



Jesus was  
*transfigured*  
before them

MATTHEW 17:2

FEBRUARY 15, 2026



EPIPHANY  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

# TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

*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.*

## PRELUDE

## THE GATHERING

### WELCOME

### OPENING SONG

### Shine on Us

Words & Music by Michael W. Smith and Deborah D. Smith  
Arrangement by Mary Tim

#### Verse 1

Lord let Your light  
Light of Your face shine on us  
Lord let Your light  
Light of Your face shine on us  
That we may be saved  
That we may have life  
To find our way in the darkest night  
Let Your light shine on us

#### Verse 2

Lord let Your grace  
Grace from Your hand fall on us  
Lord let Your grace  
Grace from Your hand fall on us  
That we may be saved  
That we may have life  
To find our way in the darkest night  
Let Your grace fall on us

#### Verse 3

Lord let Your love  
Love with no end come over us  
Lord let Your love  
Love with no end come over us  
That we may be saved  
That we may have life  
To find our way in the darkest night  
Let Your love come over us  
Let Your light shine on us

## ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

**C: Amen.**

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

*Silence For Reflection*

A: Mighty God, lover of justice,

**C: 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.**

A: 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.

**C: Amen.**

## THE PEACE

*We receive and extend to one another the gift of Christ's peace. You may greet one another and say "peace be with you" or similar words.*

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

**C: And also with you.**

## GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray together,

**C: 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.**

# THE WORD

## This Little Light of Mine

### Verse 1

This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine,  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

### Verse 2

Ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine,  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

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## CHILDREN'S SERMON

### A READING FROM

### EXODUS 24:12-18

*At Mount Sinai, Moses experienced the presence of God for forty days and forty nights. The "glory of the Lord" settled on the mountain, and on the seventh day God called out to Moses. On the mountain God gave Moses the stone tablets inscribed with the ten commandments.*

The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and wait there; I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come back to you. Look, Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them."

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The 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. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the Israelites. Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

### A READING FROM

### 2 PETER 1:16-21

*At the transfiguration, God's voice was heard, declaring Jesus to be the beloved Son. By the activity of the Holy Spirit, God's voice continues to be heard through the word of scripture.*

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. For 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." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

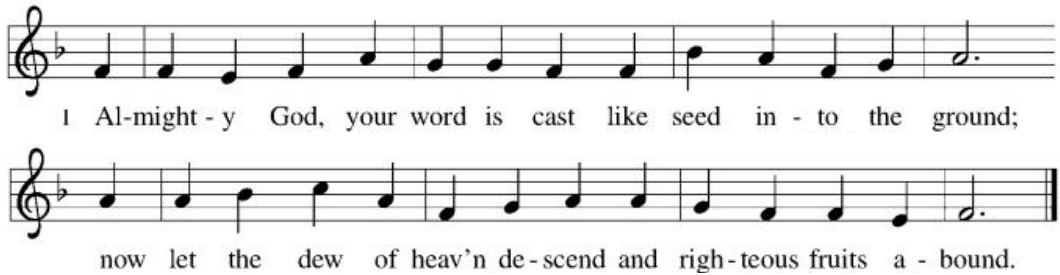
So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation,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

L: This is the word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

## Almighty God, Your Word is Cast



## THE GOSPEL READING

### MATTHEW 17:1-9

*(Congregation standing)*

L: The Holy Gospel of St. Matthew, beginning in the seventeenth chapter.

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

[Jesus said:] "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you O Christ.**

## PREACHING OF THE GOOD NEWS

## MOMENT OF REFLECTION ON THE GOOD NEWS





- 1 How good, Lord, to be here! Your glo - ry fills the night;
- 2 How good, Lord, to be here, your beau - ty to be - hold
- 3 Ful - fill - er of the past and hope of things to be,
- 4 Be - fore we taste of death, we see your king - dom come;
- 5 How good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not re - main;



your face and gar - ments, like the sun, shine with un - bor - rowed light.  
 where Mo - ses and E - li - jah stand, your mes - sen - gers of old.  
 we hail your bod - y glo - ri - fied and our re - demp - tion see.  
 we long to hold the vi - sion bright and make this hill our home.  
 but since you bid us leave the mount, come with us to the plain.

### 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 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.**

### RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

A: 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.

*Each petition shall conclude with:*

A: Lord in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

*The Prayers conclude:*

A: 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.

C: **Amen.**

## THE MEAL

### THE OFFERING

### MUSICAL OFFERING

### In the Bleak Midwinter

by Harold Darke, arr. by Martin Tucker

Sharon Pegram, Clarinet Solo, Anna Keiserman, Ph. D., Piano

### THE OFFERTORY

### For the Fruit of All Creation



1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.  
3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.  
For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,  
For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,



fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.  
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

## OFFERING PRAYER

A: God of majesty,

**C: 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.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts!

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

P: 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.**

## HOLY COMMUNION

*We practice "Open Communion," acknowledging that Jesus welcomes all persons, sinners and saints alike, to the table. All means ALL. Please come forward by the center aisle and receive the Sacrament in a continuous line, exiting by the side aisles.*

**Communion is by intinction.** *We offer a chalice of wine and a chalice of white grape juice in which you may dip the bread. Gluten-free wafers are available; please ask for them at the altar, if needed. The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. The communicant may say: Amen.*

*Infants who are not yet ready to receive food will receive a blessing. Parents who have questions about the practice of open communion may instruct their children to receive just a blessing.*

*Communion can be served to those who are not physically able to join us for worship. Please speak with an usher if you know of someone who would desire communion from Sunday's table brought to them.*

## LAMB OF GOD



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





## COMMUNION SONG

## Come True Light

Words and Music by Sarah Hart & Dwight Liles

### Verse 1

Come true light come life eternal  
 Come hidden mystery  
 Come nameless treasure silent reality  
 Come person unfathomed  
 Rejoicing without end  
 Come light that knows no ev'ning no death.

### Chorus

Come true light  
 Come true light

### Verse 2

Come raising of the fallen  
 Come hope of all the saved  
 Unmoving unchanging You remain  
 Come our friend come God almighty  
 Alone to the alone  
 Whose nature we cannot see or move

### Interlude

### Chorus

Come true light  
 Come true light

### Verse 3

Come our rest our consolation  
 Our longing soul's desire  
 Our joy and our endless delight

## COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace until life everlasting.

C: Amen.

# THE SENDING

## THE BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

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

In the name of the Father, and of the Son  $\text{✠}$ , and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## SENDING SONG

### **Love the Lord**

by Lincoln Brewster

#### **Verse 1**

Love the Lord your God with all your heart

With all your soul with all your mind

And with all your strength

(REPEAT)

#### **Chorus 1**

#### **Verse 2**

I will serve the Lord

With all my heart with all my soul

With all my mind and with all my strength

(REPEAT)

#### **Chorus 2**

#### **Bridge**

I will love You (I will love You)

I will praise You (I will praise You)

I will serve You (I will serve You)

I will trust You Lord (I will trust You)

#### **Chorus 1**

With all your heart with all your soul

With all your mind with all your strength

Love the Lord your God with all your heart

With all your soul with all your mind

And with all your strength

#### **Chorus 2**

With all my heart with all my soul

With all my mind with all my strength

I will serve the Lord with all my heart

With all my soul with all my mind

And with all my strength

#### **Chorus 3**

With all my heart with all my soul

With all my mind with all my strength

(REPEAT)

I will love You Lord with all my heart

With all my soul with all my mind

And with all my strength

(REPEAT 3X)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BLESSED AND SENT TO SERVE

A: This little light of mine...

**C: I'm gonna let it shine!**

A: As we enter into the season of Lent this Wednesday, we enter a time and a season that is supposed to feel challenging and difficult, because sometimes life is challenging and difficult. Lent isn't in the Bible but Jesus' journey to Jerusalem and the cross leads us to the agony of Good Friday and the victory of Easter. May Lent remind us that even though we walk through seasons that are difficult and challenging, we never walk alone, Jesus always walks with us. May we share this good news with others who need to hear it.

We share this story so that...

**C: Everyone knows that God loves them!**

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**



## POSTLUDE

*If you are worshipping with us at 9:00 am we kindly ask that you leave your bulletin on the back table on your way out for those that are worshipping at 11:00 am if you did not make notes. We wish to be good stewards of our environment and resources.*

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# EPIPHANY

## LUTHERAN CHURCH

### Sunday Worship Services

9:00 am & 11:00 am (in-person and online)

**Ministers:** The People of God

**Pastor:** Chris Hermansen

**Minister of Youth:** Kris Perkola

**Director of Worship and Music:** Steve Belfield, Interim

**Worship Production:** Steve Belfield

**Worship Accompanist:** Anna Keiserman, Ph. D.

**Church Administrator:** Bonnie Bradberry

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##### Almighty God, Your Word is Cast (ELW 516)

Text: John Cawood, 1775–1852, alt.  
Music: J. Day, Psalter, 1562  
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##### How Good Lord to be Here (ELW 315)

Text: Joseph A. Robinson, 1858–1933, alt.  
Music: W. Mercer, The Church Psalter and Hymn Book, 1854  
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##### In the Bleak Midwinter

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##### For the Fruit of All Creation

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##### Lamb of God

ELW Holy Communion Setting Four  
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##### Come True Light

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