

TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

March 2, 2025



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LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS-LCMS

*Welcoming all to walk together
toward abundant life in Christ.*

THEME: BE HEARERS AND DOERS OF THE WORD

⁴⁷ *Everyone who comes to me and hears my words and does them, I will show you what he is like: ⁴⁸ he is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when a flood arose, the stream broke against that house and could not shake it, because it had been well built. Luke 6:47–48 (ESV)*

A WORD TO OUR FRIENDS ABOUT COMMUNION:

As members of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, we believe that the body and blood of Christ are truly present “in, with, and under” the bread and wine when we receive the Sacrament. We do *not* believe that the bread and wine somehow mystically “change” into something other than bread and wine, *nor* do we believe that the bread and wine merely “represents” Christ’s body and blood; rather, we are bound by the words of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, when He said “Take eat, this is my body” and “Take drink, this is my blood.” We believe and teach that when we receive the bread and wine, we are also truly receiving the body and blood of Christ (because of His divine Word.) We also believe that the Sacrament of Holy Communion is more than just a memorial, we believe it is Christ truly coming to us and offering His body and his blood in an outward sign of His love for us and as an outward assurance of the forgiveness He won for us by His death on the cross. This is our belief and confession regarding the Sacrament of Holy Communion. If you are not a member of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and if you have any questions or concerns about our Communion practices and desire to partake of Holy Communion, will you please consult with the pastor beforehand. Having read this Communion Statement and prayerfully considered what you believe and confess, please complete the Pew Card found in the pew rack. After you place your tithes and gifts in the offering plate, please pass your Pew Card to the center aisle and the ushers will pick them up. May God truly bless our Communion Service this day.

COMMUNION OPTIONS FOR THOSE WITH ALLERGIES:

- *Gluten-free communion wafers* are available by taking one from the paten (plate) that is sitting separately in a white container.
- *Grape Juice* (clear liquid) is available in the center of the tray containing individual cups of regular wine (red liquid).

AS WE GATHER

Beloved heirs of God’s glory—sinners and saints, sons and daughters—see God’s promised revelation in Jesus’ transfigured glory! All believing patriarchs, prophets, disciples, leaders, teachers, and confessors experience the tragic result of sin. Yet we are all invited into the light of Jesus! Our journeys, despite mistrust and faithlessness, are enveloped in God’s forgiveness. The sinless Son of God appears before sinful Moses, Elijah, Peter, James, and John on the mountain together! A revelation like no other! This pivotal moment of glory compels us to anticipate the journey of the “gory,” the pending crimes against Jesus: the cross, the mockery, the crucifixion. Death is coming! Soon, the church’s alleluias will be hushed.

WELCOME & The TOLLING OF THE BELLS

OPENING HYMN

O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair

LSB 413

(Sung to Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness - LSB 563)

1. O wondrous type! O vision fair Of glory that the Church may share,
Which Christ upon the mountain shows, Where brighter than the sun He glows!
2. With Moses and Elijah nigh The incarnate Lord holds converse high;
And from the cloud the Holy One Bears record to the only Son.
3. With shining face and bright array Christ deigns to manifest today
What glory shall be theirs above Who joy in God with perfect love.

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THE INVOCATION

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

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Matthew 28:19b [18:20]

INTROIT

Psalm 84:1–2, 9, 11; antiphon: v. 4

P Blessèd are those who dwell in your house,

C **ever singing your praise!**

P How lovely is your dwelling place,

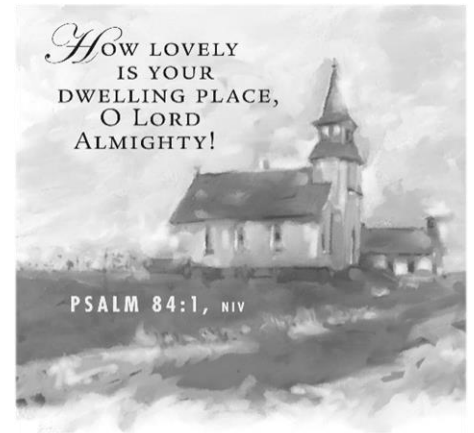
C **O LORD of hosts!**

P My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD;
C **my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.**

P Behold our shield, O God;
C **look on the face of your anointed!**

P For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and honor.

C **No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly.**



ALL: 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.

P Blessèd are those who dwell in your house,
C **ever singing your praise!**

T Confession and Absolution T

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

1 John 1:8-9

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

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **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.**

P 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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

[John 20:19-23]

C **Amen.**

T Service of the Word T

HYMN OF PRAISE This Is The Feast

Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9

LSB pg. 155

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -**

**blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain***

Final Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **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.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 34:1–12

¹Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho. And the LORD showed him all the land, Gilead as far as Dan, ²all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the western sea, ³the Negeb, and the Plain, that is, the Valley of Jericho the city of palm trees, as far as Zoar. ⁴And the LORD said to him, “This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, ‘I will give it to your offspring.’ I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not go over there.” ⁵So Moses the servant of the LORD died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the LORD, ⁶and he buried him in the valley in the land of Moab opposite Beth-peor; but no one knows the place of his burial to this day. ⁷Moses was 120 years old when he died. His eye was undimmed, and his vigor unabated. ⁸And the people of Israel wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days. Then the days of weeping and mourning for Moses were ended.

⁹And Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands on him. So the people of Israel obeyed him and did as the LORD had commanded Moses. ¹⁰And there has not arisen a prophet since in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face, ¹¹none like him for all the signs and the wonders that the LORD sent him to do in the land of Egypt, to Pharaoh and to all his servants and to all his land, ¹²and for all the mighty power and all the great deeds of terror that Moses did in the sight of all Israel.

P This is the Word of the Lord,

C **Thanks be to God.**

SPECIAL MUSIC [10:30AM] “The Transfiguration of Christ” Vocal Choir

EPISTLE

Hebrews 3:1–6

¹Therefore, holy brothers, you who share in a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession, ²who was faithful to him who appointed him, just as Moses also was faithful in all God’s house. ³For Jesus has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses—as much more glory as the builder of a house has more honor than the house itself. ⁴(For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.) ⁵Now Moses was faithful in all God’s house as a servant, to testify to the things that were to be spoken later, ⁶but Christ is faithful over God’s house as a son. And we are his house if indeed we hold fast our confidence and our boasting in our hope.



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

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

John 6:68

LSB 156

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.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the ninth chapter.

Luke 9:28–36

Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

²⁸Now about eight days after these sayings [Jesus] took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹And as he was praying, the appearance of his face was altered, and his clothing became dazzling white. ³⁰And behold, two men were talking with him, Moses and Elijah, ³¹who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³²Now Peter and those who were with him were heavy with sleep, but when they became fully awake they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³And as the men were parting from him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one

for Moses and one for Elijah”—not knowing what he said. ³⁴As he was saying these things, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. ³⁵And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to him!” ³⁶And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and told no one in those days anything of what they had seen.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE [10:30AM] “Burial of the Alleluia”

HYMN OF THE DAY Alleluia, Song of Gladness *LSB 417*



1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of glad - ness, Voice of joy that
 2 Al - le - lu - ia, thou re - sound - est, True Je - ru - sa -
 3 Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways Be our song while
 4 There - fore in our hymns we pray Thee, Grant us, bless - ed



can - not die; Al - le - lu - ia is the an - them
 lem and free; Al - le - lu - ia, joy - ful moth - er,
 here be - low; Al - le - lu - ia, our trans - gres - sions
 Trin - i - ty, At the last to keep Thine Eas - ter



Ev - er raised by choirs on high; In the house of
 All thy chil - dren sing with thee, But by Bab - y -
 Make us for a while for - go; For the sol - emn
 With Thy faith - ful saints on high; There to Thee for -



God a - bid - ing Thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly.
 lon’s sad wa - ters Mourn - ing ex - iles now are we.
 time is com - ing When our tears for sin must flow.
 ev - er sing - ing Al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly.

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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.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

P In peace let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For reasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For blessings on those who celebrate birthdays (80+) [*especially...Don Creola, Jane DeGroot, Sue Heim, Barb Hilgendorf, Anita Meissner, Kathy Piering, Tom Rittenhouse*] and anniversaries this month, [*...Buddy Burlew & Jennifer Strefling, Fred & Nancy Carter, Brian & Chris Lange, Wayn & Sonia Nelson, Alex & Alison Scherer, Chris & Melissa Trapp, Brian & Karen Wallick*], let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them. For those who are in need of prayer [*especially the sick... Jim DeGroot, Gayle Kasch, John Kewn (son-in-law David & Del Rozak), Howard Meissner, Grant Senkbeil*], let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

OFFERING

For those worshiping online, please visit www.lccross.org to find links to our Give+ secured online giving portal and our online Pew Card which is called a Connect Card. Or to fill out the card directly go to <https://forms.gle/X46ym1HuZ9DCsq9s6> or scan the QR Code here.



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1 'Tis good, Lord, to be here! Thy
 2 'Tis good, Lord, to be here, Thy
 3 Ful - fill - er of the past And
 4 Be - fore we taste of death, We
 5 'Tis good, Lord, to be here! Yet



glo - ry fills the night; Thy face and gar - ments,
 beau - ty to be - hold Where Mo - ses and E -
 hope of things to be, We hail Thy bod - y
 see Thy king - dom come; We long to hold the
 we may not re - main; But since Thou bidst us



like the sun, Shine with un - bor - rowed light.
 li - jah stand, Thy mes - sen - gers of old.
 glo - ri - fied And our re - demp - tion see.
 vi - sion bright And make this hill our home.
 leave the mount, Come with us to the plain.

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ⴒ Service of the Sacrament ⴒ

PREFACE

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 and praise.**

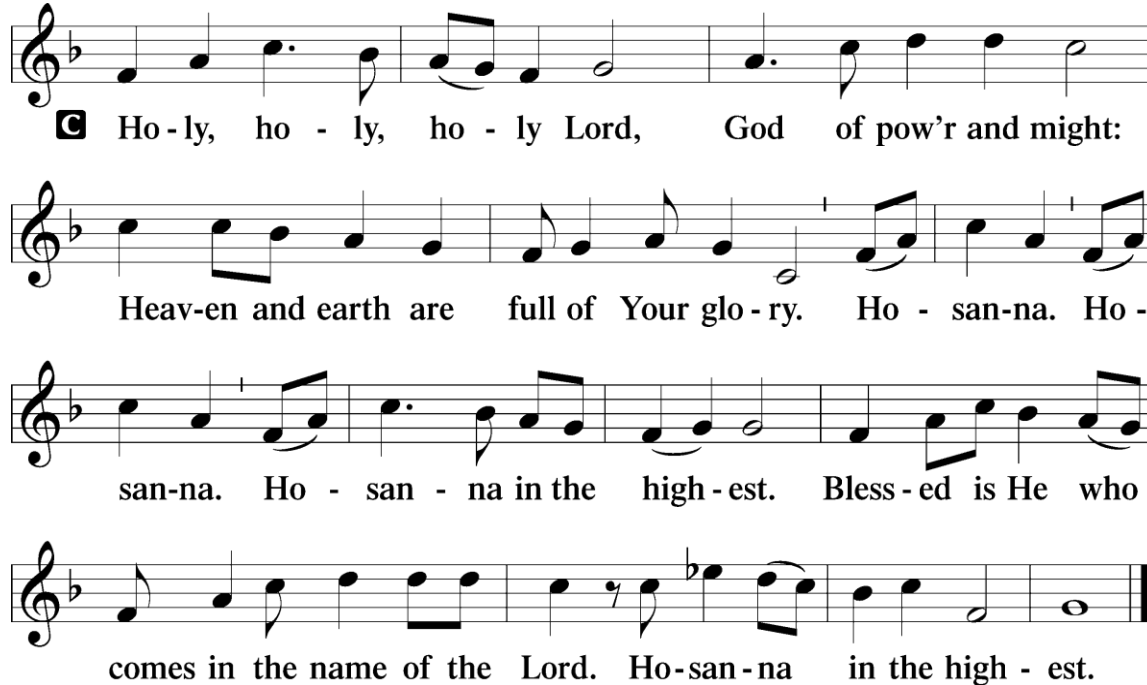


PROPER PREFACE

P 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:

SANCTUS

LSB 161



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.

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

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.

DISTRIBUTION

The pastor and those who assist distribute the body and blood of Christ in, with, and under the bread and wine to those who come to receive, saying:

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins. **Amen.**

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins. **Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC [10:30AM] “Truly Present, Christ is With Us” Vocal Choir

DISTRIBUTION HYMN Beautiful Savior *LSB 537*

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.
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.
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.
4. Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration
Now and forevermore be Thine!



(continued)

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1 O God of God, O Light of Light, O Prince of Peace and
 2 For deep in proph-ets' sa - cred page, And grand in po - ets'
 3 That life of truth, those deeds of love, That death so steeped in
 4 Then raise to Christ a might - y song, And shout His name, His



King of kings: To You in heav-en's glo - ry bright The song of
 wing-ed word, Slow - ly in type, from age to age The na - tions
 hate and scorn— These all are past, and now a - bove He reigns, our
 mer-cies tell! Sing, heav'n-ly host, your praise pro-long, And all on



praise for - ev - er rings. To Him who sits up - on the throne,
 saw their com - ing Lord; Till through the deep Ju - de - an night
 King once crowned with thorn. Lift up your heads, O might - y gates!
 earth, your an - them swell! All hail, O Lamb for sin - ners slain!



The Lamb once slain but raised a - gain, Be all the glo - ry
 Rang out the song, "Good - will to men!" Sung once by first - born
 So sang that host be - yond our ken. Lift up your heads, your
 For - ev - er let the song as - cend! Wor - thy the Lamb, en -



He has won, All thanks and praise! A - men, a - men.
 sons of light, It ech - oes now, "Good - will!" A - men.
 King a - waits. We lift them up. A - men, a - men.
 throned to reign, All glo - ry, pow'r! A - men, a - men.

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide *LSB 585*
(*Sung to On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry - LSB 344*)

1. Lord Jesus Christ, with us abide, For round us falls the eventide.
O let Your Word, that saving light, Shine forth undimmed into the night.
2. In these last days of great distress Grant us, dear Lord, true steadfastness
That we keep pure till life is spent Your holy Word and Sacrament.
3. To hope grown dim, to hearts turned cold Speak tongues of fire and make us bold
To shine Your Word of saving grace Into each dark and loveless place.
4. May glorious truths that we have heard, The bright sword of Your mighty Word,
Spurn Satan that Your Church be strong, Bold, unified in act and song.
5. Restrain, O Lord, the human pride That seeks to thrust Your truth aside
Or with some man-made thoughts or things Would dim the words Your Spirit sings.
6. Stay with us, Lord, and keep us true; Preserve our faith our whole life through
Your Word alone our heart's defense, The Church's glorious confidence.

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THANK THE LORD

LSB 164



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray.

O God the Father, source of divine nourishment, through Your Holy Word, body, and blood, You increase our faith and courage to bear our crosses in the name of Jesus, glorified and crucified. At this Table, You unite us with the myriad of saints who have preceded us. Together, past, present, and future, we are believing heirs of Your eternal promises. We are witnesses of Christ's life, suffering, death, and resurrection. Prepare us for our eternal glory, where we will reside with You in Jerusalem, our eternal home.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

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 T give you peace.

C Amen.



1 Guide me, O Thou great Re - deem - er, Pil - grim through this
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain Whence the heal - ing
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, Bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but Thou art might - y;
 stream doth flow; Let the fi - ery, cloud - y pil - lar
 fears sub - side; Death of death and hell's de - struc - tion,



Hold me with Thy pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en,
 Lead me all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer,
 Land me safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es,



bread of heav - en, Feed me till I want no
 strong de - liv - 'rer, Be Thou still my strength and
 songs of prais - es I will ev - er give to



more; Feed me till I want no more.
 shield; Be Thou still my strength and shield.
 Thee; I will ev - er give to Thee.

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SILENT PRAYER & PARTING ANNOUNCEMENTS



You have been a blessing to us! Please use this time to “check-in” with your Christian brothers and sisters around you. Coffee and donuts are being served for fellowship at 9:00am in the Fellowship & Ministry Center along with our Adult Bible Class and Youth Sunday School. Please stop by and enjoy.

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IN OUR PRAYERS

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Strength, Healing, Guidance: *

Jackie & family	Friend of LCC; strength & comfort
Sandy	Strength & healing
Dennis Bialak	Friend of LCC; healing & recovery
Nancy Bird	Strength & healing
Helen Christensen	Healing & recovery
Jim DeGroot	Recovery & healing
Virderie Kaminska	Continued recovery & healing
Gayle Kasch	Recovery & healing
Howard Meissner	Strength & healing
A'lani Propst	Great Granddaughter of David & Reine Obermier; healing & strength
Chris Sabin	Healing & recovery
Grant Senkbeil	Nephew Steve & Lori Nelson; recovery & healing
Jim & Pat Willis	Friends of LCC; strength & healing

**Prayers will run for four consecutive weeks unless otherwise notified.*

Battling Cancer:

Adriana	Family Noel & Linda Hyde; diagnosed lymphoma
April	Friend of LCC; battling cancer
Ivana	Friend of Augusto & Isabel Vazquez; battling cancer
Jeanette	Sister of Augusto Vazquez; battling cancer
Mike	Son of Phil Woodruff; battling cancer
Rick Bausch	Son Barbara Durst; battling cancer
Dave DeBraccio	Battling with Leukemia, healing & strength
Lisa DePalma	Friend of LCC; battling cancer
Lisa Anne Denofrio	Daughter Tom & Krystyna Johnson; palliative care
Bill Docherty	Brother-in-law Joy Hougan; battling cancer, surgery
Matt Doctor	Brother-in-law of Diane Barton; strength & peace
Randy Hornby	Friend of Dorothy Christman; battling cancer
Robert Jeffery	Brother of Jean Wrightsman; battling leukemia
John Kewn	Son-in-law Davis & Del Rozak; battling cancer
Todd Klietz	Battling cancer
Audrey Kowalski	Friend of Dorothy Christman; terminal cancer
Patricia Ruiz	Family of Fadely/Maestas family; battling cancer

Lisa Sayers
 Tracy Shattuck
 Carmen Torres
 Lori Truelove
 Connie Warner
 Michael Woodruff

Friend of LCC; battling cancer
 Brother Meredith Kecken; battling cancer, healing
 Sister-in-law of Augusto & Isabel Vazquez; cancer
 Niece Joyce Schankin; cancer battle; strength, peace
 Friend of Mary Woodruff; diagnosed lymphoma
 Son of Phil & Mary Woodruff; battling cancer

Military:

US Army SSG. Paul Behling
 USAF TSGT David Cope Jr.
 US Army CSM Matt Hopkins
 USAF Sr. Airman
 Shawn Golembieski

Son of Ron & Cohleen Nottingham; stationed FL
 Son of David and Shelly Cope stationed in NM
 Grandson of Dave & Gayle DeBraccio; in Kuwait
 Grandson of Stan & Betty Golembieski; in FL

US Navy ENS Joe Golembieski
 US Navy Seaman Nick Golembieski
 USCG SCPO Robert Kecken
 USAF A1C Riley Latarski
 Marines LCPL Jonathan Metz
 Marines LCPL Kyle Spilker
 USAF TSGT Kalin McDonnell
 US Army PFC Parker Woodruff
 Bragg

Grandson of Stan & Betty Golembieski; in VA
 Grandson of Stan & Betty Golembieski; Seabound
 Son Jerry & Meredith Kecken; stationed in CA
 Granddaughter Bill & Dorothy Christman in ND
 Grandson of Jerry & Joyce Metz; in MD
 Grandson in law Chuck Anderson; in CA
 Granddaughter Bill & Dorothy Christman; in MA
 Grandson of Larry & Delila Woodruff; in Fort

Family Prayer: We remember all our **families** during times of personal and family **trial and tribulation.**

If you know of someone needing church prayers, please contact the church office at 941-627-6060. Be sure to have the name, relationship to the church family and what is the need for the prayer.

LCC ATTENDANCE REPORT & WEEKLY INCOME AND EXPENSE REPORT 2025

Week Of: 02/23/2025		
On-Site Attendance 36 / 134	Weekly Contributions	
	Income:	\$ 6,834
	Expense:	\$ 11,170

ALTAR FLOWERS: MARCH

There is currently no one signed up for flowers on the altar for **March 30th**. The cost of flowers is \$30.00 per week. If you are interested please complete a flower request card which can be found on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

If paying by a check please make payable to Ladies Parish Guild.
 If you have any questions about requesting flowers or the eternal light, please call the church office at (941) 627-6060.




UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

OFH = Old Fellowship Hall

Sun-Mar 2	11:45am	Committal Dee Maris – Memorial Garden
Tues-Mar 4	1:00pm	Sarasota Circuit Meeting @ Lakeside Lutheran, Venice
Wed-Mar 5		Ash Wednesday Worship (<i>see times below</i>)
Thurs-Mar 6	1:00pm	LWML Ladies Parish Guild Meeting – FMC
Sat-Mar 8	9:00am	Stephen Minister Supervision Meeting – OFH
Tues-Mar 11	3:30pm	Board of Christian Education Meeting – FMC
Wed-Mar 12		Ash Wednesday Worship (<i>see times below</i>)
	3:30pm	Board of Elder’s Meeting – OFH
Thurs-Mar 13	9:00am	Altar Guild Communion Set Up – Sacristy/Sanctuary Shepherding Leader Meeting – FMC
Tues-Mar 18	7:00pm	Church Council Meeting – FMC



Wed. March 5 10:30am ~ 7:00pm	Ash Wednesday Worship Services “God Has a Word for That”
Wed. March 12 10:30am ~ 7:00pm	Lenten Worship Services “He Only Has Eyes for You”
Wed. March 19 10:30am ~ 7:00pm	Lenten Worship Services “Marked”
Wed. March 26 10:30am ~ 7:00pm	Lenten Worship Services “Breaking Down the Gates”



God's Gift of Sabbath

Rediscovering Joy in Rest and Purpose

A Two-Day Workshop with Dr. Joel Biermann
Professor of Systematic Theology, Concordia Seminary

March 21-22, 2025

There is still time to sign up to attend the 2-day workshop being led by Dr. Joel Biermann! Sign up in the narthex or by scanning this QR Code:



Workshop Details:

Friday 21st 9 AM - 4:00 PM [*Registration begins 8:30AM*] & Saturday 22nd 8 AM - Noon
Here at LCC in the FMC

The fee has been updated to A Free Will Offering to attend this event.



LWML LADIES PARISH GUILD welcomes our own Gabriella Ruiz to speak on drug trafficking in our area at the

Thursday March 6th Guild meeting. 1:00pm in the FMC.

Gabriella works for the Charlotte County Sheriff's Department.

Come and learn from her what is happening right now on this issue in our community. Please sign up in the Narthex if you plan to attend. This helps the hostesses plan dessert.

See you at the meeting!



SPRINGTIME POTLUCK LUNCH!

Our next congregational potluck will be held in the FMC building

Sunday, March 30, 2025 *Immediately following our late worship service*

We are asking the congregation to provide meal items:

meat dish ~ pasta / potato dish ~ veggies

salads ~ rolls ~ desserts

In order to have an accurate attendance count for set up, a sign-up sheet is located IN THE Narthex — *be sure to note the amount planning to attend the event and what your supplied food dish will be on the sign up!*

A dish is not required to attend this event!

LAY READERS:

As we approach the summer months, Pastor Menk will return north, and Pastor Stolarczyk would appreciate your assistance with the Sunday Bible readings from **May - October**. We are looking for those of you who are willing to serve as a Lay Reader. This will require you to approach the altar during our services on Sunday mornings and read pre-printed layouts of our First Reading and Second readings each week. We assign one reader every other week for the Early worship and one reader every week for the Late worship, so your preferred service may be attended. If this sounds like something of interest to you, please contact the church office at (941) 627-6060 or secretary@lccross.org. Please let the church office know by **March 31st** to be added into the lay reading team for this year.



If you have already participated in the Lay Reader program and have previously indicated your intent to resume this summer – you do not need to contact the office. Your name is already on the reader list.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration in this matter.



“Keep the
Whole World
Singing”



Do you love to sing?? If you do, then experience the joy of harmonizing with the Suncoast Statesman! They have been Charlotte County’s barbershop quartet for over 30 years and they have a large following in the greater Port Charlotte, Punta, Gorda, Englewood and surrounding communities in our area! They perform at numerous events for local nursing homes, restaurants and other special occasions. They are proud to be under the guidance of Director Duane Fenn, whose accomplishments include 4 years with the Tulsa Philharmonic Orchestra and membership with the Barbershop Harmony Society, just to name a few. The Statesmen have raised funds used for deserving seniors in the Charlotte County school to be awarded the Neil Plum Youth Music Scholarships.

So come out and sing with them! They meet every Tuesday from 7:00pm – 9:00pm and a few occasional afternoons at the Burnt Store Presbyterian Church, 11330 Burnt Store Rd, Punta Gorda, FL 33950. All ages are always welcomed!



The 2025 LCC Church Directory is now available!! We are limited in how many we can print at one time, so if supplies do run out this week - check back next week! **If you miss grabbing a copy do not fret! We will be doing more!** We will keep doing more prints until we see we have leftover inventory. Be sure to keep checking the Narthex and grab your copy when available!

Lutheran Church of the Cross
2025 Lenten Worship



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Wed. April 2 10:30am† ~ 7:00pm	Lenten Worship Services “Get Out!”
Wed. April 9 10:30am† ~ 7:00pm	Lenten Worship Services “One Little Word Can Fell Him”
Sun. April 13 7:30am ~ 10:30am†	Palm Sunday Worship Services “God Loves Small Things”
Thurs. April 17 10:30am† ~ 7:00pm	Maundy Thursday Worship Services* “He Prepares a Table”
Fri. April 18 1:00pm† ~ 7:00pm	Good Friday Worship Services “All”
Sun. April 20	<u>Easter Services: “We Are Going Home”</u>
7:15am	Sunrise Service @ the Cross Monument*
9:00am	Mid-Morning Easter Divine Worship Service* <i>Held in the Church Sanctuary</i>
10:30am†	Easter Divine Worship Service* <i>Held in the Church Sanctuary</i>

**Service will include Holy Communion*

†Indicates this service will stream online