

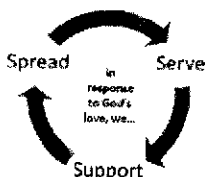
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SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Order of Worship -9 AM

+ Service of Holy Communion +

Divine Service, Setting Four (LSB)

AS WE GATHER – At the end of Moses' long and storied life, the Scriptures say, "His eye was undimmed, and his vigor unabated" (Deuteronomy 34:7). Nevertheless, the day came for even Moses to lay down and let go of his life. Perched atop Mount Nebo, Moses may have reflected on the highpoints of his 120 years and the legacy he was leaving behind. God had other matters for Moses' attention: The Promised Land, where a greater prophet, God's own beloved Son, Jesus, would be born and live and do good, laying down His life so that all people might live through Him. At the edge of Moses' life and death, God invited Moses to dwell not on the past, but to trust God's promises for the future. Could Moses have known then that he would later speak with the Son of God atop the mountain on the day of Jesus' transfiguration? Who knows what wonderful things are in store for people like us who trust God's promises as Moses did?

PRESERVICE MUSIC

"Consider the Lilies"

by A. Louis Scarmolin

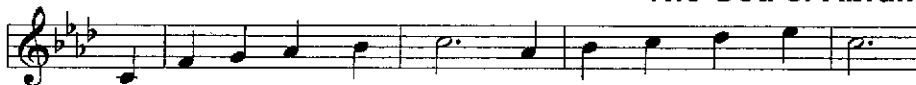
WELCOME

[Please fill out prayer request cards.]

[♯Means please stand; ♪Means please be seated]

♯OPENING HYMN

The God of Abraham Praise



1 The God of A - br'ham praise, Who reigns en - throned a - bove;
2 The God of A - br'ham praise, At whose su - preme com - mand
3 The God of A - br'ham praise, Whose all - suf - fi - cient grace



An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days And God of love.
From earth I rise and seek the joys At His right hand.
Shall guide me all my pil - grim days In all my ways.

(continued)



Je - ho - vah, great I AM! By earth and heav'n con - fessed;
I all on earth for - sake, Its wis - dom, fame, and pow'r,
He deigns to call me friend; He calls Him - self my God.



I bow and bless the sa - cred name For - ev - er blest.
And Him my on - ly por - tion make, My shield and tow'r.
And He shall save me to the end Through Je - sus' blood.

5. The goodly land I see,
With peace and plenty blest:
A land of sacred liberty
And endless rest.
There milk and honey flow,
And oil and wine abound,
And trees of life forever grow
With mercy crowned.

6. The whole triumphant host
Give thanks to God on high.
"Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!"
They ever cry.
Hail, Abr'ham's God and mine!
I join the heav'nly lays:
All might and majesty are Thine
And endless praise! Amen.

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INVOCATION

- P** *In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.*
- C** **Amen.**

INVOCATION

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

C **Amen.**

- P** *Our help is in the name of the Lord,*

C **who made heaven and earth.**

- P** *If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?*

C **But, with You there is forgiveness; therefore, You are feared.**

- P** *Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.*

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. 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 + Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

C **Amen.**

INTROIT

Ps. 84:1-2, 9, 11; antiphon: Ps. 84:4

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!**

KYRIE



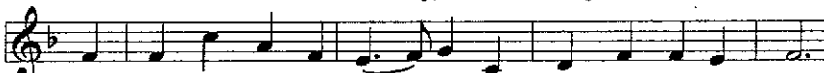
C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Glory to God in the Highest



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shipped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** *The Lord be with you.*
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** *Let us pray.*

All: 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. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

- A** *This is the Word of the Lord.*
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE LESSON

Hebrews 3:1-6

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

- A** *This is the Word of the Lord.*
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA

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

C These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

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

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 9:28-36

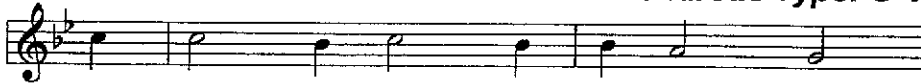
- P** *The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the ninth chapter.*
- C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**
(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)
- P** *This is the Gospel of the Lord.*
- C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

[Prayer requests will be collected at this time.]

HYMN OF THE DAY

O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair



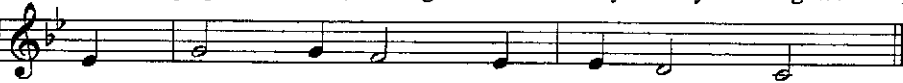
1 O won - drous type! O vi - sion fair
2 With Mo - ses and E - li - jah nigh
3 With shin - ing face and bright ar - ray
4 And faith - ful hearts are raised on high
5 O Fa - ther, with the e - ter - nal Son



Of glo - ry that the Church may share,
The in - car - nate Lord holds 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.

Amen.

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SERMON

"THE BEST IS YET TO COME"

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

- I. Like Moses on Mt. Nebo, we are not yet in the Promised Land, but we can see it from here.
- II. When Jesus returns, then we will be in the Promised Land of heaven.

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 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 worshipped 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.

OFFERING

"Let All Mortal Flesh"

by Paul Manz

OFFERTORY

We Praise You, O God



1 We praise You, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor;
In grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.
We lay it be - fore You, we kneel and a - dore You;
We bless Your ho - ly name, glad prais - es we sing.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** Let us pray together in Christ Jesus for all people according to their needs. Transforming Love, living on our own terms, our lives have become unmanageable. Grant that by Your Word and Spirit we continually be transformed, trusting in Jesus who was transfigured in the sight of Peter, James, and John. Lord, in Your mercy, **G** hear our prayer.
- P** Transforming Love, the people, systems, and institutions of this world are crying out under the weight of feeling unloved. Jesus has come that all people come to know and believe how much You love all of us—from the least to the greatest. Grant that our elected and appointed officials be persuaded by Your love to govern wisely that all people on earth dwell in peace. Lord, in Your mercy, **G** hear our prayer.
- P** Transforming Love, Your people are torn to pieces by many dangers, toils, and snares. Our attentions are divided and our words and actions are motivated by the cares, griefs, and pains of our lives. We cause one another much pain and so get in the way of Your love for all people in Christ Jesus flowing through us to all people in our communities and societies. Grant that we turn to You, living the promises of our Baptism, embracing our identity as vessels of Your mercy in a way that overflows to the people around us. Lord, in Your mercy, **G** hear our prayer.
- P** Transforming Love, there are many who are weak and sick among us and in our circles of family and friends. Remember for good all people who are suffering in body, mind, or spirit, [especially . . .]. Grant them both inward and outward healing according to Your will, helping them to trust Your goodness in all things. Lord, in Your mercy, **G** hear our prayer.
- P** Transforming Love, the embodiment of Your love comes among us in the Meal of Jesus' true body and blood. Grant us hearts that entrust our wills and our lives to Your gracious care as we receive this life-giving food. Lord, in Your mercy, **G** hear our prayer.

- P** *Transforming Love, through the cares of our everyday lives, we look forward to the day when You will call us and all people to rise according to Your gracious promise. Grant that we faithfully journey from this day to that day when we will join Your saints of every time and place at the marriage supper of the Lamb in His reign that endures forever. Lord, in Your mercy,* **C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** *Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.* **C** **Amen.**

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.**
- 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 singing:*

SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;
 Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
 Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;
 Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

- P** *Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, who Himself is God's promise of transforming forgiveness for all people, in whom Moses trusted at the edge of life and death, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.*
- C** **Amen.**

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So, 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.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

P Let us share this peace with one another.

(People greet one another saying: "Peace be with you. And also with you.")

[Remain standing]

AGNUS DEI

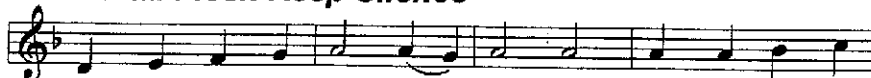
Lamb of God

C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

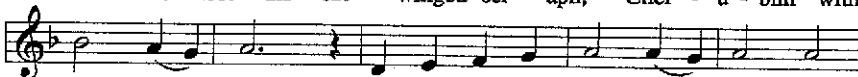
Reminder: gluten free wafer (by holding up an index finger to the elder), and non-alcoholic wine (the white grape juice in the center) are also available.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

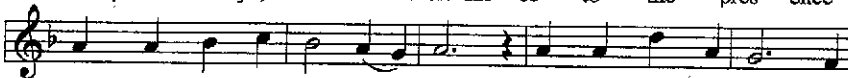
Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence



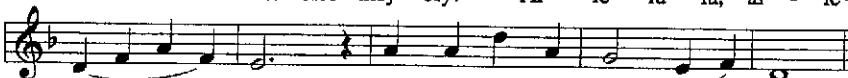
1 Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence And with fear and
 2 King of kings yet born of Mar - y, As of old on
 3 Rank on rank the host of heav - en Spreads its van - guard
 4 At His feet the six - winged ser - aph, Cher - u - bim with



trem - bling stand; Pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed,
 earth He stood, Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture,
 on the way As the Light of Light, de - scend - ing
 sleep - less eye, Veil their fac - es to the pres - ence



For with bless - ing in His hand Christ our God to earth de -
 In the bod - y and the blood, He will give to all the
 From the realms of end - less day, Comes the pow'rs of hell to
 As with cease - less voice they cry: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -



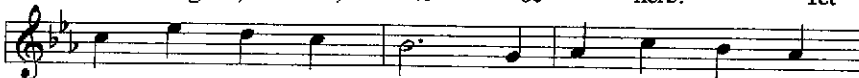
scend - ing Comes our hom - age to de - mand.
 faith - ful His own self for heav'n - ly food.
 van - quish As the dark - ness clears a - way.
 lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here

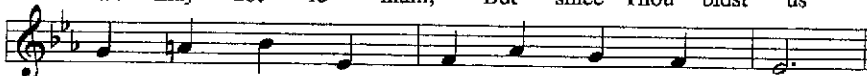
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1 'Tis good, Lord, to be here! Thy
 2 'Tis good, Lord, to be here, Thy
 3 Ful - fill - er of the past And
 4 Be - fore we taste of death, We
 5 'Tis good, Lord, to be here! Yet



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



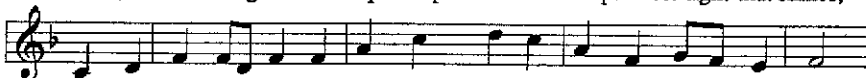
like the sun, Shine with un - bor - rowed light.
 li - jah stand, Thy mes - sen - gers of old.
 glo - ri - fied And our re - demp - tion see.
 vi - sion bright And make this hill our home.
 leave the mount, Come with us to the plain.

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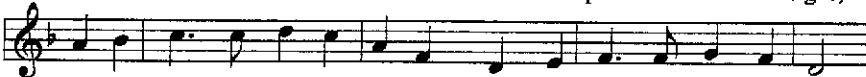
Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory



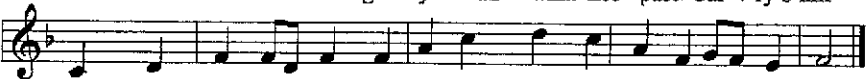
1 Swift - ly pass the clouds of glo-ry, Heav-en's voice, the daz-ling light;
 2 Glimpsed and gone the rev - e - la-tion, They shall gain and keep its truth,
 3 Lord, trans - fig - ure our per-cep-tion With the pur - est light that shines,



Mo - ses and E - li - jah van - ish; Christ a - lone com - mands the height!
 Not by build - ing on the moun - tain An - y shrine or sa - cred booth,
 And re - cast our life's in - ten - tions To the shape of Your de - signs,



Pe - ter, James, and John fall si - lent, Turn - ing from the sum - mit's rise
 But by fol - low - ing the Sav - ior Through the val - ley to the cross
 Till we seek no oth - er glo - ry Than what lies past Cal - v'ry's hill



Down - ward toward the shad - owed val - ley Where their Lord has fixed His eyes.
 And by test - ing faith's re - sil - ience Through be - tray - al, pain, and loss.
 And our liv - ing and our dy - ing And our ris - ing by Your will.

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Song of Simeon



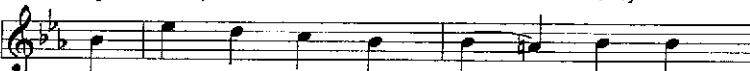
1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
 2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All



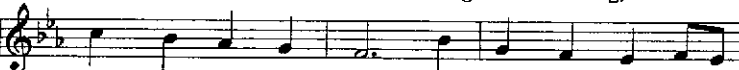
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
 glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the



glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
 Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;



A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
 For as in the be - gin - ning, Is



to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
 now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -



peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
 sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

- P** 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

- P** Let us bless the Lord
C Thanks be to God.
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 His peace. **C** Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer



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

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