



Church of the Savior

L U T H E R A N

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Transfiguration of Our Lord



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Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

Welcome to Church of the Savior – Lutheran:

We are a community of believers, seekers, and doubters. We affirm all of God's people just as they are. We are a welcoming and inclusive community that does not require you to change in any way to worship with us.

We strive to make love grow both in our congregational life and in our nursery school. We recognize all the love we have is given to us from the Holy Spirit, we are but reflections of God's love. One of the ways we make love grow is by being accepting and existing the way Jesus taught us; living in harmony together no matter one's race, nationality, or gender. We strive to create and ensure the safest and most loving environment for everyone. We look forward to growing in faith with you.

With Regard to Holy Communion:

We celebrate Holy Communion nearly every week at Church of the Savior. Holy Communion is a sacred meal in which Christ comes to us in bread and wine. "This is my body given for you... This is my blood shed for you." We believe those words to be true. Christ is truly present in Holy Communion. When we receive the bread and wine of this meal, we receive his body and blood "in, with, and under the forms" of the consecrated bread and wine. All of God's beautiful children are welcome to our Lord's table — it's our Lord's table, after all, and all are invited. Let's be clear — it is not "my" table, or "our" table or a "Lutheran" table. It is our Lord's table, and he sends out the invitations — to everyone under the sun. This includes you to come forward just as are.

For the bread we provide two types of host, with gluten and without. If you would like gluten free let Pastor Paul know when you come forward. We offer both red wine and white grape juice.

To the Parents of Children:

Relax! God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house. All are welcome! Sit toward the front where it is easier for children to see and hear what is going on. Little one's tire of seeing the back of others' heads.

Explain the parts of the service and actions of the pastor, ushers, choir, and the people who make worship happen. Sing the hymns, pray, and voice the responses. Children learn liturgical behavior by copying you.

If you have to leave the service with your child, feel free to, but please come back. As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."

The way we welcome children in church directly affects the way they respond to The Church, to God and to one another. Let them know, and let us show them, that they are at home in their house of worship. The presence of your child is a gift to Church of the Savior. We are blessed to welcome and worship with our children. We know that it took a lot of work to get to this pew today; you are doing a really good job!

PRELUDE: This Is My Son

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the Creator of heaven and earth, the Word who spoke life into being, the Wind stirring the waters. **Amen.**

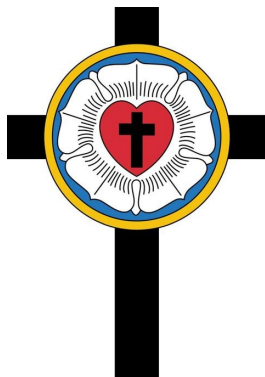
Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Mighty God, lover of justice, **you call us to life in community, but we have served our own interests at the expense of our neighbors. We have sown deceit where honesty was needed.**

We say the right words, but our hearts are far from you. Turn us to seek your face. Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ, that we may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

The former things have passed away, and new things God now declares: Like a spring of water that never fails, God covers you in the righteousness of Christ, and forgives your sin in ☩ Jesus' name. May the Spirit give you strength to live for others, and bless you with the gift of peace. **Amen.**



PROCESSIONAL HYMN: This Is My Son (Echo Song)

Matthew 17:5B

THIS IS MY SON (ECHO SONG)

Bill Vollinger

Em Em Em Em G7 G7 G7 G7

(This is God's son,) This is God's son, (be-lov-ed son,) be-lov-ed son,

Em Em Em Em Dm Dm Dm Dm

(he who makes God) he who makes God (so ve-ry pleased. so ve-ry pleased.

G G G G C C C C

(Lis-ten to him!) Lis-ten to him! (Je - sus.) Je - sus.



GREETING


Pastor: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

People: And also with you.

THE KYRIE


(CONGREGATION SINGS THIS AFTER WORSHIP BAND SINGS EACH VERSE)

Gm C7/E F_{sus} F F/A F/B \flat C Dm Gm C7/E F_{sus} F B \flat maj7 C_{sus} C



Lord, have mer-cy; Christ have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy on me;

Gm C7/E F_{sus} F F/A F/B \flat C Dm Gm C7/E F_{sus} F F/B \flat C F




Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy on— me.

THE GLORIA


REFRAIN:

D G D G D Bm




Glo-ry to God _____ in— the high - est. and— peace

E7 A A7 D G D D



to his peo-ple on earth. _____ Glo-ry to God _____ in— the

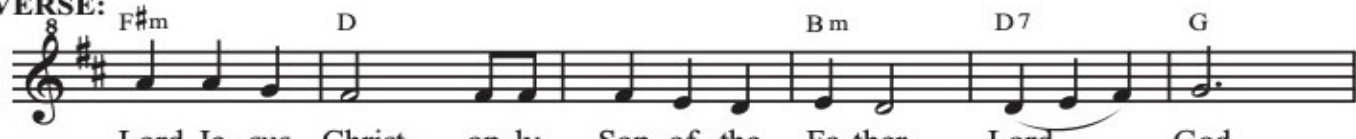
G D Bm Em D *to verses*



high - est and— peace to his peo-ple on earth. _____


VERSE:

F \sharp m D Bm D7 G




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

Em A F \sharp m D F \sharp 7 Bm




Lamb of God:— You take a - way the sin of the world;

Bm G Em A A7 D F \sharp 7



have— mer - cy on— us. You are seat-ed at the right hand of the

Bm D7 G Em D A A7 *to Refrain*



Fa-ther; re - ceive our— prayer. _____

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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 cloud 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 with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING: Exodus 24:12-18

¹² The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and wait there; I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." ¹³ So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the mountain of God. ¹⁴ To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come back to you. Look, Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them."

¹⁵ Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶ The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. ¹⁷ Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the Israelites. ¹⁸ Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Lector: Word of God, Word of Life

People: Thanks Be to God

PSALM: Psalm 2

¹ Why are the nations in an uproar? Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?

² **Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and the princes plot together, against the LORD and against the LORD's anointed?**

³ "Let us break their yoke," they say; "let us cast off their bonds from us."

⁴ **God whose throne is in heaven is laughing; the LORD holds them in derision.**

⁵ Then in wrath God speaks to them, and in rage fills them with terror.

⁶ **"As for me, I have anointed my king upon Zion, my holy mountain."**

⁷ Let me announce the decree of the LORD,

who said to me, "You are my son; this day have I begotten you.

⁸ **Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance and the ends of the earth for your possession.**

⁹ You shall crush them with an iron rod and shatter them like a piece of pottery."

¹⁰ **And now, you kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth.**

¹¹ Submit to the LORD with fear, and with trembling ¹ bow in worship;

¹² **lest the LORD be angry, and you perish in a sudden blaze of wrath.**

Happy are all who take refuge in God!

SECOND READING: 2 Peter 1:16-21

¹⁶ We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷ For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." ¹⁸ We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

¹⁹ So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. ²⁰ First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, ²¹ because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Lector: Word of God, Word of Life

People: Thanks Be to God



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

A D E F#m A7 D

Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

A F#7 Bm7 E7 A Bm7 E A

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - - - ia.



GOSPEL: Matthew 17:1-9

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ² And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. ³ Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴ Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁵ While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" ⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷ But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." ⁸ And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

People: Praise to you, O Christ.



HOMILY: Pastor Paul

HYMN OF THE DAY: Majesty

Jack Hayford

Ma - jes-ty, wor-ship His ma - jes-ty, Un - to Je - sus be all
glo-ry, ho-nor and praise. Ma - jes-ty, king-dom auth - or - i - ty,
Flow from His throne un-to His own, His an-them raise. So ex -
alt, lift up on high the name of Je - sus. Mag-ni - fy, come glor-i -
fy Christ Je-sus, the King. Ma - jes-ty, wor-ship His ma - jes-ty,
Je - sus who died, now glo-ri - fied, King of all kings.
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CONFESSION OF FAITH - APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended to the dead. On the third day He rose again; He ascended into heaven, He is seated at the right hand of the Father, and He will come 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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH: Response: Receive our prayer.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

SPECIAL MUSIC: Brenda Moderacki

OFFERING

Please mail your offering to:

Church of the Savior

643 Forest Avenue - Paramus, NJ 07652 OR Use the

QR code on right for your offertory giving.



A musical score for offertory giving, consisting of six staves of music in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The lyrics are written below the notes. Chord symbols are placed above the notes: E, F#7, B, E, A, E, A, E, F#7, B, E, A M7, G#m7, A, E, B, E, F#7, B7, E, A, E, A, E, F#7, B7, E7, A M7, G#m7, B m7, A, E.

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, _____ and
fill to the brim our cup of bles - sing. Ga - ther a
har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the
bread of life. Ga - ther the hopes and the dreams of all; _____ u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your
pre - sence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

ALL: God of majesty, no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

PREFACE FOR THE SEASON

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes, and guitar chords are indicated above the staff. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly God, God of pow - er and might: — Hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na. Ho-san - na. Ho san - na in — the high - est. Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est." The chords are: D, Bm, Em7, A, D, Bm, E7, A7, D7, G, D, F#7, Bm, D, Bm, E7, A, G, D, F#7, Bm, D, G, D/A, A7, D.

D Bm Em7 A D Bm E7 A7 D7
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly God, God of pow - er and might: —

G D F#7 Bm D Bm
Hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na. Ho-san - na. Ho

E7 A G D
san - na in — the high - est. Bles - sed is he who

F#7 Bm D G D/A A7 D
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

....proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:

People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

At conclusion of Eucharistic Prayer

People: Amen

Lamb of God, — you take a - way the sin of the world; have —

mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, — you take — a - way the

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

way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN: Here Is Bread

Here is Bread words & music by Graham Kendrick

1&4. Here is bread, here is wine. Christ is with us. He is with us.
 2. Here is grace, here is peace. Christ is with us, He is with us.
 3. Here we are, joined in one. Christ is with us. He is with us.

Break the bread, drink the wine. Christ is with us here.
 Know His grace, find His peace. Feast on Je - sus here.
 We'll pro-claim till he comes: Je - sus cru - ci - fied.

COMMUNION BLESSING

Pastor: May the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His Grace! **Amen.**

G D/F# Emin Bmin
 Give thanks with a grate-ful heart. Give thanks to the Ho-ly One. Give
 C G/B Emin F Dsus4 G
 thanks,— be-cause He's giv-en Je-sus Christ, His Son. Give thanks with a
 D/F# Emin Bmin C
 grate-ful heart. Give thanks to the Ho-ly One. Give thanks, be-cause He's
 G/B Emin F Dsus4 Bmin Emin
 giv-en Je-sus Christ, His Son. And now let the weak say "I am
 Amin7 D7 G CMaj7
 strong!" let the poor say "I am rich!" be-cause of what the Lord has
 F Dsus4 Bmin Emin Amin7
 done for us. And now let the weak say "I am strong!" let the
 D7 G CMaj7 F
 poor say "I am rich!" be-cause of what the Lord has done for
 Dsus4 G Amin/G D G
 us. Give thanks! _____ Give thanks! _____ Give thanks! _____



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Radiant God, we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. In the sacrament of his body and blood you have drawn us to your heart. Send us from this table with delight, that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love, and bear witness to all we have seen and heard, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

May the triune God, who has put a new song in your mouth and tuned your heart for praise
✠ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

Thanks be to God.

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Matthew 17:5B

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(he who makes God) he who makes God (so ve-ry pleased. so ve-ry pleased.
G G G G C C C C
(Lis-ten to him!) Lis-ten to him! (Je - sus.) Je - sus.



*Go Now
in Peace*





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SERVING TODAY

DATE	LECTOR	WORSHIP ASST.	USHER
Feb 15	Ed Moderacki	Laurie Feingold	Antoinette Walder
Feb 18			
Ash Wed 12pm	Wendy McFarland	Rick Henly	Antoinette Walder
Ash Wed 7pm	Christophe Moderacki		Ed Moderacki
Feb 22	Maggie Harrer	Rick Henly	John Leara

FLOWERS

Feb 15 For: Love For the Duffy Family
 From: Marge Duffy

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Feb 15 Sunday School
Feb 16 President's Day—Church and School Closed
Feb 17 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner: 6pm
Feb 16-20 School Closed—Winter Break
Feb 18 Ash Wednesday: 12pm & 7pm Imposition of Ashes (Westwood at 1:30pm)
Feb 25 Lenten Service at 7pm

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