

The Reading: Luke 9:28-45 (*you may be seated*)

²⁸ About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray. ²⁹ As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. ³⁰ Two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendor, talking with Jesus. ³¹ They spoke about his departure, which he was about to bring to fulfillment at Jerusalem. ³² Peter and his companions were very sleepy, but when they became fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. ³³ As the men were leaving Jesus, Peter said to him, “Master, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters – one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.” (He did not know what he was saying.) ³⁴ While he was speaking, a cloud appeared and covered them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. ³⁵ A voice came from the cloud, saying, “This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him.” ³⁶ When the voice had spoken, they found that Jesus was alone. The disciples kept this to themselves and did not tell anyone at that time what they had seen. ³⁷ The next day, when they came down from the mountain, a large crowd met him. ³⁸ A man in the crowd called out, “Teacher, I beg you to look at my son, for he is my only child. ³⁹ A spirit seizes him and he suddenly screams; it throws him into convulsions so that he foams at the mouth. It scarcely ever leaves him and is destroying him. ⁴⁰ I begged your disciples to drive it out, but they could not.” ⁴¹ “You unbelieving and perverse generation,” Jesus replied, “how long shall I stay with you and put up with you? Bring your son here.” ⁴² Even while the boy was coming, the demon threw him to the ground in a convulsion. But Jesus rebuked the impure spirit, healed the boy and gave him back to his father. ⁴³ And they were all amazed at the greatness of God. While everyone was marveling at all that Jesus did, he said to his disciples, ⁴⁴ “Listen carefully to what I am about to tell you: The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men.” ⁴⁵ But they did not understand what this meant. It was hidden from them, so that they did not grasp it, and they were afraid to ask him about it.

P: This is the Word of the Lord, **C: Thanks be to God.**

Children’s Message: *Pastor Eric Hanson*

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Hymn of the Day & Offering: *Offerings will be collected during the hymn of the day. Thank you also to those who give online. If you’d like to sign up for online giving please visit <http://www.stlukegoodhue.org/online-giving.html>. Children’s coin offering will go toward ELCA Good Gifts serving communities in need around the world.*

“You Are Mine” ELW #581

**Vs 1: I will come to you in the silence, I will lift you from all your fear.
You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice. Be still and know I am here.**

**Vs 2: I am hope for all who are hopeless, I am eyes for all who long to see.
In the shadows of the night, I will be your light. Come and rest in me.**

**Refrain: Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name.
Come and follow me, I will bring you home; I love you and you are mine.**

**Vs 3: I am strength for all the despairing, healing for the ones who dwell in shame.
All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and all will know my name. [Refrain]**

**Vs 4: I am the Word that leads all to freedom, I am the peace the world cannot give.
I will call your name, embracing all your pain. Stand up, now walk and live! [Refrain]**

Offertory Response: *“Give Thanks”* W&P 41 (*ushers bring offerings forward*)

**Give thanks with a grateful heart. Give thanks to the Holy One.
Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ, His Son. And now let the weak say, “I am strong”.
Let the poor say, “I am rich Because of what the Lord has done for us”. Give thanks.**

Offertory Prayer: L: God of grace,

C: 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.

Apostles’ Creed: (*please stand as you are able*) **I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven & 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 into hell. 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: (*call and response*)

With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, & all of creation. *A brief silence.* Transfiguring God, through the glory of your presence, you transform us. Move the church from complacency to boldness in sharing the good news with others. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for your creation. As seasons change, give patience and skill to all who tend to animals giving birth. Grant nourishing weather for the growing of crops. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all in leadership, especially for those who lead states, counties, and town councils. Give them wisdom to protect local resources so that all will flourish both now and in the years to come. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Bring your healing grace to those who feel distant from you. Speak comfort to those who need your words of mercy. We pray for those close to our communities and in our hearts especially Keith Brown, Jan Benidt, Dave (Pud) Gnotke, Shawn Fredrixon, Marc Bode, Harlan Reese, Gage Miller, Alex Stehr, Perry Fitzgerald, Tanya Bakken, Nicole Anderson, Henry Strauss, Diane Krenke, Steve Pabst, Bob Eppen, Chase Hanson & the Family of Austin “Randy” Holst. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of our past, present, and future, lead us into new beginnings, trusting in the promise of new life in Christ. Accompany congregations needing to close, and give courage to congregations starting new ministries. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Renewing God, the saints who have gone before us witnessed to the ways you transform your church and people. We give thanks for their example and pray we carry it forward. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

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

Sharing the Peace: P: The peace of Christ be with you always, **C: And also with you.**

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 Him thanks & praise.**

The Words of Institution

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.

Meal and Hymns: (*you may be seated*)

All are welcome at this meal. We believe in the saving power of Jesus Christ through the gift of his life, death, and resurrection experienced in bread and wine.

Please move forward via the center aisle. Bread is received in the hands. Wine is received by dipping the bread into the wine chalice and consuming both together. All ages are welcome to commune. Those not communing may receive a blessing by simply keeping your hands folded or extending your arms over your chest in the sign of a cross inviting blessing. For those unable to consume either wine or bread, communion is received fully in either element alone, for Christ is fully present in the meal. You may return to your seats via the side aisles after communing. Gluten-free is available, simply make the server aware of your need. Also, if you cannot come forward, but wish for communion or blessing, let the usher know it will come to you at the end.

“What a Friend We Have In Jesus” ELW #742

Vs 1: What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer! O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear, all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!

Vs 2: Have we trials & temptations? Is there trouble anywhere? We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer! Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share? Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer!

Vs 3: Are we weak & heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care? Precious Savior, still our refuge - take it to the Lord in prayer! Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer! In his arms he’ll take and shield you; you will find a solace there.

“When Peace Like A River” ELW #785

Vs 1: When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll;
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, “It is well, it is well with my soul.”

Refrain: It is well with my soul; it is well, it is well with my soul.

Vs 2: Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, let this blest assurance control:
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate, and has shed his own blood for my soul. [Refrain]

Vs3: He lives oh, the bliss of this glorious thought! my sin, not in part, but the whole,
is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more; praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! [Refrain]

Vs 4: Lord, hasten the day when my faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
the trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend; even so, it is well with my soul. [Refrain]

Communion Prayer: *(Please stand as you are able)*

P: Let us pray together,

C: 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, Amen.

Blessing: P: The Spirit of the triune God + bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, & send you in love.
C: Amen.

Sending Hymn: “Shine, Jesus Shine” ELW #671

Refrain: Shine Jesus shine, Fill this land, With the Father’s glory, Blaze Spirit blaze, Set our hearts on fire,
flow river flow, Flood the nations, With grace & mercy, Send forth Your word Lord, & let there be light.

Vs 1: Lord the light of Your love is shining. In the midst of the darkness shining. Jesus Light of the world
shine upon us. Set us free by the truth You now bring us. Shine on me shine on me. [refrain]

Vs 2: As we gaze on Your kingly brightness. So our faces display Your likeness. Ever changing from
glory to glory. Mirrored here may our lives tell Your story. Shine on me shine on me. [refrain]

Dismissal: P: Go in peace. Live in hope.

C: Thanks be to God.

Welcome

We’re Glad You’re Here

St. Luke Lutheran Church • Pastor Eric Hanson

Transfiguration • 9:30AM • March 2, 2025

Prelude:

Welcome & Announcements

Greeting: *(please stand as you are able)*

P: The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

C: Come Holy Spirit, Come!

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 is kept for reflection.)

P: Merciful God,

C: you speak blessing & 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 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.

Gathering Hymn: “Beautiful Savior” ELW #838

Verse 1: Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God and Son of Man!

Truly I’d love Thee, truly I’d serve thee, Light of my soul, my Joy, my Crown.

Verse 2: Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands, Robed in flow’rs of blooming spring;

Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer; He makes our sorr’wing spirit sing.

Verse 3: Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight, Bright the sparkling stars on high;

Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer Than all the angels in the sky.

Verse 4: Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man!

Glory and honor, Praise, adoration, Now and forevermore be Thine!

Prayer of the Day:

P: Let us pray together.

C: Dazzling Lord, In blinding light you showed your disciples a hint of your power and purpose. Reveal
yourself to us today. Show us what you desire of us and how to broadcast your love to the world, for the
sake of the one who keeps company with the prophets Moses and Elijah, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Praise for the Word: “Heal Me, O Lord” 2X TFF #189

Heal me, O Lord And I will be healed. Save me and I will be saved Heal me,
O Lord And I will be healed, For You are the One I praise, You are One I Praise

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