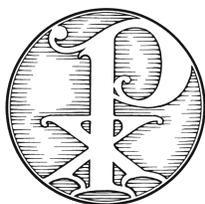


**A Prayer  
Upon  
Entering  
Church**

Christ our God, you were transfigured on the mountain and manifested your glory to your disciples as they were able to bear it. Shed your everlasting light upon us, that we may behold your glory and enter into your sufferings, and proclaim you to the world, for you give light in the darkness and are yourself the light, now and forever. Amen.



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**The Transfiguration of Our Lord**

February 23, 2020 + 9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

**Welcome to the Lord's Day.** "O, wondrous type! Oh vision fair, of glory that the Church may share!" So sings our Hymn of the Day as we give thanks for the sacred event in which Christ showed forth the glory of God in His human flesh. It's not a glory that Christ keeps to Himself, but that He has come to share with the Church, so that all who believe in Him may live in the light and freedom of God. We therefore preach on a simple question this day – "What is the Church?" – and we rejoice in the gracious answer.

## **Sharing God's Blessings Today**

- Sunday's Radio Broadcast is sponsored by Kyle, Betsy, Thomas and Simon Utecht.
- The flowers at the altar are sponsored in memory of Delores Lewitzke, whose birthday was February 21, from Charles Lewitzke, Mark and Molly Lewitzke, Kaylee and Patrick Kavanaugh, and Mike, Marcia, and Luke Strandberg.
- The sponsor charts for 2020 for Broadcasts and Flowers are available for you to sign up by the stairs by the northwest entry.

## **Sermon Series: "The Good Confession" – Articles 7 & 8: The Church**

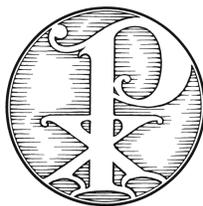
*The Augsburg Confession (1530 A.D) states what the Lutheran Church confesses. Each week for our sermon series, you will find an article of the Augsburg Confession printed here. Some of the language will be unfamiliar. You might think of it as a journey to the land from which your ancestors came: full of new sights and sounds that are rich in promise and revelation.*

**Article VII:** Our churches teach that one holy Church is to remain forever. The Church is the congregation of saints in which the Gospel is purely taught and the Sacraments are correctly administered. For the true unity of the Church it is enough to agree about the doctrine of the Gospel and the administration of the Sacraments. It is not necessary that human traditions, that is, rites or ceremonies instituted by men, should be the same everywhere. As Paul says, "One Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all" (Ephesians 4:5-6).

**Article VIII:** Strictly speaking, the Church is the congregation of saints and true believers. However, because many hypocrites and evil persons are mingled within them in this life, it is lawful to use Sacraments administered by evil men, according to the saying of Christ, "The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses' seat" (Matthew 23:2). Both the Sacraments and Word are effective because of Christ's institution and command, even if they are administered by evil men.

## **Announcements**

Parish announcements may be found in the weekly newsletter, *For You*, provided by the ushers after worship.



## PRELUDE

“Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern”  
(O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright) ... Dietrich Buxtehude

## RINGING OF THE BELLS

*Please stand and turn toward the cross as it is carried into the sanctuary.*

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!” green hymnal #76

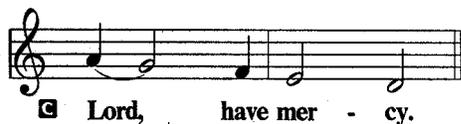
## GREETING

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

C: **And also with you.**

## KYRIE

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



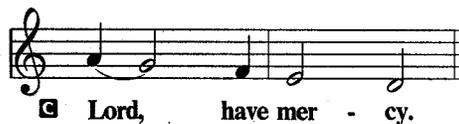
P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



*The Church is not only the fellowship of outward objects and rites, as other governments, but at its core, it is a fellowship of faith and of the Holy Spirit in hearts. Yet this fellowship also has outward marks so that it can be recognized. These marks are the pure doctrine of the Gospel and the administration of the Sacraments in accordance with the Gospel of Christ. This Church alone is called Christ's body, which Christ renews, sanctifies, and governs by His Spirit.  
~ Lutheran Confessions, 1531 A.D.*

When the Church is defined, it is necessary to define what is the living body of Christ and what is, in name and in fact, the Church. There are many reasons for this. We should understand what chiefly makes us members – living members – of the Church. If we will define the Church only as an outward political order . . . people will not understand that Christ's kingdom is righteousness of heart and the gift of the Holy Spirit.  
 ~ Lutheran Confessions, 1531 A.D.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the holy Church, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us gracious Lord.



## GLORIA

P: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.



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

## SALUTATION AND COLLECT

P: The Lord be with you.

☐ And al - so with you.

P: Let us pray . . . O God, in the glorious transfiguration of your beloved Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah. In the voice that came from the bright cloud you wonderfully foreshowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King in His glory and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

*"I believe  
that the Holy  
Spirit makes  
me holy, as  
His name  
implies."*

*How does He  
do this?*

*Answer: "By  
the Christian  
Church, the  
forgiveness  
of sins, the  
resurrection  
of the body,  
and the life  
everlasting.  
For in the  
first place,  
the Spirit  
has His own  
congregation  
in the world,  
which is the  
mother that  
conceives  
and bears  
every Chris-  
tian through  
God's Word.  
Through the  
Word He  
reveals and  
preaches, He  
illumines  
and enkin-  
dles hearts . .*

*Please be seated.*

**CHORAL RESPONSE** (9:00 a.m.)

"Let Light Shine Out of Darkness"

... John A. Behnke

**OLD TESTAMENT** Exodus 24:8-18

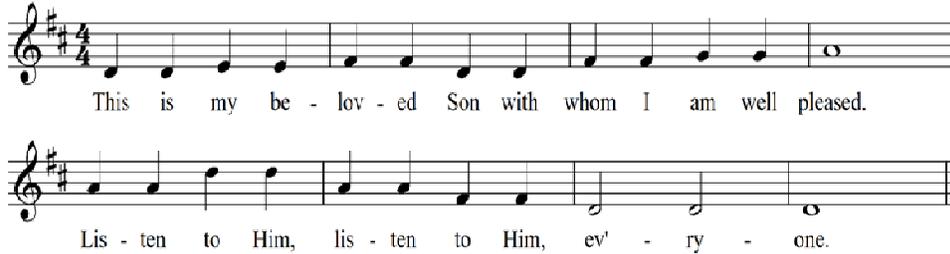
<sup>8</sup>And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, "Behold the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words." <sup>9</sup>Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, <sup>10</sup>and they saw the 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.

**L:** The Word of the Lord.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

(9:00) **PSALM 2:6-12**

*Antiphon: (sung by the Sunday School choir)*



This is my be - lov - ed Son with whom I am well pleased.  
Lis - ten to Him, lis - ten to Him, ev' - ry - one.

Choir/ "I myself have 'set my king\*  
L: upon my holy 'hill of Zion."

**C: Let me announce the decree 'of the LORD:\*  
He said to me, "You are my son; |  
this day have I be'gotten you.**

Choir/ Ask of me and I will give you the nations for 'your inheri-  
L: tance\*  
and the ends of the earth for 'your possession.

**C: You shall crush them with an 'iron rod\*  
and shatter them like a 'piece of pottery.**

Choir/ And now you 'kings be wise;\*  
L: be warned you rulers 'of the earth.

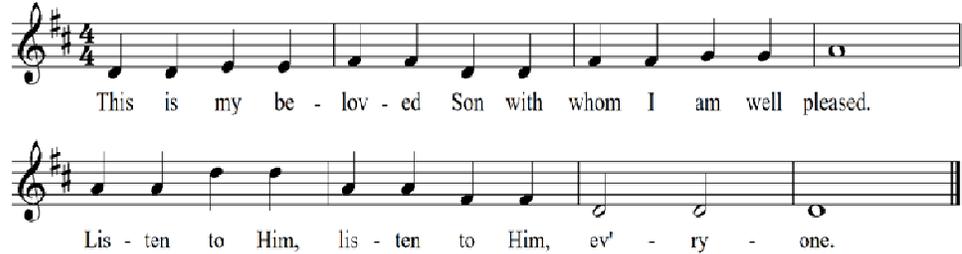
**C: Submit to the 'LORD with fear,\*  
and with trembling 'bow before him;**

Choir/ lest he be angry 'and you perish,\*  
L: for his wrath is 'quickly kindled.

*... So that they understand, accept, cling to, and persevere in the Word" ... For where Christ is not preached, there is no Holy Spirit who creates, calls, and gathers the Christian Church, without which no one can come to Christ the Lord.  
~ Martin Luther,  
Large Catechism*

**All:**     **Glory to the Father and 'to the Son,\***  
          **and to the 'Holy Spirit;**  
          **as it was in 'the beginning,\***  
          **is now, and will be forever. 'Amen**

*Antiphon: (sung by the Sunday School choir)*



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**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 the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, <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.

*All the stories  
of Holy Writ,  
if viewed  
aright, point  
to Christ.  
~ Martin  
Luther*

L: The Word of the Lord.  
C: **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

**VERSE**

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

*He was bright as the lightning on the mountain and became more luminous than the sun, initiating us into the mystery of the future.*  
~ Gregory of Nazianzus, 300s A.D., Oration 3:19

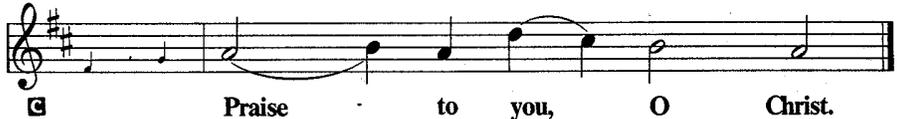
**GOSPEL**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 17th chapter.



<sup>1</sup> And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. <sup>2</sup> And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. <sup>3</sup> And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. <sup>4</sup> And Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." <sup>5</sup> He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." <sup>6</sup> When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. <sup>7</sup> But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear." <sup>8</sup> And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. <sup>9</sup> And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



**NICENE CREED**

P: Let us confess the faith with one heart:

**C: 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

*Please be seated.*

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

*There is no Sunday School today. Classes resume next Sunday, March 1.*

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

*“Oh, Wondrous Type! Oh, Vision Fair” green hymnal #80  
(9:00) The choir sings stanza 4.*

## **SERMON**

*Sermon Series: The Good Confession*

*“The Church: Why Doesn’t God Keep to Himself?”*

*Please kneel.*

The tabernacles or tents that Peter wanted to build for Jesus, Moses, and Elijah are now built for us by God when this church becomes God's temple in which ordinary bread and wine are transformed into the sacrificed body and blood of Christ . . .

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## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

P: . . . O King of kings,

C: **receive our prayer.**

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen**

*Please be seated.*

## OFFERING

*While the offerings are received, please pass in your row the **Friendship Register**, and add your name(s). If you are a guest or visitor, please include your address.*

## VOLUNTARY

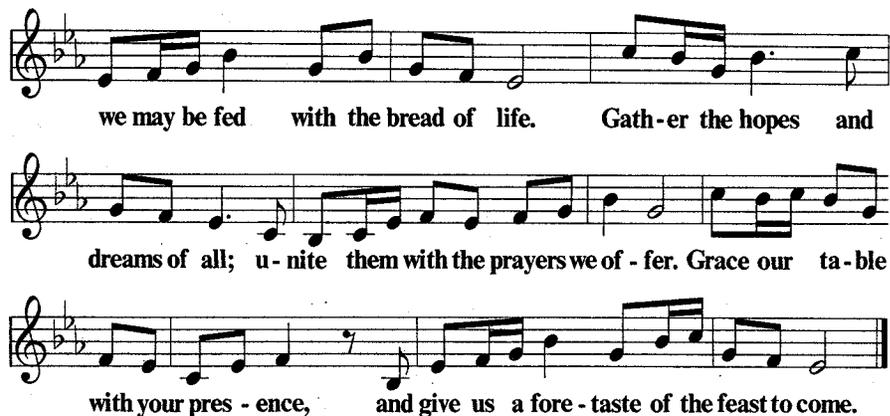
(9:00) "O God of Light" . . . Robert A. Hobby

(11:00) "O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair" . . . James L. Brauer

*Please stand.*

## OFFERTORY

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  
 dreams of all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble  
 with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

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... The elements of the Holy Communion become for us and all God's people that heavenly manna to sustain us in our exodus as we pass with Moses through the sea and with Jesus through His death into Canaan and the promised land of the resurrection, so that we are transformed and transfigured into the likeness of His glory.

~ David P. Scaer, In Christ

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Blessed are you, heavenly Father, for the priceless gift of your Son, sent into our flesh to redeem the creation. Grant that we may now so eat of his flesh and drink of his blood that we may ever dwell in him, and he in us.

C: Amen

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.



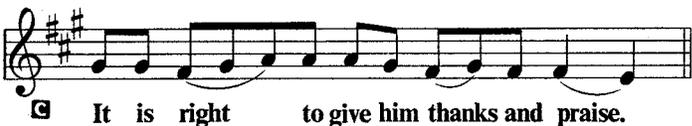
☐ And al-so with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.



☐ We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



☐ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*I believe that there is upon earth a little holy group and congregation of pure saints, under one head, even Christ. This group is called together by the Holy Spirit in one faith, one mind, and understanding, with many different gifts, yet agreeing in love, without sects or schisms. I am also a part and member of this same group, a sharer and joint owner of all goods it possesses. I am brought to it and incorporated into it by the Holy Spirit through having heard and continuing to hear God's Word . . . .*

P: It is indeed right and salutary . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

### SANCTUS ("Holy")

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.

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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 the 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 of it, in remembrance of me.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

C: **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**

## ACCLAMATION

P: The Word was made flesh

C: **and we have seen his glory, full of grace and truth.**

## AGNUS DEI ("Lamb of God")

□ 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.

*Please be seated.*

*... We further believe that in this Christian Church we have forgiveness of sin, which is wrought through the holy Sacraments and Absolution and through all kinds of comforting promises from the entire Gospel. Therefore, whatever ought to be preached about the Sacraments belongs here . . . . Everything, therefore, in the Christian Church is ordered toward this goal: we shall receive daily in the Church nothing but the forgiveness of sin through the Word and sacraments.  
~ Martin Luther,  
Large Catechism*

*The congregation is ushered forward for Communion. If you cannot use the steps to the altar, you may either ask an usher to have Communion brought to you, or you may go to the altar in the side (west) chapel. Those not communing may cross their arms over their chest for a blessing.*

*Holy Communion is the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ which He joyfully gives to His Church to eat and to drink. This gift bestows tremendous benefits. His body and blood forgives our sins, strengthens our faith, binds us to the Lord, and unites us with each other. In this is life and salvation.*

*The Lord therefore invites to His altar baptized Christians who trust that they will receive in Holy Communion all that He promises there: His body and blood, the forgiveness of sins, union with Christ and His Church, life, and salvation. Know that He gives it to you with great joy.*

### **COMMUNION HYMNS**

*“How Good, Lord, to Be Here!” green hymnal #89*

*“Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” green hymnal #559*

*“Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies” green hymnal #265*

*Please stand after all have received the sacrament.*

### **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

**P:** Let us pray . . . O God of wonder, we have tasted your goodness, and beheld your presence in the Word made flesh. Shine forth his light in all we say and do, and fill the earth with your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen**

## BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



## RECESSIONAL HYMN “Alleluia, Song of Gladness”

C: Alleluia, song of gladness,  
voice of joy that cannot die;  
alleluia is the anthem  
ever dear to choirs on high;  
in the house of God abiding  
thus they sing eternally.

Alleluia! Lead our praises,  
true Jerusalem and free;  
alleluia, joyful mother,  
bring us to your jubilee;  
but by Babylon’s sad waters  
mourning exiles now are we.

## FAREWELL TO THE ALLELUIA

P: By the rivers of Babylon we sat and wept when we remembered  
Zion.

C: **There on the trees we hung our harps – how can we sing the  
songs of the Lord in a foreign land?**

P: O Lord, by the resurrection of your Son, you have filled us with  
songs of alleluia and prepared for us a heavenly Jerusalem to  
which no earthly city can compare. In remembrance of all that  
your Son has borne for our sake, we now leave the joyful songs  
of your worship to walk the renewing path of Lent. Bless our

**A Prayer  
As You Go**  
How good  
Lord to be  
here! Yet  
we may not  
remain; but  
since you  
bid us  
leave the  
mount,  
come with  
us to the  
plain.  
Amen.  
~Joseph A.  
Robinson,  
1858-1933  
A. D.

journey, that we may at last join all your saints in celebrating the Day of resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen**

P: The mountains and the hills will rejoice at your returning,  
O Alleluia!

**C: Go, glorious Song, and may your way be blessed, until you shall return to us with joy.**

*Please turn toward the cross as it is carried out of the sanctuary.*

**C: Alleluia cannot always  
be our song while here below;  
alleluia, our transgressions  
make us for a while forgo;  
for the solemn time is coming  
when our tears for sin shall flow.**

**In our hymns we pray with longing:  
Grant us, blessed Trinity,  
at the last to keep glad Easter  
with the faithful saints on high;  
there to you forever singing  
alleluia joyfully.**

## **SILENT PRAYER**

## **POSTLUDE**

“Alleluia, Song of Gladness”

... Kevin Hildebrand

**+ Soli Deo Gloria +**  
*To God alone be glory*

## **Serving at Worship**

Preaching: The Rev. Dr. Steven K. Gjerde

Presiding: The Rev. Christopher Johnson

Assisting: (9:00) The Rev. Joseph Pinzl (*at Bethany, 10:30*)

Organist: Kantor Irene Beethe

Choirs: (9:00) Zion Kantorei; Sunday School Children

Lector: (9:00) Kathy Fandrey

(11:00) Craig Bergendorf

Radio Announcer: (9:00) Ryan Fernstaedt

Acolyte: (9:00) Taylor Halverson

(11:00) Luke Popelka

Elder: (9:00) Scott Schubring

(11:00) Donna Nuernberg

Ushers: (9:00) Sally Christoffersen; Steve and Marlene Kroening;

Ken Rodemeier

(11:00) Al Lippert

Communion Assistants:

(9:00) Lois Jarosz

(11:00) Marge Gausewitz; Gary Gisselman

Altar Guild: Bonnie Glasel; Vicky Radunz

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Those who trust in the Lord shall be like Mount Zion,  
which cannot be moved, but abides forever. (Psalm 125:1)

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