



House of Prayer and Woodlake Lutheran Churches

Sunday, March 2, 2025, 10:00 am

Transfiguration of Our Lord, Year C

Mardi Gras Sunday

House of Prayer is a gathering of God's people connecting our faith to our daily lives,
so that all would encounter Christ in each person

(The “+” insignia indicates where the congregation should stand)



Prelude: *Joshua Fought the Battle of Jericho*

arr. Lennie Niehaus

Welcome and Gathering

Announcements

Ringing of the Bell (*please remain seated*)

Call to Worship

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, **+** one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life.

C: Amen.

HOP Brass Procession

When the Saints Go Marching In

arr. Nathan Orcutt



+Gathering Hymn: *Down by the Riverside*

1. *Gonna lay down my heavy load,
down by the riverside,
down by the riverside,
down by the riverside;
gonna lay down my heavy load,
down by the riverside,
down by the riverside.*

trad. Spiritual/arr. Tom Garvin

2. *Gonna put on my long, white robe,
down by the riverside,
down by the riverside,
down by the riverside;
Gonna put on my long, white robe,
down by the riverside,
down by the riverside. (REFRAIN)*

3. *Gonna put on my starry crown,
down by the riverside,
down by the riverside,
down by the riverside;
gonna put on my starry crown
down by the riverside,
down by the riverside. (REFRAIN)*

REFRAIN:

*I ain't gonna study war no more.
ain't gonna study war no more,
ain't gonna study war no more,
I ain't gonna study war no more,
ain't gonna study war no more,
ain't gonna study war no more.*

+Confession and Forgiveness

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

Silence for self-reflection and silent confession

L: Merciful God,

C: you speak blessing and compassion into the world.

Forgive us for the ways we act 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 loving kindness.

Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.

L: 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. **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

L: Holy God, mighty and immortal,

C: 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 the divinity of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

You may be seated

Special Music

This Little Light of Mine

Combined Choir

arr. John Helgen

Word

First Reading: 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.

Psalm 99

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 above 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 established equity;
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.**

⁵ Proclaim the greatness of the Lord and fall down before 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 pillar 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 Reading: 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

¹² Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with complete frankness, 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, the same veil is still there; it is not unveiled since in Christ it is 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, underhanded ways; 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.

L: Word of God, Word of Life C: Thanks be to God

+Gospel Acclamation:

Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav-ing word.

Let it burn like fire with-in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.

Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

+Gospel: Luke 9:28-36

L: The Gospel according to Luke, the Ninth chapter. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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 as bright as a flash of lightning. ³⁰ Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. ³¹ They appeared in glory and were speaking about his exodus, which he was about to fulfill in Jerusalem. ³² Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep, but as they awoke 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 set up three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah,” not realizing what he was saying. 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.

L: The Good News of God. C: Praise to you, O Christ.

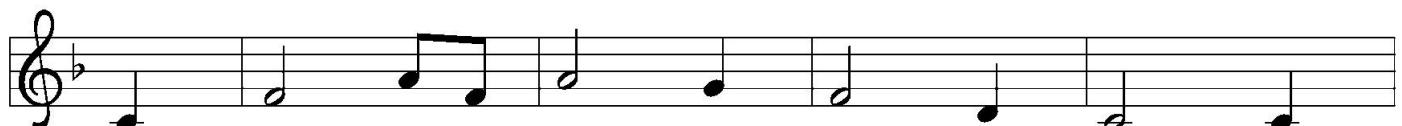
You may be seated

Sermon

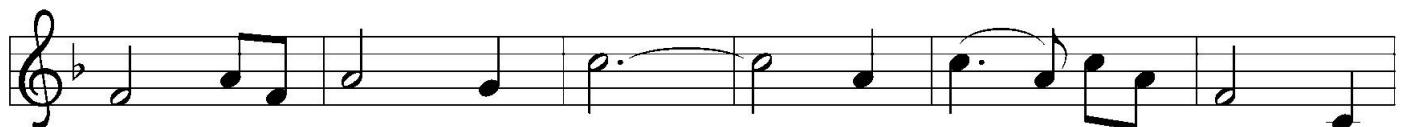
Hymn: *ELW 779 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound (vv. 1-2, interlude, 5)*

arr. Nathan Orcutt

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound



1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found; was blind, but now I see.
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt., sts. 1–4; anonymous, st. 5

Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

+Apostle's 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.**

You may be seated

Prayers of Intercession

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

Spoken Response: L: God of Grace, C: Receive our Prayer.

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

C: Amen.

Peace

L: The peace of Christ be with you always. C: And also with you.

You are invited to share the peace with those around you as you feel comfortable.

Meal

Offering & Musical Offering:

My Favorite Things
Combined Handbell Choir

Rodgers & Hammerstein
arr. D. Wagner

Offering Prayer

L: 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.

Amen.

C: Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.
And also 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.

Preface

L: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should, at all times, and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God...we **stand** to praise your name and join their unending hymn... (*please stand*)

+Sanctus

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

+Words of Institution

+Lord's Prayer

Our Father in Heaven,

hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those
who sin against us.

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen**

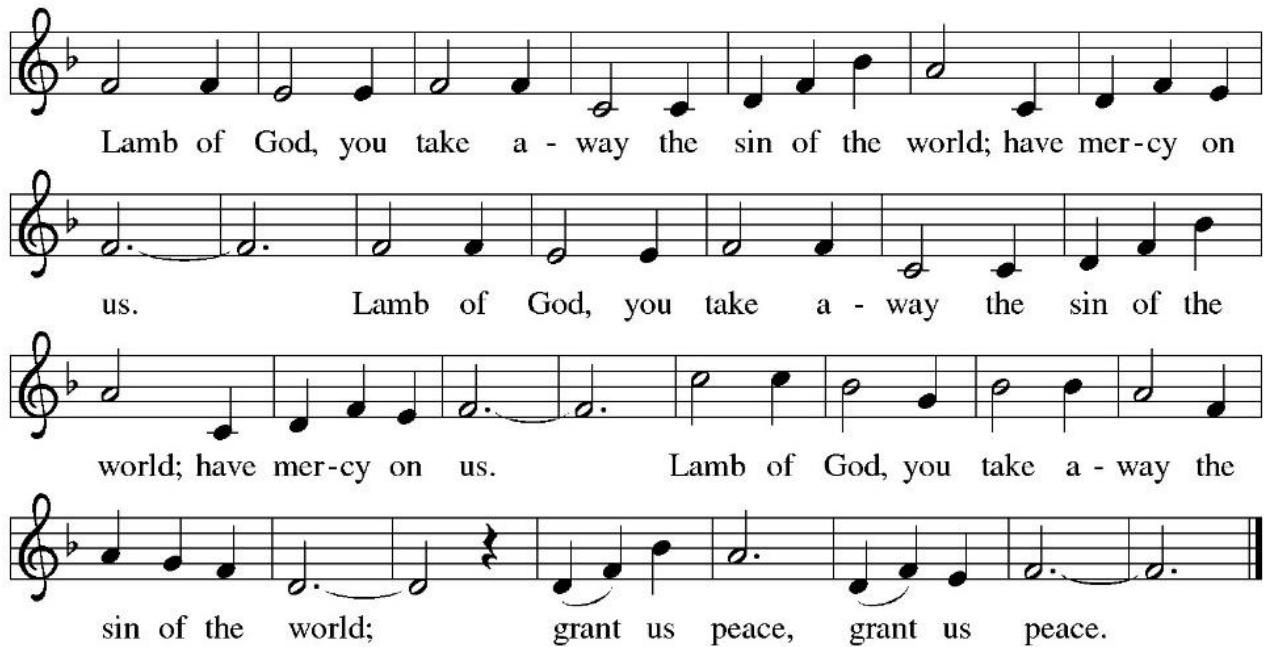
+Invitation to Communion

L: Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come, experience God.

(You may be seated)

Communion

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

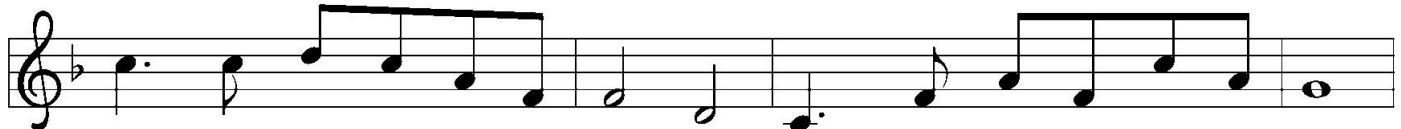
Music: *Bread of Life*, Jeremy Young, b. 1948
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Music during Distribution: *ELW 742 What a Friend We Have in Jesus* arr. Tom Garvin

What a Friend We Have in Jesus



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
3 Are we weak and heav - y - lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged—take it to the Lord in prayer.
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge—take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; oh, what need-less pain we bear—
Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rowsshare?
Do your friends de-spise, for-sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness—take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a so - lace there.

Text: Joseph Scriven, 1820–1886

Music: CONVERSE, Charles C. Converse, 1832–1918

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

Refrain

Just a clos-er walk with thee, grant it, Je-sus, is my plea;

dai - ly walk-ing close to thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

1 I am weak but thou art strong: Je - sus, keep me from all wrong;
 2 Through this world of toil and snares, if I fal - ter, Lord, who cares?
 3 When my fee - ble life is o'er, time for me will be no more;

Refrain

I'll be sat - is - fied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee.
 Who with me my bur - den shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.
 guide me gent - ly, safe - ly o'er to thy king - dom shore, to thy shore.

Text: North American traditional

Music: CLOSER WALK, North American traditional

+Prayer after Communion

L: Nourishing God, 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,

C: Amen.

Sending

+Blessing

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

C: Amen

+Sending Hymn: ELW 774 *What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine*

arr. Tom Garvin

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine Leaning on the Everlasting Arms



1 What a fel - low-ship, what a joy di - vine, lean - ing on the ev - er -
2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way, lean - ing on the ev - er -
3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean - ing on the ev - er -



last - ing arms; what a bless - ed - ness, what a peace is mine,
last - ing arms; oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
last - ing arms? I have bless - ed peace with my Lord so near,



lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

Refrain



Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se - cure from all a - larms;



lean - ing, lean - ing, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

Text: Elisha A. Hoffman, 1839–1929

Music: SHOWALTER, Anthony J. Showalter, 1858–1924

+Ringing of the Bell

+Dismissal

L: Go in peace, seeking Christ in one another,

C: We will, by the grace of God.

Postlude: Second Line

Paul Bararin

Worship Participants

Presider:

Preacher:

Musicians:

Organist

Special Music:

Lector/Intercessor:

Communion Servers:

Ushers:

AV Engineer:

Communion Preparers:

Pastor Korla Masters

Roselyn Hanson Weber, Director of Liturgical Worship

Tim Buendorf

HOP BRASS, Dir. Nathan Orcutt; Combined Handbell Choir & Combined Choir

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