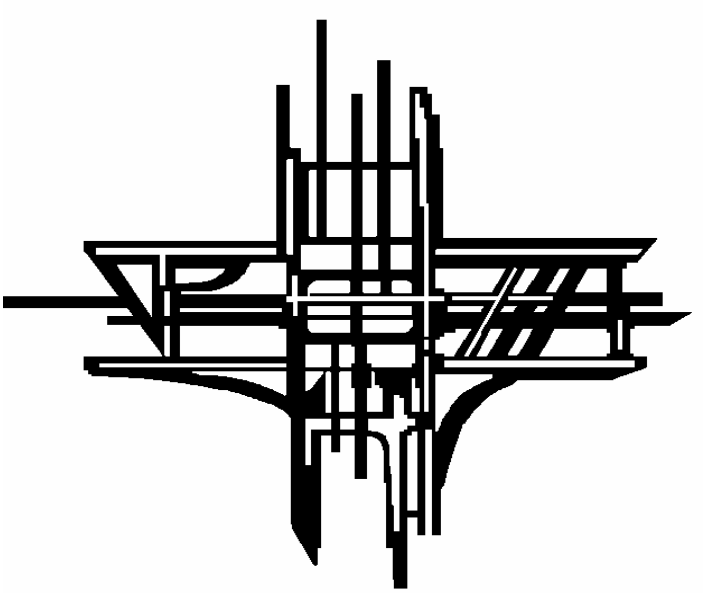
Church of the Transfiguration

A community praising God,
Growing in Christ, and
Joyfully serving others.



The Feast of Christ the King

November 22, 2026

Whover you are and wherever you find yourself on the journey of faith, you are welcome at Church of the Transfiguration, just as you are.

What is Transfiguration's mission?

Transfiguration strives to provide a refuge and a haven where people feel seen as children of God regardless of race, ethnicity, class, sexuality, sex, or gender, and can grow in the love of God and neighbor.

What kind of Church is this?

Transfiguration is part of the Episcopal Church, a member of the Anglican Communion, a loose federation of Anglican denominations around the world. One of the defining characteristics of Anglicanism is how we pray. Our life of worship and prayer is rooted in the *Book of Common Prayer*.

What is there for children at Transfiguration?

For young children, we offer a wonderful nursery with paid nursery attendants year-round.

For our slightly older kids, we have church school doing the school year. Children go upstairs after having communion and have a fifteen-to-twenty-minute lesson before rejoining the congregation in coffee hour.

Am I *really* welcome here?

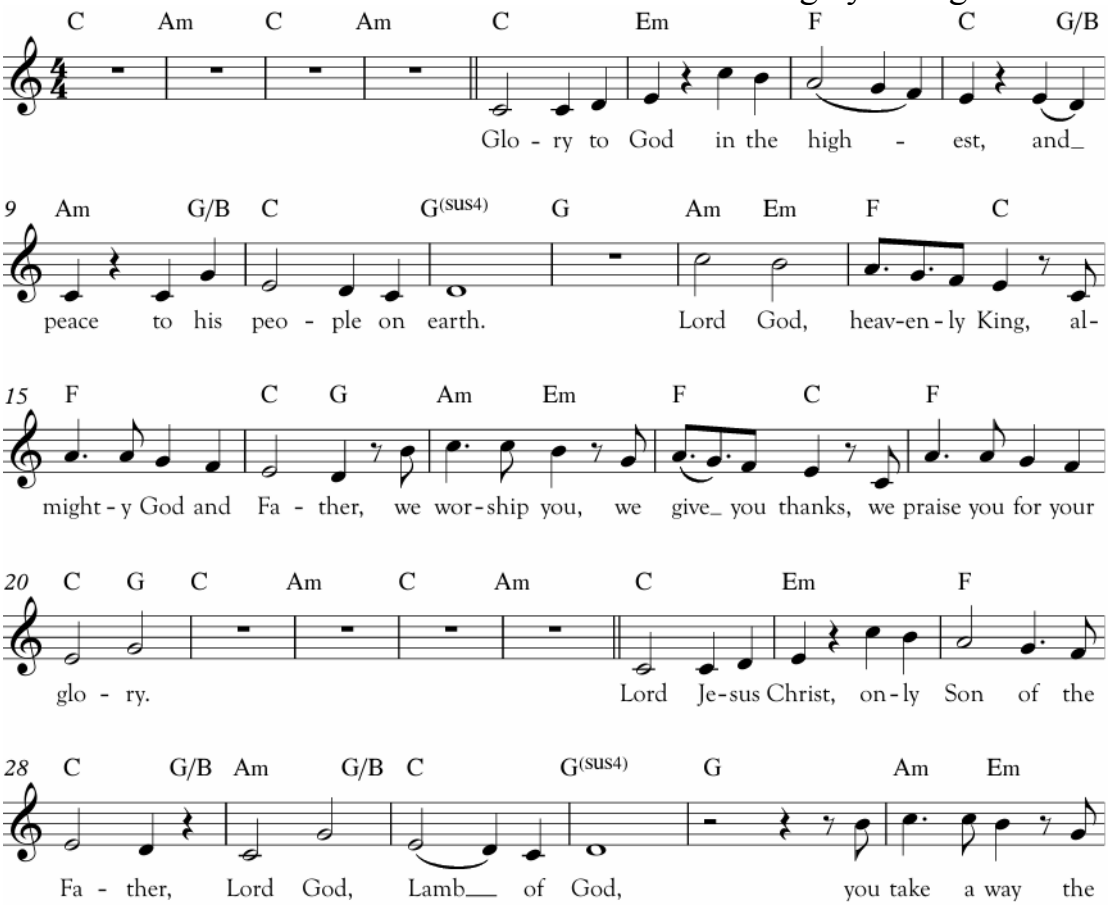
Sadly, churches do not always feel like safe spaces. It can be intimidating walking into a church for the first time, but when the church is at its best, it can be a place of comfort, joy, love, and peace. We hope Transfiguration can be a space where people experience the latter. If you want to learn more about the parish, feel free to reach out to Rev. Hunter. He would be happy to grab coffee or a meal and answer your questions. You can also fill out a visitor card in the pews and drop it in the offertory plate so Rev. Hunter can be in touch with you.

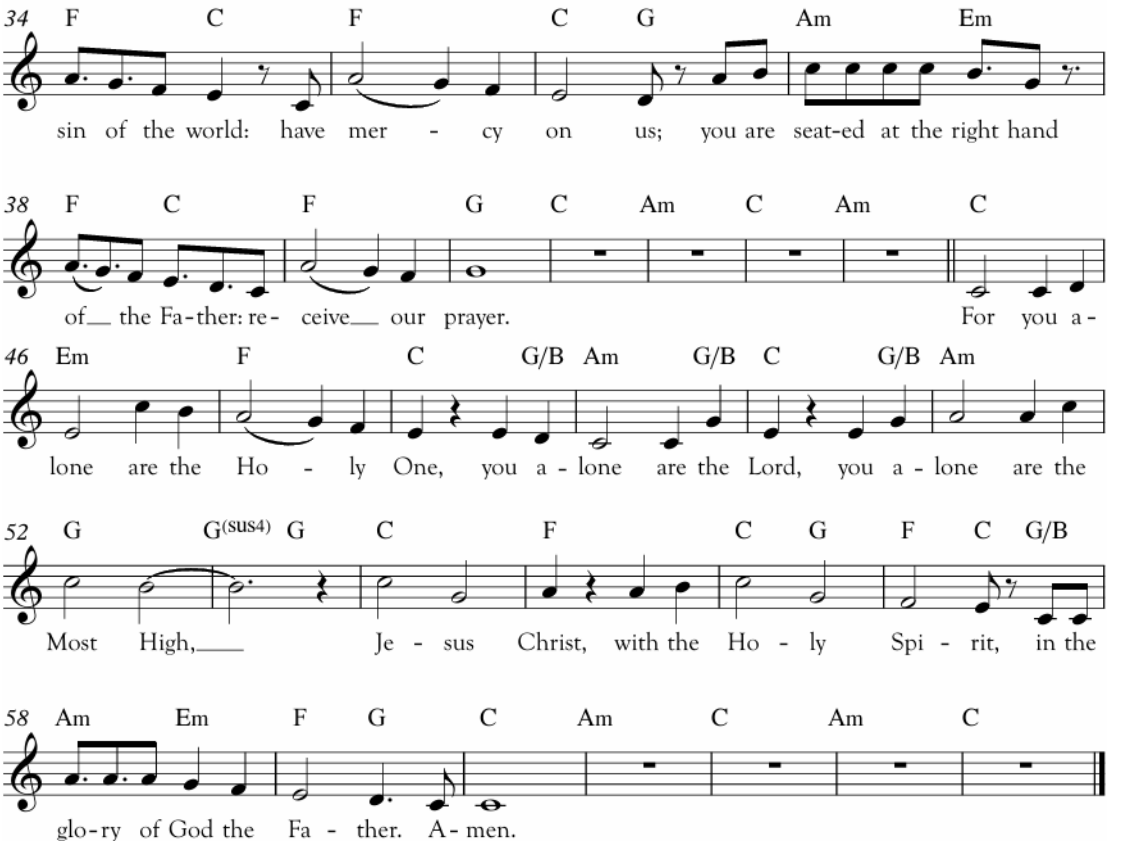
Processional "Crown Him with Many Crowns" *H494*

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Celebrant
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you 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 Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Gloria Setting by Liturgical Folk





The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading **Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24**

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel:

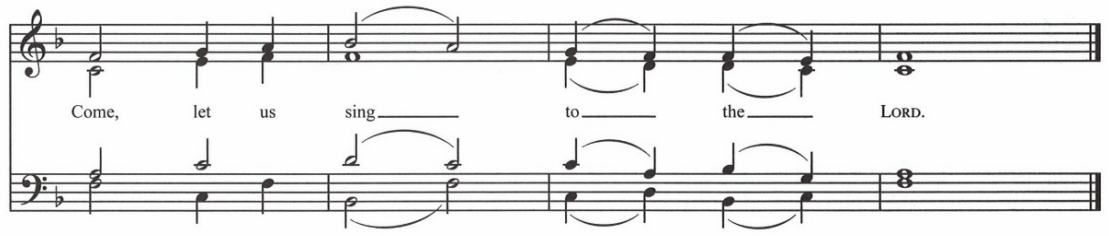
Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 95:1-7a



1 Come, let us sing to the LORD; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms. [ANT.]

A 3 For the LORD is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.
A 4 In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.
B 5 The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have molded the dry land. [ANT.]

6 Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the LORD our Maker.
7a For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture
and the sheep of his hand. [ANT.]

Second Reading **Ephesians 1:15-23**

A reading from the letter to the Ephesians:

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" *H508*

Gospel **Matthew 25:31-46**

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon **Rev. Hunter Farrow**

The Nicene Creed

Celebrant and People
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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic 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.

Prayers of the People

The Leader and People pray responsively.

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, and Paula, our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. We pray especially for_____, and any others we name before you now.

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom, especially_____, and those we name before you now.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Leader and People
Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant
Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Announcements and Blessings

Offertory Sentence

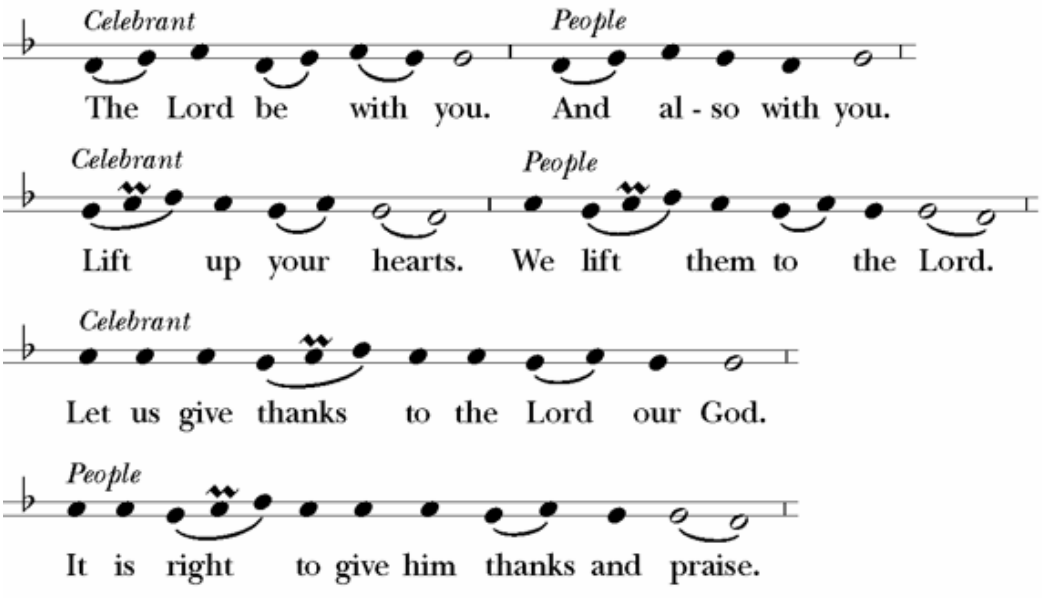
Celebrant
Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Offertory "Alleluia, Sing to Jesus" *H460*

Receiving the Gifts

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.
People **And of thine own have we given thee**

The Holy Communion

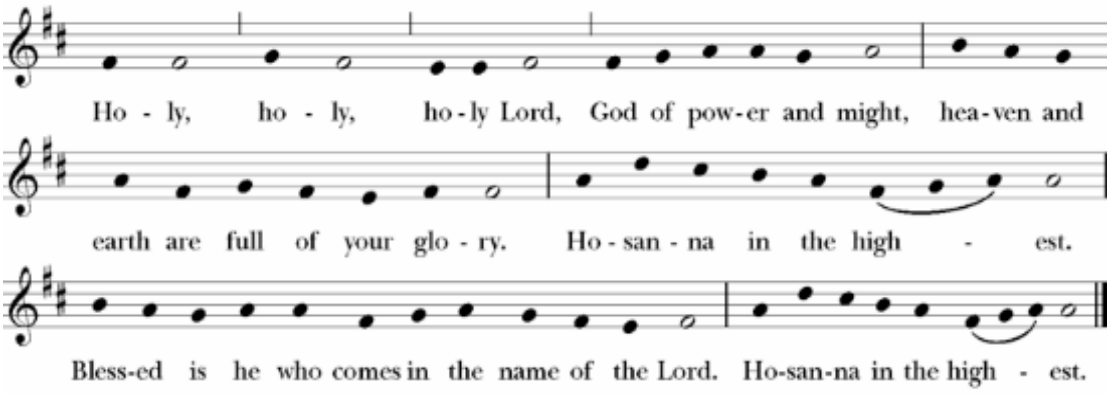


Celebrant
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus *s124*



The people stand or kneel.

Celebrant
Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Celebrant
We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

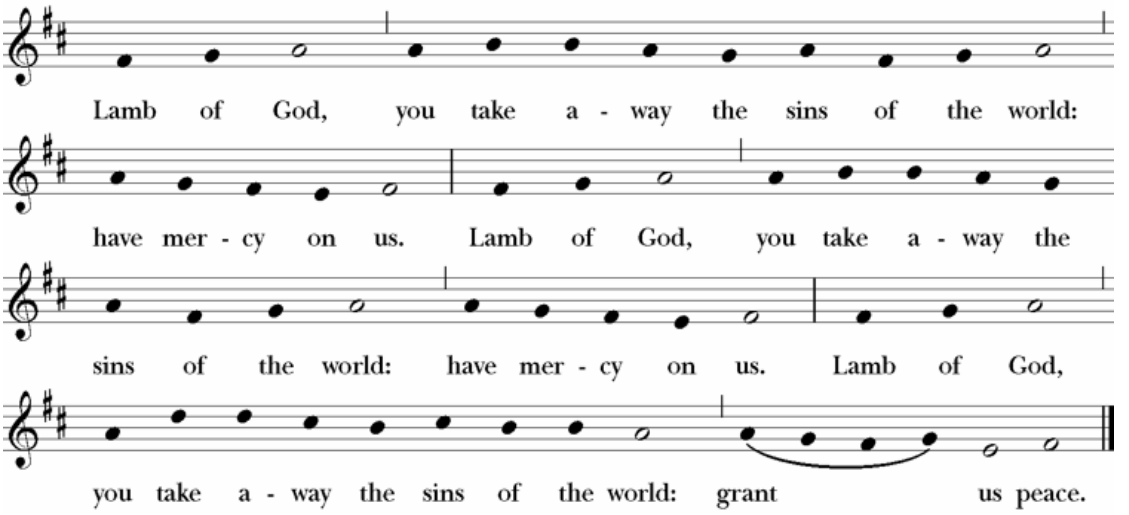
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Celebrant and People
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, for ever and ever. Amen

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Fraction *s161*



The Invitation to Communion

This is the table, not of the Church but of Jesus Christ It is made ready for those who love God and who want to love God more. So come, you who have much faith and you who have little. You who have been here often, and you who have not been for a long time or ever before. You who have tried to follow, and you who have failed. Come, not because the Church invites you. It is Christ who invites you to be known and fed here.

The Gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts with thanksgiving.

All baptized Christians, regardless of denomination, are welcome to take Communion in the Episcopal Church. If for any reason, you do not want to receive Communion, you are welcome to come forward to the altar rail with your arms crossed over your chest and receive a blessing. We have gluten free wafers available upon request.

Communion "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life" *H609*

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People
Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sending of the Eucharistic Visitors

(if applicable)

Minister
In the name of Christ, and of this congregation, we send you forth bearing the body and blood of Christ to those who cannot be with us today. Take God's holy Word, the prayers of this congregation, and this holy food for holy people.

People
We who are many are one Body because we share one bread, one cup.

Blessing

Celebrant
The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Recessional "Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim" *H535*

Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God.**

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE REMAIN ON OUR PERMANENT PRAYER LIST AS THEIR NEED FOR PRAYER IS LONG-TERM RATHER THAN ACUTE: Don, Roberta, Marilyn, Jim, Mary, Emily, Meghan, Jan, Chelsea, Bob, Mark, Michael, John, Bob, Billy, Laura, Cindy, Pam, Katy, Lou, Nick, Brendan, Bob, Debra, Janet, Jacelyn, Sharon, Gabe, Chuck, Nancy, Mike, Tom, Betty, Carol, David, James, Kathy, Bill, John, Rosemary, Roberta, Earl, Patricia.

This week at Transfiguration:

Today	***Holy Eucharist***	***Church/FB***	***10:00am***
	Coffee Hour hosted by Diann Durbin	***Leach Hall***	***11:15am***
11/25	***Thanksgiving Eve Service***	***Church***	***7pm***
	& Pie Social	***Leach Hall***	***8pm***
11/26	***Office closed for Thanksgiving***		

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Thanksgiving Eve Service and Pie Social** – Mark your calendars for our annual Thanksgiving Eve eucharist and pie social. Join us on November 25th at 7PM for a simple eucharist followed by a pie social in Leach Hall. Everyone is encouraged to bring a pie if you are able, homemade or store bought is fine.

- **Alternative Christmas** - Are you thinking about Christmas shopping? The Alternative Christmas Gift Market enables you to contribute to a charitable organization. An alternative Christmas gift to friends and family will benefit those in need. Your alternative gift to another will extend the true meaning of Christmas and ensure spiritual action after Christmas has passed and other gifts are forgotten or discarded. For each donation made, you will receive a decorative card indicating the name of the organization to which you have donated. This card can then be given as your alternative Christmas gift. The following organizations will be included this year:
    - Paws for Purple Hearts
    - Patient Access Network Foundation
    - La Transfiguracion
    - American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem
    - The Night Ministry
    - Christmas without Cancer
- **2027 Annual Stewardship Campaign: A Firm Foundation** – We are coming to the end of our stewardship campaign. If you intend to pledge financial support for the mission of the parish in 2027 and you have not turned in your pledge card yet, please fill out your pledge as soon as possible. The formal campaign wraps up at the end of this week, and we will have a blessing over all the pledge cards we have received next Sunday. Of course, we will still accept pledges after that, but the more folks get their pledges in the better we can plan our 2027 budget now. If you did not receive a stewardship letter or pledge card, there are extras in the back of the sanctuary, and if you prefer to pledge online, you can do so using the QR code below.

As of right now, we have $191,310 pledged towards our goal of $261,000.

Online Pledge Form:

- **St. Nicholas Day Christmas Caroling.** He is coming Dec. 6th! After his visit to church and coffee hour, we will be going to Christmas Carol at the homes of our homebound parishioners. We will carpool from the church parking lot around noon. If you have a larger vehicle and can accommodate a few extra carolers, please sign up on the driver section of the sign-up sheet. Directions will be provided. We will have sandwiches and chips for those traveling to local homes. We expect it will take about 2 1/2 hour, and then, we will return to church. All singers are welcome to sign up! Please wear your Christmas hats and dress warmly. If you can only come for part of the route, that's fine. See you then!

- **Annual Christmas Cookie Exchange, Dec. 9, 6:30 PM**. All are welcome to a fun evening of Christmas cheer! Please bring 5 dozen cookies and a container to collect your cookies. The exchange cookies may have nuts. You **do not** have to bring cookies to exchange to attend. We will have a simmer pot craft, games, music, raffles, punch and snacks to share. If you bring a snack, it must be nut free. We will fill bags with candy for the Beds Plus program, too. This is a great time to invite a friend to visit and enjoy our Transfiguration fellowship. Please sign up on the foyer bulletin board. Questions? Please ask Bea Hiznay or Dee Wagner.

Online Giving:



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Administrator's Office Hours
Monday – Thursday 8:30AM to 2:30PM
Priest's Office Hours
Monday – Thursday 10Am to 3:00PM

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