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*Mission Statement of
Apostles Evangelical Lutheran Church & Preschool
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*As God's disciples, we the men, women and children of
Apostles, are united in the preaching, teaching and sharing of
God's Word in its truth and purity. By God's grace, we will
nurture believers and joyfully spread the Word of God in our
community and throughout the world, all to His glory.*



IT IS GOOD TO BE HERE WITH JESUS

Transfiguration Sunday

February 14, 2010

Prayer before worship

How good, Lord, to be here! Your glory fills the night;
Your face and garments, like the sun, Shine with unborrowed light.

How good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not remain;
But since you bid us leave the mount, Come with us to the plain. Amen.

(CW 95)

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Service of the Word

OPENING HYMN

Oh, Bless the Lord, My Soul

(Hymn 238)

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

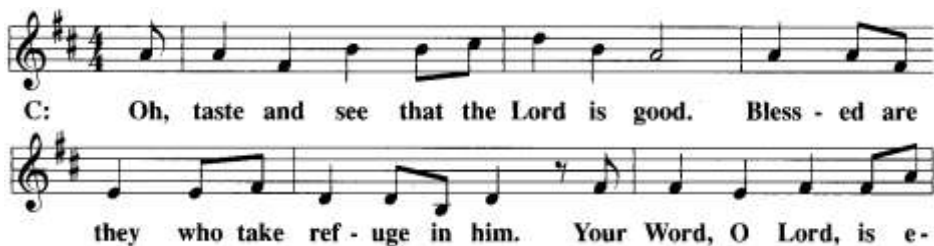
C: **Merciful father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. So often I allow myself to be blinded by the cares of the world and fail to stand in awe of your glory. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. Jesus reveals to us that he is our perfect Savior from sin and death. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: **Amen.**

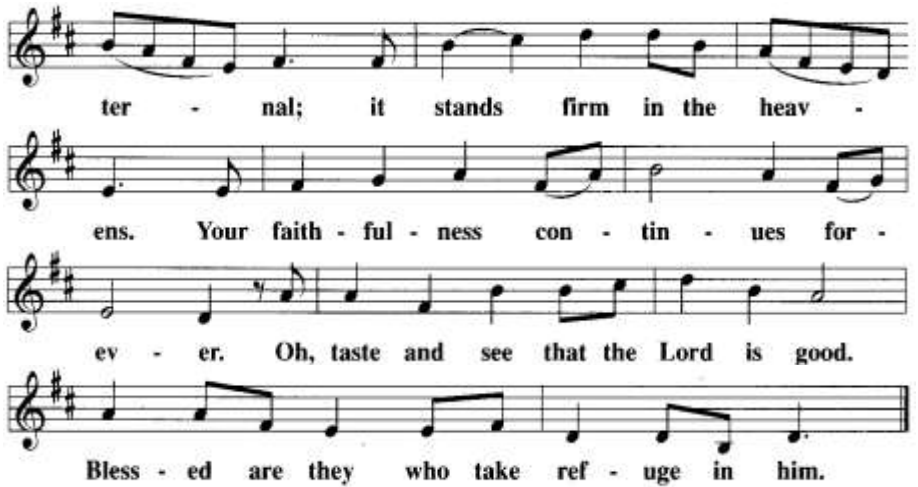
P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

OH, TASTE AND SEE



The image shows two staves of musical notation for the hymn "Oh, Taste and See". The first staff is a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The second staff is a bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. The lyrics are written below the staves, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes.

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are
they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -



ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -
 ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -
 ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.
 Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

P: Let us pray.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord God, before the suffering and death of your one and only Son, you revealed his glory on the holy mountain. Grant that we who bear his cross on earth may behold by faith the light of his heavenly glory and so be changed into his likeness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

LESSON

Exodus 34:29-35

29 When Moses came down from Mount Sinai with the two tablets of the Testimony in his hands, he was not aware that his face was radiant because he had spoken with the LORD. 30 When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, his face was radiant, and they were afraid to come near him. 31 But Moses called to them; so Aaron and all the leaders of the community came back to him, and he spoke to them. 32 Afterward all the Israelites came near him, and he gave them all the commands the LORD had given him on Mount Sinai.

33 When Moses finished speaking to them, he put a veil over his

face. 34 But whenever he entered the LORD's presence to speak with him, he removed the veil until he came out. And when he came out and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, 35 they saw that his face was radiant. Then Moses would put the veil back over his face until he went in to speak with the LORD.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Goodbye to Alleluias

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. A voice came from the cloud: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him." Alleluia.

ALLELUIA RESPONSE

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

GOSPEL

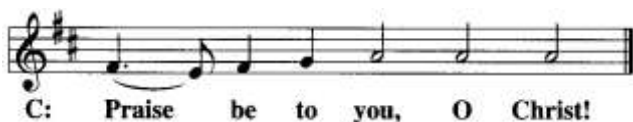
Luke 9:28-36

28 About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray. 29 As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. 30 Two men, Moses and Elijah, 31 appeared in glorious splendor, talking with Jesus. They spoke about his departure, which he was about to bring to fulfillment at Jerusalem. 32 Peter and his companions were very sleepy, but when they

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became fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. 33 As the men were leaving Jesus, Peter said to him, "Master, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters — one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." (He did not know what he was saying.)

34 While he was speaking, a cloud appeared and enveloped them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. 35 A voice came from the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him." 36 When the voice had spoken, they found that Jesus was alone. The disciples kept this to themselves, and told no one at that time what they had seen.



HYMN OF THE DAY

How Precious Is the Book Divine

(Hymn 284)

THE SERMON ~ 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 ~

REFLECT THE GLORY OF JESUS

I. The truth of Jesus shines

II. The work of Christ is bright

3 And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. 4 The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. 5 For we do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. 6 For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there 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 everlasting. Amen.**

OFFERING

Guests and visitors, please do not feel that we expect an offering from you; but we thank you if you wish to assist us in our efforts to carry out our ministry of the gospel.

"Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Corinthians 9:7)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

*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.*

BLESSING

P: Brothers and sisters go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.



FAREWELL TO ALLELUIA

P: Brothers and sisters in Christ, when we next gather for worship, it will be Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. On that day we will begin our solemn journey to the Savior's cross. While the joy of faith remains undiminished throughout the year, our rejoicing during Lent is muted and quiet. For centuries, therefore, the Christian churches have omitted their most jubilant songs during this season, including the word *alleluia*, which means, "praise the Lord."

Now for a time we say farewell to *alleluia*. We do this to prepare ourselves for the quieter days of Lent. The *alleluias* will return on Easter dawn as we gather to shout our praise to the risen Lord.

ALLELUIA, SONG OF TRIUMPH



All 1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of tri - umph, sound of joy that
Men 2 Al - le - lu - ia we are sing - ing, voi - ing hymns in
Women 3 Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways be our song while
All 4 May our hymns be filled with long - ing—hear us, Ho - ly



can - not die; Al - le - lu - ia is the an - them
pure ac - cord, With Christ's ho - ly Church u - nit - ed,
here be - low; Al - le - lu - ia our trans - gres - sions
Trin - i - ty— As we look to your blest Eas - ter,



ev - er dear to choirs on high; Saints a - dorned in
jus - ti - fied, re - deemed, re - stored, And with all his
make us for a while fore - go, For the sol - emn
here, and then e - ter - nal - ly, When we shall once



robes of glo - ry join the great an - gel - ic cry,
faith - ful peo - ple raise our songs to praise the Lord,
time is com - ing when our tears for sin must flow,
more be sing - ing al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly!

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Alleluia!