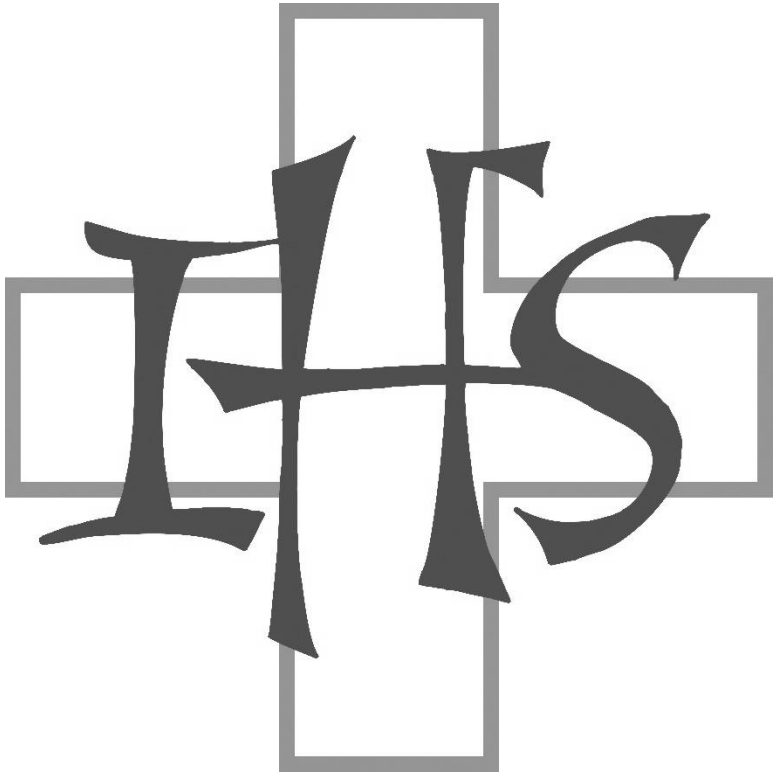


The Lutheran Church of the Savior

A Community of Faith: *Centered in Christ – Called to Serve*



"This is my beloved Son; listen to him."

Mark 9:7b

Order of Worship

February 11, 2024 10:45 AM

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Introit

Psalm 99:1-5; antiphon: v. 9

Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain;
for the LORD our God is holy!
The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble!
He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!
The LORD is great in Zion;
he is exalted over all the peoples.
Let them praise your great and awesome name!
Holy is he!
The King in his might loves justice.
You have established equity; you have executed justice and
righteousness in Jacob.
Exalt the LORD our God; worship at his footstool!
Holy is he!

Communion Theology and Practice

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is intended for those:

- who have been baptized in the name of the Triune God,
- who have faith in Jesus Christ as God the Son in the flesh and their personal Savior from sin, death, and the devil;
- who believe that they have sin that needs forgiving, hurt that needs healing, and faith that needs strengthening;
- who are committed to amending their sinful ways; and
- who believe that in, with, and under the bread and wine they receive the true body and blood of the risen Christ, together with the forgiveness of all their sins.

If you are a visitor with us this morning and wish to receive the Lord's Supper, please speak with the pastor before the service.

Thank you.

The Transfiguration of Our Lord

Divine Service

Invocation for the Epiphany Season

P This is the day the Lord has made;

C **Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

Psalm 118:24

P Arise! Shine! For your light has come.

Isaiah 60:1

C **We have seen His star and have come
to worship Him!**

Matthew 2:2

P Arise! Shine! For your light has come.

C **And the glory of the Lord has risen upon us!**

Isaiah 60:1

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

Matthew 28:19

C **Amen.**

Opening Song

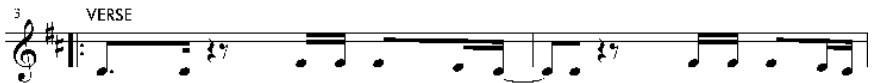
Our God Saves

Baloche, Brown

Verse 1, Verse 2, Chorus, Verse 2, Chorus 2, Instrumental, Verse 2B, Chorus 2



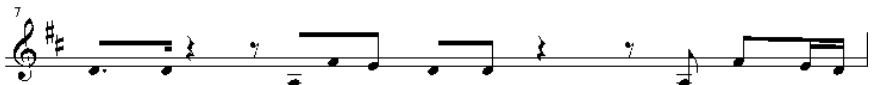
In the Name of the



Fa - ther, in the Name of the Son, in the Name of the



Spir - it, Lord, we come; We're gath - er'd to -



geth - er to lift up Your Name to call on our

continued on next page

9 Sav - ior, to fall on Your grace.

11 In the Name of the -

13 2,3 grace; Hear the joy - ful sound of our

15 of - fer - ing as Your saints bow down as Your

17 peo - ple sing; We will rise with You, lift - ed

19 on Your wings, and the world will see that -

21 CHORUS
Our God saves, our God saves;

25 There is hope in Your Name. In the Name of the

30 2,3 Name; Mourn - ing turns to songs of praise;

35 *To Coda* ⊕ [10] *D.S. of Coda* ⊕
Our God saves, our God saves. Hear the

41 *CODA*
Our God saves; Our God saves; Our God saves. Our God saves.

Prayer of Confession

- P** Heavenly Father, as we come in the name of Jesus, confident that with you there is forgiveness, we ask you to hear the confession of our sins.
- C** **Often we do not follow the guiding light of your Word, but turn to the artificial lights of sin which Satan has placed on our path.**
- P** Many times our thoughts and words, our intentions and our actions have been sinful.
- C** **We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. In our sin, we have fallen short of the glory of God, and have no power to free ourselves from our sinful condition.**

We pause for silent confession and reflection

- P** For all our sins – those known to us and others, and those known only to you,
- C** **We ask you Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

Absolution

- 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.
- C** **Amen!**

Psalm

Psalm 50:1–6

Spoken responsively

¹The Mighty One, God the LORD,
speaks and summons the earth
from the rising of the sun to its setting.

²**Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,
God shines forth.**

³Our God comes; he does not keep silence;
before him is a devouring fire,
around him a mighty tempest.

4He calls to the heavens above
and to the earth, that he may judge his people:

5"Gather to me my faithful ones,
who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!"

6The heavens declare his righteousness,
for God himself is judge!

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Song of Praise

Rising

Baloche, Redman

Chorus 1, Verse 1, Chorus 2, Verse 2, Chorus 2, Verse 1, Chorus 1 x2

From the ris - ing of the sun 'til the sun... goes... down... let the Name...
of the Lord be... praised;... From the ris - ing of the sun 'til the sun...
goes... down... let the Name... of the Lord be... praised... 1. We've
(2. We're)

VERSE
gath - ered to wor - ship, be - com - ing a choir... to sing...
gath - ered to go... out... to cit - ies and towns; We'll take...
Your... praise; Lift - ing our voi - ces,
Your... Name... in - to the na - tions,
join - ing our hearts... in this house... to - day, peo - ple of God,
shin - ing Your light... in the dark - est place; Peo - ple of God,
in the pow - er of God, for the King - dom of God,
in the pow - er of God, for the King - dom of God,

23 TO CODA \oplus
CHORUS

we sing, From the ris - ing of the sun 'til the sun goes down let the Name
we live.

36
of the Lord be praised; From the ris - ing of the sun 'til the sun

29
goes down let the Name of the Lord be praised; From the sky

32
to the depths, from the east to the west

35
we give You praise. 1

40 2 D.S. al Coda
we give You praise 2. We're

43 CODA
ing of the sun 'til the sun goes down let the Name 1. We've

45
of the Lord be praised. 1,2,3 From the ris 4

Prayer

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.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 34:29–35

²⁹When 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. ³⁰Aaron and all the people of Israel saw Moses, and behold, the skin of his face shone, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹But Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses talked with them. ³²Afterward all the people of Israel came near, and he commanded them all that the LORD had spoken with him in Mount Sinai. ³³And when Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face.

³⁴Whenever 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, ³⁵the 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.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

2 Corinthians 3:12–13; 4:1–6

¹²Since we have such a hope, we are very bold, ¹³not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face so that the Israelites might not gaze at the outcome of what was being brought to an end. . . .

¹Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. ²But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. ³And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled only to those who are perishing. ⁴In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

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Holy Gospel

Mark 9:2-9

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the ninth chapter.

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

²After six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. ⁵And Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." ⁶For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is my beloved Son; listen to him." ⁸And suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them but Jesus only.

⁹And as they were coming down the mountain, he charged them to tell no one what they had seen, until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed

C **I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

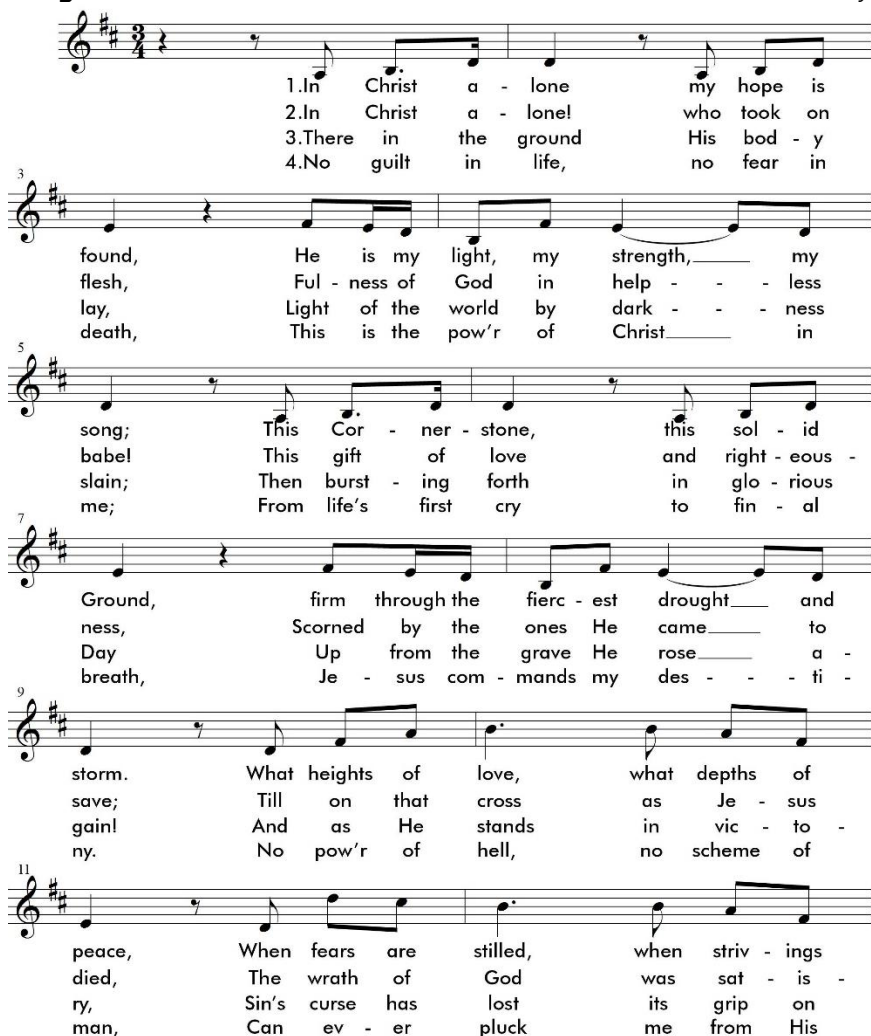
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven 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 \dagger of the world to come. Amen.**

Song

In Christ Alone

Townend, Getty



1. In Christ a - lone my hope is
 2. In Christ a - lone! who took on
 3. There in the ground His bod - y
 4. No guilt in life, no fear in
 found, He is my light, my strength, my
 flesh, Ful - ness of God in help - - less
 lay, Light of the world by dark - - - ness
 death, This is the pow'r of Christ in
 song; This Cor - ner - stone, this sol - id
 babel This gift of love and right - eous -
 slain; Then burst - ing forth in glo - rious
 me; From life's first cry to fin - al
 Ground, firm through the fierc - est drought and
 ness, Scorned by the ones He came to
 Day Up from the grave He rose a -
 breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - - - ti -
 storm. What heights of love, what depths of
 save; Till on that cross as Je - sus
 gain! And as He stands in vic - to -
 ny. No pow'r of hell, no scheme of
 peace, When fears are stilled, when striv - ings
 died, The wrath of God was sat - is -
 ry, Sin's curse has lost its grip on
 man, Can ev - er pluck me from His

13

cease! My Com - for - ter, my All in
 fied For - ev - 'ry sin on Him was
 me, For I am His and He is
 hand; Till He re - turns or calls me

15

All, here in the love of Christ I stand.
 laid; Here in the death of Christ I live.
 mine Bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.
 home, Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

Sermon "Altered State: Shekinah Glory;
 The Transfiguration of Jesus"



Prayers of the Church Family and the Lord's Prayer

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Response after each petition

P Lord, in your mercy,

G **hear our prayer.**

P Lord God, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember on this day the glorious manifestation of Your Son's divinity on the Mount of Transfiguration. Teach us to listen to Jesus and ever fix our eyes on Him and His innocent suffering and death for our forgiveness. By Your grace and mercy, strengthen us to remain faithful in all circumstances of trial, temptation and persecution. Preserve us to the end, that we may die a blessed death believing in Your beloved Son with whom You are well pleased; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G **Amen.**

P Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

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.

Benediction

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

C **Amen.**

Song

Blessed Be Your Name

Redman, Redman

Verse 1, Chorus, Verse 2, Chorus x2, Bridge x2, Chorus x2

VERSE

1. Bless - ed be Your Name in the
2. Bless - ed be Your Name when the

land that is plen - ti - ful; Where
sun's shin - ing down on me; When the

streams of a - bun - dance flow, bless -
world's all as it should be, bless -

ed be Your Name; Bless - ed be
ed be Your Name; Bless - ed be
ed be Your Name; Bless - ed be

Your Name when I'm found in the desert place, when I walk through the wilderness,
 Your Name on the road marked with suffering; Though there's pain in the wilderness,
 blessed be Your Name; blessed be Your Name;
 Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise;
 When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say. Blessed be the
CHORUS
 Name of the Lord, blessed be Your Name; Blessed be the
 Name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious Name.
BRIDGE
 Blessed be the You give and take a-
 way, You give and take a - way; My heart will choose to
 say, "Lord, blessed be Your Name", You
 blessed be Your Name". **TO CHORUS**
 Blessed be the

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Resources for Meditation this Week

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

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Readings

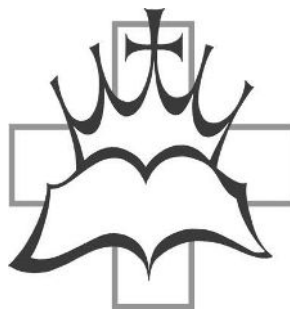
2 Kings 2:1–12 or Exodus 34:29–35

2 Corinthians 3:12–13 (14–18); 4:1–6

Mark 9:2–9

The Face of Jesus Christ Manifests the Light of the Knowledge of the Glory of God

It was *“a hard thing”* that Elisha asked, but by his persistence he was able to see the prophet Elijah being taken *“by a whirlwind into heaven.”* Although *“chariots of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them,”* Elisha received Elijah’s cloak and a *“double portion”* of his spirit for preaching the Lord’s Word (2 Kings 2:9–11). It was a hard thing, too, for Israel to see Moses and come near to him, when *“the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God”* (Ex. 34:29–30). Therefore, after *“he commanded them all that the LORD had spoken with him in Mount Sinai,”* Moses *“put a veil over his face”* (Ex. 34:32–33). Only the Word of the Gospel lifts the veil, and *“only through Christ is it taken away”* (2 Cor. 3:14). Thus are we able to behold *“the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ,”* who is *“the image of God”* (2 Cor. 4:4–6). For the Law and the prophets are all fulfilled in Him. Therefore, *“listen to him,”* and fix your sights on *“Jesus only”* (Mark 9:7–8).



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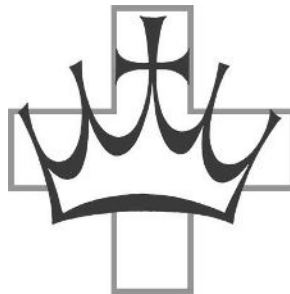
Genesis 22:1–18

James 1:12–18

Mark 1:9–15

Christ Jesus Defeats Our Temptation and Saves Us by His Faithfulness

In faith and the fear of God, Abraham prepared to sacrifice his beloved son, Isaac. At the Word of the Lord, he *“took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son.”* And *“when they came to the place of which God had told him,”* Abraham bound Isaac *“and laid him on the altar”* (Gen. 22:6, 9). Then God stayed Abraham’s hand and provided *“for himself the lamb for a burnt offering”* (Gen. 22:8). That Lamb is God’s own beloved Son, Jesus, in whom *“all the nations of the earth”* are blessed (Gen. 22:18). As the Substitute for all the sons of men, Jesus is driven by the Spirit *“into the wilderness”* to be *“tempted by Satan”* (Mark 1:12–13) in order to endure and defeat all temptation. We are tempted by our own desire, which conceives and *“gives birth to sin”* (James 1:14–15). But this blessed Man, Christ Jesus, remained *“steadfast under trial,”* and He has received *“the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him”* (James 1:12). His faithfulness, His victory and His life are now given to us by His grace in the Gospel.



Lent, Holy Week & Easter Worship

Please join us in worship this Lent & Easter season



Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday, February 14th at 7:00 pm

Worship with Imposition of Ashes



Midweek Lent Services

Wednesday, February 21st at 7:00 pm

Wednesday, February 28th at 7:00 pm

Wednesday, March 6th at 7:00 pm

Wednesday, March 13th at 7:00 pm

Wednesday, March 20th at 7:00 pm



Palm Sunday Services

Sunday, March 24th at 8:00 am & 10:45 am



Holy (Maundy) Thursday Service

Thursday, March 28th at 7:00 pm



Good Friday Service

Friday, March 29th at 7:00 pm



Easter Services

Sunday, March 31st at

6:00 am (*sunrise service*)

8:00 am & 10:45 am