

The Transfiguration of our Lord

February 19, 2022, 8:45 am



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Today's festival is a bridge between the Advent-Christmas-Epiphany cycle that comes to a close today and the Lent-Easter cycle that begins in several days. On a high mountain Jesus is revealed as God's beloved Son, echoing the words at his baptism. This vision of glory sustains us as Jesus faces his impending death in Jerusalem. We turn this week to Ash Wednesday and our yearly baptismal journey from Lent to Easter. Some churches put aside the alleluia at the conclusion of today's liturgy. This word of joy will be omitted during the penitential season of Lent and will be sung again at Easter.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Chorale Prelude on "Beautiful Savior"
Hymn Prelude on "Hyfrydol"

Aaron David Miller (b. 1972)
Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever.
Amen.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One, source of our renewal,
we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name.
Amen.

Thus says our God: "The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare." God's mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of ✠ Christ our Savior.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN • ELW 631

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to
2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry
3 Come, Al-might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less



earth come down! Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
find thy prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
ly re - stored in thee! Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,



pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788

Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

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.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain



Lis - ten! you na - tions of the world: lis - ten to the Word of the Lord. An -



nounce it from coast to coast; de - clare it to dis - tant is - lands.



1 The Lord who scat - tered Is - ra - el will gath - er his peo - ple a - gain; and



he will keep watch o - ver them as a shep - herd watch - es his flock. *Refrain*



2 With shouts of joy they will come, their fac - es ra - diant - ly hap - py, for the



Lord is so gen - 'rous to them; he show - ers his peo - ple with gifts. *Refrain*



3 Young wom - en will dance for joy, and men young and old will make



mer - ry. Like a gar - den re - fresh - ed by the rain, they will nev - er be in want a -



gain. Break in - to shouts of great joy; Ja - cob is free a - gain! Teach



na - tions to sing the song: "The Lord has saved his peo - ple!"

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING

Exodus 24:12-18

At Mount Sinai, Moses experienced the presence of God for forty days and forty nights. The “glory of the Lord” settled on the mountain, and on the seventh day God called out to Moses. On the mountain God gave Moses the stone tablets inscribed with the ten commandments.

The Lord said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.”

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. 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. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

2 Peter 1:16-21

At the transfiguration, God’s voice was heard, declaring Jesus to be the beloved Son. By the activity of the Holy Spirit, God’s voice continues to be heard through the word of scripture.

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 had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.” We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



All: Alleluia

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

All: Alleluia

GOSPEL

Matthew 17:1-9

The holy gospel according to Saint Matthew, the seventeenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Shortly before he enters Jerusalem, where he will be crucified, Jesus is revealed to Peter, James, and John in a mountaintop experience of divine glory called the transfiguration.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

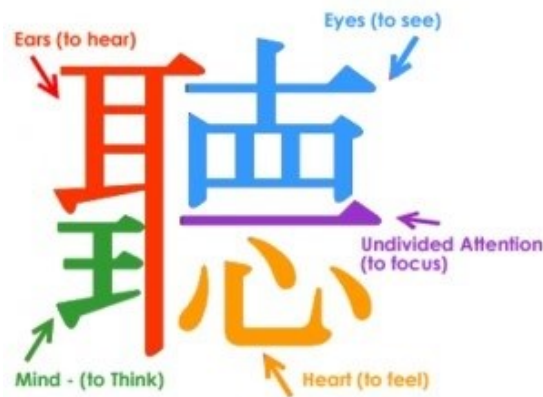
As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Zawistoski



LISTENING

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain



All 1 Je sus, take us to the moun-tain where, with Pe - ter,
Women 2 What do you want us to see there, that your close com -
Men 3 What do you want us to hear there, that your dear dis -
Choir 4 Take us to that oth - er moun-tain where we see you
All 5 We who have be - held your glo - ry, ris - en and as -

James, and John, We are daz - zled by your glo - ry,
 pan - ions saw? Your di - vin - i - ty re - vealed there
 ci - ples heard? Once a - gain the Voice from heav - en
 glo - ri - fied, Where You shout - ed "It is fin - ished!"
 cend - ed Lord, Can - not help but tell the sto - ry,

flight as blind - ing as the sun. There pre - pare us
 fills us with the self - same awe. Clothed in flesh like
 says of the In - car - nate Word: "Lis - ten, lis - ten,
 where for all the world you died. Hear the stunned cen -
 all that we have seen and heard; Say with Pe - ter,

for the night by the vi - sion of _____ that sight.
 ours You go _____ matched to meet our dead - liest Foe.
 ev' - ry - one, _____ This is my be - lov - ed Son!"
 tur - i - on: _____ "Tru - ly this was God's _____ own Son!"
 James, and John: "You are God's be - lov - ed Son!"

Text: Jaroslav. J. Vajda

Music: SILVER SPRING, Carl Schalk

Dedicated to St. Luke Lutheran Church, Silver Spring, MD on the occasion of their fiftieth anniversary

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

After each portion of the prayers:

Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.
Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

Please be seated.

MEAL

OFFERING

We invite you to give your offering online at saintlukegive.us
You may also mail your checks to:

Saint Luke Lutheran Church
9100 Colesville Road
Silver Spring, MD 20910

CHORAL ANTHEM

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true, the only Light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise,
Triumph o'er the shades of night;
Dayspring from on high, be near;
Day-star, in my heart appear.

Visit then this soul of mine,
Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
Fill me, radiance divine,
Scatter all my unbelief;
More and more thyself display,
Shining to the perfect day.

Dark and cheerless is the morn
Unaccompanied by thee;
Joyless is the day's return
Till thy mercy's beams I see;
Till they inward light impart,
Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

Text: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Music: T. Frederick H. Candlyn (1892-1964)

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Liberating God, you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior, Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The musical notation is written on four staves in G major (one sharp). The lyrics are as follows:

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 our thanks and praise.

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 to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to his own brilliant light. 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-en and earth are
 full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the
 Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blessed are you, Lord of all creation. We thank and praise you for the redemption you have prepared for us through our light and peace, Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts to establish in us a living faith and prepare us joyfully to receive our Redeemer who comes to us in this Holy Supper.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Please pray in your own preferred language.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

Padre Nuestro, que estas en los cielos,
santificado sea tu nombre,
venga a nosotros tu reino,
hagase tu voluntad,
asi en la tierra como en el cielo.
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada dia;
perdona nuestras ofensas,
como nosotros perdonamos
a los que nos ofenden;
y no nos dejes caer en la tentacion,
mas libranos del mal.
Porque tuyo es el reino,
el poder, y la gloria,
por los siglos de los siglos. Amen

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come and taste the joy of God!
Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

COMMUNION

All are invited to the Lord's table, a table of grace and mercy. There are two stations at the foot of the chancel steps. Please stretch out your hand, palm up, to receive the host, the body of Christ. (Gluten-free wafers are available; please ask your server) Then receive in the individual cup the blood of Christ. You may deposit your cup in the basket near the side wall. Those who wish to receive a blessing instead of the Lord's supper are also encouraged to come forward. Those who wish to receive the sacrament in the pew please inform an usher. All are welcome to the Lord's table.

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say:
The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

The communicant may say:
Amen.

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;

have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, have mer - cy.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;

have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, have mer - cy.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Psalm 2—Anglican Chant by Bryan Hesford

Why are the nations in an uproar?

Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?

Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt,
And the princes plot together,

Against the Lord and against his Anointed?

“Let us break their yoke,” they say:

“let s cast off their bonds from us.”

He whose throne is in heaven is laughing;

The Lord has them in derision.

Then he speaks to them in his wrath,

And his rage fills them with terror.

“I myself have set my king

Upon my holy hill of Zion.”

Let me announce the decree of the Lord:

He said to me, “You are my Son:

This day have I begotten you.

Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your
inheritance

And the ends of the earth for your possession.

You shall crush them with an iron rod

And shatter them like a piece of pottery.

And now, you kings, be wise:

Be warned, you rulers of the earth.

Submit to the Lord with fear,

And with trembling bow before him:

Lest he be angry and you perish:

For his wrath is quickly kindled.

Happy are they all

Who take refuge in him!

COMMUNION HYMN • ELW 838

Beautiful Savior



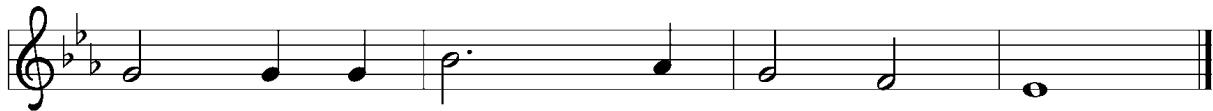
1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,



Son of God and Son of Man!
 robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;
 bright the spar - kling stars on high;
 Son of God and Son of Man!



Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er,
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,



light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
 than all the an - gels in the sky.
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904
 Music: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.

Please stand as you are able.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

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

Amen.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE • ELW 318

Please sing verses 1 and 4 only.



- 1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of glad - ness, voice of joy that can - not die;
- 2 Al - le - lu - ia you are sound - ing, true Je - ru - sa - lem and free;
- 3 Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways be our song while here be - low;
- 4 In our hymns we pray with long - ing: Grant us, bless - ed Trin - i - ty,



al - le - lu - ia is the an - them ev - er dear to choirs on high;
al - le - lu - ia, joy - ful moth - er, bring us to your ju - bi - lee;
al - le - lu - ia our trans - gres - sions make us for a while for - go;
at the last to keep glad Eas - ter with the faith - ful saints on high;



in the house of God a - bid - ing thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly.
here by Bab - y - lon's sad wa - ters mourn - ing ex - iles still are we.
for the sol - emn time is com - ing when our tears for sin shall flow.
there to you for - ev - er sing - ing al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly.

Text: Latin hymn, 11th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
Music: PRAISE, MY SOUL, John Goss, 1800–1880

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you.

Amen.

FAREWELL TO THE ALLELUIA

Let us begin the journey from ashes to Easter.

Farewell to the Alleluia for the forty days of Lent.

Let us return to the Lord who is merciful,
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

Farewell to the Alleluia for the forty days of Lent.

Let us await with eagerness the resurrection of our Lord.

Farewell to the Alleluia for the forty days of Lent.

SENDING

BLESSING

The God who faithfully brings forth justice
and breaks the oppressor's rod

✠ bless, strengthen, and uphold you,
today and always.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN • ELW 834

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, 1824–1908, alt.
Music: ST. DENIO, Welsh traditional

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Hymn Prelude on “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

Gerald Near (b. 1942)



WORSHIP LEADERS

PRESIDING MINISTER

The Rev. Connie A Miller, *Senior Pastor*

PREACHING MINISTER

The Rev. Richard Zawistoski, *Confirmation Pastor*

COMMUNION SERVERS

The Rev. Gary Nuss, *Support Pastor*

Deacon Kyle Warfield, *Director of Discipleship and Senior High Ministries*

READER

Hans Linsenbardt

MUSICIANS

Dr. Alain Truche, *Director of Music and Organist*

Schola Cantorum & Choristers

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Saint Luke Update

2/19/2023 Edition

MASKS ARE STRONGLY RECOMMENDED INDOORS AT SAINT LUKE

*The journey from ashes to Easter begins....
Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return*

ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

6:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Ashes-To-Go South Parking Lot

Special Safety Measures in Place

(Weather permitting)

12:00 Noon Ash Wednesday Service Nave

Imposition of Ashes, Holy Communion

7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service (Full Liturgy) Nave

Special Safety Measures in Place for Imposition of Ashes

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS IN LENT

Sing With All the Saints in Glory

7:00 p.m. (In person and Online)

March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Special Guests, Music, Word, Prayer

We have a rich calendar of saints in the Lutheran tradition—Christians from every age who have pointed to Christ in their living and dying. In remembering these Christians who have gone before, we can find inspiration for our Christian journey.

This Lenten midweek series honors the commemorations that occur during the weeks in Lent in 2023. Commemorating these individuals is a starting point for a deeper engagement with our Christian faith.

Guaranteed to be a meaningful worship experience for our Lenten time together!

WEDNESDAY MORNINGS IN LENT

Amazing Grace – Celebrating 250 Years

7:00 a.m. Online at www.saintlukeonline.us

March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

This hymn was penned by English poet and Anglican clergyperson, John Newton, to accompany a sermon he preached on New Year's Day, 1773. Join Pastors Miller and Morales each Wednesday morning during Lent for brief meditations using the stanzas of this wonderful hymn. What a fine way to experience Lenten renewal and start the day. If you miss it at 7:00 a.m., watch the recording when you are able.

2/19/2023 UPDATE CONTINUED

PRESIDENT'S DAY: CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Just a reminder that due to President's Day, Saint Luke is closed tomorrow, February 20.

FAIR TRADE IS BACK

Next Sunday, February 26, 10:00—11:00 a.m., stop in the Fireside Room and purchase Fair Trade products. Coffee, tea and chocolates will be available. For farmers and workers, Fair Trade means workers' rights, safe working conditions and fairer pay. For shoppers this means a high quality, ethically produced product. Thank you for supporting Fair Trade.

EARTHQUAKE RESPONSE: TURKEY AND SYRIA

Thank you so much for your generosity in times of great need for our brothers and sisters in this world. We have seen the images—the devastation is unbelievable. There are many ways to give. One way is through Lutheran Disaster Response, already on the ground, partnering with other organizations. Please go to www.saintlukegive.us and click Lutheran Disaster Response—Turkey, Syria, or checks can be made out to Saint Luke and note for Earthquake Response. Thank you so much for caring.

MENTAL HEALTH IN CHILDREN AND YOUTH DISCUSSION

You are invited to attend a **discussion on mental health in children through young adults next Sunday, February 26, March 5, and March 12 from 10:00-11:00 a.m.** at Saint Luke in the Faith Formation Office (on the second floor of the church). The PBS documentary series called [“Hiding in Plain Sight: Mental Health in Youth.”](#) will be used as the launching point for the discussions each week. There will be either a licensed clinical social worker and/or a clinical psychologist there each week to help answer any questions you may have and help guide the discussion. All are welcome regardless of an RSVP, but, if possible, let **Melissa Groen** (mgroen@saintluke.us) **know if you think you may attend any of the sessions.**

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

Work side-by-side with others from Saint Luke at A Wider Circle (<https://awidercircle.org/>) from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon on March 11 sorting donations of household goods (household furniture, linens, kitchen items, toys, and professional clothing and accessories) and stock the showroom for clients of A Wider Circle. **The size of our group is limited so please RSVP to Melissa Groen at mgroen@saintluke.us no later than March 3.** Proof of vaccination is required at A Wider Circle and masks are encouraged, though not currently required.

ANNOUNCING: THE NEXT CONGREGATION SERVANT PROJECT

On March 19, the congregation will be creating care packages for residents in Washington Highlands, a community in Southeast D.C. that has been hard hit from the economic fallout of the pandemic. The following items are needed for the care packages (all items should be full-sized): laundry detergent (if liquid, containers need to be 64 oz or smaller), dish soap, all-purpose disinfectant cleaner, and toothpaste. Items can be placed in the blue bins in the Fireside Room and/or monetary donations for the project can be given to Congregation Service Projects line on www.saintlukegive.us. Thank you for caring.

This week at Saint Luke Lutheran Church

SUNDAY, Feb. 19—Transfiguration of our Lord

8:45 AM Holy Communion
 10:00 AM Sunday School
 10:00 AM Affirmation of Baptism Class
 10:00 AM SLSHY
 10:00 AM Reception
 10:15 AM Up For Discussion (Hybrid)
11:15 AM Holy Communion
 3:00 PM San Lucas Gospel Meditation online

MONDAY, February 20 President's Day

Office Closed

4:00 PM La Sagrada Art Class
 6:00 PM Yoga
 7:00 PM ESL

TUESDAY, February 21—Shrove Tuesday

8:00 AM CDS Classes
 4:30 PM Piano Lessons
 7:00 PM ESL
 7:00 PM Girl Scouts
 7:00 PM Congregation Council Zoom
 7:00 PM Reformation Bells

WEDNESDAY, February 22—Ash Wednesday

6:30 AM Ashes-To-Go
 7:00 AM Zoom Faith Connections
 8:00 AM CDS Classes
 10:00 AM Women in Community
 10:00 AM CDS Pastor Chapel
12:00 PM Ash Wednesday Worship
 3:00 PM En Camino
 5:00 PM Choristers RSCM program
 7:00 PM ESL
7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Worship
 8:00 PM Schola Cantorum Rehearsal
 7:30 PM AA

THURSDAY, February 23

8:00 AM CDS Classes
 4:00 PM CARing Project
 7:30 PM Zoom Centering Prayer

FRIDAY, February 24

8:00 AM CDS Classes
 7:00 PM Book and Video Discussion Group

SATURDAY, February 25

9:30 AM AA
 10:00 AM Affirmation of Baptism Retreat
 11:00 AM Al-Anon

SUNDAY, Feb. 26—First Sunday in Lent

8:45 AM Holy Communion
 10:00 AM Sunday School
 10:00 AM Mental Health in Youth Discussion
 10:00 AM Affirmation of Baptism Class
 10:00 AM SLSHY
 10:00 AM Reception
 10:15 AM Up For Discussion (Hybrid)
11:15 AM Holy Communion
5:00 PM San Lucas Misa Español

NB: Worship Services are in person and livestreamed

Upcoming Commemorations

Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna, martyr, died 156

Thursday, February 23, 2023

Because he is said to have been known by John, the author of Revelation, as well as the important early church fathers Irenaeus and Ignatius, Polycarp serves as a vital link in church history. He was burned at the stake at age 86 for refusing to renounce his faith.

Elizabeth Fedde, deaconess, died 1921

Saturday, February 25, 2023

Born in Norway and trained there as a deaconess, Fedde was asked to come and minister to the poor and to seamen in New York City. She established the Deaconess House in Brooklyn as well as Deaconess Hospital in Minneapolis.

Today's Music

HYMN NOTES

Love divine, all loves excelling

Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

The idea for the hymn was taken from a popular song by the poet Dryden, “Fairest isle, all isles excelling.” Its theme is the great thread of divine love which runs through all of Wesley’s hymns. After a prayer addressed to Christ to dwell within our lives, the hymn turns to the theme of sanctification—God’s “great salvation” is sufficient to deliver a Christian from the power as well as from the guilt of sin (2 Corinthians 5:17). Thus we are “going on to perfection,” being “changed from glory into glory” (2 Corinthians 3:18) - Hymn Notes for Church Bulletins

Jesus, take us to the mountain

Jaroslav J. Vajda, 1919-2008

Vajda wrote the text in 1991 to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Saint Luke Lutheran Church, Silver Spring, Maryland. Here the hymn writer is as much at a loss for words contemplating the glory of the transfigured. The tune SILVER SPRING by Carl Schalk, was composed for Vajda's hymn text to commemorate the same joyful occasion.

Beautiful Savior

Anon. in a Münster manuscript

How often a simple work which no one felt was worth claiming has become an all time favorite. The choir director at St. Thomas’ Church in Leipzig (Bach’s famous church) discovered the Silesian tune, and Richard Willis (who also wrote the tune for “It came upon the midnight clear”) introduced it to America. All nature is beautiful, but Jesus is fairest of all. - Hymn Notes for Church Bulletins

Immortal, invisible, God only wise

Walter Chalmers Smith, 1824-1908

“Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honor and glory forever and ever” (I Timothy 1:17) is the basis for this hymn of pure praise. The rollicking anapestic rhythm of the Welsh melody rushes the singer along to the climactic poetic thought of God being invisible only because He is hidden by the splendor of light.—Hymn Notes for Church Bulletins

MUSIC NOTES

Prelude: Chorale Prelude on “Beautiful Savior” - Aaron David Miller (b. 1972) & Hymn Prelude on “Hyfrydol” - Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Miller’s setting on “Beautiful Savior” is starts with a soft introduction. The tune is then played in the pedal using a higher pitched sound accompanied by soft chords. The piece ends with the same material from the introduction.

Vaughan Williams’s Three Preludes founded on Welsh Hymn Tunes for organ was first published in 1920, the same year as The Lark Ascending. The most well known of the three preludes is Rhosymedre, or ‘Lovely’, based on a melody named after the village of Rhosymedre in North Wales. The first prelude, Bryn Calfaria, is based on a melody by W. Owen, while Hyfrydol comes from a hymn tune by R. H. Prichard.

Choral Anthem: Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies—T. Frederick H. Candlyn (1892-1964)

This bold ascription of praise is based on the scriptural metaphor of light. It is a prayer that the true light of Christ will conquer the darkness of evil and penetrate the darkest recesses of one's heart. T. Frederick Candlyn was born in Davenham, Cheshire, England, in 1892 and died in Point Lookout, N.Y., in 1964. In 1942, Candlyn set the text, Christ whose glory fills the skies, written much earlier by poet Charles Wesley in 1740. Wesley was educated at Oxford, where, in 1727, he formed the “Oxford Methodist” group among his fellow students. His elder brother, John joined in 1729, and together, they established what is now the United Methodist Church.

Postlude: St. Denio—Gerald Near (b. 1942)

Gerald Near is considered one of the finest composers of church music writing today. He first studied theory and composition at the American Conservatory of Music in Chicago with Leo Sowerby, and continued those studies with Leslie Bassett at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. While at the University of Michigan, he also studied organ with Robert Glasgow, published organ and choral music, and completed his Master's degree in orchestral conducting while studying under Gustav Meier. accompaniment.

His setting on the tune ST DENIO starts on quasi full organ with the tune played relatively slowly. A faster and softer second section sets the tune in a fugal manner. The music builds up to a climax with the tune played on top of parallel chords and a pedal point in the pedal. The coda is played on full organ.