

Transfiguration of Our Lord

Last Sunday After Epiphany

February 19, 2023
Service of Holy Communion – ELW Setting 6



THIS IS MY SON,
THE BELOVED
MATTHEW 17:5

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St. Mark's Lutheran Church, ELCA
Called by the Holy Spirit. Equipped to serve. Sent to love all!

GATHERING

+Confession and Forgiveness

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

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

C **Amen.**

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

Silence for reflection.

P Holy One, source of our renewal,

C **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.

P 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.

C **Amen.**

P = Pastor, A = Assistant, C = Congregation

ELW = *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* hymnal ACS = *All Creation Sings* hymnal

“+” in the bulletin indicates that you are invited to stand as you are able

Gathering Hymn

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ELW 834



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

+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.

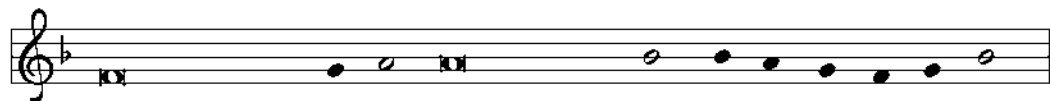
+Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



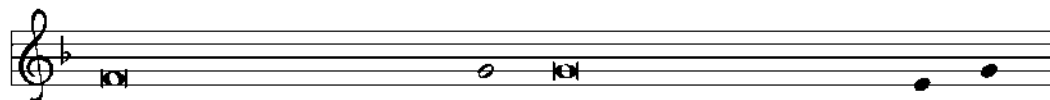
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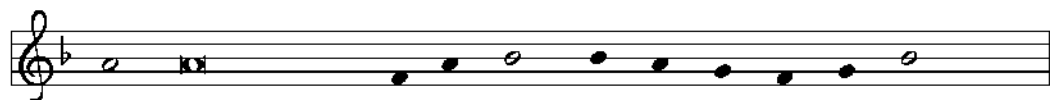
For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



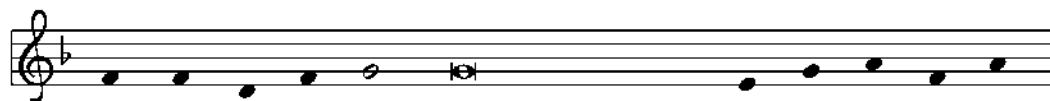
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of



God, and for the uni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



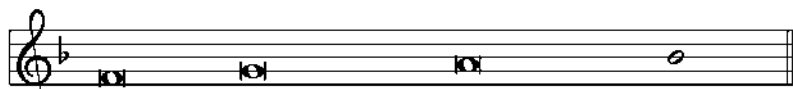
For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy,



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gracious Lord.



A - men.

+Hymn of Praise

Refrain



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace




to God's peo-ple on earth. Glo-ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



I Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - mighty God and Fa-ther,



we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Refrain

+Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Friend of Moses, strength of Elijah, you go with your people and give them your Spirit: may the Child of your heart transfigure the mortal world that love may know no bounds; through Jesus Christ, the beloved one.

C Amen.

WORD

First Scripture ♦ Exodus 24:12–18

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.

L Holy wisdom, holy word.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 2

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 the Lord’s anointed?

“Let us break their yoke,” they say;

“let us cast off their bonds from us.”

God whose throne is in heaven is
laughing;
the Lord holds them in derision.

Then in wrath God speaks to them,
and in rage fills them with terror.

**“As for me, I have anointed my king
upon Zion, my holy mountain.”**

Let me announce the decree of the Lord,
who 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 in worship;
**lest the Lord be angry, and you
perish in a sudden blaze of wrath.**
**Happy are all who take refuge in
God!**

+Gospel Acclamation



+Gospel ♦ Matthew 17:1–9

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

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

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 *continues on next page*

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.”

P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Karen Ullestad

We hear God's Word as it is spoken in the preaching.

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

Hymn of the Day

Shine, Jesus, Shine

ELW 671

Refrain

Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry;
blaze, Spir - it, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, riv - er, flow, flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy;
send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!

Text: Graham Kendrick, b. 1950

Music: Graham Kendrick

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1 Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing, in the midst of the
2 As we gaze on your king - ly bright-ness, so our fac - es dis -



dark-ness, shin - ing; Je - sus, light of the world, shine up - on us,
play your like - ness, ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry,



set us free by the truth you now bring us.
mir - rored here, may our lives tell your sto - ry.



Shine on me,
Shine on me,
shine on me:
shine on me:

+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

Assisting Minister: Merciful God,
Congregation: **Receive our prayer.**

+Peace

P The peace of Christ be with you.
C **And also with you.**

The ministers and congregation may greet one another with these or similar words:

Peace be with you.

MEAL

+Offertory Prayer

A 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.
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

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

+Sanctus

Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, 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.

+Eucharistic Prayer

P We praise you God of many names...
...the living wine of love's desire.

C Amen.

+Lord's Prayer

P We pray together the prayer Our Lord 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.**

Communion

P Come and taste the joy of God!

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.

Communion Hymn

This is Christ's Body

ACS 967

This is Christ's bod - y, bro - ken and blest. Feed us with
mer-cy and love. We are Christ's bod - y,



Text: Anne Krentz Organ, b. 1960

Music: BROKEN AND BLESSED, Anne Krentz Organ

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Communion Hymn

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

ELW 502



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
 soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant
 love he sought me, and on his shoul - der
 Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my



I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.
 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
 gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
 com - fort still; thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
 thine unction grace bestoweth;
 and, oh, what transport of delight
 from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so, through all the length of days,
 thy goodness faileth never.
 Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
 within thy house forever.

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821–1877

Music: ST. COLCUMBA, Irish tune

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Post Communion Blessing and Prayer

P May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you, and keep you in his grace.

C **Amen.**

A 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.

C **Amen.**

Announcements

SENDING

+Blessing

P The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod ✚ bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always.

C **Amen.**

+Sending Hymn

We Are Marching in the Light

ELW 866



Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen'kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -
We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the



nyen'kwen - khos'. Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen'kwen - khos',
light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God,

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march-ing in the light of God.

Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) oo
We are march-ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) oo

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march-ing in the light of God.

Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) oo
We are march-ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) oo

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march-ing in the light of God.

Additional stanzas ad lib.:

We are dancing ...

We are praying ...

We are singing ...

Text: South African traditional; tr. Freedom Is Coming, 1984

Music: SİYAHAMBA, South African traditional

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+Dismissal

A Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

C **Thanks be to God!**

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by Norma Duncan in honor of the birthday of her daughter, Rachel Thompson, as well Norma's birthday.

If you wish to sponsor flowers to commemorate a special occasion, please sign up on the calendar outside the library. Questions? contact Marlis Feller or the church office.

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Announcements

Visitors, welcome! We are so glad to have you with us today! The Welcome packet in the pew is for you. It has information about our faith community and the many ways we support our local community. Feel free to take it home and come back to worship with us again. For more information, call the church office at 303-366-9702 or email admin@stmarksaurora.org.

SUMMARIZED REPORT OF INCOME & EXPENSES			
Submitted by Bill Stephenson, Treasurer			
January, 2023			
<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Total Income	\$16,731.17	Total Income	\$16,731.17
Total Expenses	-\$16,818.95	Total Expenses	-\$16,818.95
Net Income	-\$87.78	Net Income	-\$87.78
BUDGET COMPARISON OF ENVELOPE OFFERING			
<u>Monthly Budget Amount</u>	<u>Actual Current Month</u>	<u>Budget Year to Date</u>	<u>Actual Year to Date</u>
\$12,346.39	\$9,778.33	\$12,346.39	\$9,778.33
Over/Under Budget	-\$2,568.06		-\$2,568.06

St. Mark's needs your financial support no less than your prayers and concern for one another. You can mail your offerings to the church. You can also give electronically, via Tithe.ly, at <http://bit.ly/St-Marks-Tithely>.

Weekly Enews If you are not already receiving our Weekly Enews email sent out via MailChimp on Thursdays, please provide your email address to the church and we will add you to our mailing list.

Our **Bake Sale** last week was a HUGE success! We made \$640 which is the best we have ever done. Many, many thanks to all who brought food items and to all who bought items. We greatly appreciate your support for this fundraiser and Aurora Mental Health will receive a very substantial check from us.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Mary Stephenson, SMLCW President

This Week at St. Mark's (February 19–26, 2023)

Today 2/19:	<i>Transfiguration of Our Lord Sunday</i> Worship – Sanctuary –10 a.m. Faith Formation – Center Room – 11:15 a.m. to 12 p.m. Youth Group – 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. ICC Worship – Sanctuary – 2 p.m. Casa de Oración (House of Prayer) Worship – Sanctuary – 4 p.m.
Monday 2/20:	Zumba Class – Fellowship Hall – 9–10:30 a.m. & 6–7 p.m.
Tuesday 2/21:	Zumba Class – Fellowship Hall – 9–10:30 a.m. & 6–7 p.m. Women's AA Meeting – West Room – 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday 2/22:	Zumba Class – Fellowship Hall – 9–10:30 a.m. & 6–7 p.m. Ashes-To-Go – Parking Lot – 7–9 a.m. Ash Wednesday Service – Sanctuary – 12 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service – Sanctuary – 6 p.m.
Thursday 2/23:	Coffee, Conversation, and Prayer – Zoom – 9:30–10 a.m. Zumba Class – Fellowship Hall – 9–10:30 a.m. Quilters – West Room – 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. OHANA Youth Advocacy – Center Room/Fellowship – 4–7 p.m. Casa de Oración Music Practice – West Room – 7–9 p.m.
Friday 2/24:	Food Pantry Open – Center Room – 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Zumba Class – Fellowship Hall – 9–10:30 a.m. Seventh Day Adventist Prayer Service – Sanctuary – 7–9 p.m.
Saturday 2/25:	Seventh Day Adventist Worship – Sanctuary – 9 a.m.–8 p.m.
Sunday 2/26:	<i>First Sunday of Lent</i> Worship – Sanctuary – 10 a.m. Faith Formation – Center Room – 11:15 a.m. to 12 p.m. Youth Group – 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. ICC Worship – Sanctuary – 2 p.m. Casa de Oración Worship – Sanctuary – 4 p.m.

Save the Date: Feb. 22: Ash Wednesday
Mar. 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29: Midday Lent Service, soup lunch

OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH:

We welcome your requests for prayers for persons in need or prayers of thanksgiving for blessings received. Please note that prayer requests will remain on the 'Recent concerns' list for four Sundays.

Recent hospitalizations, illnesses, & concerns:

Greg Kimball (*Ann Howell's husband, breathing health, hospitalization*)
Hugo Redlin (*hospitalization*)
Patrick Stephenson (*metastasized cancer*)
Horacio Rentería (*Arteriovenous Malformation in brain*)
Carol Bath (*hospitalization*)
Clarence Pedersen (*Ellie Weaver's uncle, pneumonia*)

For homebound members & friends:

Carol Bath Joan Chambers
Dawn Hines
James & Marie Hughes
Wilma Langford
Christel Loftesness
Dorothy Parker Irene Seelmeyer
Vernita Wild

For the faithful departed and those who mourn:

Family of Maria Gomez (*Leo Bañuelos' great-aunt*)

For those with ongoing concerns:

Alec (*Joan Gustafson's relative, recovery from seizures*) Dina Hammerand (*Susan Saengling's cousin, cancer*)
Julie Ann Zamora (*friend of church, shoulder surgery*) Nancy (*Dorie Gerhardt's sister, health*)
Jean (*Jackie Kirk's sister, dementia*) Anastasia and family (*friend of Chris Prillwitz*) and
Ramona Gomez (*Leo Bañuelos' grandmother, health*) all Ukrainian refugees
Lotus Alexander (*broken finger recovery*) Sheryl and Darlene Feller (*Karl's sisters-in-laws, cancer*)
Anne Barger (*recovering from heart surgery*) Kevin Gustafson (*back pain*)
Ron Fogg (*health*) Doug Benson (*health*)
Julie Smith (*Feller's daughter, tumor behind ear*) Alice Thurlow (*health*)
Michael DeLong (*recovering from RSV, pneumonia*) Jean Rose (*health/pain management*)
Diane Ratliff (*hip surgery recovery*) Anne Hermanson (*friend of church, brain tumor*)
Linda Russell (*Elaine Stanger's sister, breast & bone cancer*) Jeff Martin (*health*)
Julie Bays (*Sara Jensen's friend, Alzheimer's*) Karl Feller (*chronic lymphatic leukemia*)
Chris Prillwitz (*asthma, feet issues, skin cancer, pending*) Gene (*Joan Gustafson's son-in-law, partial paralysis*)
knee replacement, back pain) Ollie Daniels (*pain/breathing issues*)
Chris Elbert (*home recovery after a fall*) Monaliza Abdo (*Chris Prillwitz's friend, health*)
Sandy Day (*pain, health, kidney infection, foot fractures*)

In the interest of keeping concerns timely, all prayer requests more than a year old without a recent update have been removed from under Ongoing Concerns.

If someone you care about is still in need of prayer, please submit a new prayer request/update.

Assisting with Worship:

Guest Pastor	Karen Ullestad
Music Leader	Stephen Geisler
Assisting Minister	Clark Gilbert
Lector	Mary Katherine Smith
Acolyte	Patrick Stephenson
Communion Assistants:	Mary Katherine Smith & Claudette Gilbert
Usher	Ellie Weaver
Assisting with Virtual Worship	Laura Garcia Villalpando
Cameras	Mary Katherine Smith

Are you willing to help with worship next Sunday?

Please sign up at:

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Important Information About St. Mark's

Sunday Worship – 10:00 a.m.

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St. Mark's Land Acknowledgement

St. Mark's Lutheran Church is located on the original and ancestral homelands of the Arapahoe, Lipan Apache, Ute, Cheyenne, and Dakota peoples, and we give thanks for their presence here since time immemorial. We also wish to recognize and honor all our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to call this land their home.