

"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." Matthew 17:5

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Transfiguration of Our Lord

Feb. 19, 2023



UPCOMING SPECIAL SERVICES

Feb. 22 – Ash Wednesday @ 12:00 & 7:00 pm Feb. 26 – First Sunday in Lent Mar. 5 – Second Sunday in Lent

WORSHIP LEADERS

	Feb. 19	Feb. 26
Assit. Min./ Comm. Assit.	Kandi Null	Judy Mills
Crucifer	Nathaniel Cuff	
Acolyte	Joshua Cuff	
Lector	Mason Tippett	Lee Mills
Ushers	Ken & Joan Hollinger	Bill & Rose Bennett
Musician	Rosemary Keller	Dcn. Arica Demme
Altar Guild	Rosemary Keller	June Kreider
Sound Tech.	Chaz Stroup	Terry Miller
Offering Counters	Ken Hollinger/Fred Lepley	Sandy Tippett/Lee Mills
Livestream	Ray Kneisley/Lee & Judy Mills	Mason & Sandy Tippett

	ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE	
	Feb. 22 12:00 pm	Feb. 22 7:00 pm
Assit. Min./ Comm. Assit.	Judy Mills	Ivan Wittel
Lector	Lee Mills	Ivan Wittel
Ushers	John & Kandi Null	Chaz Stroup
Musician	Dcn. Arica Demme	Rosemary Keller
Altar Guild	Kandi Null	Rosemary Keller
Livestream	Ray Kneisley/Sandy Tippett	

Feb. 12, 2023 ATTENDANCE – 53

"CRY ROOM AVAILABILITY"

For parents with children younger than one year, there is a "Cry Room" near the front entrance if you would need to use that during the worship service.

Please maintain silence for meditation as soon as the candles are lit until the beginning of the service.

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE – Beautiful Savior

The assembly stands (if able)

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: In the name of the Father, and of the \Rightarrow Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

- C: Amen
- P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. [Hebrews 10:22]
- P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C: who made heaven and earth.
- P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P: Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- C: O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ. our Lord. Amen.
- P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this Lord, unto us all.

Mark 16:16: John 1:12

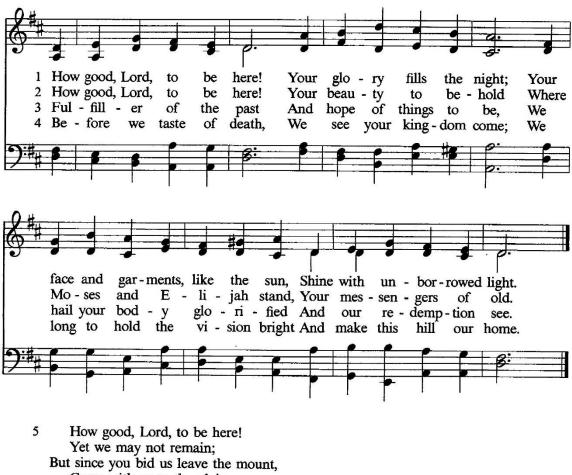
Matthew 28:19b;[18:20]

Psalm 124:8

Psalm 32:5

ENTRANCE HYMN

How Good, Lord, to Be Here!



Come with us to the plain.

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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.

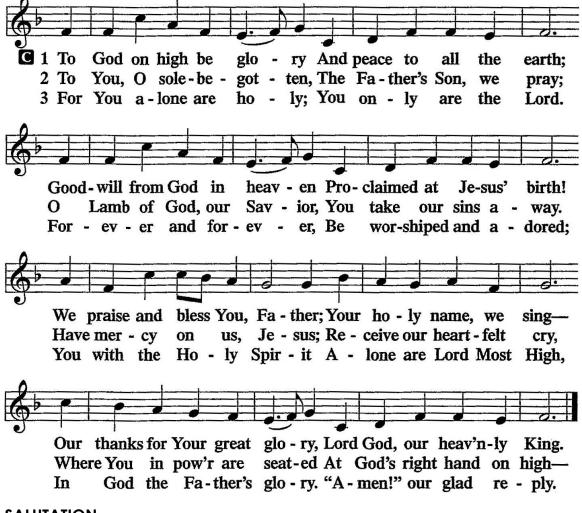


For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray | to the Lord. A

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy. С

- A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
- Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy. С
- A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray | to the Lord.
- С Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.
- A Help, save, comfort, and defend us gracious Lord.
- С Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

Luke 2:14; John 1:29



SALUTATION

HYMN OF PRAISE

P: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you. 2 Timothy 4:22

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

O God, at the glorious transfiguration of your only Son, you confirmed the mystery of our faith by the witness of the disciples and by your own voice from the cloud. Mercifully complete our adoption as your children, and give us, with our King, an inheritance of his glory. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

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The First Reading is from the 24th chapter of Exodus

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¹Then the LORD said to Moses, "Come up to the LORD, you and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel. You are to worship at a distance, ² but Moses alone is to approach the LORD; the others must not come near. And the people may not come up with him." ³When Moses went and told the people all the LORD's words and laws, they responded with one voice, "Everything the LORD has said we will do." ⁴ Moses then wrote down everything the LORD had said. He got up early the next morning and built an altar at the foot of the mountain and set up twelve stone pillars representing the twelve tribes of Israel. ⁵ Then he sent young Israelite men, and they offered burnt offerings and sacrificed young bulls as fellowship offerings to the LORD. 6 Moses took half of the blood and put it in bowls, and the other half he splashed against the altar. ⁷ Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it to the people. They responded, "We will do everything the LORD has said; we will obey." ⁸Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, "Behold the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words." 'Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, ¹⁰ and they saw the God of Israel. There was under his feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. ¹¹And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank. ¹²The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and wait there, that I may give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." ¹³So Moses rose with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. ¹⁴And he said to the elders, "Wait here for us until we return to you. And behold, Aaron and Hur are with you. Whoever has a dispute, let him go to them." ¹⁵Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶The glory of the LORD dwelt on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. And on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud. ¹⁷Now 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. ¹⁸Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Brief silence for reflection.

The Psalm is read responsively.

Psalm 2:6-12

⁶ "As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill."

- 7 I will tell of the decree:
 The LORD said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you.
- ⁸ Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession.
- ⁹ You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."
 ¹⁰ Now therefore, O kings, be wise;
 - be warned, O rulers of the earth.
- ¹¹ Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling.
- ¹² Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

Brief silence for reflection.

The Second Reading is from the 1st chapter of 2 Peter

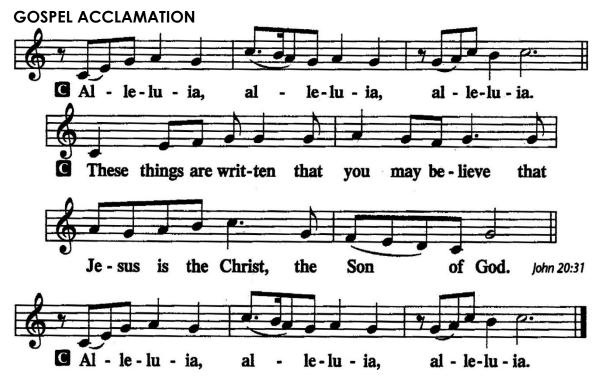
Second Reading: 2 Peter 1:16-21

¹⁶We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased," ¹⁸we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. ¹⁹And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, ²⁰knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. ²¹For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Brief silence for reflection.

The assembly stands (if able) to welcome the Gospel.



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

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

¹After six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. ²And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. ³And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴And Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." ⁵He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." ⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear." ⁸And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. ⁹And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

SERMON

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

The assembly stands (if able).

hymn of the day Beautiful Savior



Text: Gesangbuch, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823-1904 Tune: Silesian folk tune, 1842 SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU 557558

APOSTLE'S CREED

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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 THE CHURCH

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

A brief silence.

Each portion of the prayers ends with these or similar words:

P: Lord, in your mercy, C: hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. C: Amen

SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

The people greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

Matt. 5:22-24; Eph. 4:1-3

Math 5:00 04: Each 4:1

OFFERTORY Now Thank We All Our God



Text: Martin Rinkhart, 1586-1649; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1829-1878 Tune: Johann Crüger, 1598-1662 NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT 67 67 66 66

OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A: Let us pray. Blessed are you,
- C: O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PREFACE

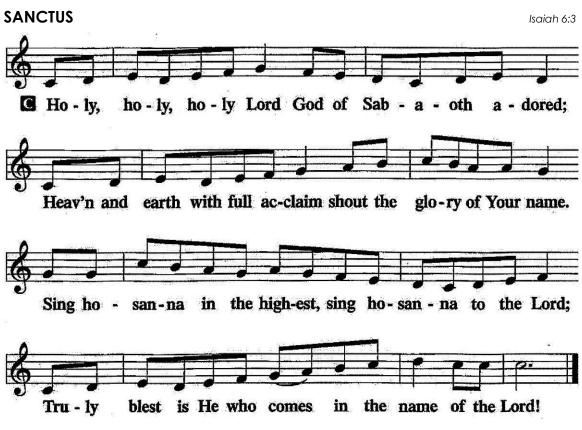
P: The Lord be with you.	C: And also with you.	2 Timothy 4:22
P: Lift up your hearts.	C: We lift them to the Lord.	[Colossians 3:1]

[Psalm 136]

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: It is truly right and salutary we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

- P: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.
 - In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.
 - We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood. **C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

- P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."
 - In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My & blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

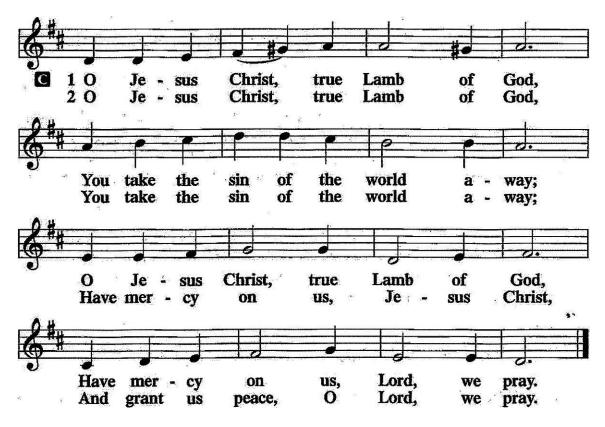
LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

- P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray.
- C: 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.

The assembly is seated.

AGNUS DEI



INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All are welcome to receive the Lord's Body and Blood who are baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and believe that Jesus Christ is truly present in the bread and wine.

HOW WE COMMUNE: When you come forward the pastor will first give you bread to eat. Then, take a cup from the tray. The assistant will pour in wine to drink. Afterward, you will place the empty cup in the water in the plastic container at the side aisle, and return to your seat.

If you are unable to consume wine, you may commune with only the bread. Unbaptized and those who have yet to receive first communion may come forward to receive a blessing. Signify by holding your hands to your chest instead of reaching out for the bread and wine.

The assembly stands (if able) when everyone has received the sacrament.

BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. C: Amen



POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Let us pray.

God of mercy and grace, we thank you for feeding us with the sacrament of Christ's body and blood – that which strengthens us in faith and assures us of new life now and in eternity. As we wait and watch for the return of the Messiah in these last days, continue to feed us with the life-giving bread and the cup of salvation.

C: Amen

BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION

P: Let us bless the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

[Psalm 103:1]

- P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and & give you peace. Numbers 6:24-26
- C: Amen

SENDING HYMN

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788 Tune: Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE – Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

arr. Melody Bober

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PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

In your daily prayers please remember those listed below:

<u>Homebound</u>	Additional prayers	
Debbie Binder	Ale Sgro – recovering from heart transplant	
Clair Crist	Family of Shirley Walker – mourning her death	
Donna Hiltebeitel	Tom Scherer – ALS	
Elizabeth Larsen	Pr. Ted Hummel – bone marrow cancer	
Sonya LaGamba	Family of Nancy Foltz – mourning her death	
Earl and Janet Harry	Shirl Sload and family – mourning death of	
Pastor Luke Seamon	husband	
	Brittany Merrill – chemo, radiation & surgery	
	Donald Moyer – chemo	
	Teresa Poplin – hospice care, brain cancer	
	Pr. Abera Hellemo – torn rotator cuff	
	Gordon Taber-Rhodes – neck fracture &	
	broken ribs	
	Family of Gavin Graybill – mourning his death	

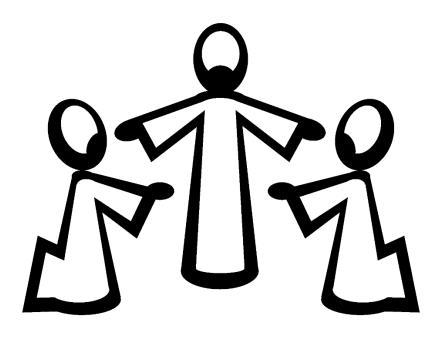
To request a prayer during today's worship for a person not on the list above, "print" the name on the prayer request form on the table in the back of the nave before worship.

- Names on the additional prayers list will be printed for one month. Contact Rose Keller (717) 333-1448 or (rose.a.keller@gmail.com) or Pr. Mark at (pastor@reformation-nalc.org) to keep a name listed for another month, to add a new name, or to remove a name.
- **Prayer Chain participants** are emailed prayer updates. Contact Judy Mills (pabluebird1242@icloud.com) to be included in the updates, or request removal from the chain.

STEWARDSHIP



Offering plates are not passed during the service, they are located on a table in the back of the nave. You may also mail checks to Sandy Tippett, 3377 Horizon Drive, Lancaster PA 17603.



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CORE VALUES OF THE NALC

Christ-Centered

We confess the apostolic faith in Jesus Christ according to the Holy Scriptures. We affirm the authority of the Scriptures as the authoritative source and norm, "according to which all doctrines should and must be judged" (Formula of Concord). We accept the ecumenical creeds and the Lutheran Confessions as true witnesses to the Word of God.

Mission-Driven

We believe that the mission of the Church is to preach the Gospel and to make disciples for Christ. We believe that making disciples — in our congregations, in our communities and nations, and around the world must be a priority of the Church in the present age.

Traditionally-Grounded

We affirm the ecumenical creeds and the faithful witness of the Church across time and space. We endorse the form and practices of the universal Church that are consistent with Scripture, particularly the office of the ministry and the tradition of worship under Word and Sacrament. We seek dialogue and fellowship with other Lutheran churches and with faithful Christians of other confessions.

Congregationally-Focused

We strive to be a church body that is organized to facilitate the ministries of local congregations in a posture of servanthood and a spirit of partnership, through the provision of resources, connections and information.



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