

**St. John's Lutheran Church
Transfiguration of Our Lord
February 27, 2022**



PRELUDE

WELCOME ~ Today we celebrate Transfiguration. The light we have waited for in Advent and followed into Epiphany is revealed as the resplendent light of God in Christ. We hold this light as our beacon and guide as we enter reverently into worship and our Congregational meeting today.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***GATHERING SONG ~ I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light** WOV # 649

649 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
 2 I want to see . . . the bright - ness of God.
 3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ.

I want to fol - low Je - sus.
 I want to look at Je - sus.
 I want to be with Je - sus.

God set the stars to give light to the world.
 Clear Sun of Righ - teous - ness, shine on my path.
 When we have run . . . with pa - tience the race,

The star of my life . . . is Je - sus.
 and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
 we shall know the joy . . . of Je - sus.

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EPIPHANY

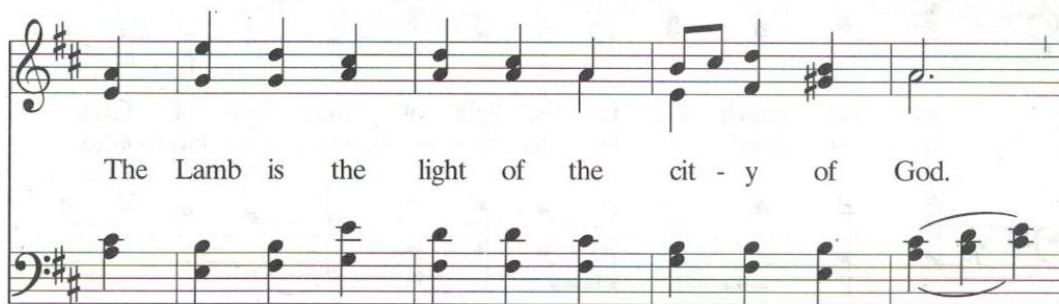
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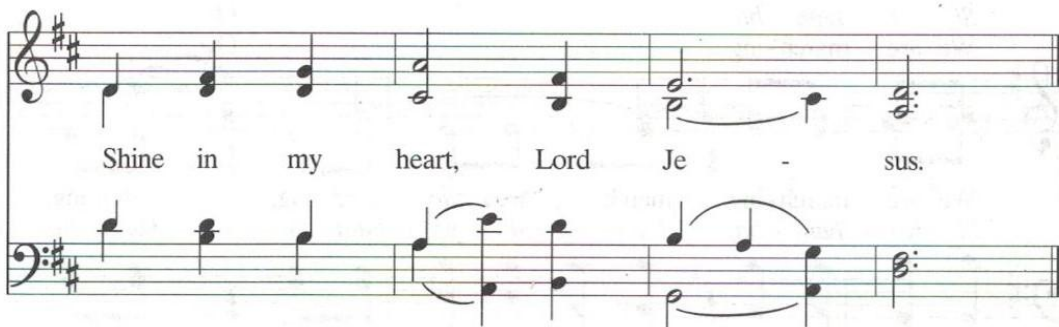
In him there is no dark - ness at all.



The night and the day are both a - like.



The Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God.



Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

***GREETING**

L The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

L In the beginning was the Word,
C **and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.**

L In the Word was life,
C **and the life was the light of all people.**

L The Word became flesh and lived among us,
C **and we have seen his glory, full of grace and truth.**

***PRAYER of the DAY ~ (*in unison*)**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray...

Holy God, mighty and immortal, you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. Transform us into the likeness of your Son, who renewed our humanity so that we may share in his divinity, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE LESSONS

Second Lesson ~ A reading from 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

after the reading

R The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



C Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all glo - ry to you!



Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all praise to you!



Our hearts burn with - in us while you o- pen to us the Scrip- tures.



Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all glo - ry to you!



Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all praise to you!

*GOSPEL READING

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 9th chapter.
Luke 9:28-36 [37-43a]

C Glory to you, O Lord.

After the reading

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

***RESPONSE to the WORD**

P In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

**C We believe in him and are marked with the seal
of the promised Holy Spirit.**

P Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.*

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again 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**

P Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;

C pray in the Holy Spirit.

P Keep yourselves in the love of God;

C look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.

P If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

**C Everything old has passed away;
behold, everything has become new!**

P God has given us the ministry of reconciliation.

Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P Gracious God,

**C have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown, things done and left undone.
Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you
in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

***THE PEACE**

P Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace.

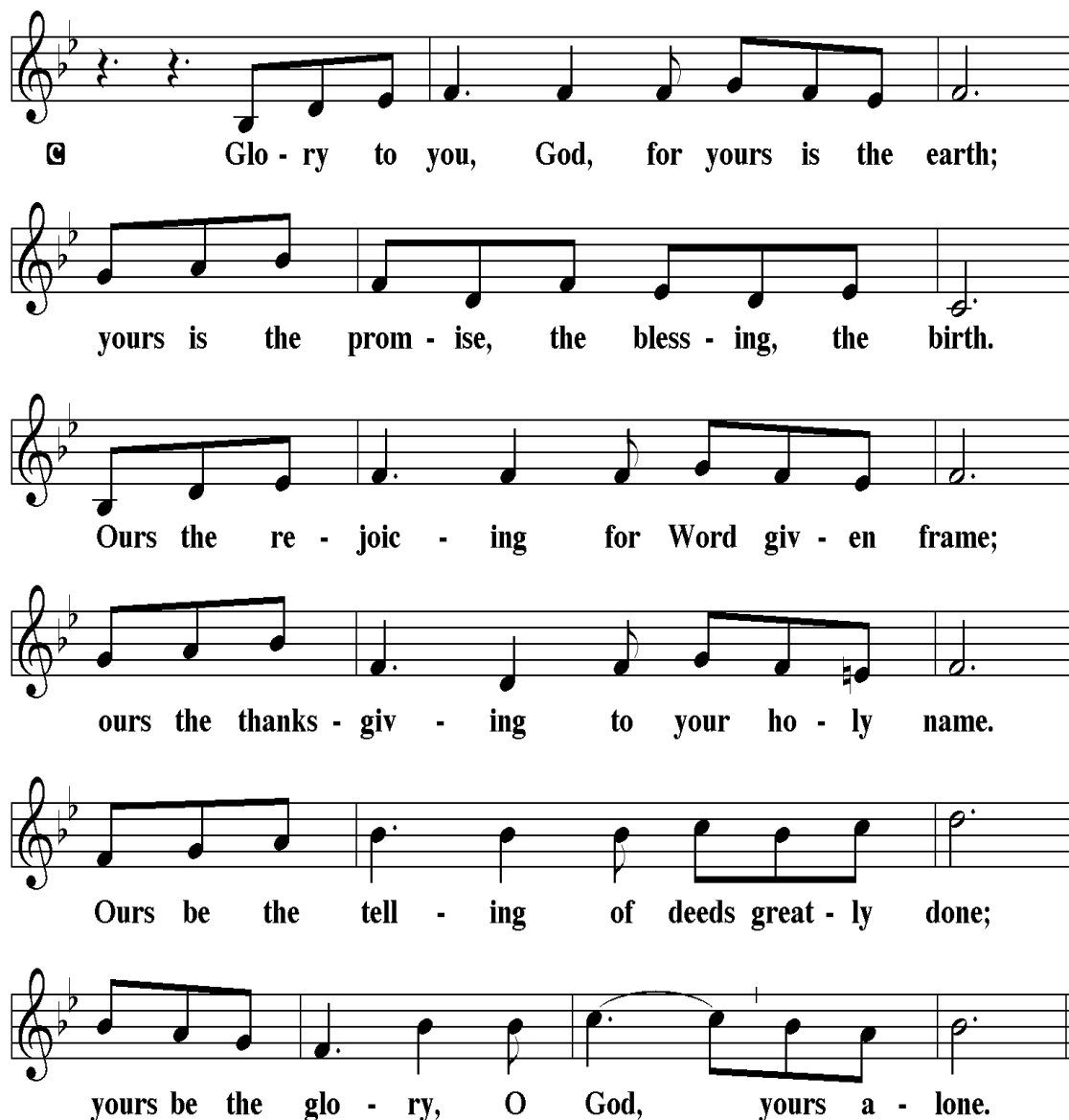
P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

P Please extend the peace of Christ to those here and beyond the walls of our sanctuary.

OFFERING ~ you may leave your gifts in one of the offering plates at the end of the front and back pews on your way out.

***OFFERTORY**



Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;

yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.

Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;

ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.

Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;

yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

P Let us pray.

P Merciful God,

C **in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you embrace our lives with your great love for humanity. With joy and gladness we ask that these gifts may be for many a sign of that love, and that we may continue to share in your divine life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE ~ *Found in Celebrate

P The spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world and all that God has made.

A brief silence.

***LORD's PRAYER**

P Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

C **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen**

***THE BLESSING**

P Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C **Amen**

***SENDING SONG ~ Bind Us Together**

LBW # 748

748

Bind Us Together

Refrain
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Bind us to - geth - er, Lord, bind us to - geth - er with cords that

can - not be bro - ken. Bind us to - geth - er, Lord,

bind us to - geth - er, Lord; bind us to - geth - er in love.

1 There . . is on - ly one God. There . . is on - ly one King.
2 You are the fam - ly of God. You are the prom - ise di - vine.

There . . is on - ly one Bod-y; that . . is why we can sing:
You are God's cho-sen de - sire, you are the glo-rious new wine.

Refrain
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BIND US TOGETHER
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*** PRAYER for the CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

***CLOSING**

P Live in Peace. Serve the Lord

R Thanks be to God

***POSTLUDE**

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Our Mission Statement

*We, the members of St. John's congregation, promise to share
the good news of Jesus Christ, to worship and to love one another
in our homes, church, community and the world.*

Our Vision Statement

*To be people who are welcoming and encourage God's love in our community
through our prayer, devotion, benevolence and deeds.*

Today

Greeters: John and Brenda Boring; **Lay Reader:** Ed Bilich

Next Sunday, March 6

Greeter: Deb French; **Lay Reader:** Deb French

The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God
by Sandra Metz in honor of her church family.

Please remember in prayer ~ Carolyn Malone, John and Sue Bodner, Calvin Baker (stage 4 pancreatic cancer), Don F. Smith, Camden Peachey, Susan Keller, Steve Rodgers, Stacey Spicher, Samantha Smith, our members ~ Joyce Stuck (formerly Ohesson, now Greenwood Village), Betty Harmon (formerly Elmcroft, now Celebration Villa), Pastor Kramm, Don Wolfe, Carol Yoder (VVH). Those going through diagnoses and treatments; those living with limitations and changes in their brain or body.

FROM the PASTOR

Lent begins this week. The Ash Wednesday Prayer Vigil will be held on Wednesday, March 2. Sign up for a time of silent prayer and to 'keep watch' for Christ during the day. A **7PM Ash Wednesday Service and imposition of ashes is held at St. Johns** that evening for both churches.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The March newsletter can be found in the mailboxes of those members who do not receive it by email.

Lent begins this Ash Wednesday, March 2. The church is providing the following devotionals to help you on your *faith walk* through these 40 days ~ *A Season of Grace*, written by a senior for seniors, and *Drawn to the Cross*. They are available in the narthex.

A sign-up for volunteers to help with March/April Sunday duties can be found in the narthex. We are once again refraining from using altar flowers during the Lenten season, so there is no flower delivery until Easter Sunday, April 17.

Committee sign-up sheets are in the narthex. There are two new committees this year, Mission and Website. We have all been blessed with certain skills; talents and abilities...prayerfully consider using yours.

Under the stage, are several carts of old metal folding chairs. We have more than we will most likely ever use again, so council decided to first offer them to our members. If you are interested in any, please feel free to take some.

There is also half of a pew (broke off the middle support of one of the pews taken out of the sanctuary) on the stage. It is available to anyone who would like to take it. Please note ~ it is heavy, and help will be needed to load it.

"As the church Camperson, I would love to talk to anyone about attending camp this summer. An exciting new program is our pick-a-day for family camp where campers can come for a full day of adventure during family camp and enjoy creation while fellowshiping with other families of all ages. Register for summer camp before April 15th for a discount!

Supporting an ELCA outdoor ministry like Camp Mount Luther, gives us an easy way to expand our opportunities for Christian education and growth on a year-round basis for kids and kids at heart. For more information contact me, Anne Harshbarger at 717-935-2453, the camp office at 570-922-1587, or visit www.campmountluther.org."

There will be a special offering on Sunday, March 6 supporting Camp Mt. Luther. All donations will be matched for maximum impact through *Raise the Region* fundraiser.



Help Camp Mount Luther During Raise the Region

Camp Mount Luther is participating in The First Community Foundation Partnership of PA's "Raise the Region" on March 9-10, 2022. It is a 30-hour fundraising event starting at 6:00 p.m. and ending the next day at 11:59 p.m. Money donated by the Blaise Alexander Family Dealerships will help stretch donations made to organizations that day. Additional monetary prizes and incentives will be awarded, too. Proceeds raised for Mount Luther these days to the camp's Annual Fund unless a donor gets in touch with the camp office to designate it for another camp cause. To be part of Raise the Region, visit www.raisetheregion.org during the event and make an online donation to camp. Running totals will be shown throughout the day at the Raise the Region website. Camp Mount Luther has participated in Raise the Region for nine years and has garnered about \$147,000 in donations during this event. The camp hopes you will help us to have another successful year!



January 1 thru February 23, 2022

Last Sunday Attendance ~ 26 Offering ~ \$ 1,255.00

St. John's ~ Income \$ 33,269.71 Expense \$ 29,672.61
Net Income \$ 3,597.10

Daycare ~ Income \$ 50,807.58 Expense \$ 38,328.17
Net Income \$ 12,479.41