

**St. John's Lutheran Church
Transfiguration of Our Lord
February 19, 2023**



PRELUDE

WELCOME

Welcome on this Sunday at the pivot of Epiphany and Lent. We celebrate the revelation of Christ as the son of God in the glory of the transfiguration and hold Jesus as a light in a dark place as we come down from the mountain and begin our lenten journey this Wednesday.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Wednesday - Prayer vigil at West Kish all day. Special Ash Wednesday service with communion and imposition of ashes 7PM at St. Johns. Lisa and Susie providing special music.

***CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS**

P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

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 and self-examination.

P Most merciful God,

C **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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**

P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

***GATHERING HYMN ~ Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling** WOV # 734

734 Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing,
2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing,
3 Oh, for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised,

call - ing for you and for me. See, on the por - tals he's
plead - ing for you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and
prom - ised for you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has

wait - ing and watch - ing, watch - ing for you and for me.
heed not his mer - cies, mer - cies for you and for me?
mer - cy and par - don, par - don for you and for me.

Refrain
"Come home, Come home, come home! You who are

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wea-ry, come home." Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,

Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, "O sin - ner, come home!"

Text: Will Thompson, 1847-1909
Music: Will Thompson, 1847-1909

THOMPSON
11 7 11 7 and refrain

*GREETING

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

C And also with you.

*KYRIE

A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **B** Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:

A Chri - ste e - le - i - son: **B** Christ, have mer - cy.
Christ, have mer - cy:

A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **B** Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:

***HYMN of PRAISE**

☞ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



Ⅰ Lord God, heav-en - ly king, al-might- y God and Fa-ther, we



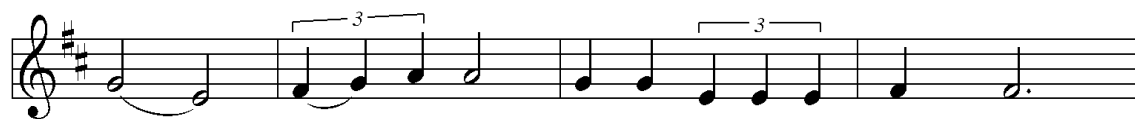
wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



☞ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



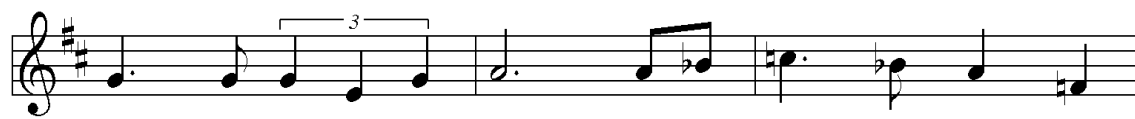
glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



Ⅱ Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



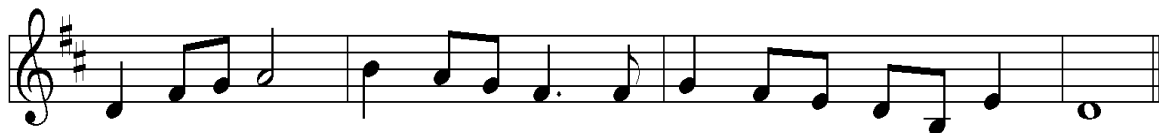
world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re-ceive our prayer.



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



I For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,
II



you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir - it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther, A - men.



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth,



and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

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

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray...

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 declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. 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 you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE LESSONS

First Lesson ~ A reading from Exodus 24:12-18

after the reading

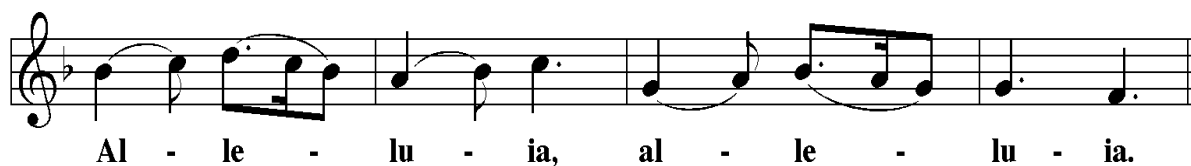
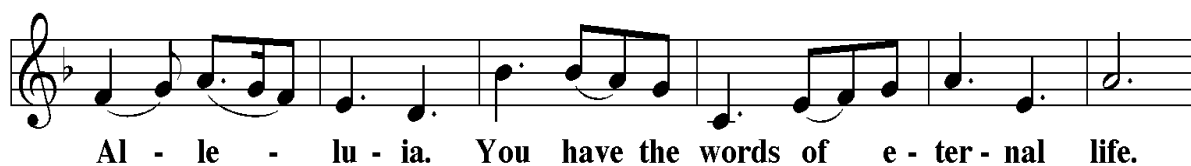
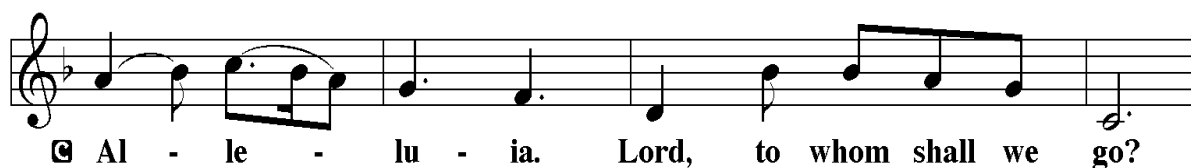
R The word of the Lord. C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 2 ~ *with response*

Second Lesson ~ A reading from 2 Peter 1:16-21

after the reading

R The word of the Lord. C **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**GOSPEL READING**

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 17th chapter.

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

The Gospel is read. After the reading

P The Gospel of the Lord

C Praise to you, O Christ.

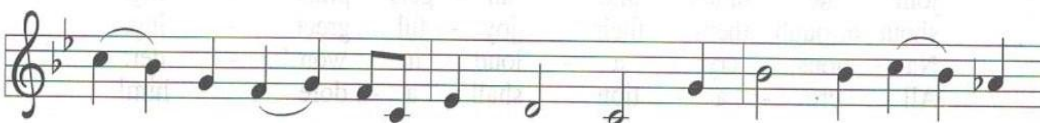
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HYMN OF THE DAY ~ *Oh, Wondrous Image, Vision Fair*

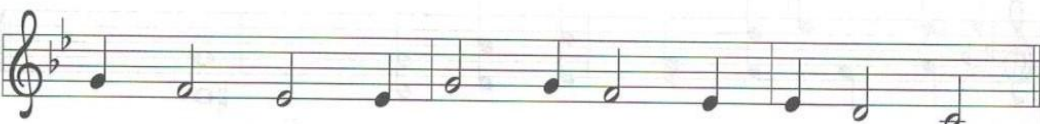
Oh, Wondrous Image, Vision Fair 316



1 Oh, won - drous im - age, vi - sion fair of
2 With Mo - ses and E - li - jah nigh the in -
3 With shin - ing face and bright ar - ray, Christ
4 And faith - ful hearts are raised on high by
5 O Fa - ther, with the e - ter - nal Son, and



glo - ry that the church may share, which Christ up - on the
car - nate Lord holds con - verse high, and from the cloud, the
deigns to man - i - fest to - day what glo - ry shall be
this great vi - sion's mys - ter - y; for which in joy - ful
Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er one, we pray you, bring us



moun - tain shows, where bright - er than the sun he glows!
Ho - ly One says, "This is my be - lov - ed Son."
theirs a - bove who joy in God with per - fect love.
song we raise the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.
by your grace to see your glo - ry face to face.

Text: Sarum, 15th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt.
Music: English ballad, 15th cent.

DEO GRACIAS

LM

***APOSTLES' CREED**

**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**

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE ~ *Found in Celebrate

P Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

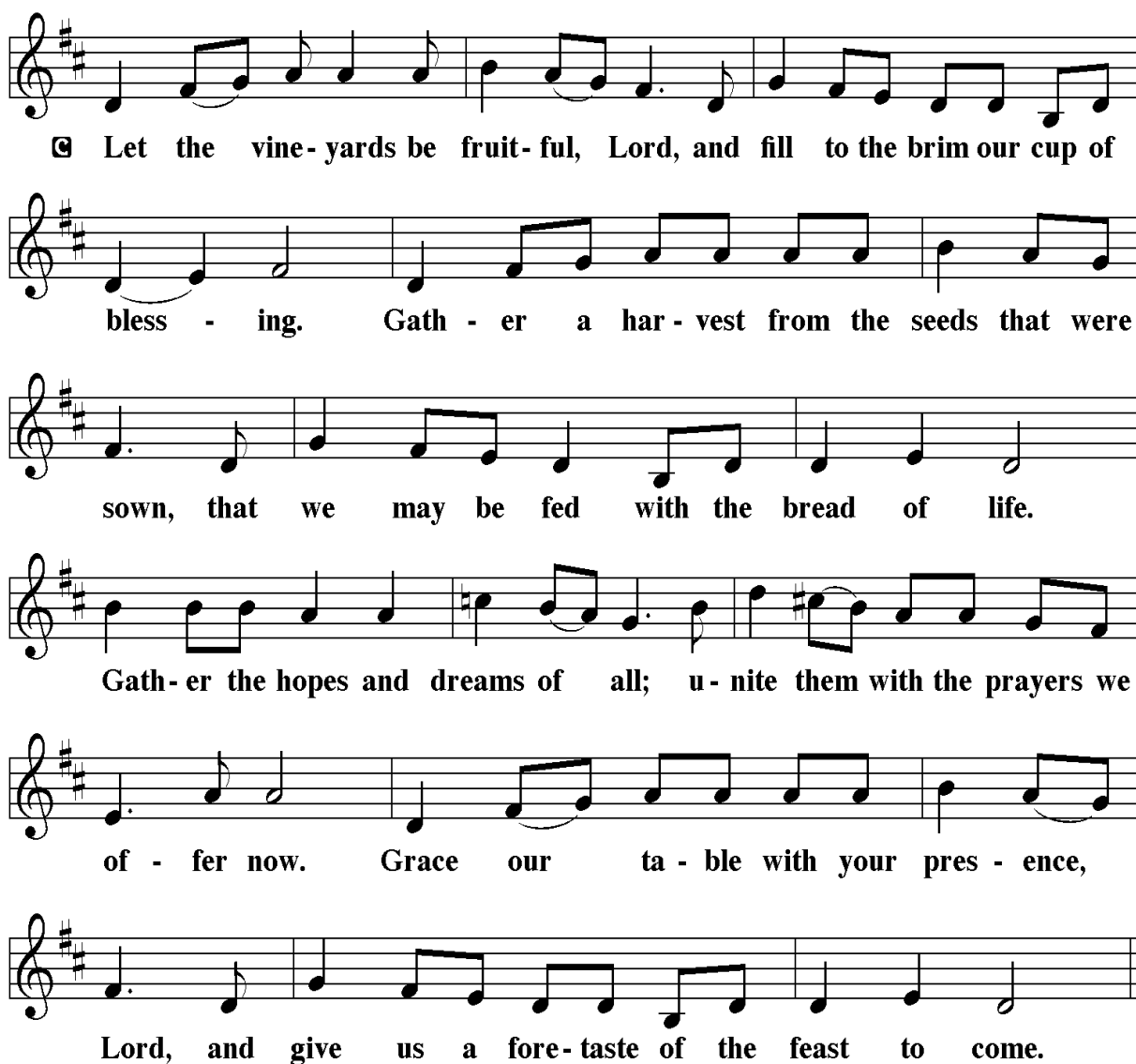
A brief silence.

***THE PEACE**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

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**


☐ Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
 bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were
 sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
 Gath - er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we
 of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,
 Lord, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

P Let us pray. Merciful Father,

C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given
 us--ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your
 gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered
 himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

***GREAT THANKSGIVING**

P The Lord be with you.

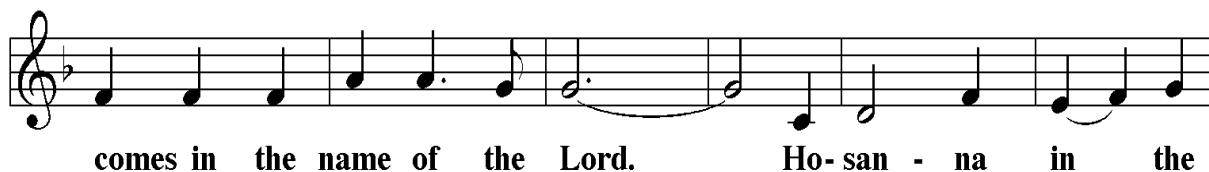
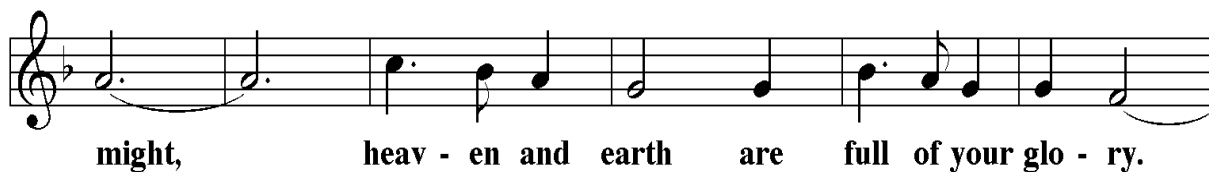
C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

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

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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



***EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

P Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Again, 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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out your Holy Spirit,
that by this Holy Communion we may know
the unity we share with all your people
in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

C **Amen**

***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 is 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
for ever. Amen**

COMMUNION

Invitation to Communion:

P Partake of the banquet, for all is now ready, taste and see that the Lord is good.

P The Bread of Life. The body of Christ, given for you;

C Amen.

P The Cup of the Covenant: the blood of Christ, shed for you.

C Amen.

(After all are seated)

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

C Amen.

(We Omit Lamb of God)

***CANTICLE**

Thank - ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry -

one what God has done. Let all who seek the

Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.

Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and

lead us forth in joy with shouts of thanks -

giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER

P Let us pray.

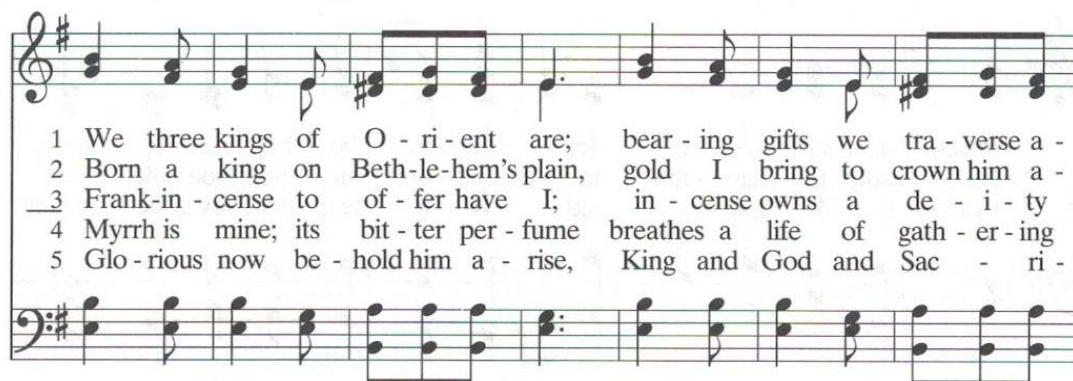
Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever.

C Amen

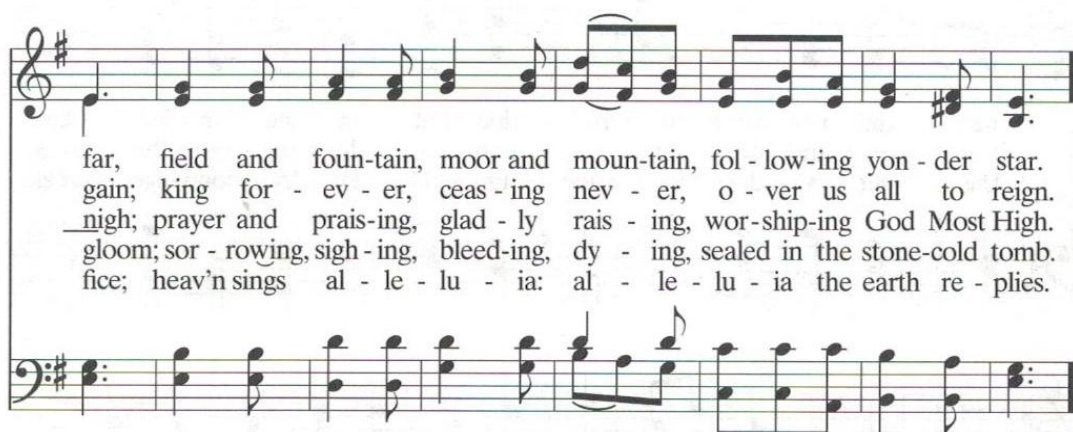
BLESSING

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

C Amen

*HYMN ~ *We Three Kings of Orient Are* Verses 1, 4 and 5 WOV # 646**We Three Kings of Orient Are****646**


1 We three kings of O - ri - ent are; bear - ing gifts we tra - verse a -
 2 Born a king on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I bring to crown him a -
 3 Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I; in - cense owns a de - i - ty
 4 Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a life of gath - er - ing
 5 Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and God and Sac - ri -

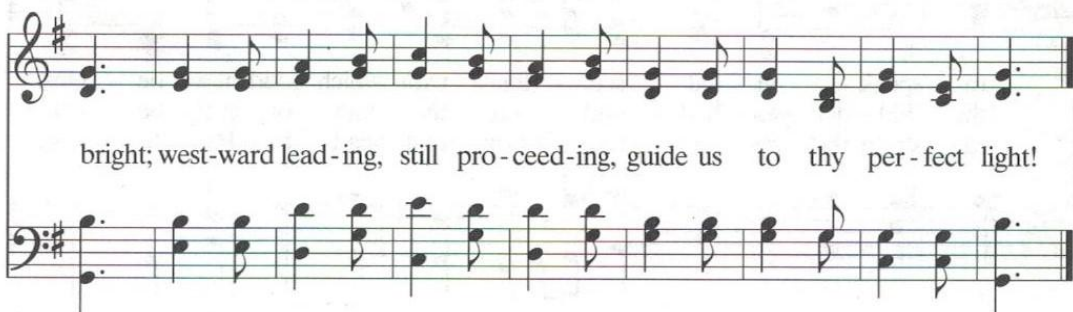


far, field and foun - tain, moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.
 gain; king for - ev - er, ceas - ing nev - er, o - ver us all to reign.
 nigh; prayer and prais - ing, glad - ly rais - ing, wor - ship - ing God Most High.
 gloom; sor - rowing, sigh - ing, bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.
 fice; heav'n sings al - le - lu - ia: al - le - lu - ia the earth re - plies.

Refrain



Oh, star of won - der, star of night, star with roy - al beau - ty



bright; west - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light!

***DISMISSAL**

P Go in Peace. Serve the Lord

R Thanks be to God

POSTLUDE

Pastor: Reverend Ela J. Robertson Phone 740-338-7123

Organist: Seulki Yoo

Today

Altar Care: Michele Harshbarger; **Flower Delivery:** Carol Fultz

Greeters: Mike and Michele Harshbarger; **Lay Reader:** Mike Harshbarger

Sound: Ed Bilich

Next Sunday, February 26

Altar Care: Michele Harshbarger; **Flower Delivery:** Carol Fultz

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

Sound: Jay Byler

Church Office: 935-2032; **Email us at** secretary@stjohnsbelleville.org

St. John's Christian Day Care: 935-2959

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.*

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God.

Please remember in prayer ~ Charles Royer recovering from hip surgery at William Penn. He appreciates visitors. Don F. Smith (now in VV rehab), Anne Peachey, Desa Keiser, Elliana Byler, Kyung Sun Yim, Bob Treaster, Samantha Smith, our members ~ Joyce Stuck (Greenwood Village), Betty Harmon (Celebration Villa) and Don Wolfe (VVH). Earthquake victims in Turkey and Syria.

FROM the PASTOR

Pastor Ela will be out of the office on Monday Feb 20. She will be in the office Tuesday 1:00- 3:00PM and Weds 10 - 1:00PM.

WEDS FEB 22 7:30AM - 9PM _

Ash Wednesday Prayer Vigil at West Kish - you may sign up in the Narthex for a specific time or just drop in any time during the day for a time of silent preparation and prayer.

7PM Ash Wednesday Service with Communion and Imposition of Ashes - special music with Lisa Griffith and Susi Yoo

Holy Week Services ~ April 6, Maundy Thursday 7pm at St. John's, and April 7, Good Friday 7pm at West Kish.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gwen Hornberger died on Tuesday, February 7. Please keep her children, Glynn Ann, Tyler and the extended family in your prayers. You are invited to attend the celebration honoring her life, being held in the barn at Brookmere, on Friday, March 31 from 3-6pm.

The congregational meeting is scheduled for next Sunday, February 26 following worship. Information packets not picked up were mailed out last Monday. If you did not receive one, please contact the church office.

Lent begins this Wednesday. The church is providing the following devotionals ~ *In View of God's Mercy* and *The Joy of Salvation*. They are available in the narthex. Please contact the office if you would like to have one mailed to you.

The Property Committee will be meeting tomorrow evening at 6:30pm in the blue room. All committee members are urged to attend.

The church is covering the cost for any weeks the flowers are not sponsored, **there are two open dates remaining in June.** If interested, you may sign-up in the narthex or contact the church office.

Reminder ~ we will not be using flowers during the Lenten season.

Committee sign-up sheets will remain in the narthex through the end of this month. Please prayerfully consider serving. There are several no one has signed up to help serve on.

FEBRUARY 19, 2023: CAMP MOUNT LUTHER SUNDAY

The Upper Susquehanna Synod Council has designated Transfiguration Sunday each year as “Mount Luther Sunday” to help promote outdoor ministries in the synod. Members of USS congregations are encouraged to celebrate outdoor ministries on February 19, 2023. Mount Luther is an extension of our ministry together and we hope all congregations will join in celebrating outdoor ministries by offering financial support, keeping the camp staff in prayer, and by participating in the numerous events and activities this ministry offers. Ideas to celebrate Camp Sunday are here: <https://www.campmountluther.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/2023-Mount-Luther-Sunday-Flyer.pdf> For a bulletin insert to use that day, click here: https://www.campmountluther.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/General-Bulletin-Insert-2023_v2.pdf

MARCH 8-9, 2023: RAISE THE REGION

Camp Mount Luther is participating in The First Community Foundation Partnership of PA’s “Raise the Region” on March 8-9, 2023. 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 ten years and has garnered about \$179,000 in donations during this event. The camp hopes you will help us to have another successful year!

January 1 thru February 16, 2023

Last week’s attendance ~ 27 Offering ~ \$2,125.00

St. John’s ~ Income \$29,518.45 Expense \$26,870.05
Net Income \$2,648.40

Daycare ~ Income \$58,343.65 Expense \$57,608.90
Net Income \$734.75