

**THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD**  
Witnesses of Glory and Heirs of Promise  
March 1 & 2, 2025

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**AS WE GATHER**

Beloved heirs of God’s glory—sinners and saints, sons and daughters—see God’s promised revelation in Jesus’ transfigured glory! All believing patriarchs, prophets, disciples, leaders, teachers, and confessors experience the tragic result of sin. Yet we are all invited into the light of Jesus! Our journeys, despite mistrust and faithlessness, are enveloped in God’s forgiveness. The sinless Son of God appears before sinful Moses, Elilah, Peter, James, and John on the mountain together! A revelation like no other! This pivotal moment of glory compels us to anticipate the journey of the “gory,” the pending crimes against Jesus: the cross, the mockery, the crucifixion. Death is coming! Soon, the church’s alleluias will be hushed.

**Reception of Holy Communion:** If you are planning to receive Christ's supper today, please read through the words of exhortation in the fellowship folder. For members, it is a good review of important spiritual matters for gathering at the table. For guests, it explains our stance on confession of faith, doctrinal unity, and proper spiritual preparation to receive the Supper for your benefit.

**8:00 BRASS PRELUDE**            *Volte from Terpsichore*

**10:30 PRELUDE**                *Goodness of God*

**WELCOME**

Do you suppose, O man—you who judge those who practice such things and yet do them yourself—that you will escape the judgment of God? Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance? Romans 2:3-4

**HANDSHAKES & HUGS**

**PREPARATION**

**OPENING HYMN**

**“For All the Saints”**

**All**    **For all the saints who from their labors rest,  
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,  
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

5:00 & 10:30 All Sing-

8:00 Choir Only    Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;  
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;  
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

8:00 Choir Only    Oh, may Thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,  
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old  
And win with them the victor’s crown of gold!  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

8:00 Choir Only    And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,  
Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,  
And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

**All (Rise)**    **From earth’s wide bounds, from ocean’s farthest coast,  
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**INVOCATION & OPENING SENTENCES**

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

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: Jesus, take us to the mountain, where, with Peter, James, and John,

**People: we are dazzled by your glory, light as blinding as the sun.**

Pastor: There prepare us for the night

**People: by the vision of that sight.**

Pastor: What do you want us to hear there, that your dear disciples heard?

**People: Once again the Voice from heaven says of the Incarnate Word:**

Pastor: “Listen, listen, everyone,

**People: This is My beloved Son!”**

### CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Pastor: We confess our sin to God our Father.

**People: God of mercy and forgiveness, God of revelation and promise, we confess that we are burdened with sin—sin that consumes, unravels, deceives, and stifles faith. Enable us by your Word to increase our willingness to bear our crosses, resist temptation, and follow you alone! In our journey, let us continually wage war against Satan and adversaries who would seek to eclipse your glory.**

Pastor: Almighty God, we have seen your glory in the transfiguration of Jesus, your only-begotten Son. We join in the lineage of prophets and apostles, believing in the glory and the cross of Jesus. Crucify our sins on that cross. Envelop us in the light of His glory in these words: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the +Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

### HYMN OF PRAISE

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To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth;  
Goodwill from God in heaven Proclaimed at Jesus’ birth!  
We praise and bless you, Father; Your holy name, we sing –  
Our thanks for your great glory, Lord God, our Heav’nly King.

To You, O solebegotten, The Father’s Son, we pray;  
O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.  
Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry,  
Where You in pow’r are seated At God’s right hand on high.

For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord.  
Forever and forever, Be worshipped and adored;  
You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High.  
In God the Father’s glory. “Amen!” our glad reply.

### SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: 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.

**People: Amen.**

(Be seated)

### 8:00 ANTHEM

*“Praise His Holy Name!”*

### WORD

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** *Deuteronomy 34:1–12* (The Promised Land is seen as an incomparable inheritance—sworn to the lineage of faithful prophets and their sons. By God’s design, however, Moses is denied entrance and is laid to rest.)

Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho. And the LORD showed him all the land, Gilead as far as Dan, <sup>2</sup> all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the western sea, <sup>3</sup> the Negeb, and the Plain, that is, the Valley of Jericho the city of palm trees, as far as Zoar. <sup>4</sup> And the LORD said to him, “This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, ‘I will give it to your offspring.’ I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not go over there.”

<sup>5</sup> So Moses the servant of the LORD died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the LORD, <sup>6</sup> and he buried him in the valley in the land of Moab opposite Beth-peor; but no one knows the place of his burial to this day. <sup>7</sup> Moses was 120 years old when he died. His eye was undimmed, and his vigor unabated.

<sup>8</sup> And the people of Israel wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days. Then the days of weeping and mourning for Moses were ended. <sup>9</sup> And Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands on him. So the people of Israel obeyed him and did as the LORD had commanded Moses.

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<sup>10</sup> And there has not arisen a prophet since in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face, <sup>11</sup> none like him for all the signs and the wonders that the LORD sent him to do in the land of Egypt, to Pharaoh and to all his servants and to all his land, <sup>12</sup> and for all the mighty power and all the great deeds of terror that Moses did in the sight of all Israel.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**8:00 ANTHEM** *O Sifuni Mungu (All Creatures Of Our God And King)*

**10:30 ANTHEM** *Great Are You, Lord*

**EPISTLE** *Hebrews 3:1–6* (As Moses was faithful, we witness and inherit all the revealed truths of Jesus, the very Son of God, who is the hope of our house, here in this place.) Therefore, holy brothers, you who share in a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession, <sup>2</sup> who was faithful to him who appointed him, just as Moses also was faithful in all God's house. <sup>3</sup> For Jesus has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses—as much more glory as the builder of a house has more honor than the house itself. <sup>4</sup> (For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.) <sup>5</sup> Now Moses was faithful in all God's house as a servant, to testify to the things that were to be spoken later, <sup>6</sup> but Christ is faithful over God's house as a son. And we are his house, if indeed we hold fast our confidence and our boasting in our hope.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**5:00 ANTHEM** *Christ Be Our Light* Grades 1-3

**8:00 ANTHEM** *In Christ Alone*

**10:30 ANTHEM** *Nothing But The Blood/Give Thanks/Total Praise*

(Rise)

**HOLY GOSPEL** *Luke 9:28–36* (Revered prophets and famed disciples witness the vision of Jesus' glory.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the ninth chapter.

**People: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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<sup>28</sup> Now about eight days after these sayings he took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. <sup>29</sup> And as he was praying, the appearance of his face was altered, and his clothing became dazzling white.

<sup>30</sup> And behold, two men were talking with him, Moses and Elijah, <sup>31</sup> who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. <sup>32</sup> Now Peter and those who were with him were heavy with sleep, but when they became fully awake they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. <sup>33</sup> And as the men were parting from him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah”—not knowing what he said. <sup>34</sup> As he was saying these things, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. <sup>35</sup> And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to him!” <sup>36</sup> And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and told no one in those days anything of what they had seen.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to you, O Christ.**

(Be seated)

### **CHILDREN'S SONG & CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

#### **“Do You Know Who Died For Me?”**

Do you know who died for me? Jesus did, Jesus did,  
Lovingly He died for me, Yes, He really did.

Do you know who rose for me? Jesus did, Jesus did,  
Lovingly He rose for me, Yes, He really did!

Do you know who lives for me? Jesus does, Jesus does,  
Lovingly He lives for me, Yes, He really does!

Do you know who cares for me? Jesus does, Jesus does,  
Lovingly He cares for me, Yes, He really does.

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**SERMON HYMN #413 “O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair”**

O wondrous type! O vision fair  
Of glory that the Church may share,  
Which Christ upon the mountain shows,  
Where brighter than the sun He glows!

With Moses and Elijah nigh  
Th’ incarnate Lord holds converse high;  
And from the cloud the Holy One  
Bears record to the only Son.

With shining face and bright array  
Christ deigns to manifest today  
What glory shall be theirs above  
Who joy in God with perfect love.

And faithful hearts are raised on high  
By this great vision’s mystery,  
For which in joyful strains we raise  
The voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.

(Rise) O Father, with the eternal Son  
And Holy Spirit ever one,  
We pray Thee, bring us by Thy grace  
To see Thy glory face to face.

**SERMON**

(Rise)

**OFFERTORY**

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Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit.  
Amen.

**NICENE CREED**

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

(Be seated)

**OFFERING** As your offering is collected, please sign our fellowship folder located at the end of the pew. If you are a visitor, please leave your address and phone. After you are finished, please pass the folder along to others in your pew, and return it to the center aisle. You may check the folder to see names of those to greet after the service.

**5:00 SONG DURING OFFERING** *Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory* Grades 4-5

**8:00 VOLUNTARY** *Pastorale* by CPE Bach

**10:30 VOLUNTARY** *This Is The Day*

(Rise)

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.  
Heavenly Father, in prayer your Son, Jesus, revealed His glory to Peter, James and John. Grant that we, also gathered in prayer, would see Him by faith and receive from Him the redemption He has accomplished for us. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Almighty God, you bestow honor and favor on all who dwell in your house and withhold no good thing from them. Give us faith in your promises, that we who worship you here may come to dwell in your heavenly house. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Gracious Lord, as you appointed Moses of old to lead your people, so you sent your Son, Jesus, to found and lead your Church. Sustain us from age to age, and grant us teachers of righteousness to guide us in the days to come. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Holy Father, by the blood of your Christ, He has purified His Bride, the Church. Strengthen her and give her unity of doctrine and piety. Bless this holy house, that those who enter here may do so in faith, reverence and fear of you. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Lord, all authority is given by you and our times are in your hands. Give wisdom to our president and those in public office, that they may govern according to your good will. Bless the work of this congregation to reach the lost of this city. Grant favorable weather and an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and prosper all honorable vocations, businesses and industries. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Most merciful God, as we follow the way of your apostles into your presence, you join our prayers to the ceaseless petitions of your dear Son. Hear us for the sake of the troubled, the sick, and the dying especially Jack, Elizabeth, Kay, Rhonda, Harland, Liz, Jerry, June, Wendy, Sharon, John, Debbie, Bob, Judy, Carole, Audrey, Janice, David, Helga, Dick, Michael, Margie, Anna, Charlene, Marlene, Dorothy, Ardis, Noah, Guy, Mike, Jill, Janet, Cathy, Shirley and Sarah. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Giver of life, we pray for the family and friends of Marga Kroening as she has entered into your glory. Be in their midst. Help them to mourn with the hope of the resurrection of the dead, and the life to come. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: O Lord, we praise you, for we are fearfully and wonderfully made. Give us ears to hear your voice speaking through your Word, holy lips to receive Christ's blessed Sacrament with repentance and faith, and holy awe at your glory granted to us in the Means of Grace. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: 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.

**People: Amen.**

## SACRAMENT

### PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

**People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

## PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who at His transfiguration revealed His glory to His disciples that they might be strengthened to proclaim His cross and resurrection and with all the faithful look forward to the glory of life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you and saying:

## SANCTUS

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Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:  
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory,  
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

## THE 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.**

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

### PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **Amen.**

## AGNUS DEI

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Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

(Be seated)

**8:00**

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

**10:30**

*Now Behold the Lamb*

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

### “Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain”

Jesus, take us to the mountain, Where, with Peter, James, and John,  
We are dazzled by Your glory, Light as blinding as the sun.  
There prepare us for the night By the vision of that sight.

What do You want us to see there, That Your close companions saw?  
Your divinity revealed there Fills us with the selfsame awe.  
Clothed in flesh like ours You go Matched to meet our deadliest Foe.

What do You want us to hear there, That Your dear disciples heard?  
Once again the Voice from heaven Says of the Incarnate Word:  
“Listen, listen, everyone, This is My beloved Son!”

Take us to that other mountain Where we see You glorified,  
Where You shouted “It is finished!” Where for all the world You died.  
Hear the stunned centurion: “Truly this was God’s own Son!”

We who have beheld Your glory, Risen and ascended Lord,  
Cannot help but tell the story, All that we have seen and heard;  
Say with Peter, James, and John: “You are God’s beloved Son!”

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### HYMN #631 “Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face”

Here, O my Lord, I see Thee face to face;  
Here would I touch and handle things unseen;  
Here grasp with firmer hand the eternal grace,  
And all my weariness upon Thee lean.

Here would I feed upon the bread of God,  
Here drink with Thee the royal wine of heav’n;  
Here would I lay aside each earthly load,  
Here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiv’n.

This is the hour of banquet and of song;  
This is the heav’nly table spread for me;  
Here let me feast and, feasting, still prolong  
The brief bright hour of fellowship with Thee.

I have no help but Thine; nor do I need  
Another arm but Thine to lean upon.  
It is enough, my Lord, enough indeed;  
My strength is in Thy might, Thy might alone.

Mine is the sin, but Thine the righteousness;  
Mine is the guilt, but Thine the cleansing blood;  
Here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace:  
Thy blood, Thy righteousness, O Lord, my God.

Too soon we rise; the vessels disappear;  
The feast, though not the love, is past and gone;  
The bread and wine remove, but Thou art here;  
Nearer than ever; still my shield and sun.

Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,  
Yet, passing, points to that glad feast above,  
Giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy,  
The Lamb's great marriage feast of bliss and love.

**HYMN #770                    "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"**

What a friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry Ev'rything to God in prayer!  
Oh, what peace we often forfeit; Oh, what needless pain we bear-  
All because we do not carry Ev'rything to God in prayer!  
Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged -- Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful Who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness -- Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge -- Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
In His arms He'll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a solace there.

**COMMON DISMISSAL**

(Rise)

**POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: Let us pray. O God the Father, source of divine nourishment, through your Holy Word, body, and blood, you increase our faith and courage to bear our crosses in the name of Jesus, glorified and crucified. At this Table, you unite us with the myriad of saints who have preceded us. Together, past, present, and future, we are believing heirs of your eternal promises. We are witnesses of Christ's life, suffering, death, and resurrection. Prepare us for our eternal glory, where we will reside with you in Jerusalem, our eternal home.

**People: Amen.**

**BENEDICTION**

Pastor: 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 ✠ give you peace.

**People: Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN #923    "Almighty Father, Bless the Word"**

Almighty Father, bless the Word Which through your grace we now have heard.  
Oh, may the precious seed take root, Spring up, and bear abundant fruit!  
We praise you for the means of grace As homeward now our steps we trace.  
Grant, Lord, that we who worshiped here May all at last in heav'n appear.  
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above ye heav'nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

**8:00 POSTLUDE**

*Danza* by Tielman Susato

**10:30 POSTLUDE**

*That's My King*



Preacher Pastor Josh Grotelueschen  
Liturgist Pastor Harold Bender  
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Organist Deaconess Carole King

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### OUR THEME: THE HAND OF THE LORD

Whether tightening a bolt, crocheting, or typing on a computer, there is so much that we do with our hands. The Greek physician Galen called them the instrument of instruments. Indeed, hands are instruments that can do a great deal of things. Hands can be used to heal or hurt, work or wreck, build or break, seize or surrender, and on and on. Hands are so often central to the ways we interact with the world that they have also become figurative symbols of power, control, craftsmanship, and possession. We daily speak of hands in many phrases, such as "Lend a hand," "Things are out of hand," "Working together hand in glove," and "Close at hand." Moreover, in our modern era of robotic, machine, and computer processing, adding "hand" as a prefix to many words can often communicate something that is personal and intentional. It is no surprise that mentions of hands appear all over the Bible as God's Word speaks to us in ways that we can understand. All things are the work of the hand of the Lord (Psalm 102:25). The Lord's hand is referred to over two hundred times in the Old Testament. The Lord's hand is active in creation, power, control over happenings of the world, judgment, and salvation. The hand of the Lord was upon Ezekiel when He gave him a vision (Ezekiel 3:22), and the hand of the Lord was against the Philistines in the days of Samuel (1 Samuel 7:13). The hand of the Lord is both Law and Gospel. Plan to join our midweek worship services to grow in knowing, trusting, and believing all that has been done by "The Hand of the Lord."



***Wednesday Lenten Worship***

*10:00am & 6:00pm*

*March 5: The Hand of the Lord Who Freely Gives*

*March 12: The Hand of the Lord Who Creates and Saves*