# Lamb Of God Lutheran Church

## February 19, 2023

The Transfiguration of Our Lord





#### *Communion Statement* <u>We will be celebrating Holy Communion at this service</u>

We consider this to be a family meal partaken in and with the Real Presence of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The term "Communion" describes the relationship between the participants, certainly between each person and our Savior whose meal it is, but also with all who come together to consume Christ's body and blood in and with the bread and wine. To properly celebrate Communion all participants should be in communion; sharing the same confession of faith as is taught by the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS). We welcome all those who regularly confess this faith as members or regular attenders of Lamb of God. Those who belong to another LCMS congregation and wish to join with us as fellow family members are asked to speak to an Elder prior to the beginning of service. Those who are visiting but not members of an LCMS congregation may approach the communion rail and receive a blessing with their arms folded in front of their chest, or remain seated.

This has been the practice of the Church from the beginning, which according to earliest records would dismiss all those not baptized and confirmed before the Lord's Supper was celebrated. We are celebrating this Sacrament in keeping with this tradition. If you are from outside the LCMS confession, please know that we are not judging you or your faith. We are not implying that you are not a Christian or worthy of the gifts Christ won for you on the cross. We are simply acknowledging that since you do not have the same confession as we do you are not "in communion" with us. If you still desire to participate in Holy Communion in the future at Lamb of God please speak with Pastor Mark after the service. Thank you for honoring our celebration of Holy Communion.

\*\* Note: For those concerned about consuming alcohol-the individual cups in the center of each tray contain diluted wine. (1 drop of wine in water) There is gluten free wafers.

### Lamb of God Lutheran Church

Empowered by Christ's Sacraments to be His witness in Friendship/Fellowship/and Faith.

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## **Divine Service 1**

### Fellowship Register

Please sign the register that you will find in the pew and pass it on to the others sitting in your pew. Guests are invited to sign the register and please include your address. Thank you.

## **Pre-Service Music**

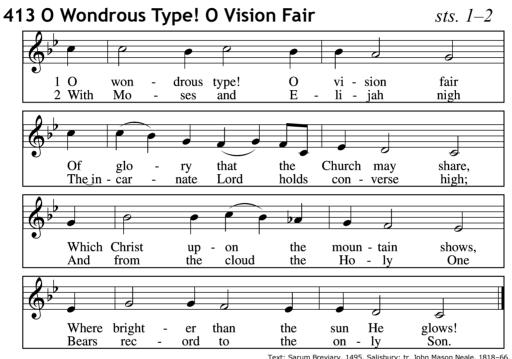
## Welcome and Announcements

#### Salutation

**P** The Peace of the Lord be with you always

#### **C** And also with you.

Please share the Peace of Christ with those worshipping around you.



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## **Confession and Absolution**

Please stand as you are able

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

#### Invocation

■ In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

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#### **C** Amen.

#### Exhortation

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- If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

#### Confession of Sins

LSB 151

- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

#### Absolution

#### LSB 151

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

### Service of the Word

#### **Responsive Reading:**

Psalm 2:6-12

<sup>6</sup> "As for me, I have set my King on Zion,

#### **C** my holy hill."

 <sup>7</sup> I will tell of the decree: The LORD said to me, "You are my Son;

#### **G** today I have begotten you.

 $\mathbf{P}$  <sup>8</sup> Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,

#### **G** and the ends of the earth your possession.

 $\mathbf{P}^{9}$  You shall break them with a rod of iron

#### **C** and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."

- $\mathbf{P}^{10}$  Now therefore, O kings, be wise;
- **G** be warned, O rulers of the earth.
- $\mathbf{P}^{-11}$  Serve the LORD with fear,
- and rejoice with trembling.

 $\mathbf{P}^{12}$  Kiss the Son,

#### C lest he be angry, and you perish in the way,

- **P** for his wrath is quickly kindled.
- **G** Blessèd are all who take refuge in him.
- Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

#### Kyrie

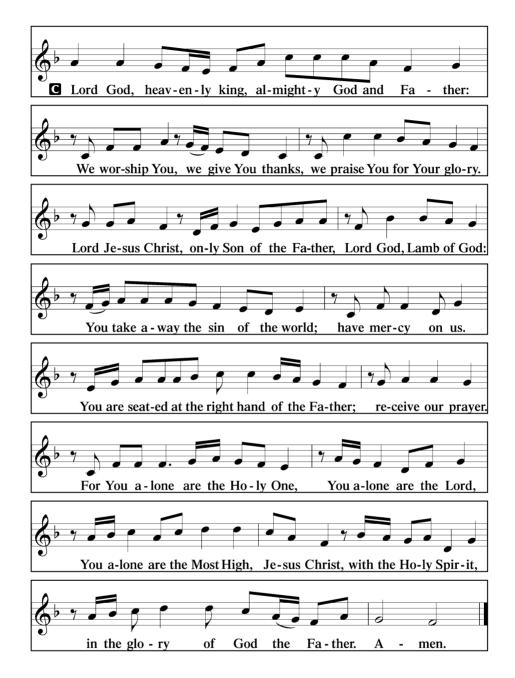
LSB 152

- **P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- **P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- 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.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- **C** Amen.

#### Gloria in Excelsis

#### LSB 154

P Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.



#### Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

#### • And also with you.

#### **P** Let us pray.

O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah. In the voice that came from the bright cloud You wonderfully foreshowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King in His glory and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

#### **C** Amen.

#### Please be seated

#### Old Testament Lesson:

#### Exodus 24:4-18

<sup>4</sup>And Moses wrote down all the words of the LORD. He rose early in the morning and built an altar at the foot of the mountain, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel. <sup>5</sup>And he sent young men of the people of Israel, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen to the LORD. <sup>6</sup>And Moses took half of the blood and put it in basins, and half of the blood he threw against the altar. <sup>7</sup>Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it in the hearing of the people. And they said, "All that the LORD has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient." <sup>8</sup>And Moses 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."

<sup>9</sup>Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank.

<sup>12</sup>The 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." <sup>13</sup>So Moses rose with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. <sup>14</sup>And 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."

<sup>15</sup>Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. <sup>16</sup>The 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. <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. And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

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

#### **Epistle Lesson:**

#### 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 were eyewitnesses of his majesty. <sup>17</sup>For 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," <sup>18</sup>we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. <sup>19</sup>And we have something more sure, the prophetic word, 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, <sup>20</sup>knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. <sup>21</sup>For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

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

#### Please stand as you are able



# Holy Gospel:Matthew 17:1-13P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the

- seventeenth chapter.
- Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, 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 white as light. <sup>3</sup>And



behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. <sup>4</sup>And 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." <sup>5</sup>He 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." <sup>6</sup>When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. <sup>7</sup>But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear." <sup>8</sup>And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

<sup>9</sup>And 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." <sup>10</sup>And the disciples asked him, "Then why do the scribes say that first Elijah must come?" <sup>11</sup>He answered, "Elijah does come, and he will restore all things. <sup>12</sup>But I tell you that Elijah has already come, and they did not recognize

him, but did to him whatever they pleased. So also the Son of Man will certainly suffer at their hands." <sup>13</sup>Then the disciples understood that he was speaking to them of John the Baptist.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Please be seated

Children's Message

#### 416 Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory

Sung to the tune from #423 "Jesus, Refuge of the Weary"

- Swiftly pass the clouds of glory, Heaven's voice, the dazzling light; Moses and Elijah vanish; Christ alone commands the height! Peter, James, and John fall silent, Turning from the summit's rise Downward toward the shadowed valley Where their Lord has fixed His eyes.
- 2 Glimpsed and gone the revelation, They shall gain and keep its truth, Not by building on the mountain Any shrine or sacred booth, But by following the Savior Through the valley to the cross And by testing faith's resilience Through betrayal, pain, and loss.

Lord, transfigure our perception With the purest light that shines, And recast our life's intentions To the shape of Your designs, Till we seek no other glory Than what lies past Calv'ry's hill And our living and our dying And our rising by Your will.

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#### Sermon: Matthew 17:5-9

Please stand as you are able

#### **Nicene Creed**

**C** I believe in one God,

the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man;

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures

and ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,

whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord and giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,

who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,

and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## Offering and Prayers

#### **Offering Statement**

P We do not pass the offering plate here at Lamb of God. If you are a visitor, we don't want you to feel obligated to give an offering, we are just glad that you have joined us for worship this day. Those who would like to give an offering may drop it off in the Offering Box in the Narthex, the box across from the Church Office, mail their Offering Envelope in, or use our online giving portal from our website.

#### **Offering Verses:**

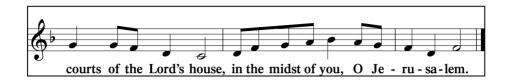
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#### Offertory

LSB 159





Please be seated

#### Prayer of the Church

- P Heavenly Father, You revealed Your glory in the transfiguration of Your Son, who tabernacled among us in the flesh. Open our eyes, that by faith we would see Him continuing to tabernacle among us in the Divine Service. Grant that we would heed Your admonition to "listen to Him" as He forgives and preserves us at the font, pulpit and altar. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- **P** ... Lord, in Your mercy,

#### C hear our prayer.

- ▶ Lord God, Your power is beyond compare and Your glory beyond understanding. Open our hearts to know You through the glory of Your Son, whose saving will and purpose has rescued us from sin and death and made us Your own people by Baptism and faith; for to You, blessed and eternal Father, belong all honor and glory, worship and praise, with Your beloved Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- **G** Amen.

Please stand as you are able

## Service of the Sacrament

#### Preface

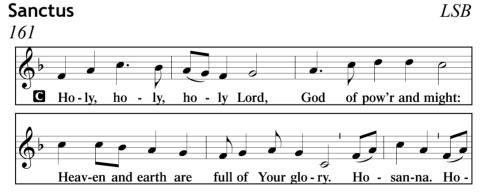
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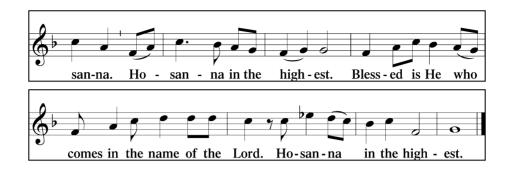
- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- We lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

#### **G** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

#### Proper Preface (Full)

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who at His transfiguration revealed His glory to His disciples that they might be strengthened to proclaim His cross and resurrection and with all the faithful look forward to the glory of life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:





#### The Words of Our Lord

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."

#### **Proclamation of Christ**

- P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- **C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and

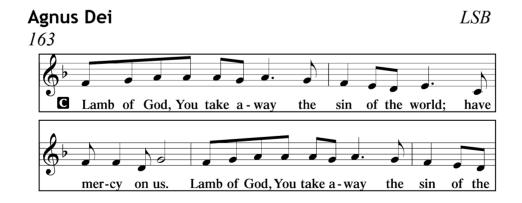
Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

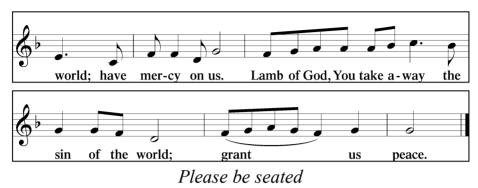
#### Lord's Prayer

**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. Pax Domini LSB

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P The peace of the Lord be with you always.C Amen.





#### Distribution

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:

#### **Right Column**

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The true body of Christ, given for you.

#### Amen.

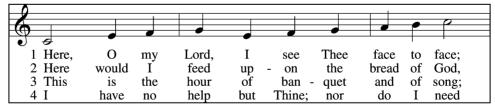
The true blood of Christ, shed for you.

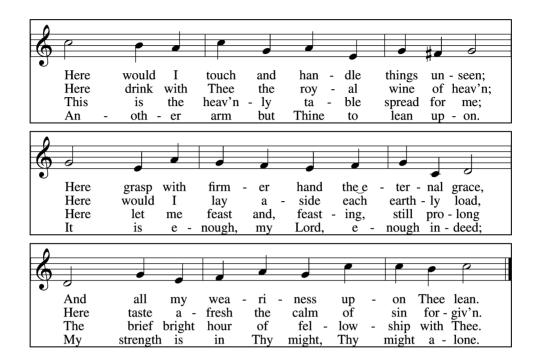
#### Amen.

In dismissing the communicants, the following is said: Table Dismissal

**P** Depart now in His joy and peace, knowing that all of your sins have been forgiven.

#### 631 Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face





- 5 Mine is the sin, but Thine the righteousness;
  Mine is the guilt, but Thine the cleansing blood;
  Here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace:
  Thy blood, Thy righteousness, O Lord my God.
- 6 Too soon we rise; the vessels disappear; The feast, though not the love, is past and gone;



The bread

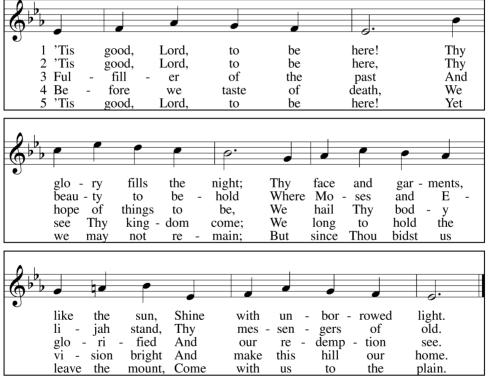
and wine remove, but Thou art here; Nearer than ever; still my shield and sun.

7 Feast after feast thus comes and passes by, Yet, passing, points to that glad feast above, Giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy, The Lamb's great marriage feast of bliss and love.

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#### 414 'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here





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#### 537 Beautiful Savior

A Lamb of God Favorite

1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion, Son of
2 Fair are the mead-ows, Fair are the wood-lands, Robed in
3 Fair is the sun - shine, Fair is the moon-light, Bright the
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions, Son of
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God and Son of Man! Tru-ly I'd love Thee, Tru - ly I'd
flow'rs of bloom-ing spring; Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is
spar - kling stars on high; Je - sus shines bright-er, Je - sus shine
God and Son of Man! Glo-ry and hon - or, Praise, ad - o
serve Thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
pur - er, He makes our sor - r'wing spir - it sing.
pur - er Than all the an - gels in the sky.
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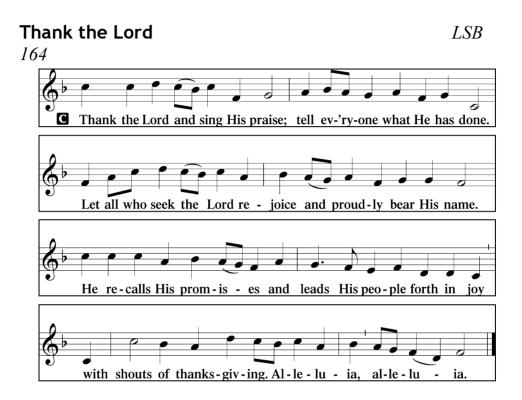
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#### The Dismissal

- C Amen.

## Close of the Service

Please Stand as you are able



#### **Post-Communion Collect**

**P** Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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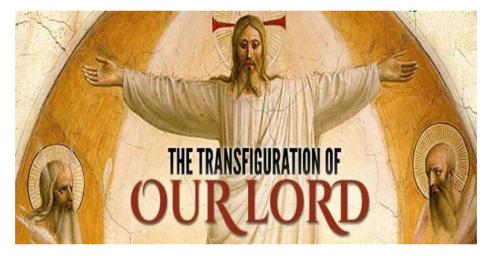
### C Amen.

Benediction

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**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.

**C** Amen.



# Ash Wednesday Service

February 22, 2023

# 7:00 pm + Chronicles of the King

King David (1 Chronicles 21)

# **Pastor Mark Pretznow**



Lenten Supper

5:00 pm - 6:30 pm

Menu:Potluck.

Bring a dish to pass. See sign-up sheet

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