

## WORSHIP SERVICE FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 9, 2025

### LET IT RISE

Let the glory of the Lord  
Rise among us  
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Rise among us  
Let the praises of the King  
Rise among us  
Let it rise

*Chorus*

Oh let it rise  
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## INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
C **Amen.**

## OPENING SENTENCES

P The Lord is great in Zion.  
C **He is exalted over all the peoples.**

P Let them praise Your great and awesome name!  
C **Holy is He!**

P The Lord's face will shine upon us,  
C **and give us peace.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Today we celebrate the transfiguration of Jesus. We hear the voice of our heavenly Father saying, "This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to Him." Yet, as we follow Jesus, we have often failed to listen to His words. We have chosen to listen to the voice of the world rather than the voice of our transfigured Lord. So now, we come before our heavenly Father to ask for His forgiveness.

*Silence for reflection.*

P Heavenly Father,  
C **we confess that we have not listened to You or Your Son. We have ignored His voice and plugged our ears to His words of mercy. Forgive our sins and open our ears to Your voice once again.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
C **Amen. God's face has shined upon us. We are forgiven in Christ.**

## PORTIONS OF PSALM 39

*Psalm 39:4–5, 7–8; antiphon: Isaiah 35:10*

The ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with singing;  
**everlasting joy shall be upon their heads.**

They shall obtain gladness and joy,  
**and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.**

O LORD, make me know my end and what is the measure of my days;  
**let me know how fleeting I am!**

Behold, you have made my days a few handbreadths, and my lifetime is as nothing before you.  
**Surely all mankind stands as a mere breath!**

And now, O Lord, for what do I wait?  
**My hope is in you.**

Deliver me from all my transgressions.

**Do not make me the scorn of the fool!**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

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## **SALUTATION**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

## **PRAYER**

P Let us pray.

O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah. In the voice that came from the bright cloud You wonderfully foreshowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King in His glory and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

## **HOLY IS THE LORD**

1. **We stand and lift up our hands.**

**For the joy of the Lord is our strength.**

**We bow down and worship Him now.**

**How great how awesome is He.**

*Pre-chorus*

**And together we sing.**

**Everyone sing.**

*Chorus*

**Holy is the Lord God Almighty.**

**The earth is filled with His glory.**

**Holy is the Lord god Almighty.**

**The earth is filled with His glory.**

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2. **We stand and lift up our hands.**

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*Bridge*

**It's rising up all around.**

**It's the anthem of the Lord's renown.**

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*Chorus*

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**READING**

*2 Peter 1:16–21*

A The Epistle is from 2 Peter, chapter 1.

<sup>16</sup>For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. <sup>17</sup>For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased,” <sup>18</sup>we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. <sup>19</sup>And we have something more sure, the prophetic word, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, <sup>20</sup>knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone’s own interpretation. <sup>21</sup>For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

**READING**

*Matthew 17:1–9*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the seventeenth chapter.  
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>After six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. <sup>2</sup>And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. <sup>3</sup>And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. <sup>4</sup>And Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah.” <sup>5</sup>He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.” <sup>6</sup>When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. <sup>7</sup>But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Rise, and have no fear.” <sup>8</sup>And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

<sup>9</sup>And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, “Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead.”

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**APOSTLES’ CREED**

C **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,**

the resurrection of the body,  
and the life T everlasting. Amen.

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### JESUS MESSIAH

- 1) He became sin who knew no sin  
That we might become His righteousness  
He humbled Himself and carried the cross  
Love so amazing love so amazing

*Chorus*

**Jesus Messiah, Name above all names  
Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel  
The Rescue for sinners  
The Ransom from heaven  
Jesus Messiah, Lord of all**

- 2) His body the bread His blood the wine  
Broken and poured out all for love  
The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn  
Love so amazing love so amazing

*Chorus*

**Jesus Messiah, Name above all names  
Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel  
The Rescue for sinners  
The Ransom from heaven  
Jesus Messiah, Lord of all**

*BRIDGE*

**All our hope is in You, All our hope is in You  
All the glory to You God, the Light of the world**

*Chorus*

**Jesus Messiah, Name above all names  
Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel  
The Rescue for sinners  
The Ransom from heaven  
Jesus Messiah, Lord of all**

*ENDING*

**Jesus Messiah, Lord of all**

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## SERMON TEXT

*Job 19:13–29*

- <sup>13</sup>“He has put my brothers far from me,  
and those who knew me are wholly estranged from me.
- <sup>14</sup>My relatives have failed me,  
my close friends have forgotten me.
- <sup>15</sup>The guests in my house and my maidservants count me as a stranger;  
I have become a foreigner in their eyes.
- <sup>16</sup>I call to my servant, but he gives me no answer;  
I must plead with him with my mouth for mercy.
- <sup>17</sup>My breath is strange to my wife,

and I am a stench to the children of my own mother.  
<sup>18</sup>Even young children despise me;  
 when I rise they talk against me.  
<sup>19</sup>All my intimate friends abhor me,  
 and those whom I loved have turned against me.  
<sup>20</sup>My bones stick to my skin and to my flesh,  
 and I have escaped by the skin of my teeth.  
<sup>21</sup>Have mercy on me, have mercy on me, O you my friends,  
 for the hand of God has touched me!  
<sup>22</sup>Why do you, like God, pursue me?  
 Why are you not satisfied with my flesh?  
<sup>23</sup>“Oh that my words were written!  
 Oh that they were inscribed in a book!  
<sup>24</sup>Oh that with an iron pen and lead  
 they were engraved in the rock forever!  
<sup>25</sup>For I know that my Redeemer lives,  
 and at the last he will stand upon the earth.  
<sup>26</sup>And after my skin has been thus destroyed,  
 yet in my flesh I shall see God,  
<sup>27</sup>whom I shall see for myself,  
 and my eyes shall behold, and not another.  
 My heart faints within me!  
<sup>28</sup>If you say, ‘How we will pursue him!’  
 and, ‘The root of the matter is found in him,’  
<sup>29</sup>be afraid of the sword,  
 for wrath brings the punishment of the sword,  
 that you may know there is a judgment.”

## SERMON

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the baptized, that we would heed our heavenly Father’s admonition to listen to His Son as He speaks to us through His Holy Word and Sacraments; and that we would, by faith, behold Him in His glory as He continues to tabernacle among us, delivering forgiveness, life and salvation, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For all pastors and church workers, that their preaching and teaching would flow from a right understanding that all Holy Scripture testifies of Christ and His work for our eternal salvation, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the Lord’s flock here at \_\_\_\_\_ Lutheran Church, that God would grant us faithfulness, humility and patience in our various vocations as we strive to love Him and our neighbor in all we say and do, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For families, that parents would teach the faith to their children and that the forgiveness of sins would be proclaimed in all households; and for all expectant mothers, that they and their babies would be kept safe and healthy throughout their pregnancies, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For those entrusted with civil authority here and in every place, that our God who established all authority would enable them to serve with wisdom and integrity, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For all who are sick and suffering, [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_,] that they would know God's peace and receive healing according to His gracious will; and for those who mourn, [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_,] that they would be comforted by the sure and certain hope of the resurrection, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the fellowship of God's people gathered around the Word and the table of the Lord; for the lonely, that they may rejoice in the community of faith; and for the homebound, that they would be kept in prayer and sustained through the gracious visitation of God's people and their pastor, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Lord God, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember on this day the glorious manifestation of Your Son's divinity on the Mount of Transfiguration. Teach us to listen to Jesus and ever fix our eyes on Him and His innocent suffering and death for our forgiveness. By Your grace and mercy, strengthen us to remain faithful in all circumstances of trial, temptation and persecution. Preserve us to the end, that we may die a blessed death believing in Your beloved Son with whom You are well pleased; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

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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.**

## BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.

C **Amen.**

## REDEEMER

Verse 1

**Who taught the sun where to stand in the morning  
And who told the ocean you can only come this far  
And who showed the moon  
Where to hide 'til evening  
Whose words alone can catch a falling star**

Chorus 1

**Well I know my Redeemer lives  
I know my Redeemer lives  
All of creation testifies this life within me cries  
I know my Redeemer lives**

Verse 2

**The very same God that spins things in orbit  
He runs to the weary the worn and the weak  
And the same gentle hands  
That hold me when I'm broken  
They conquered death to bring me victory**

Chorus 2

**Now I know my Redeemer lives  
I know my Redeemer lives  
Let all creation testify let this life within me cry  
I know my Redeemer**

Bridge

**He lives to take away my shame  
And He lives forever I'll proclaim  
That the payment for my sin  
Was the precious life He gave  
But now He's alive  
And there's an empty grave**

Chorus 3

**And I know my Redeemer He lives  
I know my Redeemer lives  
Let all creation testify  
That this life within me cries  
I know my Redeemer  
He lives**

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