

*Jesus was transfigured
before them*

MARK 9:2

Transfiguration of Our Lord

February 11, 2024

WELCOME AND A NOTE TO VISITORS

Welcome to people new to this church or faith, long time Lutherans, and Christians from every tradition. Welcome to all who have no church home, want to follow Christ, have doubts, or do not believe. Welcome to new visitors and old friends. Welcome to people of every age and size, color and culture, sexual orientation and marital status, ability and challenge. Welcome to believers and questioners and questioning believers. This is a place where you are welcome to celebrate and sorrow, rejoice and recover. This is a place where lives are made new. Welcome on this day.

Music “Who is Arrayed in White”
Richard Anders

The Gathering

*Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
Creator of darkness and light,
Word of truth,
Wind sweeping over the waters. **C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God our rock and refuge,
C: We pour out our hearts before you.
We have known you but have not always loved you.
We have wounded one another
And sinned against you.
We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit
Dwelling in each of us.
Remember your covenant.
Renew your creation.
Restore us,
That we might proclaim your good news to all. Amen.

P: The voice of the Lord is upon the waters.
God has spoken:
The time of grace is now.
In Jesus, the reign of God has come near.
By the authority of † Jesus Christ,
Your sins are forgiven.
You are God's beloved. **C: Amen.**

*Opening Hymn *“When Morning Gilds the Skies” Red #853 vs. 1-4*

When morning gilds the skies,
My heart awaking cries:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
When evening shadows fall,
This rings my curfew call:
May Jesus Christ be praised!

When mirth for music longs,
This is my song of songs:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
God's holy house of prayer
Has none that can compare
With “Jesus Christ be praised!”

No lovelier antiphon
In all high heav'n is known
Than “Jesus Christ be praised!”
There to the eternal Word
The eternal psalm is heard:
Oh, Jesus Christ be praised!

Let all of humankind
In this their concord find:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Let all the earth around
Ring joyous with the sound:
May Jesus Christ be praised!

*Greeting

*P: Grace and peace from God our Creator,
from God who became one of us, Jesus Christ,
and may the promised gifts of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Kyrie 18



Music: Jacques Boffier
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*Kyrie

1. **Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.**
2. **Christe eleison. Christe eleison.**
3. **Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.**

Glory to God

WOV #607

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Glo - ry to God in the high - est, —

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 in the high - est, — and peace — to God's

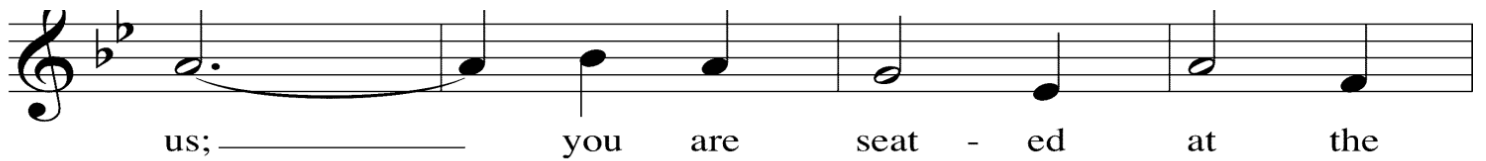
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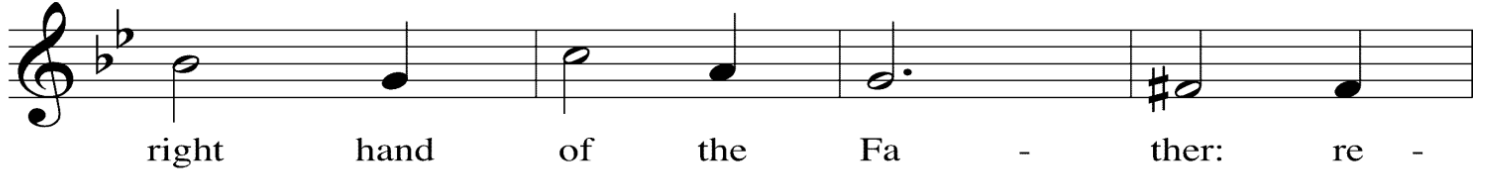
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Lamb of God, you take a - way the

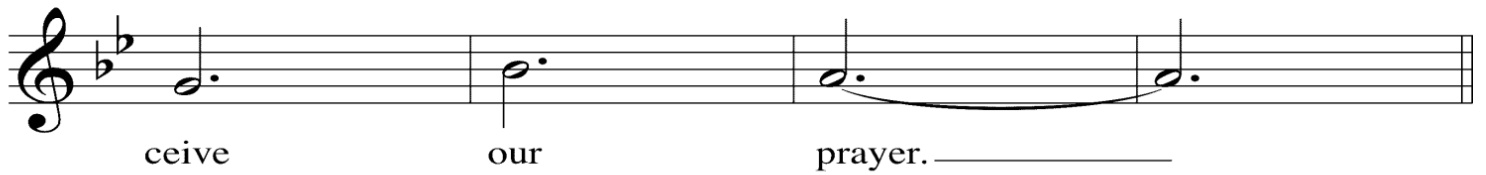
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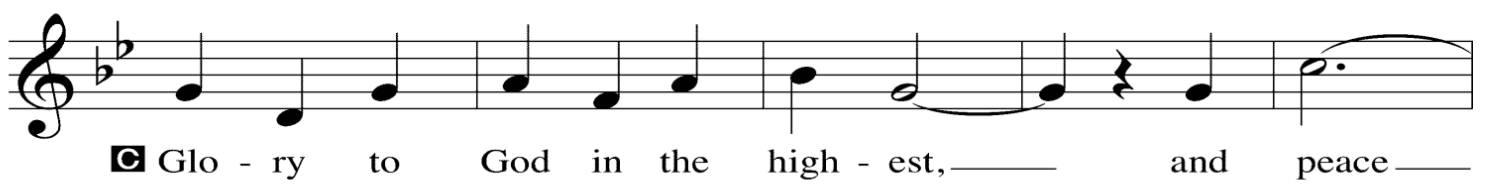
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right hand of the Fa - ther: re -



ceive our prayer. —————



C Glo - ry to God in the high - est, ————— and peace ————



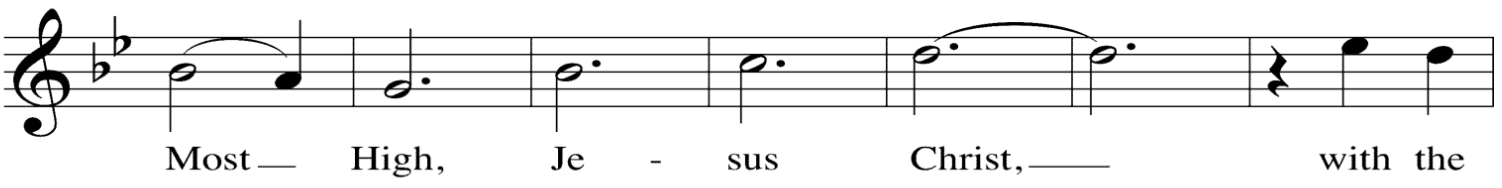
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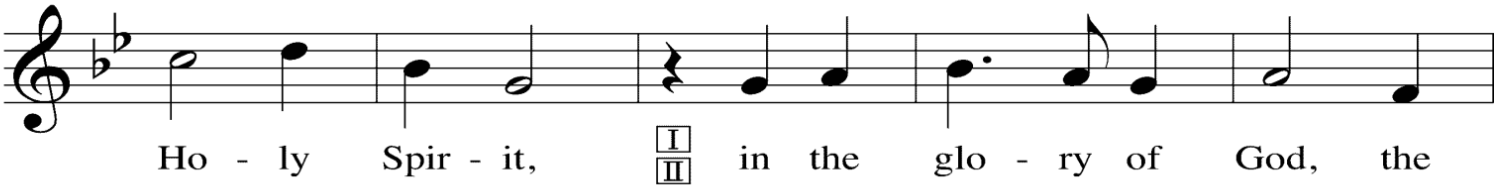
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lone are the Lord, ————— **II** you a - lone are the



Most — High, Je - sus Christ, ————— with the



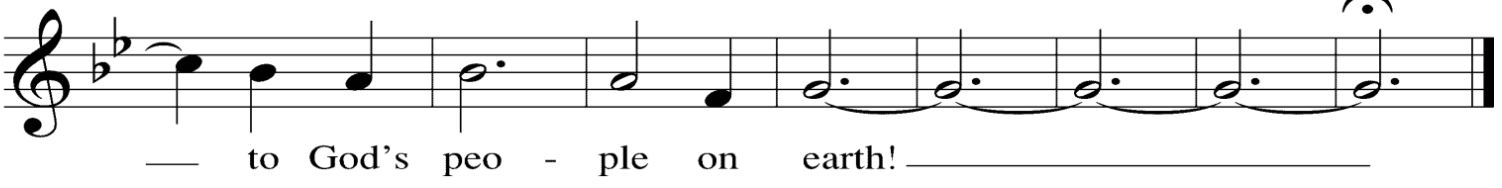
Ho - ly Spir - it, **I** in the glo - ry of God, the



Fa - ther. ————— A - men! ————— A - men! —————



C Glo - ry to God in the high - est, ————— and peace ————



————— to God's peo - ple on earth! —————

*Prayer of the Day

Celebrate insert pg. 1

P: May God be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray... **C: (following the prayer) Amen.**

The Word of God

First Reading

2 Kings 2:1-12

Celebrate pg. 1

L: Word of God. Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 50:1-6

Celebrate pg. 2

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 4:3-6

Celebrate pg. 3

L: Word of God. Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

*Gospel Acclamation

ALLELUIA



P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 9th Chapter

C: Glory to you, O God.

*Gospel Reading

Mark 9:2-9

Celebrate pg. 3

P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Rev. James Lapp

*Hymn of the Day

“Christ, Be Our Light”

Red #715

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
Light for the world to see.

REFRAIN

*Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.*

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow’r to save us.
Make us your living voice. *REFRAIN*

Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
Shared until all are fed. *REFRAIN*

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
Walls made of living stone. *REFRAIN*

Many the gifts, many the people,
Many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
Signs of your kingdom come. *REFRAIN*

*Passing of the Peace

P: May the peace of God be with you always.

C: And also with you.

The Communion Meal

Offering — We honor and worship God by returning some of the gifts with which we have been blessed.

Music “Dazziling Preasence on the Mountain”
Karen E. Black, 1960

*Offering Prayer

P: Blessed are you, Holy One,
For all good things come from you.
In bread and cup you open heaven to us.
Meet us at this table,
That we receive what we seek
And follow your Son, Jesus,
In whose name we pray. **C: Amen.**

*Great Thanksgiving

P: May God be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to God.

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

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Eucharistic Prayer

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy
.....and join their unending hymn:

619a

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er, God of 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

*Lord's Prayer

**C: 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**

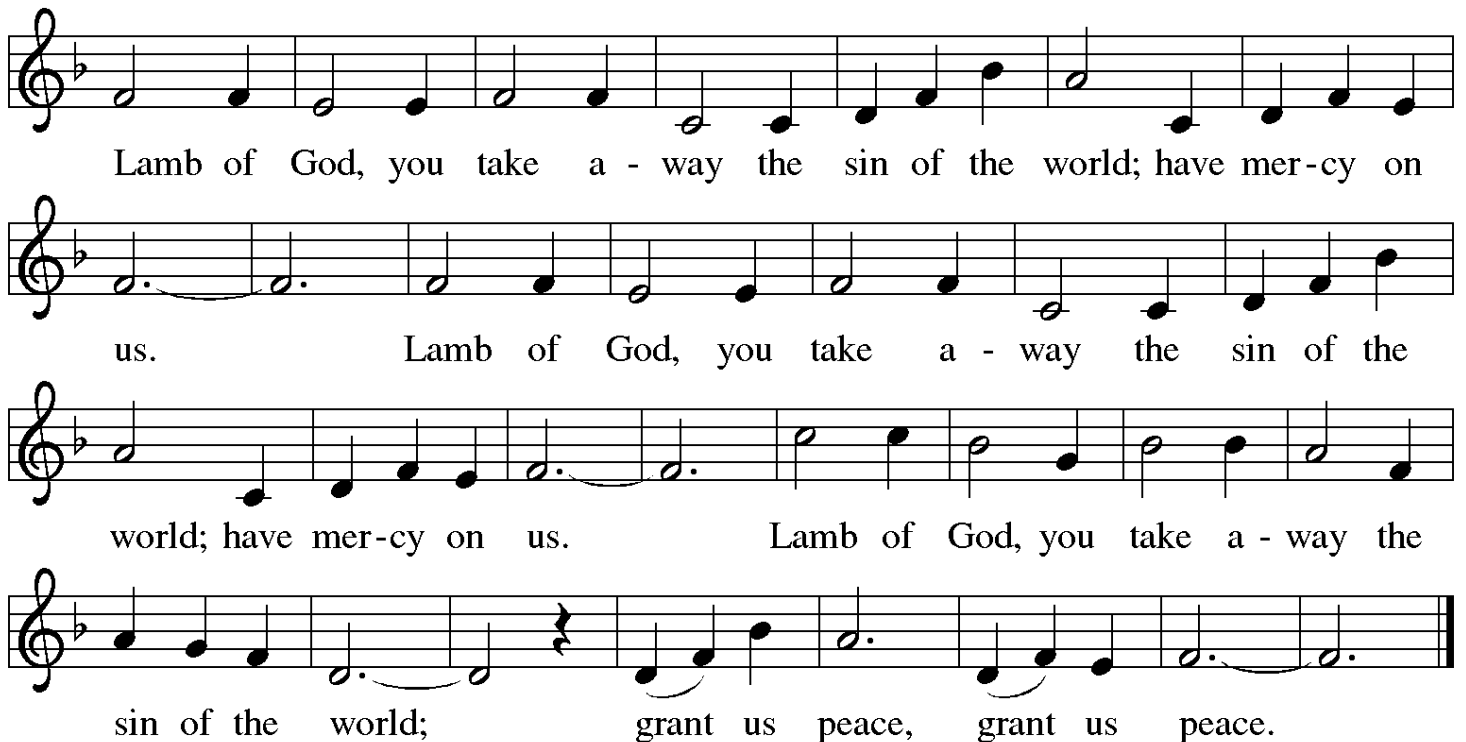
Invitation to Communion

**P: At Jesus' table, heaven and earth are joined as one.
Come and see.**

Holy Communion

Visitors: You are welcome to come forward to receive Communion as part of this church family! Children are welcome to come and receive a special blessing if they have never communed. Communion is by intinction, we dip the bread into either the wine (red) or grape juice (white). Please follow the guidance of the ushers. #195

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.

Communion Hymn

"Beautiful Savior"

Red #838

Beautiful Savior, King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee,
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

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.

Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight,
Bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels in the sky.

(Hymn continued)

Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
Now and forevermore be thine!

Prayer after Communion

P: Giver of every gift,
Christ's life is our food, and we are Christ's body.
Raise us to life by your power
For the benefit of all and to your glory,
Now and forever. C: **Amen**

The Sending

*Blessing

P: God who names you,
Christ who claims you,
And the Holy Spirit who dwells in you,
† Bless and remain with you always. C: **Amen**

*Closing Hymn *"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"* #631

Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heav'n to earth come down!
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation, enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit
into ev'ry troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit; let us find thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty, to deliver; let us all thy life receive;

suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation,
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee!
Changed from glory into glory,
till in heav'n we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise!

*Dismissal

P: Go in peace. You are God's beloved.

C: Thanks be to God.

Music "Glory to God Whose Goodness Shines"
Paul Value

*The Altar Flowers are given
by Susan Oldfield in memory of
Her & Rick's 51st anniversary*



Serving Today

Reader: Barbara Johnston

Coffee Host: Rebecca Wickham

Altar Guild: Connie Cunningham

Office helpers: Sheila Buswell

Prayer Concerns

SHORT TERM: Maria, Ila & Reina, Steven Kamlin, Keith, Noelle, Ensley, Jan, Jessie V., Margaret, Bill Gile, Tim Oldfield, Sierra, Beth's mom, Julie R., James, Anne Rice, Cheryl Davis, Rosie, The Webber Family, Janet, Sue, Lindsay Rosenberg, Middle East Peace, Maria, Cody Turner, Jan, Jacque N. Diane Strong, Tom Dawson, James, Tina, Lurline Moore, Keith, Taiyo, Marissa, Isaac, James Boudreau, Alvarado family, Dustin, Eric Utto-Galarneau, Father Jack Davis, Sam, Atlas, Sandi Csik, Janica Paustian, Jesse, Joyce, James, John, Elida, Jeannie, Anetta, Jane, Barbara Allen, Kathy, Joel Hurttgam, Sandy, Levi & Alexandria, Gary Toops, Donna Kemper, Lisa & Beau, Craig Dahl, Genell Csik, Paul Cunningham, Paul Paustian, Dawit & Family (Ethiopia), Gaye Cornell, Dorothy, Rachel B., Anne & Chloe Johnston, Nancy, Mateo & Lina, Don, Atlas, Anthony, Steve, Margot Wilson, Rose, Will, Aaron Johnson, Sal, Katarina, Stephanie Jager, Parents, Healthcare workers & teachers.

LONG TERM: Biergiel—Colclough family, April McCalmont, Marty Nehring, Miller Mouw, Kyle Lapp, Shelby Volpi, Ashley, Frank, Joe, Dom, Linda Johnson, Bailey Ingalls, Jan Shadle, Vi Olly, Bobbie Erickson, Joyce, Susan Anderson, Jan Wagner, Richard C., Brouse Family, Janet Baker, Sandy Godvine, Janelle Yung, Karin, Will, Chris, Pearl Runquist, Volpi & Robe Family, Cabel, Noah, Esdras, Immigrant families, The Homeless, People of Ukraine, Our Nation's leaders, Mt. Cross, St. Stephen's Child Development Ctr, Pastor Jim & Our Church Family, men & women of Armed Forces, and the Youth of today.

Music at St. Stephen's



Greetings everyone.

I'm looking for a 3 or 4 drawer filing cabinet for the music room. If you have one in good condition, and feel like parting with it, please send it my way. I also need some help with re-organizing the music room. It is quite a mess. Please come **Feb. 24 at 10 am**. Thank you very—very much.

Think about joining the:

GOOD NEWS SINGERS

14 & the EASTER CHORUS

Upcoming Events:

February Benevolence Offering
Assoc. of Faith Communities (Rotating Shelter & safe places)

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| TODAY | children's Valentine delivery |
| Feb. 13 | Church Council 6:30 pm |
| Feb. 13 | Boy Scouts 7:00 pm |
| Feb. 14 | Ash Wednesday 7:15 pm worship |
| Feb. 15 | Mens beginner A.A. 7:00 pm |
| Feb. 15 | Preschool chapel 10:15 am |
| Feb. 15 | Bible Study 11:00 am & 7:30 pm |
| Feb. 16 | A.A. 7:00 pm |
| Feb. 16-19 | Preschool Closed |
| Feb. 17 | Live Music celebrating St. Valentine
4:00—8:00 pm at SS Sr. Housing |
| Feb. 21—March 20 | Wednesday, Lenten Worship 7:15 pm
& 6:00 pm Soupers - sign up now! |
| Feb. 24 | Church Property work day 10 am |

Pastor's Office Hours Wed. & Thurs. 10:00 to 1:00

Our Mission Statement

St. Stephen's is a welcoming, healing community who worship God in Christ, nurture people growing in faith, serve others with acceptance and love, invite people to share the joy of the spirit.

Reconciling in Christ

"We welcome all who are seeking God's love and grace. We welcome all because God welcomes all, regardless of race or culture, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, or relationship status.

We welcome all without regard to addictions, physical or mental health, imprisonment, socio-economic circumstances, or anything that too often divides us. Our unity is in Christ."

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