

**Our mission
is to teach,
love,
and connect...
teach all ages
about Jesus,
love one another
as God loves us,
and connect
with others
in a hurting world.**

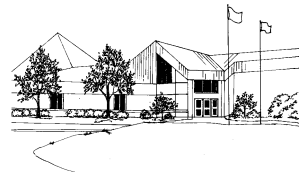
TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

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We warmly welcome you in the name of Jesus!

We are always glad to have you worship with us.

*If you do not have a regular church home,
we invite you to make our church home yours.*

- † Our worship services are on Sunday mornings at 8:30 and 11:00 AM. We also invite and encourage you to join us in Sunday School and Bible Study at 9:45 AM.
- † Assisted hearing devices, children's bulletins, and large print service folders are available; please ask an usher for one.
- † While we encourage children to be present in worship, the upstairs cry room opposite the elevator is available for you.
- † Our worship services can now be viewed on the church's Facebook page (live or after the service), as well as on our YouTube channel. *The Lutheran Hour* can be heard on Sundays at 9:00 AM at KAWZ (102.7FM).

Prayer before worship:

O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.

AS WE GATHER Jesus looks brilliant! As language changes, sometimes the most basic meanings of words change and expand with the times. For generations, the English word *brilliant* meant simply something that shines or radiates light. The word is thought to be derived from the prized gemstone beryl, which is mentioned in both the Old Testament book of Daniel (10:6) and the book of Revelation (21:20). Jesus' garments became "white as light," Matthew writes (17:2), in a way that mirrors Psalm 104, where the psalmist writes of God: "You are clothed with splendor and majesty, covering Yourself with light as with a garment" (vv. 1–2). As He stands on the mountaintop with Moses and Elijah, Jesus is shining, radiant, and brilliant. An expanded meaning of the word *brilliant* is "perfect, amazing, and wonderful." Jesus on the mountaintop is brilliant as He discusses how He will carry out God's plan of our salvation with two of the best coaches ever, Moses and Elijah. Jesus does not just look brilliant—He *is* brilliant!

PRESERVICE MUSIC

RINGING OF BELL

OPENING HYMN

“’Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here”

LSB 414



1 'Tis good, Lord, to be here! Thy
2 'Tis good, Lord, to be here, Thy
3 Ful - fill - er of the past And
4 Be - fore we taste of death, We
5 'Tis good, Lord, to be here! Yet



glo - ry fills the night; Thy face and gar - ments,
beau - ty to be - hold Where Mo - ses and E -
hope of things to be, We hail Thy bod - y
see Thy king - dom come; We long to hold the
we may not re - main; But since Thou bidst us



like the sun, Shine with un - bor - rowed light.
li - jah stand, Thy mes - sen - gers of old.
glo - ri - fied And our re - demp - tion see.
vi - sion bright And make this hill our home.
leave the mount, Come with us to the plain.

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WELCOME

Please stand.

INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 50:1–2; 67:1, 3; 2 Corinthians 4:6

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

People: Amen.

Pastor: The Mighty One, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

People: Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.

Pastor: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make His face to shine upon us.

People: Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You!

Pastor: For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,”

People: has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SINS

Leader: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

[Hebrews 10:22]

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 124:8

Leader: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

People: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Psalm 32:5

Leader: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. Yet, for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, You have had mercy on us. Now strengthen 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.

Pastor: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

John 1:12; Philippians 1:6

People: Amen.

Remain standing for the Song of Praise.

SONG OF PRAISE “Awesome Is the Lord Most High”

by C. Pierce, C. Tomlin, J. Reeves, J. Able

**Great are You, Lord, mighty in strength.
You are faithful, and You will ever be.
We will praise You all of our days,
It’s for Your glory, we offer ev’rything.**

**Chorus A: Raise your hands, all you nations,
Shout to God, all creation,
How awesome is the Lord most high.**

**Where You send us, God we will go.
You’re the answer, we want the world to know.
We will trust You when You call our name,
Where You lead us, we’ll follow all the way.**

**Chorus B: Raise your hands, all you nations,
Shout to God all creation,
How awesome is the Lord most high.
We will praise You together, for now and forever.
How awesome is the Lord most high.**

Bridge: Hallelujah, hallelujah, how awesome is the Lord most high.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, how awesome is the Lord most high.

Chorus B twice

The Lord most high.

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Please be seated.

COME AND HEAR THE GOOD NEWS!

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 24:8-18

Moses meets with the Lord God on Mount Sinai.

Reader: And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, "Behold the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words."

Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, and they saw the God of Israel. There was under his feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank.

The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and wait there, that I may give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses rose with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. And he said to the elders, "Wait here for us until we return to you. And behold, Aaron and Hur are with you. Whoever has a dispute, let him go to them."

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the LORD dwelt on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. And on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud. 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 people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 2:6-12

Leader: We speak the words of Psalm 2 together:

People: "As for Me, I have set My King on Zion, My holy hill."

Men/boys: I will tell of the decree: The LORD said to Me, "You are My Son; today I have begotten You.

Women/girls: Ask of Me, and I will make the nations Your heritage, and the ends of the earth Your possession.

People: You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."

Men/boys: Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth.

Women/girls: Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling.

**People: Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, and you perish in the way, for His wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in Him.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

EPISTLE READING *Peter writes of his mountaintop experience with Jesus.* **2 Peter 1:16–21**

Reader: 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. 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," we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. And we have something more sure, the prophetic word, 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, knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. 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.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand in reverence to the Gospel.

HOLY GOSPEL *Jesus is transfigured on a high mountaintop.* **Matthew 17:1–9**

Pastor: Hear now the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the seventeenth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord!

Pastor: After six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. 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." 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." When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear." And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

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."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ!**

CONFESSION OF FAITH

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 both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

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

Please be seated.

SONG

"Shine, Jesus, Shine"

by G. Kendrick

**Lord, the light of Your love is shining,
In the midst of the darkness shining.
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us.
Set us free by the truth You now bring us.
Shine on me, shine on me.**

**Refrain: Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory.
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow, Flood the nations with grace and mercy.
Send forth Your Word, Lord, and let there be light.**

**Lord I come to your awesome presence,
From the shadows into your radiance,
By the blood I may enter your brightness,
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness,
Shine on me. shine on me. *Refrain***

As we gaze on Your Kingly brightness,
So our faces display Your likeness;
Ever changing from glory to glory,
Mirrored here, may our lives tell Your story.
Shine on me, shine on me. *Refrain*

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SERMON

“They Saw No One But Him . . . Jesus Only” **Matthew 17:1–9**

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD.

WE PRAISE THE LORD WITH OUR OFFERINGS *Tithes and offerings are collected by the ushers. We encourage you to sign and pass the Friendship Book at this time. All communicants are invited to read and prayerfully consider the following.*

We believe that...

- † *Holy Communion is a Sacrament since it was instituted by Christ Himself.*
- † *We are truly worthy and well prepared to partake of Holy Communion when we repent of our sins and have faith in these words, “Given and shed for you for the remission of sins.”*
- † *We receive the bread and wine and the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ when, as repentant, true believers we partake of Holy Communion.*

Our Savior Lutheran Church practices close communion.

What does this mean?

Confirmed members of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod are welcome to commune with us. If you are not a confirmed member of our church or one of our sister congregations, we encourage you to speak to the pastor about preparing to participate in communion at Our Savior.

- † *Children and those not communing are welcome to come forward for a blessing (indicated by folded hands), or to remain seated for individual prayer. When the wine is offered, communicants have the choice of an individual cup or the common cup. Individual cups containing DARK WINE are alcohol-free for those with medical need only, please.*

OFFERTORY

Please stand.

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

After each petition:

Pastor: Lord in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

People: **Amen.**

Service of the Sacrament

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE AND SANCTUS

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times in all places give thanks to You, our merciful God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who at His transfiguration revealed His glory to His disciples that they might be strengthened to proclaim His cross and resurrection. Grant us to share in their vision and witness and with all the faithful to look forward to the glory yet to be revealed. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying,

People: **"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory!"**

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

WORDS OF CONSECRATION

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My $\text{\textcircled{+}}$ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

Pastor: In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My $\text{\textcircled{+}}$ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PEACE and AGNUS DEI

John 1:29

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

Pastor: We rejoice, Lord Jesus, that You did not remain on Your heavenly throne but entered Your creation for our salvation. With John the Baptist we give thanks and say,

People: "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

DISTRIBUTION *Please be seated. If you are communing, please follow the directions of the ushers.*

SONG

"Uncreated One"

by C. Tomlin & J. D. Walt

**Holy Uncreated One,
Your beauty fills the skies.
But the glory of Your majesty
is the mercy in Your eyes.**

**Worthy Uncreated One,
from heaven to earth come down.
You laid aside Your royalty
to wear the sinner's crown.**

Chorus

**O Great God be glorified,
our lives laid down, Yours magnified.
O Great God be lifted high,
there is none like You.**

**Jesus, Savior, God's own Son,
risen, reigning Lord.
Sustainer of the Universe
by the power of Your Word.**

Chorus

**And when we see Your matchless face,
in speechless awe we'll stand
And there we'll bow with grateful hearts,
unto the Great I Am.**

Chorus

There is none like You.

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Please stand.

FAREWELL TO ALLELUIA

Ecclesiastes 3:1-4, 7, alt.

Pastor: This week, on Ash Wednesday, we begin our observance of Lent. To highlight the penitential nature of the season, it has been the custom in the church to suspend the use of the word *alleluia*, which means "Praise the Lord." The tradition not to use the joyful word *alleluia* in worship from the conclusion of worship on the final Sunday before Lent until the first service on Easter Sunday has been in place since the fifth century. We will repeat words from the book of Ecclesiastes, which remind us that there are appropriate times for all things, including a time to keep silence, which we will observe regarding use of the *alleluia* throughout Lent.

Pastor: For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die;

People: a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;

Pastor: a time to break down, and a time to build up;

People: a time to weep, and a time to laugh;

Pastor: a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

People: a time to keep silence, and a time to speak.

Pastor: As part of our observance of a holy Lent as it begins this week, we now say farewell to the *alleluia* until the time of our rejoicing anew at the resurrection of our Lord on Easter Day.

People: Alleluia! Amen.

BENEDICAMUS

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up his countenance on you and ☩ give you peace.

People: Amen.

CLOSING SONG

"Agnus Dei"

by M. W. Smith

Alleluia, alleluia, for the Lord God Almighty reigns.

Alleluia, alleluia, for the Lord God Almighty reigns. Alleluia!

Holy, holy are You, Lord God Almighty.

Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb,

For You are holy, holy are You, Lord God Almighty.

Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb, Amen! *Repeat*

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SILENT PRAYER

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Readings for next Sunday, 2/22

Genesis 3:1–21

Psalm 32:1–7

Romans 5:12–19

Matthew 4:1–11
