

# Mt. Horeb Lutheran Church



## Transfiguration of Our Lord February 11, 2024, 10am

**Welcome to Mt. Horeb Lutheran Church!** We greet one another as sisters and brothers in Christ and welcome all who may be visiting. We are delighted that you are here to worship, first time visitors, and encourage you to sign our guest book in the entry hall. Please fill out a visitor's card in the pew holders and place it in the offertory plate. HOLY COMMUNION is open to all who confess their faith in Jesus and acknowledge Him to be Lord. Those unable to partake of wine are assured the Church affirms our Lord's presence in, with and under the bread alone.

**PRELUDE:** *Partita Song of Thankfulness and Praise*  
Setting: Christa Rakich

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

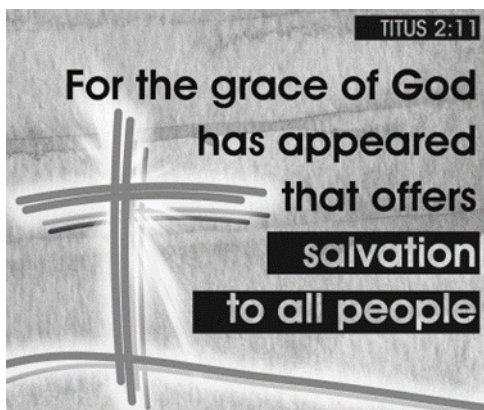
#### GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

*We stand*

#### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

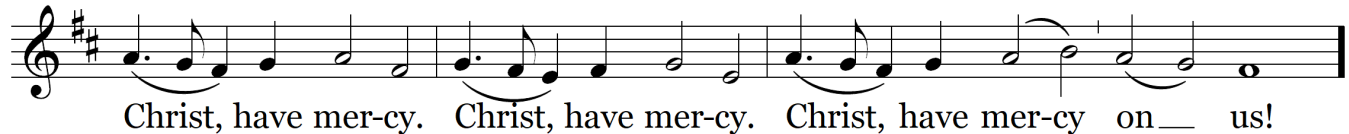
P Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus:  
The grace of God has dawned upon the world through our Savior Jesus Christ, who sacrificed himself for us to purify a people as his own. Therefore, let us confess our sins.  
(Titus 2.11-14)



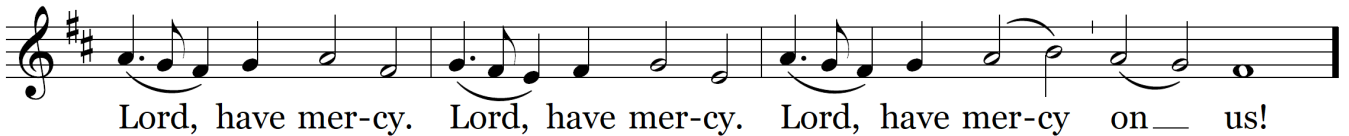
## KYRIE LITANY

Cantor: Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, God shines forth in glory:  
Lord, have mercy!

Cantor: The Light of God shines forth in the face of Christ:  
Christ, have mercy!



Cantor: The transfigured Lord, God's beloved Son, is clothed in  
Dazzling white: Lord have mercy!



Ukrainian Orthodox Church  
Made popular by its introduction at the World Council of Churches' Sixth Assembly,  
Vancouver, British Columbia, 1983.

**P** The voice of the Lord is upon the waters. God has spoken: The time of grace is now and in Jesus Christ, the reign of God has come near. 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.**

**ENTRANCE HYMN:** *Songs of Thankfulness and Praise* ELW #310

## APOSTOLIC 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.**

**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 cloud you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us with the king heirs of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

## WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.*

*We sit*

### **FIRST READING: 2 KINGS 2:1-12**

<sup>1</sup>Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. <sup>2</sup>Elijah said to Elisha, “Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel.” But Elisha said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they went down to Bethel. <sup>3</sup>The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, “Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?” And he said, “Yes, I know; keep silent.”

<sup>4</sup>Elijah said to him, “Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho.” But he said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they came to Jericho. <sup>5</sup>The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, “Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?” And he answered, “Yes, I know; be silent.”

<sup>6</sup>Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.” But he said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them went on. <sup>7</sup>Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. <sup>8</sup>Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

<sup>9</sup>When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.” Elisha said, “Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.” <sup>10</sup>He responded, “You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.” <sup>11</sup>As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. <sup>12</sup>Elisha kept watching and crying out, “Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

**L** The Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks Be to God!**

**PSALM 50:1-6** (sing responsively)

ELW Tone 7



- <sup>1</sup>The mighty one, God the | LORD, has spoken;  
calling the earth from the rising of the sun | to its setting.
- <sup>2</sup>**Out of Zion, perfect | in its beauty,  
God shines | forth in glory.**
- <sup>3</sup>Our God will come and will | not keep silence;  
with a consuming flame before, and round about a | raging storm.
- <sup>4</sup>**God calls the heavens and the earth | from above  
to witness the judgment | of the people.**
- <sup>5</sup>“Gather before me my | loyal followers,  
those who have made a covenant with me and sealed | it with sacrifice.”
- <sup>6</sup>**The heavens declare the rightness | of God’s cause,  
for it is God | who is judge.**

**SECOND READING: 2 CORINTHIANS 4:3-6**

<sup>3</sup>Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. <sup>4</sup>In 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. <sup>5</sup>For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus’ sake. <sup>6</sup>For it is the God who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks Be to God!**

**SEQUENCE HYMN:** *O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!* ELW #308  
Stanzas 1 and 4 only



*We stand*

**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.

**HOLY GOSPEL: MARK 9:2-9**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 9th Chapter.

**C** **Glory to you, O Lord! (*spoken boldly*)**

<sup>2</sup>Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, <sup>3</sup>and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. <sup>4</sup>And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. <sup>5</sup>Then Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” <sup>6</sup>He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. <sup>7</sup>Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, “This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!” <sup>8</sup>Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. <sup>9</sup>As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ! (*spoken boldly*)**

*We sit*

**CHILDREN’S MOMENT**

**SERMON:**

**REV. DR. PATRICK W. RIDDLE**

*We stand*

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** *Arise, Your Light Has Come!* ELW #314

## **NICENE CREED**

**P** With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**C** **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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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 OF THE FAITHFUL**

After each portion of the prayers:

P God of grace, C **receive our prayer.**

**SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

*We sit*

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM:** *At the Name of Jesus*

*At the name of Jesus ev'ry knee shall bow,  
ev'ry tongue confess him king of glory now.  
It is God's good pleasure we should call him Lord,  
who from the beginning was the mighty Word.*

*At his voice creation sprang at once to sight,  
all the angel faces, all the hosts of light,  
thrones and dominations, stars upon their way,  
all the heav'nly orders in their great array.*

*Humbled for a season, to receive a name  
from the lips of sinners unto whom he came,  
faithfully he bore it spotless to the last;  
brought it back victorious when from death he passed.*

*In your hearts enthrone him; there let him subdue  
all that is not holy, all that is not true.  
Crown him as your captain in temptation's hour;  
let his will enfold you in its light and pow'r.*

*Christians, this Lord Jesus shall return again  
on the clouds of glory, with his angel train;  
for all wreaths of empire meet upon his brow,  
and our hearts confess him king of glory now.*

*Text: Caroline M. Noel, 1817-1877*

*We stand*

**OFFERTORY SONG:** *Brightest and Best of the Stars* ELW 303  
(verses 3, 4)

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

P Let us pray:

**C Blessed are you, Holy One, for all good things come from you. In bread and cup you open heaven to us. Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek and follow your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

**MEAL**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

**HOLY COMMUNION**

The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words in bold. The first staff has two measures: "The Lord be with you." and "And al - so with you." The second staff has two measures: "Lift up your hearts." and "We lift them to the Lord." The third staff has one long measure: "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God." The fourth staff has one long measure: "It is right to give our thanks and praise."

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



## SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

P Almighty Lord, we praise your shining light, your glowing grace.  
From before the earth's foundation, you loved us and promised us  
life forever. Within the earth's deep sadness, we laud your great and  
glorious might. Despite our tears and sinning, we sing of the glad-  
ness of your mercy.

We praise your Son, our Morning Star.

Christ is our diamond bright, our treasure dear.

He is our living Savior who has ransomed us in love.

He keeps us yours and fails us never-today, tomorrow, and every  
day.



Let us come into  
his presence with  
**thanksgiving.**

Psalm 95:2

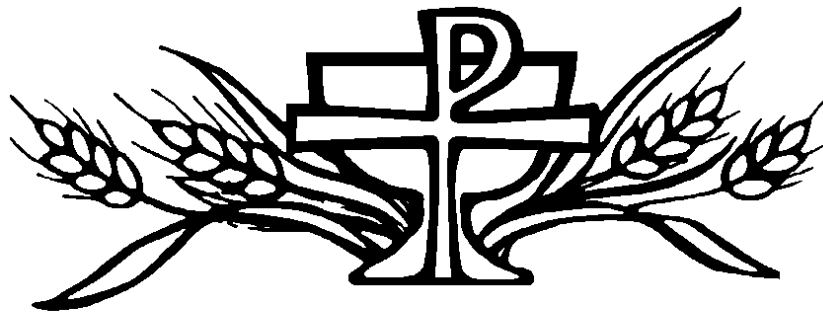
P In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

P 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.

P With joy we tell our story: Alleluia!  
We call for your Spirit on us and this meal.  
Refresh our souls with this heavenly food, the body and blood of our Son. Nourish us and enlighten us with your undying flame.  
We sing out to the Father, we ring out to the Son, we exult in the Spirit. Transport us in our yearning, and be for us the end and the beginning, our purest pleasure, our victorious crown, our never-ending love. And so we pray and praise:

#### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**



**I am the bread of life**

*We sit*

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P At Jesus' table, heaven and earth are joined as one. Come and see.

**COMMUNION MUSIC:** *O Christ, Thou Lamb of God*

Johannes Bugenhagen, Wittenberg, 1528

O Christ, thou Lamb of God that tak - est a-way the sin of the world,  
have mer - cy up-on us! O Christ, thou Lamb of God that tak -  
est a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up-on us!  
O Christ, thou Lamb of God that tak - est a-way the sin of the world,  
grant us thy peace! A - men

Text: German, 1528, based on the Agnus Dei; tr. unknown

Music: CHRISTE, DU LAMM GOTTES, *Kirchenordnung*, Braunschweig, 1528

Agnus  
+ Dei

**COMMUNION MUSIC:** *Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether* ELW #470

*We stand*

**BLESSING**

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

C **Amen.**

**SENDING**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

P Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

**BENEDICTION**

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. In the name of the Father  
✠ and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN:** *Alleluia, Song of Gladness*

ELW #318

**DISMISSAL**

P Go in peace. You are God's beloved.

C **Thanks be to God!**

**POSTLUDE:** *O Wondrous Image, Vision Fair*

The Agincourt Carol, 15th Century

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