LUTHERAN CHAPEL



EXODUS 3:1-6, 13-15 AND LUKE 9:28-43

"Transfiguration of our Lord"

HOLY COMMUNION TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD MARCH 2, 2025

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BOLD indicates congregational responses -* Indicates that all who are able should stand to honor God.

GATHER "Meditation"

WELCOME AND PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit. C: Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

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.P: Let us recite the gift of the Ten Commandments and the Great Commandment and use these teachings to examine our lives.

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

- 1. You shall have no other gods.
- 2. You shall not make wrongful use of the Name of the LORD your God.
- 3. Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.
- 4. Honor your father and mother.
- 5. You shall not murder.
- 6. You shall not commit adultery.
- 7. You shall not steal.
- 8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
- 9. You shall not covet your neighbor's house.
- 10. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife or (husband).

THE GREAT COMMANDMENT

You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength...you shall love your neighbor as yourself.

P: Let us kneel or sit for a time of silent confession and self-examination.

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by His authority. I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Matthew 28:19b

Alex Guilmont

1 John 1:8-9

Exodus 20:1-17

Mark 12:28-31

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN** "Oh, Wondrous Image, Vision Fair"

***THE APOSTOLIC GREETING**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

***THE KYRIE**

*GLORY TO GOD

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

C: Holy God, mighty and immortal, you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. Transform us into the likeness of your Son, who renewed our humanity so that we may share in his divinity, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(In Unison)

WORD

MESSAGE FOR ALL OF GOD'S PEOPLE

All who want to come forward for the Message are welcome to do so.

STORY OF SALVATION LESSON

¹Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ²There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. ³Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." ⁴When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." ⁵Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." ⁶He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

¹³But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" ¹⁴God said to Moses, " I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ' I AM has sent me to you.'" ¹⁵God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you':

This is my name forever,

and this my title for all generations.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

2 Corinthians 13:13

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EXODUS 3:1-6, 13-15

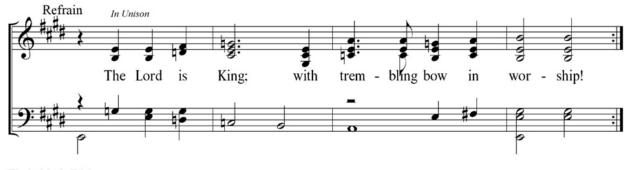
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STORY OF SALVATION TIMELINE

The timeline below offers an overview of the Story of Salvation lesson from Genesis to Revelation. <u>The + marks where we are now</u>. The memory verse is in bold.

Creation: Fall : Promise : **Exodus** : Conquest : Judges: + Kings and Prophets : Exile : Restoration : 2nd Temple : JESUS : +Apostles : Last Day : New Creation

PSALM 99



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- 1. The Lord is king; let the people tremble. The Lord is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.
- 2. the Lord, great in Zion, is high above all peoples.
- 3. Let them confess God's name, which is great and awesome; God is the Holy One.

Refrain

- 4. O mighty king, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.
- 5. Proclaim the greatness of the Lord and fall down before God's footstool; God is the Holy One.

Refrain

6. Moses and Aaron among your priests, and Samuel among those who call upon your name, O Lord;

they called upon you, and you answered them,

- 7. you spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; they kept your testimonies and the decree that you gave them.
- 8. O Lord our God, you answered them indeed; you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds.
- 9. Proclaim the greatness of the Lord and worship upon God's holy hill; for the Lord our God is the Holy One.

Refrain

SECOND LESSON

¹² Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, ¹³ not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. ¹⁴ But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. ¹⁵ Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; ¹⁶ but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. ¹⁷ Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸ And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

^{4:1} Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. ² We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

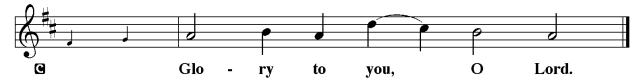
C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

*GOSPEL

LUKE 9:28-43

John 6:68

Those who are able may stand to honor Christ during the reading of the Gospel. Response after the announcement:

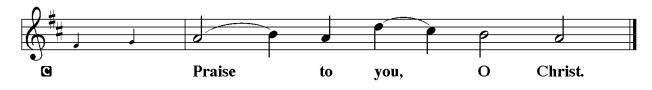


²⁸Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³⁰Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. ³¹They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³²Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah" — not knowing what he said. ³⁴While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. ³⁵Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen listen to him!" ³⁶When 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.

³⁷On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. ³⁸Just then a man from the crowd shouted, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. ³⁹Suddenly 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. ⁴⁰I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not." ⁴¹Jesus answered, "You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here." ⁴²While he was coming, the demon dashed

2 CORINTHIANS 3:12-4:2

him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. ⁴³And all were astounded at the greatness of God. P: The Gospel of the Lord.



MESSAGE

"Blessing and Woes"

Call of Moses, Prince of Egypt and Murderer Supreme Epiphany – Holy Trinity Manifest

The Law is an aspect in the Word that shows our brokenness, sin and need for Jesus 'saving power: Am I listening to Jesus?

The Gospel is an aspect in the Word that gives strength, wisdom and hope in Jesus 'ultimate saving power: Listening to Jesus we are being transformed – may God's will be done in us and among us here and now.

So What?: Listen to Jesus' Word for us day by day. Meditate on the I AM, His Presence which was, is, and is to come. Come eat pancakes and fellowship on Tuesday – the disciplines of Lent follow this ancient feast of our Lord.

***HYMN OF THE DAY** *"Thy Strong Word"*

ELW #511

***THE APOSTLES' CREED**

All are invited to confess our faith in God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. If you have not received the gift of baptism or would like to affirm your faith in Jesus and join His mission here, please indicate on the attendance registry and talk to an usher or the pastor.

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 thence 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,

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the resurrection of the body and the life + everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

AM: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

A brief silence may be kept. Each prayer will conclude: Lord in Your mercy, and the congregation may respond Hear our prayers.

Prayers are commended in Jesus 'Name.

AM: All these prayers and whatever else You see that we need we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

***THE SHARING OF THE PEACE**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

THE MEAL

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

MUSICAL OFFERING

"I Want to Walk as a Child"

Arr. by Cathy Moklebust

2 Corinthians 9:7-8

***OFFERTORY**

"Create in Me a Clean Heart"

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

***THE OFFERTORY PRAYER**

C: Blessed are You, O God, maker of all things. Through Your goodness You have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered in feeding the world with Your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING** 2 Timothy 4:22, Colossians 3:1, Psalm 136 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 our thanks and praise.

***PREFACE FOR THE DAY AND THE HOLY, HOLY, HOLY** Isaiah 6:3. Matthew 21:9 Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

1 Timothy 2:1-4

Matthew 5:22-24: Ephesians 4:1-3

Psalm 51:10-12

(In Unison)

***THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

P: In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is My body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of Me.

Again, after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in My blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of Me.

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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

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.

*LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

***DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION**

All baptized Christians are welcome to Holy Communion. Here we receive forgiveness, the gift of abiding in Jesus, the remembrance of His sacrificial love for us on the Cross, and the promise of eternal life (Luke 24:13-35, John 6:22-59, 1 Cor. 11:23-26). You may request grape juice or gluten free bread if needed. Please take your communion cup as you leave and discard it in the trashcan.

P: This is the body of Christ given for you. This is the blood of Christ shed for you.

COMMUN

ION MUSIC	"Here is Bread"	ELW #483
	"Now the Silence"	ELW #460

SENDING

***THE BLESSING**

P: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. C: Amen.

Matthew 6:9-13

Matthew 26, Mark 14, Luke 22, 1 Corinthians 11

John 1:29

***SONG OF SIMEON**

Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace: your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of every people: A light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel. Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace.

***POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

AM: Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

***BENEDICTION**

*RECESSIONAL HYMN	"Beautiful Savior"	ELW #838	
*DISMISSAL			
P: Go in peace, serve the Lord! C: Thanks be to God.			
POSTLUDE	"Pim's Toccata"	Alan Wilson	
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OUR ALTAR FLOWERS are given in in honor of Pastor Michael Comer on his Birthday by Ginny Comer

THOSE SERVING AT LUTHERAN CHAPEL TODAY

Ministers	People of Lutheran Chapel
Pastor	Michael Comer
Administrative Assistant	
Director of Music Ministries	Kathie Riebe
Choir Accompanist	Anna Gilreath
Assistant Minister	Norman Overcash
Acolyte	Renwick Royston
Lector	
Crucifer	Will Clark
Head Ushers	Steve Clark and Ervin Hoffman
First Aid/AED/CPR	Matt Hoffman
Council Members of the Month	Drew Carpenter and Don Boyette



GENERAL INFORMATION: If your family is in need of a **nursery** attendant during the 10:00 service, please let our ushers know and they will contact one of our attendants. **Restrooms** are located on the bottom floor of the Sanctuary. Additional restrooms are located in the Educational Building and *do not require the use of stairs*. If needed, please see an usher for assistance in locating them.

TO GIVE TITHES AND OFFERINGS ONLINE: This QR code goes straight to the "Easy Tithe" page on the website that accepts tithes and offerings electronically.



LOVE OFFERING FOR MARCH: Our love offering for March will be sent to The Cathy Mabry Cloninger Center/A Domestic Violence Shelter. The Home serves as a temporary shelter for clients to work on goals to establish new housing, jobs, daycare, etc. while providing a safe, emergency residence where victims can live in times of crisis. When the families leave, the staff wants them to be strong, hopeful for the future and know that there is always someone only a phone call away if help is needed. Working together, these ministries can help survivors begin their journey towards safety, healing, and hope. Please prayerfully consider giving a donation to this ministry and help to make a difference.

SHROVE TUESDAY: The Men of the Church will be sponsoring a pancake supper on **Tuesday**, **March 4** at the Family Life Center beginning at 6 pm. This supper will be held in conjunction with Shrove Tuesday. Pastor Comer will have a brief presentation explaining the origin of Shrove Tuesday and its meaning.

ASH WEDNESDAY: The season of Lent begins on **Ash Wednesday, March 5**. Worship Service will be held in the Sanctuary at 7:00 pm with Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion. Pray. Fast. Give. Humble yourself. Follow Jesus Christ. He transforms and saves us.

SW CONFERENCE FUNDRAISER: The SW conference will be holding a fundraiser on **Saturday, March 15** from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm at St Paul Lutheran Church, 531 Harden Rd., Dallas NC. They are raising funds to help rebuild destroyed bridges in Western North Carolina. BBQ Chicken Lunch will be served eat or go for \$15.00.

GASTONIA LIONS CLUB: There will be a donation box beside the CAM box for used, no longer needed eyeglasses, hearing aids, and cell phones. Thank you!

CRISIS ASSISTANCE MINISTRIES: Please remember that we will continue to collect food for the Crisis Assistance Ministry throughout the year. You may place food in the blue collection box in the hallway near our fellowship hall and in the CAM basket in the narthex of the sanctuary. The Social Ministry team will deliver to CAM when the box is full – so keep us busy! Thank you so much!



Sunday, March 2	8:30 am 9:00 am 10:00 am 11:30 am 8:00 pm	Fellowship Sunday School Worship (Sanctuary) Chancel Choir (Sanctuary) Faith Group (Fellowship Hall)
Monday, March 3	8:30 am 10:00 am 7:00 pm	Preschool Esther Circle Rebecca Circle
Tuesday, March 4	8:30 am 10:00 am 5:30 pm 6:00 pm	Preschool Clothing Closet Workday Chapel Ringers (Sanctuary) Shrove Tuesday (Family Life Center)
Wednesday, March 5	8:30 am 7:00 pm	Preschool Ash Wednesday
Thursday, March 6	8:30 am 11:00 am	Preschool Bible Study (Library)
Friday, March 7	9:00 am	Men's Community Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
Saturday, March 8	9:30 am	Hungry Peeps in (Fellowship Hall)

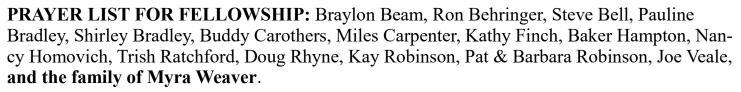


DAILY PRAYER - A HOME ALTAR ALTERS THE HOME!: Sunrise, noon, sunset and at meals are times for daily prayer (*Psalm 1 55:17*). May God bless you as you turn to Him day by day.

THE BIBLE IN A YEAR - Week 9 March 2 to March 9, 2025

03/02 Morning Reading: Mark 8:1-21—Evening Reading: Numbers 26, 27 03/03 Morning Reading: Mark 8:22-38—Evening Reading: Numbers 28, 29, 30 03/04 Morning Reading: Mark 9:1-29—Evening Reading: Numbers 31, 32, 33 03/05 Morning Reading: Mark 9:30-50—Evening Reading: Numbers 34, 35, 36 03/06 Morning Reading: Mark 10:1-31—Evening Reading: Deuteronomy 1, 2 03/07 Morning Reading: Mark 10:32-52—Evening Reading: Deuteronomy 3, 4 03/08 Morning Reading: Mark 11:1-18—Evening Reading: Deuteronomy 5, 6, 7 03/09 Morning Reading: Mark 11:19-33—Evening Reading: Deuteronomy 8, 9, 10

This QR code goes straight to the Daily prayers page on the website that lists the commemorations and Psalms appointments for the week.



FRIENDS OF THE FELLOWSHIP: John Austin, Kyle Banes, Rick Belton, Kathy Bradley, Peggy Button, Deborah Carpenter, Jeff Cobb, Zandra Chavis, Doris Coggins, **Greg Cranford**, Tucker Doyne, Jameson Franklin, Jerry Green, Kirk Jordan, Sherry McCart, Bobby Myers, Rita Pasour, Parks Peak, Bill Riddle, Morgan Rosser, Dorothy Slessman, "Spike" Stevens, Christy Carpenter Smith, Charlene Sorenson, Judy Turner, Becky Van Dyke, Jimmy Watlington, **Virgil Welch** and recovery in the North Carolina mountains.

To share concerns and updates for the prayer list you can contact the church office (704-864-6491) or call/text Pastor Comer (704-787-6439)

NEXT WEEK'S LESSONS

Wednesday, March 5 ~ Lent 2025

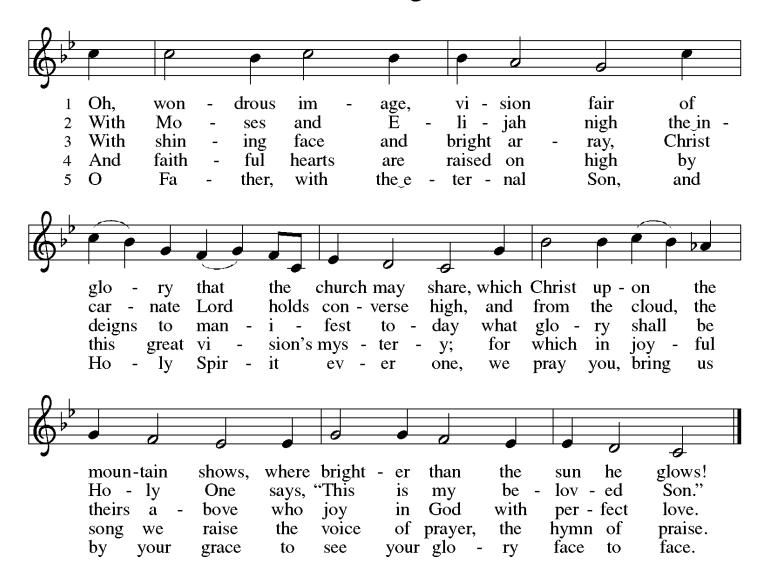
Psalm 60 "Disciplines and Gifts of Lent"

Thursday, March 6 ~ **Story of Salvation Bible Study** Exodus 3:1-6, 13-15 *"Transfiguration of our Lord 2025"*

Sunday, March 9 ~ Antecommunion

Exodus 14:10-31,15:1-2 and Luke 4:1-13 "The Temptation of our Lord 2025"

Oh, Wondrous Image, Vision Fair



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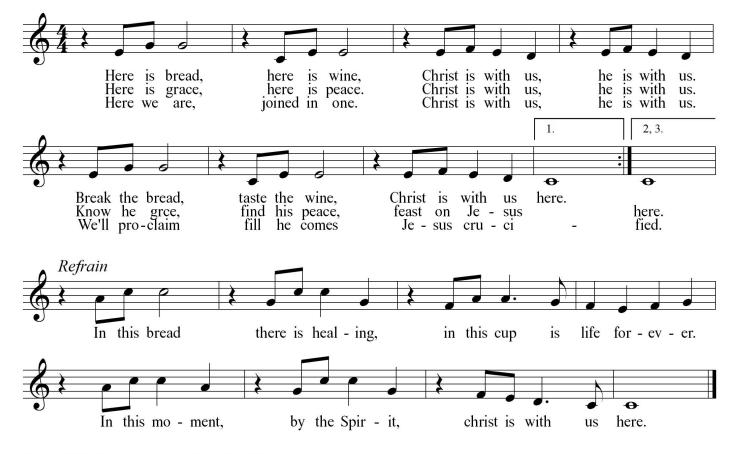
Thy Strong Word



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Here is Bread



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Now the Silence



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Beautiful Savior



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