

NEW BEGINNINGS LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Transfiguration of our Lord – March 02nd, 2025 (11:11 am)

THE BRIDGE

Psalm 99

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Hebrews 3:1-6

Luke 9:28-36

God Gives the Gift of a Child to Destroy Death

The Lord opened the barren womb of Hannah and gave her the gift of the son for whom she prayed, and in grateful response she presented and gave the child, Samuel, to the Lord's service. *"As long as he lives, he is lent to the LORD"* (1 Sam. 1:28). So, too, did Mary and Joseph present the Child promised from the fall, born of a virgin's womb. The true offering wasn't the turtledoves or young pigeons. It was the Child they carried. This Child has come to *"destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery"* (Heb. 2:14b-15). Set free by His advent in our flesh and the promise of what He would do *"in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people"* (Heb. 2:17b), Simeon and Anna rejoiced. We also rejoice, for we, too, can face death unafraid and *"depart in peace"* (Luke 2:29) when our time comes.

WELCOME – (Cam)

GATHERING SONG

LIFE'S RAILWAY TO HEAVEN

***Blessed Savior Thou wilt guide us
Till we reach that blissful shore
Where the angels wait to join us
In Thy praise forevermore***

Life is like a mountain railroad
With an Engineer that's brave
We must make the run successful
From the cradle to the grave
Watch the curves the fills the tunnels
Never falter never quail
Keep your hand upon the throttle
And your eye upon the rail
You will roll up grades of trial
You will cross the bridge of strife
See that Christ is your Conductor
On this light'ning train of life
Put your trust alone in Jesus

Never falter never fail
Keep your hand upon the throttle
And your eye upon the rail
As you roll across the trestle
Spanning Jordan's swelling tide
You behold the Union Depot
Into which your train will glide
There you'll meet the superintendent
God the Father God the Son
With the hearty joyous plaudit
Weary pilgrim welcome home

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TIMES OF REFRESHING

Well I thank You Lord that You are my Savior
You're my strength
And You're the rock on which I stand
You give me life and a grace that's greater
When I humble myself beneath Your mighty hand

You bring times of refreshing
You bring times of refreshing
You bring times of refreshing to my soul
When I'm weary from the fight
And trying to do what's right
You bring times of refreshing to my soul

For the day will come when we'll all be gathered
And the sun will rise with healing in its wings
And all the years of pain won't seem to matter
When our eyes behold our Teacher and our King

You bring times of refreshing
You bring times of refreshing
To my soul

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AS WE BEGIN and CALLING ON GOD'S NAME

P – In the name of the FATHER, the SON, and the HOLY SPIRIT. Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

P – Dear God, heavenly Father! We know we are sinners, and we have not done what pleases you. We are often doing the exact opposite of what you want us to do. We did not fulfill our purpose by ourselves and are not able to do that. Because of our sin, Jesus had to perish and die. We confess unto You our sins that we commit by thought, word, deed and omission. For all we have confessed and what we don't even remember, we ask for your forgiveness.

“Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.” (*Psalm 51:1*)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

P – Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given his only son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on his name, he gives power to become the children of God, and has promised them his Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. (*Mark 16:16; John 1:12*) Amen.

KID'S MOMENT (Gerry)

WORSHIP SONG – ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME (CORONATION)

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name
Let angels prostrate fall
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown Him Lord of all
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown Him Lord of all
Ye chosen seed of Israel's race
Ye ransomed from the fall
Hail Him who saves you by His grace
And crown Him Lord of all
Hail Him who saves you by His grace
And crown Him Lord of all
Sinners whose love can ne'er forget
The wormwood and the gall
Go spread your trophies at His feet
And crown Him Lord of all
Go spread your trophies at His feet
And crown Him Lord of all
Let ev'ry kindred ev'ry tribe

On this terrestrial ball
To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him Lord of all
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BIBLE READINGS (Vince)

PSALM 99

The LORD Our God Is Holy

The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble!

He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

²The LORD is great in Zion;

he is exalted over all the peoples.

³Let them praise your great and awesome name!

Holy is he!

⁴The King in his might loves justice.^[a]

You have established equity;

you have executed justice

and righteousness in Jacob.

⁵Exalt the LORD our God;

worship at his footstool!

Holy is he!

⁶Moses and Aaron were among his priests,

Samuel also was among those who called upon his name.

They called to the LORD, and he answered them.

⁷In the pillar of the cloud he spoke to them;

they kept his testimonies

and the statute that he gave them.

⁸O LORD our God, you answered them;

you were a forgiving God to them,

but an avenger of their wrongdoings.

⁹Exalt the LORD our God,

**and worship at his holy mountain;
for the LORD our God is holy!**

DEUTERONOMY 34:1-12

The Death of Moses

Then 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.

HEBREWS 3:1-6

Jesus Greater Than Moses

Therefore, holy brothers,^[a] 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^[b] 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, ⁶ but 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.

LUKE 9:28-36

The Transfiguration

²⁸ Now about eight days after these sayings he took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹ And as he was praying, the appearance of his face was altered, and his clothing became dazzling white. ³⁰ And behold, two men were talking with him, Moses and Elijah, ³¹ who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure,^[a] which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³² Now 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. ³³ And 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. ³⁴ As he was saying these things, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. ³⁵ And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, my Chosen One;^[b] listen to him!" ³⁶ And 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.

WORSHIP SONG - BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD ABOVE

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is Love
Who ever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on His hands
My name is written on His heart
I know that while in heav'n He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart
No tongue can bid me thence depart

Hallelujah

My life is found in Jesus Christ

Hallelujah

For I am His and He is mine

When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end to all my sin
Because the sinless Saviour died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me
To look on Him and pardon me
Behold Him there the risen Lamb
My perfect spotless righteousness
The great unchangeable I Am
The King of glory and of grace
One with Himself I cannot die
My soul is purchased with His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Saviour and my God
With Christ my Saviour and my God
I bow before the cross of Christ
And marvel at this love divine
God's perfect Son was sacrificed
To make me righteous in God's eyes
This river's depths I cannot know
But I can glory in its flood
The Lord Most High has bowed down low
And poured on me His glorious love
And poured on me His glorious love

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MESSAGE – “THE BRIDGE” – Luke 9:28–36

APOSTLES' CREED

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

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

WORSHIP SONG - AGNUS DEI

Alleluia alleluia
For the Lord God Almighty reigns
Alleluia alleluia
For the Lord God Almighty reigns
Alleluia

***(You are) Holy holy
Are You Lord God Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb
Worthy is the Lamb
You are holy holy
Are You Lord God Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb
Worthy is the Lamb
Amen***

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (Prayer)

LORD'S PRAYER (Prayer)

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.

PREPARATION TO HOLY COMMUNION – FATHER, LET US DEDICATE

Be glorified be glorified in me

Be glorified be glorified in me

Father let us dedicate

All this year to you

For the service small or great

You would have us do

Not from any painful thing

Freedom can we claim

But in all that we may bring

Glory to your name

Can a child presume to choose

Where or how to live

Can a Fathers love refuse

All the best to give

More you give us every day

Than we dare to claim

And our grateful voices say

Glory to your name

Not from sorrow

Pain or care

Freedom dare I claim

This alone shall be prayer

Glorify thy name

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*'As a Lutheran Church, we believe that Jesus' body and blood are really and truly present
in the Lord's Supper. And we believe that Jesus is giving real and true spiritual gifts to us*

¹ "It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ for us Christians to eat and to drink."
(<https://catechism.cph.org/en/sacrament-of-the-altar.html>)

through this eating and drinking: forgiveness, life, and salvation. It is pure gospel for our comfort and spiritual strength.

COMMUNION PREPARATION

These are our statements about Holy Communion:

- **I know I am a sinner.**
- **I believe that Jesus is my personal Savior.**
- **I believe that Jesus is really present in the bread and wine.**
- **I intend, with God's help, to change my sinful life and live for him.**
- **I understand that when I come to this table, I publicly state that I believe these things.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION (Pastor)

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 his disciples and said: "**Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this 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 blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.**"

DISTRIBUTION – SONGS: "HOW GREAT IS OUR GOD", "JESUS MESSIAH", AND "REVELATION SONG"

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING (Pastor)

BENEDICTION (Together)

The LORD bless US and keep US.

The LORD make His face shine on US and be gracious to US.

The LORD look upon US with favour and give US peace. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FINAL SONG – IN THE SECRET

In the secret in the quiet place

In the stillness You are there

In the secret in the quiet hour
I wait only for You
'Cause I want to know You more

I want to know You

I want to hear Your voice

I want to know You more

I want to touch You

I want to see Your face

I want to know You more

I am reaching for the highest goal
That I might receive the prize
Pressing onward
Pushing every hindrance aside
Out of my way
'Cause I want to know You more

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