



***Jesus was transfigured,  
Moses and Elijah appeared,  
a cloud overshadowed,  
and a voice spoke.***



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**“GOD IN FLESH MADE MANIFEST!”** Welcome to Pilgrim Lutheran Church, where the Divine nature is revealed today in the Man Jesus Christ through Word and Sacrament for the forgiveness of our sins, just as it was revealed by a star, at Jordan's stream, at a wedding in Cana, in a Nazareth synagogue, Capernaum home, and the Mount of Transfiguration. (See *LSB* 394.) We are glad that you are here this day and invite you to come again any time for any of our activities!

**AS YOU ARRIVE**, please move down the pew towards the wall, in order to leave room for others. If you arrive late, please wait for an appropriate time to enter the sanctuary, such as during a hymn. Please also remember to turn off your cell phones and/or any other electronic devices. Thank you!

**ORDER OF SERVICE:** To your right you will find today's order of service. The right side of that outline indicates from where the item listed comes: either in this bulletin or the hymnal, *Lutheran Service Book*, with the Psalms towards the front, its liturgical pages towards the middle, and its hymns towards the back. The  $\Delta$  symbol before a hymn stanza indicates that it especially gives glory to the Triune God; we stand before singing the stanza and, in most cases, conclude the stanza by singing “Amen.”, if an “Amen” is not already included.

**HOLY COMMUNION:** At Pilgrim we value your presence among us and love and care about our guests and visitors! However, due to the sad divisions that exist in the world and even in Christianity, we cannot commune everyone at the Lord's Table here. We respectfully ask that guests and visitors who desire to commune first speak with the pastor well before the service. All those present but not communing still may approach the rail for a blessing: come forward and kneel with those who are communing, but fold your arms over your heart and place your hands on the opposite shoulders. For more information about the ancient practice of Closed Communion, see <http://www.pilgrimlc.org/closed-communion>.

**INDIVIDUAL CUPS:** The top of the tray contains several individual cups of highly-diluted wine. If you receive the blood of Christ in an individual cup, please be sure to wait to consume it until Pastor comes by with the chalice, so that he knows you are receiving it in that fashion. If the supply of individual cups is depleted, please accept the blood of Christ from the chalice.

# CATECHESIS

(On the following page[s],  
locate the specified portion of Luther's Small Catechism,  
and, when prompted by the question, recite the given answer.)

*The week's announcements follow the service at the back of the binder.*

who teaches or lives contrary to God's Word profanes the name of God among us. Protect us from this, heavenly Father!

### **The Second Petition**

Thy kingdom come.  
*Your kingdom come.*

*What does this mean?*

The kingdom of God certainly comes by itself without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come to us also.

*How does God's kingdom come?*

God's kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity.

### **The Third Petition**

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

*Your will be done on earth as in heaven.*

*What does this mean?*

The good and gracious will of God is done even without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also.

*How is God's will done?*

God's will is done when He breaks and hinders every evil plan and purpose of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature, which do not want us to hallow God's name or let His kingdom come; and when He strengthens and keeps us firm in His Word and faith until we die. This is His good and gracious will.

### **The Fourth Petition**

Give us this day our daily bread.  
*Give us today our daily bread.*

*What does this mean?*

God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

*What is meant by daily bread?*

Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.

### **The Fifth Petition**

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

*What does this mean?*

We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would not look at our sins, or deny our prayer because of them. We are neither worthy of the things for which we pray, nor have we deserved them, but we ask that He would give them all to us by grace, for we daily sin much and surely deserve nothing but punishment. So we too will sincerely forgive and gladly do good to those who sin against us.

### **The Sixth Petition**

And lead us not into temptation.  
*Lead us not into temptation.*

*What does this mean?*

God tempts no one. We pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us so that the devil, the world, and our sinful nature may not deceive us or mislead us into false belief, despair, and other great shame and vice. Although we are attacked by these things, we pray that we may finally overcome them and win the victory.

### **The Seventh Petition**

But deliver us from evil.  
*But deliver us from evil.*

*What does this mean?*

We pray in this petition, in summary, that our Father in heaven would rescue us

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*Stand*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Kneel/Stand*

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

**P** In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May

the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C Amen.**

*Stand*

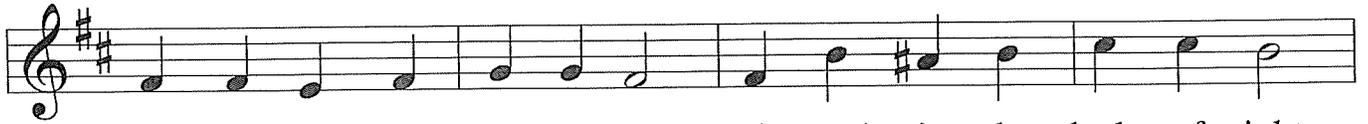
## **SERVICE OF THE WORD**

### **Entrance Hymn**

## 873 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.

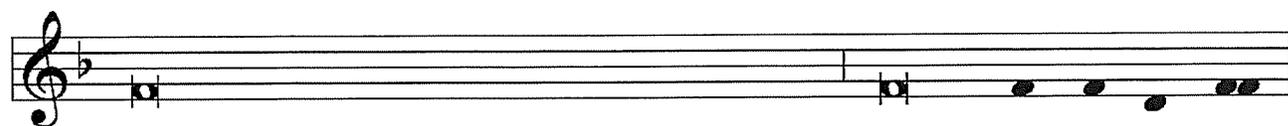
# Kyrie



**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



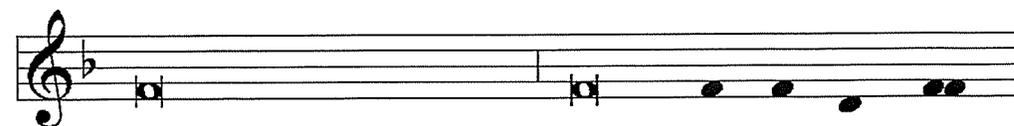
**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



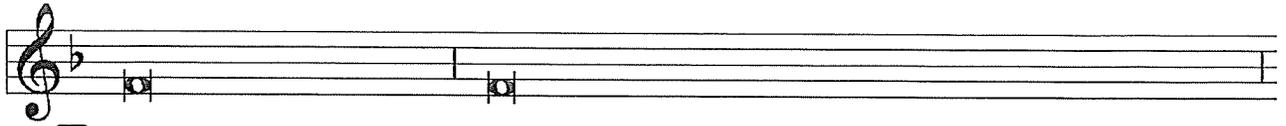
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



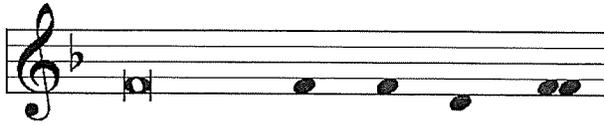
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



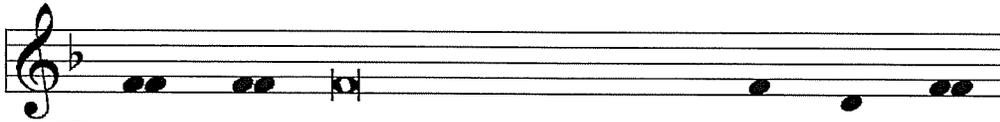
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



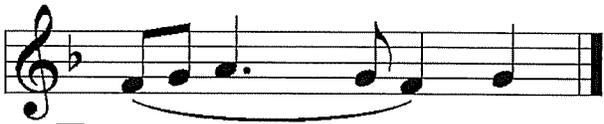
let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



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



**C** A - men.



## Salutation and Collect of the Day

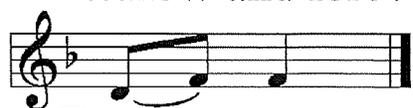


**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.  
...now and forever.



**C** A - men.

*Sit*

<sup>8</sup>And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, “Behold the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words.”

<sup>9</sup>Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, <sup>10</sup>and they saw the God of Israel. There was under his feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. <sup>11</sup>And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank.

<sup>12</sup>The LORD said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain and wait there, that I may give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” <sup>13</sup>So Moses rose with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. <sup>14</sup>And he said to the elders, “Wait here for us until we return to you. And behold, Aaron and Hur are with you. Whoever has a dispute, let him go to them.”

<sup>15</sup>Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. <sup>16</sup>The glory of the LORD dwelt on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. And on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud. <sup>17</sup>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 people of Israel. <sup>18</sup>Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

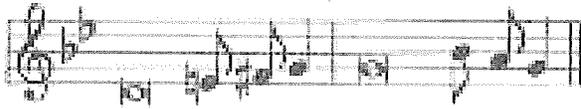
## Psalm

*Psalm 2:6-12; antiphon: v.6*

(Sing the Psalm responsively using the tone provided.)

The congregation sings the indented and bold portions of the text.

See *LSB* xxvi for how the text and the tone correspond.)



<sup>6</sup>“As for me, I have | set my King\*  
on Zion, my | holy hill.”

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on Zion, my | holy hill.”

<sup>7</sup>I will tell of | the decree:\*

The LORD said to me, “You are my Son; today I have be- | gotten  
you.

<sup>8</sup>Ask of me, and I will make the nations your | heritage,\*  
and the ends of the earth your pos- | session.

<sup>9</sup>You shall break them with a | rod of iron\*  
and dash them in pieces like a potter’s | vessel.”

<sup>10</sup>Now therefore, O | kings, be wise;\*  
be warned, O rulers | of the earth.

<sup>11</sup>Serve the | LORD with fear,\*  
and rejoice with | trembling.

<sup>12</sup>Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way,  
for his wrath is quickly | kindled.\*

Blessèd are all who take ref- | uge in him.

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***

**and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***

**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

<sup>6</sup>“As for me, I have | set my King\*  
on Zion, my | holy hill.”

## Epistle

2 Peter 1:16-21

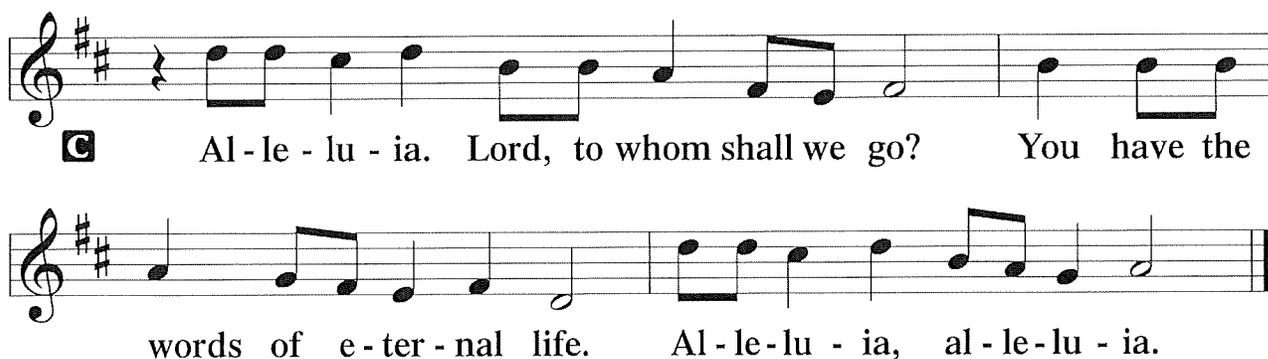
<sup>16</sup>For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. <sup>17</sup>For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased,” <sup>18</sup>we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. <sup>19</sup>And we have something more sure, the prophetic word, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, <sup>20</sup>knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone’s own interpretation. <sup>21</sup>For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

### Alleluia and Verse: Common



**C** 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.

## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 17:1-9*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the seventeenth chapter.



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

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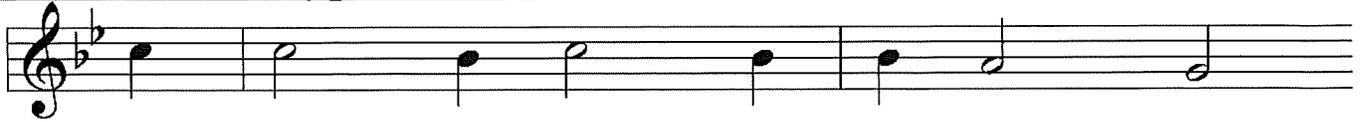
**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## Hymn of the Day

# 413 O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair



1 O won - drous type! O vi - sion fair  
2 With Mo - ses and E - li - jah high  
3 With shin - ing face and bright ar - ray  
4 And faith - ful hearts are raised on high  
5 O Fa - ther, with the e - ter - nal Son



Of glo - ry that the Church may share,  
The in - car - nate Lord holds con - verse high;  
Christ deigns to man - i - fest to - day  
By this great vi - sion's mys - ter - y,  
And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er one,



Which Christ up - on the moun - tain shows,  
And from the cloud the Ho - ly One  
What glo - ry shall be theirs a - bove  
For which in joy - ful strains we raise  
We pray Thee, bring us by Thy grace



Where bright - er than the sun He glows!  
Bears rec - ord to the on - ly Son.  
Who joy in God with per - fect love.  
The voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.  
To see Thy glo - ry face to face.

## Sermon

*Stand*

### Athanasian Creed

*LSB 319*

**C** Whoever desires to be saved must, above all, hold the catholic faith.

**Whoever does not keep it whole and undefiled will without doubt perish eternally.**

**And the catholic faith is this,**

**that we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the substance.**

**For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Holy Spirit is another.**

**But the Godhead of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit is one: the glory equal, the majesty coeternal.**

**Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Spirit:**

**the Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;**

**the Father infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;**

**the Father eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal.**

**And yet there are not three Eternals, but one Eternal, just as there are not three Uncreated or three Infinites, but one Uncreated and one Infinite.**

**In the same way, the Father is almighty, the Son almighty, the Holy Spirit almighty;**

**and yet there are not three Almighty, but one Almighty.**

**So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;**

**and yet there are not three Gods, but one God.**

**So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;**

**and yet there are not three Lords, but one Lord.**

**Just as we are compelled by the Christian truth to acknowledge each distinct person as God and Lord, so also**

**are we prohibited by the catholic religion to say that there are three Gods or Lords.**

**The Father is not made nor created nor begotten by anyone.**

**The Son is neither made nor created, but begotten of the Father alone.**

**The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son, neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeding.**

**Thus, there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.**

**And in this Trinity none is before or after another; none is greater or less than another;**

**but the whole three persons are coeternal with each other and coequal, so that in all things, as has been stated above, the Trinity in Unity and Unity in Trinity is to be worshiped.**

**Therefore, whoever desires to be saved must think thus about the Trinity.**

**But it is also necessary for everlasting salvation that one faithfully believe the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Therefore, it is the right faith that we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is at the same time both God and man.**

**He is God, begotten from the substance of the Father before all ages; and He is man, born from the substance of His mother in this age:**

**perfect God and perfect man, composed of a rational soul and human flesh;**

**equal to the Father with respect to His divinity, less than the Father with respect to His humanity.**

**Although He is God and man, He is not two, but one Christ: one, however, not by the conversion of the divinity into flesh, but by the assumption of the humanity into God;**

**one altogether, not by confusion of substance, but by unity of person.**

**For as the rational soul and flesh is one man, so God and man**

**is one Christ,  
who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again  
the third day from the dead,  
ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the  
Father, God Almighty, from whence He will come to judge the  
living and the dead.**

**At His coming all people will rise again with their bodies and  
give an account concerning their own deeds.**

**And those who have done good will enter into eternal life, and  
those who have done evil into eternal fire.**

**This is the catholic faith; whoever does not believe it faithfully  
and firmly cannot be saved.**

### **Prayer of the Church**

**P: Lord, in your mercy,**

**P: For.....let us pray to the Lord.**

**C. hear our prayer.**

**C. Lord, have mercy.**

*Stand*  
**Offertory**



**C** What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to



me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-



va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my



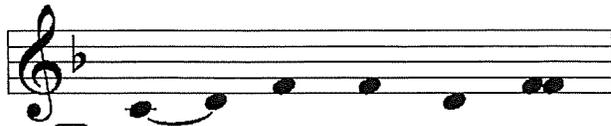
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the



courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

# SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

## Preface



**P** The Lord be with you.



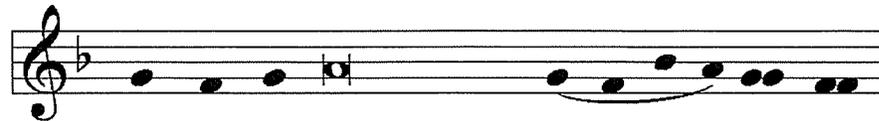
**C** And al - so with you.



**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 Him thanks and praise.

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus



**C** 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.

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## The Words of Our Lord

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

## Proclamation of Christ

**P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

**C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

## Prayer of Remembrance

**P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

## 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.**

## Pax Domini



**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



**C** A - men.

## Agnus Dei



**C** 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.

*Sit*

## Distribution

*The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:*

This is the body of Christ, given for you.

**Amen.**

This is the blood of Christ, shed for you.

**Amen.**

*In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:*

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart T in peace.

**C** Amen.

### **Distribution Hymns**

# 414 'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here



1 'Tis good, Lord, to be here! Thy  
2 'Tis good, Lord, to be here, Thy  
3 Ful - fill - er of the past And  
4 Be - fore we taste of death, We  
5 'Tis good, Lord, to be here! Yet

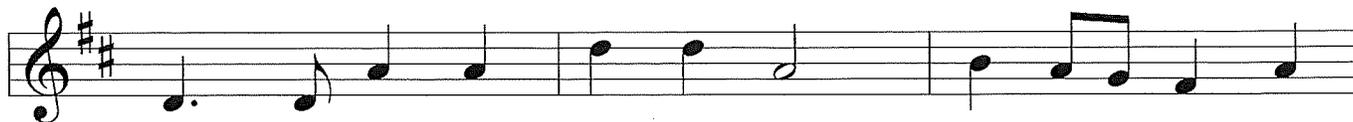


glo - ry fills the night; Thy face and gar - ments,  
beau - ty to be - hold Where Mo - ses and E -  
hope of things to be, We hail Thy bod - y  
see Thy king - dom come; We long to hold the  
we may not re - main; But since Thou bidst us



like the sun, Shine with un - bor - rowed light.  
li - jah stand, Thy mes - sen - gers of old.  
glo - ri - fied And our re - demp - tion see.  
vi - sion bright And make this hill our home.  
leave the mount, Come with us to the plain.

## 415 Jesus on the Mountain Peak



1 Je - sus on the moun - tain peak      Stands a - lone in  
2 Trem - bling at His feet we saw      Mo - ses and E -  
3 Swift the cloud of glo - ry came:      God pro - claim - ing  
4 This is God's be - lov - ed Son!      Law and proph - ets



glo - ry blaz - ing; Let us, if we dare to speak,  
li - jah speak - ing. All the proph - ets and the law  
in its thun - der Je - sus as the Son by name!  
sing be - fore Him, First and Last and on - ly One.



Join the saints and an - gels prais - ing.  
Shout through them their joy - ful greet - ing:  
Na - tions, cry a - loud in won - der,  
All cre - a - tion shall a - dore Him!



Al - le - lu - ia!  
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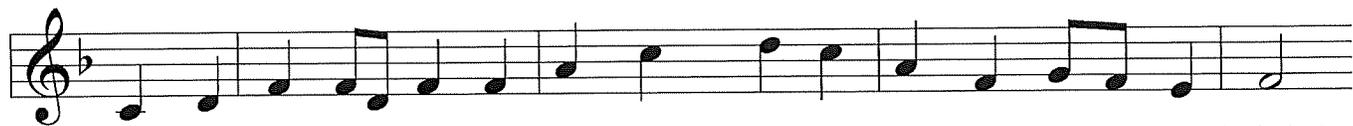
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## 416 Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory



1 Swift - ly pass the clouds of glo-ry, Heav-en's voice, the daz-zling light;  
2 Glimpsed and gone the rev - e - la-tion, They shall gain and keep its truth,  
3 Lord, trans - fig - ure our per-cep-tion With the pur - est light that shines,



Mo-ses and E - li - jah van - ish; Christ a - lone com - mands the height!  
Not by build-ing on the moun-tain An - y shrine or sa - cred booth,  
And re-cast our life's in - ten - tions To the shape of Your de - signs,



Pe-ter, James, and John fall si-lent, Turn - ing from the sum-mit's rise  
But by fol - low - ing the Sav-ior Through the val - ley to the cross  
Till we seek no oth - er glo - ry Than what lies past Cal-v'ry's hill



Down-ward toward the shad-owed val-ley Where their Lord has fixed His eyes.  
And by test - ing faith's re - sil-i-ence Through be - tray - al, pain, and loss.  
And our liv - ing and our dy - ing And our ris - ing by Your will.

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## Post-Communion 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 be 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.

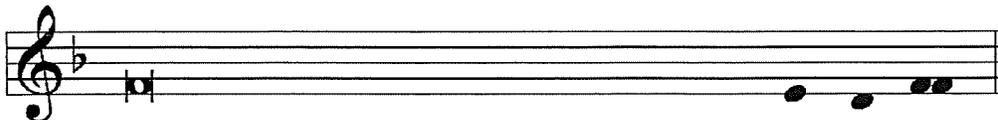
## Post-Communion Collect

**A** Let us pray.  
... one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

## Benediction



**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you  
and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



**C** A - men.

## Closing Hymn

## 417 Alleluia, Song of Gladness



1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of glad - ness, Voice of joy that  
2 Al - le - lu - ia, thou re - sound - est, True Je - ru - sa -  
3 Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways Be our song while  
4 There - fore in our hymns we pray Thee, Grant us, bless - ed



can - not die; Al - le - lu - ia is the an - them  
lem and free; Al - le - lu - ia, joy - ful moth - er,  
here be - low; Al - le - lu - ia, our trans - gres - sions  
Trin - i - ty, At the last to keep Thine Eas - ter



Ev - er raised by choirs on high; In the house of  
All thy chil - dren sing with thee, But by Bab - y -  
Make us for a while for - go; For the sol - emn  
With Thy faith - ful saints on high; There to Thee for -



God a - bid - ing Thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly.  
lon's sad wa - ters Mourn - ing ex - iles now are we.  
time is com - ing When our tears for sin must flow.  
ev - er sing - ing Al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 15, 2026

**BEFORE THE SERVICE:** As you greet and visit one another, please be sensitive to others who may wish an opportunity for silence to pray and otherwise to prepare for worship.

**OFFERING BOX:** Offerings may be placed in the Offering Box in the Narthex before or after services. Envelopes are available on the side of the Box for your use, such as if you would like your cash offering to be recorded, tracked, and receipted in a report back to you.

**PEW CUSHIONS:** If you would like to use a cushion either for your seat or for your seat and back, cushions for your use are available in the Usher's Closet off the north side of the Narthex.

**PEW SLIPS:** *Visitors*, please register your attendance both by completing a slip from rack on the back of the pews and placing them in the Offering Box in the Narthex and by signing the Guest Register at the door. *Members*, please complete a slip only if your contact information has changed or you have a new or updated prayer-list request. (The Usher tracks church attendance and communion participation.)

**GROWING IN WORSHIP:** Parents, please make use of the bulletins available in the Narthex for children aged 5-10, including the bulletins' activities for the whole week!

**LARGER-PRINT/FLOW-THROUGH BINDERS** are available in the Narthex for those who have trouble seeing the smaller-print of the hymnal, those with other special needs who cannot follow the liturgy in the hymnal or handle its weight, and those who are visiting Pilgrim who are not already familiar with liturgical services and/or our hymnal. If you need or otherwise want to use a flow-through and can help minimize paper and copying expenses, a PDF of the flow-through binder's contents is available in the upper-right corner of Pilgrim's homepage, [www.pilgrimlc.org](http://www.pilgrimlc.org), to open on or to download to your electronic device.

**PRAYER REQUEST:** If you have a special petition for the Prayers of the Church, please notify the Usher, Elder on Duty, or Pastor before the service.

**IF A NEED SHOULD ARISE**, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Restrooms are available in the Parish Hall (non-ADA Restrooms are available in the Office Area, one with a change table), and there is a Cry Room (also with a change table) off the south side of the Narthex. Let the Usher or Elder-on-Duty know if you need assistance or supplies.

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**“WALKING TOGETHER”:** Thank you to those who participated in the “Options” Open Forum last Sunday! With the Special Voters’ Meeting on those Options presently scheduled for April 12, all are encouraged to review the following: the Special Congregational Studies (available online at [www.pilgrimlc.org/bible-studies/walking-together](http://www.pilgrimlc.org/bible-studies/walking-together)); the September 26, 2025, “Options” mailing; the November 23, 2025, “FAQ” mailing (copies are available from the Church Office upon request); the Forum audio or video, if they missed it (available on Pilgrim’s website); to direct their comments and questions to their Elder, to any other Elder, or to Pastor Galler; and to pray for God’s wisdom and guidance through this process.

**LAST WEEK:** 0 students were present for Sunday School, but 1 teacher was prepared; 14 people were present in-person for Adult Bible Class, and another 1 participated via Jitsi; 50 people were present in-person for Sunday Divine Service (42 communed); 22 people were present in-person for the Open Forum on Walking Together “Options”; 3 people were present in person for Midweek Bible Study, another 5 participated via Jitsi; and 3 catechumens were present in-person for Thursday-evening catechesis. (The catechumens never connected via Jitsi for Thursday-afternoon Catechesis.)

**THANKS** to all those caring for the inside and outside of Pilgrim’s facilities; to Rev. Adler for the use of his chasubles; to Remo Gualtieri and Ben Ford, and all those helping with the video and audio for classes and services; and to Ellen Menconi for her Church Office work.

**SERVING TODAY:** The Rev. Dr. Jayson S. Galler, Pastor; Don Gibson, Elder on Duty; and Joy McHargue, Substitute Organist Service operator.

**SUBSTITUTE ORGANIST SERVICE:** On this third Sunday of the month), our usual accompanist Elaine Navaille rests her hands, and we stay familiar with using the Substitute Organist Service. Remember that there are short introductions to some liturgical pieces, that we hear the Psalm tone once at the beginning and then sing it *a capella*, and that any Amens added to hymn stanzas marked with  $\triangle$  will also be sung *a capella* after the music ends.

**LIFE THOUGHTS:** In The Transfiguration of Our Lord (Matthew 17:1-9), we see God’s glory hidden in the human flesh of Jesus. What a great reminder that God can and does work glorious things through that which the world views as shameful. God, Who restores the fallen world through human flesh and blood, can also do wonderful and amazing things through surprise pregnancies, severe disabilities, and terminal illnesses. Instead of turning

to death in such cases, we should look for ways that God might be hiding His good and gracious will for glorious life!

**STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS:** “And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only” (Matthew 17:8). Jesus is enough. Moses and Elijah point to Jesus and are happy to fade into the background, as it were. With our eyes fixed on Jesus and Him alone, the rest of our lives come into the right perspective. Jesus is primary, and all else secondary.

**THE ATHANASIAN CREED** was used more than once each year earlier in Church history frequently and is used four times each Church year at Pilgrim. The Athanasian Creed’s use today on the Transfiguration of Our Lord is particularly appropriate, as from the transfigured Jesus we get a glimpse of the glory that the Son shares equally with both the Father and the Holy Spirit and eventually also with us.

**AS YOU DEPART**, please be mindful of those who are ushered out behind you, who may have difficulty standing and waiting, and so who may need an open path to the door and to get to their cars quickly. If you stop to talk to someone in the Sanctuary, please keep the aisle as clear as possible. and please delay lengthier conversations with the pastor until after he has greeted everyone. Thank you for your consideration.

**AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX** are hardcopies of Pastor Galler’s recent newspaper columns (including his 02/07 column titled, “We cannot save ourselves”); the February 2026 edition of Pilgrim’s monthly newsletter, *The Pilgrimage*; the larger-print schedule of Daily Bible Reading for February and March; the latest Church Directory (dated 2026/01/22 on light-blue paper); *Portals of Prayer* for January-March 2026; issue #16 (Autumn 2025) of *Christian Culture: A printed Magazine for Lutherans* from Luther Classical College; and Pilgrim’s Funeral Planning Worksheet for completing, discussing with Pastor Galler, and filing in the Church Office

**PILGRIM’S MARY/MARTHA SOCIETY** will gather today, February 15, after the Divine Service, for lunch and to continue its study of the Women of the Bible, focusing on Elizabeth. All women are invited and welcome!

**STUDY HOURS:** Pastor Galler is usually in his study Tuesdays from 5:00-8:00 p.m., Wednesdays through Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to Noon, and Saturdays Noon to 3:00 p.m. Come for Individual Confession and Absolution (see *Lutheran Service Book* 292-293) or for any other reason. Pastor Galler is also available at other times by appointment at Pilgrim, or

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he can come to you (email [pastor@pilgrimlc.org](mailto:pastor@pilgrimlc.org) or text/call 903-984-4333). For emergency pastoral care, please *call* Pastor Galler.

**ASH WEDNESDAY** Divine Service will be offered this Wednesday, February 18 at 7:00 p.m., with the option to receive the Imposition of Ashes as a reminder that we *are* dust and *will return to dust* (Genesis 3:19).

**“ALL THE PROPHETS TESTIFY”**: Pilgrim’s Midweek Bible Study is on hiatus for Lent until Wednesday, April 08, at 7:00 p.m., when it will continue with Amos 2:4-16. Until then, you can catch-up on past sessions at <https://www.pilgrimlc.org/bible-studies/prophets>.

**CATECHESIS**: This Thursday, February 19, Pastor Galler will continue both the youth class starting at 4:15 p.m. via Jitsi and the family class starting at 7:30 p.m. in-person in the Conference Room/Library.

**“LOOSE-CHANGE SUNDAY”**: Please plan to use the large Mite Box in the Narthex next Sunday, February 22, after the Divine Service, in order to contribute your loose change and more, beyond your regular offering, for LWML mites that in part fund District and National mission grants (lists of grant recipients are on the bulletin board above the Mite Box).

**NEXT SUNDAY**: 9:15 a.m. Refreshments; 9:30 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Class (“Romans: The Righteousness of God”); and 10:45 a.m. Divine Service, followed by “Loose Change Sunday.

Readings: Gen 3:1-21; Ps 32:1-7; Ro 5:12-19; and Mt 4:1-11.

Hymns: LSB 814, 656, 572, 521, 714, and 424.

Prepare yourself for worship in advance by praying about, reading over, and meditating on the appointed Scripture Readings and Hymns.

**“SOUP AND SERMON” AT ST. LUKE’S METHODIST CHURCH**: Pastor Galler will be the presenter Wednesday, February 25. Lunch starts at 11:30 a.m. (the church is at 401 E. Main, Kilgore). All are welcome to attend.

**MIDWEEK LENT SOUP/SALAD SUPPERS**: Again this year Pilgrim will be having 6:00 p.m. Soup/Salad Suppers before the five Midweek Lenten Vespers Services (February 25 and March 4, 11, 18, and 25). If you (and maybe a partner) are willing to provide and serve one of the meals, please use the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall or otherwise get with Inreach Coordinator Joy McHargue.

**CIRCUIT #14 PASTORS’ MEETING**: The February meeting of Circuit #14’s pastors is scheduled for Thursday, February 26, in Longview.

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