# Sunday, March 2, 2025 Transfiguration of Our Lord 10:00 AM

The transfiguration is frustrating for disciples—past and present—who long for an unmediated experience of God. Jesus' glory is revealed, and then, just as suddenly, a cloud descends and the vision fades. The love of God shines too brightly to view directly, and yet we have the privilege of directly experiencing that love in baptism, in communion, in service to God, and in relationship with God's creation and our neighbors in need.



Welcome to Worship!

As we prepare for worship, please silence your mobile devices. We invite you to a time of silence and focus.



**WELCOME TO WORSHIP:** It is our joy to welcome you to worship today, inperson and from wherever you may be viewing. We give thanks for whatever brought you, and pray that you may experience the love of God surrounding you and upholding you as we gather together to give thanks to God through Word and Sacrament.

**ASSISTED LISTENING DEVICES** are available to use in the Sanctuary for worship. They are located in the Sound Booth; ask the Sound Booth operator if you would like to use one.

**WORSHIP IS LIVESTREAMED** in the Faith and Family Center (located near the entrance doors to the large parking lot). Anyone is welcome to worship in that space.

WE WELCOME CHILDREN IN WORSHIP! Like Jesus who welcomed children to his ministry, Saint Andrew's welcomes children to our worship services. Re-usable activity bags (for readers and non-readers) with books, stickers, crayons, paper, and a snack are available from the usher/hospitality team; please return the bags following worship.

- "Younger Disciples Tips" are in the bulletin with ideas to engage children in worship.
- "A Time for Younger Disciples" during worship invites all God's children to listen to a message.

Health Practices in place to help reduce the spread of viruses and illness:

- Mask wearing is optional. Anyone who wishes to mask is welcome to do so.
- Hand sanitizer is available throughout the building.

## For other activities, events, meetings check our website: <u>https://SALC.church</u>

## VIDEO AND AUDIO RECORDING IN PROGRESS

Saint Andrews livestreams and records it's worship services to YouTube. Video and Audio recording is currently in progress. It is possible that video footage and/or audio conversations of worshippers in the Saint Andrew's Sanctuary may appear on the YouTube livestream/recording.

## GATHERING

PRELUDE

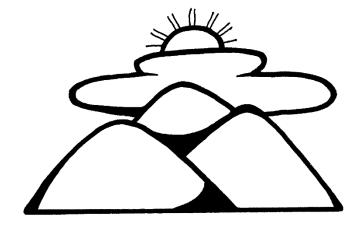
"I Call Out to You, Lord Jesus Christ" Will Simpson, organ J.S. Bach

WELCOME

Pastor Lara

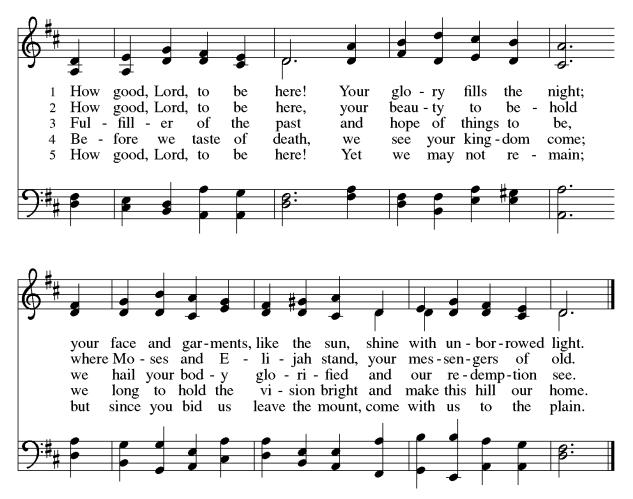
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Worship leaders will say text in light print. Congregation will say/respond with bold text.



HYMN

## How Good, Lord, to Be Here!



#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life. **Amen.** 

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

### Merciful God,

you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your lovingkindness.

Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.

#### 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.** 



HYMN OF PRAISE 1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth. 2 Glo-ry be Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love. to 3 Ho-ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call; Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth: Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a-bove; Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all: we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise. on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand. Je-sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright. an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise. Saints and Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom-ise firm we stand. the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry For be God on high! to

#### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray together. Holy God,

in blinding light you showed the disciples a hint of your power and purpose. Reveal yourself to us today. Show us what you desire of us, and how we may bear witness to your love in the world, 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.

#### A TIME FOR YOUNGER DISCIPLES

You can find this in your Story Bible on page 358.

Pastor Lara

## WORD

#### ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE GOSPEL

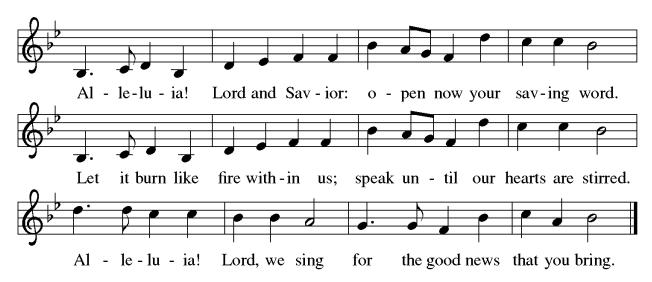
The Holy Gospel according to Luke. Glory to you, O Lord.

#### Luke 9:28-45

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking about his exodus, which he was about to fulfill in Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep, but as they awoke they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us set up three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah," not realizing what he was saying. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. Just then a man from the crowd shouted, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not." Jesus answered, "You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and put up with you? Bring your son here." While he was being brought forward, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. And all were astounded at the greatness of God. While everyone was amazed at all that he was doing, he said to his disciples, "Let these words sink into your ears: The Son of Humanity is going to be betrayed into human hands." But they did not understand this saying; its meaning remained concealed from them, so that they could not perceive it. And they were afraid to ask him about this saying.

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ



#### **GOSPEL RESPONSE**

#### SERMON

Pastor Lara

Please stand as you are able

#### HYMN OF THE DAY



## Arise, Your Light Has Come!

#### **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

#### **Apostles' Creed**

Trusting in God's baptismal promises, we affirm our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed.

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 power of 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.

\* here, "catholic" means the wholeness of the church in all times and places.

## **INSTALLATION OF THE 2025 CHURCH COUNCIL**

Younger Disciples Tip ~ Prayers/Offering: Invite children to write down who they want to pray for this week and one way they can serve their family/community.

### THE PRAYERS

After each petition, the leader will say, "God of grace". Your response is, **hear our prayer.** 

### THE PEACE

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

Please greet people around you as you are comfortable.

Please be seated.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Lara

**OFFERING** Our ushers will be passing offering plates. We welcome your gifts to support the mission and ministry of Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church. There are envelopes in the pews, or you can give online using the QR code.



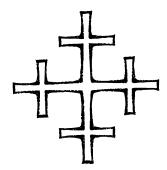
**OFFERTORY MUSIC** "Sing, Rejoice, A Song of Praise" W.A. Mozart/J Leavitt

Sing, rejoice, a song of praise Alleluia, Alleluia

Christ the Lord, in joy we raise Alleluia, Alleluia

Celebrate and lift your singing Alleluia, Alleluia

All our hearts glad tidings bringing Alleluia, Alleluia





#### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

We pray together. God of grace,

your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. Amen.

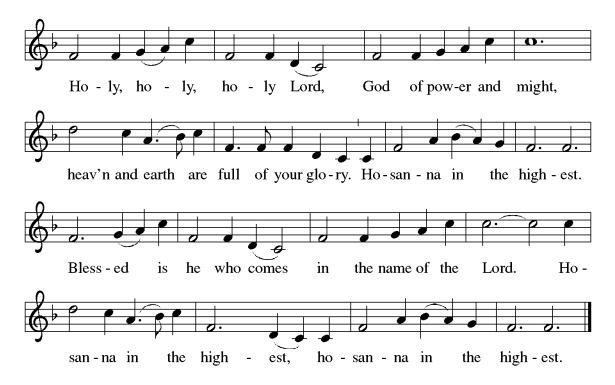
#### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts. **We lift them 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, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



#### SANCTUS

#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

On the night that Jesus was betrayed, he took bread, blessed and broke it and shared it with his friends, saying, "Take and eat, this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After they had eaten, Jesus took the cup, blessed it, and shared it with his friends, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood which is shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

We pray together the prayer Jesus taught us:

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,

now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated. We wait silently as the participants who are worshiping online are communed.

### LAMB OF GOD



#### **COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

Communion is received around the altar rail. You are invited to kneel or stand as you feel comfortable. Please follow the directions of the ushers and use the hand sanitizer provided.

Bread is placed in the hands. Red wine and White grape juice are offered by individual cup. Please ask if you would like a gluten-free option.

If you wish to be communed in your seat, please let one of the ushers/hospitality team know.

#### **COMMUNION HYMN**



Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken

Please stand as you are able.

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

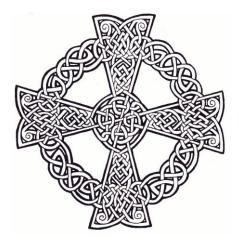
Let us pray together. Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.

## SENDING

Younger Disciples Tip ~ Blessing: Mark the sign of the cross on your child's forehead as a reminder of this sending blessing

#### BLESSING

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



#### SENDING HYMN

#### Alleluia, Song of Gladness



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#### SENDING

All children and youth are invited to come forward to participate in the sending.

Go in peace. Live in hope. Thanks be to God.

#### POSTLUDE

"When the Saints Go Marching In" Will Simpson, piano Traditional

#### Thank you to all who are assisting in worship today:

Rev. Lara Forbes, Preaching and Presiding Minister Dr. Will Simpson, Director of Music Shana Nielsen, Assisting Minister Elaine Koga, Accompanist Joyce Nelson, Lector Philip Gustafson, Acolyte Carolynn & Hal Ferris, Ushers Ann Berglind, Karin Eklof, Altar Guild David Mills, Livestream video Chase Dooley, Audio Stella Nieman & Mikel Oswalt, Greeters

The flowers this Sunday are given by the Altar Guild with thanks and praise to God for all of our blessings.

Today is Girl Scout Sunday – and this year we celebrate the 113<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Girl Scout Movement by Juliette Gordon Low. Today, Girl Scouts of Western Washington serves more than 14,000 youth and 5,000 volunteers west of the Cascades. Girl Scouts is a non-denominational, fully inclusive organization for all youth except cis-gender boys. Its mission is to build youth of courage, confidence, and character who make the world a better place, via the Girl Scout Leadership Experience.

> Worship Texts for March 9 Luke 10:25-42

Join us for Ash Wednesday worship, this coming Wednesday, March 5, 7:30 PM.

#### Calendar for the Week

#### Sunday, March 2

9:00 AM	Discipleship Forum
	Sunday School (Pre-K~5 <sup>th</sup> gr)
	Youth Education (6-12 <sup>th</sup> gr)
10:00 AM	Worship
	Installation of 2025 Council
11:15 AM	Sunday Brunch Bunch

#### Monday, March 3

10:00 AM	Health & Wholeness Meeting
1:00 PM	Staff
6:00 PM	Finance Committee
7:00 PM	Executive Committee

#### Tuesday, March 4

8:30 AM	Tuesday Morning Men
9:30 AM	Dorcas Circle
10:00 AM	Bible Study with Pastor Lara

#### Wednesday, March 5

7:30 PM	Ash Wednesday Worship
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Thursday, March 67:00 PMChoir Rehearsal

#### Friday, March 7

Office is closed.

#### Sunday, March 9

 9:00 AM Discipleship Forum Sunday School (Pre-K~5<sup>th</sup> gr) Youth Education (6-12<sup>th</sup> gr)
10:00 AM Worship

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We welcome your support of our mission and ministry. Use the QR Code to give to SALC.





We are a Reconciling in Christ congregation.

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