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February 15, 2026

Transfiguration of Our Lord

9:30 a.m.

Holy Communion Setting 3 - ELW (Evangelical Lutheran Book of Worship Year A)

INTRODUCTION

Today's festival is a bridge between the Advent-Christmas-Epiphany cycle that comes to a close today and the Lent-Easter cycle that begins in several days. On a high mountain Jesus is revealed as God's beloved Son, echoing the words at his baptism. This vision of glory sustains us as Jesus faces his impending death in Jerusalem. We turn this week to Ash Wednesday and our yearly baptismal journey from Lent to Easter. Some churches put aside the alleluia at the conclusion of today's liturgy. This word of joy will be omitted during the penitential season of Lent and will be sung again at Easter.

PRELUDE

Announcements are on pages 18.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A very warm welcome to all who worship here this morning, we thank God for sending you to Tabor.

Please stand if you are able

CONFSSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, \ddagger one God,
the Creator of heaven and earth,
the Word who spoke life into being,
the Wind stirring the waters.

Amen.

Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Mighty God, lover of justice,
you call us to life in community,
but we have served our own interests
at the expense of our neighbors.

We have sown deceit where honesty was needed.

We say the right words,
but our hearts are far from you.

Turn us to seek your face.

Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ,
that we may do justice, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.

Amen.

The former things have passed away,
and new things God now declares:

Like a spring of water that never fails,
God covers you in the righteousness of Christ,
and forgives your sin in [☩] Jesus' name.

May the Spirit give you strength to live for others,
and bless you with the gift of peace.

Amen.

GATHERING

GATHERING SONG

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ELW 834

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light;

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing above
 we blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
 all laud we would ren - der; oh, help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise!
 thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

Text: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1824–1908, alt.
 Music: ST. DENIO, Welsh traditional; arr. John Roberts, 1807–1876

GREETING

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

And also with you.

CHILDREN GO TO JAM

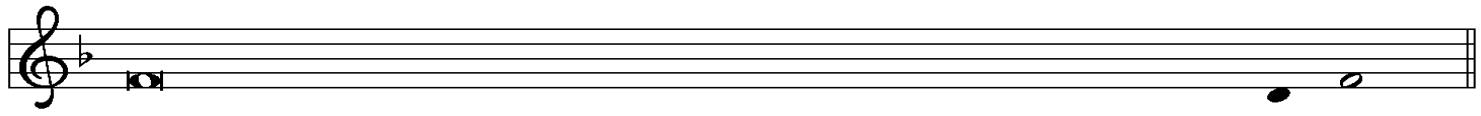
The Children are invited to come forward. The children are dismissed for Children's Jam, Sunday School, returning during the Peace.

KYRIE

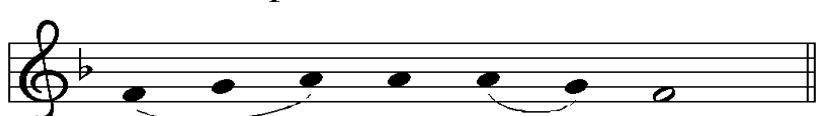
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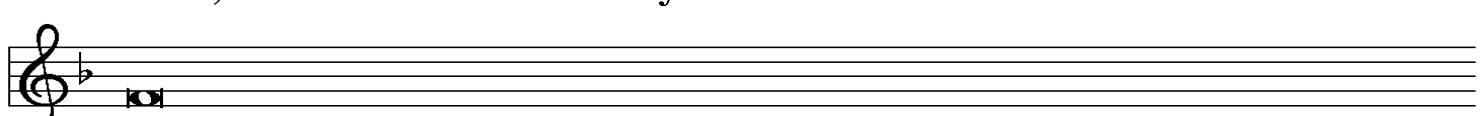
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



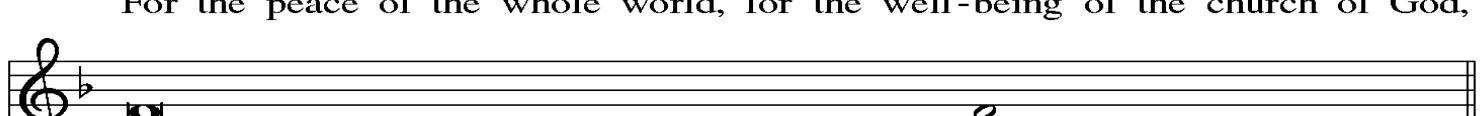
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



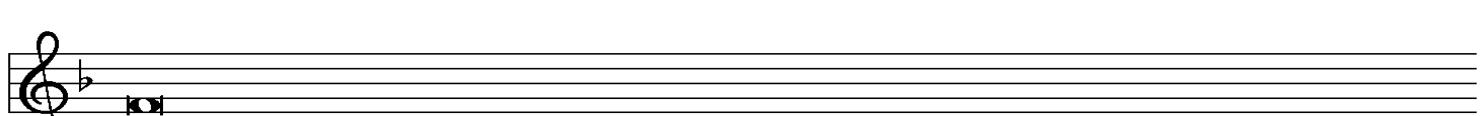
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



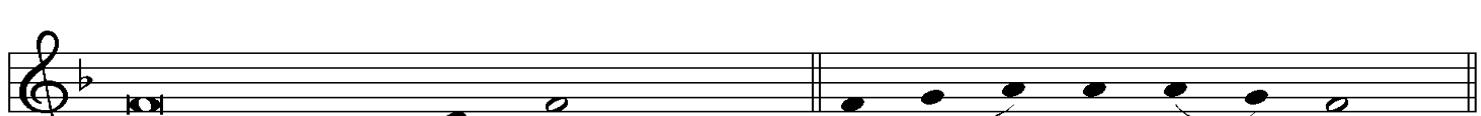
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



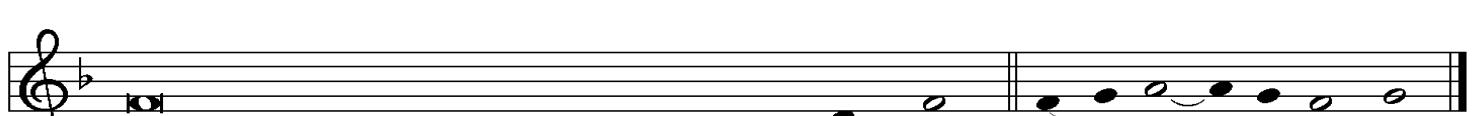
Lord, have mer - cy.



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.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Glory to God

ELW Setting 3

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

All

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,

we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING: Exodus 24:12-18

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

PSALM: Psalm 2

Read responsively

¹ Why are the nations ¹ in an uproar?

Why do the peoples mutter ¹ empty threats?

² **Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and the princes ¹ plot together, against the LORD and against the ¹ LORD's anointed?**

³ "Let us break their ¹ yoke," they say;

"let us cast off their ¹ bonds from us."

⁴ **God whose throne is in heav- ¹ en is laughing; the LORD holds them ¹ in derision.**

⁵ Then in wrath God ¹ speaks to them, and in rage fills ¹ them with terror.

⁶ **"As for me, I have anoint- ¹ ed my king upon Zion, my ¹ holy mountain."**

⁷ Let me announce the decree ¹ of the LORD, who said to me, "You are my son; this day have I be- ¹ gotten you."

⁸ **Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for ¹ your inheritance and the ends of the earth for ¹ your possession.**

⁹ You shall crush them with an ¹ iron rod and shatter them like a ¹ piece of pottery."

¹⁰ **And now, you ¹ kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers ¹ of the earth.**

¹¹ Submit to the ¹ LORD with fear,

and with trembling ¹ bow in worship;

¹² lest the LORD be angry, and you perish in a sudden ¹ blaze of wrath.

Happy are all who take ref- ¹ uge in God!

SECOND READING: 2 Peter 1:16-21

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Please stand if you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

The Holy gospel according to Matthew, the 17th Chapter.

Glory to you O Lord.

GOSPEL: Matthew 17:1-9

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

Please be seated.

REFLECTION

A brief silence for reflection.

Riley Dunton

Please stand if you are able

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 661

I Love to Tell the Story

1 I love to tell the story of un - seen things a - bove,
2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat
3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best

of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
what seems, each time I tell it, won - der - ful - ly sweet!
seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.

I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;
I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,

it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.
the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.
I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

Refrain

I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry

to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

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 into hell.**

**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.**

Please be seated.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

A brief silence

Each petition ends:

**Merciful God,
Receive our prayer.**

Prayers conclude with:

Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say:
Peace be with you.*

MEAL

Please be seated.

OFFERING OF GIFTS, TITHES AND MUSIC

Special Piano Music

Please stand if you are able.

OFFERTORY

ELW 188

Create in Me a Clean Heart *Offering Song*

Music score for "Create in Me a Clean Heart" featuring five staves of music. The music is in common time, with a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are as follows:

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your
pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -
store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - - tion,
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

OFFERING PRAYER

God of majesty,
no eye has seen, no ear has heard
what you have prepared for those who love you,
yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy.
Use what we have gathered
to feed us with the reign of God come near,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God.
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who, sharing our life, lived among us to reveal your glory and love,
that our darkness should give way to your own brilliant light.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san - na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Two Sundays ago, we were reminded that
In the night in which he was betrayed, ...

Again, after supper ...
...Do this for the remembrance of me.

**Through him, with him, in him,
in the unity of the Holy spirit,
all honor and glory is yours almighty Father,
now and forever.**

Amen.

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 has been pre-consecrated by Pastor Karen Matuska.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

Come to the table; taste and see.

Thanks be to God!

COMMUNION

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

and each person may respond

Amen.

The Lord's table is open to all worshipers from all denominations who wish to share in God's blessing of the sacrament of Holy Communion. The real presence of Christ is in the bread and wine. Please follow the directions of the ushers. Gluten free wafers and grape juice are available if you prefer.

Please let the usher know if you need assistance.

Please be seated.

COMMUNION SONG

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Please repeat until Communion is complete

COMMUNION HYMN

ELW 838

Beautiful Savior

1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,

Son of God and Son! Man!
 robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;
 bright spar - kling stars on high;
 Son of God and Son of Man!

Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus pur - er,
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus pur - er
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,

light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
 he makes our sor - - rowing spir - it sing.
 than all the an - - gels in the sky.
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904
 Music: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.

Please stand if you are able.

COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Radiant God,
we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.
In the sacrament of his body and blood
you have drawn us to your heart.
Send us from this table with delight,
that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love,
and bear witness to all we have seen and heard,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

May the triune God,
who has put a new song in your mouth
and tuned your heart for praise
☩ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Shine, Jesus, Shine

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Refrain

Shine, Je-sus, shine, fill this land with the Fa-ther's glo-ry;
 blaze, Spir-it, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
 Flow, riv-er, flow, flood the na-tions with grace and mer-cy;
 send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!

1 Lord, the light of your love is shin-ing, in the midst of the
 2 As we gaze on your king-ly bright-ness, so our fac-es dis-

dark-ness, shin-ing; Je-sus, light of the world, shine up-on us,
 play your like-ness, ev-er chang-ing from glo-ry to glo-ry.

set us free, by the truth you tell now bring us.
 mir-rored here, may our lives now sto-ry.

Shine on me, shine on me, bring me:
 Shine on me, shine on me, bring me:

Refrain

Text: Graham Kendrick, b. 1950

Music: Graham Kendrick

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SHINE, JESUS, SHINE
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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

Thanks be to God.

| Disciples Serving: | Today | Next Sunday |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Presider/Supply | Riley Dunton | Ryan Kessinger |
| Assisting Minister: | Jerry Vargues | Riley Dunton |
| Pianist: | Dr. J. Michael Beck | Dr. J. Michael Beck |
| Altar Guild: | Cassie Walgren | Cassie Walgren |
| Ushers/Greeters: | Tony Martinet | Tony Martinet |
| Counters/Posters: | Kathy Lambert/Sue Kastelic | Karen Dunton/Leanne Neu |
| JAM: | Denise Tristano/Derek Truxell | Children's Sermon |

BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES

February 16: Karen Dunton February 17: Liam Wisthoff

PRAYERS

| <u>Members, Friends, Relatives</u> | <u>Added by Members</u> |
|---|--|
| Doris Ask | People of Tabor |
| Shirley Bass | People of Tabor |
| Michael Beck | People of Tabor |
| Robert Bogusch | Nephew of Kathy Lambert |
| Stacie Bowens | People of Tabor |
| Family of Emily Briggs | People of Tabor |
| Pam Cardinal | Sister of Clay Kashner |
| Devin Caveza | Grandson of Tony Martinet |
| John Centa | Bowens Family |
| Fred Cortese | Gwen Hedding |
| Sandy, Tyler and Tori English | Friends of Emily Briggs |
| Vicki Granato | Michelle Vargues |
| Larry Hall | Bowens Family |
| Brian & Geri Helm | Bowens Family |
| Nina Jesmain | People of Tabor |
| Etta Kay Johnson | Sister-in-law of Linda Johnson |
| Linda Johnson | People of Tabor |
| Clay Kashner | People of Tabor |
| Sue Kastelic | People of Tabor |
| Kathy Lambert | People of Tabor |
| Kathy Laney & Family | Connie Wisthoff |
| DJ Nichols | Truxell Family |
| Will Nichols | Truxell & Vargues Families |
| Evelyn Omey | Twin sister of Shirley Bass |
| Andrea Pitre | Friend of Emily Briggs |
| Kimberly Roberts | Daughter of Gwen Hedding |
| Pam Salas | People of Tabor |
| Family of Cheryl Salay | People of Tabor |
| Starcher Family | Friends of Emily Briggs |
| Caitlan Thorne & Family | Granddaughter of Kathy Lambert |
| Justin, Harper & Hazel Tolan | Grandson/Great-granddaughters of Denise Tristano |
| Marvin Truxell | Truxell & Vargues Families |
| Charlotte Vargues | People of Tabor |
| Linda Wagner | Lynn Truxell |
| Family of Marvin Wisthoff | People of Tabor |
| Sandra Zupan | Sister of Ruth Valencia |