

# THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

February 15, 2025 at 8:45 & 11:15am



**Saint Luke Lutheran Church and School**

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Today's festival is a bridge between the Advent-Christmas-Epiphany cycle that comes to a close today and the Lent-Easter cycle that begins in several days. On a high mountain Jesus is revealed as God's beloved Son, echoing the words at his baptism. This vision of glory sustains us as Jesus faces his impending death in Jerusalem. We turn this week to Ash Wednesday and our yearly baptismal journey from Lent to Easter. Some churches put aside the alleluia at the conclusion of today's liturgy. This word of joy will be omitted during the penitential season of Lent and will be sung again at Easter.

## THE GATHERING

### PRELUDE

Improvisation on "Aberystwyth"

*John Huston (1916–1975)*

### WELCOME

### CONFSSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, **+** one God, the Creator of heaven and earth,  
the Word who spoke life into being, the Wind stirring the waters.

**Amen.**

Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Mighty God, lover of justice,  
**you call us to life in community, but we have served our own interests at the expense of our neighbors. We have sown deceit where honesty was needed. We say the right words, but our hearts are far from you. Turn us to seek your face. Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ, that we may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

The former things have passed away, and new things God now declares: Like a spring of water that never fails, God covers you in the righteousness of Christ, and forgives your sin in **+** Jesus' name. May the Spirit give you strength to live for others, and bless you with the gift of peace. **Amen.**

## GATHERING HYMN

## ELW 834 –Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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!

## 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.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

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.**

*Please be seated.*

## THE WORD

### FIRST READING

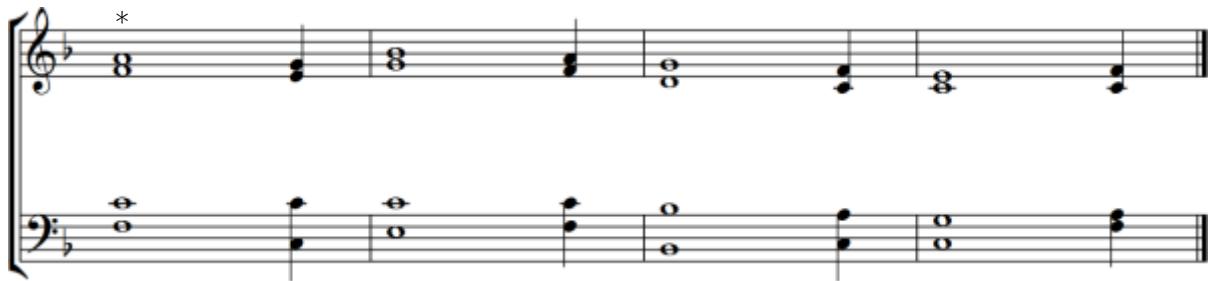
Exodus 24:12-18

*At Mount Sinai, Moses experienced the presence of God for forty days and forty nights. The “glory of the Lord” settled on the mountain, and on the seventh day God called out to Moses. On the mountain God gave Moses the stone tablets inscribed with the ten commandments.*

The Lord said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain and wait there; 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 onto the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come back to you. Look, 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 Israelites. 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.**



- 1 Why are the nations in an uproar?  
Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?
- 2 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?
- 3 "Let us break their yoke," they say;  
"let us cast off their bonds from us."
- 4 God whose throne is in heaven is laughing;  
the Lord holds them in derision.
- 5 Then in wrath God speaks to them,  
and in rage fills them with terror.
- 6 "As for me, I have anointed my king  
upon Zion, my holy mountain."
- 7 Let me announce the decree of the Lord,  
who said to me, "You are my son; this day have I begotten you.
- 8 Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance  
and the ends of the earth for your possession.
- 9 You shall crush them with an iron rod  
and shatter them like a piece of pottery."
- 10 And now, you kings, be wise;  
be warned, you rulers of the earth.
- 11 Submit to the Lord with fear,  
and with trembling bow in worship;
- 12 lest the Lord be angry, and you perish in a sudden blaze of wrath.  
Happy are all who take refuge in God!

## SECOND READING

2 Peter 1:16-21

*At the transfiguration, God's voice was heard, declaring Jesus to be the beloved Son. By the activity of the Holy Spirit, God's voice continues to be heard through the word of scripture.*

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. For he received honor

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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." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. 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. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, 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.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Celtic Alleluia



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

### GOSPEL READING

Matthew 17:1-9

*Shortly before he enters Jerusalem, where he will be crucified, Jesus is revealed to Peter, James, and John in a mountaintop experience of divine glory called the transfiguration.*

The holy gospel according to Saint Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Six days later, 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 bright as light. 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 set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is 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 raised their eyes, 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."

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### SERMON

Pastor Azar

*Please stand as you are able for the Hymn of the Day.*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain

1 Je sus, take us to the moun-tain where, with Pe - ter,  
 2 What do you want us to see there, that your close com -  
 3 What do you want us to hear there, that your dear dis -  
 4 Take us to that oth - er moun-tain where we see you  
 5 We who have be - held your glo - ry, ris - en and as -

James, and John, We are daz - zled by your glo - ry,  
 pan - ions saw? Your di - vin - i - ty re - vealed there  
 ci - ples heard? Once a - gain the Voice from heav - en  
 glo - ri - fied, Where You shout - ed "It is fin - ished!"  
 cend - ed Lord, Can - not help but tell the sto - ry,

flight as blind - ing as the sun. There pre - pare us  
 fills us with the self - same awe. Clothed in flesh like  
 says of the In - car - nate Word: "Lis - ten, lis - ten,  
 where for all the world you died. Hear the stunned cen -  
 all that we have seen and heard; Say with Pe - ter,

for the night by the vi - sion of \_\_\_\_\_ that sight,  
 ours You go\_\_\_\_ matched to meet our dead - liest Foe.  
 ev' - ry - one,\_\_\_\_ This is my be - lov - ed Son!"  
 tur - i - on:\_\_\_\_ "Tru - ly this was God's\_\_\_\_ own Son!"  
 James, and John:\_\_\_\_ "You are God's be - lov - ed Son!"

*Dedicated to Saint Luke Lutheran Church, Silver Spring, Maryland, on the occasion of their fiftieth anniversary*  
 Tune: SILVER SPRING

## APOSTLE'S CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**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

As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

*After each portion of the prayers:*

Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude:*

Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior.

**Amen.**

## PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

*All may share a sign of Peace.  
Please be seated.*

## THE MEAL

## OFFERING

We invite you to give your offering online at [saintlukegive.us](http://saintlukegive.us) or place it in the offering plate, or use this QR code with your device to securely give your Offering.

You may also mail your checks to:

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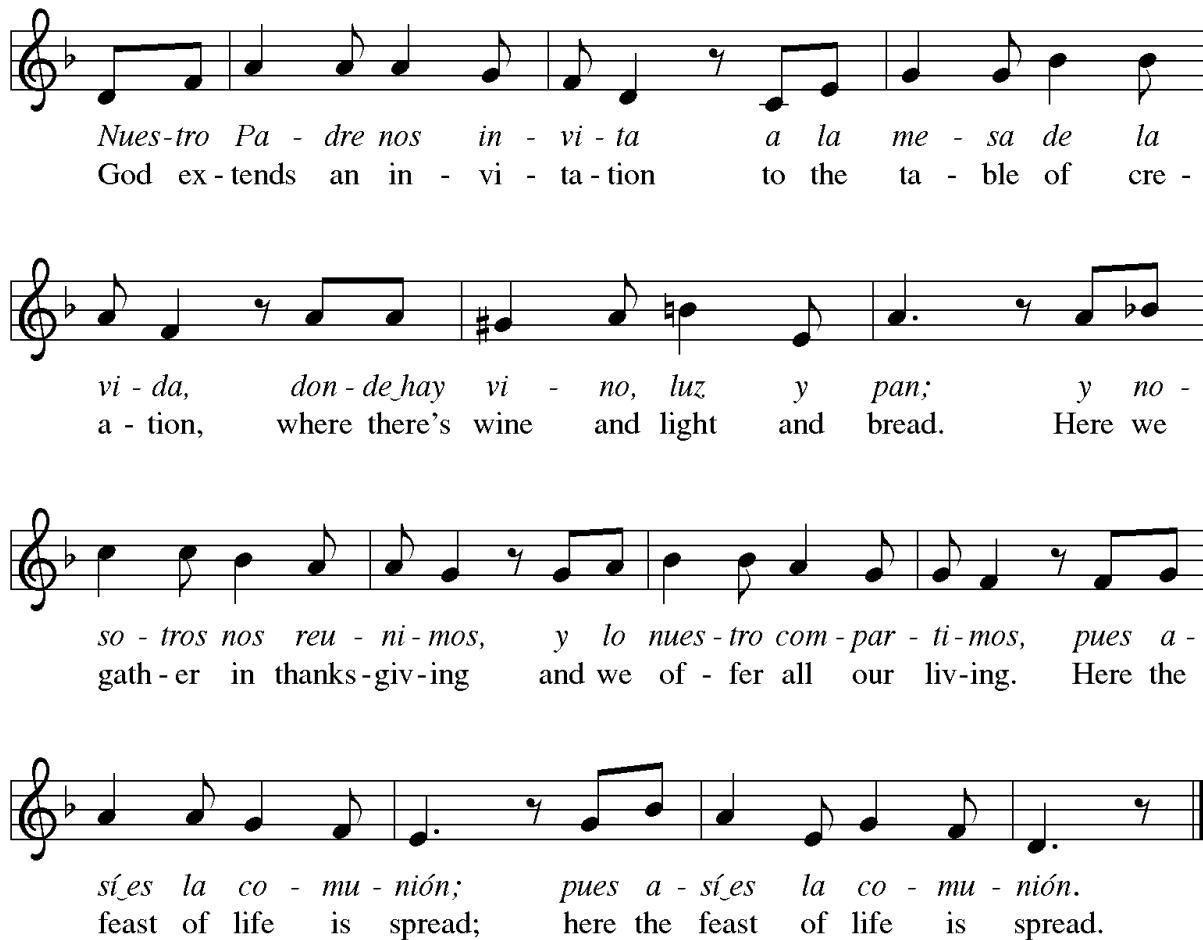
## OFFERTORY MUSIC

Christ is the World's True Light  
*Walter Kendall Stanton (1891–1978)*

*The offering is received and is presented at the altar.  
Please stand as you are able for the Offering Hymn.*

## OFFERING HYMN

ELW 486 – God Extends an Invitation



*Nues-tro Pa - dre nos in - vi - ta a la me - sa de la  
God ex - tends an in - vi - ta - tion to the ta - ble of cre -*

*vi - da, don - de hay vi - no, luz y pan; y no -  
a - tion, where there's wine and light and bread. Here we*

*so - gath - er in thanks - giv - ing y lo nues - tro com - par - ti - mos, pues a -  
gather in thanks - giv - ing and we of - fer all our liv - ing. Here the*

*síes la co - mu - nión; pues a - síes la co - mu - nión.  
feast of life is spread; here the feast of life is spread.*

## OFFERING PRAYER

*Please stand as you are able.*

Let us pray.

God of majesty, no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up 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 to give our thanks and praise for in the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

## LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

*Please pray in your own preferred language.*

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.

Padre Nuestro, que estas en los cielos,  
santificado sea tu nombre,  
venga a nosostros tu reino,  
hagase tu voluntad,  
asi en la tierra como en el cielo.  
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada dia;  
perdona nuestras ofensas,  
como nosotros perdonamos  
a los que nos ofenden;  
y no nos dejes caer en la tentacion,  
mas libranos del mal.  
Porque tuyo es el reino,  
el poder, y la gloria,  
por los siglos de los siglos. Amen.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the mountain, the feast of Jesus Chirst.

Come to the table; taste and see.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please be seated.*

## COMMUNION

*All are invited to the Lord's table, a table of grace and mercy. There are stations at the foot of the chancel steps.*

*Please stretch out your hand, palm up, to receive the host, the body of Christ.*

*(Gluten-free wafers are available; please ask your server)*

*Then receive in the individual cup the blood of Christ. You may deposit your cup in the basket near the side wall. Those who wish to receive a blessing instead of the Lord's supper are also encouraged to come forward. Those who wish to receive the sacrament in the pew, please inform an usher. All are welcome to the Lord's table.*

*When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say:*

The body of Christ, given for you. / The blood of Christ, shed for you.

*The communicant may say: Amen.*

## AGNUS DEI

ELW Setting One

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

## ELW 838 – In a Deep, Unbounded Darkness



1 In a deep, un - bound - ed dark - ness, long be - fore the  
 2 Though our world is ev - er - chang - ing, you are con - stant,  
 3 Joy trans - forms our lips to boast - ing on - ly in your  
 4 God of Ha - gar, God of Sa - rah, God of no - mad



first light shone, you, O God, be - yond all mer - it  
 firm, and sure, faith - ful to your cov - 'nant prom - ise.  
 match - less grace, send - ing Christ to dwell a - mong us,  
 A - bra - ham; God of Mir - iam, God of Mo - ses,



worked a won - der faith makes known: in your mer - cy,  
 Trust - ing you, we live, se - cure: sing - ing prais - es,  
 Word made flesh in time and space: Friend and Sav - ior,  
 Fi - 'ry Pil - lar, great I AM: lead us home - ward,



in your mer - - - - - cy, you em - braced us  
 sing - ing prais - - - - - es, long as heart and  
 Friend and Sav - - - - - ior, in whose life we  
 lead us home - - - - - ward, to the love - feast



as your own, ev - er - more and ev - er - more.  
 breath en - dure, glimpse your face,  
 of the Lamb,

Text: Anonymous, China; tr. Francis P. Jones, 1890–1975; adapt. Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953

Music: Plainsong mode V, 13th cent.

Tune: DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

## POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

*Please stand as you are able.*

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you,  
and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

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.**

## FAREWELL TO THE ALLELUIA

Let us begin the journey from ashes to Easter.

**Farewell to the Alleluia for the forty days of Lent.**

Let us return to the Lord who is merciful,  
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

**Farewell to the Alleluia for the forty days of Lent.**

Let us await with eagerness the resurrection of our Lord.

**Farewell to the Alleluia for the forty days of Lent.**

## BLESSING

The Spirit of the triune God **+** bless you with joy,  
anoint you with compassion, and send you in love.

**Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

ELW 418—Alleluia, Song of Gladness

1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of glad - ness, voice of joy that can - not die;  
2 Al - le - lu - ia you are sound - ing, true Je - ru - sa - lem and free;  
3 Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways be our song while here be - low;  
4 In our hymns we pray with long - ing: Grant us, bless - ed Trin - i - ty,

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al - le - lu - ia is the an - them ev - er dear to choirs on high;  
 al - le - lu - ia, joy - ful moth-er, bring us to your ju - bi - lee;  
 al - le - lu - ia our trans-gres-sions make us for a while for - go;  
 at the last to keep glad Eas - ter with the faith-ful saints on high;

in the house of God a - bid - ing thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly.  
 here by Bab - y - lon's sad wa - ters mourn-ing ex - iles still are we.  
 for the sol - emn time is com - ing when our tears for sin shall flow.  
 there to you for - ev - er sing - ing al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly.

Text: Latin hymn, 11th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.

Music: John Goss, 1800–1880

Tune: PRAISE, MY SOUL

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live in hope.

**Thanks be to God!**

## POSTLUDE

Fugue in C Major  
*Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)*

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The Rev. Richard Zawistoski

*Confirmation Pastor*

## PREACHING MINISTER

The Rev. Sally Azar

Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, Jerusalem

## COMMUNION SERVERS

Deacon Kyle Warfield

*Director of Discipleship and High School Ministries*

Becky Unkenholz 8:45

## READERS

Tacy Downing 8:45

Jordan Gerth 11:15

## MUSICIANS

Adam Scott Graham

*Director of Music*

Schola Cantorum

Ralph Watkins

*Organist*

## WELCOME PASTOR SALLY AZAR

**Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, Jerusalem**

The Rev. Sally Azar is pastor of The Lutheran Church of the Redeemer in Jerusalem. As many remember we were able to give the 2024 Saint Luke Anniversary Offering to this congregation for assistance to those in need during some war time. Pastor Azar, thanks to technology, is our guest preacher this morning. Pastor Azar is the first woman Palestinian pastor in the Holy Land.



The Lutheran Church of the Redeemer houses Lutheran congregations that worship in Arabic, German, Danish and English. It is also the headquarters of the bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land. Check out the history of this historic church on Google sometime.

## PANCAKE BREAKFAST THIS MORNING

Pre-Lenten Pancake Breakfast with all the fixings - Come after early service or before the late morning service and enjoy fellowship and food in the great hall, 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. See you there!



**ON THIS LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**, we say farewell to the Alleluia. During medieval times the alleluia was actually buried and “resurrected” on Easter. While we won’t be burying the alleluia, we will end worship this morning with many sung alleluias, as we turn away from the beauty of Jesus in his transfigured glory, and turn towards the healing Lenten desert which will take us to the Cross and finally back to Easter joy.

*The journey from Ashes to Easter begins....  
Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return*

**ASH WEDNESDAY, THIS WEEK**  
**February 18**

6:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Ashes-To-Go    South Parking Lot  
*(Weather permitting)*

12:00 Noon and 7:00 p.m.    Ash Wednesday Worship

**WE THANK RALPH WATKINS** for special music on the organ, playing the prelude and postlude today. The prelude translation is as follows as well as words from Ralph:

*When, from the highest rock up here, I look deep down into the valley, and sing, far from the valley dark and deep echoes rush through, upward and back to me, the chasm. The farther that my voice resounds, so much the brighter it echoes from under. My sweetheart dwells so far from me, I long hotly to be with her over there. I am consumed in misery, happiness is far from me, hope has on earth eluded me, I am so lonesome here. So longingly did sound the song, so longingly through wood and night, towards heaven it draws all hearts with amazing strength. The Springtime will come, the Springtime, my happiness, now must I make ready to wander forth.*

*The hymn tune Aberystwyth is often used as a setting for “Jesus, Lover of My Soul,” but I chose it because this arrangement suggests some of the feelings the disciples might have had as they witnessed the transfiguration of Jesus. On a lonely mountain, Jesus appears with Moses and Elijah. Suddenly, the three disciples are alone with Jesus again. This arrangement of Aberystwyth has a mysterious feel, partly because it is set in a minor key. It also has a very quiet beginning leading to a bold statement of the tune, but suddenly disappears to just a whisper of the melody.*

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**COMMEMORATION**

**Wednesday, February 18 - Martin Luther, renewer of the church, died 1546**

Though he began his adult church life as a simple Augustinian monk, Luther challenged the abuses he saw in the church, and his work eventually led to the Protestant Reformation. Luther's accomplishments included liturgical reform, translation of the Bible, and creation of the Small and Large Catechisms.



Pamela Cooper-White

## The Psychology of Christian Nationalism

Why People are Drawn In and  
How to Talk Across the Divide



# THE PSYCHOLOGY OF CHRISTIAN NATIONALISM

How do we overcome polarization in American society? How do we advocate for justice when one side won't listen to the other and cycles of outrage escalate? The emergence of a vocal, virulent Christian Nationalism has made it urgent that we find a way forward. Dr. Cooper-White will discuss the troubling extent of Christian Nationalism, explore its deep psychological roots, and ways in which advocates for justice can heal the deep divides in our society.

**Saint Luke Lutheran Church, Silver Spring, MD**

**Sunday, March 1**

**10:00 a.m. Worship Dr. Cooper-White, Guest Preacher**

**(Note: one morning worship service)**

**11:15 a.m. Brunch**

**12:15 p.m. Presentation and Discussion**

**The Rev. Pamela Cooper-White, Ph.D.**, is an Episcopal priest and the Christine Brooks Johnson Professor Emerita of Psychology and Religion, and Dean and Vice President Emerita for Academic Affairs, at Union Theological Seminary, New York. A psychotherapist and award-winning author, she has published 11 books including *The Cry of Tamar: Violence against Women and the Church's Response*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., and *Shared Wisdom: Use of the Self in Pastoral Care and Counseling*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., and over 100 articles and anthology chapters. Her most recent book, *The Psychology of Christian Nationalism*, was awarded the INDIE independent publishers' 2022 gold medal for social and political science. She is a frequent keynote speaker both nationally and internationally.

## **NEXT SUNDAY: LET'S TALK**

**February 22, 10:10 a.m.**

### **Conversation with an Immigration Attorney**

**We welcome our colleague and friend, Akil Tirana**

What does it mean to have papers, what is a work permit, what is temporary protective status, how do we as people of God support each other?

## **CONVERSATIONS WITH JESUS: Word and Healing for Lent**

**Wednesday Evenings in Lent 7:00 p.m. Online**

**Beginning Wednesday, February 25**

***Word, Music, Prayer, Meditation***

*(Each Sunday during this season Jesus is in conversation with friends and adversaries. On Wednesday we will join the conversation between Jesus and these partners – how might Jesus respond to our own questions, confusions and need for healing?)*

## **RECLAIMING THE HERITAGE**

Have you checked out the website [www.reclaimingtheheritage.us](http://www.reclaimingtheheritage.us) – it is a follow-up to the Forgotten Luther symposia Saint Luke hosted a year ago, Discipleship in a Democracy: Responding to the Threat of Christian Nationalism.

LET'S TALK, one of our Adult Forums on Sunday morning, has been discussing Reclaiming the Heritage, which includes a Declaration where people are invited to sign. Check it out and if so moved, sign on with others from Saint Luke and the Church around the country and world. The Declaration is entitled *Democracy at Risk: A Response of the Faith Community*.

# THIS WEEK AT SAINT LUKE

## SUNDAY, February 15–Transfiguration of Our Lord

7:30am Tech Rehearsal  
8:00am Schola Cantorum  
**8:45am Worship (Hybrid)**  
10:00am Pancake Breakfast/Mardi Gras  
**11:15am Worship (Hybrid)**  
**1:00pm Worship**  
2:00pm The Gathering

## MONDAY, February 16

President's Day – School & Office Closed  
3:30pm La Sagrada Familia Art  
6:00pm Cub Scout Pack 249

## TUESDAY, February 17

9:30am All-Staff Retreat at Hallowood  
7:00pm Reformation Bells

## WEDNESDAY, February 18–Ash Wednesday

**6:30am Ashes To Go (Weather Permitting)**  
7:00am Faith Connections (Zoom)  
9:00am CDS Classes  
10:00am Women in Community  
10:00am CDS Pastor Chapel  
**12:00pm Ash Wednesday Service**  
1:30pm CDS Aftercare  
6:30pm Schola Cantorum  
**7:00pm Ash Wednesday Service**

## THURSDAY, February 19

9:00am CDS Classes  
10:00am CDS Playful Poses & Movement  
1:30pm CDS Aftercare  
7:30pm Centering Prayer (Zoom)  
7:30pm AA

## FRIDAY, February 20

9:00am CDS Classes  
12:00pm Food Ministry  
3:45pm La Sagrada Familia Music  
6:00pm AA

## SATURDAY, February 21

9:30am Quilters  
9:30am AA  
11:00am Al-Anon  
1:00pm Cub Scout Pack 249 Pine  
Wood Derby  
8:30pm AA

## SUNDAY, February 22–First Sunday in Lent

7:30am Tech Rehearsal  
8:00am Schola Cantorum  
**8:45am Worship (Hybrid)**  
10:00am The Gathering  
10:00am Sunday School  
10:00am Affirmation of Baptism Class  
10:00am Up for Discussion (Hybrid)  
10:10am LET'S TALK  
**11:15am Worship (Hybrid)**  
12:30pm The Gathering