

# Living Word Lutheran Church

*The Transfiguration of Our LORD*

*February 11, 2018*



**PASTOR: The Rev. Eric Hullstrom**

**Sunday Morning Worship Service at 9 am at the Meridian Habitat & Community Center**

(Children's Sunday School and Adult Bible Study available during the school year)

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**Mission Statement:** "We, God's people of Living Word Lutheran Church, grounded in Holy Scripture, are called to follow and share the inspired Word of God in Christ, to live as faithful and obedient servants, reaching out to all people with the love of Jesus Christ."

**Motto:** "Grace Alone, Faith Alone, Word Alone."

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS February 11-17, 2018

This week's activities:

<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 am 10:15 am 10:30 am	Worship Service Coffee Hour Adult Sunday School Children's Sunday School
<b>Monday</b>	2:00 pm	Rainier Vista Care Center Visit
<b>Tuesday</b>	10:00 am 6:30 pm	Women's Ministry Board at the LWLC Office LWLC Board at the LWLC Office
<b>Wednesday</b>	8:00 am 9:30 am 7:00 pm	LWLC Prayer for Guidance at the LWLC Office Living Way Bible Study at the LWLC Office Ash Wednesday Service at the Meridian Habitat
<b>Thursday</b>	10:30 am 7:30 pm	Midweek Bible Study at the LWLC Office Choir Practice at the LWLC Office
<b>Saturday</b>	2:00 pm	Pastor Francis (Jeff) Jeffery's Memorial service at Trinity Lutheran Church, 12115 Park Ave. S., Tacoma, WA 98444

*The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God by Dennis and Judy Krumwiede in honor of their parents.*

### Today's Worship Assistants

**Set up/Tear Down (Team 2)**- Al Auge, Ron Heilman, Gary Gjerstad, Joe Burdick, Jim Gronhovd, Daryl Olson, Ron Johnson, Joey Ramos; **Ushers** – Dick Schmidt, Bonnie Socey; **Acolyte**-Carmen Ramos; **Lector**-Cheryl Hedlund; **Communion Setup/Takedown**- Nancy Martin, Valerie Claiborne; **Communion Assitants**-Bob & Nancy Martin, Carole Williams-Wood; **Communion Bread**-Gayla Fenimore; **Sound System**-Ron Johnson; **Tellers**- Linda Deas, Judy Krumwiede; **Altar Setup/Take Down**-Kitty Jepsen, Sharlene Parker; **Coffee Hour**-Gaye Anderson, Kaye Sims; **Parking Lot**-Tony Deas

### SCRIPTURE ~ Next week

Genesis 9:8-17	Psalm 25:1-10
1 Peter 3:18-22	Mark 1:40-45

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb 14		Ash Wednesday Service, 7 pm at the Meridian Habitat
Feb 17	Padre Francis (Jeff) Jeffery Memorial Service, 2 pm at Trinity Lutheran Church, 12115 Park Ave. S., Tacoma, WA 98444 (across PLU). Reception following.	
Feb 20	Tues, Lenten Soup Supper-6:15 pm in the Sunrise Baptist small fellowship hall followed by a 7:00 pm service in the Sunrise sanctuary. Hosting ministry: Worship & Music/Choir	

### HELP WANTED: Sunday School Teachers

This past fall, Mary Kaye Owen, Heidi Sturdivant, and Randi Kilpack have team taught our upper grade (2-6) grade students. With their busy work and home lives, this approach affords continued involvement, teaching those Sundays that coincide with their individual schedules. This December Randi accepted a temporary job in California for 2018. We already miss her! In her absence, we are praying God will raise up an individual or individuals whose love for children will draw them to be a part of this teaching ministry. There are two age groups to consider. (4 yr.- 1st grade) and (2nd-6th).

If you feel God prompting you, please call or contact Pastor Eric, Lori Schmidt or Mary Loshbough.

***Please silence all electronic devices, including cell phones, upon entering the sanctuary.***

**Living Word Lutheran Church**

*Order for Worship*

**When you hear the bell, please be seated for the announcements.**

**Announcements**

Please sign the attendance register and pass it down the row.

***Our worship begins with the prelude. "Let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe." (Hebrews 12:28)***

**Prelude**

**Opening Hymn**

**"Transfiguration Hymn"**

**TUNE: "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"**

1. See our Lord in all His glo - ry, Now ar - rayed in  
2. See the cloud of an - cient fi - re Guid - ing thro' our  
3. Je - sus Lord, we see Your splen - dor Here and now by

daz - zling white! See Him shine in ho - ly splen - dor,  
wil - der - ness. Hear the voice of God our Fa - ther.  
dai - ly faith. In our ser - vice, in our suf - f'ring

Bathed in ev - er - last - ing light! See the law and  
Hear the love His words ex - press: This my Son is  
We will fol - low un - a - fraid, On from glo - ry

proph - ets gath - er, Lift - ing high the Liv - ing  
pure and pleas - ing. Hear the bless - ing that He  
in - to glo - ry Till we see You face to

Christ! Lift - ing high the Liv - ing Christ!  
brings! Hear the bless - ing that He brings!  
face, Till we see You face to face.

***We Worship with Confession.***

**Pastor:** Remembering our baptism into Christ Jesus, we gather as we are to live in the name of the Father, and of the (†) Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Congregation:** Amen.

P: Beloved in the LORD, let us draw near with faithful hearts and confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him, in the name of our LORD Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the LORD. **C: Who made heaven and earth.**

P: I said, I will confess my sins unto the LORD. **C: May God forgive the offense of my sin.**

P: (facing altar which symbolizes God's presence): *Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, C: we confess to You that we are by nature sinners and that we have sinned against You by thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. Therefore, we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, pleading for and seeking Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

(Silence for personal reflection and self-examination.)

*P: Most merciful God... C: You have given Your only begotten Son to die for us. Have mercy upon us, and for Jesus' sake grant us forgiveness of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will, and true obedience to Your Word, that by Your grace we may come to eternal life; through Jesus Christ our LORD. Amen.*

P: (facing the congregation declares God's grace): Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us, and has given His only Son to die for us, and for Jesus' sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on Jesus' Name, He gives power to become children of God and bestows on them His Holy Spirit. Those who believe and are baptized shall be saved. Grant this, O LORD, unto us all. **C: Amen.**

**All: Praise the LORD!**

We are sent to make disciples of all nations (Matt. 28:19). We begin by sharing the peace of the LORD with one another.

**Cantors sing verses 1-3, Congregation sings responsively the refrain.**

**Cantors: Vs 1-** In our arrogance and pride We come to You. In our weakness and our guilt We look to You.

**Congregation: O Lord, our Lord, have mercy, O Lord, our Lord, Have mercy.**

**Cantors: Vs 2-** In our trouble and our pain We come to You. In our darkness and our grief We look to You.

**Congregation: O Lord, our Lord, have mercy, O Lord, our Lord, Have mercy.**

**Cantors: Vs 3-** Mighty God of love and power We come to You. You are here, and You are now. We look to You.

**Congregation: O Lord, our Lord, have mercy, O Lord, our Lord, Have mercy.**

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.**

### Glory to God

**Congregation:** (Refrain)

**Glory to God in the highest, Sing! Glory to God!  
Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on Earth!**

**Verse 1:** *Lord, God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father;  
We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory!* **C:** (Refrain)

**Verse 2:** *Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
You take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;  
You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer!* **C:** (Refrain)

**Verse 3: Women: For You alone are the Holy One,  
Men: You alone are the Lord, the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
All: with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father!** **C:** (Refrain)

P (spoken): *The LORD be with you.*

**C:** (spoken): ***And also with you.***

**PRAYER OF THE DAY** (All pray):

**Holy God, You revealed your glory and presence in your beloved Son, Jesus the Christ as Your perfect beauty shined forth. Continue to reveal Your love to us and in turn may we reveal that love to those who do not know and have not seen. All honor and praise and worship be unto You, oh God, through Christ Jesus our Lord, Amen.**

***We Hear and Read God's Word***

**This reading is from the Second Book of Kings, the 2nd chapter (ESV).**

Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. <sup>2</sup> And Elijah said to Elisha, "Please stay here, for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. <sup>3</sup> And the sons of the prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take away your master from over you?" And he said, "Yes, I know it; keep quiet."

<sup>4</sup> Elijah said to him, "Elisha, please stay here, for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. <sup>5</sup> The sons of the prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take away your master from over you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know it; keep quiet."

<sup>6</sup> Then Elijah said to him, "Please stay here, for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. <sup>7</sup> Fifty men of the sons of the prophets

also went and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. <sup>8</sup> Then Elijah took his cloak and rolled it up and struck the water, and the water was parted to the one side and to the other, till the two of them could go over on dry ground.

<sup>9</sup> When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Ask what I shall do for you, before I am taken from you." And Elisha said, "Please let there be a double portion of your spirit on me." <sup>10</sup> And he said, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it shall be so for you, but if you do not see me, it shall not be so."

<sup>11</sup> And as they still went on and talked, behold, chariots of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them. And Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. <sup>12</sup> And Elisha saw it and he cried, "My father, my father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" And he saw him no more.

Then he took hold of his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

(Here ends this reading.)

LWLC CHOIR

"Total Praise"

by Richard Smallwood, arr. Joel Raney

**This reading is from the Book of Psalms, Psalm 50 (ESV)**

(to be read responsively)

Reader: The Mighty One, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth

**Congregation: from the rising of the sun to its setting.**

R: <sup>2</sup> Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,

**C: God shines forth.**

R: <sup>3</sup> Our God comes; he does not keep silence; before him is a devouring fire,

**C: around him a mighty tempest.**

R: <sup>4</sup> He calls to the heavens above

**C: and to the earth, that he may judge his people:**

R: <sup>5</sup> "Gather to me my faithful ones,

**C: who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!"**

R: <sup>6</sup> The heavens declare his righteousness,  
**C: for God himself is judge!**

**This reading is from Paul's 2nd Letter to the Corinthians, the 4th chapter (ESV)**

Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. <sup>2</sup> But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. <sup>3</sup> And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. <sup>4</sup> In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the

unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. <sup>5</sup> For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup> For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

(Here ends this reading.)

The congregation stands and sings:

Al - le - lu - ia! the Word of God is liv - ing! Al - le - lu - ia! The  
 gos - pel is a - mong us! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

**The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 9th chapter. (ESV) C: Glory to You, O LORD**

And he said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the kingdom of God after it has come with power."

<sup>2</sup> And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, <sup>3</sup> and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them. <sup>4</sup> And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. <sup>5</sup> And Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and

one for Elijah." <sup>6</sup> For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified. <sup>7</sup> And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is my beloved Son; listen to him." <sup>8</sup> And suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them but Jesus only.

<sup>9</sup> And as they were coming down the mountain, he charged them to tell no one what they had seen, until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

(The Gospel of Our LORD)

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

**We Worship by Confessing Our Faith in the Words of the Nicene Creed**

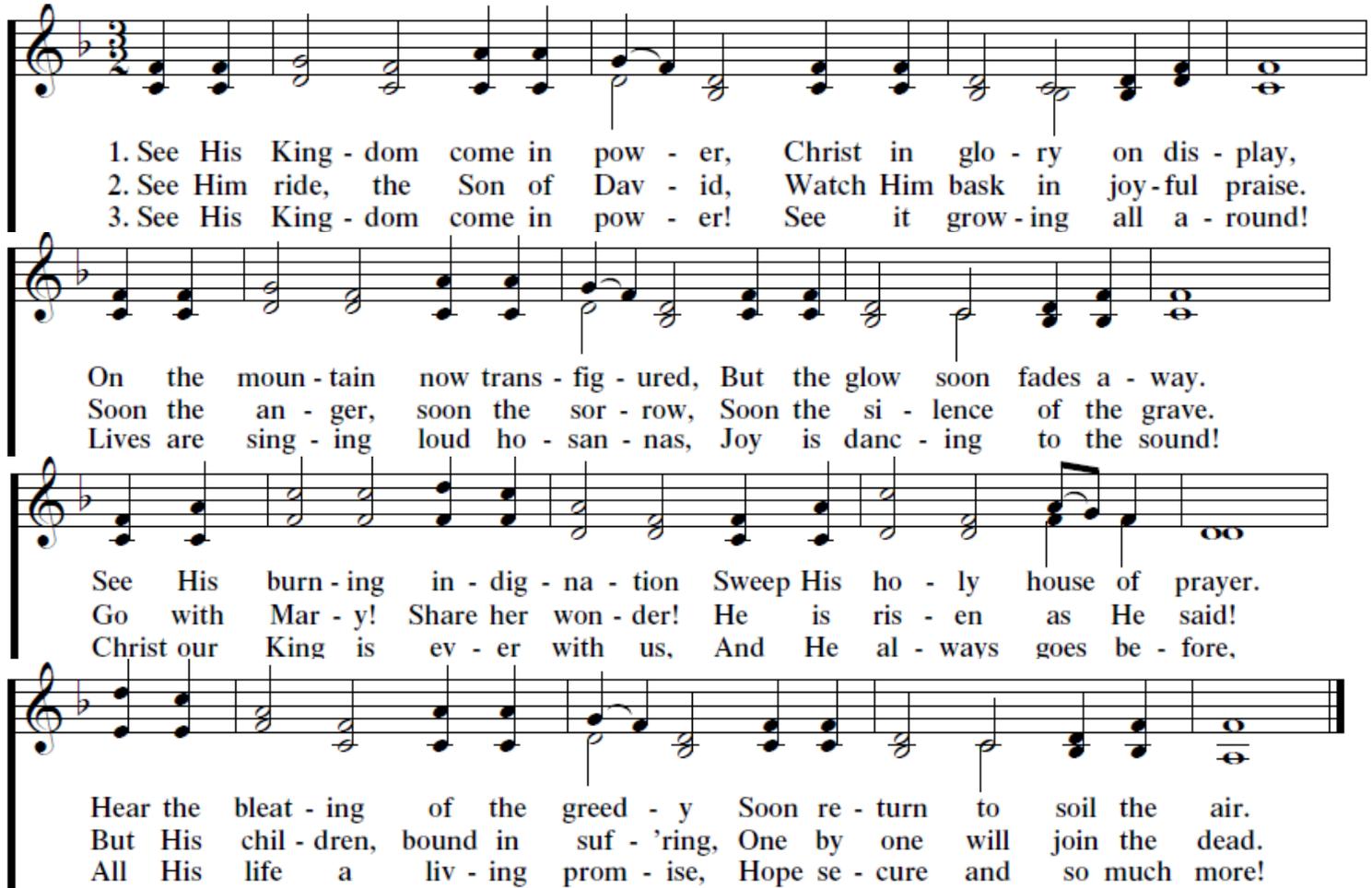
**WE BELIEVE** in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

**WE BELIEVE** in one LORD, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit He became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made human. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and His kingdom will have no end.

**WE BELIEVE** in the Holy Spirit, the LORD, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son He is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one Holy Christian and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

## Hymn of the Day

## "See His Kingdom Come in Power"



1. See His King - dom come in pow - er, Christ in glo - ry on dis - play,  
 2. See Him ride, the Son of Dav - id, Watch Him bask in joy - ful praise.  
 3. See His King - dom come in pow - er! See it grow - ing all a - round!

On the moun - tain now trans - fig - ured, But the glow soon fades a - way.  
 Soon the an - ger, soon the sor - row, Soon the si - lence of the grave.  
 Lives are sing - ing loud ho - san - nas, Joy is danc - ing to the sound!

See His burn - ing in - dig - na - tion Sweep His ho - ly house of prayer.  
 Go with Mar - y! Share her won - der! He is ris - en as He said!  
 Christ our King is ev - er with us, And He al - ways goes be - fore,

Hear the bleat - ing of the greed - y Soon re - turn to soil the air.  
 But His chil - dren, bound in suf - 'ring, One by one will join the dead.  
 All His life a liv - ing prom - ise, Hope se - cure and so much more!

Sermon

Pastor Eric Hullstrom

***We Worship In Thanksgiving By Offering Our Gifts***

Offertory

*The offering is received*

As the congregation stands, the ushers bring the offering forward.

***"With Grateful Joy"***

***With grateful joy for you the source of all life,  
 We raise one voice to you from whom all blessings flow.  
 You are the Giver of life; you are the Lover of life,  
 the Good Sustainer of Life. We live in you. We live in you.***

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*We pray together the offering prayer: P: Merciful Father...*

**C:** we offer with joy and thanksgiving what You have first given us – ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of Your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of Him who gave Himself for us, Jesus Christ our LORD.

**Amen**

## The Prayers of the church

(Each petition concludes with “LORD, in your mercy”, to which the congregation responds: “hear our prayer”)

### ***We Worship by Receiving Our LORD in His Holy Meal***

#### ***The Great Thanksgiving (Spoken)***

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 indeed right and salutary . . . (Here the minister continues with the preface:)*

**C:** *Holy, holy, holy LORD, God of pow'r and might:  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD. Hosanna in the highest.*

. The Words of Institution and The LORD'S Prayer (congregation sings)

**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 debts as we forgive our debtors.  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**Holy Communion:** Lutherans believe the LORD's Supper is a holy sacrament in which Christ comes to us with His grace, love, compassion, and forgiveness. The crucified and risen Christ is present in, with, and under the bread and wine – He promises: “This is my body... This is my blood”. Therefore, the Apostle Paul says we should examine ourselves lest we eat or drink in an unworthy manner (1 Cor. 11:27ff.). Martin Luther wrote, “Anyone who does not believe these words (‘this is My body given for you this is My blood shed for you.’), is neither prepared nor worthy; for the words, ‘FOR YOU’ requires simply a believing heart.” Therefore, all (including children who have received instruction) who believe in Jesus Christ as Savior and LORD and who see His presence in the sacrament are welcome to commune with us.

As you come forward for communion, you are invited to dip your fingers in the water of the baptismal font and then make the sign of the cross on your forehead as a reminder of Christ's claim upon you through your baptism.

(For those with gluten allergies, we now have gluten-free wafers available for Communion on the Baptismal Font.)

The congregation sings:

**“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.***

#### **Communion Hymns:**

**“Holy, Holy, Holy”**

**LBW #165**

**“How Good, Lord, to be Here”**

**LBW #89**

**“Sent Forth by God's Blessing”**

**LBW #221**

## Canticle

Thank God and sing praise! Raise our voices high - er! Pro - claim  
Christ's Way! Thank God and sing praise! Make the cir-cle wid - er!  
All who know the taste of grace! God's peop-le gath-ered all  
ov - er the world, led on in prom-ise, sent forth in joy with  
shouts of thanks - giv - ing all ov - er the world, sing Hal - le - lu - jah!

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## Benediction

Congregation sings the 3-fold "Amen"

**On Our Way Rejoicing**

## Closing Hymn

**"Joyful, Joyful"**

**LBW #551**

**We Worship By How We Live During the Week**

**P:** Go in Peace! Serve the LORD!

**C:** Thanks be to God!

## Postlude

Musician: Mary Kaye Owen

Choir Director: Dan Owen

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**Thank you for worshipping with us this morning!**

If you are a visitor, please sign the Guest Book. We encourage you to pick up a 'Welcome' packet at the Ushers table to introduce you to our church. Coffee hour will follow the worship service. Please join us.

**Ash Wednesday (February 14) Worship Assistants-Doors Open at 6:00 pm**

**Set up/Tear Down – Volunteers Please!** **Ushers**-Bill & Debbi Zavadil; **Acolyte**-Olivia Vashchenko; **Lector**-Gayla Fenimore;

**Communion Setup/Takedown**-Nancy Martin, Ardis Kilber; **Communion Assistants**-Bob & Nancy Martin, Sharlene Parker;

**Communion Bread**-Lonna Groce; **Sound System**-Andy Anderson; **Tellers**-Sarah DeBord, Al Auge;

**Altar Setup/Take Down**-Kitty Jepsen, Sharlene Parker; **Parking Lot**-Duane Claiborne

**NEXT WEEK's (February 18) Worship Assistants**

**Set up/Tear Down (Team 1)**- Bill Zavadil, Andy Anderson, Skip Whelan, Dennis Krumwiede, Rick Fields, Larry Vollmer, Alex Burdick, Gary Heintz, Wayne Flood; **Ushers** – Bob Martin, Sharlene Parker; **Acolyte**-Lydia Auge; **Lector**-Ron Johnson; **Communion**

**Setup/Takedown**-Lorraine Stargel, Ardis Kilber; **Communion Assistants**-Bill & Debbi Zavadil, Carole Williams-Wood; **Communion Bread**-Lonna Groce; **Sound System**-Bill Zavadil; **Tellers**- Gary Gjerstad, Judy Krumwiede; **Altar Setup/Take Down**-Barbara Gjerstad, Yvonne Olson; **Coffee Hour**-Ruth Anderson, Carole Williams-Wood; **Parking Lot**-Dave Ostendorf

**Prayers for those who are serving our country (military, firefighters & police) and their families and keep them safe:** Josh Jepsen, Chase, Seth Hearld, Powell, Evan Gregory Blodgett, Ken Solbrack, Michael Elliott, Chris Berentson, Cole Lufkin (Gjerstad's grandson), Brady Woodman (Relma Burmeister's grandson), Devlin Durkin, Damien Benigno (Lydia Auge's brother); Curtis & Riley McKenzie, Brandon Bules (Carole Williams cousin), Jacob Ramsey (Fenimore's grandson), pray for safety and draw close to God. *Our prayers for all those in harm's way are urgently needed during this time of turmoil and strife in this country.*

**Prayers for those who have recently lost a loved one:** Prayers for the family and friends of **Tyler Filinski** as they grieve his death. Prayers for the grieving family of close friend **Rosemarie Barber** (Rosie Heintz) as she recently passed away unexpectedly.

**Prayers for those with cancer or long-term illness.** **Dixie** (Sharlene Parker's sister). **Judy Ostendorf**. **Jeff** (Don & Carol Brennan's son), Continued prayers for friend, **Dana Yeaman** (Debbi Zavadil), **Don Minnick** (Harold & Clarice Liemohn) diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. **Pastor Dave Steffenson** (Dave Ostendorf) diagnosed with prostate cancer. **Alice** (Ardene Bartness' sister), comfort and peace in her last months of life. **Hank Anderson** (friend of Kaye Sims) who is terminally ill with cancer. **Chrissy** (Gary & Rosie Heintz's daughter-in-law) who had cancer returned. **Bob Lungberg** (Bob & Nancy Martin) recently diagnosed with bladder cancer.



**Aunt Glenda** (Lorraine Stargel) diagnosed with pancreatic concern. Prayers for her comfort from her pains and discernment of the medical staff with upcoming treatments. **Cousin Sandy** (Lorraine Stargel) for decisions on treatment for reoccurrence of cancer. **Virginia Held** who has been experiencing debilitating pancreatitis, pray for doctor's discernment and healing and recovery. Prayers for daughter **Elaina** (Ron & Gaye Anderson) during her chemo treatment, pray for strong resistance to the flu. Prayers for **Snookie Pankrantz** recently diagnosed with cancer.

**Prayers for healing and strength for those with health concerns and those facing or recovering from surgery.** Pray for permanent healing for **Phil Steves'** knee that continues to be painful because of the accident in February. **Phil**, son-in-law of Paul and Esther Braafladt for complete recovery after a fall from a ladder in January, many complications, pray for doctor's discernment and proper treatment. Nephew **Jeff Bertram** (Carole Williams-Wood), prayers for doctor's discernment in controlling his heart arrhythmia. Peace and comfort for **Carolyn Martin** and that the blood clots will dissolve. **Cousin Megan Hitt** (Jeff & Sarah DeBord), pray for continued healing and quick recovery. Prayers for the men in Mary Kaye Owen's sister's family: **Scott, Terry, Ian, Ivan, Owen**. Prayers for healing for **Connor** (Daryl & Deena Olson) that the lung abnormality improves and for doctor's wisdom as they prepare for his delivery, prayers for peace of his parents **Brad and Kirstie**. **Bob**, our friend (Harold & Clarice Liemohn) who had surgery and his wife **Ardys** who will be having hip replacement surgery, pray for strength, quick recovery and help during this stressful time. **Don**, (Carole Williams-Wood friend) pray for guidance on how to proceed after surgery did not fix problem and pray for doctor's discernment for treatment. **Dana Yeaman** (Debbi Zavadil) pray for continued healing on her foot. Prayers for **Claudia Harrell** (Gary & Carol Richey) after she fell and broke her leg. **Jon Paul Webber** (Heidi Sturdivant) recovering from cancer surgery. **Lee Brown** as he prepares to meet his Maker. Prayers for quick recovery and healing for **Mike O'Brien** (Gary & Rosie Heintz) recovering from by-pass surgery. **Michelle** (Judy Ostendorf's niece) recovering from back surgery, pray for quick healing and recovering. **Dr. Rodney Swenson** (Dwight & Barbara Griswold) pray for complete and timely recovery after brain surgery, peace, strength & comfort for Rodney and his family. Prayers for sister **Londa** (Carolyn Martin) admitted to the hospital for undiagnosed medical problems. Pray for wisdom for the doctors and correct diagnosis and treatment. Prayers for quick healing and recovery for grandmom **Dina Vashchenko** (Hannah & Vivianna Vashchenko) after surgery. Pray for daughter **Lori Wales** (Carole Williams-Wood) for successful surgery and recovery and daughter **Lynette** for doctor's discernment in treating her immune deficiency disease. Prayers for brother-in-law **Tom Horne** (Gary & Rosie Heintz) for a successful bypass surgery and recovery.

**Prayers for faith, strength and guidance.** God's continued guidance and blessings in our search for a new church home. God's guidance and peace between nations of the earth especially between the U.S. and North Korea. God's love to overcome hate and fear in hearts around the world. Prayers for **daughter-in-law Crissy and son Casey** (Gary & Rosie Heintz) in Houston, TX receiving cancer treatments.

### A Prayer for Strength

O Lord, in this time of need, strengthen me. You are my strength, my shield; and my refuge, a very present help in trouble.

I know Father, that Your eyes go to and fro throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts long for You.

The body grows weary, but my hope is in You to renew my strength.

I do not fear, for You are with me. I am not dismayed or overwhelmed for You are my God.

I know You will strengthen me and help me; that You will uphold me with Your righteous hand.

Even as the shadows of illness cover me, I feel the comfort of Your strength, O LORD. Amen