

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Please turn off all cell phones.

If you are visiting with us today, we extend to you a particular welcome and invite your questions and comments.

Our entire worship service is printed in this worship folder for your convenience.

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In the order of service, the words that are spoken by a leader are in regular type.

Words spoken by the assembly are in boldface type.

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Today we welcome Kevin Bates, Executive Director of Helping Hand House, one of our benevolence recipients and ministry partners working to provide “emergency shelter and housing solutions in Pierce County.”

NARRATIVE LECTIONARY 129

TRANSFIGURATION

Sunday, February 19, 2023 • 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stand.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
who makes all things new,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Trusting in God's mercy,
let us confess our sin.

Kneel or stand. Silence is kept for reflection.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy One, source of our renewal,
**we confess that we are wrapped up in sin,
and cannot free ourselves.**

**We have not practiced your righteousness.
Our hearts have turned away from you.**

**For the sake of the world you so love,
forgive us,
that we may be reconciled to one another
for the glory of your holy name.**

Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Thus says our God:

“The former things have come to pass
and new things I now declare.”

God’s mercy makes us new.

We are forgiven in the name of + Christ our Savior.

Amen.

Stand.

GREETING

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

And also with you.

KYRIE • "KYRIE"

With One Voice, Holy Communion, Setting Five: Bread of Life



A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **C** Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:



A Chri - ste e - le - i - son: **C** Christ, have mer - cy.
Christ, have mer - cy:



A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **C** Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:

HYMN OF PRAISE • "GATHER US IN"

With One Voice 718




1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face; we have been sung through-out all of his - t'ry,
 bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
 light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,




brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
 call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath-er us in, the
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas - sion, give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
 fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Radiant God,
you revealed yourself in your son, Jesus,
when he was transfigured
on the mountain before his disciples.

Reveal yourself to us daily,
so that we might enlighten others
with the good news of your love.

We pray these things
in the name of Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Sit.

ACCLAMATION OF SCRIPTURE

With One Voice, Holy Communion, Setting Five: Bread of Life



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

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

READING

A reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

Matthew 16:24—17:8

16 ²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

²⁷For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

17 ¹Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ²And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁵While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" ⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." ⁸And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S SERMON + SERMON

Pastor Briana Merkle.

HYMN OF THE DAY • "WE HAVE COME AT CHRIST'S OWN BIDDING"

OneLicense #93173

Unison

The musical score is written for a unison voice part in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The lyrics are arranged in three stanzas, with the first two lines of each stanza corresponding to the first system, the next two lines to the second system, and the final two lines to the third system. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a steady rhythm. The bass line provides a harmonic foundation with chords and single notes.

1 We have come at Christ's own bid - ding to this high and
2 Light breaks through our clouds and shad - ows, splen - dor bathes the
3 Strength-ened by this glimpse of glo - ry, fear - ful lest our

ho - ly place, where we wait with hope and long - ing for some
flesh - joined Word, Mo - ses and E - li - jah mar - vel as the
faith de - cline, we, like Pe - ter, find it tempt - ing to re -

to - ken of God's grace. Here we pray for new as - sur - ance
heav - enly voice is heard. Eyes and hearts be - hold with won - der
main and build a shrine. But true wor - ship gives us cour - age

that our faith is not in vain, search - ing like those
 how the Law and Proph - ets meet: Christ with gar - ments
 to pro - claim what we pro - fess, that our dai - ly

first dis - ci - ples for a sign both clear and plain.
 drenched in bright - ness, stands trans - fig - ured and com - plete.
 lives may prove us peo - ple of the God we bless.

CREED

Together, let us confess our faith.

**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 THE CHURCH

Called together to follow Jesus,
we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

At the conclusion of each petition:

Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God,
trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.
Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

Sit.

OFFERING

We set before God the gifts that God has already given us
to sustain our lives and to share with others.

OFFERTORY • "BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 838, arranged by David Cherwien

**Congregation and choir sing verses 1 and 4;
choir sings verse 2; all sing verse 3 in harmony.**

All

1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion, Son of__
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions, Son of__

God and__ Son of Man! Tru - ly I'd love_ thee,
God and__ Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or,

tru - ly I'd serve_ thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
praise, ad - o - ra - tion, Now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

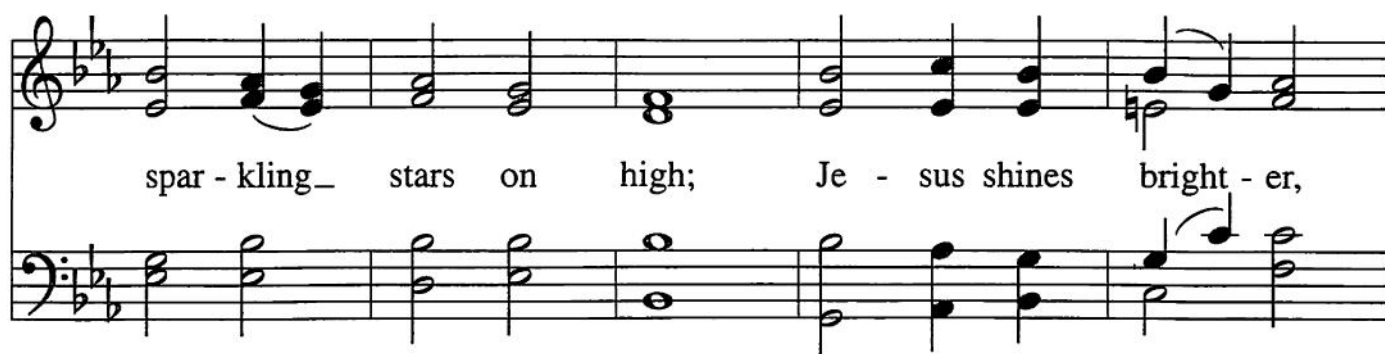
Sung by choir

- 2 Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands,
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
He makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

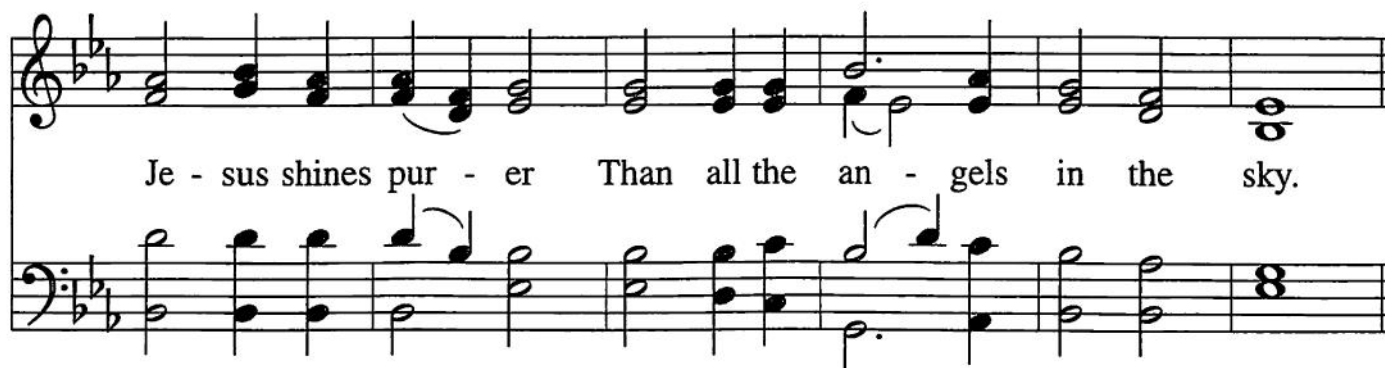
All (in harmony)



3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair_ is the moon-light, Bright the_



spar - kling_ stars on high; Je - sus shines bright - er,



Je - sus shines pur - er Than all the an - gels in the sky.

OFFERTORY RESPONSE • "THE PROMISE"

Don Neptun

Side 1 is the band side. Side 2 is the pulpit side.

Side 1

For the pro mise is for you and your

Side 2

Piano Intro

For the pro mise is for me

chil- dren, And the pro-mise is for me and my

and my chil- dren, and the pro-mise is for you

Both sides

chil dren, and all God's peo- ple. We de

and your chil dren, and all God's peo- ple.

(Both sides)

vote our lives_ to the word of the Lord in the fel- low ship of the bo- dy of Christ. We

Side 1

take of the bread, and we drink of the wine, and we lift one a- no - ther in prayer. For the

(Side 1)

pro-mise is for you and your children, and the

(Side 2)

For the pro-mise is for me and my children,

pro-mise is for me and my chil - dren,

and the pro-mise is for you *rit.* and your

and all God's peo - ple.

chil - dren, and all God's peo - ple.

OFFERING PRAYER

Together, we pray.

**Liberating God,
you break the bonds of injustice
and let the oppressed go free.**

**Receive these offerings in thanksgiving
for all your works of merciful power,
and shape us as people of your justice and freedom.**

**You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior,
Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and salutary
that we should at all times and in all places
offer thanks and praise to you,
almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection
opened to us the way of everlasting life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth
and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name
and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS • "HOLY, HOLY, HOLY"

With One Voice, Holy Communion, Setting Five: Bread of Life

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav - en and earth are full of your
glo - ry. 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. Ho -
san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom
and teach us to pray:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

COMMUNION

Come and taste the joy of God!

Sit.

DISTRIBUTION

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the body and blood of Jesus Christ. If you are unable to come forward for communion, then please let an usher know and you will be served where you are seated.

If gluten-free wafers are required for health reasons, then please ask the pastor serving communion for a wafer.

LAMB OF GOD • "LAMB OF GOD"

With One Voice, Holy Communion, Setting Five: Bread of Life

■ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN • "LET ALL MORTAL FLESH KEEP SILENCE"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 490



1 Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and trem - bling stand;
2 King of kings, yet born of Mar - y, as of old on earth he stood,
3 Rank on rank the host of heav - en spreads its van-guard on the way;
4 At his feet the six - winged ser - aph, cher - u - bim with sleep - less eye,



pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed, for with bless - ing in his hand
Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture, in the bod - y and the blood,
as the Light of light, de - scend - ing from the realms of end - less day,
veil their fac - es to the pres - ence, as with cease - less voice they cry:



Christ our God to earth de - scend - ing comes full hom-age to de - mand.
he will give to all the faith - ful his own self for heav'n - ly food.
comes, the pow'rs of hell to van - quish, as the dark-ness clears a - way.
"Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

COMMUNION HYMN • "EAT THIS BREAD, DRINK THIS CUP"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 492



Eat this bread, drink this cup. Taste and see the good-ness of God.



Bread of life, cup of love, we re-joice in your pres-ence.



- 1 I will bless the Lord at all times, praise with heart and voice;
- 2 Look up - on the Lord, be ra - dant, nev - er turn a - way.
- 3 An - gels fold their wings a - round us, guard through good and ill.
- 4 Saints of God, bow down and wor - ship, bless the ho - ly name.



in my God I glo - ry for - ev - er: lis - ten and re - joice!
God will save in ev - 'ry af - flic - tion, hear us when we pray.
Those who seek the Lord will lack noth - ing; taste, and have your fill.
Rise to tell God's great - ness for - ev - er, won - drous deeds pro - claim!

Stand.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy One,

**we thank you for the healing
that springs forth abundantly from this table.**

**Renew our strength to do justice,
love kindness,
and journey humbly with you.**

Amen.

DEACON SENDING

Deacons are called to “make Christ
and his redemptive love known by word and example.” (1 Timothy)

Such love is expressed in the extension of Holy Communion
to those who are homebound or hospitalized.

Gracious God,

**as Jesus called disciples to follow him, bless those who go forth
to share your word and sacrament with those who are sick and
homebound. May these gifts be signs of our love and prayers,
that through the sharing of the body and blood of Christ, all may
know your grace and healing revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

BLESSING

The God whose love is the foundation
of our life, faith, and hope
+ bless, strengthen, and uphold you,
today and always.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN • "JOY TO THE WORLD"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 267



1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their
 3 No more let sin and sor - row grow nor thorns in -
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the



ceive her king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous -



room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture
 plains re - peat the sound-ing joy, re - peat the sound-ing
 flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his



sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

SENDING

Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Shine, Jesus, Shine”

*Flowers on the altar today
are given to the glory of God
by Lindy and Diane Nelson
in honor of their 47th wedding anniversary.*

Upcoming stories from the Bible:

FEBRUARY 22 / ASH WEDNESDAY • *Who Is the Greatest?* • *Matthew 18:1-9*

FEBRUARY 26 • *Forgiveness* • *Matthew 18:15-35*

MARCH 5 • *Laborers in the Vineyard* • *Matthew 20:1-16*

MARCH 12 • *Wedding Banquet* • *Matthew 22:1-14*

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Both services

- J PREACHER: Pastor Briana Merkle.
- J PRESIDERS: Pastor Eric Bostrom.
- J ASSISTING MINISTER: Bob Linden.
- J DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRIES: Brenna Sage.
- J VIDEOGRAPHER: David Burch.
- J ALTAR GUILD: Janet Larson, Angela Machumu, Diane Nelson, Marie Philipsen.

8:15 a.m.

- J USHERS: Janice Harrison, Skip Harrison (head usher), Janet Larson.
- J GREETER: Pat Clement.
- J ACOLYTE: Ezra Holden.
- J CANTOR: Pastor Glenn Petersen.
- J LECTOR: Eileen Newton.
- J COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Genie Lennon.
- J SOUND: Tore Sleveland.

10:45 a.m.

- J USHERS: Julie Kibler, Mark Kibler, Erik Knierim (head usher).
- J GREETERS: Ken Johnson, Terry Johnson.
- J CANTOR: Ellen Leapaltdt.
- J LECTOR: Serena McHenry.
- J COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Ken Johnson, Terry Johnson.
- J SOUND: Beth Ann Johnson.

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ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, February 22, 2023

11:00 a.m. Ash Wednesday worship in the Sanctuary
12 noon Soup and bread lunch in the Life Together Hall

5:30 p.m. Soup and bread dinner in the Life Together Hall
6:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday worship in the Sanctuary

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LENTEN MIDWEEK WORSHIP

Wednesday evenings of March

3/1 • 3/8 • 3/15 • 3/22 • 3/29

5:30 p.m. Soup and bread dinner in the Life Together Hall
6:30 p.m. Lenten midweek worship in the Sanctuary

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HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday • Sunday, April 2, 2023

8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Maundy Thursday • Thursday, April 6, 2023

7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Good Friday • Friday, April 7, 2023

7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Easter Vigil • Saturday, April 8, 2023

7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Easter Sunday • Sunday, April 9, 2023

8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary