

JESUS MAFA is a response to the New Testament readings by a Christian community in Cameroon, Africa. Readings were interpreted by the community and transcribed to paintings.

**Our Savior Lutheran Church
Transfiguration Sunday – February 15, 2026
9:00 a.m. Worship Service**

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer Concerns

Sharing of the Peace

Call to Worship

A: The LORD is king; let the people tremble!

C: He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

A: The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.

C: Let them praise your great and awesome name. Holy is he!

Gathering Hymn – Beautiful Savior - ELW #838

Invocation

L: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness
(with excerpts from *Letter from Birmingham Jail*)

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

L: On this day, we confess we have not always done our part to ensure that all of your children are treated with equity and fairness.

C: Lord, have mercy upon us.

L: We confess that we dwell in moderation.

C: Make us more devoted to justice than order.

L: We confess that we prefer negative peace and the absence of tension.

C: Make us pursue positive peace and the presence of justice.

L: We confess that we strive to set a comfortable timetable for our siblings' liberation.

C: Make us seize the fierce urgency of now, that all may live in freedom.

L: We confess that our shallow understanding and lukewarm acceptance of our neighbors' calls for justice have fallen short of your commandment to love God and neighbor as ourselves.

C: Let us arise in the power of the Holy Spirit, committed to nonviolent, direct action, alongside our siblings of color, for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.

L: Beloved, hear this good news! God, who is rich in mercy and love, forgives us all our sin. Sent out to love our enemies, let us bless those who curse us, do good to those who hate us, and pray for those who despitefully use and persecute us. In the name of the † one God, triune and eternal, we say,

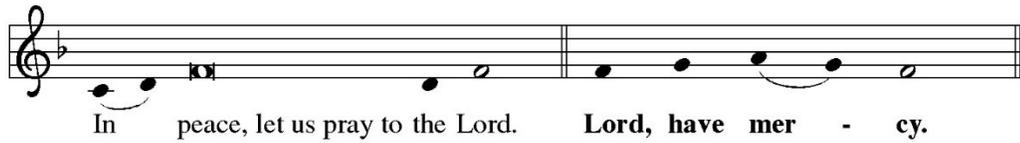
C: Here I stand; I cannot do otherwise, so help me God. Amen!

Greeting

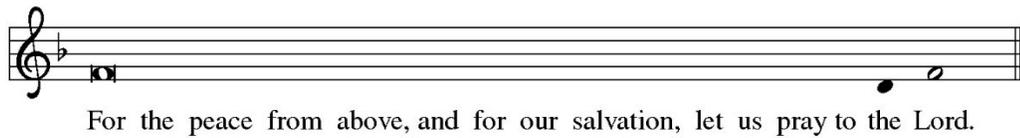
L: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

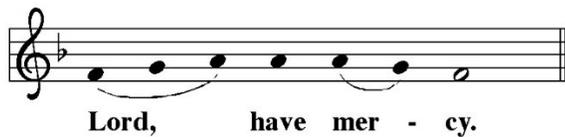
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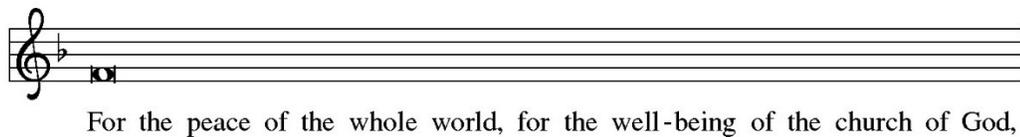
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



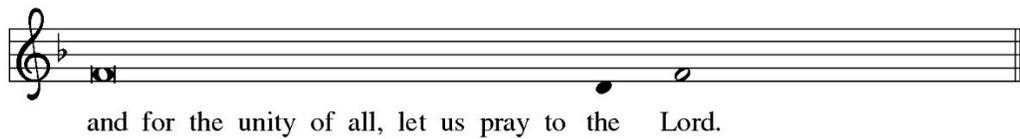
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



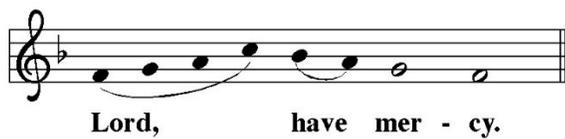
Lord, have mer - cy.



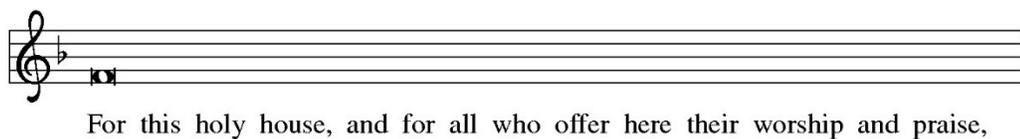
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



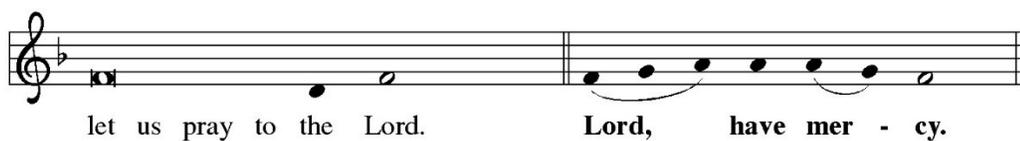
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



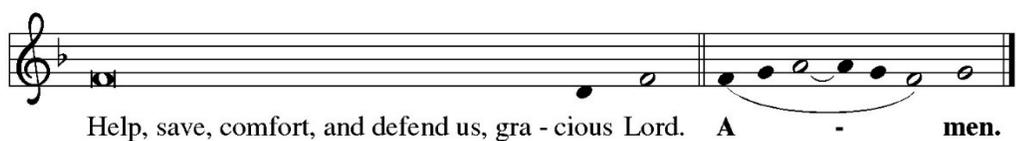
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

Hymn of Praise - How Good, Lord, To Be Here
ELW #315 vs 1, 2 & 5

Prayer of the Day

A: O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children.

C: Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness,

A: through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The Word

First Reading – Exodus 24:12-18

¹²The LORD said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” ¹³So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. ¹⁴To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.” ¹⁵Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. ¹⁷Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. ¹⁸Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 99

¹The LORD is king; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

²**The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.**

³**Let them praise your great and awesome name. Holy is he!**

⁴Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

⁵**Extol the LORD our God; worship at his footstool. Holy is he!**

⁶Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel also was among those who called on his name. They cried to the LORD, and he answered them.

⁷**He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud; they kept his decrees, and the statutes that he gave them.**

⁸O LORD our God, you answered them; you were a forgiving God to them, but an avenger of their wrongdoings.

⁹**Extol the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for the LORD our God is holy.**

Second Reading: - 2 Peter 1:16-21

¹⁶For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." ¹⁸We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

¹⁹So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. ²⁰First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, ²¹because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ²And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁵While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" ⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." ⁸And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. ⁹As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

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

Message – Tim Leitner, SAM

**Hymn of the Day - I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light
ELW #815**

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead,
on the third day, he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

L: Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

Silence for reflection

A: Call your people to seek your wisdom in difficult conversations and action. Give the church everywhere courage to repent for the ways we have tolerated and practiced injustice by systemic racism and church sanctioned colonialism. Merciful God,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Creating God, the foundations of the earth bear witness to your faithfulness; the mountains and hills echo your holiness. When we mistreat your creation, show us the error of our ways. Inspire us with reverent awe to honor all you have made. Merciful God,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Guide and give wisdom to all in authority; our mayor and local leaders, our governor and state legislators, our president and national legislators. Bring freedom and justice to all nations. Merciful God,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Healing God, bless all who the world rejects. Accompany those who are outcasts, oppressed, those suffering from illness, addiction, and abuse. Bring comfort and healing to those we name out loud and those we name in our hearts. Merciful God,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Loving God, praise to you for all the faithful who have gone before us into everlasting life with you. Sustain us in hope until we are united with them in the joy of your eternal presence. Merciful God,

C: hear our prayer.

L: We offer these spoken prayers and those held in our hearts, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Offertory

Offertory Hymn - Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful– ELW #182

Offertory Prayer

A: Liberating God, you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free.

C: Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom.

A: We magnify and adore You, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

C: Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

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.**

Communion Distribution

Post Communion Blessing

L: Now may the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

C: Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

A: Holy One,

**C: we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly
from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness,
and journey humbly with you. Amen.**

Benediction

L: The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod ✚ bless, strengthen and uphold you, today and always.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn - Alleluia, Song of Gladness - ELW #318

Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Follow in the way of Jesus.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude