

Introduction

Witnesses to the glory of God in the face of Jesus reflect that glory in the world. It was true for Moses. It was doubtless true for Peter, James, and John. We pray that it will be true of all of us who see God’s glory in the word and in the supper and who are being “transformed into the same image” by God’s Spirit.

Quiet Meditation: Prayerful Preparation

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude "O God Beyond All Praising" - Gustav Holst

Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
our creator,
our protector,
our wellspring of life.

Amen.

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,
you speak blessing and compassion into the world.
Forgive us for the ways we act
with judgment, cruelty, or indifference.
We ignore the needs of our neighbors;
we resist your call to oppose injustice;
we give in to scarcity and fear;
we assume the worst about one another.

Cleanse us from our faults
and release us from their grasp.
Show us your loving kindness.
Restore our hearts and repair your world,
that we may live in Christ’s ways.
Amen.

God proclaims these words of assurance:
“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by name. You are mine.”
In † Christ, you are forgiven.
In the Spirit, you are made free.
Refreshed by the waters of mercy,
live anew as beloved children of God.
Amen.

Hymn # 838 ELW "Beautiful Savior"

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

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!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904
 Music: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.

Kyrie

A In peace, in peace let us pray to the Lord. **A** For the
B Lord, have mer - cy.

peace from a - bove, and for our sal - va - tion, let us pray to the
 Lord. **A** For the peace of the whole world, the well - be - ing of the

B Lord, have mer - cy.

Church of God, and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the

Lord. **A** For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their

B Lord, have mer - cy.

wor - ship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

A Help, save, com - fort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.

C A - men

Greeting

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

And also with you

Hymn of Praise

C This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

I Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us

free to be peo - ple of God. **II** Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and

strength, and hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.

C This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

I Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the hymn of

all cre - a - tion: **II** Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and

might to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men

C This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

I For the Lamb, the Lamb who was slain has be -

gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. A - men

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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.

Special Music

"It is Well with My Soul"

Lara Haines, Nina and Jacob Freidline and Halli Tills

First Reading

Exodus 34:29-35

Moses' face shone with the reflected glory of God after he received the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai. The sight caused the Israelites to be afraid, so Moses wore a veil to mask the radiance of God's glory, taking it off when he spoke directly with God.

²⁹ Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. ³⁰ When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹ But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. ³² Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. ³³ When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face;

³⁴ but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, ³⁵ the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 99

¹ The Lord is king; let the people tremble.

The Lord is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.

² **The Lord, great in Zion,
is high above all peoples.**

³ Let them confess God's name, which is great and awesome;
God is the Holy One.

⁴ **O mighty king, lover of justice, you have established equity;
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.**

⁵ Proclaim the greatness of the Lord and fall down before God's footstool;
God is the Holy One.

⁶ **Moses and Aaron among your priests, and Samuel among those who call upon
your name, O Lord,
they called upon you, and you answered them,**

⁷ you spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud;
they kept your testimonies and the decree that you gave them.

⁸ **O Lord our God, you answered them indeed;
you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds.**

⁹ Proclaim the greatness of the Lord and worship upon God's holy hill;
for the Lord our God is the Holy One.

Second Reading

2nd Corinthians 3:12-4:2

In his debates with the Corinthians, Paul contrasts the glory of Moses with the glory of Christ. The Israelites could not see Moses' face because of the veil. But in Christ we see the unveiled glory of God and are transformed into Christ's likeness.

¹² Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, ¹³ not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside.

¹⁴ But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. ¹⁵ Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; ¹⁶ but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. ¹⁷ Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸ And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

^{4:1} Therefore, since it is by God’s mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. ² We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God’s word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
 You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al- le - lu - ia.

Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 9th, chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel

Luke 9:28-36

The conversation about Jesus’ suffering and death is enclosed in a dazzling foreshadowing of the resurrection. God affirms Jesus’ identity, the disciples are stunned speechless, and Jesus resumes his mission with a demonstration of his power over evil.

²⁸ Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹ And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white.

³⁰ Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. ³¹ They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³² Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³ Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah”—not knowing what he said. ³⁴ While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. ³⁵ Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!” ³⁶ When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn # 671 ELW

“Shine, Jesus, Shine”

Refrain
 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!

1 Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing, in the midst of the
2 As we gaze on your king - ly bright-ness, so our fac - es dis -

dark-ness, shin - ing; Je - sus, light of the world, shine up - on us,
play your like - ness, ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry,

set us free by the truth you now bring us.
mir - rored here, may our lives tell your sto - ry.

Shine on me, shine on me:
Shine on me, shine on me:

Text: Graham Kendrick, b. 1950
Music: Graham Kendrick
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SHINE, JESUS, SHINE
99 10 10 33 and refrain

Nicene Creed

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; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.

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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic 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.

Prayers

With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Transfiguring God, through the glory of your presence, you transform us. Move the church from complacency to boldness in sharing the good news with others, in working for justice, and in creating peace.

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

We pray for your creation. As seasons change, give patience and skill to all who tend to animals giving birth. Grant nourishing weather for the growing of crops. Be with all enduring the challenges of harsh weather conditions, especially flooding and wildfires.

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

We pray for all in leadership, especially for those who lead states, counties, and town councils. Give them wisdom to protect local resources – including all the people you have created -- so that all will flourish both now and in the years to come.

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Bring your healing grace to people who feel distant from you. Speak comfort to those who need your words of mercy. We pray for those close to our communities and in our hearts. We pray for all members of Faith Lutheran Church and Campus Ministry, especially Mary Muckler, Marc Dovenmuehle, Bob Baer, Carol Shrider, Pauly Zody, Sarah Driver, Jordan Seubert, Patrick Hellman, Mary Bausano, Kim, Sue, and Liam.

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

God of our past, present, and future, lead us into new beginnings, trusting in the promise of new life in Christ. Accompany congregations needing to close, and give courage to congregations starting new ministries. Sustain all who serve you with the knowledge of your gift of salvation through Jesus Christ.

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Renewing God, the saints who have gone before us witnessed to the ways you transform your church and people. We give thanks for their example and pray we carry it forward.

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.

Amen.

Exchange of Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Please greet people near you with a sign of peace

Offering

Wishing to make a donation? This QR code will take you to tithe.ly where we can receive gifts. Please note: a tithe.ly account is required to give in this way but is quick to create!

Are you aware this app has an option to allow you to cover transactions fees?



Choir Anthem “What a Morning”! Arr. by Larry Shackley

Offertory

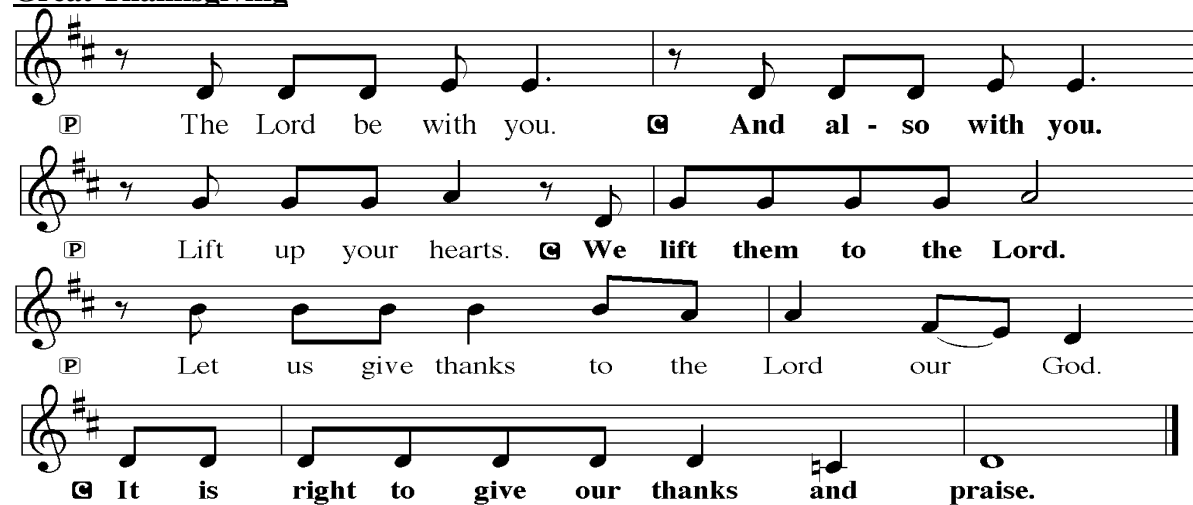
Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, fill to the brim our
cup of bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown,
that we may be fed, we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath-er the hopes and the dreams of all; u-nite them with the
prayers we of-fer now. Grace our ta-ble with your pres-ence,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

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray. Merciful God, 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



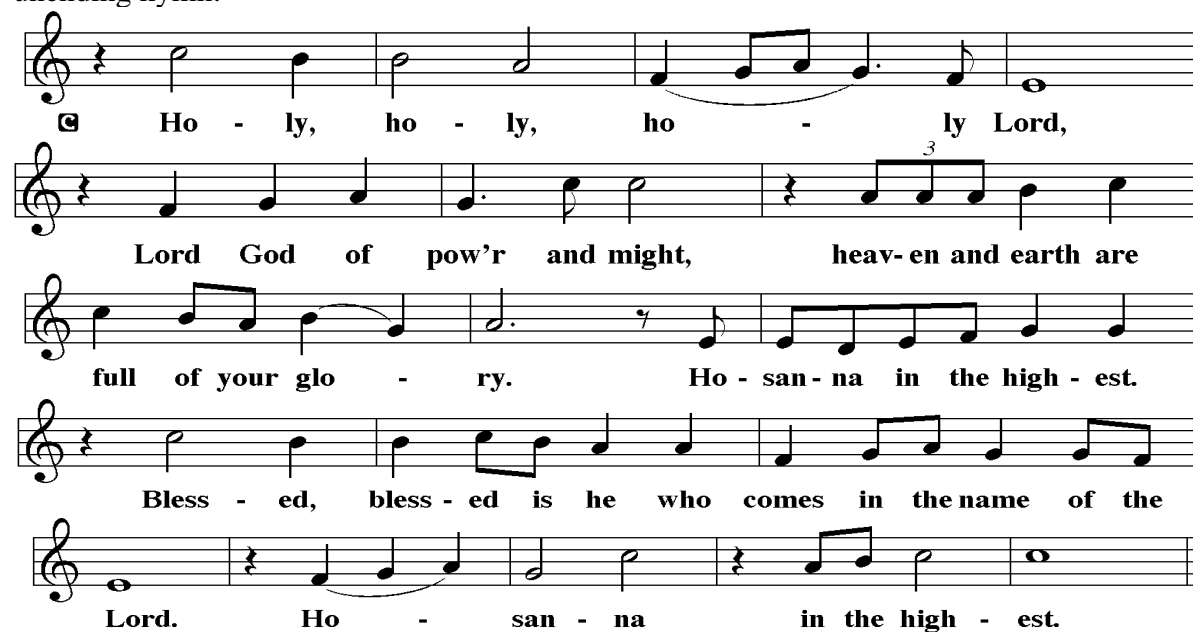
P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

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.

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. Sharing our life, he lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to his own brilliant light. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

Lord God of pow'r and might, heav-en and earth are

full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the

Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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

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.

We welcome all to join in the sacrament of Holy Communion as the Holy Spirit guides and directs.

People in worship will be invited to come forward to the altar by pew rows.

The pastor will distribute a wafer or gluten-free wafer, saying, "The body of Christ, given for you."

Each person will then move toward a volunteer holding a tray of disposable, plastic cups: the inner ring will be filled with grape juice, the other cups will be filled with wine.

As each person selects their cup, they will hear: "The blood of Christ, given for you."

Empty cups will be placed in a tray held by another volunteer after each person has communed.

Pre-sealed cups are available for anyone who chooses to communion in this form.

Communion

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

Hymn # 315 ELW

“How Good Lord to be Here!”

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 - fill - er of the past and hope of things to be,
 4 Be - fore we taste of death, we see your king - dom come;
 5 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.
 we long to hold the vi - sion bright and make this hill our home.
 but since you bid us leave the mount, come with us to the plain.

Text: Joseph A. Robinson, 1858-1933, alt.
 Music: POTSDAM, W. Mercer, *The Church Psalter and Hymn Book*, 1854

Post-Communion Blessing

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

Post Communion Canticle

Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev-'ry -
 one what God has done. Let all who
 seek the Lord re - joice, re - joice and
 bear Christ's ho - ly name. Send us, O God, with your
 prom - is - es, and lead us forth in joy
 with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer

Let us pray. Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Blessing

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

Amen.

Hymn # 866 ELW

“We Are Marching in the Light of God”

Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -
 We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the

nyen' kwen - khos', light of God. Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos',
 We are march - ing in the light of God,

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
 we are march - ing in the light of God.

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - , kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
 we are march - ing in the light of, the light of God.

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
 we are march - ing in the light of God.

Si - ya - ham - ba oo
 We are march - ing oo

Si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba,
 We are march - ing, march - ing, we are march - ing, march - ing,

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
 we are march - ing in the light of God.

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - , kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
 we are march - ing in the light of, the light of God.

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
 we are march - ing in the light of God.

Si - ya - ham - ba _____ oo _____
 We are march - ing _____ oo _____

Si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba,
 We are march - ing, march - ing, we are march - ing, march - ing.

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
 we are march - ing in the light of God.

We are dancing . . .
 We are praying . . .
 We are singing . . .

Text: South African traditional; tr. *Freedom Is Coming*, 1984
 Music: SIYATHAMBA, South African traditional; arr. *Freedom Is Coming*
 Tr. and arr. © 1984 Ureyck, admin. Walton Music Corp.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
 Thanks be to God.

Postlude

"O Wondrous Image, Vision Fair"-- arr. Dunstable

Announcements

Welcome! We welcome all visitors and guests. The sacrament of Holy Communion is an essential aspect of our worship, so we invite all who are present to share in this sacrament as the Holy Spirit guides and directs you.

Ash Wednesday The season of Lent begins this Wednesday. Join us in worship at 7:00 pm as we share the imposition of ashes and the sacrament of holy communion.

Wednesdays of Lent After Ash Wednesday, an email devotion will be sent to all our members and friends, containing a message written from Barbara Brown Taylor's wonderful book *Another Way Home*. Each Wednesday's devotion will carry with it a brief message and an appropriate Lenten hymn. Watch your email!

Taco Lunch! Join us after worship next Sunday for a Taco Lunch hosted by our youth, Christian Education & Life Together teams, and participants from our Campus Ministry. Donations will fight food scarcity through Lutheran World Relief.

March Newsletter You may have already received your newsletter by email. Let us know if you need one. Contact Kim at 513.523.3808.

Campus Ministry Lindsay Stevenson (stevenl7@miamioh.edu) and Mason Santalucia (santalmd@miamioh.edu) are our student interns who will be leading our Campus Ministry for this semester. Introduce yourselves. Exchange contact info. Plan to be a part of our events.

Change for Change On the first Sunday of each month we receive a noisy offering to fight food scarcity. Feel free to drop your change, checks, and cash in the bucket by the baptismal font. 100% of your gifts support ELCA World Hunger programs, both domestically and around the globe.

Faith's Table On the second Wednesday of each month, we invite our neighbors and friends to join us in a hot meal and offer pantry goods. This ministry is called Faith's Table. We set up at 4:30 pm. We start serving food (both at table and via drive through) at 5:30 pm. Clean up follows, so everyone leaves around 6:30 pm. We love volunteers! Please join us! If you can prepare food to share, please let us know by using the sign-up sheet on the name tag table.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study Join us at 8:30 am in the Korte Lounge as we continue to compare the life and Passion of Jesus in the gospels.

Zoom Bible Study Please join our next Zoom Bible Study. Our meetings for this study are on Wednesdays, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. We are studying the Minor Prophets. Join us!

Lutheran Disaster Response is coordinating with the **Southwest California Synod ELCA** and **Pacifica Synod ELCA** to assess the most urgent needs for the communities that are being devastated by wildfires.

To donate, you may:

1. Click here (<https://tinyurl.com/3hbrrd7>) to donate directly to Lutheran Disaster Response
2. Send donations to the Southern Ohio Synod, designated for U.S. Wildfires and we will forward them to Lutheran Disaster Response on your behalf. 100% of donations designated as "U.S. Wildfires" will go directly to serve these communities.

We continue to pray for the communities impacted.

Church Office This week, our church office is staffed Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 12 noon. Email our office admin at FaihtLutheranOxford@gmail.com or phone 513.523.3808 for any concerns. Please let our admin Kim know whenever you come into the building.