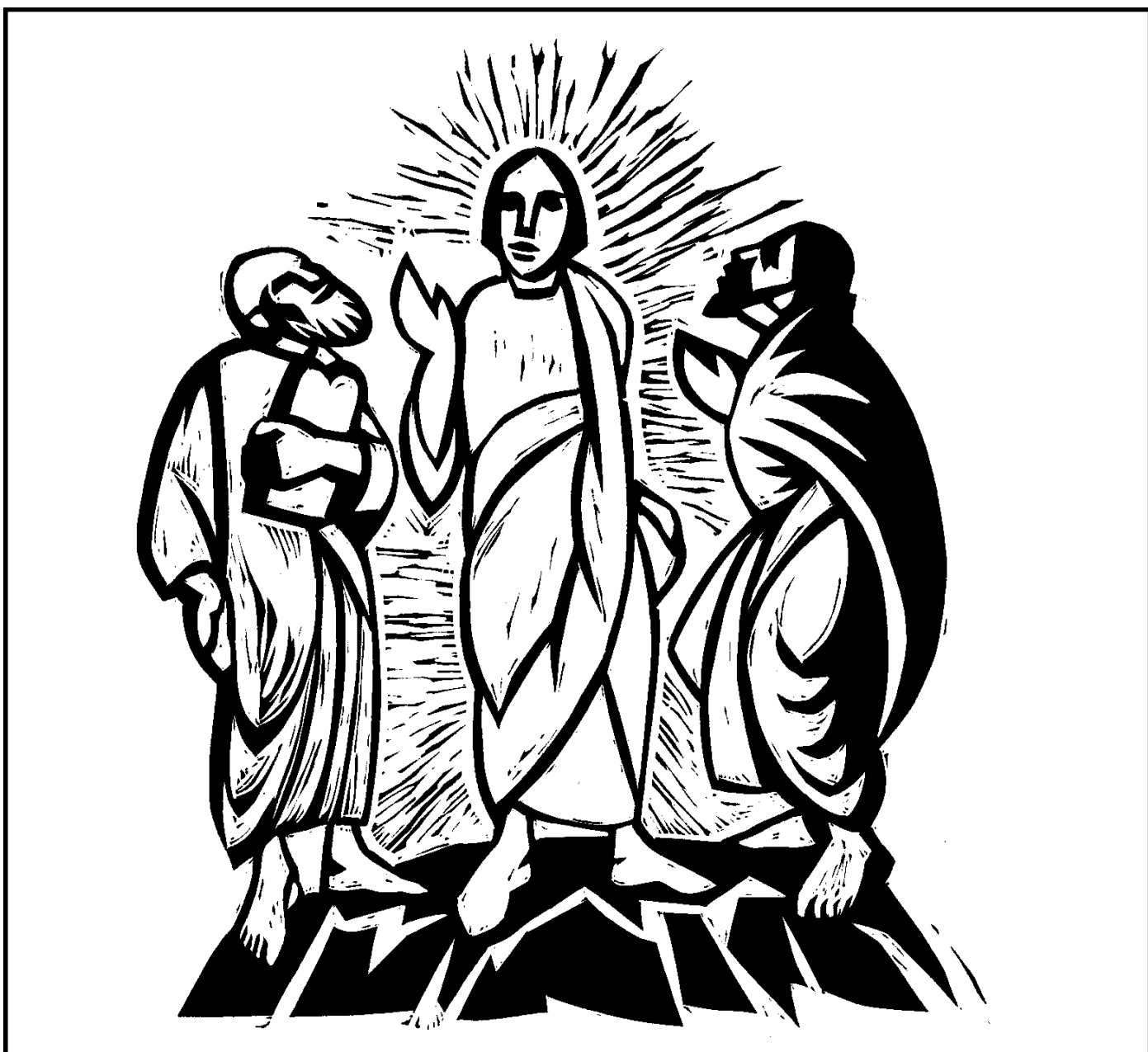


# MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Transfiguration of Our Lord

March 2, 2025

Traditional Service



**We welcome you to The Traditional Service this morning**

## Our Staff

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***Our Mission:***

*Glorifying God through our worship, our witness, our service,  
and our support*

***Our Vision:***

*To build and strengthen the body of Christ*

**Holy Communion**

To help you feel more comfortable please know that all baptized Christians who believe in the real presence of Christ in the sacrament and have already received Holy Communion in your home church, are welcome to come to the altar and receive Holy Communion.

To receive the sacrament:

1. Communicant should receive the consecrated host from the Pastor and then proceed to the Assisting Minister who will be standing near the sanctuary pillar on whichever side of the church is being communed to receive a prefilled communion cup;
2. If the communicant prefers the consecrated grape juice, they shall receive that from the Pastor.
3. If you are unable to come forward, please let an usher know and the pastor will bring Holy Communion to you.

**Assisting at Worship:**

	<b>Today</b>	<b>March9</b>
<b>Asst. Min.</b>	Butch Karnes	Brad Bresee
<b>Lector</b>	Laurie Hecht	Laurie Hecht
<b>Usher</b>	TBD	TBD
<b>Sound System</b>	TDB	TDB
<b>Video</b>	Savanna Conner	Brad Bresee
<b>Counters</b>	Laurie Hecht	Linda Jones
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Ann Kent, Linda Voigt	

*We welcome Matt Lowther as our musicians today.*

## Welcome/Announcements

### Confession and Forgiveness [stand/kneel as able]

**P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, our creator, our protector, and our wellspring of life

**C** Amen.

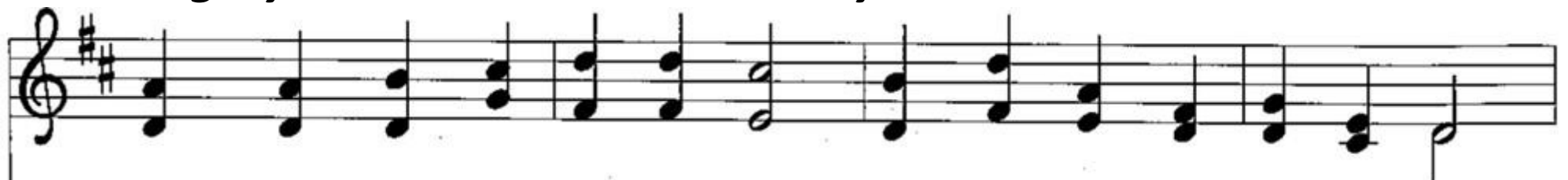
**P** Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin (*silence*) Merciful God,

**C** you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your loving kindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.

**P** God proclaims these words of assurance: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine." In † Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God.

**C** Amen.

### Gathering Hymn      *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.

### **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.

### **Glory to God**



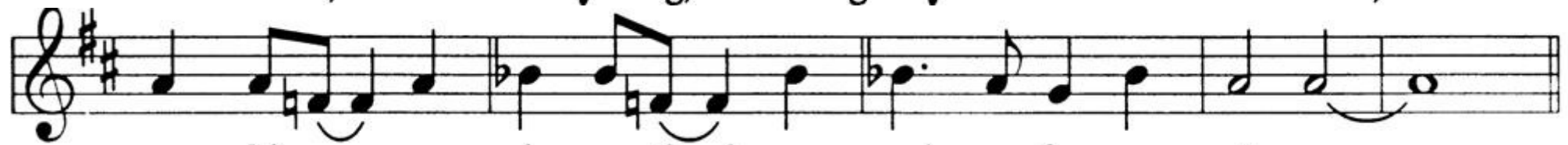
**C** Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high-est;



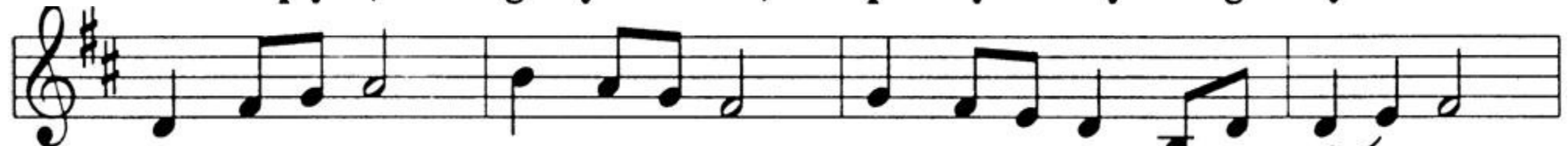
glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



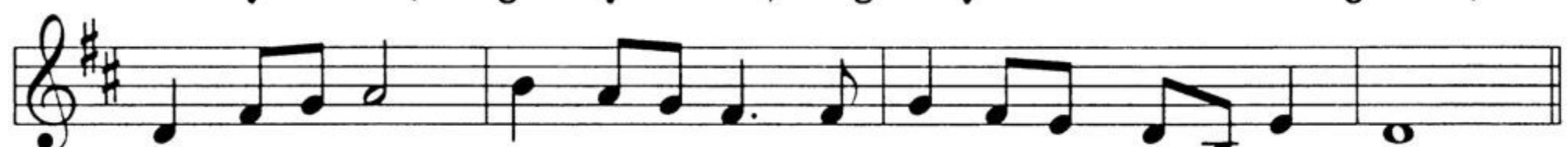
Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high-est;



glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the

world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the  
right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.  
Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;  
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.  
For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,  
you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,  
in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.  
Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;  
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth,  
and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

***Prayer of the Day***

- The Lord be with you.  **And also with you.**
- Let us Pray: Holy God, mighty and immortal, you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. Transform us into the likeness of your Son, who renewed our humanity so that we may share in his divinity, Jesus Christ our Lord,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 🕊️ **Amen**

## **Lesson**

**Exodus 34:29-35**

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

📖 The Word of the Lord.

🙏 **Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Lesson**

**Luke 9:28-36**

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah” - not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!” When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

📖 The Gospel of the Lord.

🙏 **Thanks be to God.**

# MESSAGE

## Hymn of the Day

## Shine, Jesus, Shine

*Refrain*



Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry;  
blaze, Spir - it, blaze, set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, riv - er, flow, flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy;  
send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!

1 Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing, in the midst of the  
2 As we gaze on your king - ly bright - ness, so our fac - es dis -  
dark - ness, shin - ing; Je - sus, light of the world, shine up - on us,  
play your like - ness, ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry,  
set us free by the truth you now bring us.  
mir - rored here, may our lives tell your sto - ry.

*Refrain*

Shine on me, shine on me:  
Shine on me, shine on me:

## Creed

- P** Let us confess our faith with the word of the Apostles' Creed:
- C** I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the father. He will come again 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 People***

- A** With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation. ....God of grace,
- G** **hear our prayer**
- P** We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.
- G** **Amen.**

***Peace***

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- G** **And also with you.**
- P** Let us offer one another a sign of Christ's peace.

***Instrumental music while the Altar is being prepared***

***Offertory Hymn***

***Seek Ye First***

***[stand]***

1 Seek ye . . . first the king - dom of God and its  
 2 Ask and it shall be giv - en un - to you; seek and  
 righ - teous - ness, and all these things shall be  
 you shall find; knock and the door shall be  
 add - ed un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.  
 o - pened un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.



## ***Prayer of Dedication of Gifts and Self***

- A** Let us pray together. *(brief pause)* God of grace,  
**C** your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. 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.

## ***Preface***

### ***Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord***

The musical score is written on seven staves of music. The lyrics are: 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. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a key signature of one flat and a common time signature.

## *Eucharistic Prayer*

### *The 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.

### *Invitation to Communion*

☒ The joy of the Lord is our strength. Come, eat this meal of gladness.

### *Lamb of God*



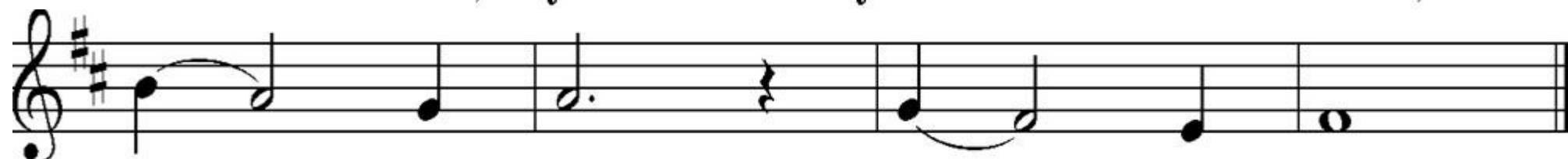
☒ Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



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.

### *Distribution of Communion* [sit]

### *Communion Music* Instrumental

### *Post Communion Blessing*

☒ The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in his grace.

☒ Amen.

## Post Communion Prayer

- A** Let us pray. (*brief pause*) Nourishing God,  
**C** at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray, Amen.

## Blessing

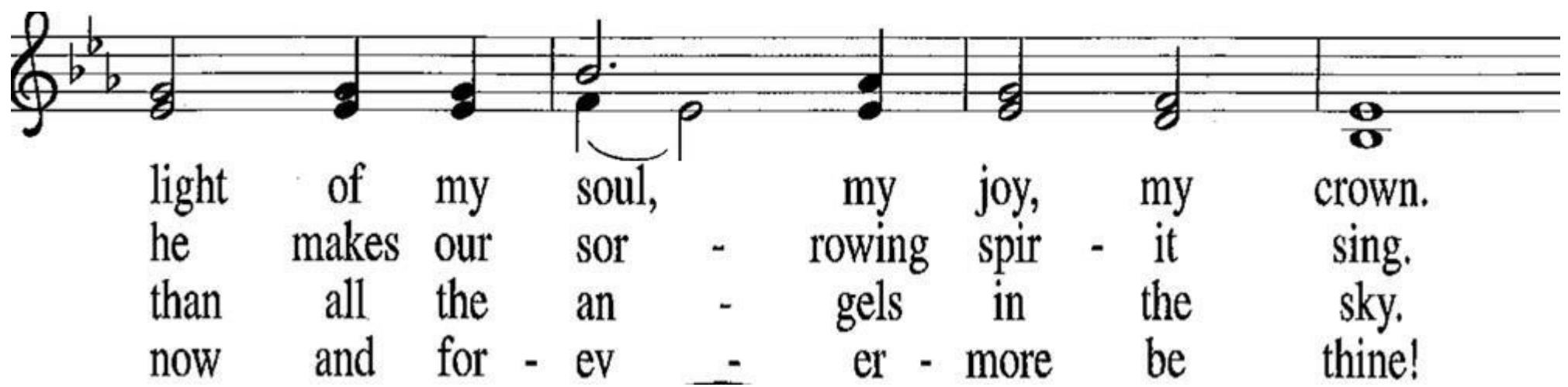
- P** The Spirit of the triune God ✠ bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love.  
**C** Amen.

## Sending Hymn

## Beautiful Savior



1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,  
2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,  
3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,  
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;  
bright the spar - kling stars on high;  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,  
Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,  
Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er  
Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,



light of my soul, my joy, my crown.  
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.  
 than all the an - gels in the sky.  
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

***Dismissal***

**A** Go in peace. Live in hope.

**C** Thanks be to God.



## *Announcements*

**S**econd Mile Giving is that stewardship we offer in addition to our regular giving. For **March, Youth Ministry** is our Second Mile Giving beneficiary. Contributions may be made throughout the month by using the yellow envelopes found in the pews. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

**W**esleyville Food Pantry: Please consider a financial gift. Checks should be made payable to Messiah Lutheran Church marking "Food Pantry" in the memo line.

**M**ardi Gras Party: **Tuesday, March 4, at 5:30 pm** in Fellowship Hall. Come for a taste of New Orleans at Messiah! Signup in the Narthex.

**A**sh Wednesday: **March 5, at Noon & 7:00 pm** with Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion.

**L**enten Soup Supper & Vespers: **Wednesday, March 12, 19, 26, April 2 & 9, at 5:30 pm for supper, 6:00 pm Vespers** in Fellowship Hall. Sign up in the Narthex to bring a soup or see Cindy for more options!

**O**WLs: Lunch at Fiddle Inn. **Tuesday, March 11 at 11:30am.** RSVP to Candy Sprouse at 814-440-0214 by **March 9.**

**L**enten Devotional: pick up one from the counter in the Narthex.

**P**urim Party: **Saturday, March 22, 5:00 pm** in Fellowship Hall. Join us for a fun night of spaghetti & meatball dinner and a play on Esther. Free will offering to offset costs. Signup in the Narthex.

**I**t's All Greek to Me Bible Study: Pastor Tom is leading a weekly Bible study on **Wednesdays at 6:30PM** Study Lounge.

**W**esleyville Food Pantry Volunteers Needed

March 4 at 5:00-6:00pm for Country Fair distribution.

March 10 at 10:00am to unload senior boxes.

March 17 at 10:00am to unload food delivery.

March 18 at 10:00-11:00am & 5:00-6:00pm for regular food distribution.

**MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH  
PRELIMINARY 3-YEAR VISION  
PROPOSED - 2025 to 2027**

**WORSHIP**

**Start?**

Technology

Add Screens in sanctuary (2025)  
Update website (2025)  
Obtain Hearing Assisted Devices (2025)

Music Ministry

Build out the Band (2025)

**CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRY**

Bubble Church (2025-2026)  
School Day Off Camp (2025)  
Milestone Ministry (Sept. 2025)

**PROPERTY**

Fix Front Electronic Sign (ASAP)  
Repair/Purchase Boiler (DONE)  
Plumbing Upgrades/Restrooms (2027)  
Buy New Freezer (ASAP)

**IN-REACH**

Recruit and Train More Volunteer (2025)  
Train in-home communion ministry (2025)

**EDUCATION**

Bible Study (Adult and Children) - have more options (2025-2027)

**OUTREACH**

Maintain Community Garden (2025-2027)  
Continue Back to School Bash (2025-2027)  
Continue participation in Community National Night Out (2025-2027)

**FELLOWSHIP**

Explore more group events (ongoing)  
Continue to grow OWLs ministry (spiritually and fellowship) (ongoing)  
Lutheran Walkers (2025)

## This Week at the Church

*(See Newsletter for More Detail)*

**Office Hours :Monday, Closed Tuesday, 10:00am-5:00pm,  
Wednesday-Closed, Thursday, 10:00am-5:00pm,  
Friday-10:00am-5:00pm**

<b>Sun. 3/2</b>	<b><i>Transfiguration of Our Lord</i></b>	
	8:30 and 11:00AM	Service of Holy Communion
	9:45AM	Servant Outreach
<b>Mon.</b>	6:30PM	Guided Meditation
<b>Tues.</b>	10:00PM	Sewing Circle
	5:30PM	Mardi Gras Party
<b>Wed.</b>	12:00 & 7:00PM	Ash Wednesday Service
	1:00PM	Bound Together
	6:30PM	It's All Greek to Me Bible Study-SL
<b>Thu.</b>	10:00AM	Grateful Prayer Group-CC
	12:00Noon	CYFM
	7:30PM	NA Group
<b>Fri.</b>	7:30PM	AA
<b>Sun. 3/9</b>	<b><i>First Sunday in Lent</i></b>	
	8:30 and 11:00AM	Service of Holy Communion
	9:45AM	Property