



This is  
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my Chosen;  
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to him!

LUKE 9:35

**ELW Holy Communion Setting Four  
March 2<sup>nd</sup> , 2025**

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### GATHERING

L) The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L) In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C) Amen.**

L) Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C) Amen.**

L) Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

L) 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.**

L) God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **C) Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN “Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God Almighty” ELW 413**

### GREETING

L) 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.**

### KYRIE Setting 3

L) In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C) Lord, have mercy.**

L) For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**C) Lord, have mercy.**

L) For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**C) Lord, have mercy.**

L) For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**C) Lord, have mercy.**

L) Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **C) Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

L) The Lord be with you **C) And also with you.**

L) Let us pray.... 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.**

## **CHILDRENS MESSAGE**

### **First Reading: Exodus 34:29-35**

<sup>29</sup> Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. <sup>30</sup> When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, 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 spoke with them.

<sup>32</sup> Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. <sup>33</sup> When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; <sup>34</sup> but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, <sup>35</sup> the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

L) The Word of the Lord **C) Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 99**

<sup>1</sup> The LORD is king; let the people tremble. The LORD is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.

**<sup>2</sup> The LORD, great in Zion, is high above all peoples.**

<sup>3</sup> Let them confess God's name, which is great and awesome; God is the Holy One.

**<sup>4</sup> O mighty king, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.**

<sup>5</sup> Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and fall down before God's footstool; God is the Holy One.

**<sup>6</sup> 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,**

<sup>7</sup> you spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; they kept your testimonies and the decree that you gave them.

**<sup>8</sup> O LORD our God, you answered them indeed; you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds.**

<sup>9</sup> Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and worship up on God's holy hill; for the Lord our God is the Holy One.

### **Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 3:12—4:2**

<sup>12</sup> Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, <sup>13</sup> 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. <sup>14</sup> 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. <sup>15</sup> Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; <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 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.

<sup>4:1</sup> Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. <sup>2</sup> 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. This is my Son, my Chosen, listen to him! Alleluia.***

L) The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 9<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

**C) Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Gospel: Luke 9:28-36**

<sup>28</sup> Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. <sup>29</sup> And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. <sup>30</sup> Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. <sup>31</sup> They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. <sup>32</sup> Now 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. <sup>33</sup> Just 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. <sup>34</sup> While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. <sup>35</sup> Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" <sup>36</sup> 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.

L) The Gospel of the Lord **C) Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY      "BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR"      ELW 838**

L) Living Together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**APOSTLES CREED**

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,**



**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again 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**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

L) With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

L) Transfiguring God, through the glory of your presence, you transform us. Move the church from complacency to boldness in sharing the good news with others. God of grace, **C) hear our prayer.**

L) We pray for your creation. As seasons change, give patience and skill to all who tend to animals giving birth. Grant nourishing weather for the growing of crops. God of grace, **C) hear our prayer.**

L) We pray for all in leadership, especially for those who lead states, counties, and town councils (*local leaders may be named*). Give them wisdom to protect local resources so that all will flourish both now and in the years to come. God of grace, **C) hear our prayer.**

L) Bring your healing grace to those who feel distant from you. Speak comfort to those who need your words of mercy. We pray for those close to our communities and in our hearts (*especially*). God of grace, **C) hear our prayer.**

L) God of our past, present, and future, lead us into new beginnings, trusting in the promise of new life in Christ. Accompany congregations needing to close, and give courage to congregations starting new ministries (*new ministries may be named*). God of grace, **C) hear our prayer.**

L) Renewing God, the saints who have gone before us witnessed to the ways you transform your church and people (*especially John Wesley and Charles Wesley, renewers of the church*). We give thanks for their example and pray we carry it forward. God of grace, **C) hear our prayer.**

L) We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people. **C) Amen.**

## PEACE

L) The peace of Christ be with you always. **C) And also with you.**

## OFFERING OFFERTORY

### OFFERING PRAYER

L) Let us pray.... 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.**

**\*\* Bread is Gluten Free. A Non Alcoholic option is in the center of the trays.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

L) The Lord be with you.

**C) And also with you.**

L) Lift up your hearts.

**C) We lift them to the Lord.**

L) Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C) It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

L) 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; who, sharing our life, lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to your own brilliant light. 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:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (SPOKEN)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might: Heav'n 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.**

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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.

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

### **COMMUNION SONG**

**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.**

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

L) Taste and see that the Lord is good. **C) Thanks be to God.**

### **COMMUNION**

L) The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you  
in his grace. **C) Amen.**

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

L) Let us pray.... 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.**

**BLESSING**

L) The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

**C) Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN**

**"On Our Way Rejoicing"**

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**DISMISSAL**

L) Go in peace. To Love and Serve the Lord. **C) Thanks be to God.**