

## **Transfiguration of Our Lord**

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# Welcome to Grace!

We're glad you've joined us as we gather in the presence of God to be encountered by God in Word and Sacrament. God is at work here to create and sustain faith in God's promise of love and forgiveness through Jesus Christ. We use a rich, traditional pattern of worship that dates back to the early days of Christianity. We recognize it comes with a bit of a learning curve, but we're convinced that it's worth the effort. Don't feel like you have to get everything the first time. We'll "carry" you until you get a feel for it.

Helpful information for first-time visitors:

- Restrooms are in the hall to the left of the entrance, on the right opposite the elevator.
- Our staffed nursery for children 4 and younger is on the right past the restrooms.
- Clipboards with crayons and activity sheets are on a table in the Narthex (Lobby).
- Our pastor enjoys meeting visitors. Please introduce yourself.

Please sign the Friendship Register located on the pew, next to the center aisle, and pass it to the person next to you during the Offering portion of the service.

We provide Name Tags for frequent visitors as well as members. If you would like one, please contact our Office Assistant ([office@gracelutherancu.org](mailto:office@gracelutherancu.org)).

Key to the order of service:

Regular type: spoken by a leader

**Bold type: spoken by the people**

Regular Italics: sung or chanted by a leader

***Bold Italics: sung or chanted by the people***

*Small Red Italics: liturgical directions*

✠ indicates that the sign of the cross may be made

ELW: Evangelical Lutheran Worship (Red Hymnal)

As We Gather: The Sundays after Epiphany began with Jesus' baptism and end with three disciples' vision of his transfiguration. In Mark's story of Jesus' baptism, apparently only Jesus sees the Spirit descending and hears the words from heaven. But now Jesus' three closest friends hear the same words naming him God's beloved son. As believers, Paul writes, we are enabled to see the God-light in Jesus' face, because the same God who created light in the first place has shone in our hearts to give us that vision. The light of God's glory in Jesus has enlightened us through baptism and shines in us also for others to see.

Large-print bulletins are available from the ushers.

# Gathering

## Prelude

*The assembly stands and faces the font.*

## Thanksgiving for Baptism

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the pastor begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. **Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

## Gathering Hymn

*Oh, Wondrous Image, Vision Fair*

ELW 316

## 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.**

# Kyrie

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord,

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Christ, Lord,

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord,

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

# Hymn of Praise *All Glory Be to God on High, v.1*

ELW 410

1 All glo - ry be to God on high, who has the world be -  
friend - ed; to us no harm shall now come nigh, the  
strife at last is end - ed. God shows good-will to  
one and all, and peace when trou - bled sin - ners call. Thank  
God for grace and mer - cy!

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features a melody with various note values including quarter, eighth, and half notes, along with rests and slurs. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes.

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Almighty God, the resplendent light of your truth shines from the mountaintop into our hearts. Transfigure us by your beloved Son, and illumine the world with your image, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*



# Word

## First Reading

2 Kings 2:1-12

*Today's reading centers on the transfer of power and authority from the prophet Elijah to Elisha. Their travels, which retrace the path of Joshua back to Moab (the place where Moses died) and the parting of the waters, demonstrate that Elisha and Elijah are legitimate successors of the great prophet Moses.*

<sup>1</sup>Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. <sup>2</sup>Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. <sup>3</sup>The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent."

<sup>4</sup>Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. <sup>5</sup>The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent."

<sup>6</sup>Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. <sup>7</sup>Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. <sup>8</sup>Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

<sup>9</sup>When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." <sup>10</sup>He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." <sup>11</sup>As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. <sup>12</sup>Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

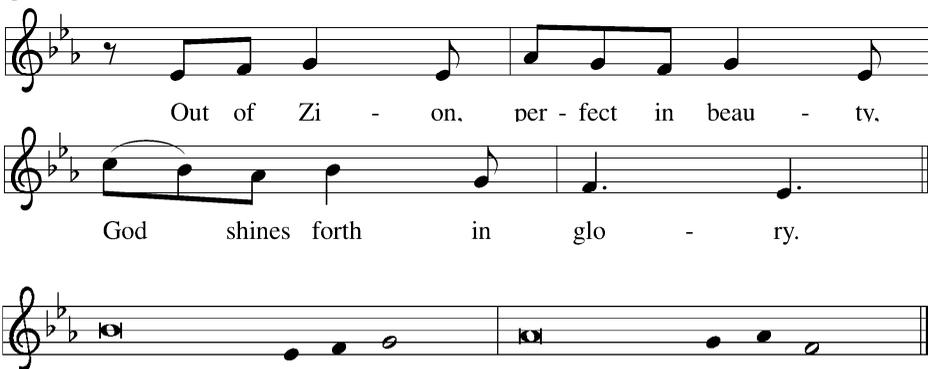
Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

# Psalmody

Psalm 50:1-6

Refrain (R):



Out of Zi - on, per - fect in beau - tv.  
God shines forth in glo - ry.

Tone:

<sup>1</sup>*The mighty one, God the | LORD, has spoken;  
calling the earth from the rising of the sun | to its setting.*

<sup>2</sup>***Out of Zion, perfect | in its beauty,  
God shines | forth in glory. R***

<sup>3</sup>*Our God will come and will | not keep silence;  
with a consuming flame before, and round about a | raging storm.*

<sup>4</sup>***God calls the heavens and the earth | from above  
to witness the judgment | of the people.***

<sup>5</sup>*“Gather before me my | loyal followers,  
those who have made a covenant with me and sealed | it with sacrifice.”*

<sup>6</sup>***The heavens declare the rightness | of God’s cause,  
for it is God | who is judge. R***

## Second Reading

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

*The spotlight of Christian ministry is not on the people who carry out ministry but on the Lord Jesus Christ. Just as God made light shine out of darkness at creation, God makes the light of Jesus Christ shine in our lives through Christian ministry.*

<sup>3</sup>Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. <sup>4</sup>In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. <sup>5</sup>For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus’ sake. <sup>6</sup>For it is the God who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

The on - ly Son from heav - en, fore - told by an - cient seers,  
 by God the Fa - ther giv - en, in hu - man form ap - pears.  
 No sphere his light con - fin - ing, no star so bright - ly  
 shin - ing as he, our Morn - ing Star.

## Gospel

Mark 9:2-9

*Mark's gospel presents the transfiguration as a preview of what would become apparent to Jesus' followers after he rose from the dead. Confused disciples are given a vision of God's glory manifest in the beloved Son.*

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>2</sup>Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, <sup>3</sup>and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. <sup>4</sup>And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. <sup>5</sup>Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." <sup>6</sup>He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. <sup>7</sup>Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" <sup>8</sup>Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

<sup>9</sup>As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

# Gospel Recessional *The Only Son from Heaven* (v.3)

ELW 309

A - wak - en, Lord, our spir - it to know and love you more,  
in faith to stand un - shak - en, in spir - it to a - dore,  
that we, through this world mov - ing, each glimpse of heav - en  
prov - ing, may reap its full - ness there.

*The assembly is seated.*

## Children's Sermon

Pastor Chris Repp

## Sermon

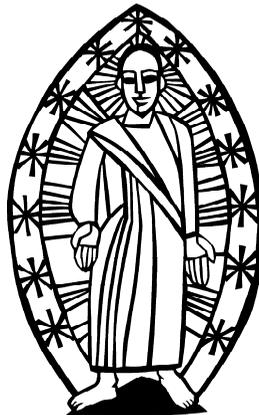
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*The assembly stands.*

## Hymn of the Day

*O Word of God Incarnate*

ELW 514



## Nicene Creed

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**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.**

## Prayers of Intercession

Confident that God our light and our salvation hears us when we pray, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

*The assembly kneels or is seated. Each petition concludes:*

... let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

*The prayers conclude:*

Merciful God, you hear our prayers even before we speak them. Receive them for the sake of the one through whom you have revealed your goodness, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*The assembly stands.*

## Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words. After the Peace, the assembly is seated.*

## Meal

### Offering

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.*

*At this time, please fill out the Friendship Register and pass it to the person next to you if you have not already done so. When all have signed the Register, please return it to the center aisle for later collection.*

### Choir Anthem *Christ upon the Mountain Peak*

Chet Alwes

*Text:*

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

*Trembling at his feet we saw  
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 its thunder  
Jesus as the Son by name!  
Nations, cry aloud in wonder!  
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!*

*The assembly stands as the offering is brought forward.*

## Offering Verse

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right

spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your

pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -

store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,

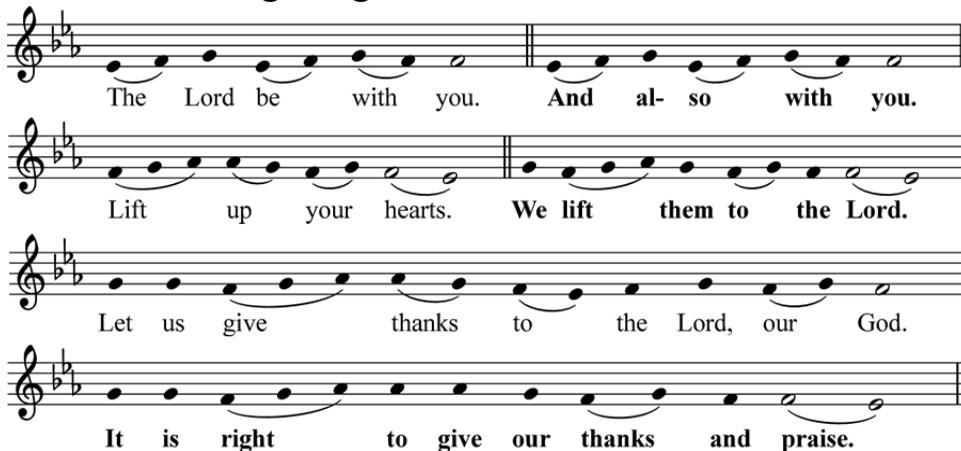
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

# Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

**Merciful God, receive the gifts we bring, our selves, our time, and our possessions. Through this meal unite us as your body, shining with the light of your justice and mercy; for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

# 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 to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ;  
who, sharing our life, lived among us to reveal your glory and love,  
that our darkness should give way to your own brilliant light.  
And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
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, God of pow'r and might,

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

heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

✠ Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

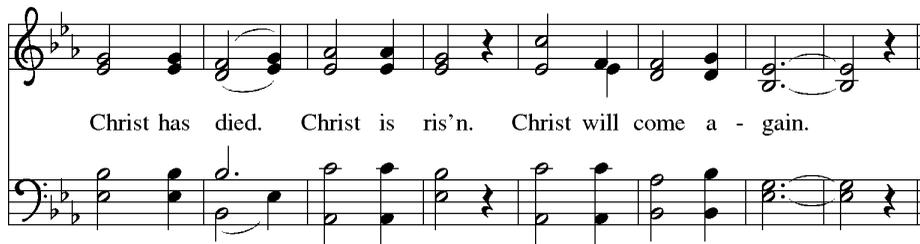
You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.  
You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish  
but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world  
to fulfill for us your holy will  
and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

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



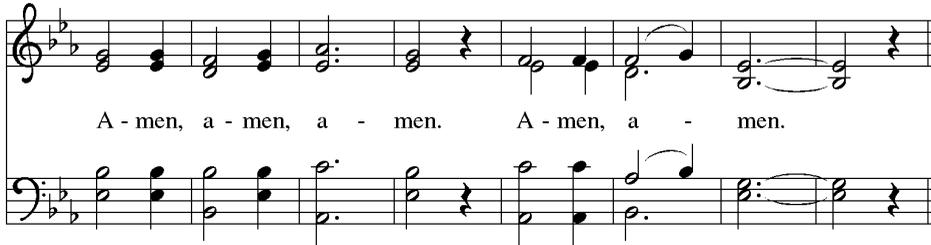
Christ has died. Christ is ris'n. Christ will come a - gain.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff, aligned with the notes. The lyrics are: "Christ has died. Christ is ris'n. Christ will come a - gain." The music ends with a double bar line.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,  
his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension,  
and the promise of his coming again,  
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,  
not as we ought but as we are able;  
we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving  
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,

and these your own gifts of bread and wine,  
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ  
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,  
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,  
may be formed to live as your holy people  
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.



A - men, a - men, a - men. A - men, a - men.

The image shows a musical score for the Amen prayer. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics 'A - men, a - men, a - men. A - men, a - men.' are written below the treble clef staff.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.**

The gifts of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## Communion

*We believe that Christ is truly present for us in the bread and wine of Holy Communion, forming us into his body for the sake of the world. We welcome to the Lord's table all baptized Christians. Those who are not baptized we invite to explore with us the Christian faith and consider baptism. Those who do not commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing. Please hold this bulletin in your hands as a sign to the pastor that you would like a blessing.*

To receive communion, please join the line on your side of the aisle. Take a glass from the tray in the center aisle and proceed to the next available spot at the altar rail on your side. (Pre-poured glasses of grape juice also are available from the acolytes at the altar rail.) After receiving the bread, the wine is received in your glass from a pouring chalice. Place your used glass in the basket near the stairs on the side you leave. Note: gluten-free, dairy-free, wheat-free wafers are available. Just ask the pastor. Please notify an usher if you need to have communion brought to you.

## Lamb of God

Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us.

The first system of musical notation for 'Lamb of God' consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The treble staff contains a melody with lyrics 'Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us.' The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving lines.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins, have mer - cy on us.

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff has lyrics 'Je - sus, bear - er of our sins, have mer - cy on us.' The bass staff continues the harmonic support.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world,

The third system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff has lyrics 'Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world,'. The bass staff continues the harmonic support.

grant us peace, grant us peace.

The fourth system of musical notation concludes the piece. The treble staff has lyrics 'grant us peace, grant us peace.' The bass staff continues the harmonic support and ends with a double bar line.

## Communion Hymns

*Christ, Be Our Light*  
*Beautiful Savior*

ELW 715  
ELW 838

*When all have communed the assembly stands.*

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

## Prayer After Communion

Let us pray. O Morning Star, fair and bright, you have refreshed us again with heavenly food. You are our dearest treasure. Go with us now—today, tomorrow, every day—that we tell the story of your never-ending love and sing your praise both now and forever.  
**Amen.**

# Sending

## (Sending Of Communion)

*A prayer may be said for the sending of communion to those who are absent.*

## Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace.  
**Amen.**

## Sending Hymn

*How Good, Lord, to Be Here!*

ELW 315

# Announcements

## Dismissal

Go in peace. Shine with the light of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

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## Worship Support

*The ministry of the church is carried out by all of its people, and Christian worship is a communal activity of the whole assembly. We give thanks to the following for their worship leadership and support today.*

Presiding Minister:	<b>Pastor Chris Repp</b>	Sound Technician:	<b>Kevin Vail</b>
Assisting Minister:	<b>Cindy Grigorescu</b>	Ushers:	<b>Bilger-Meyer Family</b>
Reader:	<b>Cheli Winkler-Groschen</b>	Greeters:	<b>Art &amp; Shirley Traugott</b>
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✠ Chancel flowers are given by **Doug & Karen Krusa** ✠  
in celebration of our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary (February 24, 1968).

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