

# EPIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Transfiguration of Our Lord, March 2, 2025

Traditional Worship

Austin Campus 9:00 AM, Far Hills Campus 10:30 AM

Gather

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## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## PRELUDE

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life.

**C: Amen.**

P: Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

*(silence for reflection)*

P: Merciful God,

**C: you speak blessing and compassion into the world.**

**Forgive us for acting with judgment, cruelty, or indifference.**

**We ignore the needs of our neighbors;**

**we resist your call to oppose injustice;**

**we give in to scarcity and fear;**

**we assume the worst about one another.**

**Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp.**

**Show us your lovingkindness.**

**Restore our hearts and repair your world,**

**that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.**

P: God proclaims these words of assurance:

"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.

I have called you by name. You are mine."

In ☩ Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free.

Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God.

**C: Amen.**

## SHARING THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**



1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; at thy  
 2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, dark as  
 3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us righ - teous; bright with  
 4 From the cross thy wis - dom shin - ing break - eth



speak - ing it was done. For cre - at - ed light we  
 night and deep as death, broke the light of thy sal -  
 thine own ho - li - ness, glo - rious now, we press toward  
 forth in con - qu'ring might; from the cross for - ev - er



thank thee, while thine or - dered sea - sons run.  
 va - tion, breathed thine own life - breath - ing breath.  
 glo - ry, and our lives our hopes con - fess.  
 beam - eth all thy bright re - deem - ing light.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise to thee who light dost send!



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!

5 Give us lips to sing thy glory,  
 tongues thy mercy to proclaim,  
 throats that shout the hope that fills us,  
 mouths to speak thy holy name.  
 Alleluia! Alleluia!  
 May the light which thou dost send  
 fill our songs with alleluias,  
 alleluias without end!

6 God the Father, light-creator,  
 to thee laud and honor be.  
 To thee, Light of Light begotten,  
 praise be sung eternally.  
 Holy Spirit, light-revealer,  
 glory, glory be to thee.  
 Mortals, angels, now and ever  
 praise the holy Trinity!

## APOSTOLIC GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, light of the world,  
the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
C: **And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

## Word

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## WELCOMING THE CHILDREN

### FIRST READING: EXODUS 34: 29-35

<sup>29</sup> Moses 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. <sup>30</sup> When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. <sup>31</sup> But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. <sup>32</sup> Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. <sup>33</sup> When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; <sup>34</sup> but 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, <sup>35</sup> the 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.

A: The word of the Lord.  
C: **Thanks be to God.**

### RESPONSIVE READING: FROM PSALM 99

A: The Lord is king; let the people tremble.  
C: **The Lord is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.**  
A: The Lord, great in Zion, is high above all peoples.  
C: **God is the Holy One.**  
A: O mighty king, lover of justice, you have established equity;  
C: **you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.**  
A: Proclaim the greatness of the Lord and fall down before God's footstool;  
C: **God is the Holy One.**  
A: Proclaim the greatness of the Lord and worship upon God's holy hill;  
C: **the Lord our God is the Holy One.**

### SECOND READING: 2 CORINTHIANS 3:12-4:2

<sup>12</sup> Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, <sup>13</sup> not 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. <sup>14</sup> But 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. <sup>15</sup> Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; <sup>16</sup> but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. <sup>17</sup> Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. <sup>18</sup> And 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.

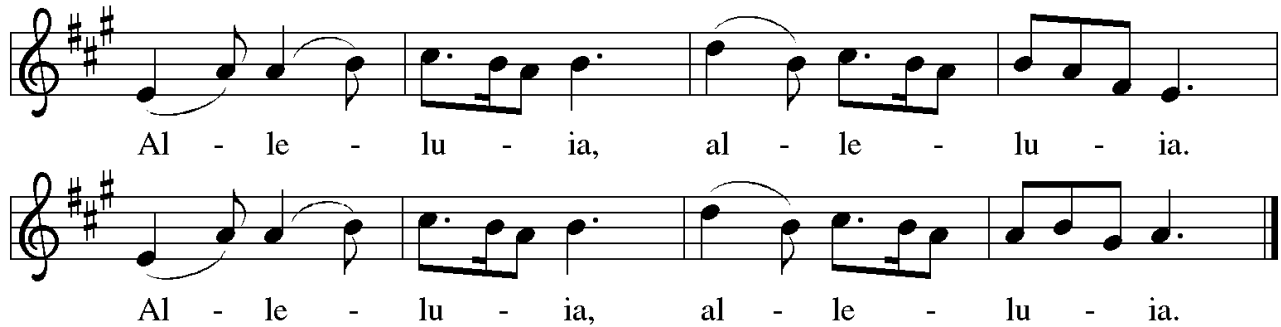
<sup>4:1</sup> Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. <sup>2</sup> We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the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

A: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: CELTIC ALLELUIA**

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P: The holy gospel according to St. Luke.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL READING: LUKE 9:28-36**

<sup>28</sup> Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. <sup>29</sup> And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. <sup>30</sup> Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. <sup>31</sup> They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. <sup>32</sup> Now 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. <sup>33</sup> Just 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. <sup>34</sup> While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. <sup>35</sup> Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" <sup>36</sup> When 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.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

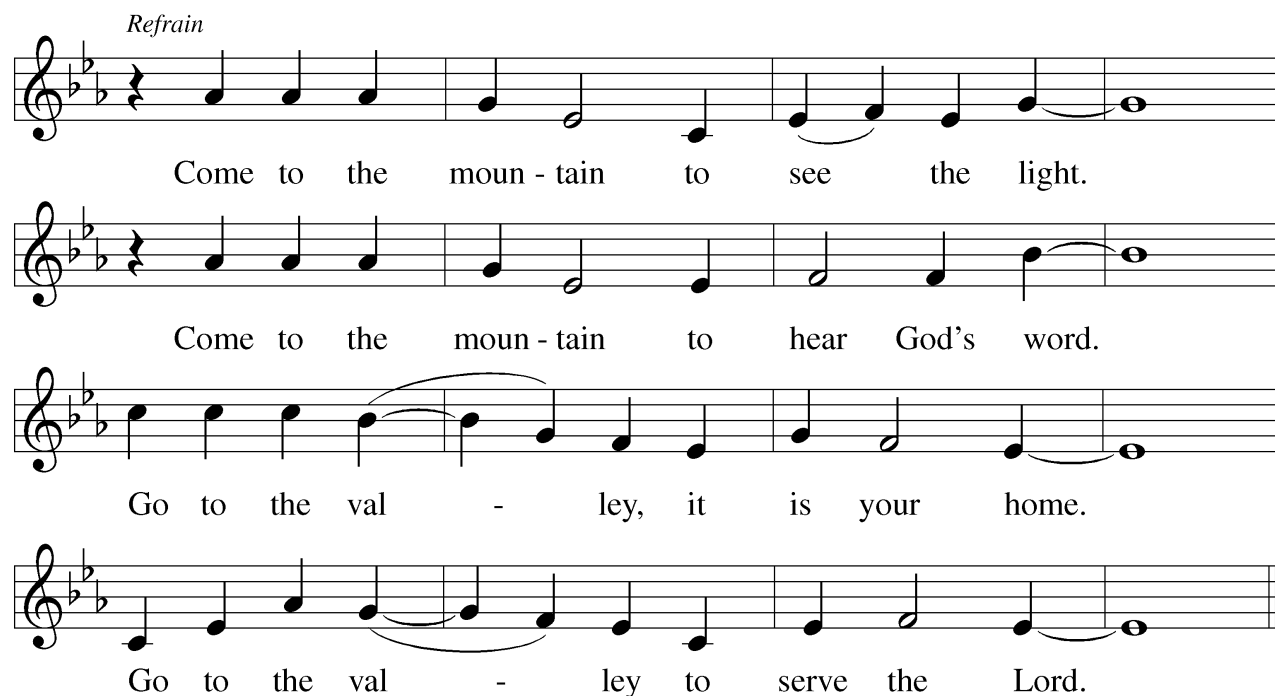
C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

## HYMN OF THE DAY: COME TO THE MOUNTAIN

Verses: Choir, Refrain: Congregation

*Refrain*



The musical notation is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four lines of music, each with a corresponding line of lyrics. The first line is marked 'Refrain'. The melody is simple and repetitive, using quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are: 'Come to the moun - tain to see the light.', 'Come to the moun - tain to hear God's word.', 'Go to the val - ley, it is your home.', and 'Go to the val - ley to serve the Lord.' The final line ends with a double bar line.

Come to the moun - tain to see the light.

Come to the moun - tain to hear God's word.

Go to the val - ley, it is your home.

Go to the val - ley to serve the Lord.

Text: Scott Tunseth

Music: MOUNTAIN AND VALLEY, Kathleen Donlan Tunseth

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## NICENE CREED

A: Together with the whole church, let us confess our faith.

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,  
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.**

#### **INSTALLATION OF THE CONGREGATION COUNCIL**

**P:** People of God, I ask you:

Will you support these, your elected leaders, and will you share in the mutual ministry that Christ has given to all who are baptized?

**C: We will, and we ask God to help us.**

#### **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH** (*after each petition...*)

**A:** Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

Meal

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**OFFERING:** *JESUS IS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD (Don Besig)*

*Epiphany Chorale*

**OFFERTORY: I WANT TO WALK AS A CHILD OF THE LIGHT**

#815

I want to walk as a child of the light,  
I want to fol - - low Je - - - sus.  
In him there is no dark - ness at all;  
The night and the day - - are both a - like  
The Lamb is the light of the ci - ty of God.  
Shine in my heart, Lord Je - - - sus.

The musical score is written on six staves in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff ends with a comma, the second with a period, the third with a semicolon, the fourth with a period, the fifth with a period, and the sixth with a double bar line.

**OFFERING PRAYER**

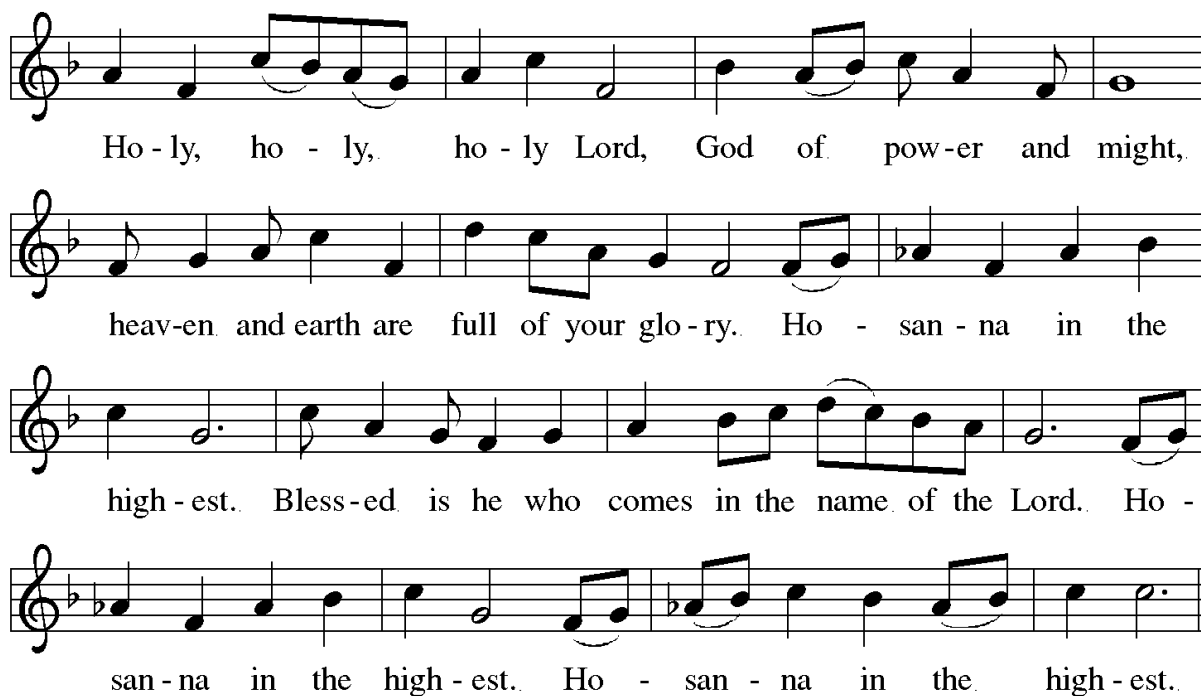
**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: ELW 2**

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.

The musical score is written on four staves in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff has a repeat sign after the first phrase. The second staff has a repeat sign after the first phrase. The third staff has a repeat sign after the first phrase. The fourth staff ends with a double bar line.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...join their unending hymn:

### **SANCTUS: ELW 2**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
heav-en 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

### **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

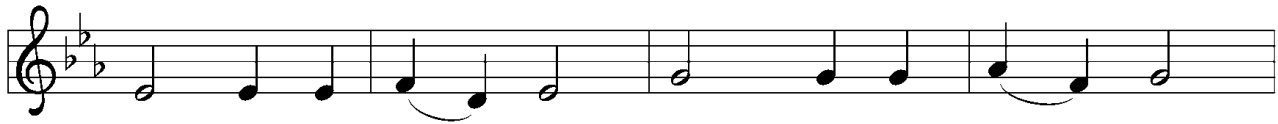
#### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

#### **DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION**

*If you are unable to attend worship due to health concerns, please contact the church office to be included on the homebound list.*

*Christ welcomes you to the meal of grace! All who desire to receive Christ's nourishment and grace may join us at the Lord's Table. (9:00) Please come to the table by the center aisle and return to your seat by the front or side aisle. Communion is by intinction; dip the bread in the red wine or white grape juice. Gluten free wafers are available upon request. (10:30) Please come to the table by the diagonal aisle and return to your seat by the center or a front aisle. Communion is by intinction; dip the wafer in the red wine or white grape juice. Gluten free wafers are available at the front of the center aisle.*



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.

## POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

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## BENEDICTION

**CLOSING HYMN: ALLELUIA, SONG OF GLADNESS (vv. 1,3,4)**

- 1 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.
- 3 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.
- 4 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.

Text: Latin hymn, 11th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt.

**SENDING**

A: Go in peace. Live in hope.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Serving in Worship

Austin Campus 9:00 AM

Presiding Minister: Pastor Julie Reuning-Scherer  
Pianist: John Benjamin  
Lay Reader: Donna Cooper

Far Hills Campus 10:30 AM

Presiding Minister: Pastor Karl Biermann  
Assisting Minister: Judith Clark  
Organist: John Benjamin  
Brass: Mike Richter, Jacob Slomko, trumpets  
Connor Fuhrmann, Don Greiman, trombones  
Sound: Melonie June Warren  
Ushers: Doug & Henry Glass, Landon Henderson  
Communion: Martha Armstrong-Benjamin, Wendy Beavers,  
Kim Knechtly, Verity Snyder

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