



*Ebenezer*  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

# Service of Worship

February 19, 2023

8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

Transfiguration of Our Lord

*Welcome  
to Ebenezer!*

+ GATHERING +

*Our worship is “liturgical” - a fancy word meaning that worship is the work we do together. We sit, stand, kneel, sing and respond—all to add our movements and voices to the thankful chorus of the whole Church.*

*Restrooms are found in the reception area. Exit sanctuary by the double doors by pulpit and follow portico to the double doors on your left.*

*Devices for the hearing impaired are located on designated pews. For assistance, please see an usher.*

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

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

**Amen**

Trusting the goodness of God’s mercy,  
let us confess our sin.

Holy One, source of our renewal,  
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.**

Thus says our God:

“The former things have come to pass  
and new things I now declare.”

God’s mercy makes us new.

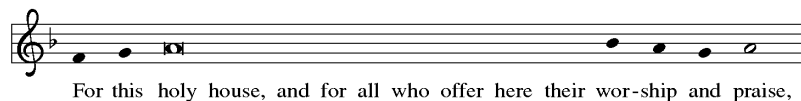
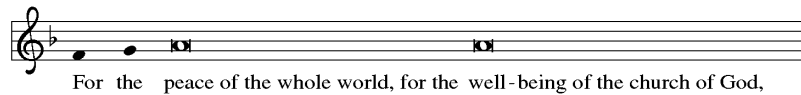
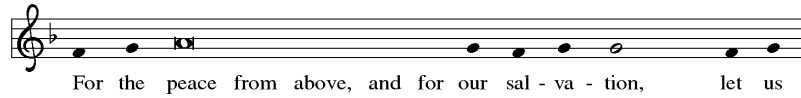
We are forgiven in the name of ✚ Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

*We stand and face the processional cross.*

**Greeting**

The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

**Kyrie****Prayer of the Day**

O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*We sit.*

## Children's Message (10:30 a.m.)

### + Word +

*From our Old and New  
Testament readings, we  
hear words of promise and  
fulfillment.*

#### **First Reading:** Exodus 24: 13-18

<sup>12</sup>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." <sup>13</sup>So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. <sup>14</sup>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." <sup>15</sup>Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. <sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>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. <sup>18</sup>Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### **Second Reading:** 2 Peter 1: 16-21

<sup>16</sup>For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. <sup>17</sup>For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." <sup>18</sup>We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. <sup>19</sup>So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. <sup>20</sup>First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, <sup>21</sup>because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*We stand.*

## Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Gospel:** Matthew 17: 1-9

<sup>1</sup>Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. <sup>2</sup>And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. <sup>3</sup>Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. <sup>4</sup>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." <sup>5</sup>While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" <sup>6</sup>When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. <sup>7</sup>But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." <sup>8</sup>And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. <sup>9</sup>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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*We sit.*

**Sermon**

Pastor Paul Aebischer

*We stand.*

**Hymn ELW 303**

**Brightest and Best of the Stars**

**MORNING STAR**

*In our hearing of the  
Gospel, God is  
announcing Good  
News in our midst.*

## 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 the People

*After the assisting minister introduces the prayers, we stand or kneel  
as able for the petitions and respond with the chorus below.*

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*The presiding minister concludes the prayers. Amen.*

*We sit.*

**Anthem (10:30)**

**Eternal Light Shine in My Heart**

**Offertory Hymn ELW 181 Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful**

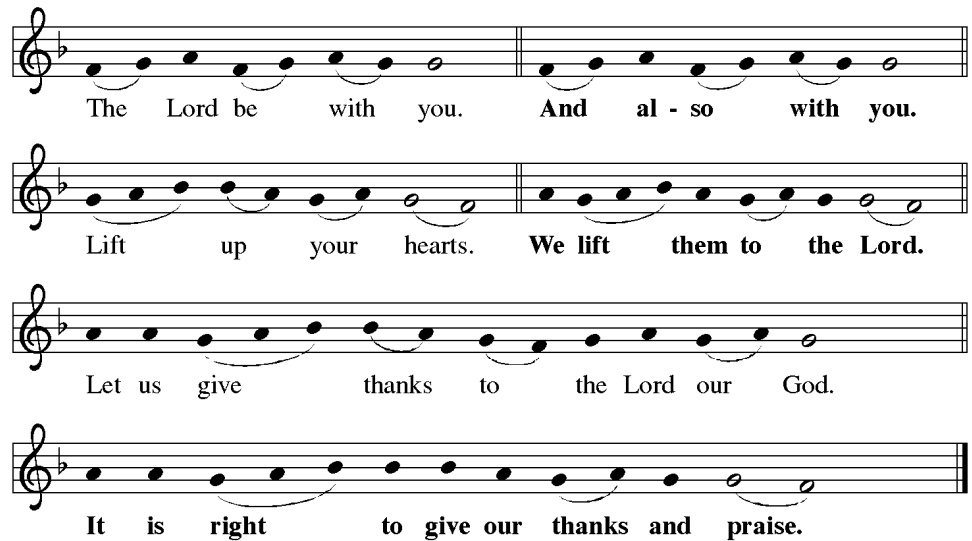
## Offering Prayer (10:30)

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,  
**Amen**

## + Offering +

*Until we resume passing  
the offering plate, we  
invite you to use this  
time to reflect on how  
you've experienced and  
shared God's generosity.  
Our offering plates are  
located at each entrance.*

## Great Thanksgiving Communion(8:30 spoken, 10:30 chant)



The Lord be with you. **And al - so with you.**

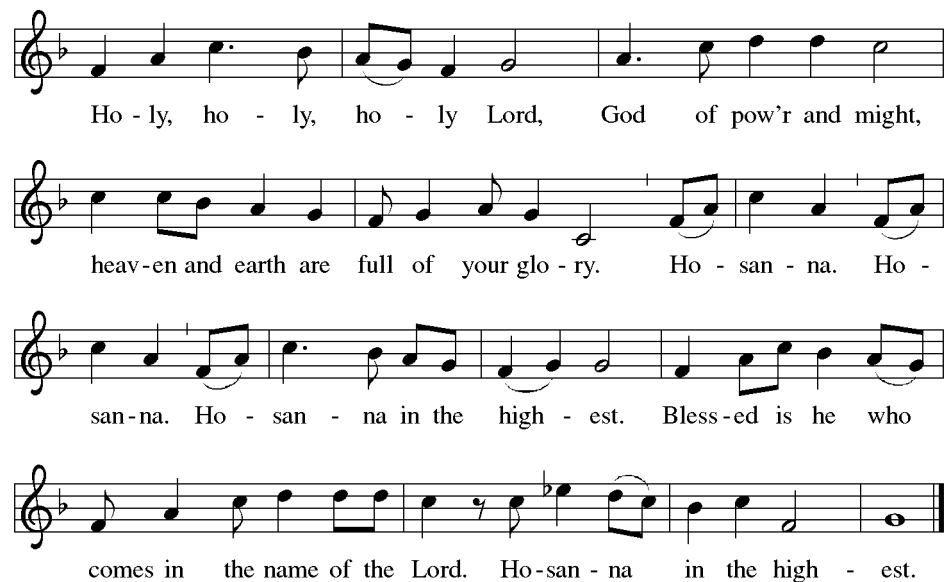
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who sharing our life, lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to your own brilliant light. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
san-na. 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.

## Words of Institution

### The Lord's Prayer



Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - low - ed be your  
name, your king - dom come, your will be done on  
earth as in heav - en. Give us to - day our  
dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as  
we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.  
Save us from the time of trial and de -  
liv - er us from e - vil, for the king - dom, the pow'r and the  
glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er.

## + Meal+

### *What is Holy Communion?*

*In the Sacrament of Holy Communion, we are joined to Christ and his disciples at the Last Supper. In this meal, we receive forgiveness, reconciliation, and the promise of eternal life.*

### *How we Commune*

*Please come down the center aisle at the usher's invitation. You may commune (standing) at the station beside the baptismal font or (kneeling) at the altar. In either case, please pick up an empty cup from the tray at the head of the aisle. You will receive the bread first, and then your cup will be filled from the pouring chalice. Bowls are available on either side of the sanctuary for empty cups. Please return to your pew by the side aisle.*

### Invitation to Communion

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

*We sit*

*Please wait for the Usher's invitation to come forward to receive communion via the center aisle. We will commune one side of the church at a time.*

*After receiving communion, please return to your seat via the side aisle.*

### 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.

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**Songs for Communion**

Hymn ELW 317 Jesus on the Mountain Peak

Hymn ELW 838 Beautiful Savior

*When all have returned to their places, we stand or kneel.*

**Communion Blessing**

**Prayer after Communion**

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.

**Amen.**

**Blessing**

Hymn ELW 834 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise  
ST. DENIO

**Dismissal**

Go in peace.  
Follow the way of Jesus.

Thanks be to God.

**Postlude**

**+ Sending +**

*Our worship service  
ends and our service in  
the world begins. We  
go forth to gladly tell  
what we have seen and  
heard!*



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