



Central Lutheran Church

**Transfiguration of Our Lord
March 2, 2025**

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God calls us to proclaim the Gospel and demonstrate Christ's love for all.

Please turn off your cell phone.

This service is being livestreamed to our neighbors near and far on Facebook.

Most of the sanctuary- including all leaders and worshippers- is on camera.

BELL PEAL (10:30 am)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: *Ciacona in C Major*

LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

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

P Lord our God, we give thanks for the witness of bold women. In early times, today and into the future, bold women show us how to live as God's beloved children in God's beloved creation. We live into our baptismal call to work for justice and peace for all God's creatures. Together, we say:

C Thank you, God!

The litany continues with these petitions centered on the witness of women from the Reformation.

P For Katharine von Bora Luther, who ran to embrace change in her world, we say:

C Thank you, God!

P For Katharina Schutz Zell, a publishing 'Church Mother' who married to bring voice to God's truth in her time, we say:

C Thank you, God!

P For Argula von Grumbach, who wrote letters and poems defending the Reformers as bearers of the true faith, we say:

C Thank you, God!

P For Olimpia Fulvia Morata, blessed by God as a child to study and boldly proclaim the Gospel, we say:

C Thank you, God!

P Thank you, God, for the witness of all bold women yesterday, today, and tomorrow. We praise you for their witness to your love and mercy. Strengthen us to live out our baptismal call to serve you and our neighbor with all our heart, with all our mind, with all our strength.

C Thank you, God! Amen.

The assembly stands.

GATHERING HYMN

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Beautiful Savior



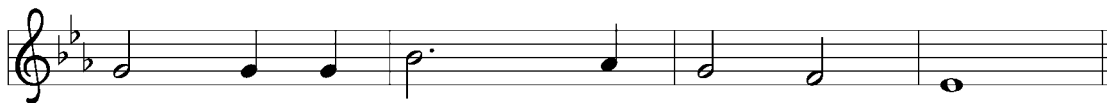
1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,



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!

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God sent from heaven above, be with you all.

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Holy God, mighty and immortal, you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. Transform us into the likeness of your Son, who renewed our humanity so that we may share in his divinity, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C Amen.**

GLORY TO GOD

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Assisting minister

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

All

Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.

Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us; you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.

For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

LESSON: Exodus 34:29-35

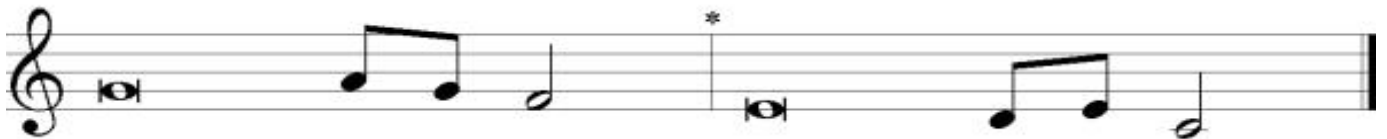
²⁹ Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. ³⁰ When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they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

L Word of God, Word of Life

C Thanks be to God

PSALM 99

Sung responsively.



¹ The Lord is king; let the | people tremble.

The Lord is enthroned upon the cherubim; let | the earth shake.

² **The Lord, | great in Zion,
is high a- | bove all peoples.**

³ Let them confess God's name, which is | great and awesome;
God is the | Holy One.

⁴ **O mighty king, lover of justice, you have es- | tablished
equity;**

you have executed justice and righteous- | ness in Jacob.

⁵ Proclaim the greatness of the Lord and fall down be- | fore God's
footstool;

God is the | Holy One.

⁶ **Moses and Aaron among your priests, and Samuel among
those who call upon your | name, O Lord,
they called upon you, and you | answered them,**

⁷ you spoke to them out of the pil- | lar of cloud;

they kept your testimonies and the decree | that you gave them.

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

⁹ Proclaim the greatness of the Lord and worship upon God's | holy hill;
for the Lord our God is the | Holy One.

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

¹² Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, ¹³ 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. ¹⁴ 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. ¹⁵ Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; ¹⁶ but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. ¹⁷ Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸ 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.

^{4:1} Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. ² 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.

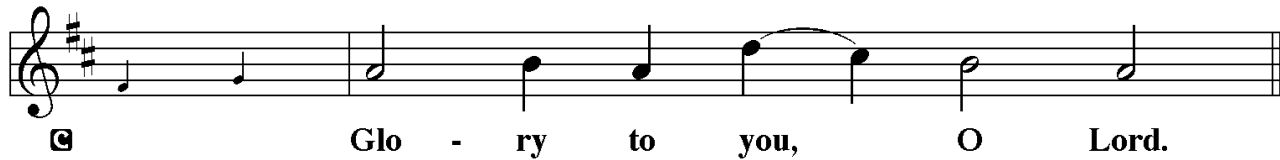
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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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



READING OF THE GOSPEL: Luke 9:28-43

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

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON

Pastor Veronika

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

How Good, Lord, to Be Here!



- 1 How good, Lord, to be here! Your glo - ry fills the night;
 2 How good, Lord, to be here, your beau - ty to be - hold
 3 Ful - fill - er of the past and hope of things to be,
 4 Be - fore we taste of death, we see your king - dom come;
 5 How good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not re - main;



your face and gar - ments, like the sun, shine with un - bor - rowed light.
 where Mo - ses and E - li - jah stand, your mes - sen - gers of old.
 we hail your bod - y glo - ri - fied and our re - demp - tion see.
 we long to hold the vi - sion bright and make this hill our home.
 but since you bid us leave the mount, come with us to the plain.

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.

THE PRAYERS

P With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation

Please sit or kneel for prayer.

The response to each spoken petition is:

P God of grace, **C Receive our prayer.**

People with prayer needs: **Lydia** Landfair, **Norma** Ruth Myrick, **Brenda** Burden, **Charlene** Zimmermann, **Archie** and **Rebecca** Huizenga, and **Paul** Chambers.

The prayers conclude:

P ...We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.

C Amen.

RECOGNITION OF BOLD WOMEN OF THE CONGREGATION

At this time, we recognize bold women in the congregation by calling them forward.

P Sisters, both your work and your rest are in God. Will you endeavor to pattern your life on the Lord Jesus Christ, in gratitude to God and in service to others, at morning and evening, at work and at play, all the days of your life?

Response: *I will, and I ask God to help me.*

P Almighty God, by the power of the Spirit.... (*prayer continues*) ... renewed and risen life in Jesus Christ our Lord. **C Amen**

THE PEACE

The peace we share is a sign of God's mission of reconciliation among us and the reconciliation we have with one another in Christ Jesus. Please offer a symbol of reconciliation to one another.

P The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C And also with you.**

THE OFFERING

We give thanks for what God has first given us. Our ministry to the people of East Dallas is supported by your offering. An offering plate is available in the narthex after worship. You may also use our online giving through Vanco, PayPal, or Givelify (available in the App Store) or continue to mail your offerings to our office.

MUSICAL OFFERING: *Climb to the Top of the Highest Mountain*

Climb to the top of the highest mountain, Joyous tidings proclaim to the world,

Lift up your voice, Shout the good news: Behold, your Lord comes to you.

He will feed his flock like a shepherd, He will carry the lambs in his arms,

He will ever keep them safe from harm. Behold your Lord comes to you.

He who made the stars in the heavens, He who fashioned the earth and the sea,

From time eternal, He was Alpha and Omega, Behold your Lord! He will come in pow'r, He will rule with truth, Hope of all the nations, Light of all. He will love the little children, He will hold them in his arms. Love him and trust him as a child.

OFFERING PRAYER

P God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always.

C Amen

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you. **C And also 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.

PREFACE

It is indeed our duty and our joy . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P Holy One... Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

C Come, Lord Jesus.

P Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

C Come, Holy Spirit.

P All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P The joy of the Lord is our strength. Come, eat this meal of gladness.

C Thanks be to God.

COMMUNION

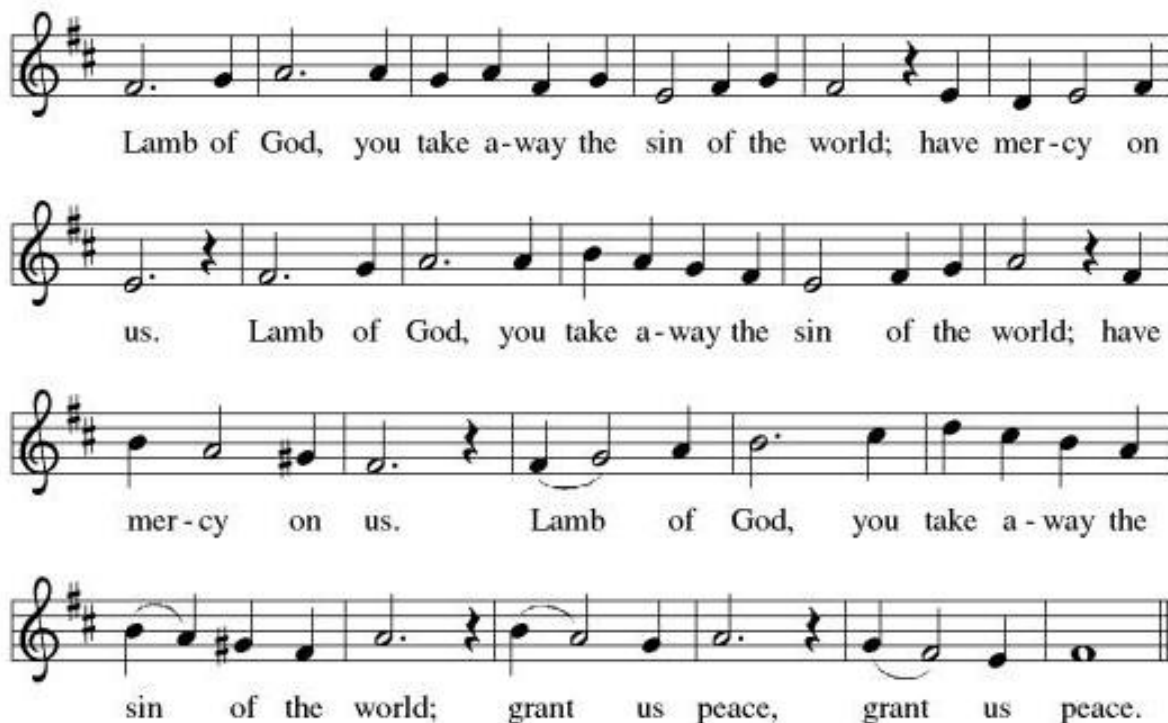
As you come forward for Holy Communion, please sanitize your hands. Communion will be distributed at the altar rail, where you may choose to kneel or stand. The bread will be placed in your hand, and gluten-free wafers are available upon request—please inform the ministers if needed. The Communion cups contain red wine and white grape juice. If you prefer to receive only the bread, let the ministers know. If you would like to receive a blessing instead of Communion, please cross your arms over your chest.

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Amen.

LAMB OF GOD

Follow the guidance of the ushers if you decide to walk up to the Altar to receive the Sacraments.



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.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

MUSICAL MEDITATION: *Ciacona in C Major*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Nourishing God,

C at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray, Amen.

BLESSING

P The Spirit of the triune God ☩ bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love.

C Amen.

Alleluia, Song of Gladness



- 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.

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Live in hope.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: *In You is Joy*

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Prelude: *Ciacona in C Major*

Music: Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

Gathering Hymn: *Beautiful Savior*

Text: *Gesangbuch, Münster* (1677); tr Joseph A. Seiss (1823-1904)

Music: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune (19th cent.)

Hymn of the Day: *How Good, Lord, to be Here!*

Text: Joseph A. Robinson (1858-1933), alt.

Music: POTSDAM, W. Mercer, *The Church Psalter and Hymn Book* (1854)

Musical Offering: *Climb to the top of the Highest Mountain*

Text & Music: Carolyn Jennings

Musical Meditation: *Ciacona in C Major*

Music: Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

Sending Hymn: *Alleluia, Song of Gladness*

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

Music: PRAISE, MY SOUL, John Goss (1800-1880)

Postlude: *In You is Joy*

Music: J. S. Bach (1685-175)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Visitors, we are glad to have you with us and invite you to come again!

Church Office Hours: Monday – Friday 10 am - 2 pm

You may make an appointment with Pastor Veronika by calling the church office.

Serving in Worship today: Usher: Judy Koble; Lector: Alesia Pearson

Ash Wednesday is on March 5: Join us as we begin our Lenten journey. "Ashes to Go" will be available in the morning at Ascension Coffee on Garland Rd. We will gather for an Imposition of Ashes service in the evening at 6:00 in our sanctuary. Ash Wednesday reminds us of our mortality and need for repentance.

Midweek Lenten Vespers: For the following five weeks, we will walk through Lent together—a season of reflection, renewal, and drawing closer to God. Join us on **Wednesdays at 6:00 pm for Midweek Services and a Soup Supper** as we journey in faith.

Service Day: We will have a service day at White Rock Center of Hope on **Saturday, March 15, beginning at 9:00 am.** They have jobs for people of any ability. Sign up in the back of the sanctuary or email Rachel in the church office.

WELCA Retreat: Join the Dallas Area Women of the ELCA at their spring retreat on **April 5, 2025, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm** with keynote speech by our very own, Pastor Veronika Czutor! The retreat will be at **Christ the Servant Lutheran Church** (821 S. Greenville Ave, Allen, TX 75002). **Early Bird registration is \$20 and ends on March 15.** Fees include lunch and childcare. Scholarships are available if needed. For more information call Pam Grosze at 918-978-4046 or email her at pgrosze@tx.rr.com.



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Our Prayer List: Please submit your prayer requests to the church office via email (central.lutheran.dallas@gmail.com) or via phone (214-327-2222).

PRAYERS FOR HEALING & COMFORT

For healing

Archie and Rebecca Huizenga
 Linda Gourley
 Robin Friedrich
 Norma Ruth Myrick
 Elizabeth Cardenas
 Brenda Burden
 Charlene Zimmermann
 Lily Groaz
 Elizabeth Brownsted

Relationship

Friends of Janis Farrow
 Sister of Julie Atkins
 Friend of Mary Glenn
 Mother of Alesia Pearson
 Daughter of Irene Hallmon
 Friend of Jean Staffeld
 Aunt of Jan Moody
 Friend of Amy Brown
 Friend of Janis Farrow

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