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Sunday School & Bible Classes . . . 10:15 a.m.
Worship . . . . 9:00 a.m.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING

PRELUDE - "Fantasia" - Pachelbel

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER - "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." (James 5:16)

Let us pray: **Dear Lord, we thank You for all the blessings You have given to Salem Congregation these many years. We ask now with humble hearts for Your direction in the selection of a pastor for Salem. Help us to be patient, with hope in our hearts, trusting totally in You, because You have promised to hear us. We ask this in faith that You have already chosen a new Shepherd. We thank You, and trust in Your will. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.**

HYMN - "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty" – v. 1 – 4 LW 198

INVOCATION, CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.
P: Our help is in the name of the Lord.
C: Who made heaven and earth. [Psalm 124:8]
P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of our sins, O Lord, who could stand?
C: But with You there is forgiveness, therefore, You are feared.
P: God calls us to confess our sins and repent of them. [Psalm 130:304]
(silence for reflection)
Almighty and all-merciful God,
C: we confess before You that we are sinners, sinful from birth. We have sinned in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have not loved You with all our heart, soul, and mind, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. Forgive us for the sake of Jesus. Amen.
P: Through Jesus, God has freely lavished on us His grace. In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, I announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Thanks be to God! Amen.

INTROIT & GLORIA PATRI (insert)

HYMN OF PRAISE – "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent" – v. 3 & 4 LW 241

COLLECT OF THE DAY - read by all - (insert)

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON (insert) - Deuteronomy 34:1-12

GRADUAL (insert)

EPISTLE (insert) - 2 Corinthians 4:3-6
Verse - page 164

GOSPEL - (insert) – Luke 9:28-36
(Versicles sung before & after reading) page 165

HYMN OF THE DAY "How Good, Lord, To Be Here" – v. 1, 2, 5 LW 89

SERMON: "Awesome Deeds" – 2 Corinthians 4:6

CREED - Apostles Creed page 167

OFFERING - Choir: "Come to the Mountain" – Tunseth (words on back of bulletin)

SENDING

PRAYERS FOR TODAY'S NEED AND MISSIONS
At words of "Lord in Your mercy"
Response of Congregation: "**Hear our prayer"**

LORD'S PRAYER page 176

BENEDICTION

HYMN - HYMN - Congregation join choir on Verse 4 – It is an ancient custom in the Christian Church that a farewell to alleluia be sung at the close of the liturgy on the Sunday before Ash Wednesday. Traditionally "alleluia" is not sung then until Easter morning, symbolizing our voluntary restraint of praise during the penitential season of Lent. The 11th-century hymn sung by the Senior Choir is a traditional farewell to Alleluia. The alleluia banner will be removed after the anthem and will reappear on Easter.

(continued over)

1. Alleluia, song of sweetness, Voice of joy that cannot die; Alleluia is the anthem ever dear to choirs on high; in the house of God abiding thus they sing eternally.

2. Alleluia thou resoundest, true Jerusalem and free; Alleluia, joyful mother, all thy children sing with thee; but by Babylon's sad waters mourning exiles now are we.

3. Alleluia cannot always be our song while here below; Alleluia our transgressions make us for while forego; For the solemn time is coming when our tears for sin must flow.

4. Therefore in our hymns we pray Thee grant us, blessed Trinity, at the last to keep Thine Easter in our home beyond the sky, there to Thee forever singing Alleluia joyfully.

Choir recess in silence.

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ASSISTANTS IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

Celebrant . . . . . Rev. Ronald R. Sprehe
Organist . . . Lois L. Jones
Prayer Leader . . . Rev. Ronald R. Sprehe
Lector . . . Sheree Krol
Oboe . . . . . Paul Furlong
Acolyte . . . . . Erin Webster
Welcomers . . . . Bill Wilke and Chuck Yung
Altar . . . . . Ethel Berkhoudt and Norrine Nagel
Ushers . . . . . Fred Bartz Jr., David Carlson, Mark Thomas, Paul Thomas Jr., Chuck Yung

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Choir: "Come to the Mountain"

1. Jesus took Peter, James, and John up to the mountain to be alone.
   While they were watching Jesus was changed; and they saw Moses face to face.

REFRAIN: Come to the mountain to see the light. Come to the mountain to hear God's word. Go to the valley, it is your home. Go to the valley to serve the Lord.

2. "This is my Son" said a voice from the cloud. Listen to Him and do what He says!"
   Soon as it came . . . that vision was gone, and they saw Jesus standing alone.

REFRAIN.

3. We will be changed like Jesus our Lord, and live with Him . . . in heaven above.
   But while we live on this earthly home, our work as servants never is done.

REFRAIN.