



Transfiguration of Our Lord

February 14/15, 2026

6:00 pm | 8:45 am

Holy Communion

First Lutheran Church, Kearney, NE

Announcements and Welcome

Prelude

6:00pm *Alleluia, Song of Gladness*", John Goss

Natalie Radcliffe

8:45am *Come, Thou Fount of Ev'ry Blessing*",

arr. Cathy Moglebust

Chancel Bells

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.

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. 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. 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.

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.

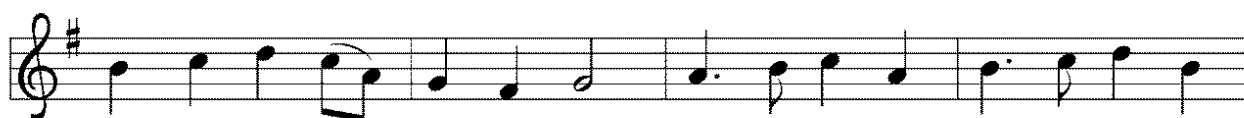
Processional *"God of Grace and God of Glory"* ELW 705 (Third verse is a solo)



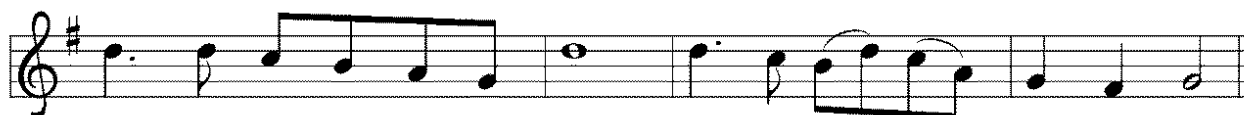
1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -
3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;
sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us
your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion



bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.
serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

Text: Harry E. Fosdick, 1878-1969. Music: John Hughes, 1873-1932
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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.

Kyrie

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

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

Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

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

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

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. 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.

Please be seated.

8:45 am ANTHEM “*Jesus, Son of God, Son of Man*”,
Barry Braman & Paul Williams **Chancel Choir**

Word

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

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.” 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.” 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. 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.

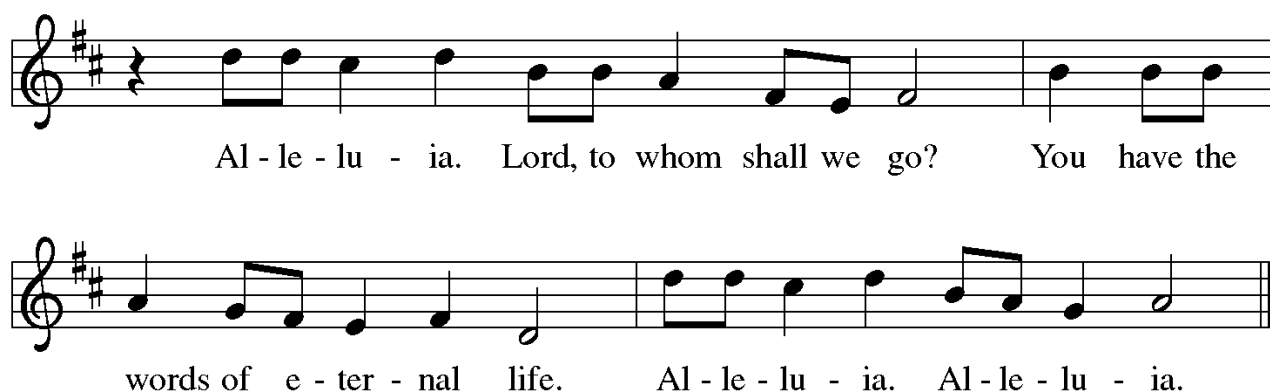
(Exodus 24:12-18)

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God

Please stand as you are able for the Gospel Acclamation.

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

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. 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!"

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.

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?” 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*)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children’s Message and “Noisy” Offering

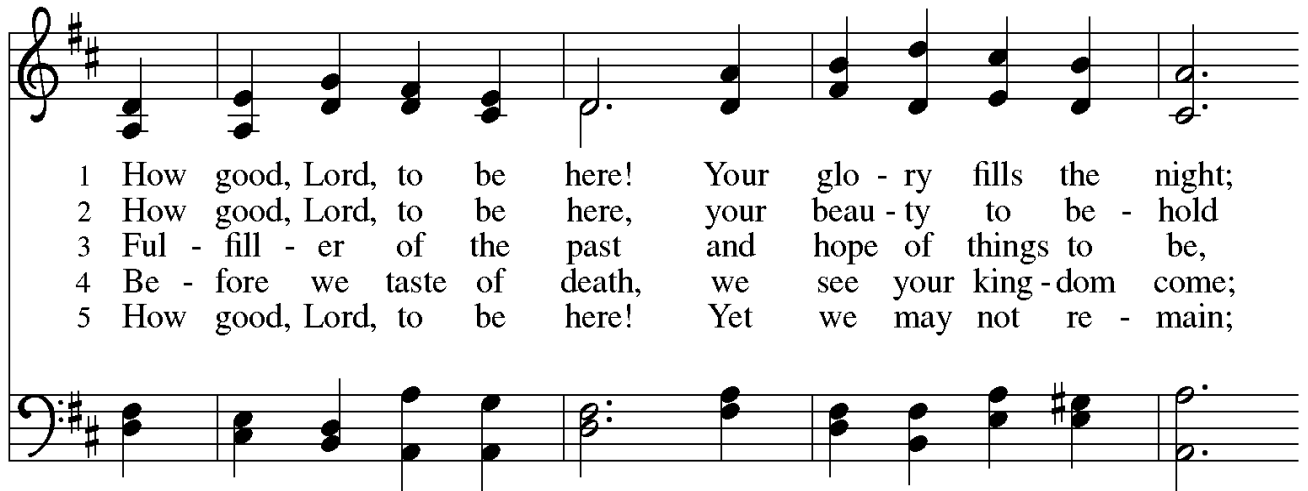
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Sermon Pastor Rick Carlson

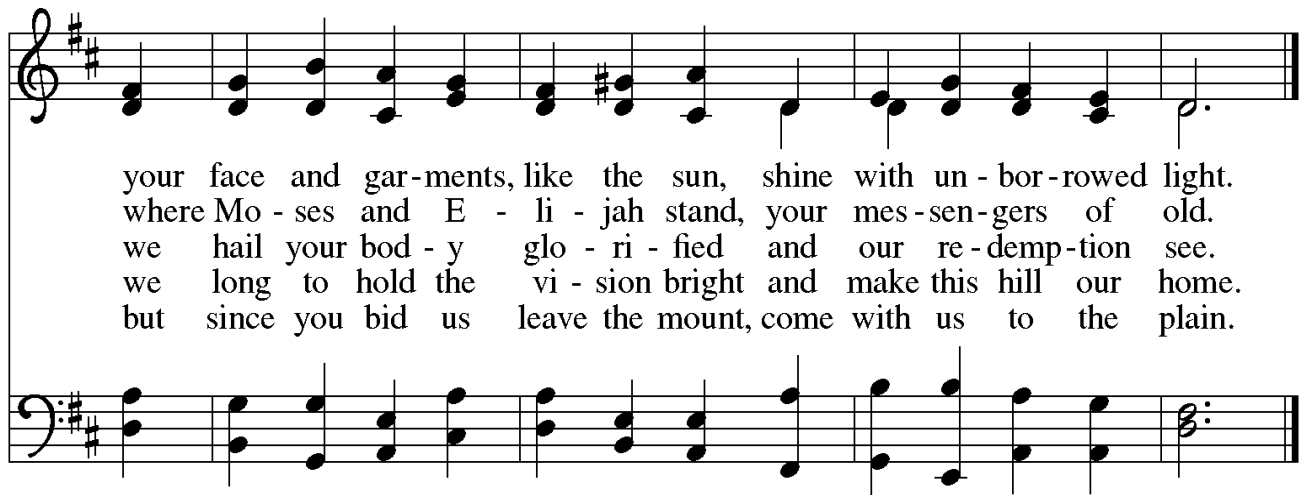
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Hymn of the Day

"How Good, Lord, to Be Here" ELW 315



1 How good, Lord, to be here! Your glo - ry fills the night;
2 How good, Lord, to be here, your beau - ty to be - hold
3 Ful - fill - er of the past and hope of things to be,
4 Be - fore we taste of death, we see your king - dom come;
5 How good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not re - main;



your face and gar - ments, like the sun, shine with un - bor - rowed light.
where Mo - ses and E - li - jah stand, your mes - sen - gers of old.
we hail your bod - y glo - ri - fied and our re - demp - tion see.
we long to hold the vi - sion bright and make this hill our home.
but since you bid us leave the mount, come with us to the plain.

Text: Joseph A. Robinson, 1858-1933, alt. Music: W. Mercer, *The Church Psalter and Hymn Book*, 1854
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Apostles' Creed

L: With the whole church, let us profess our faith.

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

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.

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.

Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

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.

Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

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.

Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

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.

Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

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:

Jim Anderson	Mary Henning	Debbie Steinbrecher
Doug Bierman	Jerry Ibsen	Carrie Stithem
Doug Bliss	Patty Ibsen	Joanne Suing
Bertha Boyer	Tami Jobman	Tony Tauer
Vicki Buschelman	Derek Johnson	Alicia Tracy
Gregory Carrico	Laura Morton	Misty White
Corinne Fischer	Russell Radcliffe	Dean Wiese
Leonard Fowler	Mary Renshaw	Miranda Wright
Randy Fritson	Daniel Rheome	Paula Yoachim
Larry Giddings	Eileen Richter	James Ziebarth
Keith Halliwell	Daryl Rodgers	Midge Zimmer
Terry Hanson	Garth Scism	

Prayers of comfort and peace for:

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

L: Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

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.

Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

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.

Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Please share a sign of peace with one another.

Please be seated.

Meal

Offering

6pm: *"Jesus on the Mountain Peak", B.A. Wren, Mark Sedio*
Natalie Radcliffe

8:45am *"He Never Failed Me Yet",*
arr. Drew Collins **Heavenly Treble Makers**

Communion Servers: Please come forward at this time.

Offertory Response

"Break Now the Bread of Life" **ELW 515, Verse One only**

1 Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as once you
2 Bless your own word of truth, dear Lord, to me, as when you
3 You are the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, your ho - ly

broke the loaves be - side the sea. Be - yond the sa - cred page
blessed the bread by Gal - i - lee. Then shall all bond-age cease,
word the truth that res - cues me. Give me to eat and live

I seek you, Lord; my spir - it waits for you, O liv - ing Word.
all fet - ters fall; and I shall find my peace, my All - in - All!
with you a - bove; teach me to love your truth, for you are love.

Text: Mary A. Lathbury, 1841-1913, alt., Music: William F. Sherwin, 1826-1888 Text and Music: Public Domain

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.
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.

Sanctus



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

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.

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.

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. 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

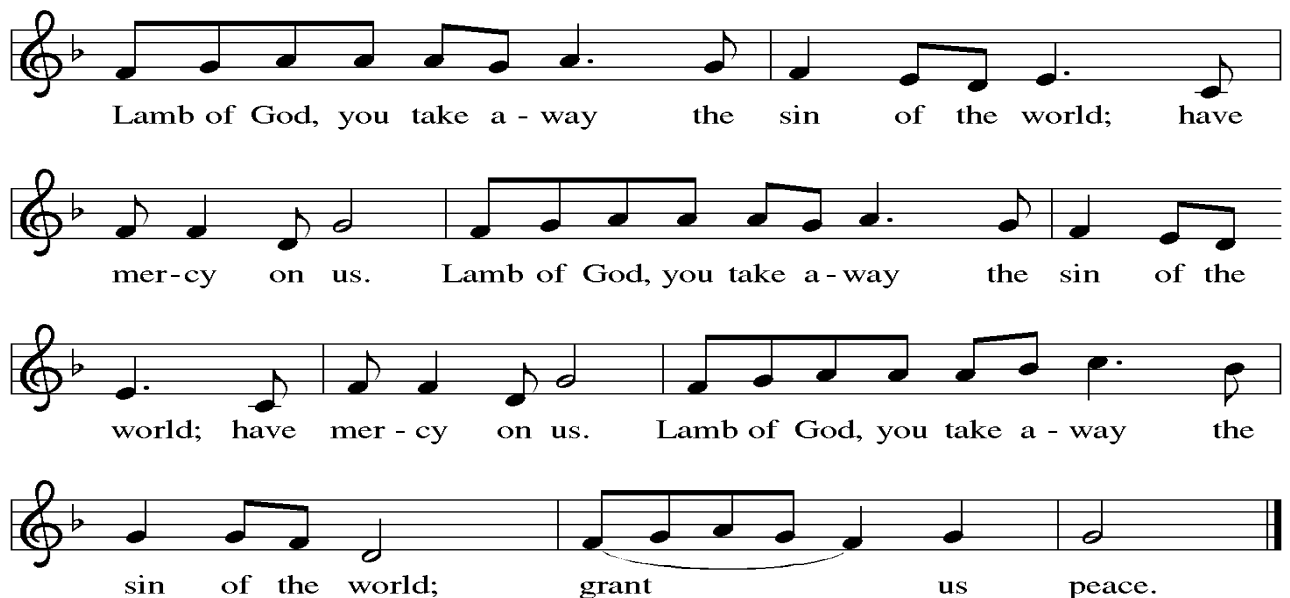
P: Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! Come to the table; taste and see.

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.

Lamb of God



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Communion Music

*"Serenade" from Eine Kleine Nachtmusik,
arr. By Dan Fox Natalie Radcliffe, flute*

Please stand as you are able.

Table Grace

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.

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.

Sending Hymn "I Love to Tell the Story" ELW 661



1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
 2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat
 3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best



of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
 what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!
 seem hun - ger - ing and thirst-ing to hear it like the rest.



I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;
 I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
 And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,



it sat - is - fies my long-ings as noth - ing else would do.
 the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.
 I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

Refrain



I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry



to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

Text: Katherine Hankey, 1834-1911, Music: William E. Fischer, 1849-1936 Text and Music Public Domain

Dismissal

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

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude *“Alleluia”, arr. By Dan Fox*
Natalie Radcliffe, flute

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Nursery** – is available for anyone to use (located by the Café).
- **Worship Schedule**—Saturday 6:00pm, Sunday 8:45am & 11:00am
- **Church Office Hours**—Monday-Friday, 8:30 am to 4:00 pm.
- **Brookestone Garden Services: First Sunday** monthly / 2:00pm
- **Prayer Chapel**—across from Centennial Hall.
- **For the hard of hearing FLC offers a loop system** for wearers with a “T” (t-coil) setting.
- **S.A.F.E. Center donation** - for February is women’s deodorant.
- **Volunteers of the Month:** Members of the Property Task Team. This team devoted countless hours researching the costs of keeping, selling, repurposing, or renting the 3206 Ave H property - so our congregation could make an informed decision and vote with confidence.
- **STUFF THE CART** – Non-perishable food items for the Jubilee Food Pantry can be set inside the grocery cart in the Narthex.
- **Communion registration**—Please register annually to maintain membership.
- **Visitors**—please complete a visitor card, found in the pews.
- **Tuesdays** – 5:30pm | Chancel Bells – Sanctuary
- **Sun. Feb 15** – 10:00am - New members’ classes.
- **Thurs. Feb. 26, March 12 & 26** – Jubilee Meals served at First Lutheran Church.
- **Wed. Feb 18** – Ash Wednesday – 12noon & 6:30pm Services.
 - Feeding the Flock and FROG will not meet Ash Wednesday.
- **Sun. Feb. 22** – 9:45am | New members installation / reception
- **Wed. Feb. 25** – 5:45pm | First Communion Classes begin. Register now
- **Wed. Feb. 25, March 4, 11, 18 & 25** – 6:30pm | Lenten Services
- **Sun. March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29** – 9:45am | Adult Bible Study w/Pastor Rick, Centennial Hall
- **Thurs. April 2** – 6:30pm | Maundy Thursday Service
- **Fri. April 3** – 6:30pm | Good Friday Service
- **Sat. April 4** – 6:00pm | Holy Saturday Service
- **Sun. April 5** – 7am, 8:45am & 11am – Easter Services
- **Sun. Apr. 19** – 3pm – Natalie & Friends Concert



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**Rev. Dr. Michelle Holley Carlson, Presiding
Rev. Dr. Rick Carlson, Preaching**

**Assisting Ministers:
6:00 pm – Jamie Banzhaf
8:45 am – Sara Davis
11:00 am – Sarah Schweitzer**

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