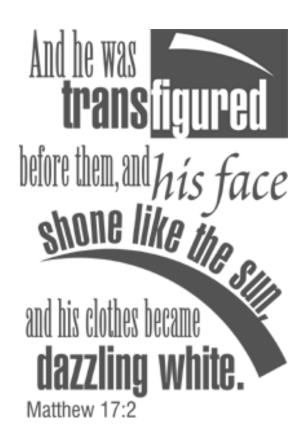
The Transfiguration of Our Lord February 19, 2023 10:30 a.m. Service



ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH 'HEARING. SHARING AND LIVING THE GOSPEL.'



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You are invited to use the yellow Prayer Cards located in the pew for prayer requests. Please hand this card to an usher or place it in the offering plate.

* Please turn off cellphones*

Holy Communion is offered today:

The Lord's Supper is a wonderful gift given to us by God. In the bread and wine, just as He says, Christ gives us His body and blood to forgive sins, renew faith, and cause Godly and brotherly love to grow. In this sacrament we proclaim Christ's death on the cross to atone for the sins of the world and His triumphant resurrection over the grave, to the glory and praise of God. To receive this means of God's grace properly we should be able to positively answer the following: "Do I need forgiveness for sin?" "Do I believe the pastor's forgiveness is God's forgiveness?" "Do I believe in Christ as my Savior?" "Do I trust that Christ is truly present in the bread and wine?" "Do I desire to live anew to God and others in love and service?" In our

'yes' to these questions we join in a close and holy communion – a fellowship of faith.

Out of Pastoral concern and care, and taking to heart God's Word in 1 Corinthians 11:28-29: "A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself" — if you are unsure of what it means to recognize the body of the Lord in the Lord's Supper and you cannot confess these beliefs, please feel free to remain seated or come forward with hands folded for a blessing or speak to the Pastor or an Elder prior to the service.

If you need to receive the Sacrament at your seat, please tell an usher. Also, non-communing children and adults are welcome to come and receive a blessing (please keep your hands folded to indicate this choice).

As We Gather

Transfiguration Sunday is the celebration at the end of Epiphany before Lent, remembering that Jesus descended the Mount of Glory and set his face toward Jerusalem (Luke 9:51). On Transfiguration Sunday, the Church says "farewell" to alleluias. The Church refrains from using her most jubilant words of praise during the muted celebration of Lent.

During Lent, the Church's worship assumes a more penitential character. The color for the season is purple, a color often associated with penitence. The "Hymn of Praise" is omitted from the liturgy. And again, the word "Alleluia" is usually omitted throughout the service and hymns as well. By not using the alleluia — a joyful expression meaning "Praise the Lord" — until Easter, the Lenten season is clearly set apart as a distinct time from the rest of the year. Additionally, it forms a powerful contrast with the festive celebration of Jesus' resurrection when our alleluias again ring loud and clear!

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

Divine Service – Setting Three February 19, 2023 10:30 a.m.

Welcome & Announcements

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The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

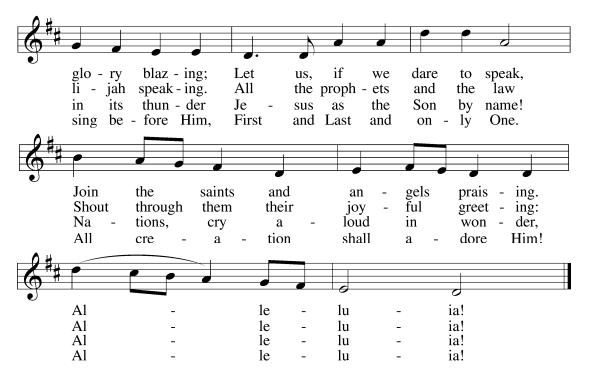
- P We begin in the name into which we are baptized; In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. *Matthew* 28:19b; [18:20]
- C Amen.

Opening Hymn

LSB 415 sts. 1-4

"Jesus on the Mountain Peak"





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Stand

+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION + LSB 184

P 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.

Hebrews 10:22

- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C who made heaven and earth. Psalm 124:8
- **P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- **C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

 Psalm 32:5

(Silence for self-examination and confession to God in light of the Ten Commandments and reflection on God's Word. Consider your place in life according to the Ten Commandments: Are you a father, wife, or worker? Have you been disobedient, unfaithful, or lazy? Have you been hot-tempered, rude, or quarrelsome? Have you hurt someone by your words or deeds? Have you stolen, been negligent, wasted anything, or done any harm?)

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

- P God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith.

 LSB 292
- C Amen.
- P Do you believe that my forgiveness is God's forgiveness?

 LSB 293
- C Yes.
- P Let it be done for you as you believe.

P Upon this your confession, LSB 185 I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ♣ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

John 20:19-23

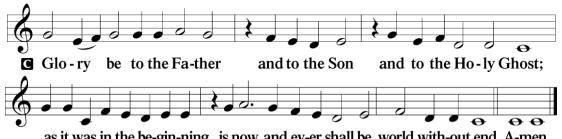
C Amen.

- + SERVICE OF THE WORD + LSB 186 Introit Ps. 99:1-5; antiphon: Ps. 99:9
- P Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for the LORD our God is holy!
- The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

- **P** The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.
- C Let them praise your great and awesome name! Holy is he!
- P The King in his might loves justice. You have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.
- **C** Exalt the LORD our God; worship at his footstool! Holy is he!
- P C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
- P Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for the LORD our God is holy!

Gloria Patri

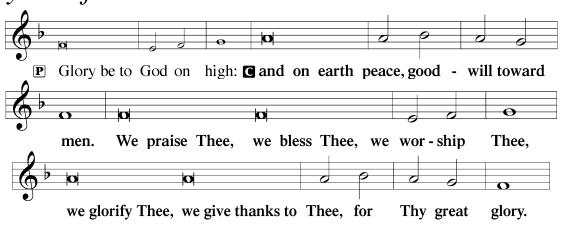
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as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.



Hymn of Praise/Gloria in Excelsis LSB 187





Salutation and Collect of the Day LSB 189

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And with thy spirit.
- **P** Let us pray. O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah. In the voice that came from the bright cloud You wonderfully foreshowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King in His glory and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading Exodus 24:8-18 8 Moses then took the blood, sprinkled it on

the people and said, "This is the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words."

9 Moses and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and the seventy elders of Israel went up 10 and saw the God of Israel. Under his feet was something like a pavement made of lapis lazuli, as bright blue as the sky. 11 But God did not raise his hand against these leaders of the Israelites; they saw God, and they ate and drank.

12 The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and stay here, and I will give you the tablets of stone with the law and commandments I have written for their instruction."

13 Then Moses set out with Joshua his aide, and Moses went up on the mountain of God. 14 He said to the elders, "Wait here for us until we come back to you. Aaron and Hur are with you, and anyone involved in a dispute can go to them."

15 When Moses went up on the mountain, the cloud covered it, 16 and the glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai. For six days the cloud covered the mountain, and on the seventh day the LORD called to Moses from within the cloud. 17 To the Israelites the glory of the LORD looked like a consuming fire on top of the mountain. 18 Then Moses entered the cloud as he went on up the mountain. And he stayed on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Ps. 117:1-2a; 96:8

A C Praise the LORD, all nations! Extol him, all peoples! For great is his steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts!

Epistle Reading

2 Peter 1:16-21

16 For we did not follow cleverly devised stories when we told you about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in power, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. 17 He received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, whom I love;

with him I am well pleased." 18 We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain. 19 We also have the prophetic message as something completely reliable, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. 20 Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation of things. 21 For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia LSB 190



Holy Gospel

Matthew 17:1-9

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the seventeenth chapter.



LSB 190

17 After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves.

2 There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. 3 Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus.

- 4 Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah."
- 5 While he was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!" 6 When the disciples heard this, they fell facedown to the ground, terrified. 7 But Jesus came and touched them. "Get up," he said. "Don't be afraid." 8 When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus.
- 9 As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus instructed them, "Don't tell anyone what you have seen, until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."





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Sit Hymn of the Day

LSB 435 sts. 1-4

"Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain"



Sermon

"Mountains" Pastor Tom Rhodes

Stand

Nicene Creed

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I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

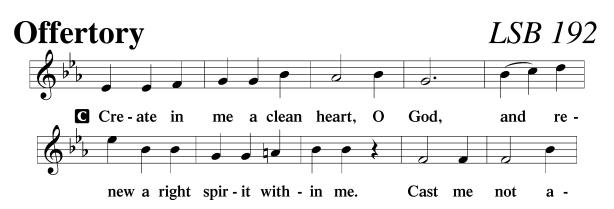
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven

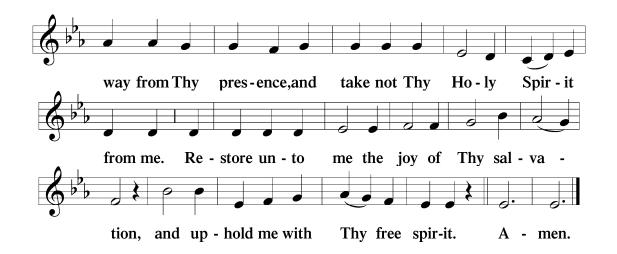
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ** of the world to come. Amen.

Offering

In quiet devotion and responding in personal stewardship of God's abundant provision to you, please use the offering plate in the back as you enter or exit. This is just as it says: An offering to God through His church. As a reassurance to those in worship today, especially our guests - this is not an obligation - the good news of Jesus is free to all!





Prayer of the Church

LSB 193

P It is good that we are here, O Lord, upon the holy mountain of Your presence. Hear us as we pray for Your Church and for each of us according to our needs.

Brief silence

P Almighty God, on the Mount of Transfiguration You revealed Your Son to be the holy One who kept the Law You gave to Moses and Who fulfilled the promise of a Savior You gave to Elijah and all the

prophets. Grant to Your Church the grace to receive Your Son with faith, to rejoice in the revelation of Your saving glory in Him, and to live by the light of His Word all our days. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Almighty God, grant to us pastors who preach the whole counsel of Your Word and provide the faithful pastoral care we need. Bless us with church workers and members to do the works of mercy that show Your love to others. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Almighty God, all the might of man pales before Your power. Bless, we pray, Joe, our president; the Congress of these United States; Mike, our governor; and all judges

and magistrates. Give them wisdom to fulfill the duties entrusted to them, that justice may prevail, life may be protected, virtue encouraged, and all people kept safe. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Almighty God, give to all those in any affliction the comfort of Your presence and grace for their every need. Give healing to the sick according to Your will, give comfort to those who mourn, and give peace to the dying. Especially do we pray for those on our prayer list and prayer cards. Grant them strength, patience, and peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Almighty God, until that day dawns and Christ, the Morning Star, arises with the light of the eternal day, keep us from being distracted by temptation or deceived by error. Guard the truth You have planted in our hearts, that when Christ comes in His glory, we be found eager to enter into His presence with all the saints of old. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

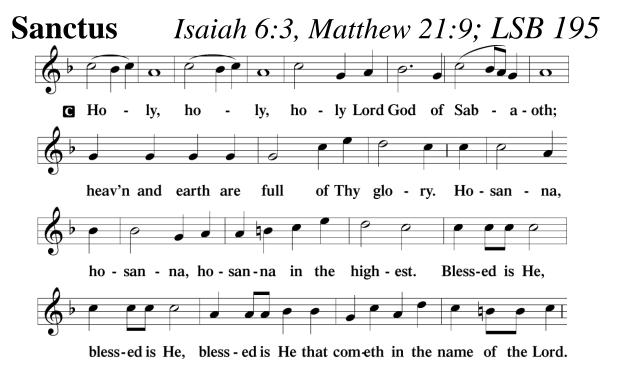
P All these things we pray, O Lord, in the name of Jesus Christ, through whom You have made known to us the mystery of Your saving glory. May we honor Your Word with an obedient heart and joyfully walk in His ways, doing all that is good and right and pleasing in Your sight. In Christ, with Christ

and through Christ, be all glory, honor, worship and praise to You, Holy Father, with the Holy Spirit evermore.

C Amen.

- + SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT + LSB 194
 Preface
- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And with thy spirit.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- **C** We lift them up unto the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C It is meet and right so to do.
- P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who at His transfiguration revealed His glory to His disciples that they might be

strengthened to proclaim His cross and resurrection and with all the faithful look forward to the glory of life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:





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

Lord's Prayer Matthew 6:9-13, LSB 196

- P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- C 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.

The Words of Our Lord LSB 197

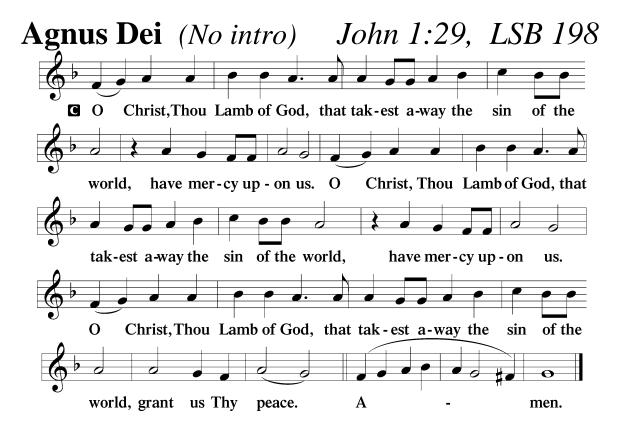
Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

- P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ★ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."
- P In the same way also he took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ♣ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

John 20:19, LSB 197

- **P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.



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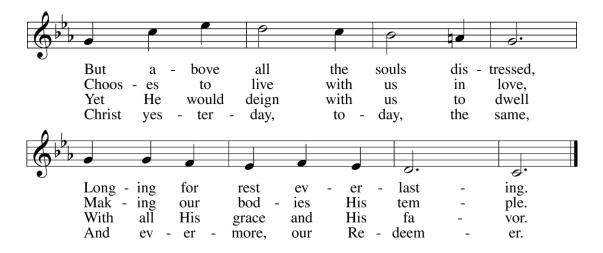
"I Am the Vine"

Distribution Hymn

LSB 645 sts. 1-5

"Built On The Rock"





Grant, then, O God, Your will be done,
 That, when the church bells are ringing,
 Many in saving faith may come
 Where Christ His message is bringing:
 "I know My own; My own know Me.
 You, not the world, My face shall see.
 My peace I leave with you. Amen."

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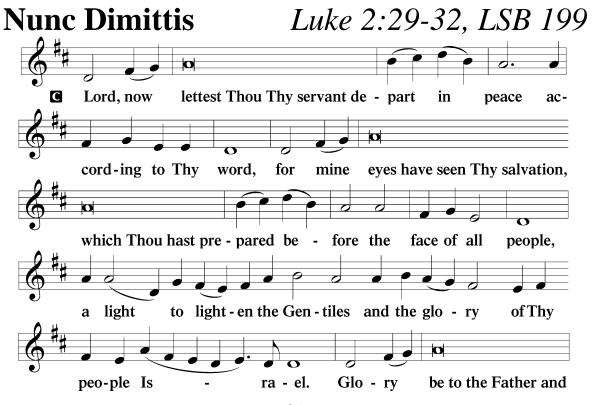


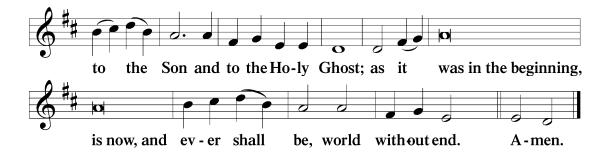
And aid my tongue to bless His name Whose fa - vors are di - vine. For - got - ten in un - thank - ful - ness And with - out prais - es die! 'Tis He that heals thy sick - ness - es And makes thee young a - gain. He that re-deemed my soul from hell Hath sov - 'reign pow'r to save.

- 5 He fills the poor with good;He gives the suff'rers rest.The Lord hath judgments for the proud And justice for the oppressed.
- His wondrous works and ways
 He made by Moses known,
 But sent the world His truth and grace
 By His belovèd Son.

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Stand





Thanksgiving

Psalm 107:1, LSB 201

P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

C and His mercy endureth forever.

P Let us pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives

and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Farewell and Godspeed to a Pastor Entering Retirement

The retiring pastor is presented before the altar. The lay officer, standing before the altar, says:

L Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, Pastor Rhodes is retiring from his pastorate at this congregation. At this time of farewell and Godspeed, let us hear the Word of the Lord.

The following passages from Holy Scripture are read.

3 I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, 4 always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, 5 because of

your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. 6 And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. 7 It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. 8 For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus.

Philippians 1:3-8

Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain. *1 Corinthians 15:58*

The following psalm verses are spoken by half verse.

- **L** I lift up my eyes to the hills.
- **C** From where does my help come?

- L My help comes from the LORD,
- C who made heav'n and earth.
- L Lord, you have been our dwelling place
- **C** in all generations.
- L Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
- **C** from everlasting to everlasting you are God.
- L The years of our life are seventy, or even by reason of strength eighty;
- yet their span is but toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away.
- L Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,
- C that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

- Let your work be shown to your servants,
- **C** and your glorious power to their children.
- L Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands upon us;
- yes, establish the work of our hands!
- L C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Stand

L Let us pray. Lord God, heavenly Father, we give thanks for all the blessings You have bestowed on this congregation through the ministry of Your servant Pastor Rhodes. By your Holy Spirit grant him grace that, by his example of faithful devotion to Your Word, he

may continue to be a blessing to many. In Your mercy support and strengthen him, and grant him a cheerful spirit, peace, and blessedness; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C Amen.
- **L** Go in peace and joy.
- C Amen.

Salutation and Benedicamus LSB 201

- **P** The Lord be with you. 2 *Timothy 4:22*
- **C** And with thy spirit.
- P Bless we the Lord. Psalm 103:1
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Benediction Numbers 6:24-26, LSB 202

The Lord bless you and keep you.

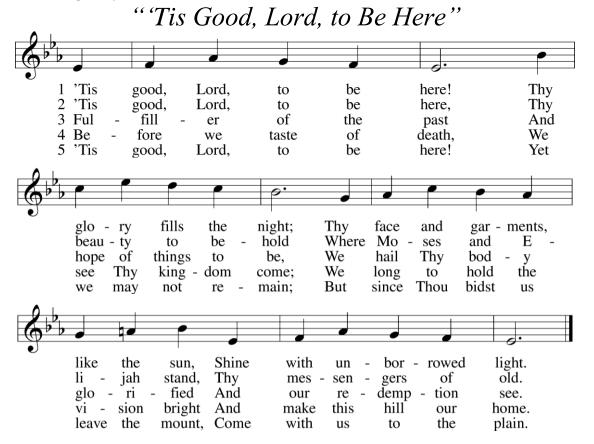
The Lord make His face shine upon you and

be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ♣ give you peace.

C Amen.

Sit
Closing Hymn

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