



# *Transfiguration of Our Lord*

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# Welcome to Emanuel

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### ***WELCOME GUESTS AND VISITORS!***

*Welcome in the name of Jesus Christ. We are glad that you have come to worship with us. Please help us to know you by filling out a worship attendance form (located in your bulletin) and placing it in the offering plate.*

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# TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

FEBRUARY 15, 2015

9:30 AM

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## PRELUDE

*Oh, Wondrous Image, Vision Fair*

Aaron David Miller

## WELCOME

## ENTRANCE HYMN

*O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright*

Red Book #308

All: v 1, 3, 5, 6

Women: v. 2

Men: v. 4

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Please rise.

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C 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.

**C Amen**

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. *(A brief silence for reflection.)* Gracious God,

**C 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.

**C Amen**

# THIS IS THE FEAST

## Refrain

Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and

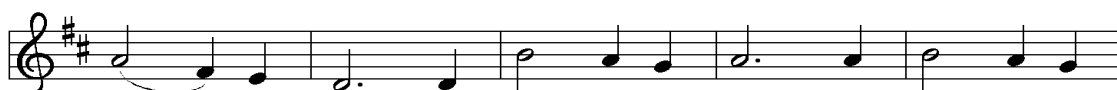


strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.

## Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



2 Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

## Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



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

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, the resplendent light of your truth shines from the mountaintop into our hearts. Transfigure us by your beloved Son, and illumine the world with your image, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen

**P** Please be seated.

## **FIRST READING: 2 Kings 2:1–12**

*Today's reading centers on the transfer of power and authority from the prophet Elijah to Elisha. Their travels, which retrace the path of Joshua back to Moab (the place where Moses died) and the parting of the waters, demonstrate that Elisha and Elijah are legitimate successors of the great prophet Moses.*

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."

L The word of the Lord.

## PSALM 50:1–6



**SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 4:3–6**

<sup>3</sup> And 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.

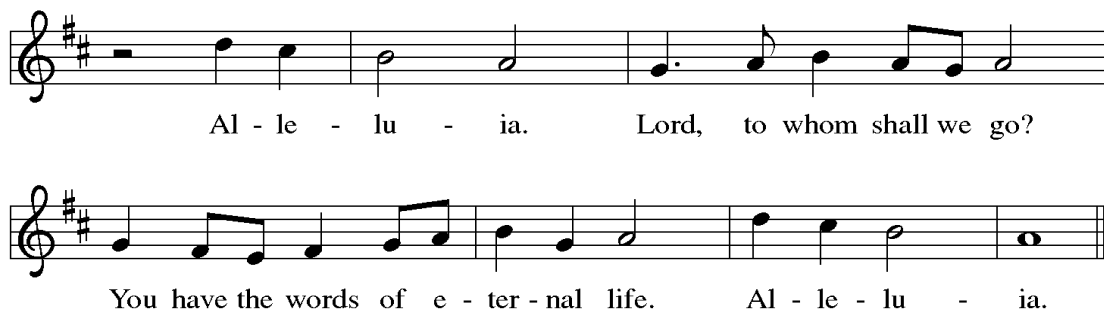
L The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

### THE GOSPEL: Mark 9:2–9

P Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation.

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark, Chapter 9.



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

*Mark's gospel presents the transfiguration as a preview of what would become apparent to Jesus' followers after he rose from the dead. Confused disciples are given a vision of God's glory manifest in the beloved Son.*

<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 anymore, 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.

L The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**GOSPEL RESPONSE** *(See previous page for Gospel Acclamation)*

**CHILDREN'S TIME**

**SERMON**

Pastor Bill Ruth

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *Oh, Wondrous Image, Vision Fair*

Red Book #316

**NICENE CREED**

A With the whole church, let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

**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 truly human.  
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 INTERCESSION

A Called to know, love, and follow you, O God, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need. You are invited to kneel. (*A brief silence*)

**Response...** Lord, in your mercy,  
hear our prayer.

## SHARING THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

**TITHES & OFFERINGS**     *O Splendor of God's Glory Bright*     B. Wayne Bisbee

## OFFERING

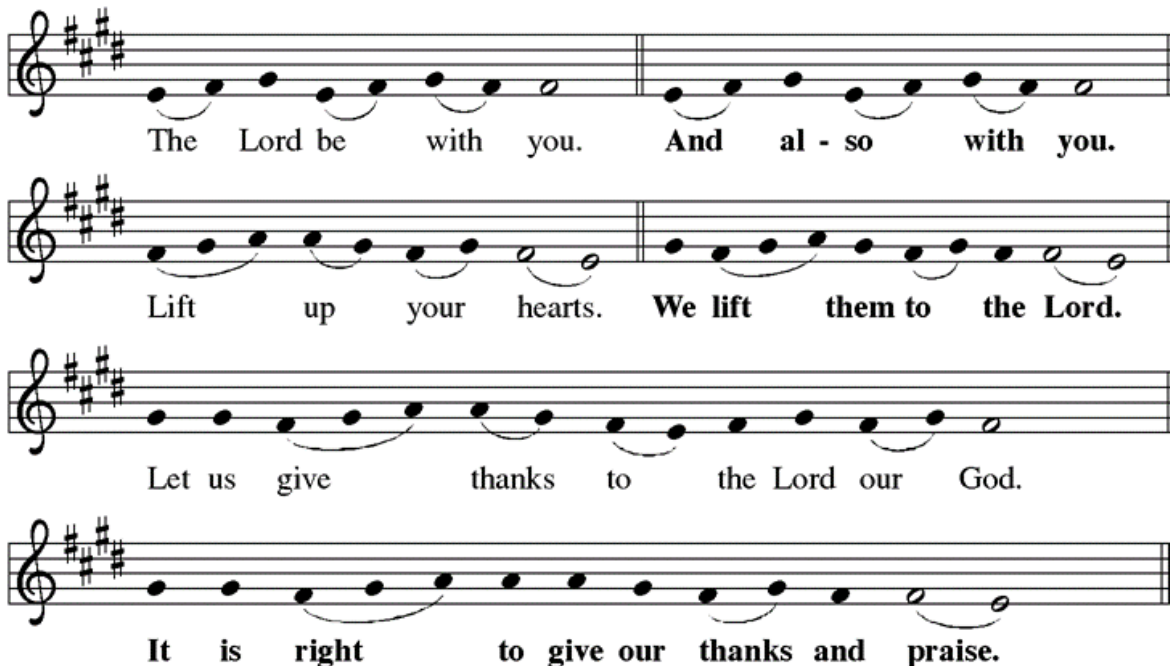
### OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray.

Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever.

C Amen.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The notes are quarter notes, mostly beamed in pairs or groups of four. The lyrics are written below the notes.

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

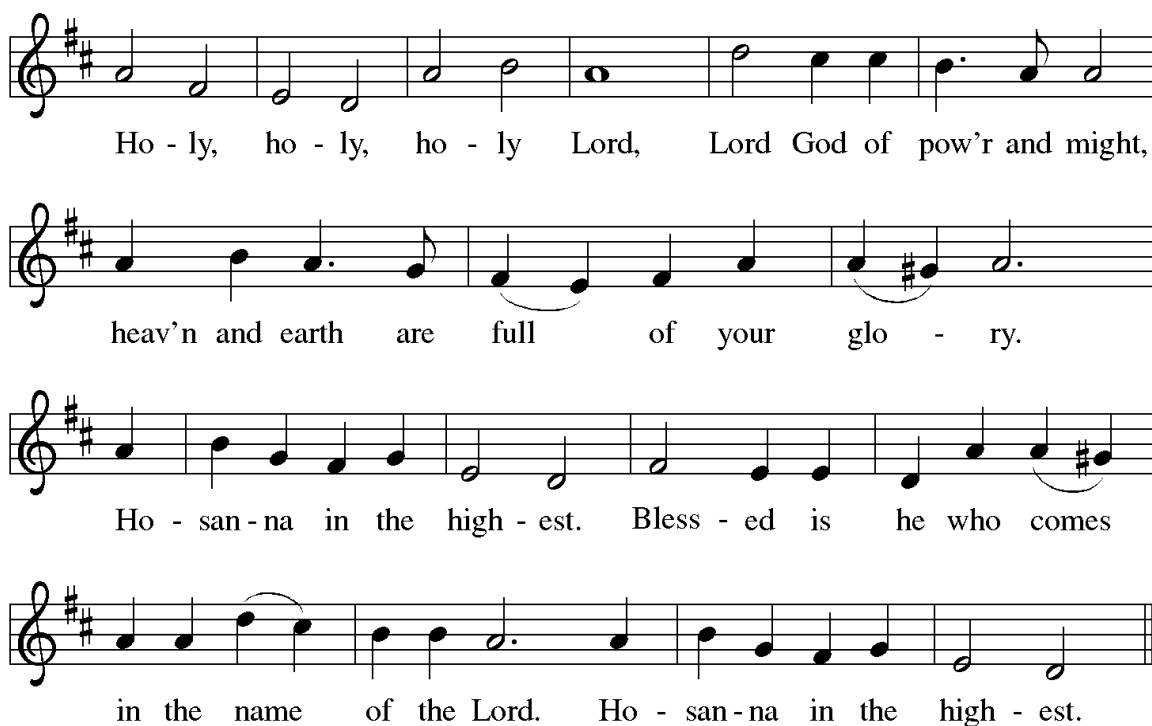
## PREFACE



It is indeed right, our du - ty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,  
al - mighty and merciful God, through our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ.  
By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all na - tions;  
in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your be - lov - ed Son,  
and in the miracle of water turned to wine he re - vealed your glo - ry.  
And so, with all the choirs of an - gels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heav - en,  
we praise your name and join their un - end - ing hymn:

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## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:  
Blessed are you for the birth of creation.  
Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.  
Blessed are you for your promise to your people.  
Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.  
Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.  
Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**C Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

P With this bread and cup we remember your Word  
dwelling among us, full of grace and truth.  
We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.  
We look with hope for his coming.

**C Come, Lord Jesus.**

P Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us.  
Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us.  
Awaken your people. Fill us with your light.  
Bring the gift of peace on earth.

**C Come, Holy Spirit.**

P All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel,  
Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High,  
one God, now and forever.

**C Amen**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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

**C Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins**

**as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P Come to the table of mercy, where the feast of life is spread.  
Please be seated. *We will practice continuous communion at the altar rail. All baptized Christians are welcome to commune.*

## 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.

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## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

*Beautiful Savior*

Red Book #838

*We Are Marching in the Light*

Red Book #866

## COMMUNION BLESSING

P (Please rise.) The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C Amen**

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A Let us pray.

Everlasting God, we bless you  
that you have brought us to the mountaintop  
and fed us with the life and light of your Son.  
Send us in his name from this place  
to bring light into dark corners,  
healing where lives are torn,  
and nourishment to every hungry heart,  
in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C Amen**

**BLESSING**

P God the Father, light-creator; God the Son, Light from Light; and God the Holy Spirit, light-revealer, bless you and + give you peace.

C Amen.

**SENDING OF COMMUNION MINISTERS** *(If needed)*

L Let us Pray...

C O God of tender compassion, as you healed the sick and welcomed the stranger, bless those who leave this assembly to share the gifts of this table with our sisters and brothers who are *homebound*. May they be sustained by the love and prayers of this community, and by the Bread of life that satisfies all hunger, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

SENDING HYMN                                      *Alleluia, Song of Gladness*                                      Red Book #318

**DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace. Share the Good News!

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE                                      *Alleluia, Song of Gladness*                                      Emma Lou Diemer

**THOSE WHO SERVED US TODAY**

Presiding Minister ..... Pastor Bill Ruth  
Assisting Minister.....Sergio Alvarado  
Acolyte ..... Emily Cline  
Lectors ..... Kathleen Reuter, Lois Owen  
Cantor..... Kathleen Reuter  
Communion Assistant ..... Lois Owen  
Usher/Greeter..... Owen Family  
Altar Team ..... Marsha Waggoner

# ***Announcements***

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Flowers on the altar today are given in celebration of Esther Johnson's 103rd birthday from her children, Gary, Ron, Carol & Barbara. Esther is a wonderful and loving mother.



**A Memorial service for Marcella Rudolf** will be held here at Emanuel on Monday, February 16 at 11:00 am. Reception to follow.

**Confirmation Class** with Pr. Bill Ruth after service at 10:30 am.

**Choir Rehearsal** after service at 10:45 am.

**Gluten-Free bread** is now available for communion. See Debbie for more information.

**Sunday Coffee Time Hosts** Information for volunteers is available on slips of paper on the sign-up board.

**1st Communion Class** will begin on February 22 at 10:45.

**CANA Virginia Corridor clean-up** is being changed to a quarterly project and will be on **Saturday, February 21st** from 9-11 am.

**Are you an Acolyte?**

Pastor Bill will be providing a brief training session for ALL who are serving or who would like to serve in our Sunday morning services as an Acolyte. A training session will be offered after the Sunday service within the next few weeks. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Bill, Kathleen Reuter or Debbie Van Diepen. Come join us!



## *Come, join in the journey of Lent!*

This year the season of Lent begins on February 18 with Ash Wednesday and ends with Holy Week and Easter Day on April 5. The 40 days of Lent are a time of reflection and renewal, a time when winter is fading away and the fulfilled promise of spring is yet ahead. This year, the Emanuel family has the opportunity to use this time to explore and reflect on the questions Jesus posed to his critics and followers, and still asks us today. He did not ask these questions to get or give simple answers. In fact, Jesus only directly answers three of the 186 questions addressed to him in the Gospels. Often, he answered a question posed to him with a question of his own.

It is not the task of the church to give simple answers to complex questions, as much as we would prefer that. Rather, it is to ask empowering questions that draw people into a deeper understanding of their own faith and discipleship. Jesus asks these kinds of questions—questions that reposition us, challenge our images of God and our place in the world, and present us with new and creative possibilities for transformation. The quality of questions determines the quality of the answers. Limiting questions can only provide us with limited answers—the same old unhelpful answers that often just drag us down instead of draw us out. Jesus' empowering questions lead us to empowered answers. They shift our perspective to new and fresh ways of looking at and solving our problems or issues. These empowering questions affect the quality of our lives and deepen our faith and discipleship.

You are invited to join in a Lenten journey into deeper discipleship as each week we focus on one key question of Jesus.

- What are you looking for?
- Where is your faith?
- Who do you say that I am?
- What do you want me to do for you?
- Do you love me?
- How will you believe what I say?
- Whom are you looking for?

In this journey centered on scripture, we will discuss, meditate, and pray. We will also sing and worship with a simple evening service. Come join us on the journey of Lent, at 7:00 pm on Wednesday evenings, beginning with Ash Wednesday on February 18, 2015.



## WEEKLY CALENDAR

MON 16	TUE 17	WED 18	THUR 19	FRI 20	SAT 21	SUN 22
<b>President's Day</b>  <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>		<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b>	9:30 am Adult Bible Study with Pr. Roger	OFFICE CLOSED		<b>1ST SUNDAY IN LENT</b>
	6:30 pm PFLAG Social Evening	7:00 am Men's Bible Study @ Mimi's			9:00 am CANA Virginia Corridor Clean-Up	9:30 am Communion Service ----- 10:30 am Confirmation Class
7:30 pm Women's Bible Study @ M. Waggoner's		7:00 pm Worship				10:45 am Choir Rehearsal

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Date	Presiding Minister	Assistant Minister	Lectors	Communion Assist	Acolyte	Usher Greeter	Altar Care
Feb 18 Ash Wed.	Pastor Bill Ruth	Eric Obermeyer	D Santana P Kroeze	Dianne Santana	Emily Cline	Clarke Family	Debbie Van Diepen
Feb 22	Pastor Bill Ruth	Garry Hayes	W Teaney P Barton	Paula Barton	Kailyn Knoll	Holtz/ Salonen	Lois Silva
Mar 1	Pastor Bill Ruth	Kathleen Reuter	S McCready B Reinheimer	Susan McCready	Kailyn Knoll	Fox Family	

## WEEKLY BIBLE READINGS

February 22 1st Sunday of Lent	March 1 2nd Sunday of Lent
Genesis 9:8-17 Psalm 25:1-10 1 Peter 3:18-22 Mark 1:9-15	Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 Psalm 22:23-31 Romans 4:13-25 Mark 8:31-38



**New Prayer Requests:** Helen Deve—healing (Crawford); Angela Gufstafson—surgery (Dieterich); Joyce, Logans—to feel Jesus in their lives (Scott)

Sympathy is expressed to the family of Marcella Rudolf who passed away on Monday February 10th. Please keep them in your prayers.

**Our Members:** Drew Shank; Ben Knoll; Lori Knoll; Susan Hayes; Dianne Santana; Carolyn Crenwelge; Bob Dailey; Marilyn Rowland

**Our Homebound Members:** Harvey Hardel, Florence Broden, Kay Altmas, Shelda Fritts; Alma Johnson, Esther Johnson

**Our Family:** Sharon & Harold (Owen); Meghan Ewald (Smith); Torrie & Nathan (Teaney); Marsha Schlipman (Nelson); Geraldine Walton (Hollmann); Ian McKenzie and Marian McKenzie (Schmidt); Steve Jeske (B. Norquist); Don Harlow (Virginia Dall's son-in-law); Trevor Jeske (Steve's son) (B. Norquist); Heide Brockmann (Petersen); Suzanne Stiver Lie (Reinheimer); Claudette Gaydon (Lori Skustad's aunt); Rusty Skustad (Skustad); Reta, Edgar, Bianca (Wise); Riegan family (Scott); Lisa Dieterich (Dieterich); Nicole and Doug Souza (Santana); Robert Vejby (Sizemore); Becky and Melissa (Ixcot); Alexandra & Gregory Taylor, and Joy Morgan (Scott)

**Our Friends:** Doyle Williams, Gene Loftis (Teaney); Nancy (Owen); Donna (Waggoner); Roger Warner (Schmidt); Kathy Laughton and Loy Rodriguez (Hardins); Donna Thayer (Petersen); Dr. Roger Vogelzang and family (Reinheimer); Kendra Pike (Schmidt)

**We Pray for Peace** in the Middle East, and for all those serving in our armed forces.

**Ryan Dangerfield, USAF** in Lakenheath Air Base, England and **Joey Sabel, USMC** in Louisville, Kentucky (Marilyn & Chuck Rowland's grandson & grandson-in-law), **Timothy Kramer** in Afghanistan (Megan Armes' brother), **Ryan Powell** (grandson of Yvonne Troedson) USN, Connecticut.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Called to know, love, and follow you, O God, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

Blessed are you, Holy One. It is your pleasure to shine the light of your presence on all you love. Enlighten your church and help it listen to and follow your Son. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Blessed are you, Holy One. Your creative love shines in every growing thing that stretches toward the sun. Restore your creation to vibrancy and beauty, and open our eyes to see your splendor. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Blessed are you, Holy One. You reveal true glory in the suffering of your Son. By his example, humble the hearts of leaders and quiet the pride of nations. Teach us the way of peace. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Blessed are you, Holy One. You are the strength of the sick and suffering, the lonely and forgotten, the fearful and despairing. Shine the healing light of your presence on them. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Blessed are you, Holy One. You pour your Spirit into young and old alike. Shine your light in the hearts of this congregation, and send us to carry your light to others. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Blessed are you, Holy One. Your saints shine with the glory that fills the face of your beloved Son. At the last, gather us with them on your holy mountain. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

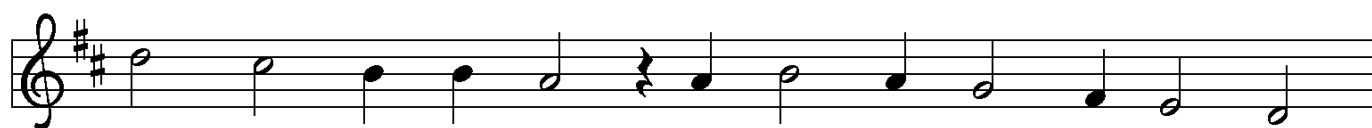
**Amen.**

## Entrance Hymn

# O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!



1	O	Morn - ing	Star, how fair and bright!	You shine with
2	Come, pre - cious	dia - mond,	light di - vine,	and deep with -
3	Lord, when you	look on us in love,		at once there
4	Al - might - y	Fa - ther,	in your Son	you loved us,



God's own truth and light, a - glow with grace and mer - cy!  
in our hearts now shine; there light a flame un - dy - ing!  
falls from God a - bove a ray of pur - est plea - sure.  
when not yet be - gun was this old earth's foun - da - tion!



Of Ja - cob's line, King Da - vid's son, our Lord and Sav - ior,  
In your one bod - y let us be as liv - ing branch - es,  
Your word and Spir - it, flesh and blood re - fresh our souls with  
Your Son has ran - somed us in love to live in him here



you have won our hearts to serve you on - ly! Low - ly,  
of a tree, your life our lives sup - ply - ing. Now, though  
heav'n - ly food. You are our dear - est trea - sure! Let your  
and a - bove: this is your great sal - va - tion. Al - le -

*(cont. next page)*

## Entrance Hymn (cont.)



ho - ly! Great and glo - rious, all vic - to - rious, rich  
dai - ly earth's deep sad - ness may per - plex us and  
mer - cy warm and cheer us! Oh, draw near us! For  
lu - ia! Christ the liv - ing, to us giv - ing life



in bless - ing! Rule and might o'er all pos - sess - ing!  
dis - tress us, yet with heav'n - ly joy you bless us.  
you teach us God's own love through you has reached us.  
for - ev - er, keeps us yours and fails us nev - er!

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| 5 Oh, let the harps break forth in sound!<br>Our joy be all with music crowned,<br>our voices gaily blending!<br>For Christ goes with us all the way—<br>today, tomorrow, ev'ry day!<br>His love is never ending!<br>Sing out! Ring out!<br>Jubilation!<br>Exultation!<br>Tell the story!<br>Praise to Christ, who reigns in glory! | 6 What joy to know, when life is past,<br>the Lord we love is first and last,<br>the end and the beginning!<br>He will one day, oh, glorious grace,<br>transport us to that happy place<br>beyond all tears and sinning!<br>Amen! Amen!<br>Come, Lord Jesus!<br>Crown of gladness!<br>We are yearning<br>for the day of your returning. |
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Text: Philipp Nicolai, 1556–1608; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*

Music: WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET, Philipp Nicolai

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## Hymn of the Day

### Oh, Wondrous Image, Vision Fair



1 Oh, won - drous im - age, vi - sion fair of  
2 With Mo - ses and E - li - jah nigh the in -  
3 With shin - ing face and bright ar - ray, Christ  
4 And faith - ful hearts are raised on high by  
5 O Fa - ther, with the e - ter - nal Son, and



glo - ry that the church may share, which Christ up - on the  
car - nate Lord holds con - verse high, and from the cloud, the  
deigns to man - i - fest to - day what glo - ry shall be  
this great vi - sion's mys - ter - y; for which in joy - ful  
Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er one, we pray you, bring us



moun-tain shows, where bright - er than the sun he glows!  
Ho - ly One says, "This is my be - lov - ed Son."  
theirs a - bove who joy in God with per - fect love.  
song we raise the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.  
by your grace to see your glo - ry face to face.

Text: Sarum, 15th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.  
Music: DEO GRACIAS, English ballad, 15th cent.

## Sending Hymn

# Alleluia, Song of Gladness



- 1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of glad - ness, voice of joy that can - not die;  
2 Al - le - lu - ia you are sound - ing, true Je - ru - sa - lem and free;  
3 Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways be our song while here be - low;  
4 In our hymns we pray with long - ing: Grant us, bless - ed Trin - i - ty,



al - le - lu - ia      is      the      an - them      ev - er      dear to      choirs on high;  
al - le - lu - ia,      joy - ful moth-er,      bring us      to your      ju - bi - lee;  
al - le - lu - ia      our trans-gres-sions      make us      for a      while for - go;  
at the last to      keep glad Eas - ter      with the      faith-ful      saints on high;



in the house of God a - bid - ing thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly.  
here by Bab - y - lon's sad wa - ters mourn - ing ex - iles still are we.  
for the sol - emn time is com - ing when our tears for sin shall flow.  
there to you for - ev - er sing - ing al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly.

Text: Latin hymn, 11th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.  
Music: PRAISE, MY SOUL, John Goss, 1800–1880