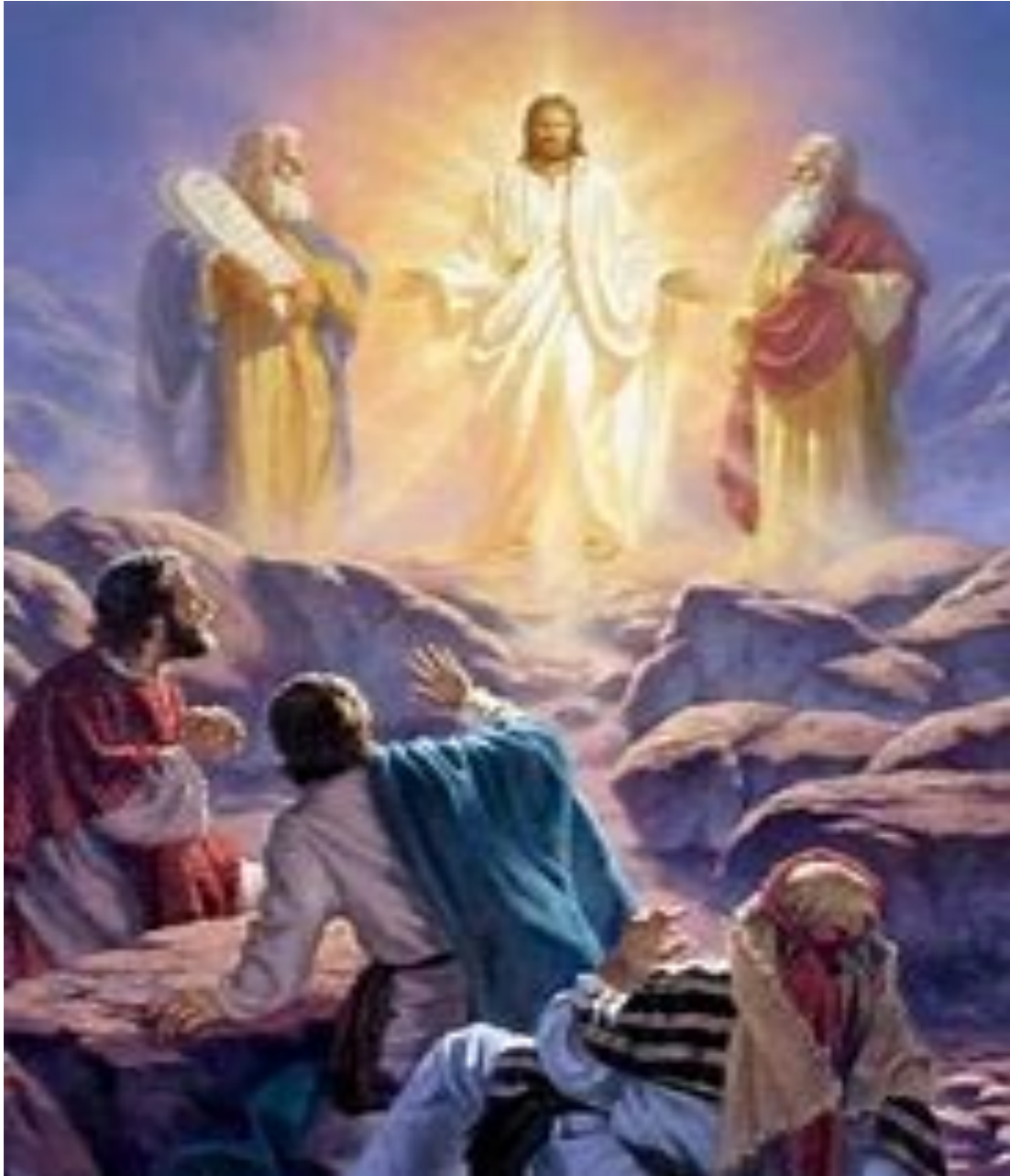


TRANSFIGURATION  
OF  
JESUS



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

# TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

February 11, 2024

Holy Communion 11:00 am

Prelude

\*The Processional Hymn                    *O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright*                    (ELW) No. 308

\*The Confession and Forgiveness                    (ELW) page 94

P: In the name of the Father, and of the †Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: God of all mercy.....of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

P: Most merciful God,

C: **We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God,.....in the name of the Father, and of the †Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

\*The Apostolic Greeting                    (ELW) page 138

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.**

\*The Kyrie (*sung response*)                    (ELW) page 138

P: ....., let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: **Amen.**

\*The Hymn of Praise                    *This is the Feast*                    (ELW) NO. 140

\*Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray,

**C: O God, at the glorious transfiguration of Your only Son, You confirmed the mystery of our faith by the witness of the disciples and by Your own voice from the cloud. Mercifully complete our adoption as Your children, and give us, with our King, an inheritance of His glory. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

First Reading

Exodus 34:29-35

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

The Psalmody for the Day *(read responsively)*

Psalm 50:1-6

<sup>1</sup> The Mighty One, God the Lord,  
speaks and summons the earth  
from the rising of the sun to its setting.

<sup>2</sup> **Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,  
God shines forth.**

<sup>3</sup> Our God comes; he does not keep silence;  
before him is a devouring fire,  
around him a mighty tempest.

<sup>4</sup> **He calls to the heavens above  
and to the earth, that he may judge his people:**

<sup>5</sup> "Gather to me my faithful ones,  
who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!"

<sup>6</sup> **The heavens declare his righteousness,  
for God himself is judge!**

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 3:12-13, 4:1-6

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

\*The Gospel Acclamation (*sung*)

(ELW) page 142

**C: Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

\* The Gospel

Mark 9:2-9

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.** (sung after announcement of the Gospel)

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.** (sung after conclusion of the Gospel)

Children's Sermon

Pastor Grewe

(children leave for Sunday School)

Sermon

Rev. Robert B. Grewe

\*The Hymn of the Day

*Shine, Jesus, Shine*

(ELW) No. 671

\*The Nicene Creed

**I believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**I 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; by the power of the Holy Spirit He became in carnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. 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.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets.**

**I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen**

\*The Prayers of the Church (response)

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

\*Sharing of the Peace

The Musical Offering

\*The Offertory *Create in Me a Clean Heart* (SBH) No. 27

\* The Great Thanksgiving (ELW) page 144

\*The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Lamb of God (ELW) page 146

The Distribution

Communion Hymn *Let Us Break Bread Together* (ELW) No. 471

Prayer/Blessing

Announcements

\*The Benediction (*sung response*)

**C: Amen, Amen, Amen.**

\*The Recessional Hymn *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies* (ELW) No. 553

“Farewell and burial of the Alleluia”

\*The Dismissal (*response*)

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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**The flowers on the Chancel** are given to the glory of God by Robert and Anneliese Christian for the celebration of their 70th Wedding Anniversary on Feb. 6, 2024 and Annelise's birthday on Feb. 24th. A donation was made to the Roof Fund.

**The Lay Reader** is Dennis Schmidt.

**Acolytes are** Trevor and Jacin Flowers.

**Counters** today are R. Williams and L. Sten.

**Welcome to our Visitors!** The people of this congregation welcome you as you join us in worship this morning. Please sign the register, located in the narthex. If you have questions, please see the pastor or contact the church office.

**Do you wish to become a member of First Lutheran Church?**

Please contact Pastor Grewe.

**Nursery:** We welcome all children to be a part of worship, but we realize that sometimes the service can be too long for the little ones. We have a nursery for those attending to the needs of infants and small children. There is a speaker in the nursery so that parents can still hear the service. You are welcome to use the nursery for the entire service, or just a small part.

**The Flower Chart for 2024** is posted in the narthex. If you wish to place flowers, (real or artificial) near the altar, sign your name opposite the date of your choice. You will be reminded of your date and asked for the wording you want in the bulletin two weeks before the due date.

**Sign-up sheets are posted to host a coffee hour in 2024.** Please write your names under the month you would like to host. The coffee hours have been a wonderful time of fellowship and the hosts have been awesome! Thank you!!

**Sign-up sheets are posted for Lay Readers in 2024.** Please sign up.

**Please remember to continue contributing donations to our girls in Ethiopia.**  
**Please consider this as a call to help others in need.**

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**Please pray for those in need of healing:**

Janet Burke, Shari Kienzle, Susan Westott, baby Isaac Christian, the Pollana family, Sylvia Sunstrum, Fritz Group, Eric Group, Danielle Sherman, Amy Verderber, Tillie and Larry, Lou Mayne, Judy, Debbie, Sayward, Jim H., Barbara Mounts, Chiquita Pearson, Tim and Sharon, Judy Coble, Gary Conti, Linnese, Karen and John, Neil Bassi, Phyllis Daniels, Simon Thorp, Josh, Becky Wood, Apollos Yocca, Alex Houck, Bridgette, Rhonda Hendrickson, Ron Erdmann, Belinda, Wilda Durbin, Stacy Carroll, Leann Vitteck, Isabella & family, James, Billie Sue Serbak, Lori Mauer, Jennifer Brown, Mark Black, Emma Solich, Kenny & Josh Carl, Cindi and John Moore, Sean Shearer, Ed Dupas, Sandy Salerno, Gavazzi family, Janelle Henderson, Rex Gibson, Mike Phipps, Holly Davis and family, Pat Dupas, and Rich Luketich.

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY

PA Mental health support and referral line

1-855-284-2494

WASHINGTON, PA BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS LINE

1-877-225-3567

WASHINGTON COUNTY BHDS LINE

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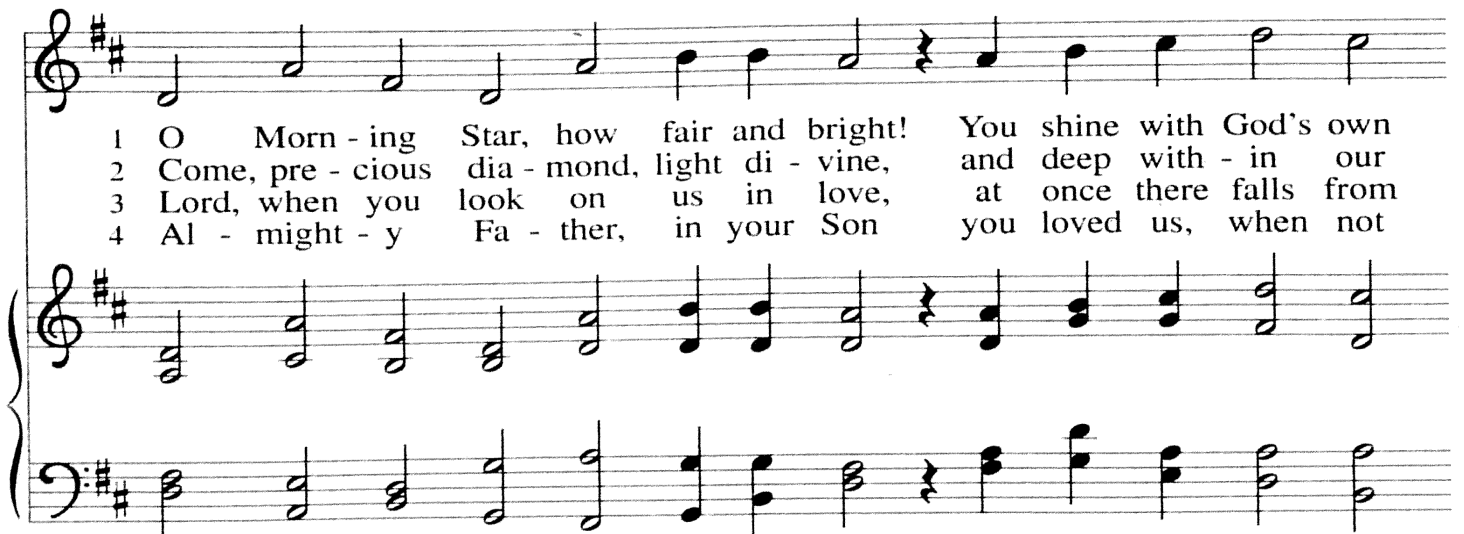
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FOR OTHER NEEDS, CONTACT 211 OR THE CHURCH.

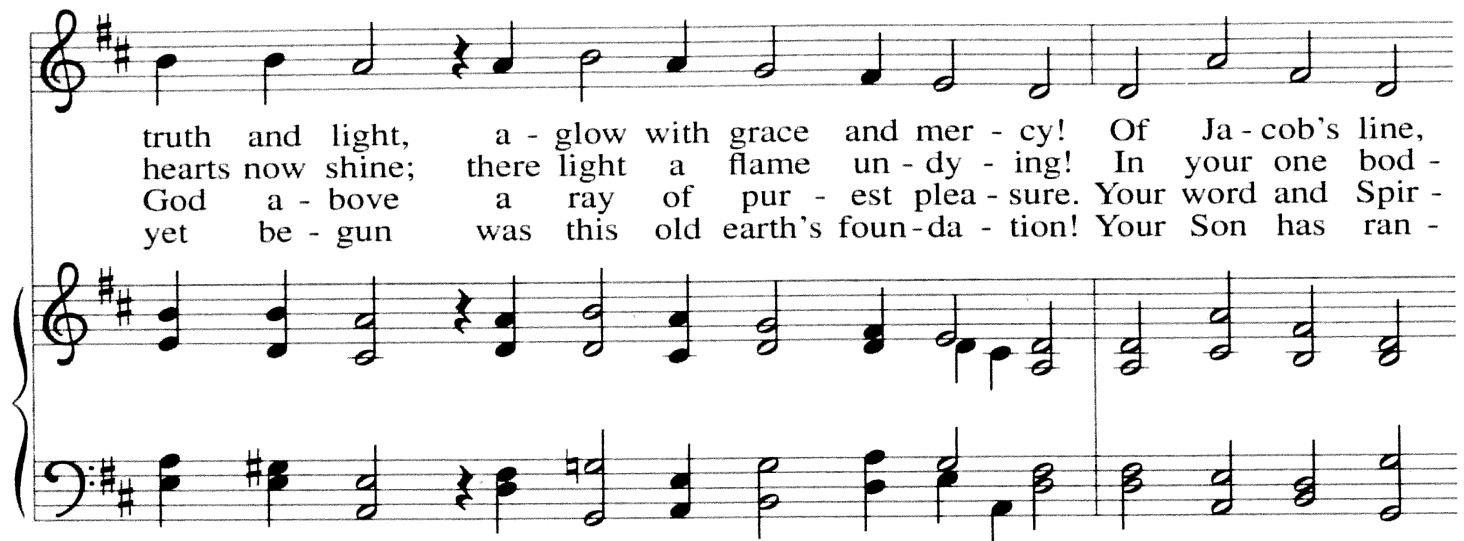
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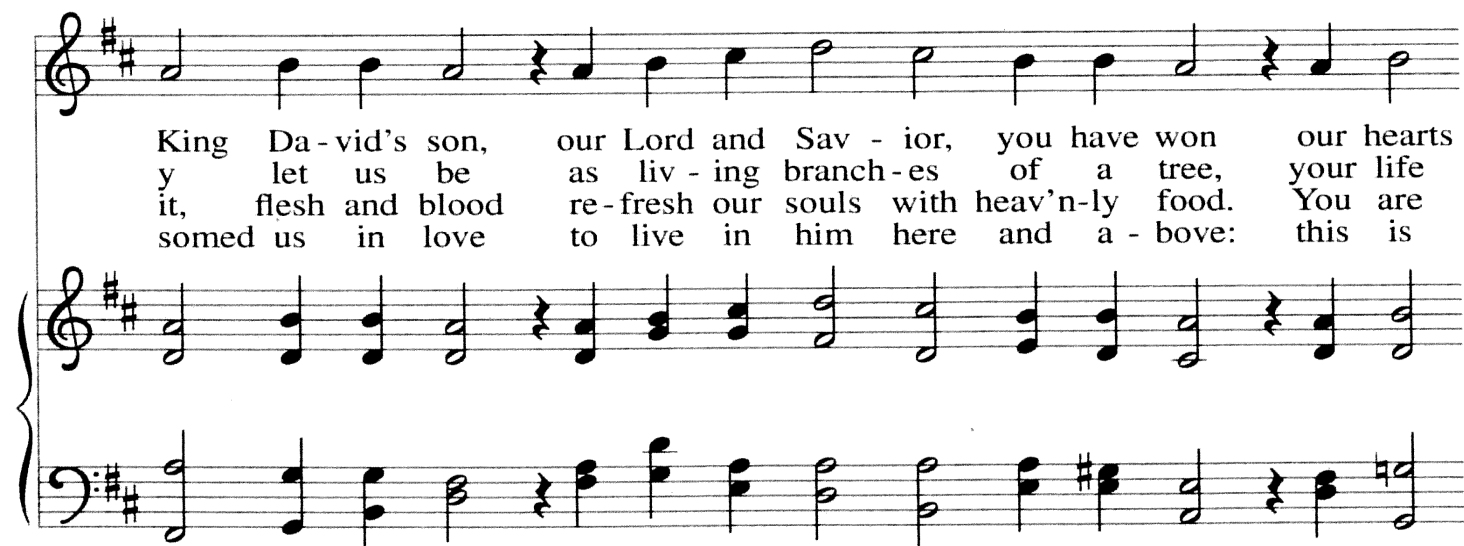
## O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!



1 O Morn - ing Star, how fair and bright! You shine with God's own  
 2 Come, pre - cious dia - mond, light di - vine, and deep with - in our  
 3 Lord, when you look on us in love, at once there falls from  
 4 Al - might - y Fa - ther, in your Son you loved us, when not



truth and light, a - glow with grace and mer - cy! Of Ja - cob's line,  
 hearts now shine; there light a flame un - dy - ing! In your one bod -  
 God a - bove a ray of pur - est plea - sure. Your word and Spir -  
 yet be - gun was this old earth's foun - da - tion! Your Son has ran -



King Da - vid's son, our Lord and Sav - ior, you have won our hearts  
 y let us be as liv - ing branch - es of a tree, your life  
 it, flesh and blood re - fresh our souls with heav'n - ly food. You are  
 somed us in love to live in him here and a - bove: this is

Continue on next page

## O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!

to serve you on - ly! Low - ly, ho - ly! Great and glo - rious,  
 our lives sup - ply - ing. Now, though dai - ly earth's deep sad - ness  
 our dear - est trea - sure! Let your mer - cy warm and cheer us!  
 your great sal - va - tion. Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the liv - ing,

all vic - to - rious, rich in bless - ing! Rule and might o'er all pos - sess - ing!  
 may per - plex us and dis - tress us, yet with heav'n - ly joy you - bless us.  
 Oh, draw near us! For you teach us God's own love through you has reached us.  
 to us giv - ing life for - ev - er, keeps us yours and fails us nev - er!

5 Oh, let the harps break forth in sound!  
 Our joy be all with music crowned,  
 our voices gaily blending!  
 For Christ goes with us all the way—  
 today, tomorrow, ev'ry day!  
 His love is never ending!  
 Sing out! Ring out!  
 Jubilation! Exultation!  
 Tell the story!  
 Praise to Christ, who reigns in glory!

6 What joy to know, when life is past,  
 the Lord we love is first and last,  
 the end and the beginning!  
 He will one day, oh, glorious grace,  
 transport us to that happy place  
 beyond all tears and sinning!  
 Amen! Amen!  
 Come, Lord Jesus! Crown of gladness!  
 We are yearning  
 for the day of your returning.

*Refrain*



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



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb



who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

*Refrain*



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



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and

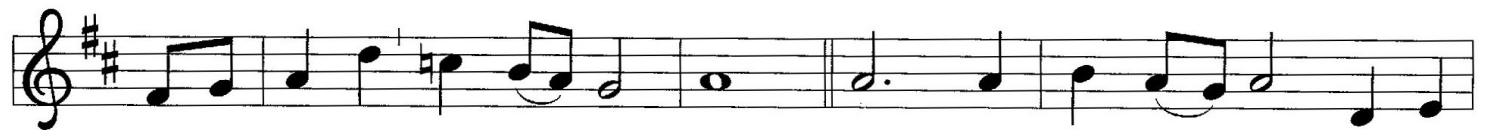


strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



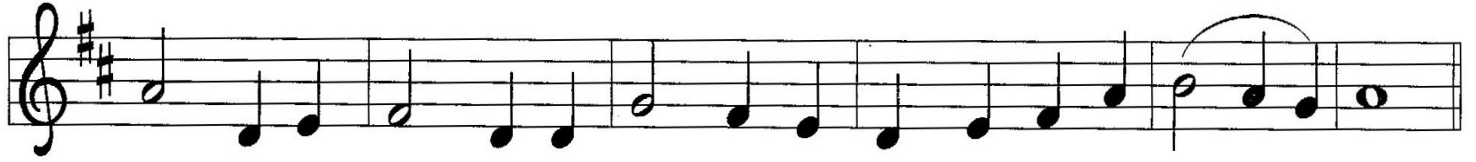
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

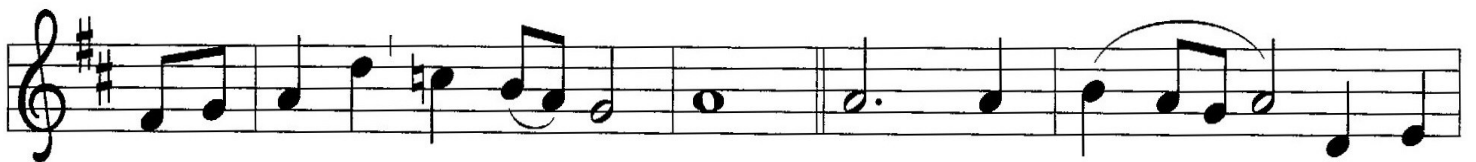


glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Refrain*



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



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was



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

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



# The Communion

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God: and re -

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff in a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -

The second system continues the melody and bass line. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

way from thy pres - ence: and take not thy Ho - ly

The third system continues the melody and bass line. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of

The fourth system continues the melody and bass line. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

thy sal - va - tion: and up - hold me with thy free Spir - it.

The fifth system concludes the piece with the final melody and bass line. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

# Let Us Break Bread Together

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1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;  
2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;  
3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;

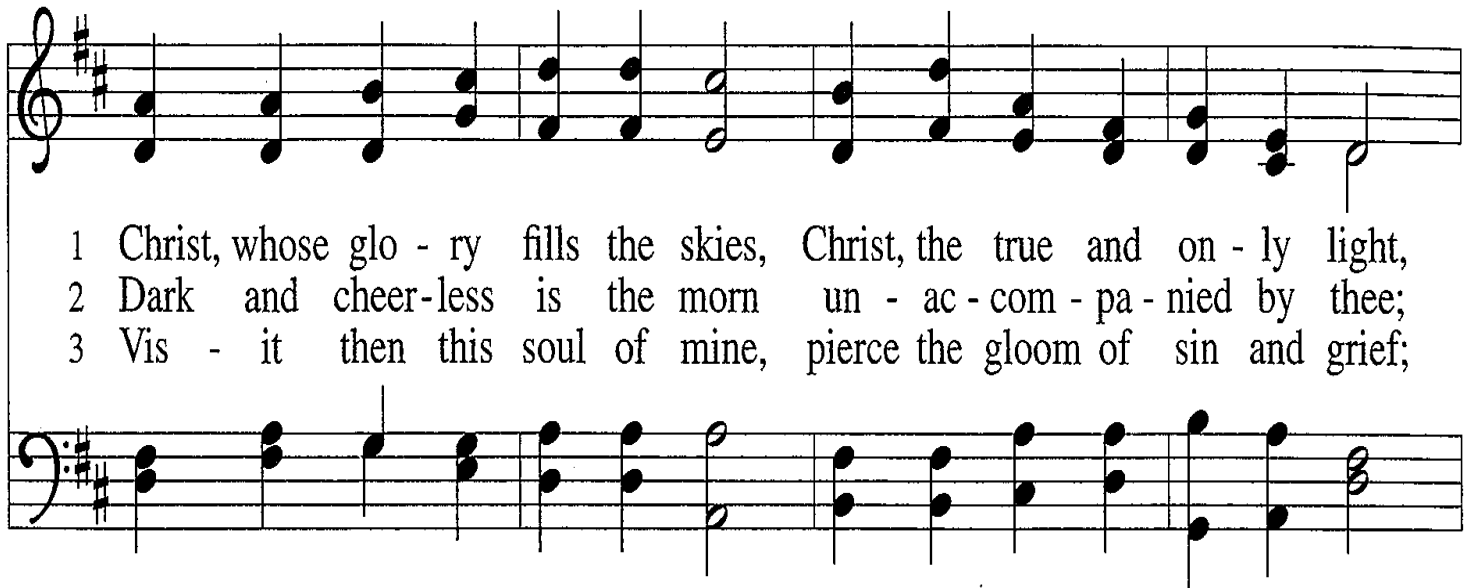
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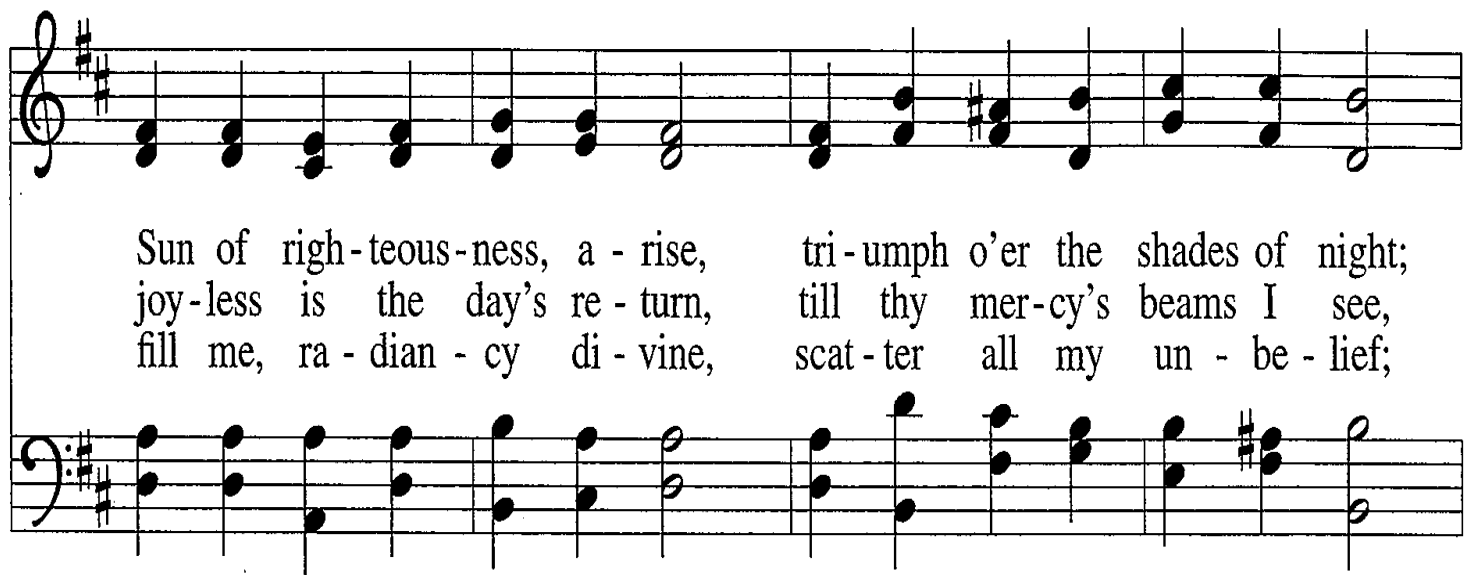
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing

sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

## Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies



1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true and on - ly light,  
 2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pa - nied by thee;  
 3 Vis - it then this soul of mine, pierce the gloom of sin and grief;



Sun of righ-teous-ness, a - rise, tri-umph o'er the shades of night;  
 joy-less is the day's re - turn, till thy mer-cy's beams I see,  
 fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine, scat - ter all my un - be - lief;



Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap - pear.  
 till they in - ward light im - part, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.  
 more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.



**Hope for Ethiopia funds are low, please donate.**

**Adult Catechism** class is on Tuesday at 11 and 7 pm. We are discussing the book we read over the summer. All are welcome. We look forward to you joining us in our discussion.

**Adult Sunday School** is held before our Church Service starting at 9:45 am in the church library. Come join us.

**Confirmation Class** is Monday from 6-8 pm.

**Bell Choir** rehearsal is Monday at 7 pm. We would love for you to join us. Please see Kris Briggs if you are interested, [kkbrgs1@gmail.com](mailto:kkbrgs1@gmail.com). All are welcome.

Our **Dartball team** is looking for more members. Practices are Tuesdays at 7 pm. No experience is needed. Come join us for fun and fellowship. We hope to see you soon. Please contact Dennis Schmidt for information.

**Chess Club** meets on Thursday evenings at 7:30 pm. All are welcome from beginners to experienced. We hope that you will join us for fellowship and fun. Please contact the church office if you have any questions.

## Listening for the Promise

### Weekly Devotional

#### Transfiguration of Our Lord - February 11, 2024

“For God, who said, ‘Let light shine out of darkness,’ has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.” - 2 Corinthians 4:6 -

Saul, also known as Paul, knew what it was like to be blind.

He was on his way to Damascus with permission for the leaders to destroy the followers of ‘the Way.’ Saul wanted to stop this new way of seeing, but God had something different in mind. Jesus appeared to him as a bright light and a voice that asked, “Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?” Jesus called Saul into the ministry of Light. He was blind for three days during which he fasted and prayed. A man named Ananias was also called by Jesus to heal Saul’s sight, care for him in his recovery, and help him see the truth. From that day forward, Saul also known as Paul, ministered to the Light.

It is natural for Paul to talk about the Gospel in terms of light and blindness. He had experienced it himself in a powerful way. He had been blind, both spiritually and physically, and he had been healed of both. We may not be physically blind, but human beings are blinded by the things of this world. We are spiritually blind in many ways, ways in which we obviously fail to recognize. By the power of the Holy Spirit we are called to believe in God’s grace and forgiveness. We are healed of our blindness and ushered into the Light.

Once in the Light, we are then called to go forth, sharing the Gospel message. It isn’t about us; we are the messengers who take the Gospel out to the world. The Holy Spirit works in those meet to lift the veil off their eyes so that they too might come to believe. It is God that shines in their darkness. It is God who makes them see.

Do you have a story you can share with others about how you came to see the light? Of course you do, and can. Our stories may not be as dramatic as that of Paul. We may not even be able to identify a time or place when we were blind and then could see. However, our eyes have been unveiled because of the witnesses who have willingly shared the Gospel with us and we are called to be witnesses to others in the same way. God has promised to shine through our hearts into the world so that all may stand in the Light.



