



**Arlington Hills Lutheran Church  
Sunday, March 2, 2025  
Transfiguration Sunday**

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## Transfiguration of Our Lord

### 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.

### Welcome and Announcements

Prelude "Beautiful Savior" arr. Anne Marie David

### GATHERING

#### Greeting

*Luke 9:35*

P: This is my Son, my Chosen, listen to him!

All: **Alleluia.**

### Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

All: **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.

All: **Amen**

P: Gracious God,

All: **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and**

uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God 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.

All: Amen.

*Please rise, in body and/or spirit, for the Gathering Hymn*

**Gathering Hymn**

**“Beautiful Savior”**

**ELW# 838**

Verses 1, 2, 3, and 4 – Large print words found on page 22



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,



right on 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.

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

All: **And also, with you.**

*Please be seated*

## KYRIE

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.  
Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.  
Lord, have mer - cy.


For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,  
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.  
Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,  
let us pray to the Lord.  
Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.  
A - men, a - men.

# This is the Feast


*Refrain*




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




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




1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.  
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

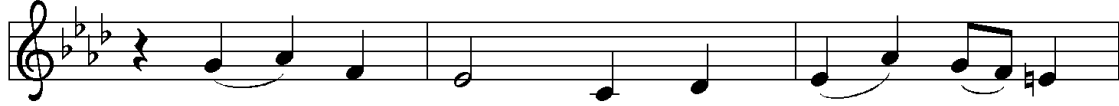


Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and  
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to




*Refrain*

hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.  
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



*Refrain*

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

## Prayer of the Day

P: 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.

All: Amen.

## WORD

First Reading:

Exodus 34:29-35

Assisting Minister

*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.*

<sup>29</sup> 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.

<sup>30</sup> When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. <sup>31</sup> But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. <sup>32</sup> Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. <sup>33</sup> When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; <sup>34</sup> 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, <sup>35</sup> 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.

AM: Word of God, Word of Life

All: Thanks be to God.

**Psalm: 99**

**Read responsively by whole verse**

*Proclaim the greatness of the LORD; worship upon God's holy hill. (Ps. 99:9)*

AM: <sup>1</sup> The LORD is king; let the people tremble. The LORD is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.

All: <sup>2</sup> **The LORD, great in Zion, is high above all peoples.**

AM: <sup>3</sup> Let them confess God's name, which is great and awesome; God is the Holy One.

All: <sup>4</sup> **O mighty king, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.**

AM: <sup>5</sup> Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and fall down before God's footstool; God is the Holy One.

All: <sup>6</sup> **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,**

AM: <sup>7</sup> you spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; they kept your testimonies and the decree that you gave them.

All: <sup>8</sup> **O LORD our God, you answered them indeed; you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds.**

AM: <sup>9</sup> Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and worship upon God's holy hill; for the LORD our God is the Holy One.

**Second Reading: 2 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.*

<sup>12</sup> Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, <sup>13</sup> 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. <sup>14</sup> 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.

<sup>15</sup> Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; <sup>16</sup> but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. <sup>17</sup> Now the

Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

<sup>18</sup> 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.

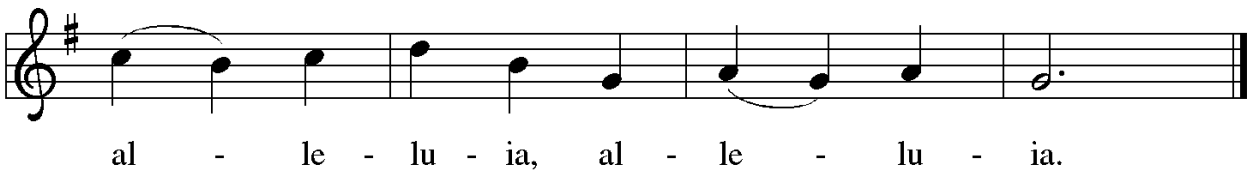
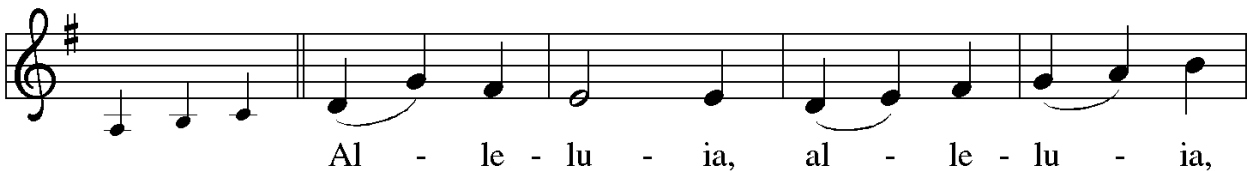
<sup>4:1</sup> Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. <sup>2</sup> We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the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

AM: Word of God, Word of Life

All: **Thanks be to God.**

*Please rise, in body and/or spirit, for the Gospel reading*

### Gospel Acclamation



*Repeat alleluia*



P: The holy gospel according to Luke the 9<sup>th</sup> chapter.

All: **Glory to you, O Lord**



**Gospel: Luke 9:28--43a**

*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.*

<sup>28</sup> Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. <sup>29</sup> And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. <sup>30</sup> Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. <sup>31</sup> They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. <sup>32</sup> 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. <sup>33</sup> 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. <sup>34</sup> While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. <sup>35</sup> Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" <sup>36</sup> 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.

<sup>37</sup> On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. <sup>38</sup> Just then a man from the crowd shouted, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. <sup>39</sup> Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. <sup>40</sup> I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not." <sup>41</sup> Jesus answered, "You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here." <sup>42</sup> While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. <sup>43a</sup> And all were astounded at the greatness of God.

P: The gospel of the Lord,  
All: Praise to you, O Christ.

*Please be seated.*

Sermon

“Listen to Him”

Pastor Mitch Kinsinger

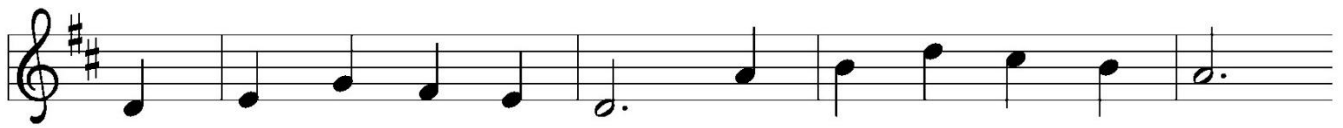
*Please rise, in body and/or spirit, for the Hymn of the Day*

Hymn of the Day

“How Good, Lord, to Be Here!”

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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,  
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.  
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

## **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.**

*Please be seated for the Prayers of Intercession*

## **Installation of Congregation Council**

*Congregation Council Members come forward for installation*

## **Prayers of Intercession**

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

AM: *Each prayer will end with:* God of grace,

**All: Hear our prayer.**

## **Sharing of the Peace**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**All: And also with you.**

*Please be seated*

## **MEAL**

### **Offering Music**

**"Come to the Mountain" Kathy and Scott Tunseth  
Sunday Morning Choir**

*Please rise, in body and/or spirit, for the Offering Song.*

## Offering Song

### Create in Me a Clean Heart *Offering Song*



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take  
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of  
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923  
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## Offertory Prayer

P: God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always.

All: **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## Invitation to Communion

P: The joy of the Lord is our strength. Come, eat this meal of gladness.

## Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

All: **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; who, sharing our life, lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to your own brilliant light. 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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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.

## Words of Institution

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.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

## Lord's Prayer

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

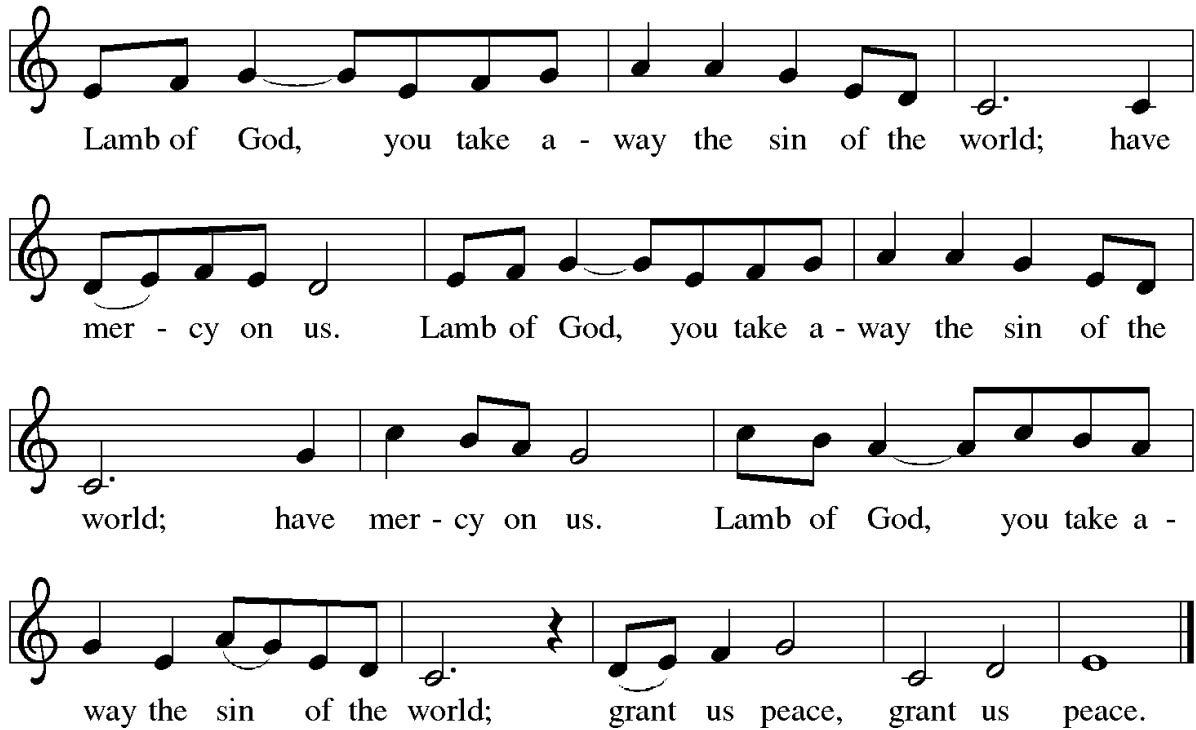
**All: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**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, the power, and the glory, forever and ever.  
Amen.**

P: Come for all things are now ready. The gifts of God for the people of God.

## Lamb of God



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.

## Communion

*As pastor comes down to serve communion you may come forward.*

*Please form a single line to receive the bread from him by holding out your palms to receive the wafer. Once you receive the bread, you may go to the communion assistant on the side closest to where you were seated to receive the wine.*

*If you are unable to come forward, please let an usher know, and we will bring communion to you.*

*Please feel free to say "Amen" after you receive each element if you wish.*

**Communion Anthem**

**"Let Us Break Bread Together"**

**arr. John Carter**

### **Table Blessing**

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

**All: Amen**

### **Prayer after Communion**

P: Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray,

**All: Amen.**

### **Sending of Communion for Lay Ministers**

*(Instead of coming forward Lay Ministers please stand in your pew for the blessing of the elements. You may pick them up at the end of the service in the back of the church.)*

P: Gracious God, you took the form of a servant, offering yourself as food, comfort, and strength to a sick world. Anoint with a servant heart these who take your word and sacrament to our sisters and brothers in their homes and in hospitals. Grant grace, mercy, healing and hope to those who receive on your body and blood and believe your words of new life. May we all recognize that we are at home in the body of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**All: Amen.**

### **Sending**

*Please rise, in body and/or spirit, for the Sending Hymn.*



# Shine Jesus Shine



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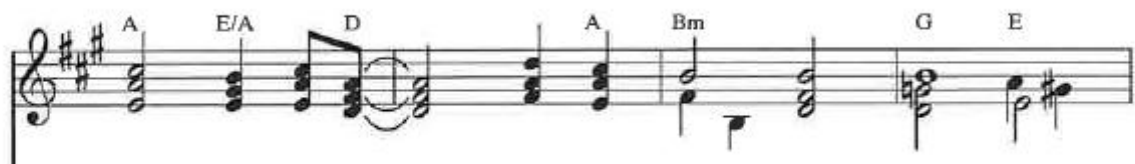
*Refrain*  
A E/A D A Bm B<sup>7</sup> E



Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry;



A E/A D A Bm G E



blaze, Spir - it, blaze, set our hearts on fire.




A E/A D A Bm B<sup>7</sup> E



Flow, riv - er, flow, flood the na - tions with love and mer - cy;



A E/A D A Bm E<sup>7</sup> A D To stanzas  
E/A D End  
A



send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!



A D A E/A A D

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 -

A E/A D E<sup>7</sup> C<sup>#</sup>m F<sup>#</sup>m

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,

D E<sup>7</sup> C<sup>#</sup>m F<sup>#</sup>m G

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

Esus<sup>4</sup> E G Esus<sup>4</sup> E Refrain

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

Text: Graham Kendrick  
Music: Graham Kendrick

SHINE, JESUS, SHINE  
9 9 10 10 3 3 and refrain

## Blessing

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace.

All: Amen.

*Please be seated for the Postlude.*

**Postlude**

**“Shine, Jesus, Shine”**

**arr. Aaron David Miller**

**Dismissal**

**P:** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

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**Leading Worship Today**

**Pastor:** Rev. Dr. Mitch Kinsinger

**Organ/Piano:** Barbara Rossow

**Assisting Ministers:** Dennis Rasmusson and Mary Kowitz

**Communion Assistants:** Elaine and Charles Rohrbach

**Ushers:** David Almquist and Tom Brackey

**Hospitality:** Judy and Michelle Hanggi

**Livestream Producer:** Silvester Vicic, Jim Persoon or Mary Kowitz

**PLEASE PRAY THIS WEEK FOR AHLC MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:**

Dean Anderson, Marjorie Anderson, Sven Anderson, Sharon Anderson, Dave Balfanz, Pamela Boldt, Carol Brockway, Carolyn Brusseau, Jerry Ekblad, Richard Edge, Jan and Wayne Frankenberg, Esther Hallgren, Adeline Hansen, Wayne Hansen, Betty Hasse, Patricia James, Jim Jaszczak, Velta Krauze, John Lind, Gene Linderkamp, Marilyn Nelson, Priscilla Reeve, Betty Richter, Marnie Rose, Betty Swanson, Ken Wagner, Gary Winter, and MaryAnn Wistrom.

**Congratulations to our new Congregational Council Members** that are being installed this morning. We are grateful for your leadership this coming year.

President: Paul Kowitz; Vice President: Cheryl Hollman; Secretary: Kathy Brackey; and Treasurer: Diane Allmendinger and Council Members: Tom Brockway, Wayne Hansen, Ryan Henk, Cindie Peterson and Silvester Vicic.

## **Ash Wednesday – This Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>.**

Worship service is at noon in the Sanctuary. Soup and Scriptures begin on Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup> in the Reception Room. Soup at 11:30 and Scriptures starting at noon – 12:45. We are still looking for help in preparing the soup, Cheryl Hollman will buy the soup packets but we could use help with the set up and serving. Please let either Cheryl or Mary Kowitz know if you can help us.

## **March Birthdays:**

Carol Hansen	March 3	Thomas Dolen	March 19
Nancy Swanson	March 6	Cheryl Hollman	March 21
Chris Anderson	March 6	Carol Baldwin	March 21
Nancy Seagren	March 6	Myrl Vietor	March 25
Teri Larson	March 6	Linda McInerney	March 25
Kathleen Martin	March 11	Justin Hanson	March 28
Ethan Peterson	March 12	Esther Hallgren	March 29

## **March Anniversaries**

Ron and Sharon Hanson	March 10
Kevin and Priscilla Wicken	March 12
Nancy and David Seagren	March 24

**Spring Ahead – Next Sunday** Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one-hour next Saturday night before you go to sleep. We wouldn't want you to be late to church! 😊

## **Prayer Prompts for the Upcoming Week. Let us pray together for....**

March 2	Congregational Council Members
March 3	Peace in our Country
March 4	Peace in our State
March 5	Ash Wednesday the start of Lent
March 6	Peace in our World
March 7	Employees, wherever they work
March 8	International Women's Day
March 9	Daylight Savings time

## Gathering Hymn

### Beautiful Savior

- 1 Beautiful Savior,  
King of creation,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Truly I'd love thee,  
truly I'd serve thee,  
light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
  
- 2 Fair are the meadows,  
fair are the woodlands,  
robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;  
Jesus is fairer,  
Jesus is purer,  
he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.
  
- 3 Fair is the sunshine,  
fair is the moonlight,  
bright the sparkling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter,  
Jesus shines purer  
than all the angels in the sky.
  
- 4 Beautiful Savior,  
Lord of the nations,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor,  
praise, adoration,  
now and forevermore be thine!

## **Hymn of the Day**

### **How Good, Lord, to Be Here!**

- 1 How good, Lord, to be here!  
Your glory fills the night;  
your face and garments, like the sun,  
shine with unborrowed light.
  
- 2 How good, Lord, to be here!  
your beauty to behold  
where Moses and Elijah stand,  
your messengers of old.
  
- 3 Fulfiller of the past  
and hope of things to be,  
we hail your body glorified  
and our redemption see.
  
- 5 How good, Lord, to be here!  
Yet we may not remain;  
but since you bid us leave the mount,  
come with us to the plain.

Text: Joseph A. Robinson, 1858-1933, alt.

## **Sending Hymn**

### **Shine, Jesus, Shine**

Refrain:

Shine, Jesus, Shine Fill this land with the Father's glory;  
Blaze, Spirit, blaze set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with love and mercy;  
Send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light.

1. Lord, the light of your love is shining,  
in the midst of the darkness, shining  
Jesus, light of the world shine upon us  
Set us to be free by the truth you now bring us.  
Shine on me, shine on me. *Refrain*
2. As we gaze on your kingly brightness  
So our faces display your likeness  
Ever changing from glory to glory,  
Mirrored here, may our lives tell your story.  
Shine on me, shine on me. *Refrain*