

Groundbreaking for current Sanctuary/Church

February 11th, 2024

TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD 10 A.M. WORSHIP



Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Lifting Up, Reaching Out

WELCOME TO HOLY TRINITY!

We are so glad you are joining in our worship. Whether this is your first time or you are a regular participant, we are happy to welcome you today.

Transfiguration: Amazing Then and Now

Imagine what would happen if someone from the days of Jesus were suddenly transported to our present. How would someone accustomed to walking everywhere respond to driving in a car at top speed, let alone flying in a jet? How would someone who spends their life depending on—at best—oil lamps for light respond to electric lights? It is fun to muse at how people might respond, as we reflect on how sophisticated we are.

Now imagine if the scene were reversed. How would someone accustomed to understanding much in the world around them respond to an event as otherworldly as the transfiguration? We understand volcanoes and the northern lights. We can explain lightning and thunder. We know about germs and disease transmission. So what would we do when confronted with something so amazing, awesome, and unexplainable?

The transfiguration is one of those ancient events that still puzzle us. What really happened to Jesus that day? Since we cannot go back to that time, we are left to speculate. We take stabs in the dark and make educated guesses, but at the end of the day we are left with a holy mystery to ponder.

Whatever happened that day, there is a timeless spiritual reality behind the physical details Mark gives us. God sometimes uses extreme and amazing methods to transform us when we open ourselves to the Holy Spirit. God's spirit transfigured Jesus then. That same Spirit is still transforming people today. We don't have to explain first-century miracles to trust that God's transforming Spirit is timeless and at work within each of us today. We do not have to understand everything to see the beauty of God at work in the world, continually transfiguring us into the people we were created to be.

The service today follows the liturgy from the Service Book and Hymnal (the Red Book) published in 1958 and used until 1978 when the Lutheran Book of Worship (the Green Book) was published. The service follows the same format which we currently use, but some elements have moved places. Can you find them? Also the language used is reflective of when it was published. When possible original texts from the hymnal were used.

Transfiguration of Our Lord

February 11th, 2024 10:00 A.M.

The Order of Worship

PRELUDE

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The Confession of Sins

The Introit and Gloria Patri

The Kyrie

The Collect

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Anthem

The Epistle for the Day 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Children's Message Hymn

Children's Message Pastor Mike Gutzler

The Alleluia

The Gospel Mark 9:2-9

The Apostles' Creed

The Sermon Hymn

LBW 80/SBH 147

The Sermon

Pastor Mike Gutzler

The Offertory

The Prayer of the Church

The Communion Service

The Thanksgiving

The Sanctus

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

The Peace

Agnus Dei

The Communion

The Post-Communion

Nunc Dimittis

The Prayer

The Benediction

The Recessional Hymn ELW 838/SBH 434

The Postlude

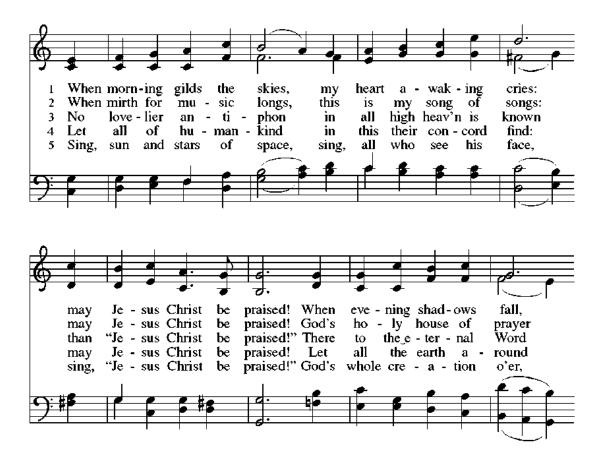
ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

The assembly stands.

When Morning Gilds the Skies......ELW 853/SBH 416

(Verses 1, 2, 3, and 5)





Text: German hymn, 19th cent.; tr. Robert Bridges, 1844-1930, alt. Music: LAUDES DOMINI, Joseph Barnby, 1838-1896

P In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

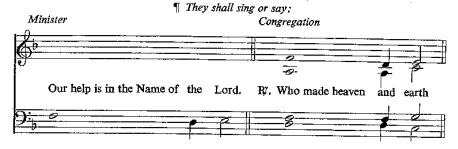
¶ The Congregation shall sing or say:

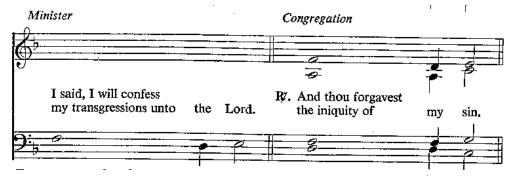


THE CONFESSION OF SINS

¶ The Minister shall say:

BELOVED in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching him, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.





¶ Then shall the Minister say:

ALMIGHTY God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto thee, that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against thee by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to thine infinite mercy, seeking and imploring thy grace, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

¶ The Congregation shall say with the Minister:

MOST merciful God, who hast given thine only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us, and for his sake grant us remission of all our sins: and by thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of thee and of thy will, and true obedience to thy Word, that by thy grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

\P Then the Minister, standing, and facing the Congregation, shall say:

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, hath had mercy upon us, and hath given his only Son to die for us, and for his sake forgiveth us all our sins. To them that believe on his Name, he giveth power to become the sons of God, and bestoweth upon them his Holy Spirit. He that believeth, and is baptized, shall be saved. Grant this, O Lord, unto us all.

¶ Or, he may say:

THE Almighty and merciful God grant unto you, being penitent, pardon and remission of all your sins, time for amendment of life, and the grace and comfort of his Holy Spirit.

¶ The Congregation shall sing or say:



INTROIT The Congregation shall sing:



¹The mighty one, God the ¹ LORD, has spoken;

calling the earth from the rising of the sun | to its setting.

²Out of Zion, perfect | in its beauty,

God shines | forth in glory.

 $^3\mbox{Our}$ God will come and will 1 not keep silence;

with a consuming flame before, and round about a | raging storm.

⁴God calls the heavens and the earth | from above

to witness the judgment | of the people.

⁵"Gather before me my | loyal followers,

those who have made a covenant with me and sealed 1 it with sacrifice."

⁶The heavens declare the rightness | of God's cause,

for it is God | who is judge.



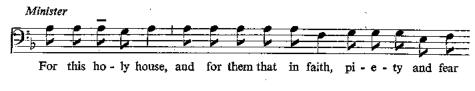
¶ Then shall be sung or said the Kyrie.

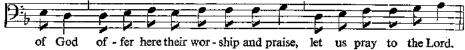
KYRIE

X cent. Plainsong (Orbis factor) Swedish Mässbok, 1942 Adapted, REGINA H. FRYXELL

















Then shall the Minister say:

The Lord be with you.

Congregation

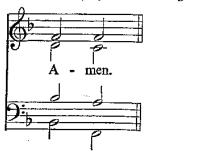
And with thy Spirit

THE COLLECT

The Minister shall say: Let us pray.

O God, who in the glorious Transfiguration of thy only-begotten Son, hast confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of the Fathers, and who, in the voice that came from the bright cloud, didst in a wonderful manner foreshow the adoption of sons: Mercifully vouchsafe to make us coheirs with the King of his glory, and bring us to the enjoyment of the same; through the same thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.

¶ The Collect ended, the Congregation shall sing or say:



THE LESSON 2 Kings 2:1-12

The Lesson is written in the Second Chapter of Second Kings, beginning at the First Verse.

¹Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ²Elijah 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. ³The 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."

⁴Elijah 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. ⁵The 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."

⁶Then 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. ⁷Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸Then 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.

⁹When 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." ¹⁰He 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." ¹¹As 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. ¹²Elisha 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.

A Here endeth the Lesson.

ANTHEM

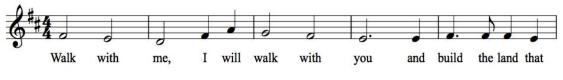
THE EPISTLE 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

The Epistle for the Transfiguration of Our Lord is written in the Fourth Chapter of Second Corinthians, beginning at the Third Verse.

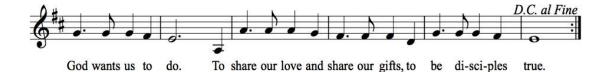
³Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. ⁶For 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.

A Here endeth the Epistle for the Day.









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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Pastor Mike Gutzler

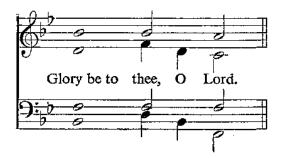
THE ALLELUIA

Please stand as you are able



HOLY GOSPEL Mark 9:2-9

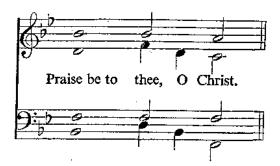
The Holy Gospel is written in the Ninth Chapter of St. Mark, beginning at the Second Verse.



²Six 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, ³and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵Then 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." ⁶He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" ⁸Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

⁹As 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 Here endeth the Gospel for the Day.



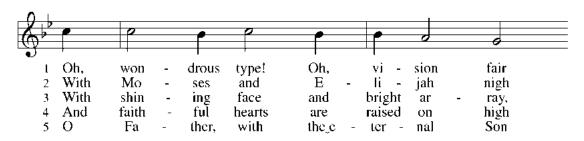
THE APOSTLES' CREED

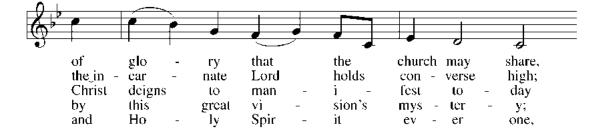
I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Christian* Church, the Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting. Amen.

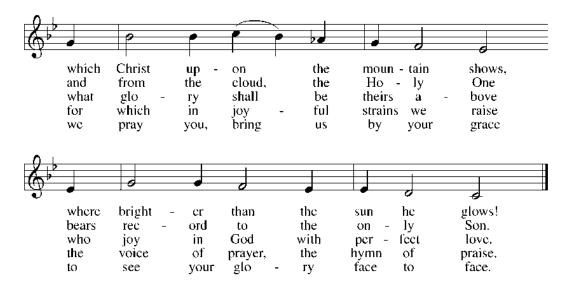
THE SERMON HYMN

Oh, Wondrous Type! Oh Vision Fair.....LBW 80/SBH 147 (Verses 1, 3, 4, and 5)





^{*} Or, "The Holy catholic Church," the original and generally accepted text.



Text: Sarum, 15th cent.; tr. John M. Neale, 1818-1866, alt. Music: DEO GRACIAS, English, 15th cent.

The Sermon being ended, the Minister shall then say:

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.



THE OFFERTORY

Please stand as you are able



THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: We give thee praise and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and tender mercies. We bless thee for the love which hath created and doth sustain us from day to day. We praise thee for the gift of thy Son, our Saviour, through whom thou hast made known thy will and grace. We thank thee for the Holy Ghost, the Comforter; for thy holy Church, for the Means of Grace, for the lives of all faithful and godly men, and for the hope of the life to come. Help us to treasure in our hearts all that our Lord hath done for us; and enable us to show our thankfulness by lives that are given wholly to thy service;

R. We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

PRESERVE our Nation in righteousness and honor, and continue thy blessings to us as a people, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life, in all godliness and honesty. Grant health and favor to all who bear office in our land (especially to the President and the Congress, the Governor and Legislature of this State)*, and help them to acknowledge and obey thy holy will;

R. We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

GIVE to all men the mind of Christ, and dispose our days in thy peace, O God. Take from us all hatred and prejudice, and whatever may hinder unity of spirit and concord. Prosper the labors of those who take counsel for the nations of the world, that mutual understanding and common endeavor may be increased among all peoples;

R. We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

WE pray thee especially, heavenly Father, to sanctify our homes with thy light and joy. Keep our children in the covenant of their baptism, and enable their parents to rear them in a life of faith and godliness. By the spirit of affection and service unite the members of all Christian families, that they may show forth thy praise in our land and in all the world;

R. We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

GOD of mercies, we pray thee to comfort with the grace of thy Holy Spirit all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity. Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy upon those to whom death draws near. Bring consolation to those in sorrow or mourning. And to all grant a measure of thy love, taking them into thy tender care;

R. We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Watch over our military and members of agencies serving to keep us safe and free. Bless, strengthen, and defend them with your heavenly grace, give them courage in the face of peril, and grant them a sense of your abiding love and presence wherever they may be throughout the world.

R. We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Watch over all your children, Lord, including any who have not felt welcomed by the members of your church. Help us to truly be a Reconciling in Christ congregation: a welcoming and safe community for all.

R. We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

WE remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served thee in thy Church on earth, who now rest from their labors (especially those most dear to us, whom we name in our hearts before thee). Keep us in fellowship with all thy saints, and bring us at length to the joy of thy heavenly kingdom;

R. We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

 \P Here special Supplications, Intercessions, and Thanksgivings may be made.

ALL these things, and whatever else thou seest that we need, grant us, O Father, for his sake who died and rose again, and now liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.

R7. Amen.

THE THANKSGIVING





For Epiphany

AND now do we praise thee, that thou didst send unto us thine only-begotten Son, and that in him, being found in fashion as a man, thou didst reveal the fullness of thy glory. Therefore with Angels, etc.







glo - rious Name; ev - er - more prais - ing thee, and say - ing:

THE SANCTUS



THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

HOLY art thou, Almighty and Merciful God. Holy art thou, and great is the Majesty of thy glory.

Thou didst so love the world as to give thine only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him might not perish, but have everlasting life; Who, having come into the world to fulfill for us thy holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation, In the night in which (a) Here he shall he was betrayed, atook bread; and, when he had take the Bread in his given thanks, he brake it and gave it to his dishard.

CIPLES, SAYING, Take, eat; this is my Body, which is given for you; this do in rememberance of me.

AFTER THE SAME MANNER ALSO, HE btook the cup, (b) Here he shall when he had supped, and, when he had given take the Cup in his thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; this cup is the New Testament in my Blood, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins; this do, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary precept, his life-giving Passion and Death, his glorious Resurrection and Ascension and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to thee, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought, but as we are able; and we beseech thee mercifully to accept our praise and thanks-giving, and with thy Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, thy servants, and these thine own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who partake thereof may be filled with heavenly benediction and grace, and, receiving the remission of sins, be sanctified in soul and body, and have our portion with all thy saints.

And unto thee, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in thy holy Church, world without end. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

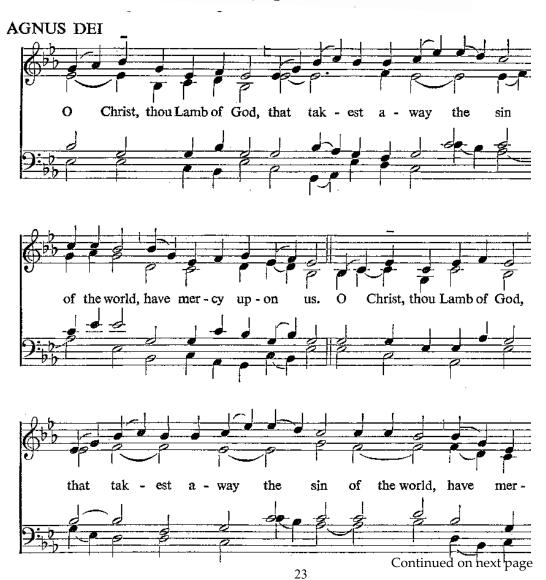
UR Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

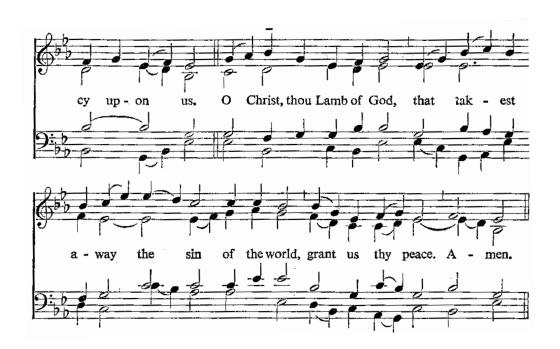
THE PEACE

¶ Then shall the Minister turn to the Congregation and sing or say:

The peace of the Lord be with you alway.

¶ The Congregation shall sing or say:
And with thy spirit.





¶ When the Minister giveth the Bread he shall say:

The Body of Christ, given for thee.

¶ When he giveth the CUP he shall say:

The Blood of Christ, shed for thee.

¶ The Communicant may say Amen after each Element has been received.



3 Jesus, source of life and pleasure, Truest friend and dearest treasure, Joy, the sweetest man e'er knoweth; Fount, whence all my being floweth: Humbly now I bow before thee,
And in penitence adore thee;
Worthily let me receive thee,
Perfect peace and pardon give me. Amen.

Johann Franck, 1618-77 Tr. John Casper Mattes, 1876-1948, a.

COMMUNION HYMN



 \P After he hath given the Bread and the Cup, or after all have been communicated, the Minister shall say:

The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ and his precious Blood strengthen and preserve you unto eternal life.

THE POST-COMMUNION

Please stand as you are able

NUNC DIMITTIS



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THE PRAYER

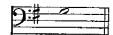
ALMIGHTY God, who hast given thine only Son to be unto us both a sacrifice for sin and also an ensample of godly life: Give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive that his inestimable benefit, and also daily endeavor ourselves to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.

¶ The Congregation shall sing or say:



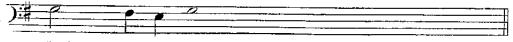
THE BENEDICTION

Minister



THE LORD bless thee, and keep thee.
The LORD make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee.

The LORD lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace:

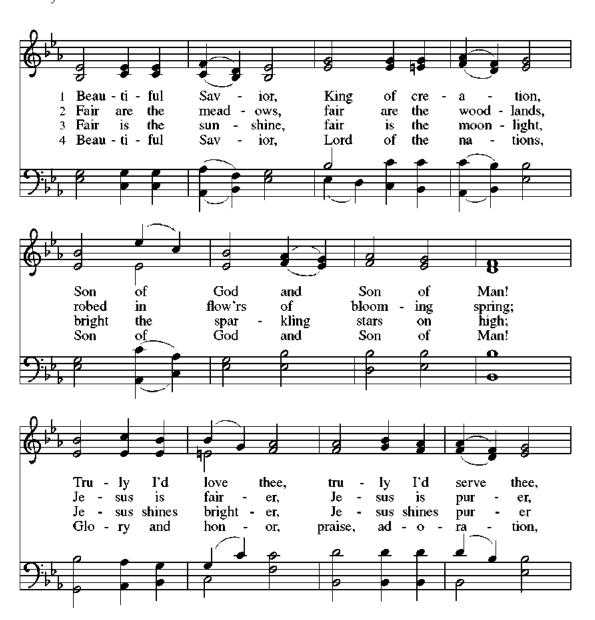


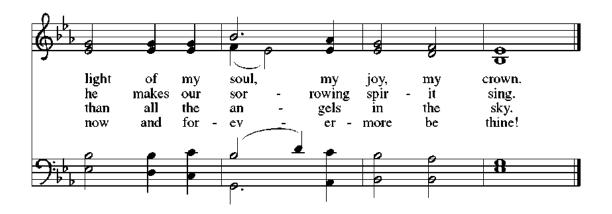
In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.



THE RECESSIONAL HYMN

Beautiful Savior.....ELW 838/SBH 434





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

PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

Presiding/Preaching Minister Pastor Mike Gutzler

Assisting Minister Vicar Allison Vincent-Beckman Tech Team

Ben French and Jeff Taylor

Musicians Josh Brown, Director of Music & Cantor

> Greg Bloy, Organ Linda Stone, Vocalist

Trinity Brass

REMEMBER IN PRAYER - Prayers of comfort for Danny Sexton, husband of Maggie Person Sexton, on the death of his Mother, Kathy.

Prayers are appreciated for Joe Anderson and for Katie Blomquist's mother, both recovering from surgery.

Prayers for strength and comfort for Joanna Forbes and her family as her father's health declines.

Prayers of healing and strength for Kathy Chelsen. (Kathy would appreciate phone calls from HT members. Please contact the HT office for details.).

Prayers also for Joel and Donna Cook (health concerns); Anne Simmons'husband, Rich (liver transplant); and Rita Juhasz (ongoing health concerns).

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT – Holy Trinity Lutheran Church is located on the original and ancestral homelands of the Piscataway, and we give thanks for their presence here since time immemorial. We also wish to recognize and honor all our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to call this land their home.

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