

CREATED, SAVED AND GIFTED BY GOD,  
WE SEEK, SERVE AND SHARE JESUS CHRIST.



TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD  
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## INTRODUCTION

Today's festival is a bridge between the Advent-Christmas-Epiphany cycle that comes to a close today and the Lent-Easter cycle that begins in several days. On a high mountain Jesus is revealed as God's beloved Son, echoing the words at his baptism. This vision of glory sustains us as Jesus faces his impending death in Jerusalem. We turn this week to Ash Wednesday and our yearly baptismal journey from Lent to Easter. Some churches put aside the alleluia at the conclusion of today's liturgy. This word of joy will be omitted during the penitential season of Lent and will be sung again at Easter.

## FINDING GOD IN THE CLOUDS

We often speak of mountaintop experiences as those joyous times we look forward to with excitement and look back upon fondly, such as summer camp or an annual hiking trip. The mountaintop moments in today's readings were different: awe-inspiring, yes, but also full of devouring fires, clouds, and fear. Vision is obscured, the familiar becomes unknown, and nothing is the same. People get lost in fires, clouds, and fear, unable to find their way, but God's presence is where we get both lost and found. Many biblical encounters with God involved fear, pointing to the awesome reality of God that is much more than the gentle shepherd we often imagine (though God is that, too). God is, as C. S. Lewis famously said, "not a tame lion" (The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe, London: HarperCollins Children's Books, 2001, p. 197). The truth is, we can no more plan our mountaintop times with God than we can stay there forever, as much as we think we would like to. God's place is to invite, ours to respond, faces bowed to the ground.

Eventually, of course, the time comes to leave that mountain, walking with Jesus down to the valley and getting dusty with the ashes of daily life. Many churches symbolically "roll up the Alleluias" today, recognizing that this is the end of a glorious season celebrating Christ's light and the entrance to a no-less-real season of Jesus' and our own lives, the "valley" season of Lent. But that doesn't mean there is nothing to do down in the valley. On the contrary, the traditional disciplines of Lent—fasting, prayer, and gifts to the poor—all help us maintain the eyes, ears, and heart to see and hear God whenever and however God appears.

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*\*\* indicates to stand as you are able.*

# GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Pastor Mallory Morris*

### \*\* CONFESSION

Blessed be the holy Trinity,  $\ddagger$  one God,  
the Creator of heaven and earth,  
the Word who spoke life into being,  
the Wind stirring the waters.

**Amen.**

Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Mighty God, lover of justice,  
**you call us to life in community,**  
**but we have served our own interests**  
**at the expense of our neighbors.**  
**We have sown deceit where honesty was needed.**  
**We say the right words,**  
**but our hearts are far from you.**  
**Turn us to seek your face.**  
**Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ,**  
**that we may do justice, love mercy,**  
**and walk humbly with you, our God.**  
**Amen.**

### \*\* FORGIVENESS

The former things have passed away,  
and new things God now declares:  
Like a spring of water that never fails,  
God covers you in the righteousness of Christ,  
and forgives your sin in  $\ddagger$  Jesus' name.  
May the Spirit give you strength to live for others,  
and bless you with the gift of peace.

**Amen.**

\*\* GATHERING HYMN

"You Are Holy" (ELW 525)

1\*

Du är he - lig, du är hel. Du är all - tid myck - et mer  
 You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more

än vi nån - sin kan för - stå, du är nä - ra än - då.  
 than we ev - er un-der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.

Väl - sig - nad va - re du som kom - mer hit just nu,  
 Bless - ed are you com-ing near. Bless - ed are you com-ing here

väl - sig - na - de vår jord, blir till bröd på vår jord.  
 to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.

2

Du är he - lig, du är hel - het,  
 You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,

du är nä - het he - la kos - mos lo - var dig!  
 you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!

Ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na,  
 Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!

ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na vår Gud.  
 Sing ho - san - na to our God!

## \*\* INTRODUCTION

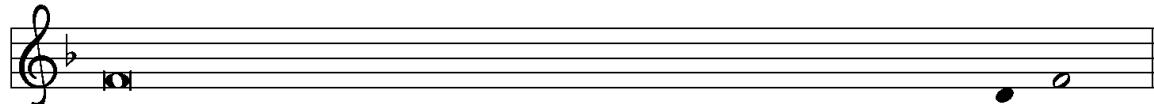
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

## \*\* KYRIE

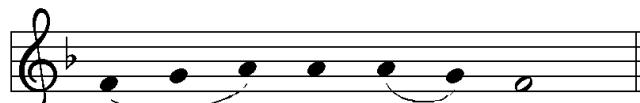
*Assisting Minister*



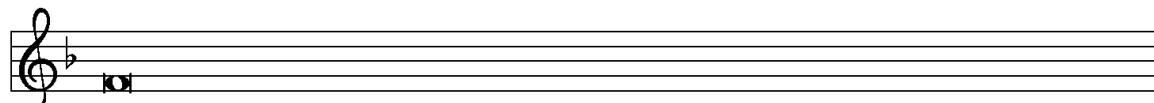
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



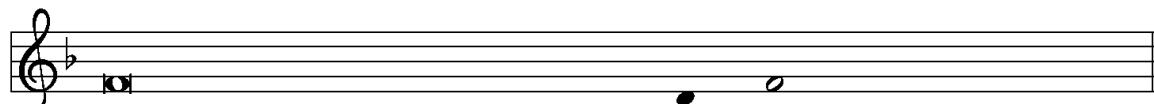
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



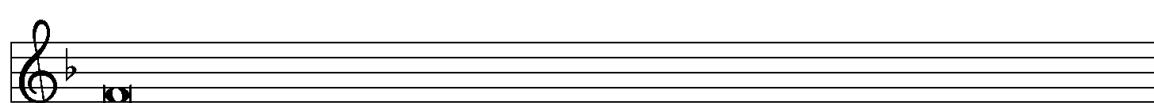
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



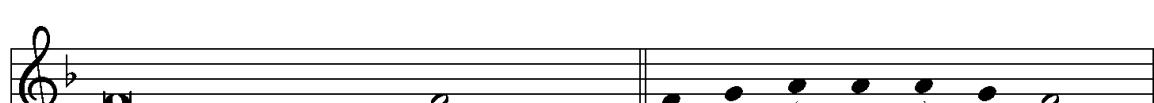
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



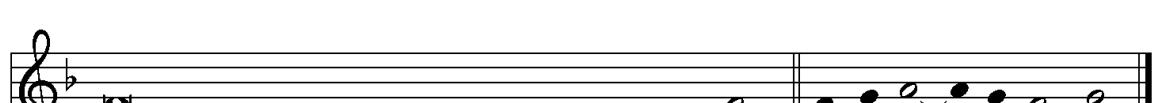
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

## \*\* CANTICLE OF PRAISE

*Refrain*

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. 1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

*Refrain*

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. 3 Sing with all the people of



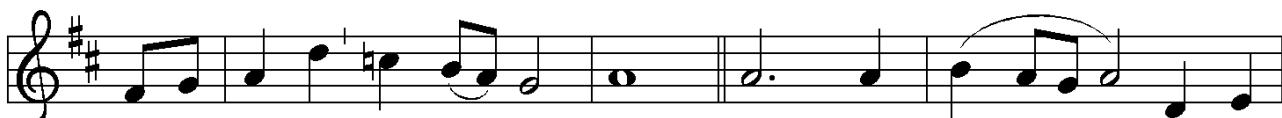
God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



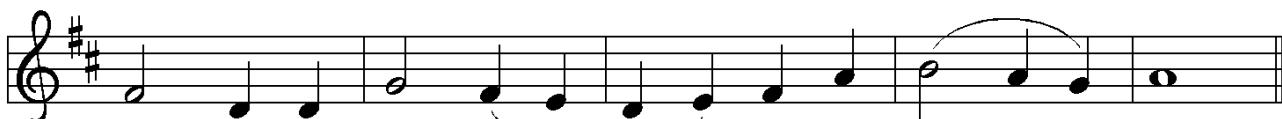
glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



*Refrain*  
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,



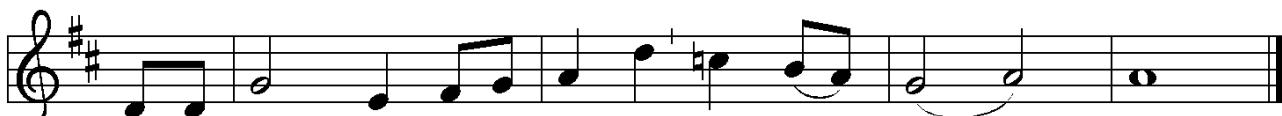
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was



slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



*Final refrain*  
This is the feast of vic - to-ry for our God.



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

## \*\* PRAYER OF THE DAY

*Assisting Minister*

O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## \*\* PASSING OF THE PEACE

# WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.*

## FIRST READING

Exodus 24:12-18

*At Mount Sinai, Moses experienced the presence of God for forty days and forty nights. The “glory of the Lord” settled on the mountain, and on the seventh day God called out to Moses. On the mountain God gave Moses the stone tablets inscribed with the ten commandments.*

A reading from Exodus.

The Lord said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain and wait there; I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come back to you. Look, Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.”

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out 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 Israelites. Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

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## PSALM

Psalm 2

*You are my son; this day have I begotten you. (Ps. 2:7)*

Why are the nations in an uproar?

Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?

**Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and the princes plot together,  
against the Lord and against the Lord’s anointed?**

“Let us break their yoke,” they say;

“let us cast off their bonds from us.”

**God whose throne is in heaven is laughing;  
the Lord holds them in derision.**

Then in wrath God speaks to them,  
and in rage fills them with terror.

**“As for me, I have anointed my king  
upon Zion, my holy mountain.”**

Let me announce the decree of the Lord,  
who said to me, “You are my son; this day have I begotten you.

**Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance  
and the ends of the earth for your possession.**

You shall crush them with an iron rod  
and shatter them like a piece of pottery.”

**And now, you kings, be wise;  
be warned, you rulers of the earth.**

Submit to the Lord with fear,  
and with trembling bow in worship;

**lest the Lord be angry, and you perish in a sudden blaze of wrath.**

**Happy are all who take refuge in God!**

## **SECOND READING**

2 Peter 1:16-21

*At the transfiguration, God’s voice was heard, declaring Jesus to be the beloved Son. By the activity of the Holy Spirit, God’s voice continues to be heard through the word of scripture.*

A reading from 2 Peter.

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.” We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## \*\* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## \*\* GOSPEL READING

Matthew 17:1-9

*Shortly before he enters Jerusalem, where he will be crucified, Jesus is revealed to Peter, James, and John in a mountaintop experience of divine glory called the transfiguration.*

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John 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 bright as light. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## YOUTH MESSAGE

### MESSAGE

*Pastor Mallory Morris*

\*\* HYMN OF THE DAY

"Open the Eyes of My Heart"

(Verse - Music Ministers/All)

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord,  
Open the eyes of my heart;  
I want to see you,  
I want to see you.

**Open the eyes of my heart, Lord,**  
**Open the eyes of my heart;**  
**I want to see you,**  
**I want to see you.**

(Refrain - All/Music Ministers)

**To see you high and lifted up,**  
Shining in the light of your glory.  
**Pour out your power and love**  
As we sing "holy, holy, holy."

(Verse - All)

**Open the eyes of my heart, Lord,**  
**Open the eyes of my heart;**  
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**Holy, holy, holy,**

**Holy, holy, holy,  
Holy, holy, holy,  
I want to see you.**

**Holy, holy, holy,  
Holy, holy, holy,  
Holy, holy, holy,  
I want to see you.**

**Holy, holy, holy,  
Holy, holy, holy,  
Holy, holy, holy,  
I want to see you.**

**\*\* APOSTLES' CREED**

**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 power of the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
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,  
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 INTERCESSION**

*Assisting Minister*

As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

*A brief silence.*

*Each petition concludes:  
Merciful God, receive our prayer.*

Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior. **Amen.**

## GATHERING OF THE GIFTS

### OFFERTORY

### "Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom"

text by Ruth Duck  
music by Donna Kasbohm  
arr. Thomas Paulson  
*Paula Bennet, flute*  
*Chancel Choir*

Come, and seek the ways of Wisdom,  
She who danced when earth was new.  
Follow closely what she teaches,  
For her words are right and true.  
Wisdom clears the path to justice,  
Showing us what love must do.

Listen to the voice of Wisdom,  
Crying in the marketplace.  
Hear the Word made flesh among us,  
Full of glory, truth and grace.  
When the word takes root and ripens,  
Peace and righteousness embrace.

Sister Wisdom, come assist us;  
Nurture all who seek rebirth.  
Spirit-guide and close companion,  
Bring to light our sacred worth.  
Free us to become your people,  
Holy friends of God and earth.

### OFFERING PRAYER

*Assisting Minister*

God of majesty, no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

# MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

## \*\* GREAT THANKSGIVING

Lift up your heads; **we lift them up to God.**

Lift up your voices; **we lift them up to God.**

Lift up your hearts; **we lift them up to God.**

## \*\* WORDS OF INSTITUTION

And so we gather at the table. We come from many different places in life. And as we come together around the table we discover that our differences are not something we just tolerate, but that our differences are indeed a blessing. So come, children of God, just as you are. Wherever you are on this journey of life and faith, you are welcome here - here in this place, here in this community, here at this table. Come, children of God, come and remember. Remember the stories that Jesus' friends tell: Stories of bread broken and shared to feed a multitude; stories of gathering both enemy and friend together around a common table; stories of unlikely guests revealing the face of the sacred.

On a night of both celebration and betrayal Jesus took bread, blessed it and broke it; gave it to his disciples and said, "Take and eat, this is my body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." Then Jesus took the cup, blessed it, and gave it to his disciples saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so we pray: Lord, bless this bread and bless this fruit of the vine. Bless all of us in our eating and drinking that our eyes might be open, and that we might recognize the risen Christ in our midst, indeed in one another.

## \*\* LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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

God is now in flesh appearing.

Come to the feast of joy!

***For those communing at home or in the pew:***

**COMMUNION** — *Receiving the Lord's tangible presence*

The body of Christ given for you.

The blood of Christ shed for you.

*Each person may respond: Amen.*

**Communion Statement** ~ If you believe in your heart that Jesus Christ is your Savior and Redeemer and would like to receive Holy Communion, then come forward to receive the elements. If you would just like to come forward and receive a blessing, then you may do that also.

NOTE: We invite everyone to come forward for Holy Communion. If you have a gluten allergy, gluten-free wafers are available upon request when receiving Communion. Also, if you prefer not to receive wine at Communion, apple juice is available upon request. For those choosing to remain in the pews, there are communion all-in-one cups containing grape juice available in the Narthex.

**REFLECTION DURING COMMUNION**

As we prepare to receive the sacrament today, may we quietly take this time to center ourselves on Christ and ponder the amazing gifts of grace and forgiveness that we have been given. As we receive the body and the blood of our Lord, let us reflect upon His sacrifice. Finally, may we take this time to ask the Holy Spirit to enter our hearts, and then to work in us and through us each and every day.

## COMMUNION HYMN

## "Beautiful Savior" (ELW 838)

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!  
 Son of God and Son of Man!

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!

## \*\* TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ bless you and always keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

## \*\* HYMN AFTER COMMUNION: "Canticle of Simeon"



Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful -



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre -



pared in the sight of ev-'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the



na - tions and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

## \*\* PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Assisting Minister*

Radiant God, we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. In the sacrament of his body and blood you have drawn us to your heart. Send us from this table with delight, that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love, and bear witness to all we have seen and heard, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## \*\* SENDING OF COMMUNION

*Communion ministers may be sent to take the sacrament to those who are absent. The presiding minister may lead this prayer of sending.*

Gracious God, loving all your family with a mother's tender care: As you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist those who set forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are sick, homebound, and imprisoned. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those who will receive this sacrament, and give us all the comfort of your abiding presence through the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

# SENDING

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

## \*\* BLESSING

May the triune God, who has put a new song in your mouth and tuned your heart for praise + bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

## \*\* SENDING HYMN

"Shine, Jesus, Shine" (W&P 123)

The musical score consists of five staves of music in common time, treble clef, and a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The chords indicated above the staves are A, D/A, A, E/A; A, D/A, A, E/A; D, E/D, C#m, F#m; D, E/D, C#m, F#m; and G, Esus, E, G. The lyrics are as follows:

1 Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing,  
 2 As we gaze on your king - ly bright - ness,  
 in so the midst of the dark - ness, shin - ing;  
 our fac - es dis - play your like - ness,  
 Je - sus, light of the world, shine up - on us,  
 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.  
 Shine on me, shine on me, shine on me:  
 Shine on me, shine on me, shine on me:

*Refrain*

*Refrain*

A                    E/A                    D                    A/C#            Bm                    B<sup>7</sup>  
 Shine,            Je - sus,            shine,            fill            this            land            with            the

E                    A                    E/A                    D                    A  
 Fa - ther's        glo - ry;        blaze,            Spir - it,        blaze,            set            our

Bm            Bm/A            G            E            A            E/A            D            A/C#  
 hearts        on        fire.            Flow,            riv - er,        flow,            flood        the

Bm            B<sup>7</sup>            E                    A                    E/A  
 na - tions        with        grace        and        mer - cy;        send            forth        your        Word,

D            A/C#            Bm            E<sup>7</sup>            A            D            *To stanzas*            *Last time*  
 Lord, and        let        there        be        light!

\*\* DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

**Created, saved and gifted by God,**

**we seek, serve and share Jesus Christ. Hallelujah, thanks be to God!**

**POSTLUDE**

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**“W + 2” = WORSHIP PLUS TWO**

MAKE A COMMITMENT NOT ONLY TO WORSHIP EACH WEEK,  
 BUT ALSO TRY TO FIND A WAY TO SERVE IN THE CONGREGATION  
 AND SEEK OUT A WAY TO SERVE OUR COMMUNITY.

YOU ARE NOW ENTERING THE MISSION FIELD

# UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS

## **Martin Luther, renewer of the church, died 1546**

Wednesday, February 18, 2026

Though he began his adult church life as a simple Augustinian monk, Luther challenged the abuses he saw in the church, and his work eventually led to the Protestant Reformation. Luther's accomplishments included liturgical reform, translation of the Bible, and creation of the Small and Large Catechisms.