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**WELCOME:** *To all who are present today, we offer a heart-felt welcome in Jesus' name.*

*God reveals His glory in a way that both overwhelms sinners and yet draws them near through His Word. The glory seen on the mountain does not stand on its own, but serves to confirm that Jesus is truly God and that His words are to be trusted and obeyed. For that reason, the emphasis of the day is not on seeing glory, but on listening to the Son whom the Father has sent.*

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

**OPENING PRAYER:** *We ask the Lord's blessings on our worship.*

**HYMN: #343**

*How Lovely Shines the Morning Star*

**How lovely shines the Morning Star!**

**The nations see and hail afar**

**The light in Judah shining.**

**Thou David's Son of Jacob's race,**

**My Bridegroom and my King of Grace,**

**For Thee my heart is pining.**

**Lowly, Holy,**

**Great and glorious,**

**Thou victorious Prince of graces,**

**Filling all the heav'nly places.**

**O highest joy by mortals won,**

**True Son of God and Mary's Son,**

**Thou highborn King of ages!**

**Thou art my heart's most beauteous Flow'r**

**And Thy blest Gospel's saving pow'r**

**My raptured soul engages.**

**Thou mine, I Thine;**

**Sing hosanna! Heav'nly manna**

**Tasting, eating,**

**Whilst Thy love in songs repeating.**

**Now richly to my waiting heart,**

**O Thou, my God, deign to impart**

**The grace of love undying.**

**In Thy blest body let me be,**

**E'en as the branch is in the tree,**

**Thy life my life supplying.**

**Sighing, Crying,**

For the savor Of Thy favor;  
Resting never  
Till I rest in Thee forever.

A pledge of peace from God I see  
When Thy pure eyes are turned to me

To show me Thy good pleasure.  
Jesus, Thy Spirit and Thy Word,  
Thy body and Thy blood, afford  
My soul its dearest treasure.

Keep me Kindly  
In Thy favor, O my Savior!  
Thou wilt cheer me;  
Thy Word calls me to draw near Thee.

Thou, mighty Father, in Thy Son  
Didst love me ere Thou hadst begun  
This ancient world's foundation.  
Thy Son hath made a friend of me,  
And when in spirit Him I see,  
I joy in tribulation.  
What bliss is this!  
He that liveth To me giveth  
Life forever;  
Nothing me from Him can sever.

Lift up the voice and strike the string,  
Let all glad sounds of music ring  
In God's high praises blended.  
Christ will be with me all the way,  
Today, tomorrow, every day,  
Till traveling days be ended.  
Sing out, Ring out,  
Triumph glorious, O victorious,

**Chosen nation;  
Praise the God of your salvation.**

**Oh, joy to know that Thou, my Friend,  
Art Lord, Beginning without end,  
The First and Last, eternal!  
And Thou at length--O glorious grace!--  
Wilt take me to that holy place,  
The home of joys supernal.  
Amen, Amen!  
Come and meet me! Quickly greet me!  
With deep yearning,  
Lord, I look for Thy returning.  
Amen.**

## **INVOCATION**

*Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

**Cong: Amen.**

## **CONFSSION & ABSOLUTION**

*Pastor: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.*

**Cong: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love; cleanse me from my sin; and take away my guilt.**

*Pastor: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent suffering and death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. This Gospel is the power of God unto salvation for everyone who believes, because in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written: The just shall live by faith.*  
**Cong: Amen.**

## GLORY TO GOD

**Lord, have mercy on us.  
Christ, have mercy on us.  
Lord, have mercy on us.**

**Glory to God, we give You thanks and praise;  
Of heav'nly joy and peace on earth we sing.  
We worship You, to You our hearts we raise,  
Lord God, almighty Father, heav'nly King.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son,  
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.  
O Lamb of God, Your glorious vict'ry won,  
Receive our prayer, grant us Your peace within.**

**Alone, O Christ, You only are the Lord,  
At God's right hand in majesty most high:  
Who, with the Spirit worshipped and adored,  
With all the heav'nly host we glorify.**

## THE PRAYER OF THE DAY:

*Pastor: Father of glory and grace, as our Lord Jesus Christ revealed His glory to His chosen disciples on the mountain before He endured the shame of the cross, so shine in our hearts through the hearing of the Holy Scriptures that we might repent of our sins and in faith look to Jesus, our Savior,*

*that we might be made to share in His glory when He comes again to give eternal life to all who trusted in Him; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, who reigns with the Father and with You, one God—forever and ever. **Cong: Amen.***

### **FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Exodus 34:10-35**

(ESV) And he said, “Behold, I am making a covenant. Before all your people I will do marvels, such as have not been created in all the earth or in any nation. And all the people among whom you are shall see the work of the LORD, for it is an awesome thing that I will do with you. (11) “Observe what I command you this day. Behold, I will drive out before you the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. (12) Take care, lest you make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land to which you go, lest it become a snare in your midst. (13) You shall tear down their altars and break their pillars and cut down their Asherim (14) (for you shall worship no other god, for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God), (15) lest you make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land, and when they whore after their gods and sacrifice to their gods and you are invited, you eat of his sacrifice, (16) and you take of their daughters for your sons, and their daughters whore after their gods and make your sons whore after their gods. (17) “You shall not make for yourself any gods of cast metal. (18) “You shall keep the Feast of Unleavened Bread. Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread, as I commanded you, at the time appointed in the month Abib, for in the month Abib you came out from Egypt. (19) All that open the womb are mine, all your male livestock, the firstborn of cow and sheep. (20) The firstborn of a donkey you shall redeem with a lamb, or if you will not redeem it you shall break its neck. All the firstborn of your sons you shall

redeem. And none shall appear before me empty-handed. (21) “Six days you shall work, but on the seventh day you shall rest. In plowing time and in harvest you shall rest. (22) You shall observe the Feast of Weeks, the firstfruits of wheat harvest, and the Feast of Ingathering at the year's end. (23) Three times in the year shall all your males appear before the LORD God, the God of Israel. (24) For I will cast out nations before you and enlarge your borders; no one shall covet your land, when you go up to appear before the LORD your God three times in the year. (25) “You shall not offer the blood of my sacrifice with anything leavened, or let the sacrifice of the Feast of the Passover remain until the morning. (26) The best of the firstfruits of your ground you shall bring to the house of the LORD your God. You shall not boil a young goat in its mother's milk.” (27) And the LORD said to Moses, “Write these words, for in accordance with these words I have made a covenant with you and with Israel.” (28) So he was there with the LORD forty days and forty nights. He neither ate bread nor drank water. And he wrote on the tablets the words of the covenant, the Ten Commandments. (29) When Moses came down from Mount Sinai, with the two tablets of the testimony in his hand as he came down from the mountain, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. (30) Aaron and all the people of Israel saw Moses, and behold, the skin of his face shone, and they were afraid to come near him. (31) But Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses talked with them. (32) Afterward all the people of Israel came near, and he commanded them all that the LORD had spoken with him in Mount Sinai. (33) And when Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face. (34) Whenever Moses went in before the LORD to

speak with him, he would remove the veil, until he came out. And when he came out and told the people of Israel what he was commanded, (35) the people of Israel would see the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face was shining. And Moses would put the veil over his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

## **SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: 2 Peter 1:16-21**

(ESV) For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. (17) For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased," (18) we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. (19) And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, (20) knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. (21) For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

*Pastor: Blessed are they that hear the Word of God and keep it.*

**Cong:**

**Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

**These words are written that we may believe**

**That Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.**

**Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

## CONFESSiON OF FAITH

*The Nicene Creed*

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 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.

HYMN: #135

*'Tis Good, Lord, To Be Here*

'Tis good, Lord, to be here,  
Thy glory fills the night;  
Thy face and garments, like the sun,  
Shine with unborrowed light.

'Tis good, Lord, to be here,

Thy beauty to behold  
Where Moses and Elijah stand,  
Thy messengers of old.

Fulfiller of the past,  
Promise of things to be,  
We hail Thy body glorified  
And our redemption see.

Before we taste of death,  
We see Thy kingdom come;  
We fain would hold the vision bright  
And make this hill our home.

'Tis good, Lord, to be here.  
Yet we may not remain;  
But since Thou bidst us leave the mount,  
Come with us to the plain.  
Amen.

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**HE SERMON:** Matthew 17:1-9

(ESV) And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, 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 white as light. (3) And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. (4) And Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah.” (5) He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.” (6) When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. (7) But Jesus came and

touched them, saying, “Rise, and have no fear.” (8) And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. (9) And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, “Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead.”

## “The View”

### OFFERTORY

    Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
    And renew a right spirit within me.  
    Cast me not away from Your presence.  
    Take not Your Holy Spirit from me.  
    Restore to me the joy of Your salvation.  
    Uphold with Your Spirit free.

### OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS

### GENERAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN: #294

*We Have a Sure Prophetic Word*

We have a sure prophetic Word  
    By inspiration of the Lord;  
And tho' assailed on ev'ry hand,  
    Jehovah's Word shall ever stand.

By pow'rs of empire banned and burned,  
    By pagan pride rejected, spurned,  
The Word still stands the Christian's trust  
    While haughty empires lie in dust.

Lo, what the Word in times of old

Of future days and deeds foretold  
Is all fulfilled while ages roll,  
As traced on the prophetic scroll.

Abiding, steadfast, firm, and sure,  
The teachings of the Word endure.  
Blest he who trusts this steadfast Word;  
His anchor holds in Christ, the Lord.  
Amen.

## THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

*Pastor: The Lord be with you.*

**Cong: And also with you.**

*Pastor: Lift up your hearts.*

**Cong: We lift them up unto the Lord.**

*Pastor: As it is good, right, and spiritually beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, we especially praise You that You sent to us Your only-begotten Son and that in Him, being found in the form of man, You have revealed to fullness of Your glory. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we glorify Your name, praising You and singing:*

**Cong:**

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord  
    God of heavenly hosts adored;  
    Heav'n and earth with full acclaim  
    Shout the glory of Your name.  
    Sing Hosanna in the highest,  
    Sing Hosanna to the Lord.  
    Truly blest is He who comes**

## **In the name of the Lord.**

*Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples saying, “Take, eat; this is My body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me.”*

*In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks He gave it to them saying, “Drink from it, all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My blood which is shed for you for the remission of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it in remembrance of Me.”*

*The peace of the Lord be with you always.*

**Cong: Amen.**

**Cong:**

**O Lamb of God, O Christ, our Lord,  
Whose blood, once shed, true life restored,  
Impart Your joy, our faith increase,  
Sustain with Your mercy,  
And grant us Your peace.**

## **DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT**

**HYMN:**

*O Lord, Now Let Your Servant*

**O Lord, now let Your servant  
Depart in heav’ly peace,  
For I have seen the glory  
Of Your redeeming grace:  
A Light to lead the Gentiles  
Unto Your holy hill,**

**The Glory of Your people,  
Your chosen Israel.**

**All glory to the Father,  
All glory to the Son,  
All glory to the Spirit –  
Forever Three-in-One;  
For as in the beginning,  
Is now, shall ever be,  
God's triune name resounding  
Through all eternity.**

*Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord with gladness.*

**Cong:**

**My heart has now become Your dwelling,  
O blessed, holy Trinity.  
With angels I, Your praises telling,  
Shall live in joy eternally.  
Lord, may Your body and Your blood  
Be for my soul the highest good.**

## **THE BENEDICTION**

*Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.*

**Cong: Amen.**

## **SILENT PRAYER**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**VOTERS' MEETING & FELLOWSHIP MEAL:** Following today's service we will hold our annual voters' meeting following the church service. Along with the voters' meeting we will also have a fellowship meal.

**CLC NOMINATIONS:** Voting members of CLC congregations have the opportunity to nominate individuals to the various CLC leadership positions (officers and boards) who will be elected at the CLC Convention this June. Nominations can be made through March 31, 2026. Please refer to the announcement on the back cover of the December issue of the Lutheran Spokesman for directions on how to make your nominations. Thank you! May the LORD bless us as we seek to serve within His kingdom! Paul Nolting, CLC Moderator

**CALL NEWS:** Pastor Emeritus John Schierenbeck has received the vacancy call to Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church, Red Wing, MN. <> Pastor Paul Agenten of Calvary Lutheran Church, Marquette, MI, and St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Iron River, MI, has received the call to Living Hope Lutheran Church, Appleton, WI. <> Pastor Aaron Ude of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Rapid City, SD, has received the call to Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church, Phoenix, AZ. <> Teacher Claire Abbas of Berea Ev. Lutheran School, Inver Grove Heights, MN, has received the call to Redeemer Lutheran School, Cheyenne, WY. <> Pastor Jonah Albrecht of Redemption Ev. Lutheran Church, Lynnwood, WA, and Ascension Lutheran Church, Tacoma, WA, has received the call to Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI. <> Pastor Johnathan Schnose of Bethel Ev. Lutheran Church, Morris, MN, has received the call to Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Spokane, WA.

## **Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions**

**February 02 – February 07, 2026**

**Mon Matthew 8:23-27** Jesus could sleep in the middle of a terrible storm because even the wind and the sea obey Him (v27)! Such is the glory of God's own Son!

**Tues Romans 13:8-10** Following Christ does not mean we do not pay lawful debts, but Christian love goes beyond the mere payments owed and serves the best interest of one's neighbor.

**Wed Isaiah 43:1-3** Jesus embodied the promises of old, was with the disciples when they passed through the waters (v2), and saved mankind from the fire that their sins deserve.

**Thurs Psalm 97** When the LORD rules, that is surely something to celebrate, for His righteousness wins over all evil, and all the peoples see His glory (v6). He guards, delivers, and brings light and joy to His people.

**Fri Psalm 2:1-6** Why? Why-ever would the people and rulers of this world rage against the LORD who saves by His Christ? Thankfully they can not stop Him from establishing His King on the throne.

**Sat Psalm 2:7-12** The Son speaks of the Father's decree, very much like the announcement at Jesus' baptism and transfiguration: "This is my beloved Son!" How blessed are all who take refuge in Him (v12).