



## The Transfiguration of Our Lord

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Divine Service, Setting Two

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## AS WE GATHER

### **SERMON SUMMARY:**

This week's sermon "Spoiler Alert" is based on the Transfiguration account from Mark 9. Wouldn't it be nice to know which team was going to win the big game this weekend? If so, we would know how it all ends and be even more tempted to side with the winners. Today, Peter has the opportunity to get a spoiler of sorts as an eyewitness to Jesus' transfiguration. Just as Peter is encouraged by such a miraculous display of Christ's glory, so too we will see that we can be likewise encouraged by Christ by knowing how that same story "ends."

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*Please stand and face the procession*

# OPENING VERSICLES

- P** Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain;  
**C** **for the LORD our God is holy!**  
**P** The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble!  
**C** **He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!**  
**P** The LORD is great in Zion;  
**C** **he is exalted over all the peoples.**  
**P** Exalt the LORD our God; worship at his footstool!  
**C** **Holy is he!**

## OPENING HYMN: *O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair*

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1 O won - drous type! O vi - sion fair  
 2 With Mo - ses and E - li - jah nigh  
 3 With shin - ing face and bright ar - ray  
 4 And faith - ful hearts are raised on high  
 Δ 5 O Fa - ther, with the e - ter - nal Son

Of glo - ry that the Church may share,  
 The in - car - nate Lord con - verse high;  
 Christ deigns to man - i - fest to - day;  
 By this great vi - sion's mys - ter - y,  
 And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er one,

Which Christ up - on the moun - tain shows,  
 And from the cloud the Ho - ly One  
 What glo - ry shall be theirs a - bove  
 For which in joy - ful strains we raise  
 We pray Thee, bring us by Thy grace

Where bright - er than the sun He glows!  
 Bears rec - ord to the on - ly Son.  
 Who joy in God with per - fect love.  
 The voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.  
 To see Thy glo - ry face to face.

## Confession and Absolution

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

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

**P** 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.*

**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.**

**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  $\text{✝}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

## Service of the Word

## INTROIT

PSALM 50:1-6; ANTIPHON: v.1

*The Introit is chanted responsively by whole verse. Congregation chants the bold parts.*



<sup>1</sup>The Mighty One, God the LORD,  
speaks and summons the earth\*  
from the rising of the sun to its setting.

**<sup>2</sup>Out of Zion, the perfection of | beauty,\*  
God | shines forth.**

<sup>3</sup>Our God comes; he does not keep | silence;\*  
before him is a devouring fire,  
around him a mighty | tempest.

**4He calls to the heav- | ens above\***  
**and to the earth, that he may judge his | people:**  
**5"Gather to me my | faithful ones,\***  
**who made a covenant with me by | sacrifice!"**  
**6The heavens declare his | righteousness,\***  
**for God him- | self is judge!**

**All Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***  
**and to the Holy | Spirit;**  
**as it was in the be- | ginning, \***  
**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

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speaks and sum- | mons the earth\*  
from the rising of the sun to its | setting.

KYRIE - *Lord, Have Mercy*

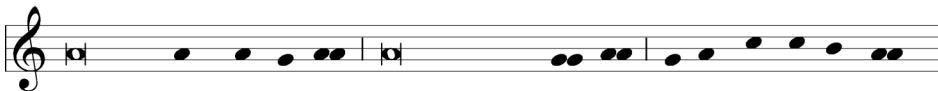
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**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



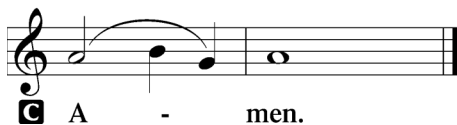
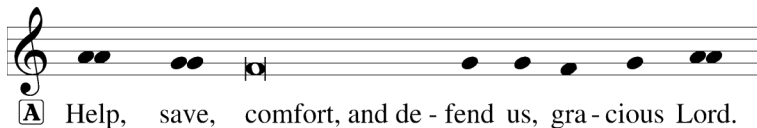
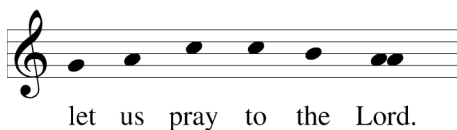
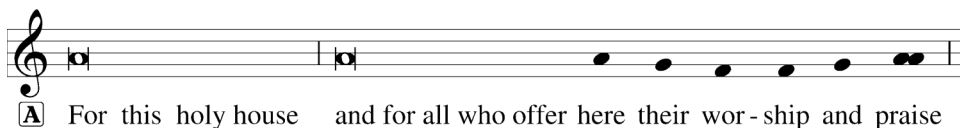
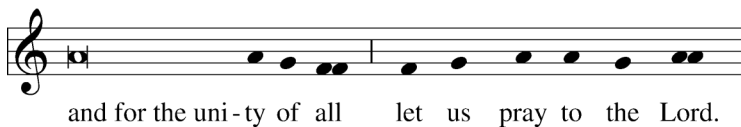
**A** For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



THIS IS THE FEAST

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whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.



Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and



hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are His.



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



lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to



God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



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



for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His reign.



## SALUTATION AND 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: Exodus 34:29-35

PLEASE SIT

**A** The Old Testament Reading for The Transfiguration of Our Lord is from Exodus, chapter 34.

**W**hen Moses came down from Mount Sinai, with the two tablets of the testimony in his hand as he came down from the mountain, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. <sup>30</sup>Aaron and all the people of Israel saw Moses, and behold, the skin of his face shone, and they were afraid to come near him. <sup>31</sup>But Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses talked with them. <sup>32</sup>Afterward all the people of Israel came near, and he commanded them all that the LORD had spoken with him in Mount Sinai. <sup>33</sup>And when Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face.

<sup>34</sup>Whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would remove the veil, until he came out. And when he came out and told the people of Israel what he was commanded, <sup>35</sup>the people of Israel would see the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face was shining. And Moses would put the veil over his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**



## EPISTLE: 2 Corinthians 3:12-18; 4:1-6

**A** The Epistle is from Second Corinthians, chapters 3 and 4.

Since we have such a hope, we are very bold, <sup>13</sup>not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face so that the Israelites might not gaze at the outcome of what was being brought to an end. <sup>14</sup>But their minds were hardened. For to this day, when they read the old covenant, that same veil remains unlifted, because only through Christ is it taken away. <sup>15</sup>Yes, to this day whenever Moses is read a veil lies over their hearts. <sup>16</sup>But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. <sup>17</sup>Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. <sup>18</sup>And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. <sup>2</sup>But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. <sup>3</sup>And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled only to those who are perishing. <sup>4</sup>In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. <sup>5</sup>For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup>For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## ALLELUIA & VERSE

PLEASE STAND

*The liturgist sings parts marked "A"; the congregation sings parts marked "C"*

**A** Refrain

**C** Refrain

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

Al - le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia!

**A** O Lord, open our hearts to listen to the words of your Son, your Son.

**C** Refrain

## HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 9:2-9

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

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

**A**fter six days Jesus took with Him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And He was transfigured before them, <sup>3</sup>and His clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them. <sup>4</sup>And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. <sup>5</sup>And Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for You and one for Moses and one for Elijah." <sup>6</sup>For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified. <sup>7</sup>And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is My beloved Son; listen to Him." <sup>8</sup>And suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them but Jesus only.

<sup>9</sup>And as they were coming down the mountain, He charged them to tell no one what they had seen, until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

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

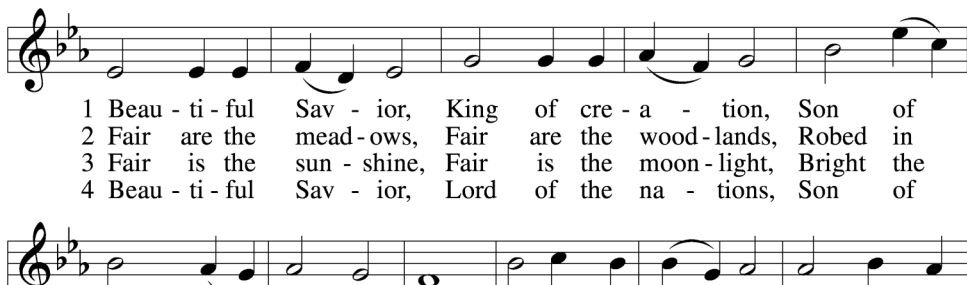
**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SUNDAY: PLEASE SIT

## HYMN OF THE DAY: *Beautiful Savior*

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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

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 shines  
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.  
ra - tion Now and for - ev - er - more be Thine!

## SERMON

Time For Reflection — Use Sermon Note-Taking Tool, page 18.

## NICENE CREED

PLEASE STAND

**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.**

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

*Additional petitions conclude:*

- P** Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude:*

- P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEASE SIT

## OFFERING

*We ask that all worshipers take a moment to sign the red fellowship pad located at the end of the pew by the center aisle. If you are interested in membership, please provide a phone number or email address so that we may contact you.*

## HANDBELL VOLUNTARY—Exploration on Deo Gracias

*Jason W. Krug; Sunday*



PLEASE STAND

## 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.

**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.**

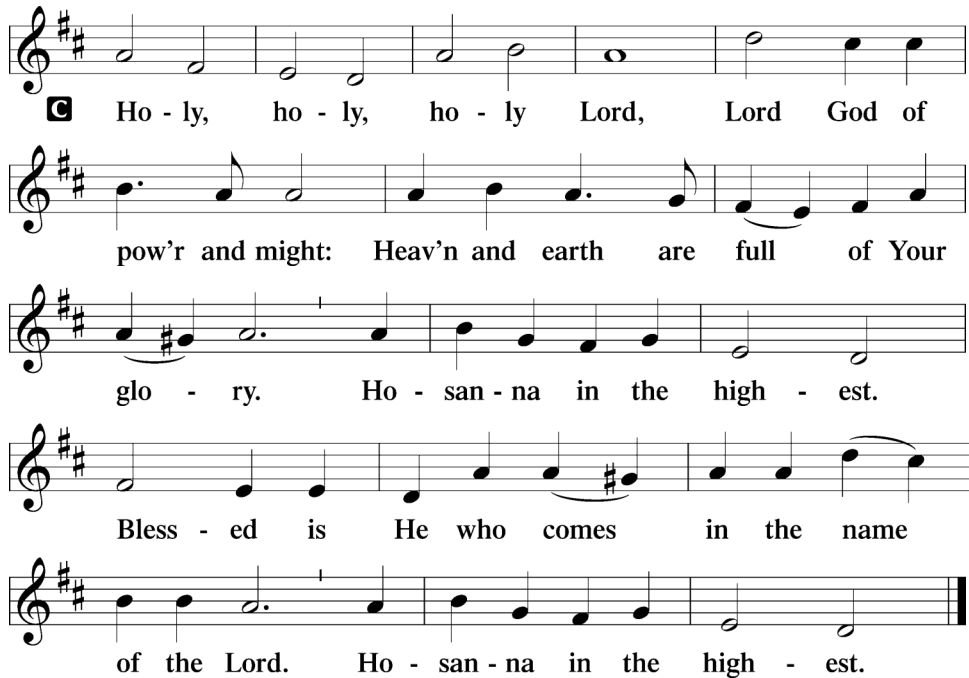
## PROPER PREFACE

- 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 “Holy, Holy, Holy”

LSB 178



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of  
pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your  
glo - ry. 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

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**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C** 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.

## WORDS OF OUR LORD

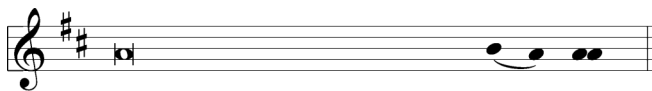
Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

**P** 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  $\nabla$  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  $\nabla$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

## PAX DOMINI ~ *Peace of the Lord*

LSB 180



**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



**C** A - men.

## AGNUS DEI ~ *Lamb of God*

LSB 180



**C** 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.

## DISTRIBUTION

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*Please see notice on page 2.*

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

LSB 631 "Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face"

LSB 414 "'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here"

LSB 873 "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies"

LSB 503 "O Day Full of Grace"

## DISMISSAL

PLEASE STAND

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart  $\text{✠}$  in peace.

**C** Amen.

## THANK THE LORD

LSB 181



**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what



He has done. Let ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re -



joice 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 COLLECT

**A** Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**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.

## BURIAL OF ALLELUIAS

**P** I heard a voice from heaven say: "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord; yea, says the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors." So says the Church today of her Alleluia; today it dies until it rises with Christ at His glorious resurrection.

### Why do we bury the alleluia?

The omission of alleluia during Lent goes back at least to the fifth century in the western church. The association of alleluia with Easter led to the custom of intentionally omitting it from the liturgy during the season of Lent, a kind of verbal fast which has the effect of creating a sense of anticipation and even greater joy when the familiar word of praise returns. We do not use it at church. We do not use it at home. We let it rest, as it were, during Lent, so that when it reappears on Easter, we may hear it anew. In fact, once it returns on Easter, we give it no rest at all, repeating it again and again, in celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus. The custom of actually bidding it farewell developed in the Middle Ages in Babylon. Many churches embrace the practice of physically "burying" the alleluia. This ritual practice is especially delightful and meaningful for children

<https://www.epicenter.org/all-lent/why-do-we-bury-the-alleluia/>



For everything there is a season, a time to be born and a time to die,

**C** a time to laugh and a time to weep;

**P** a time to keep silence, and a time to speak,

**C** a time to mourn and a time to dance.

**P** I heard a voice of a great multitude in heaven crying, "Alleluia! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God. Alleluia! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns."

**C** **Alleluia!**

**P** We bury our alleluias now until that day when we will celebrate the glorious resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ in joy and gladness.

## CLOSING HYMN: *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.

SILENT PRAYER & CHIMES

POSTLUDE: Agincourt Hymn

Charles Callahan

## Sermon Note-Taking Tool

*Fill this section out during the sermon to help you follow along and remember what was said:*

Outline/Main Points of the Sermon:

*Fill this section out after the sermon is over, during the musical interlude:*

Main Message: \_\_\_\_\_

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Law: \_\_\_\_\_

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Gospel: \_\_\_\_\_

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How should we respond? \_\_\_\_\_

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	Sunday, 10:45AM	Jennifer Reed
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	Sunday, 8AM	Emily Kahler, Vickie Glasstetter
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