

**FIRST READING: Exodus 34:29-35**

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.

**Psalm 99****SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 3:12—4:2**

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.

**GOSPEL: Luke 9:28-36 [37-43a]**

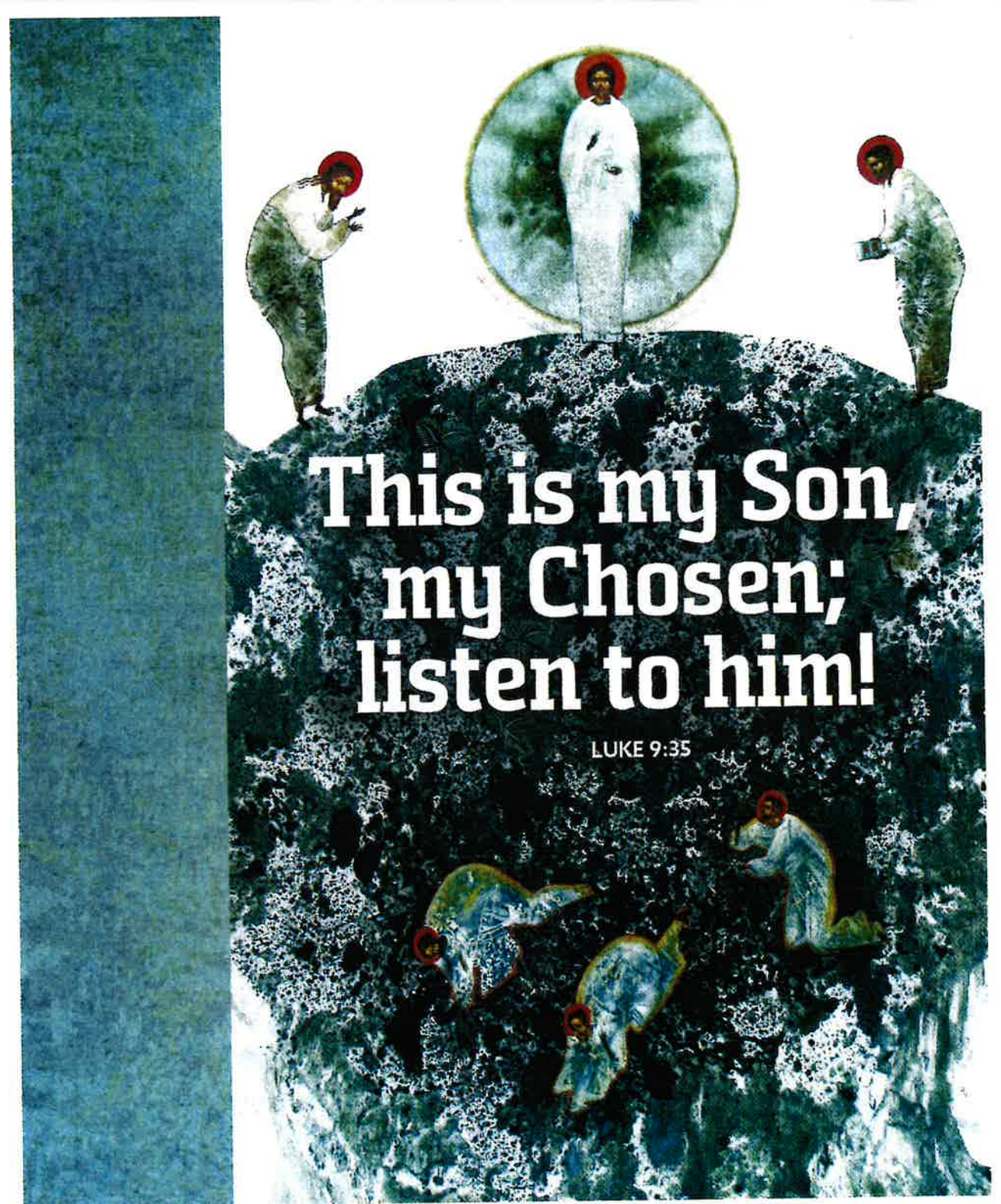
Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. <sup>29</sup>And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. <sup>30</sup>Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking 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.

[<sup>37</sup>On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. <sup>38</sup>Just then a man from the crowd shouted, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. <sup>39</sup>Suddenly 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. <sup>40</sup>I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not." <sup>41</sup>Jesus answered, "You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here." <sup>42</sup>While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. <sup>43a</sup>And all were astounded at the greatness of God.]

Next Sunday's Readings: Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16; Romans 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13.

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***Our mission is to invite people to know Jesus Christ so that we may all share God's love.***

**Welcome to Worship at Immanuel** - May God's grace nurture and strengthen you each day as we journey through our lives, seeking to grow in faith, hope and love.

**Prayer before Worship:** Lord, prepare our hearts for worship. Still our souls. Ground us in your grace. Amen.

**Prayer Requests:** We welcome requests of prayers for our members, friends and families throughout our communities and beyond. Anyone is welcome to leave a note on the desk in the office or contact the pastor.

**Offering envelopes are located and available on the table in the entry.**  
Please designate how you would like to have your offering used if for anything other than general funds.

**The Lord's Supper,** (offered on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month) the Eucharist, or Holy Communion is a means of God's grace whereby the real presence of Christ is offered. All are welcome to receive Communion at Immanuel Lutheran Church.

**We have Children's Bulletins** for those who wish to enhance the worship experience for the kids. They can be found each week on the table with the regular Sunday Bulletins.

Newsletter, bulletin, and member information or changes may be sent to  
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This Week at Immanuel 9:30 am - Sunday School 10:30 am - Worship

## **Sunday, March 2, 2025**

**WORSHIP LEADER:** PASTOR NATHAN FEIG  
**Lay Reader:** Angie Kratochvil  
**Greeters:** Terry & Kay Bose  
**Ushers/Acolytes:** Alec Harper, Acer Kratochvil  
**Communion:** Jerry Kukuck, Elton Mau  
**Organist:** Cindy Wilson

## **Sunday, March 9, 2025**

**WORSHIP LEADERS:** PASTOR WAYNE SHELKSOHN  
**Lay Reader:** Jerry Kukuck  
**Greeters:** Lois Barker, Sherri Ganske  
**Ushers/Acolytes:** Kasen Casson, Zane Hoffman  
**Organist:** Kimberly Petersen

**Please include the following people in our prayers:**

Virginia Winterland, Gary Kessinger, Lucy McKinley, Cheryl Poppe, Robert Ruff, Jeannie Weber, Tim Dawson, Nancy Lasser, Bob & Judy Logan, Kevin and Chad Allen (family members of Von Becker), and Daviney Steidinger-Reynolds (a student at Ridgeview)

## *Announcements*

**Sharing the duties of our services –**

During the Annual Meeting, it was decided that serving communion requires a few extra helpers. Starting this week (and including Ash Wednesday) those who are assigned as Ushers are also asked to come forward to assist in the distribution of Holy Communion. We would also ask for a few more volunteers to be included as Communion Assistants and Ushers/Acolytes. There is a sheet on the counter at the kitchen for those who would be willing to help those already on the list. Thank you.

**Please join us this week for the Ash Wednesday Worship Service March 5 at 7 pm.**

On the following Wednesdays in Lent, we will offer Soup Suppers at 6:00 pm followed by discussions around the tables led by Pastor Nathan. A full description of the Lenten Schedule is on the insert.

**It's time for Soup! There is a sign-up sheet in the kitchen window for Wednesday Soup Suppers during Lent.** We look forward to this time of fellowship and the wonderful soups and chili our friends provide.

**LWR Quilts** - We will knot quilts on Tuesdays, March 4 and 11th from 1:00-3:30 p.m. (note time change). If you are planning to attend, please let Dee Winterland know so if we need to cancel for whatever reason, you can be contacted. We would love to see some new faces!

# Transfiguration of Our Lord

March 2, 2025

*Witnesses to the glory of God in the face of Jesus reflect that glory in the world. It was true for Moses. It was doubtless true for Peter, James, and John. We pray that it will be true of all of us who see God's glory in the word and in the supper and who are being "transformed into the same image" by God's Spirit.*

## PRELUDE / ANNOUNCEMENTS

### *Gathering*

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

*\*Congregation may remain seated or stand as you are able*

### \*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross in remembrance of baptism as the worship leader begins -*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, our creator, our protector,  
our wellspring of life. C: Amen.

P: Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Merciful God,

C: **you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.**

P: God proclaims these words of assurance:

*"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine."*

*In † Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God.*

C: Amen.

GATHERING SONG

*How Good, Lord, to be Here*

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\*GREETING *\*Please stand as you are able*

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.**

\*KYRIE ELW page 138

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. *(sung) C: Lord, have mercy.*

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

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: 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.**

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,  
let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **C: Amen.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE ELW page 140

All: Refrain ~ ***This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.***

Women: ***Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be  
people of God.*** Refrain

Men: ***Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his.***  
Refrain

All: ***Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:  
Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.***

Refrain

All: ***For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.*** Refrain

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: 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.

**C: Amen.**

*Congregation may be seated.*

## Word

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

READING Exodus 34:29-35 back of bulletin

*Moses' face shone with the reflected glory of God after he received the Ten  
Commandments on Mount Sinai. The sight caused the Israelites to be afraid, so Moses  
wore a veil to mask the radiance of God's glory, taking it off when he spoke directly  
with God.*

After the reading . . . L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

PSALM Psalm 99

The Lord is king; let the people tremble. The Lord is enthroned  
upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.

**The Lord, great in Zion, is high above all peoples.**

Let them confess God's name, which is great and awesome; God is the Holy One.

**O mighty king, lover of justice, you have established equity;  
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.**

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord and fall down before God's footstool;  
God is the Holy One.

**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,  
You spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; they kept your testimonies  
and the decree that you gave them.**

**O Lord our God, you answered them indeed; you were a God who  
forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds.**

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord and worship upon God's holy hill;  
for the Lord our God is the Holy One.

READING 2 Corinthians 3:12 – 4:2 back of bulletin

*In his debates with the Corinthians, Paul contrasts the glory of Moses with the glory of  
Christ. The Israelites could not see Moses' face because of the veil. But in Christ we see  
the unveiled glory of God and are transformed into Christ's likeness.*

After the reading . . . L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ELW page 142

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

\*GOSPEL READING Luke 9:28-43a back of bulletin

*The Gospel is announced:*

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

*The conversation about Jesus' suffering and death is enclosed in a dazzling foreshadowing of the resurrection. God affirms Jesus' identity, the disciples are stunned speechless, and Jesus resumes his mission with a demonstration of his power over evil.*

*After the reading:* P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Congregation may be seated.*

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON Pastor Nathan Feig

HYMN OF THE DAY **Beautiful Savior** ELW 838

\*APOSTLE'S CREED ELW page 104

**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 was 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 INTERCESION

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

*After each petition:* P: God of grace, **C: hear our prayer.**

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

WE GATHER OUR OFFERING

\*OFFERING SONG *Please stand as you are able.* ELW 182

**Let the vineyards be fruitful Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.**

**Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.**

**Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now.**

**Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.**

\*OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray... God of grace,

**C: 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.**

*Meal*

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ*

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The Peace of the Lord be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

P: Let us share that peace with one another.

*The congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

\*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *(spoken)*

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

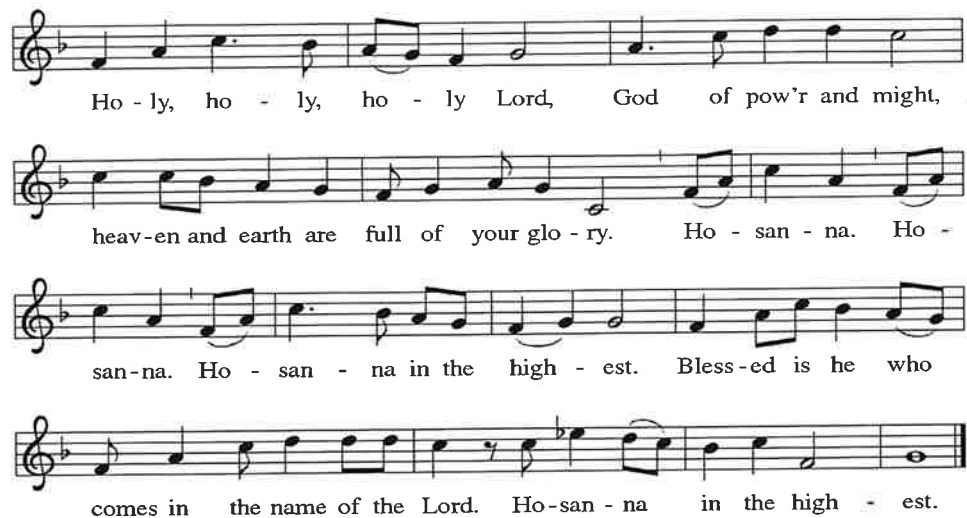
P: Lift up your hearts.

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

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

PREFACE

P: 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. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. 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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
 san - na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

**\*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

P: Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:  
 Blessed are you for the birth of creation.  
 Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.  
 Blessed are you for your promise to your people.  
 Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.  
 Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.  
 Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, 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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P: With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

**C: Come, Lord Jesus.**

P: Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal.  
 May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light.  
 Bring the gift of peace on earth.

**C: Come, Holy Spirit.**

P: All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate,  
 Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**\*LORD'S PRAYER**

P: Lord, 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.**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P: The joy of the Lord is our strength. Come, eat this meal of gladness.  
*Congregation may be seated.*

**DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION**

*All are invited to receive Holy Communion at the Lord's table. The inner circle of cups contain grape juice, the rest are wine. Please follow the directions of the ushers.*

**COMMUNION HYMNS**

***Lamb of God***  
***All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly***  
***Let Us Break Bread Together***

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*After all have returned to their places, please stand as you are able.*

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

**\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

P: 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,

**C: Amen.**

*Sending*

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

BLESSING

P: The Spirit of the triune God ✠ bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion,  
and send you in love.

C: Amen.

\*HYMN

*Shine, Jesus, Shine*

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\*DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Live in hope.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

**Spring Gathering of the Northeast Conference WELCA**

Saturday, April 5, 2025  
9:00 - 9:30 Registration  
at  
St. John's Lutheran Church  
100 E. Illinois St.  
Sibley, IL 61773

Hosts will be American Lutheran Church  
of Gibson City and St. John's of Sibley

PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN ENJOYABLE AND INFORMATIVE MORNING!

Following registration will be the  
business meeting, program, and lunch.

Cost is \$10 per person payable that day and includes lunch.

Our monetary offering will be divided between  
C/S IL Synod WELCA and Lutheran World Relief.  
Items for LWR personal care kits can be  
brought for the physical offering.

**"He who plants kindness gathers love"**

Questions and/or reservations can be directed to:  
Sharon Nunemaker  
217-649-9974 (call or text)  
Please reserve with your number of attendees by 3-28, if possible.

PLEASE SHARE WITH ALL THE WOMEN OF YOUR CHURCH!  
HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!