



## SAINT LUKE CHURCH

**A WARM WELCOME** to all who gather in the name of Christ this morning. If you are looking for a church home, we hope you will consider Saint Luke Church.

All **BAPTIZED CHRISTIANS** are welcome at the Lord's table. We all need what only Christ can give.

The people of Saint Luke Ministries, called by God's grace in Jesus Christ, are committed to share God's gifts of Word and Sacrament, to care for one another, and to serve those in need. As a **RECONCILING IN CHRIST CONGREGATION**, we welcome all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions based on our belief in a radically inclusive Jesus who loved all people regardless of gender, ethnicity, race, religion, economic, social status, or physical abilities. Saint Luke Ministries strives to be a place "where all are welcomed."

Saint Luke Ministries acknowledges that it is built on the land of which many First Nation people called their home. Members of this community continue to contribute to the life of this city and to celebrate their heritage, practice, traditions, and care for the land and waterways. Therefore, we **EMBRACE OUR COMMITMENT** to Indigenous rights, racial justice, and cultural equity.

For your convenience, there are *large print copies* of the Sunday bulletin and *individual sound enhancement devices*.

The *wheelchair accessible entrance* is located on Greenview Avenue and the *wheelchair accessible lavatory* is off the left side of the church.

A section for parents with very young children is located in the back of the church. *Rocking chairs, floor cushions* and *children's booster seats* may be found in that area. *Church Activity Bags* with books and coloring materials for the very young are available from the ushers.

Sharing of the Peace is done in the way that is most comfortable to you.

*Free parking* is available in the parking garage behind the church. Enter from Melrose St. (one block north of Belmont).

If there is anything else we can do to assist your worship experience, please let the ushers know.



## THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD



SAINT LUKE CHURCH  
 March 2, 2025  
 The Transfiguration of Our Lord

PRAYER CONNECTION AND REFLECTION

*Time to reflect and pray individually as you prepare for worship*

THE PRAYER FOR THE DAY

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

REMEMBER THOSE WHO ARE ILL

O God, the strength of the weak and the comfort of sufferers: Mercifully hear our prayers and grant to your servants:

*Patricia Grunde    Christine Heck    Dennis Hadden    Joan Palumbo    Anthony Leonard*  
*Joyce Grosse    Curtis Holland    Mark Van Scharrel    John Grosse    Achen Moreno*  
*Laurie Strobmayer    Ayanna Moreno    Owen Reardon    Michael Kessler    Bill Liedholm*  
*Barbara Lans*

the help of your power, that illness may be turned into health and our sorrow into joy; through Jesus Christ. Amen

REMEMBER THE NEGLECTED

Almighty and most merciful God, we call to mind before you all whom it is easy to forget: those who are homeless, destitute, sick, isolated and all with no one to care for them. May we bring help and healing to those who are broken in body or spirit, that they may have comfort in sorrow, company in loneliness, and a place of safety and warmth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

REMEMBER THOSE SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES

Almighty God, we commit to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad:

*Nicholas Bakulinski    Jeremy Strobmayer    Ashley Bakulinski    Lucas Kratz    Nicky Relias*  
 Defend them with your heavenly grace and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

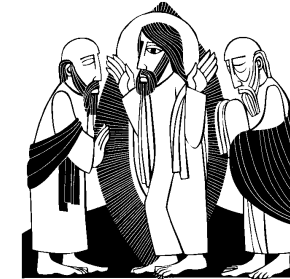
PRAYER FOR PEACE

O Almighty God, Creator of all humanity, turn the hearts of all peoples and their rulers that by the power of your Holy Spirit peace may be established among the nations on the foundation of justice, righteousness and truth; through him who was lifted up on the cross to draw all people to himself, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

9:30 AM



GATHERING \_\_\_\_\_

*Sit*    Prelude: Prelude andante Jehan Alain

*Stand*    Processional Hymn #834 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise  
*Please turn and face the star as the procession enters.*

Greeting

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

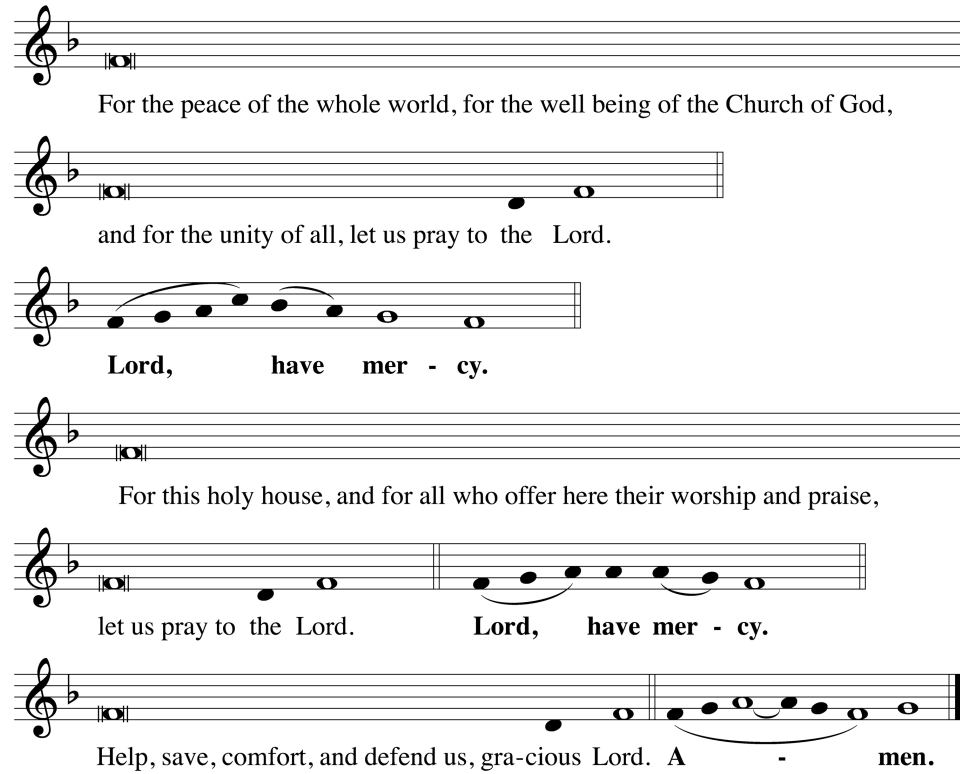
**And also with you.**

Litany

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

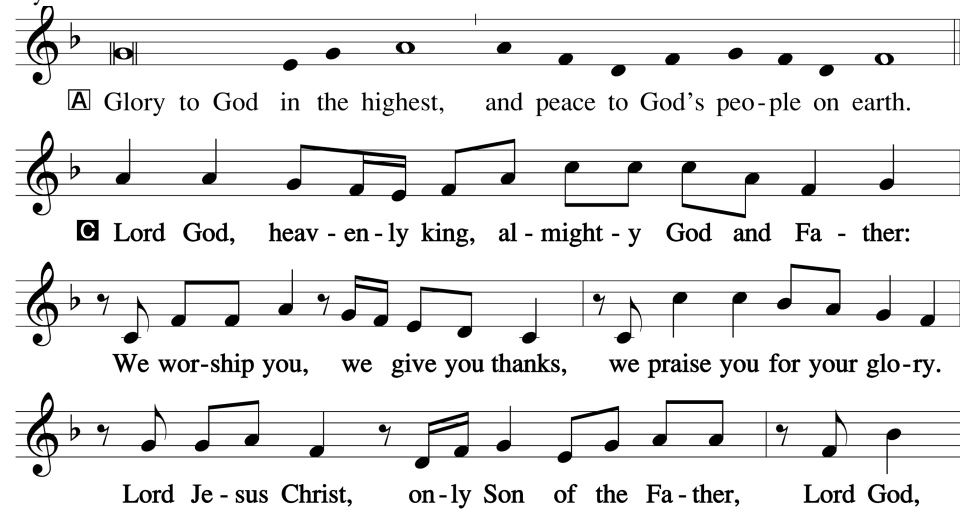
For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**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.

Hymn of Praise



**A** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.  
**B** 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.  
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. 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.

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Let us pray...  
*The congregation responds: Amen*

WORD

Sit First Reading

*The reading concludes:* The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Exodus 34:29-35

Psalm 99

*Chanted responsively*

The Lord is king; let the people tremble.

The Lord is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.

The Lord, great in Zion,

is high above all peoples.

**Let them confess God's name, which is great and awesome;**

**God is the Holy One.**

**O mighty king, lover of justice, you have established equity;**

**you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.**

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord and fall down before God's footstool;

God is the Holy One.

Moses and Aaron among your priests,

and Samuel among those who call upon your name, O Lord;

they called upon you, and you answered them,

**you spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud;**

**they kept your testimonies and the decree that you gave them.**

**O Lord our God, you answered them indeed;**

**you were a God who forgave them,**

**yet punished them for their evil deeds.**

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord and worship upon God's holy hill;

for the Lord our God is the Holy One.

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 3:12—4:2

*The reading concludes:* The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Stand* **HOLY GOSPEL**

*Please turn to face the star as the procession moves to the center of the church. As the procession moves, the congregation sings "How Good, Lord, to Be Here!" #315, stanzas 1-3*

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the 9<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

+ SAINT LUKE 9:28-43 +

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*As the procession moves, the congregation concludes singing "How Good, Lord, to Be Here!", #315, stanzas 4-5*

*Sit* Sermon

"Shining in a New Light"

*Stand* Hymn of the Day #838

Beautiful Savior

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,**

**the Father, the Almighty,**

**maker of heaven and earth,**

**of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,**

**the only Son of God,**

**eternally begotten of the Father,**

**God from God, Light from Light,**

**true God from true God,**

**begotten, not made,**

**of one Being with the Father;**

**through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation**

**he came down from heaven,**

**was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the**

**virgin Mary and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;**

**he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again**

**in accordance with the scriptures;**

**he ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory**

**to judge the living and the dead,**

**and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,**

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,**

**who with the Father and the Son**

**is worshiped and glorified,**

**who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen**

*Kneel* Prayers of Intercession

*After each petition:* Lord, listen to your children prayer.

**Send us love, send us peace, send us grace.**

*Stand* Sharing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*The congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord in a way that is most comfortable to you.*

MEAL

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*Sit* Gathering of the Gifts

*Offering for the Congregation*

Anthem: Christ upon the Mountain Peak

Paul Bouman

Christ, upon the mountain peak stands alone in glory blazing.

Let us, if we dare to speak, with the saints and angels praise him - Alleluia!

Trembling at His feet we see Moses and Elijah speaking.

All the prophets and the Law shout through them their joyful greeting - Alleluia!

Swift the cloud of glory came,

God proclaiming in his thunder Jesus as his Son by name!

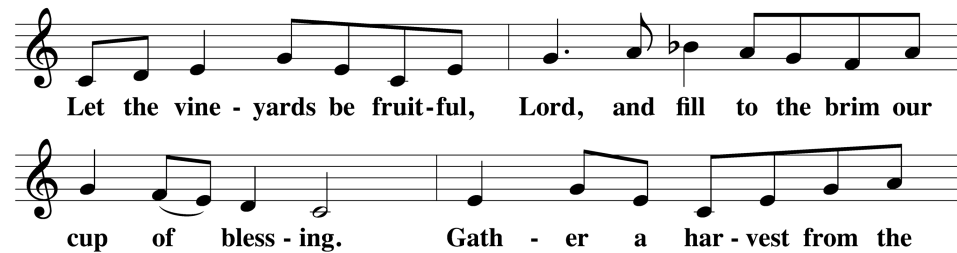
Nations cry aloud in wonder! Alleluia!

This is God's beloved Son.

Law and prophets fade before him, first and last and only One.

Let creation now adore him! Alleluia!

*Stand* Presentation of the Gifts



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our  
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the

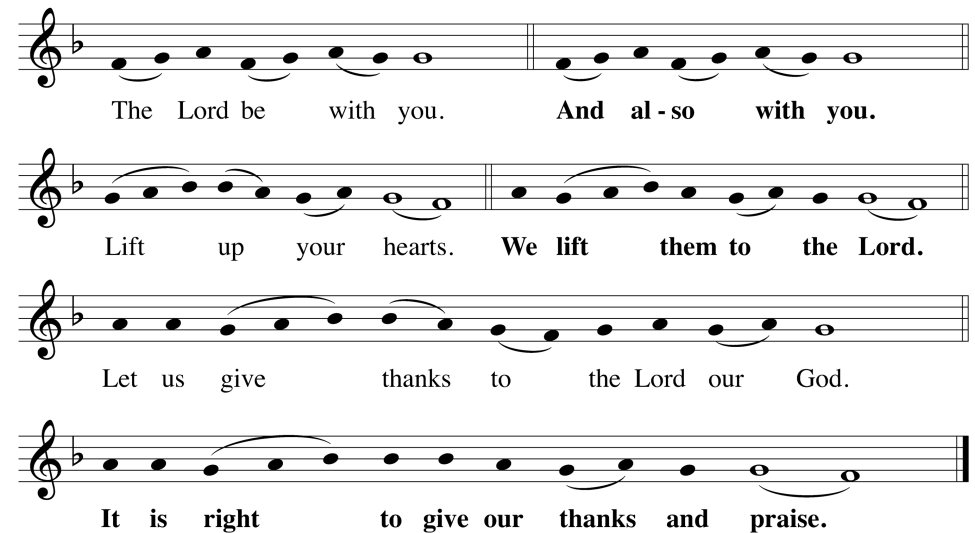


seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all, u - nite them with the  
prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

Let us pray.

**Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts; our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ,**

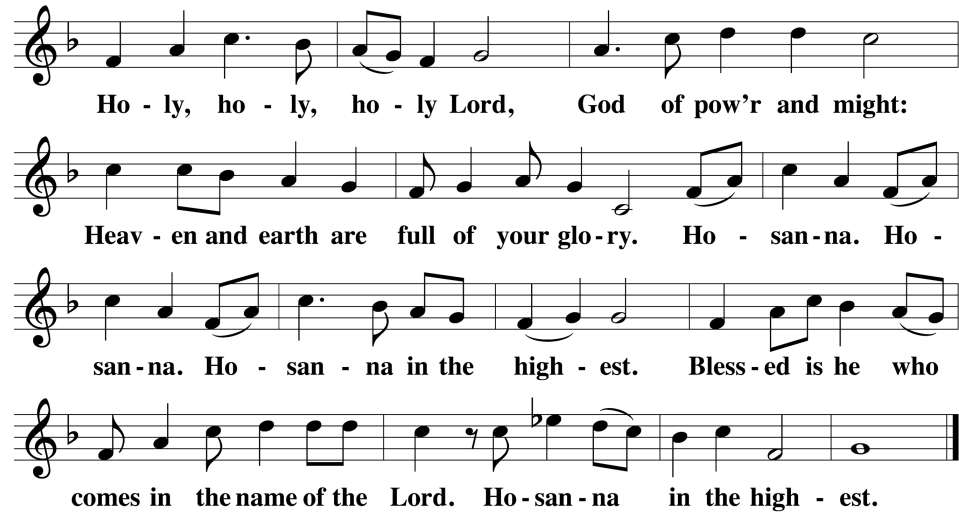
GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al - so 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, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
 Heav - en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -  
 san-na. 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.

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign. . .

...For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

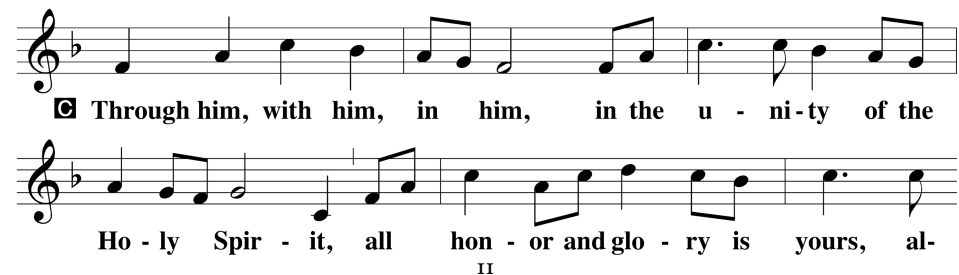
...to share with us the great and promised feast.

**Come, Lord Jesus.**

... and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

Join our prayers with those... until he comes as victorious Lord of all.



☐ Through him, with him, in him, in the u - ni-ty of the  
 Ho - ly Spir - it, all hon - or and glo - ry is yours, al-



might - y Fa - ther, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit,

let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.**

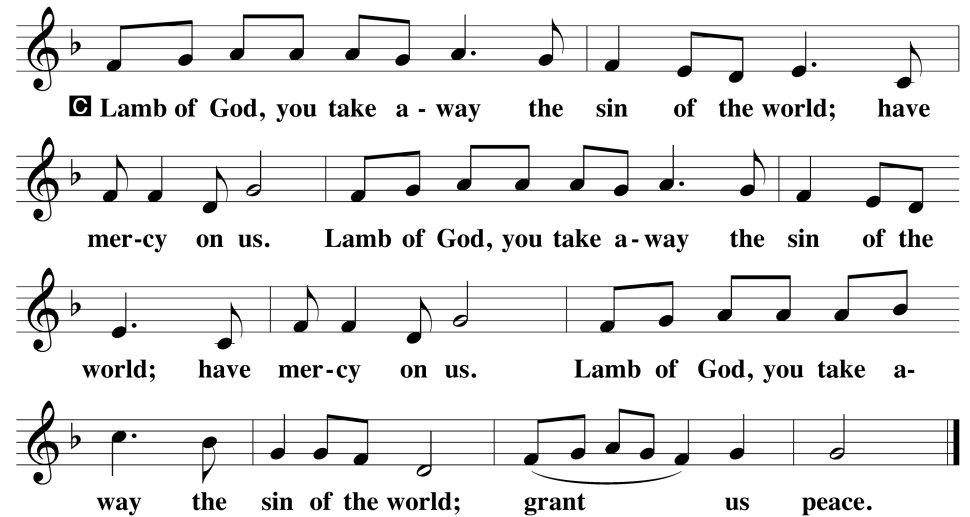
**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

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

*Sit*

Communion

*All baptized Christians are welcome at the Lord's table. At the invitation of an usher, please proceed to communion at the front of the church by the center aisle and return via the side aisles.*



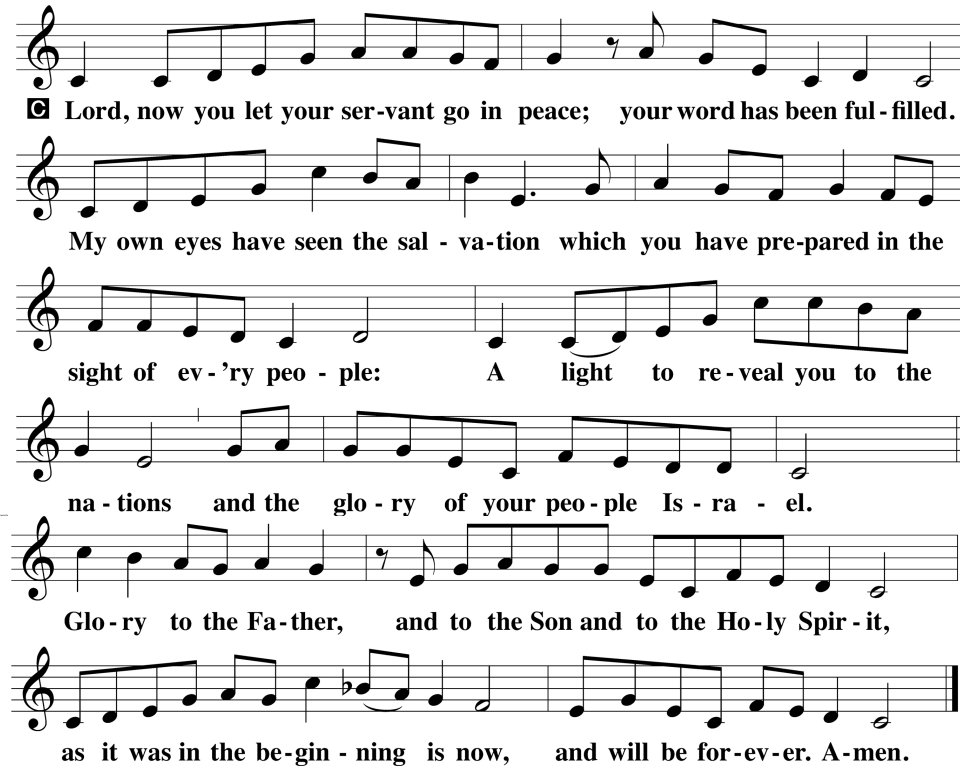
☐ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
 world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-  
 way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Hymn #815

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Stand Table Blessing

Canticle



Lord, now 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.  
Glo-ry to the Fa-ther, and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir - it,  
as it was in the be-gin - ning is now, and will be for-ev-er. A-men.

Prayer after Communion

Prayer for Peace

Benediction

Recessional Hymn #671

Shine, Jesus, Shine

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: Litanies

Jehan Alain

The Reverend Dr. David Nelson, *Presiding Minister*Maia Surace, *Cantor*Terry Duchow, *Assisting Minister*Don Mead, *Organist*

March 2, 2025



Today: The Transfiguration of Our Lord

On this Sunday, the last Sunday before the beginning of Lent, we observe the Transfiguration of Our Lord. The altar is adorned in white to mark the solemnity and mystery of the divine presence and blessing. The day of the Transfiguration is a turning point in our church calendar. This is the final feast before the fast of Lent. We celebrate Jesus revealed in his divine nature and then turn our attention to his work of salvation in his journey to the cross.

Introduction to the Day

Witnesses to the glory of God in the face of Jesus reflect that glory in the world. It was true for Moses. It was doubtless true for Peter, James, and John. We pray that it will be true of all of us who see God's glory in the word and in the supper and who are being "transformed into the same image" by God's Spirit.

Intention Form

Still thinking about it? Please return your Intention Form for 2025. Thank you for your consideration.

Today

**Bible Class** (in person) meets weekly (also from 8:30 – 9:15 a.m.) on Sundays.

Coffee Hour

Please stop in the Church Lobby after service today for Coffee Hour. The conversation is great, the coffee hot and the treats delicious. **We supply the coffee and a volunteer brings the treat!** Come and see what delicious offering is in store for you this week!

Cum Christo in Pace

**Martin E. Marty** entered into eternal life February 25, 2025 and will receive Christian burial on March 29, 2025 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. *"Eternal rest grant him, O Lord, and may the Light Perpetual ever shine upon him."*

Let's Do Lunch!

Are you tired of worrying about what to make for lunch? Then let's have lunch together at Whole Foods (yes, they have a buffet and serve a wide variety of foods). Let's go together, on **Sunday, March 23 after coffee hour**, grab lunch and enjoy a change of scenery. Please sign up in the church lobby or let Elisabeth Stampfl know you would like to be a part of the lunch crowd.



## THE BEGINNING OF LENT

**Ash Wednesday, March 5** marks the beginning of Lent. During this season, Christians undertake special disciplines to focus their minds and prepare their hearts for the holy joy of Easter. Morning and evening services offer the opportunity to begin your season of penitence with Holy Communion and ashes, the visible sign of the penitent.

**8:15 a.m.**

Ashes on the Way

*Meet Pastor Nelson on Greenview Ave for Ashes on your way to work.*

**9:00 a.m.**

Ash Wednesday Worship with Imposition of Ashes

**7:00 p.m.**

The Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes



## Wednesdays in Lent

**9:00 a.m. Holy Communion**

Everyone is invited to join with the children of Saint Luke Academy for Holy Communion and to gather in the lobby for fellowship afterward.

**6:30 p.m. Soup Supper**

A simple soup and bread meal will be served by volunteers in the lobby.

**7:00 p.m. Holden Evening Prayer**

Sing/learn “Holden Evening Prayer” a liturgical service written by Marty Haugen. The origins of the Holden Evening Prayer can be traced back to the mid-20th century, to Holden Village, a small village located in the heart of Washington’s North Cascades Mountains.

The structure of the Holden Evening Prayer encompasses a series of carefully curated elements, including psalms, readings, prayers, and a unique blend of contemporary and traditional hymns.

Centering the evening will be a brief meditation on “The Jesus Prayer”

*March 12 - Introduction to the Jesus Prayer*

*Feast Day of Saint Gregory the Great*



## Soup Sign-Up

Please use the sheet in the lobby to sign-up to set-up, service and clean-up weekly soup suppers on Wednesday evening during Lent. It’s simple, really. We will supply the disposal cups, bowls and cutlery, you bring the soup and bread. *During this penitential season it is so important to be with people in fellowship and prayer.*

## Bible Class

Bible Class will meet this week on **Thursday, March 6 at 12 p.m.** Bring your lunch and join the group to discuss the lessons and Gospel for the First Sunday in Lent.

The lessons are: *Deuteronomy 26:1-11, Romans 10:8b-13, Saint Luke 4:1-13*



The link for **"Bible Class"** can be found on the website at [stlukechicago.org](http://stlukechicago.org). Click on “Bible Class” or enter the following URL into your browser: <https://bit.ly/39AbHrQ>  
Meeting ID: 992 4691 2627 Passcode: saintluke See you Thursday!

## Caring and Sharing

The specialty items for our March collection are **breakfast cereals and raisins**. Your donations in the barrel in the church lobby are distributed through relief agencies in the LakeView area and provide limited income families with nutritious breakfasts.

## Saint Luke Academy



Now is the time to introduce friends and neighbors who may be looking for a school with the quality educational program for PreSchool 3 and 4 and Grades Kindergarten – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade offered **by Saint Luke Academy**. Invite them to see our school and the great work we do! Please contact [academyoffice@stlukechicago.org](mailto:academyoffice@stlukechicago.org) or call 773.472.3837

Saint Luke Academy admits students of any race, color, national, and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admission policies, athletic and other school-administered programs.

## Founders Hall clean-up

As the clean-up in Founders Hall continues, we are now at the point where there are items that are too good to throw away and could be donated to places like the Salvation Army, Goodwill or others. Would you be able to take a box or two to the donation place of your choice? See Elisabeth Stampfl or email her at [estampfl@stlukechicago.org](mailto:estampfl@stlukechicago.org).



# THIS WEEK *at* Saint Luke Church



## THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD, SUNDAY, March 2, 2025

Bible Class 8:30 a.m. *Founders Hall*  
 Holy Communion 9:30 a.m. *Church*  
 Mardi Gras Party 10:30 a.m. *Church Lobby*

## MONDAY - FRIDAY, March 3 - 7, 2025

Morning Care 7:30-8:00 a.m. *Room 206*  
 School in Session 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.  
 After Care 3:30-6:00 p.m. *Room 206*

## MONDAY, March 3, 2025

Player Sports and Social Club 6:30 p.m. *Gym*

## SHROVE TUESDAY, March 4, 2025

Bookbugs 9:00 a.m. *Room 101*  
 Time for Two 10:30 a.m. *Room 101*  
 Academy Board Meeting 6:30 p.m. *Church Lobby*  
 Player Sports and Social Club 6:30 p.m. *Gym*

## ASH WEDNESDAY, March 5, 2025

Ashes on the Way 8:15 a.m. *Greenview Avenue*  
**Worship Service with Imposition of Ashes 9:00 a.m.** *Church*  
 Coffee and Chat 9:30 a.m. *Church Lobby*  
 Player Sports and Social Club 6:30 p.m. *Gym*  
**Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes 7:00 p.m.** *Church*

## THURSDAY, March 6, 2025

Bookbugs 9:00 a.m. *Room 101*  
 Time for Two 10:30 a.m. *Room 101*  
 Bible Class 12:00 p.m. <https://bit.ly/39AbHrQ> *via Zoom*  
 Player Sports and Social Club 6:30 p.m. *Gym*

## SUNDAY, March 9, 2025

Bible Class 8:30 a.m. *Founders Hall*  
 Holy Communion 9:30 a.m. *Church*  
 Coffee Hour 10:30 a.m. *Church Lobby*



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## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### SUNDAYS

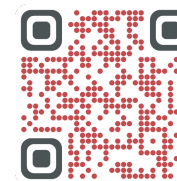
8:30 AM *Bible Class*  
 9:30 AM *THE HOLY EUCHARIST*

### WEDNESDAYS

9:00 AM *Worship with Saint Luke Academy*  
*Coffee and Chat immediately following*

### THURSDAYS

12:00 PM *Bible Class*  
 Go to [www.stlukechicago.org](http://www.stlukechicago.org), click on "Bible Class"  
 or use Link: <https://bit.ly/39AbHrQ>



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