

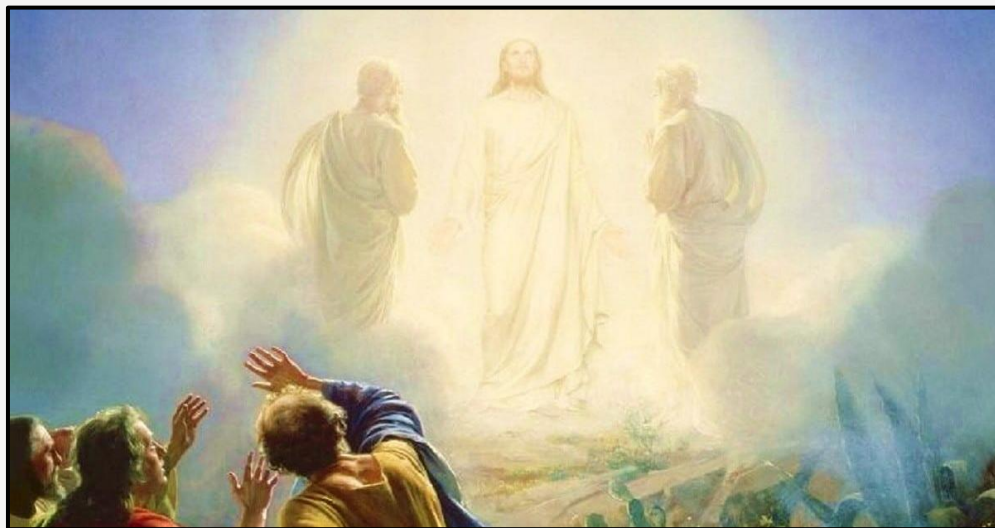
Transfiguration of Our Lord



**February 15, 2026
11:00 am**

**Transfiguration of Our Lord
Holy Communion**

Gathering Music



Kum Ba Yah

Praiser Bells

This Little Light of Mine

Into the Bible

Children's Choir

FEBRUARY 14/15
TRANSIGURATION OF OUR LORD

Rev. Dr. Michelle Holley Carlson,
Presiding



Rev. Dr. Rick Carlson,
Preaching



S.A.F.E. Center Donations for February:

Women's Deodorant




Please set items on the sharing shelf in the narthex.



S.A.F.E. Center

Empower. Support. Educate.

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Ash Wednesday Services
February 18th
12noon and 6:30pm

New Members' Welcome Reception

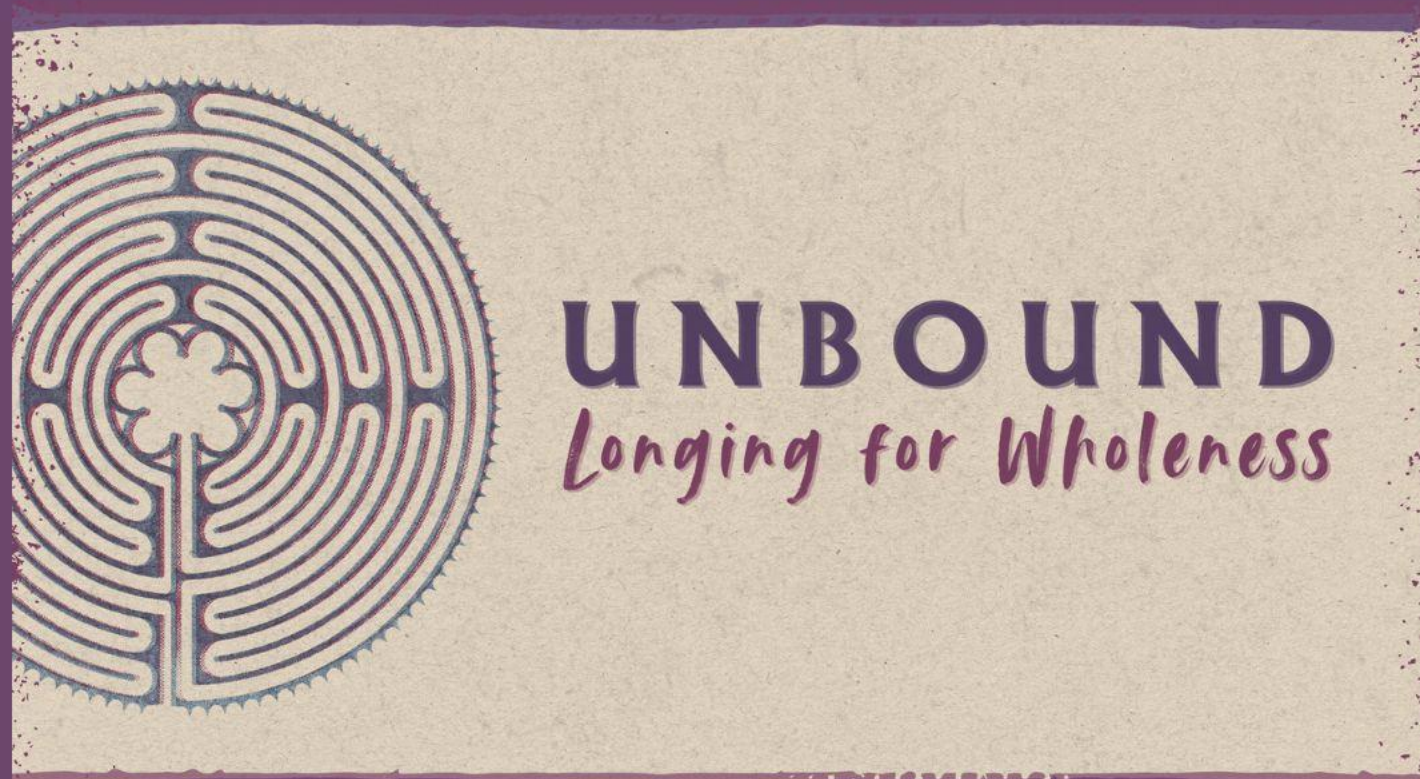


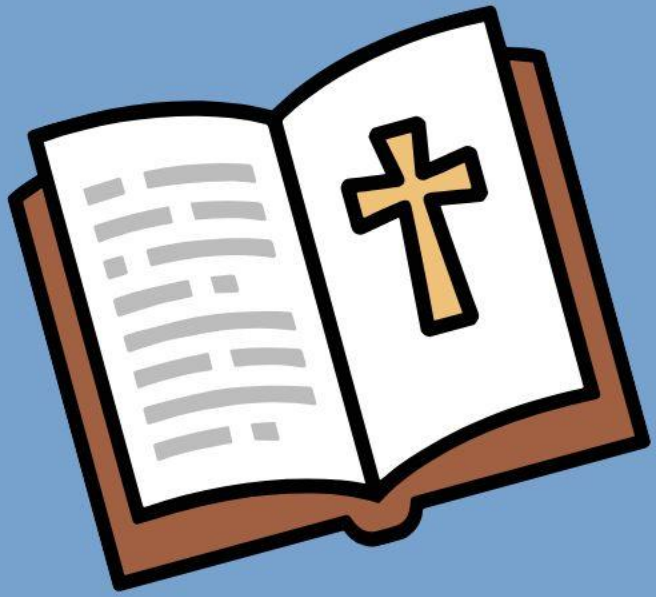
**Sunday, February 22 at
9:45am in Centennial Hall.**

**Join us for a Continental Breakfast
to welcome our new members!**



Wednesday Evening Lenten Services | 6:30pm - 7:00pm February 25, March 4, 11, 18 & 25





Adult Bible Study with Pastor Rick

**God's Spokespersons:
The Prophets and Their Books**

**Sundays at 9:50am | Centennial Hall
March 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29**

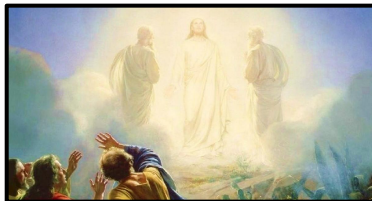
Stephen Ministers Commissioning / Affirmation

Pastor Logan: As our congregation inaugurates its Stephen Ministry, we would invite our first group of Stephen Ministers to come forward at this time for commissioning:

Dennis Gorr

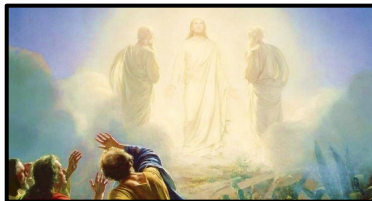
Myron Riddle

Vicki Conn



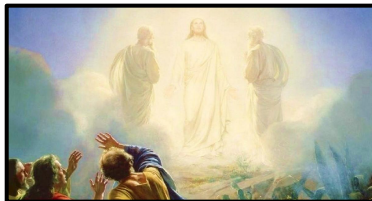
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Pastor Logan: We are called by God to be the church of Jesus Christ, a manifestation of the kingdom of God. God has called you to this particular service of Stephen Ministry, to walk besides those who are lonely, who are burdened, and those who feel the cruelties of this world.



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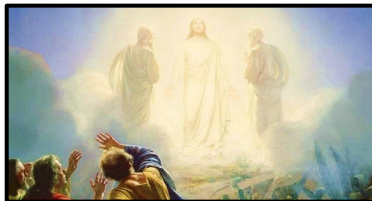
Please respond to the following questions with, "I will, with God's help" as a confirmation of the Holy Spirit's movement in your heart before the congregation.



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Pastor Logan: Do you affirm to be part of our Stephen Ministry? To care for those connected to you, and to walk with them with Jesus Christ?

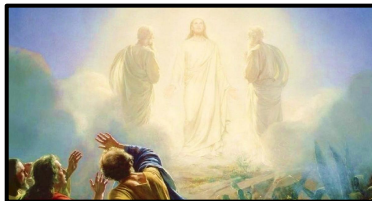
Stephen Ministers: I will, with God's help.



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Pastor Logan: Do you welcome the responsibility that comes with this ministry, trusting in God's forgiveness and healing action in your life and the lives of others?

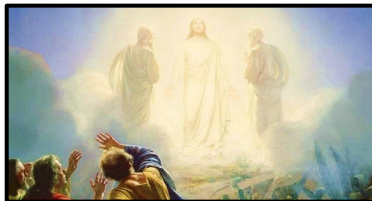
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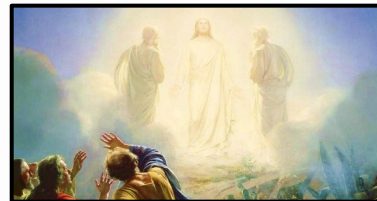
Pastor Logan: Dear Members of First Lutheran, you have witnessed the commissioning of Myron, Dennis, and Vicki. Will you pray for them and support them in this ministry to which they have been commissioned?

Congregation: We will.



Stephen Ministers Commissioning / Affirmation

Pastor Logan: Vicki, Dennis, and Myron. It is clear to us that God has called you to this special ministry. We pray that God strengthens you and supports you as Stephen Ministers. We affirm your call and look forward to the presence you will provide to those in need.

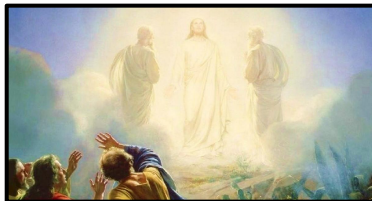


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May you feel the Holy Spirit's inspiration, the love of God the Father, and the conviction of Jesus Christ to care for creation.

C: Amen.

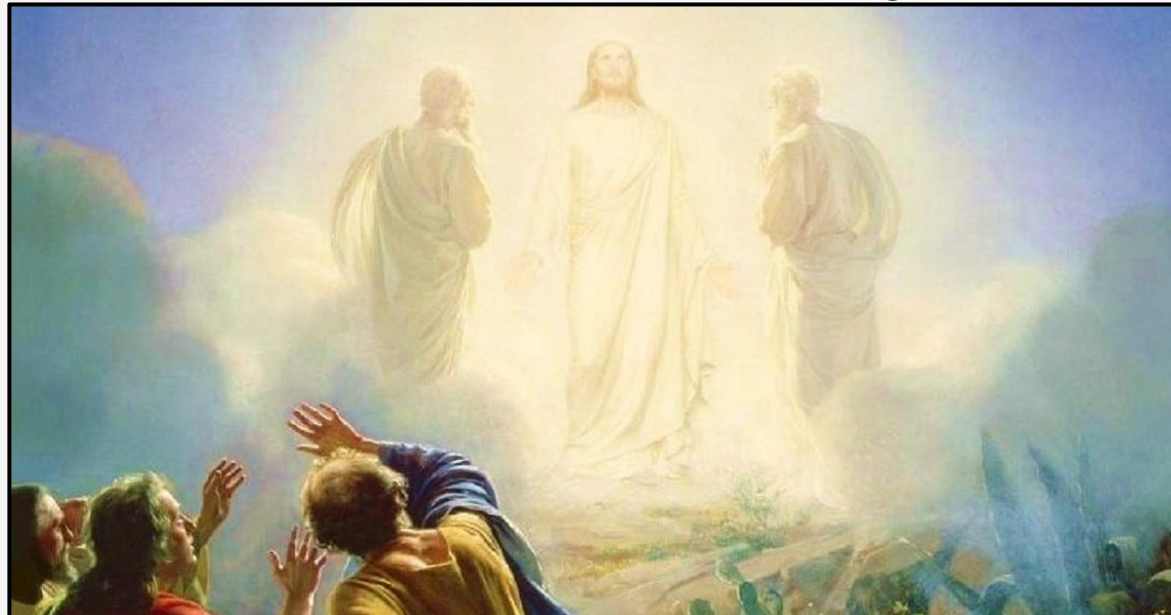
Applause and Presenting of Gifts



Greeting

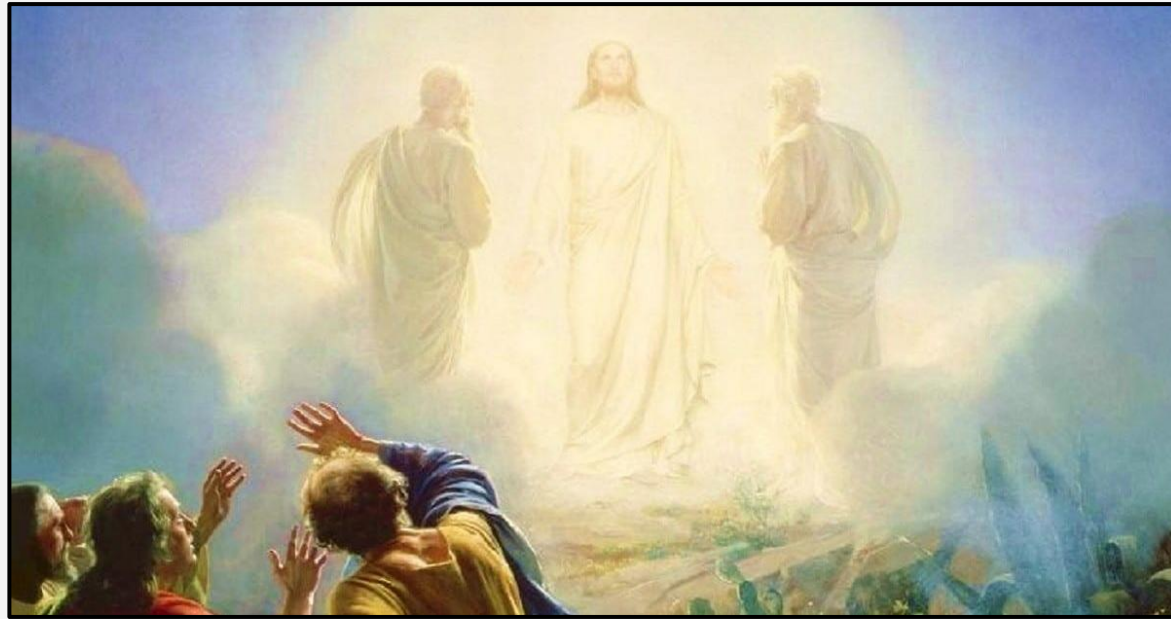
GREETING ONE ANOTHER

*We greet one another in the name of the
Lord using words such as
“Peace be with you.”*



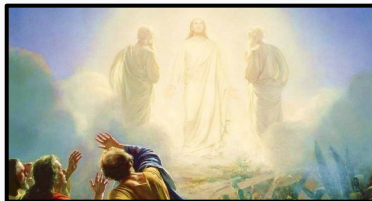
Worship Song

“My Jesus”



“My Jesus”

**Are you past the point of weary
Is your burden weighing heavy
Is it all too much to carry
Let me tell you ‘bout my Jesus**



“My Jesus”

**Do you feel that empty feeling
'cause shame's done all it's stealing
And you're desperate for some healing
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus**



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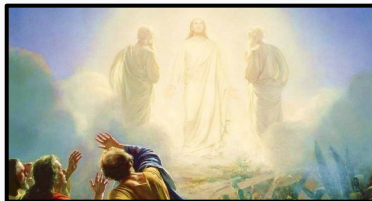
**He makes a way where there
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**Rises up from an empty grave
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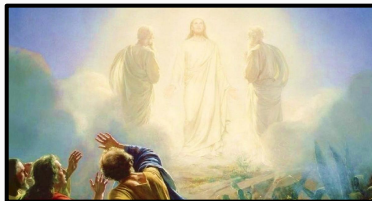
“My Jesus”

**His love is strong and His grace is free
And the good news is I know that He
Can do for you what He's done for me
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus
And let my Jesus change your life**



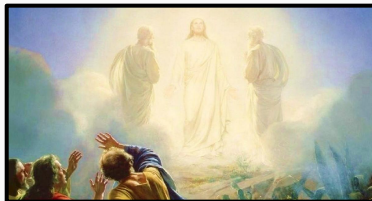
“My Jesus”

**Hallelujah, hallelujah
Hallelujah, amen, amen**



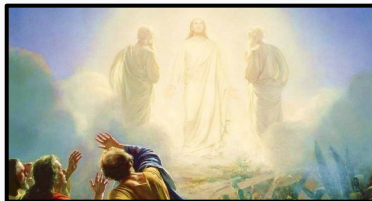
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**Who can wipe away the tears
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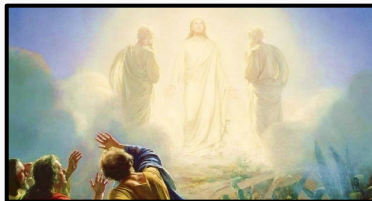
**And all the wrong turns that you would
Go and undo if you could
Who can work it all for your good
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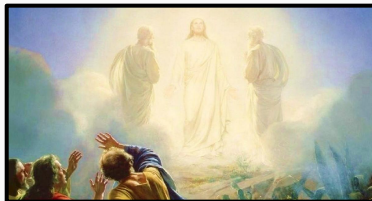
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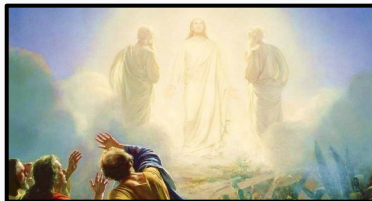
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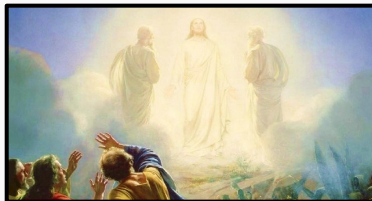
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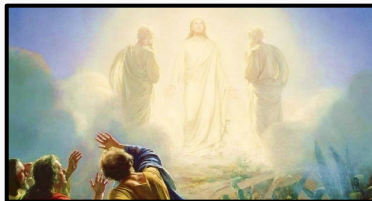
**Who would take my cross to Calvary
Pay the price for all my guilty
Who would care that much about me,
Let me tell you ‘bout my Jesus, oh**



“My Jesus”

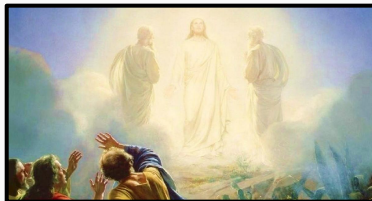
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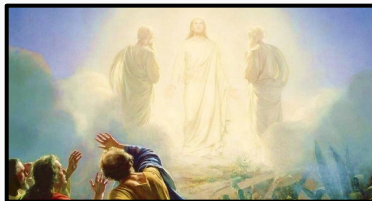
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And let my Jesus change your life**

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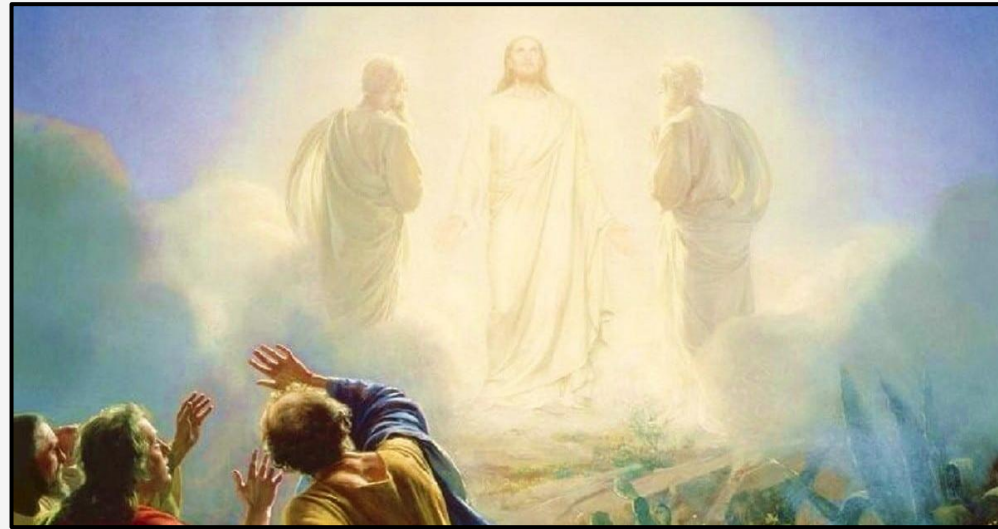
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Worship Song

“You Are My King (Amazing Love)”



“You Are My King”

I’m forgiven because

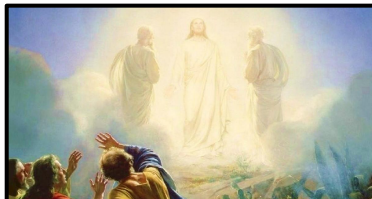
You were forsaken.

I’m accepted; You were condemned.

I’m alive and well,

Your Spirit is within me

because You died and rose again.



“You Are My King”

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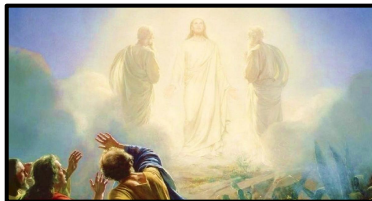
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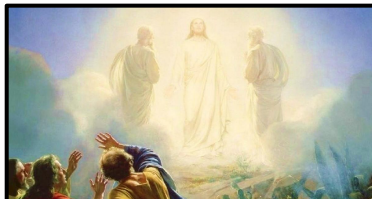
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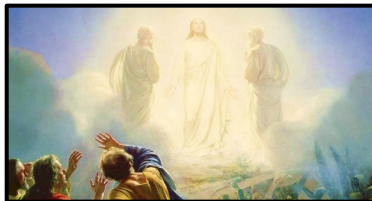
“You Are My King”

**Amazing love, how can it be
that You, my King, would die for me?
Amazing love, I know it's true;
it's my joy to honor You.**



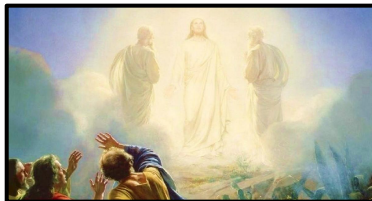
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“You Are My King”

**In all I do I honor You.
You are my King, You are my King.
Jesus, You are my King.
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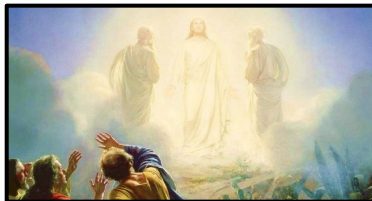
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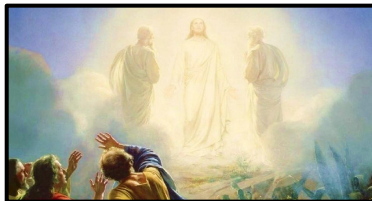
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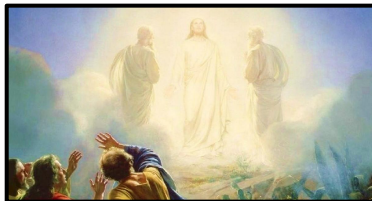
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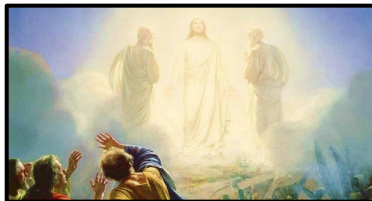
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Greeting

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

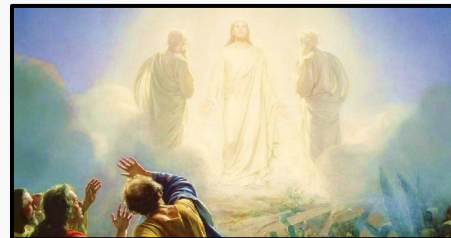
C: **And also with you.**



Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray.

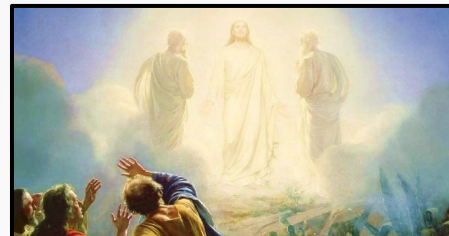
O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children.



Prayer of the Day

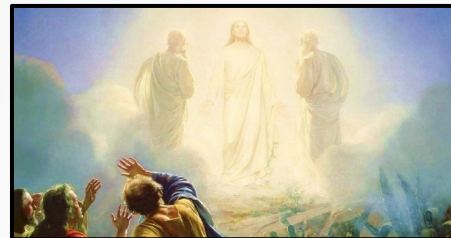
Make us your heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.



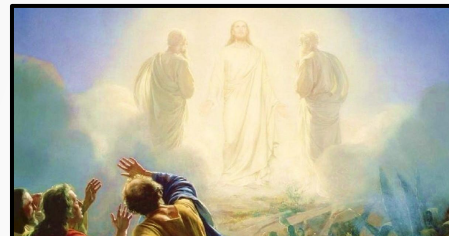
Word

L: A reading from Exodus the twenty-fourth chapter.



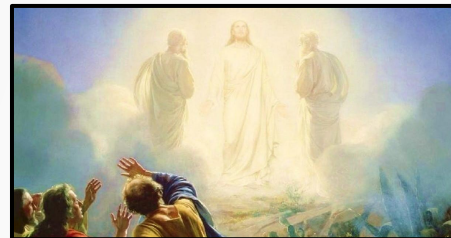
Word: Exodus 24:12-18

L: ¹² The LORD said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain and wait there; I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.”



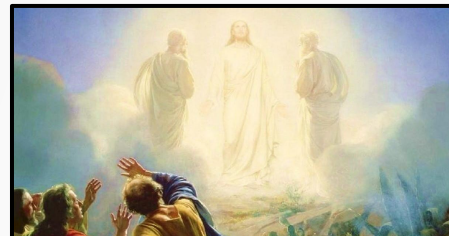
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¹³ So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the mountain of God. ¹⁴ To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come back to you. Look, Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.”



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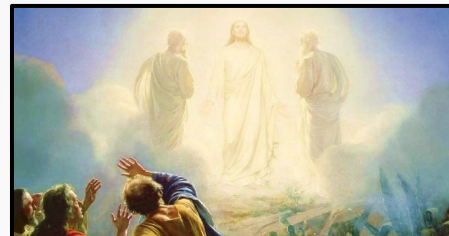
¹⁵ Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶ The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud.



Word: Exodus 24:12-18

¹⁷ Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the Israelites. ¹⁸ Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

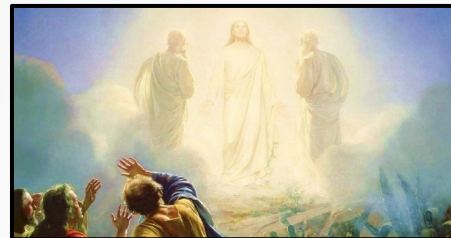
(Exodus 24:12-18)



Word: Exodus 24:12-18

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

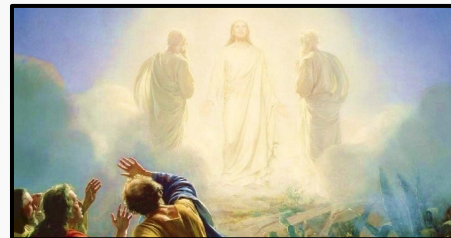
C: Thanks be to God



Gospel: Matthew 17:1-13

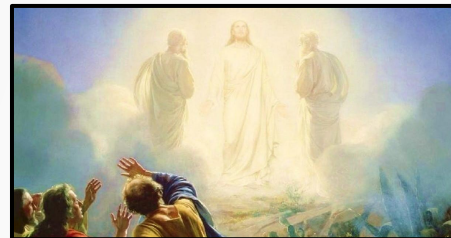
P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the seventeenth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.



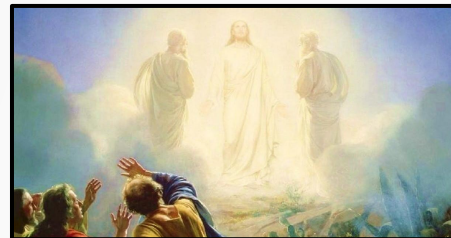
Gospel: Matthew 17:1-13

P: ¹ Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ² And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. ³ Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him.



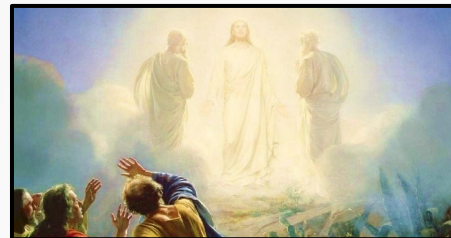
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⁴ Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” ⁵ While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!”



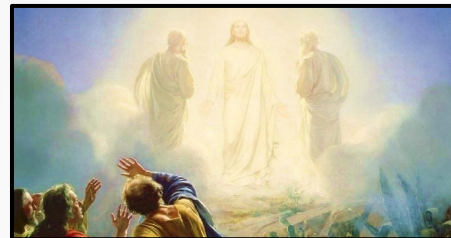
Gospel: Matthew 17:1-13

⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷ But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” ⁸ And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.



Gospel: Matthew 17:1-13

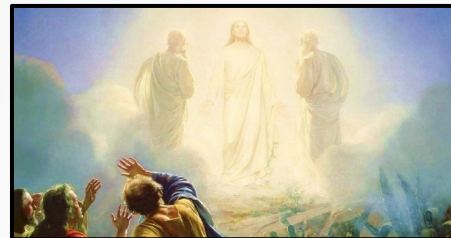
⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.” ¹⁰ And the disciples asked him, “Why, then, do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?”



Gospel: Matthew 17:1-13

¹¹ He replied, “Elijah is indeed coming and will restore all things, ¹² but I tell you that Elijah has already come, and they did not recognize him, but they did to him whatever they pleased. So also the Son of Man is about to suffer at their hands.”

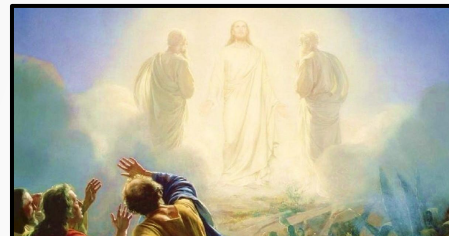
¹³ Then the disciples understood that he was speaking to them about John the Baptist. (*Matthew 17:1-13*)



Gospel: Matthew 17:1-13

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

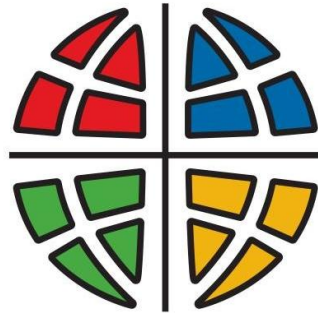
C: Praise to you, O Christ.



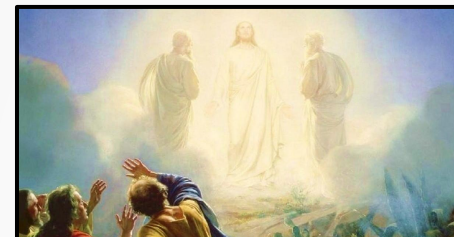
Children's Message

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE AND "NOISY" OFFERING

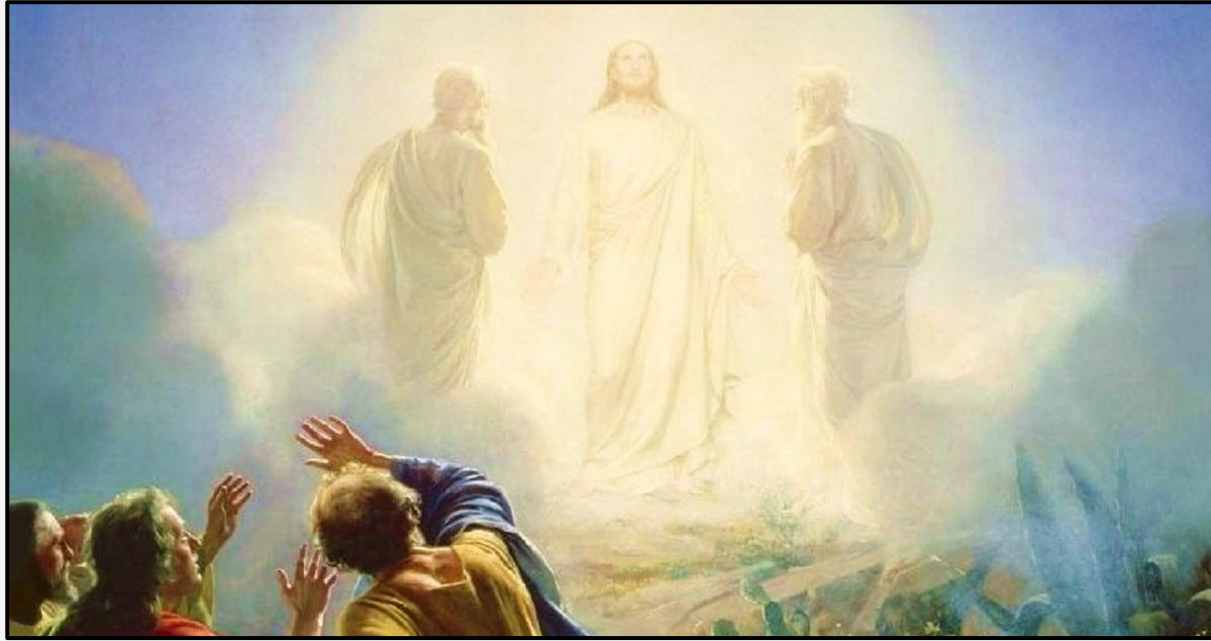
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Sermon



SERMON

Pastor Rick Carlson

Worship Song

“Light of the World”



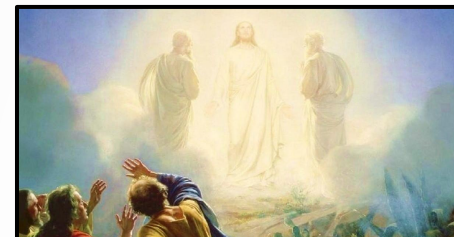
“Light of the World”

**The world waits for a miracle,
the heart waits for a little bit of hope.**

O come, O come, Emmanuel.

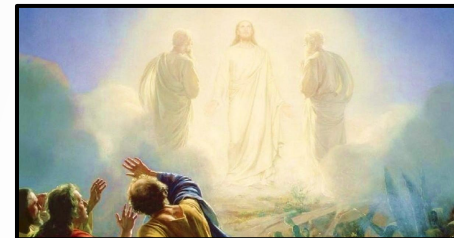
**A child prays for peace on earth,
and she's calling out from a sea of hurt.**

O come, O come, Emmanuel.



“Light of the World”

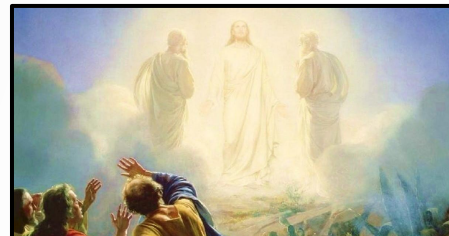
**And can you hear the angels singing,
“Glory to the Light of the world”?
Glory, the Light of the world is here**



“Light of the World”

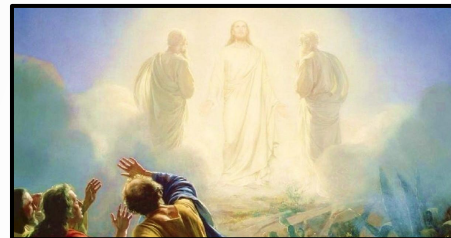
**The drought breaks with the tears
of a mother.**

**A baby's cry is the sound
of love come down, come down,
Emmanuel.**



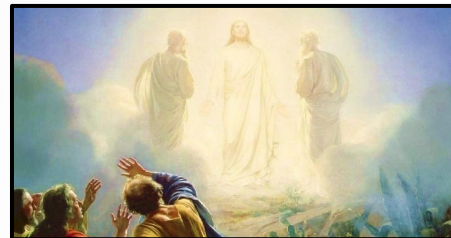
“Light of the World”

**Whoa,
He is the song for the suffering.
He is Messiah;
the Prince of Peace has come.
He has come, Emmanuel, oh.**



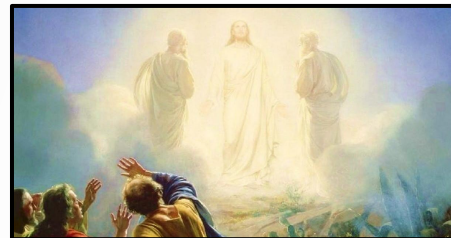
“Light of the World”

**Glory to the Light of the world.
Glory to the Light of the world.**



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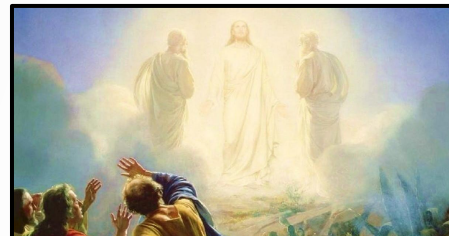
**For all who wait,
for all who hunger,
for all who’ve prayed,
for all who wander,
behold Your King,**



“Light of the World”

**For all who wait,
Behold Messiah,
Emmanuel,
Emmanuel.**

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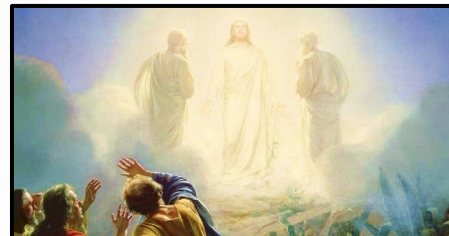
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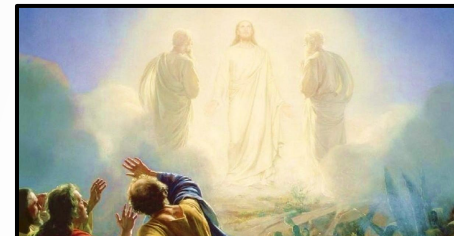
“Light of the World”

**The world waits for a miracle,
the heart longs for a little bit of hope.
O come, O come, Emmanuel.**

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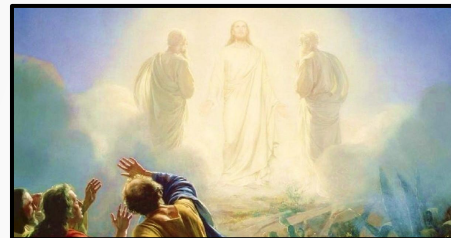
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Creed

L: Let us profess our faith.

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty.
I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son,
our Lord and Savior. I believe in the Holy
Spirit, the Holy Christian church, the
communion of saints, the forgiveness of
sins, the resurrection of the body and
the life everlasting.
Amen.**

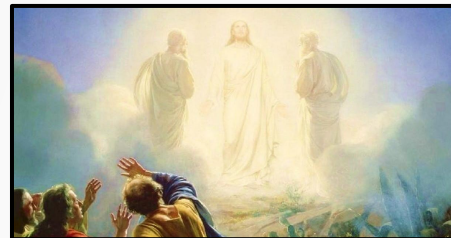


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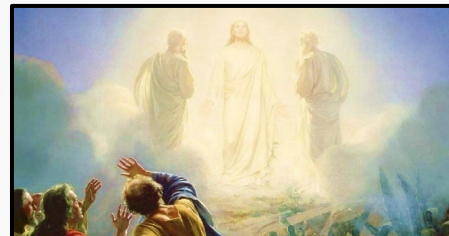
L: As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

A brief silence for reflection.



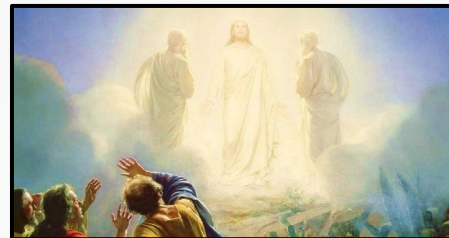
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L: Revealing God, your Spirit sustains the church. Strengthen the faithful with the revelation of Christ transfigured, that we may joyfully follow him in the way of the cross.



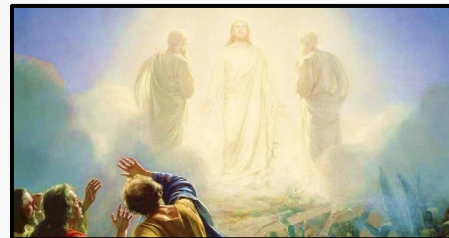
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L: Life-giving God, creation is full of your majesty. Nurture in us a deep respect for the interdependence of all life, and make us wise and vigilant stewards of your good earth.



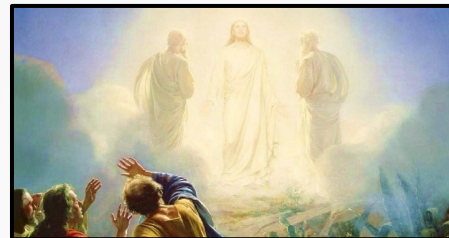
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L: Peacemaking God, the nations are in turmoil. We pray for an end to violent conflict. Give wisdom to negotiators and sanctuary to refugees. Defend any who are in danger.



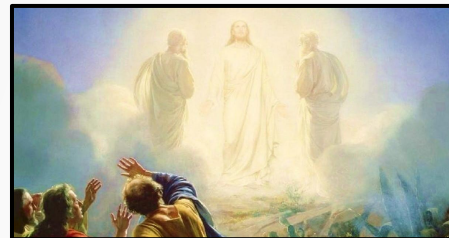
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L: Holy God, in our worship we glimpse your glory, hear your voice, and receive assurance of your love. Inspire all who prepare, lead, and participate in worship to serve you with reverence and joy.



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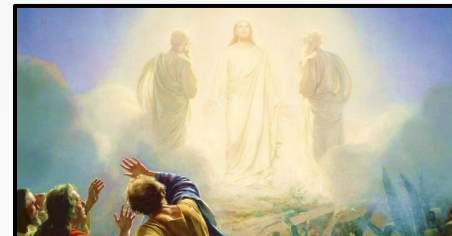
L: Healing God, you desire wholeness for all people. Bring healing to any who are experiencing illness, chronic pain, or mental anguish. Comfort the dying and those who grieve. We pray especially for:



Prayers of Intercession

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Doug Bierman
Doug Bliss
Bertha Boyer
Vicki Buschelman
Gregory Carrico
Corinne Fischer
Leonard Fowler
Randy Fritson
Larry Giddings

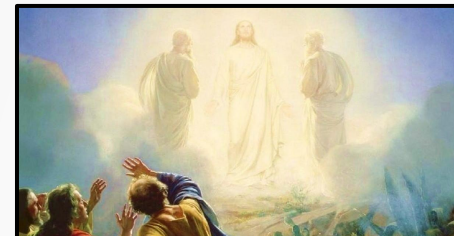
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Terry Hanson
Mary Henning
Jerry Ibsen
Patty Ibsen
Tami Jobman
Derek Johnson
Laura Morton
Russell Radcliffe



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Mary Renshaw
Daniel Rheome
Eileen Richter
Daryl Rodgers
Garth Scism
Debbie Steinbrecher
Carrie Stithem
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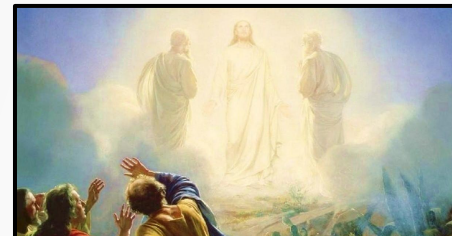
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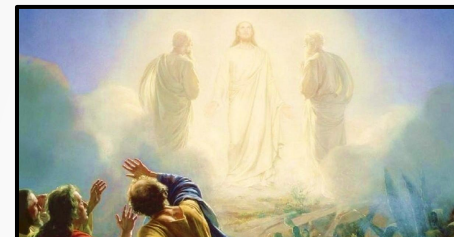
Prayers of comfort and peace for:

- Robert and Carole Dreher on the death of Robert's mother, Alice Dreher.
- Daryl Rodgers, Janet and Dave Dwiggin, and family on the death of Gena Rodgers.



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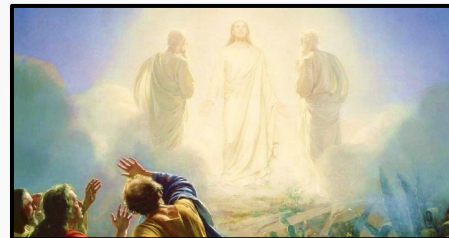
L: Transforming God, you bring life from death. We give thanks for the witness of those who have died in faith, and we praise you for the hope we have in Christ, our Morning Star.



Prayers of Intercession

P: Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior.

C: Amen.



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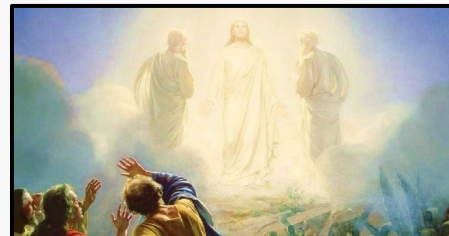
Confession and Forgiveness

Please stand as you are able.

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, the Creator of heaven and earth, the Word who spoke life into being, the Wind stirring the waters.

C: Amen.



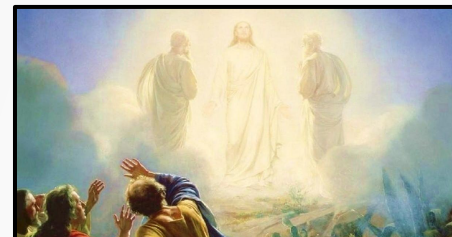
Confession and Forgiveness

P: Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Mighty God, lover of justice,

**C: you call us to life in community,
but we have served our own interests
at the expense of our neighbors.**

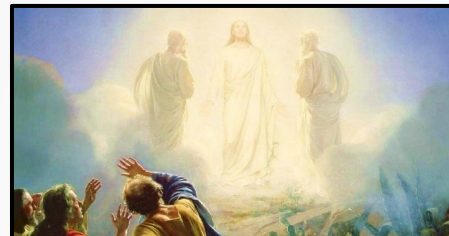


Confession and Forgiveness

**We have sown deceit where honesty
was needed.**

**We say the right words,
but our hearts are far from you.**

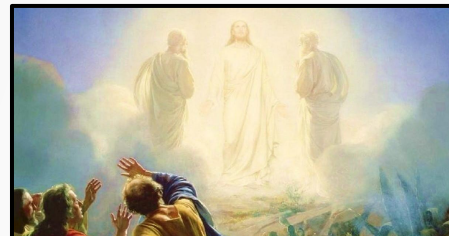
Turn us to seek your face.



Confession and Forgiveness

Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ, that we may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God.

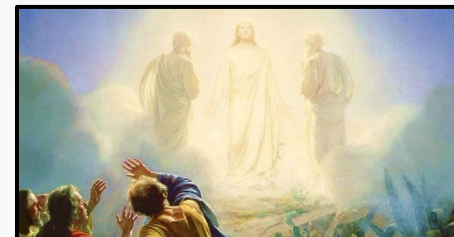
Amen.



Confession and Forgiveness

P: The former things have passed away,
and new things God now declares:
Like a spring of water that never fails,
God covers you in the righteousness of Christ,
and forgives your sin in ✠ Jesus' name.
May the Spirit give you strength to live for
others, and bless you with the gift of peace.

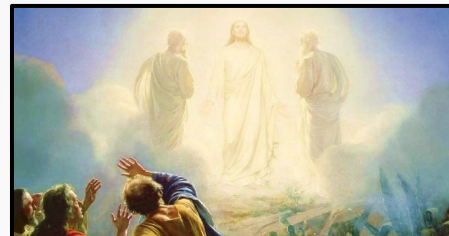
C: Amen.



Offertory Prayer

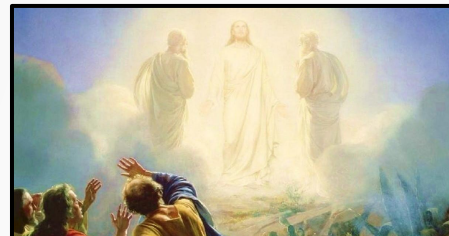
L: Let us pray.

God of majesty, no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy.



Offertory Prayer

Use what we have gathered
to feed us with the reign of God come
near, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
C: Amen.



The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

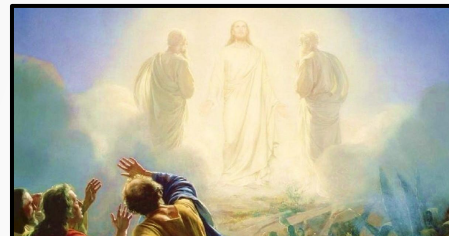
C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

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

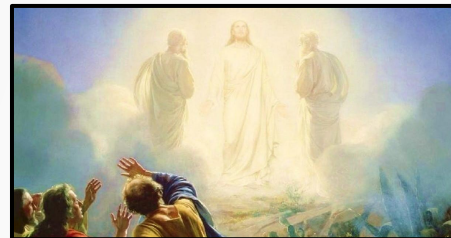
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give our thanks
and praise.**



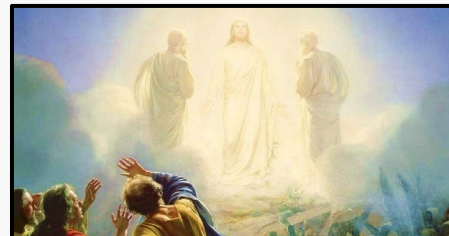
Words of Institution

P: In the night in which he was handed over, 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.



Words of Institution

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.



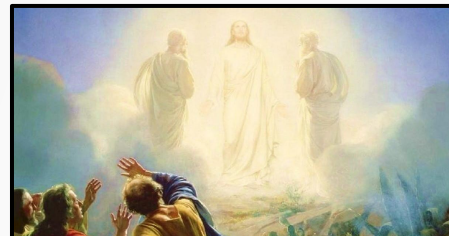
Words of Institution

P: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

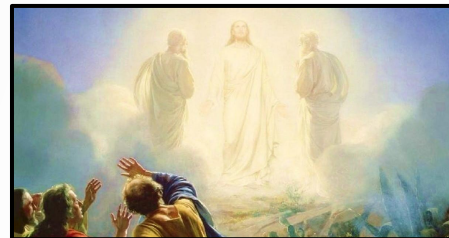
Christ will come again.



The Lord's Prayer

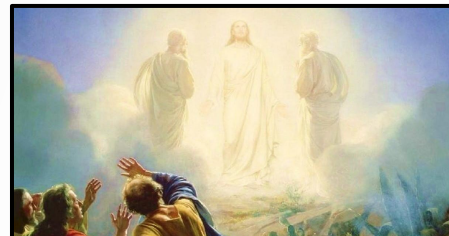
P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit,
let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.**



The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

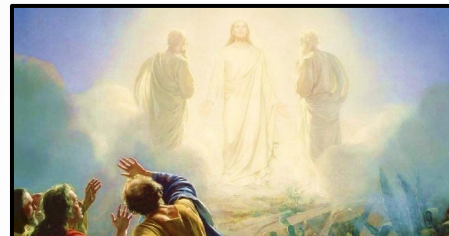


Invitation to Communion

P: Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

Come to the table; taste and see.

Please be seated.



Communion

We practice open communion at First Lutheran. All are welcome to receive the elements. Gluten-free wafers are available. In addition to the cups filled with wine (red) in the tray, there are cups containing grape juice (clear) in the center.

Prayers for Healing and Laying on of Hands

If you would like prayers of healing, join the pastor in the Narthex after you have received communion.

Communion Music

Worthy of it All

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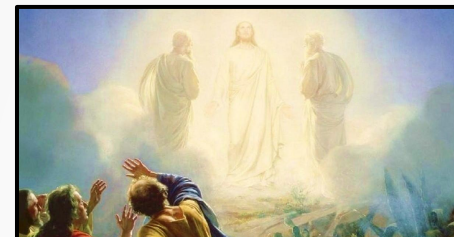
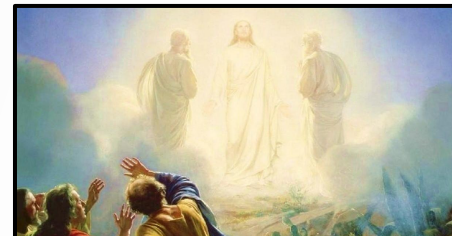


Table Grace

Please stand as you are able.

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

C: Amen.



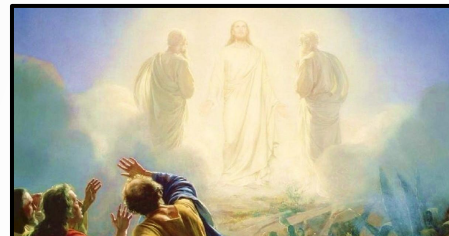
Prayer after Communion

L: Let us pray.

Radiant God,

we have seen your glory in the face of
Jesus Christ.

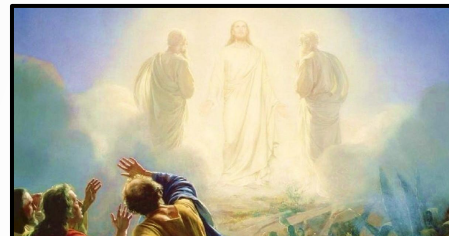
In the sacrament of his body and blood
you have drawn us to your heart.



Prayer after Communion

Send us from this table with delight,
that our lives may reflect the beauty of
your love, and bear witness to all we
have seen and heard,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and
Lord.

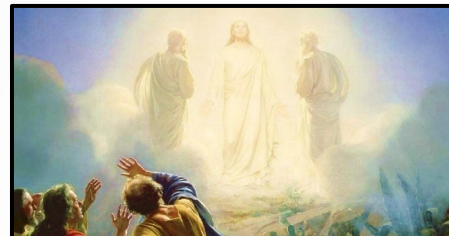
C: Amen.



Blessing

P: May the triune God,
who has put a new song in your mouth
and tuned your heart for praise
✠ bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.



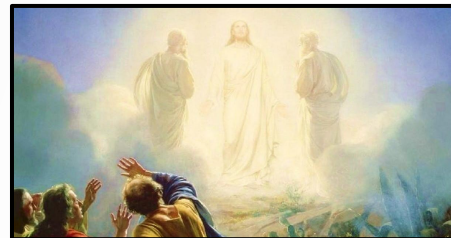
Worship Song

“Great is the Lord”



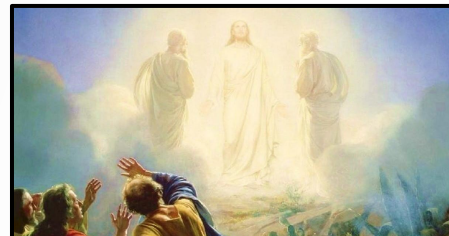
“Great is the Lord”

**Great is the Lord,
He is holy and just,
By His power we trust In His love.
Great is the Lord,
He is faithful and true,
By His mercy He proves He is love.**



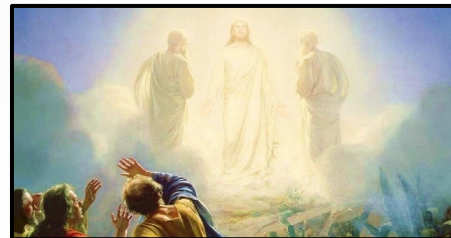
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**Great is the Lord,
And worthy of glory
Great is the Lord,
And worthy of praise.**



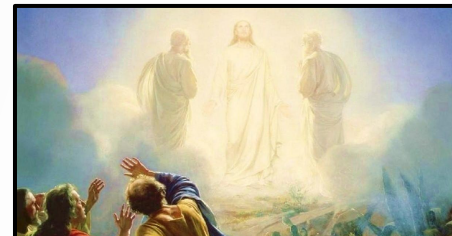
“Great is the Lord”

**Great is the Lord,
Now lift up your voice,
Now lift up your voice:
Great is the Lord,
Great is the Lord!**



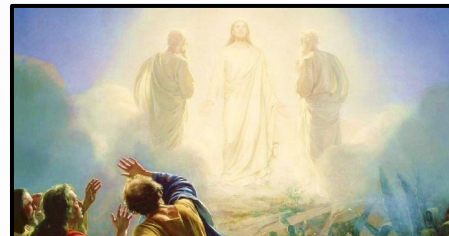
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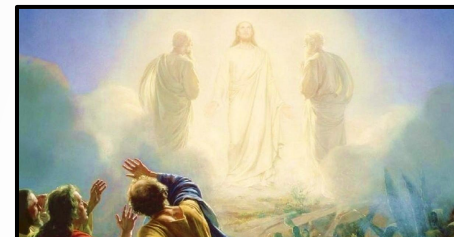
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And worthy of glory.
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“Great is the Lord”

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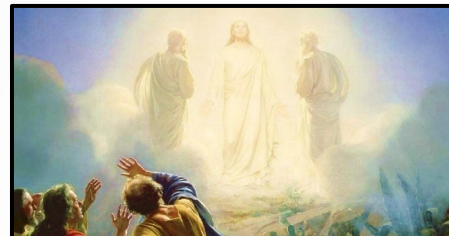
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Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

C: **Thanks be to God.**



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