



Sunday Worship

March 2, 2025

Draw near to God
for God is waiting for you.

* indicates where the congregation is to stand if able
italic type is spoken by the liturgist – bold is spoken by the congregation

PRELUDE

Jesus Led Me All the Way

J. W. Peterson

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Lord, you have called us to the mountaintop.

Help us to look forward to where you would have us go.

Help us to listen carefully to the words of your healing love.

Open our hearts and spirits to receive your glorious directions.

Place your trust in the Lord in all your ways.

Lord, we have come here to give our lives to you.

***OPENING PRAYER**

God, you bring us together in this place, we come to be fed, to be renewed, to seek understanding. God, you challenge us in this place, we embrace the challenge, trusting that through challenge we grow in faith. God, you are revealed in this place, sometimes in shining glory, sometimes in tears and struggle. God as we worship in this place, refresh, renew, and challenge us so that we would see your awesomeness. We pray in Jesus' name, as we strive to walk the path of discipleship. Amen

***HYMN #12** Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.
2. Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might:
thy justice, like mountains high soaring above; thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.
3. To all, life thou givest, to both great and small. In all life thou livest, the true life of all.
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree, then wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.
4. Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light. Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.
All praise we would render; O help us to see 'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We want to celebrate. We don't want to listen. We want to stay on the mountaintop with Jesus and set up a festival where everyone can come and play and have a good time. We want our faith to be one of entertainment. But you have called us to "Listen to Him!" You have asked us to be ready for the journey. We cannot stay where we are, comfortable and snuggled down in the familiar. There is much to be done. Forgive us, Lord, when we are stubborn and willful. Remind us that you are with us, wherever we are. You call us from the mountaintop to go to the valley where there is struggle and strife; where healing is needed. Prepare us, Lord, for the journey. Help us to listen to you. Heal us, Lord. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND BLESSING

... Jesus died for me. Jesus forgives me. Jesus loves me. Jesus is good to me. Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON 1 Kings 19:1-15a

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

***HYMN #66** Every Time I Feel the Spirit

Refrain: Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray.

Yes, every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray.

1. Upon the mountain, when my Lord spoke, out of God's mouth came fire and smoke.
Looked all around me, it looked so fine, till I asked my Lord if all was mine. Refrain

2. Jordan River, chilly and cold, it chills the body but not the soul.
There is but one train upon this track. It runs to heaven and then right back. Refrain

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Luke 9:28-43a

SERMON A Glimpse at the Mountain Top

CALL FOR THE OFFERING AND MOMENT OF FRIENDSHIP

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***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him, all creatures here below. Praise him above, ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Generous God, it is through your mercy that we have this ministry—the ministry of our talents and treasure, the ministry of our passion and purpose. Strengthen our hearts for your service, and accept the grateful offerings we lay before you. Amen.

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

SHARING THE ELEMENTS (*please hold the bread and then the cup until we all commune together showing our unity in Christ.*)

UNISON PRAYER

Gracious God - we give thanks to you for sacred meal and for all that you touch and bless. Grant that we might always appreciate the mystery of your presence in the simple and ordinary things of life. As we have shared the body and blood of Christ Jesus - so help us to share the good news that he came to bring to all people. In Jesus we pray. Amen.

***HYMN** #192 Shine, Jesus, Shine

1. Lord, the light of your love is shining, in the midst of the darkness, shining; Jesus light of the World, shine upon us; set us free by the truth you now bring us. Shine on me; shine on me.

Refrain: Shine, Jesus, shine; fill this land with the Father's glory. Blaze, Spirit, blaze; set our hearts on fire. Flow, river, flow; flood the nations with grace and mercy. Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.

2. Lord, I come to your awesome presence, from the shadows into your radiance; by the blood I may enter your brightness. Search me; try me; consume all my darkness. Shine on me. Shine on me. *Refrain*

3. As we gaze on your kingly brightness, so our faces display your likeness; ever changing from glory to glory, mirrored here may our lives tell your story. Shine on me; shine on me. *Refrain*

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Moderato

C. H. Rinck

ANNOUNCEMENTS, March 2, 2025

This week, the carillon is in memory of Joseph A. Frye. Joseph lived near the church and was an active member.

WELCOME MAGGIE REALLEY: who is our guest musician this week.

SAVE THE DATES:

March 5, 11:30am Ash Wednesday worship, including the imposition of ashes

March 7, 6:00pm Friday Night Fellowship – Youth Group preparing a breakfast for all as it is Pajama Night. We welcome donations of white socks for any size – especially kid's and little kid's socks. Sign up in fellowship hall or call Susan in the office.

March 23, 7:00pm Youth Group – Beginning with meeting and packing snacks for the Welcome Church

CONGREGATION MEETING: Sunday, March 16 following our worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to hear the report of the Bell Sub-Committee.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS: This week, we are asking for Pasta sauce, baked beans, Mac'n cheese, and stews. Donations should be placed in the wagon in the vestibule.

This week's calendar of events:

March 2 10:00 am Worship and Sunday School followed by Fellowship
4:00 pm Iglesia Pentecostal Asamblea De Dios Worship Service

March 3 9:30 am Bible Study
11:00 am Parish Life and Mission Meeting
7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 71 Meeting

March 5 11:30 am **Ash Wednesday Service**
12:00 pm Bring your Brown bag lunch for Fellowship

March 7 6:00 pm Friday Night Fellowship

Elder of the month: Bob Propsner

Deacon of the month: Leanne Yerkes

Ushers: Gerry and Louise Stemplewicz **Communion Servers:** Leanne Yerkes, Mary Young, Janice Propsner

In our thoughts and prayers:

The Conner/Lang Family, Aleena Lang, Raymond Tinari, Marge & Jim Turner, Violet Sanders, Gail Shaffer, Doris Daniels, Evin Kimbel

Church Staff

Susan Fall, Pastor

Susan Flanagan, Office Administrator

Frank Orzechoski, Financial Manager

