

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH  
1100 EAST SUPERIOR STREET, DULUTH, MN

February 15, 2025

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

*You are invited to light a candle in prayer on the Tree of Life during the service.*

*The candle-lighter is hanging on the wall; you may need to take a candle out to light it.*

*Please pass the Friendship Notebook along your row and greet those around you that you may not know.*

*We welcome children in worship. There is a family room across from the right front sanctuary doors  
and a few steps to the left a staffed nursery for any who wish to use them.*

*Hearing assist receivers are available at the ushers' station.*

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

WELCOME

*The assembly stands.*

CONFESSION 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 *Just a Closer Walk with Thee*



Just a clos - er walk with thee, \_\_\_\_\_  
 I am weak but thou art strong: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Through this world of toil and snares, \_\_\_\_\_

5  
 grant it, Je - sus, is my plea; \_\_\_\_\_  
 Je - sus keep me from all wrong. \_\_\_\_\_  
 if - I fal - ter, Lord who cares? \_\_\_\_\_

9  
 Dai - ly walk - ing close to Thee, \_\_\_\_\_ let it  
 I'll be sat - is - fied as long as I \_\_\_\_\_  
 Who with me my bur - den shares? \_\_\_\_\_ None but

13  
 be, \_\_\_\_\_ dear Lord, let it be. \_\_\_\_\_  
 walk, let me walk close to thee. \_\_\_\_\_  
 thee, dear Lord, none but thee. \_\_\_\_\_

**APOSTOLIC 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**

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.**

*The assembly is seated.*

**WORD**

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song*

**FIRST READING Exodus 24:12-18**

*Moses enters the cloud of God's glory on Mount Sinai*

Word of God.

**Word of Life.**

**SECOND READING 2 Peter: 1:16-21**

*The apostle's message confirmed on the mount of transfiguration*

Word of God.

**Word of Life.**

*The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -  
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -  
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

**GOSPEL Matthew 17:1-9**

*Revelation of Christ as God's beloved Son*

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

Pastor Andrea Bonneville

*The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY *This Little Light of Mine***

1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;

this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
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let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

## AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

### PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS

Dorian Henning; Becky & Wade Jones; Christa Kilen; Emily Lozinski; Peter Lundholm; Jonie Stebakken; Derek, Emily, Milo & Oscar Fox; Taylor Bonneville DeNaples; Kelly Horazdovsky, Dane Ingebrigston, Bjorn Ingebrigston, Aurora Ingebrigston, Adler Ingebrigston

*The minister addresses the assembly.*

### PROFESSION OF FAITH

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

*The assembly is invited to stand and profess.*

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

**I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

**I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**I renounce them.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

*The assembly is seated.*

### AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,  
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,  
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,  
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,  
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

**I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

### SIGNING OF THE SENSES

Receive the sign of the cross on your forehead.

**It is Christ who now strengthens you with this mark of identity and sign of love.**

**Learn to know and follow the way of the cross.**

Receive the sign of the cross on your ears and your eyes.

**May you hear the voice of the Lord and see the glory of God.**



*The thanksgiving continues with the Words of Institution, concluding with the Lord's Prayer.*

We pray together the prayer Jesus taught to help illumine our path:

**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.**

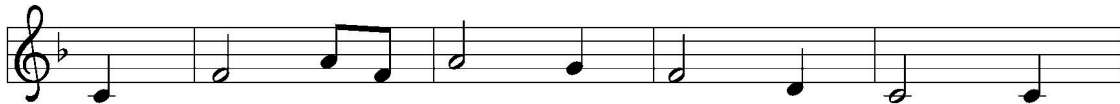
*The assembly is seated.*

*We practice Eucharistic hospitality; all are welcome. Receive the bread and dip it into the wine (red)  
or grape juice (white). Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.*

#### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! Come to the table; taste and see.

#### COMMUNION HYMN *Amazing Grace*



1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that  
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his  
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but  
grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that  
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me  
word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and  
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found; was blind, but now I see.  
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together: Radiant God,  
**we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.**

**In the sacrament of his body and blood  
you have drawn us to your heart.**

**Send us from this table with delight,  
that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love,  
and bear witness to all we have seen and heard,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

# SENDING

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world*

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

### BLESSING

*The presiding minister proclaims God's blessing. Amen.*

### TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES: BURYING THE ALLELUIA BANNER

Enclose and seal up the word: **Alleluia!**

Let it remain in the secret of your heart: **Alleluia!**

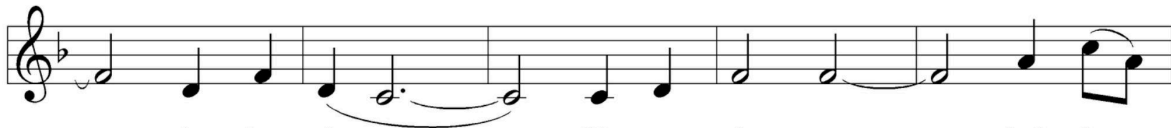
Until the appointed time: **Alleluia!**

You shall say it with great joy when that day comes: **Alleluia!**

### SENDING HYMN *Glory, Glory, Hallelujah!*



1	Glo - ry,	glo - ry,	hal - le - lu - jah!	since I	laid	my		
2	I	feel	bet - ter,	so much	bet - ter,	since I	laid	my
3	Feel	like	shout - ing,	“Hal - le - lu - jah!”	since I	laid	my	
4	I	am	climb - ing	Ja - cob’s	lad - der,	since I	laid	my
5	Ev - ’ry	round	goes	higher and	high - er,	since I	laid	my



bur - den	down.	Glo - ry,	glo - ry,	hal - le -	
bur - den	down.	I	feel	bet - ter,	so much
bur - den	down.	Feel	like	shout - ing,	“Hal - le -
bur - den	down.	I	am	climb - ing	Ja - cob’s
bur - den	down.	Ev - ’ry	round	goes	higher and



lu - jah!	since I	laid	my	bur - den	down.
bet - ter,	since I	laid	my	bur - den	down.
lu - jah!”	since I	laid	my	bur - den	down.
lad - der,	since I	laid	my	bur - den	down.
high - er,	since I	laid	my	bur - den	down.

### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

**Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE

**Ministers** All People of First Lutheran Church  
**Pastor** The Rev. Dianne O. Loufman  
**Associate Pastor** The Rev. Andrea Bonneville DeNaples  
**Program Staff** Karen Sande, Director of Music  
Michael Fuchs, Director of Choral Activities  
Bryan Gatten, Director of Contemporary Worship  
**Assisting Minister**  
**Reader** Mark Osthus (8:30); Kris Brendle (11:00)  
**Musicians** Jazz Ensemble: Randy Lee, saxophone; Bob Boman, trumpet; Bryan Gatten, guitar; Eric Gatten, bass; Todd Larson, drums; Aine Miller, Nancy Dronen, Kasey Gustafson, vocals  
**Audio/Video Team** Eric Gatten, Shania Krause, Sam Weston

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