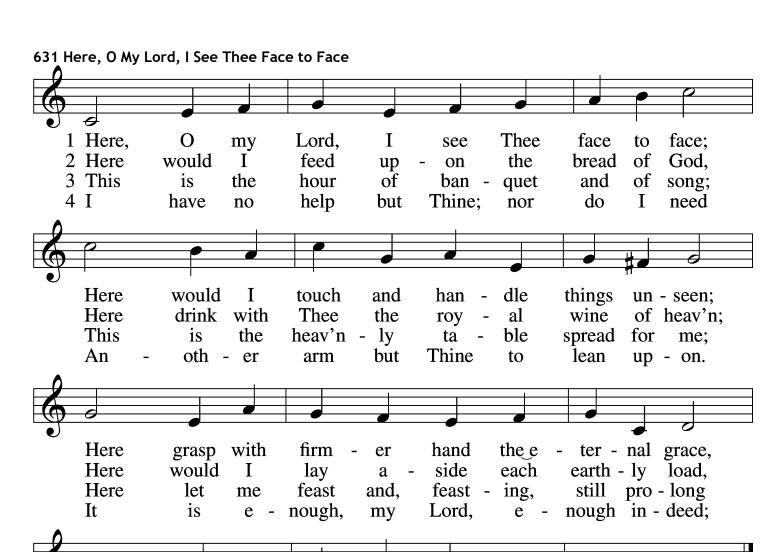
The cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim their prais - es to You bring: all the world this song: Sing with the ho - ly Church through-out and were placed in - to Were cru - ci - fied for us a tomb; help Your ser-vants You have re - deemed by blood, we pray;



Lord God of Sab - a - oth; ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Fa - ther, Your true and on - ly **"O** all - ma - jes - tic re - prieve res - ur - rec - tion Then by Your You won for us num-bered where prais-es nev-er May we with saints be



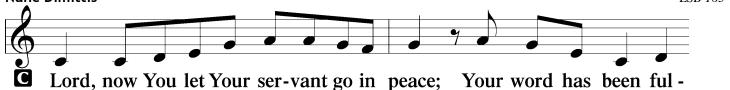
and glo-ry fill the heav-ens and the earth!" Your maj - es - ty Spir - it, Com-fort-er— for - ev - er Three in One!" And Ho - ly o - pened heav-en's king -You dom to all who would be - lieve. In ev - er - last glo - ry ing. A - men, O Lord,





- Mine is the sin, but Thine the righteousness;
 Mine is the guilt, but Thine the cleansing blood;
 Here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace:
 Thy blood, Thy righteousness, O Lord my God.
- 6 Too soon we rise; the vessels disappear;
 The feast, though not the love, is past and gone;
 The bread and wine remove, but Thou art here;
 Nearer than ever; still my shield and sun.
- 7 Feast after feast thus comes and passes by, Yet, passing, points to that glad feast above, Giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy, The Lamb's great marriage feast of bliss and love.

Nunc Dimittis LSB 165



My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have prefilled.









and will be for-ev-er. A - men. as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now,

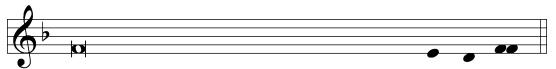
Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Benediction LSB 166



The Lord bless you and keep you.

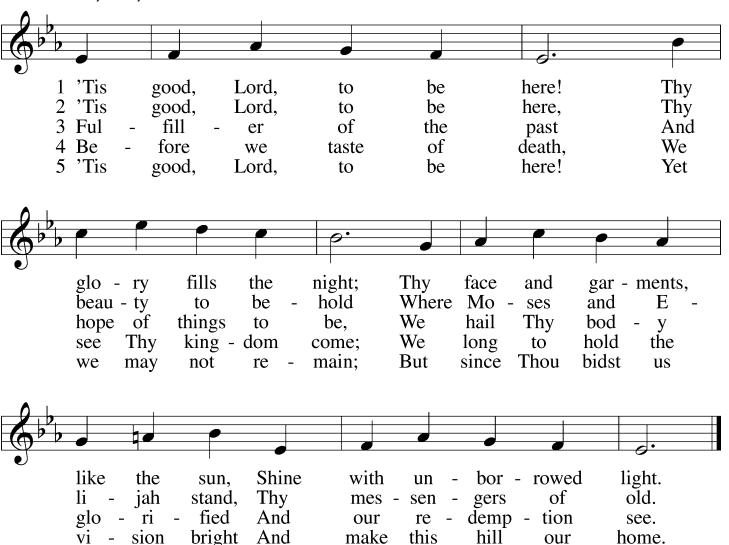
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.



Announcements

414 'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here



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