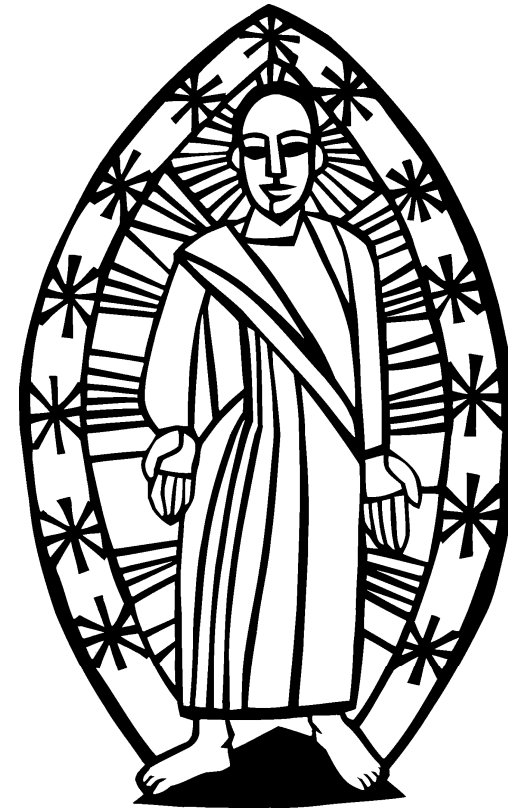


Welcome to
Luther Memorial Church
of the Erie Lutheran Parish



3 MARCH 2019
The Transfiguration of Our Lord

Witnesses to the glory of God in the face of Jesus will be unable to avoid reflecting 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 the glory of the Lord in the word and in the supper and who are being “transformed into the same image” by the Spirit of God.

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THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

Holy Communion • Setting II • 10:30

GATHERING – “The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.”

As the prelude begins we are invited to listen to prepare ourselves for the worship of our Lord.

PRELUDE – "Prelude and Fugue No. 6 in C Major"

Vincent Lübeck (1656-1740)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS 1 John 1:8-9

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

☞ Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
who spoke light into creation,
and who sends us out into the world shining like stars.

☞ **Amen.**

☞ We now take this moment and reflect upon the ways
we failed this week in living as children of God.

Silence is kept for reflection.



P Holy and merciful God,
C we confess that we have sinned
against our sisters and brothers and against you.
We cherish the values of this world.
We cause others to stumble.
The earth is wounded by our excess.
Have mercy, O God.
Forgive us, renew us, and raise us up on eagles' wings,
that we may do your will with courage and delight. Amen.


P Hear the voice from heaven:
"You are my own, my beloved."
God gives power for the weary
and strengthens the powerless.
Be cleansed, be healed,
for in the name of + Jesus Christ,
we have heard the forgiveness of our sins
and the revealing of God's reign.
C Amen.

*Please turn and reverence the cross of Christ.
As the cross passes you, turn and face the cross as it is carried to the chancel.*


*This vigorous text is the work of a 19th century Scottish minister of voluminous accomplishment.
The tune is a traditional Welsh secular tune.*

ENTRANCE HYMN LBW 526


Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise




1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light;



in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;



most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
we blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
all laud we would ren - der; oh, help us to see



al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise!
thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!


Text: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1824–1903, alt.
Music: ST. DENIO, Welsh folk tune

GREETING *2 Corinthians 13:14*

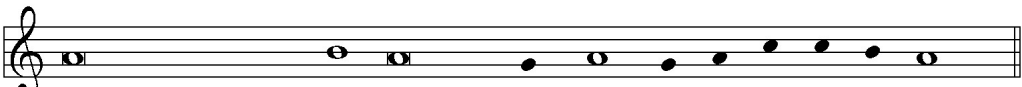
P The people who have walked in darkness have seen a great light.
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the peace of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C And also with you.




KYRIE *Luke 17:13*



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



A For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



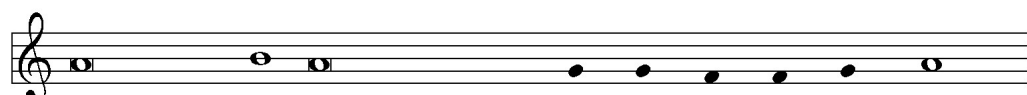
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty 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 wor - ship and praise,



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



A Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. **C** A - men

HYMN OF PRAISE *Luke 2:14*



A Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



C 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 *Ruth 2:4*



P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

C 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.

Please be seated.

CHILDREN’S ANTHEM – “This Little Light of Mine”

arr. Horace C. Boyer

This little light of mine, I’m goin’-a let it shine.

Everywhere I go, I’m goin’-a let it shine.

Jesus gave it to me, I’m goin’-a let it shine.

CHILDREN’S SERMON AND DISMISSAL FOR CHILDREN’S CHURCH

(Children 2 years old through sixth grade may join their teachers at the pulpit doorway to exit for Children’s Church.)



WORD – “God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching and song.”

Moses’ face shone with the reflected glory of God after he received the ten commandments on Mount Sinai. The sight caused the Israelites to be afraid, so Moses wore a veil to mask the radiance of God’s glory, taking it off when he spoke directly with God.

FIRST READING: Exodus 34:29-35

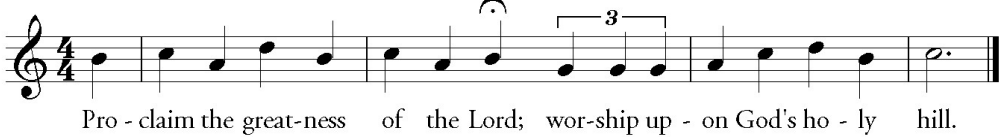
²⁹Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. ³⁰When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. ³²Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. ³³When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; ³⁴but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, ³⁵the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 99

Refrain: *(Sung once by the choir, then repeated by the congregation and sung where indicated by R.)*



¹The LORD is king; let the people tremble.
He is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.

²The LORD is great in Zion,
he is high above all peoples.

³Let them confess his name, which is great and awesome;
he is the Holy One.

⁴O mighty king, lover of justice, you have established equity;
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob. **R**

⁵Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God,
and fall down before his footstool;
he is the Holy One.

⁶Moses and Aaron among his priests,
and Samuel among those who call upon his name,
they called upon the LORD and he answered them,

⁷He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud;
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.

⁸O LORD our God, you answered them indeed;
you were a God who forgave them,
yet punished them for their evil deeds.


⁹Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God,
and worship him upon his holy hill;
for the LORD our God is the Holy One. **R**

In his debates with the Corinthians, Paul contrasts the glory of Moses with the glory of Christ.
The Israelites could not see Moses’ face because of the veil.
But in Christ we see the unveiled glory of God and are transformed into Christ’s likeness.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 3:12--4:2

¹²Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, ¹³not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. ¹⁴But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. ¹⁵Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; ¹⁶but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. ¹⁷Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit. ►

^{4:1}Therefore, since it is by God’s mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. ²We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God’s word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

 The word of the Lord.

 Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.


GOSPEL ACCLAMATION


Refrain: *The "Alleluias" are sung by all before and after the choral verse.*



Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

*This is my Son, my Chosen, listen to him!
(Luke 9:35)*

 The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the ninth chapter.


 **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The conversation about Jesus’ suffering and death is enclosed in a dazzling foreshadowing of the resurrection. God affirms Jesus’ identity, and the disciples are stunned speechless.

GOSPEL: Luke 9:28-36

²⁸Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³⁰Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus. ³¹They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he would accomplish at Jerusalem. ³²Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah”—not knowing what he said. ³⁴While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. ³⁵Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!” ³⁶When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

 The Gospel of the Lord

 **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Bill Coleman


Please stand as you are able.

This translation of a 15th-century Latin devotional text is set here to a majestic 15th-century tune celebrating the victory of an English king; they combine to evoke the awe and wonder of that moment of revelation the three disciples experienced in Christ's Transfiguration.


HYMN OF THE DAY

LBW 80


Oh, Wondrous Type! Oh, Vision Fair




1 Oh, won - drous type! Oh, vi - sion fair
2 With Mo - ses and E - li - jah nigh
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 you, bring us by your grace



where bright - er than the sun he glows!
bears rec - ord to the on - ly Son.
who joy in God the with per - fect love.
the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.
to see your glo - ry face to face.

Text: Sarum, 15th cent.; tr. John M. Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
Music: DEO GRACIAS, English, 15th cent.

Please be seated.

RECEIVING DISCIPLES INTO THE MINISTRY OF LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

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;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.
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.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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.

THE PRAYERS *1 Timothy 2:1*

Ⓐ Called by the Holy Spirit into relationship with a loving God, we pray for the church, all in need, and the whole creation.
A brief silence.
Ⓐ God of glory and grace, you answer those who call on your name. Continue the transformation of Luther Memorial Church and the members of this body of Christ, so that we may share your love with the world. Lord, in your mercy,
☞ hear our prayer. ►

Ⓐ Let the mountains and valleys that you created be places of worship. Help us to treat your good creation with the respect that it deserves. Lord, in your mercy,
☞ hear our prayer.
Ⓐ Let the rulers of the earth honor your decrees and uphold your statutes so that your peace will reign throughout the earth. Give mercy to the poor and justice to the weak, especially those who live in the Erie community, and bless the hands of those who try to bring your justice. Lord, in your mercy,
☞ hear our prayer.
Ⓐ Heal the sick, comfort the grieving, send peace to the dying and companionship to those in prison, whether the prison is one for correction or one built of human loneliness. Be with all who suffer, especially those names on our prayer list and those names we offer upon our lips and in our hearts.....Lord, in your mercy,
☞ hear our prayer.
Ⓐ You spoke to Israel in a pillar of cloud. Speak to us today in this place and time, so that we might be a place of refuge and help for our neighbors. We pray you will send to us those who need to hear the Gospel, and our ability to guide and care for them. Lord, in your mercy,
☞ hear our prayer.
Here other intercessions may be offered.
Ⓐ Holy Spirit, keep us in your care until we gather with all the saints from every time and place, especially Beverly Hubbard, Deloras and Robert Larson and Debra Howard, in the company of our sovereign God. Lord, in your mercy,
☞ hear our prayer.
Ⓟ Into your loving hands, gracious God, we place ourselves and all our prayers, spoken and unspoken, trusting in your mercy through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
☞ Amen.
Ⓟ The peace of the Lord be with you always. **☞ And also with you.** *Romans 16:16*

Please be seated.



MEAL – “God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.”

THE OFFERING IS RECEIVED *Psalm 116:12*

An Individual Silent Prayer as We Prepare to Make our Offering:
“Jesus said, truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them; for all of them have contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in all she had to live on.”
Luke 21: 3-4

ANTHEM – "Jesus on the Mountain Peak"

Brian Wren / Mark Sedio

*Jesus on the mountain peak stands alone in glory blazing;
Let us, if we dare to speak, join the saints and angels praising.
Alleluia, alleluia!*


*Trembling at his feet we saw Moses and Elijah speaking.
All the prophets and the law shout through them their joyful greeting:
Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Swift the cloud of glory came, God proclaiming in its thunder,
Jesus as the Son by name! Nations, cry aloud in wonder:
Alleluia, alleluia!*


*This is God's beloved Son! Law and prophets sing before him,
First and last and only One. All creation shall adore him!
Alleluia, alleluia!*

Please stand as you are able.


OFFERTORY




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.

OFFERTORY PRAYER


- A

God of all creation,
all you have made is good,
and your love endures forever.
You bring forth bread from the earth
and fruit from the vine.
Nourish us with these gifts,
that we might be for the world
signs of your gracious presence
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- G


Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING


Matthew 21:9




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 him thanks and praise.

- P

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; Sharing our life, he lived among us and revealed your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to his own brilliant life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:



Heav'n 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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P You are indeed holy, O God,
and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.
On a lonely mountain his human body was transfigured
by your holy splendor.
In his face, we have glimpsed your glory.
In his life, we have seen your love.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, 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.

Illumine our lives, O God, with the radiance of Christ’s love,
and inspire us to shine in faith and witness as his holy disciples.
Transform us into his likeness that we may live for you, as he lived,
and love others, as he loved.

By your Spirit bind us with Christ,
and to one another in ministry,
until Christ comes in final victory
and we feast at the heavenly meal.
Through your son Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit in your holy church,
all honor and glory is yours,
Almighty God, now and forever

G Amen.

G 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. *Matthew 6:9*

AGNUS DEI

G 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Come and receive bread and wine.
Feast on God’s abundant life for you.
G Amen.

The congregation is seated.

Today's service is a celebration of Holy Communion. We believe that Jesus Christ is truly present in the gifts of bread and wine, bringing forgiveness of sins and new life to all who receive this sacrament. All baptized Christians who come at our Lord's invitation are welcome at His table of grace.

COMMUNION John 1:29

Written for the confirmation of the author's daughter and two sons, this text echoes Luke 9:57. The tune originated in the 17th century, with its present form taken from Felix Mendelssohn's Elijah.

HYMN FOR THE DISTRIBUTION

LBW 503

O Jesus, I Have Promised



1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;
2 Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ev - er near.
3 Oh, let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still
4 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you



re - main for - ev - er near me, my mas - ter and my friend.
I see the sights that daz - zle, the tempt - ing sounds I hear.
a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will.
that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be too.





I shall not fear the bat - tle if you are by my side,
My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;
Now speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;
And Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;



nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.
but, Je - sus, then draw near - er to shield my soul from sin.
now speak and make me lis - ten, O Guard - ian of my soul.
oh, give me grace to fol - low, my mas - ter and my friend.

Text: John E. Bode, 1816–1874, alt.
Music: MUNICH, *Neu-vermehrtes Gesangbuch*, Meiningen, 1693

BLESSING

-  The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
-  Amen.

Care Ministers please come forward to the altar during the singing of the Post-Communion Canticle.

This hymn is among numerous texts written to be used just before Lent, when the medieval church forbade use of Alleluia during Lent. Tradition even included holding a funeral Mass and burying the manuscript of this hymn. The tune, written in the 19th century by an English church musician, remains very popular in England and has been used for a number of royal weddings.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

WOV 654

Alleluia, Song of Gladness



Al - le - lu - ia, song of glad - ness, voice of joy that can-not die;
Al - le - lu - ia can-not al - ways be our song while here be-low;





al - le - lu - ia is the an - them ev - er dear to choirs on high;
al - le - lu - ia our trans-gres-sions make us for a while for - go;



in the house of God a - bid - ing thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly.
for the sol - emn time is com - ing when our tears for sin shall flow.

Text: Latin hymn, 11th cent.
Music: PRAISE, MY SOUL, John Goss 1800-1880

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

-  We thank you, O God,
that you have fed us at your banqueting table
with bread and wine beyond compare,
the very life of Christ for us.
Send your Spirit with us now,
that we may set the captive free,
use your gifts to build one another up,
and in everything reflect your glory
revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
-  Amen.

SENDING – “God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.”

SENDING OF COMMUNION CARE MINISTERS

- P** Compassionate God, as Jesus called disciples to follow him,
bless those who go forth to share your word and sacrament
with those who are sick and homebound.
May these gifts be signs of our love and prayers,
that through the sharing of the body and blood of Christ,
all may know your grace and healing
revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

BLESSING *Numbers 6:24-26*

- P** The God of glory dwell in you richly,
name you beloved,
and shine brightly on your path;
and the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, the ☩ Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always.

C **Amen.**

DISMISSAL INTO THE WORLD TO SHARE THE GOSPEL *Luke 7:50*

- A** Go in peace. Christ is your light.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE – "Two Little Fugues: F Major & C Major"

G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

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