

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2026  
8 & 10:15 AM  
THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION



# *Transfiguration Sunday*

## *TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH*

Enabled by the Holy Spirit, we boldly proclaim the Good News of Christ,  
sharing God's love with all through worship, education, and service.

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# Welcome

Welcome to our worship today: If you are visiting with us, or if you are seeking a faith community and desire to be a part of our ministries, we encourage you to follow the contact information at the bottom of this page and give us your address, telephone number and/or e-mail address so that we may contact you.

## **Offering:**

Offering may be placed in the offering plate at the back of the sanctuary or in the basket near the elevator. The offering will be carried to the front at 10:15 worship and presented during the offertory.

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## **Prayer List:**

The clipboard to add people to the prayer list is on the table at the back of the sanctuary. Please be sure to include your name, their name, your relationship, and the prayer request.

## **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.

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+GATHERING+  
(Singing at 10:15 only)

## WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

### PRELUDE

*The church bell is rung three times to proclaim that we gather to worship in the name of the Triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

*Please stand as you are able.*

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: 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.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: 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.**

P: 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.**

### GATHERING HYMN

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

ELW 834

### THE GREETING

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.**

## KYRIE (10:15 only)

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

## HYMN OF PRAISE (10:15 only)

1. Glo - ry be to God in heav - en; peace, good-will to all the earth.

2. Glo - ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.

3. Ho - ly One we now ac - claim you, Lord a - lone, to you we call;

Might- y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:  
Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a-bove;  
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all;

we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift up our thanks and praise.  
on the cross, you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fath - er's splen - dor bright.

we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift up our thanks and praise.  
on the cross, you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fath - er's splen - dor bright.

Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.  
Hear our prayer, re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.  
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: Let us pray. 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.

C: **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

+WORD+

## FIRST READING: EXODUS 24:12-18

<sup>12</sup>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." <sup>13</sup>So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the mountain of God. <sup>14</sup>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." <sup>15</sup>Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. <sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>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. <sup>18</sup>Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.     **C: Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 2

*(Sung at 10:15 only) The organ will introduce the psalm tone. The bells and organ will introduce the refrain, followed by the choir singing it, and then the congregation singing it. The Psalm will be sung responsively by the choir and congregation and all will sing the refrain.*

Refrain



Tone



- <sup>1</sup> Why are the nations <sup>1</sup> in an uproar?  
Why do the peoples mutter <sup>1</sup> empty threats?
- <sup>2</sup> Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt,  
and the princes <sup>1</sup> plot together,  
against the LORD and against the <sup>1</sup> LORD's  
anointed?
- <sup>3</sup> "Let us break their <sup>1</sup> yoke," they say;  
"let us cast off their <sup>1</sup> bonds from us."
- <sup>4</sup> God whose throne is in heav- <sup>1</sup> en is laughing;  
the LORD holds them <sup>1</sup> in derision. R
- <sup>5</sup> Then in wrath God <sup>1</sup> speaks to them,  
and in rage fills <sup>1</sup> them with terror.
- <sup>6</sup> "As for me, I have anoint- <sup>1</sup> ed my king  
upon Zion, my <sup>1</sup> holy mountain."
- <sup>7</sup> Let me announce the decree <sup>1</sup> of the LORD,  
who said to me, "You are my son; this day  
have I be- <sup>1</sup> gotten you.
- <sup>8</sup> Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for <sup>1</sup>  
your inheritance  
and the ends of the earth for <sup>1</sup> your  
possession. R
- <sup>9</sup> You shall crush them with an <sup>1</sup> iron rod  
and shatter them like a <sup>1</sup> piece of pottery."
- <sup>10</sup> And now, you <sup>1</sup> kings, be wise;  
be warned, you rulers <sup>1</sup> of the earth.
- <sup>11</sup> Submit to the <sup>1</sup> LORD with fear,  
and with trembling <sup>1</sup> bow in worship;
- <sup>12</sup> lest the LORD be angry, and you perish in a  
sudden <sup>1</sup> blaze of wrath.
- Happy are all who take ref- <sup>1</sup> uge in God! R

## SECOND READING: 2 PETER 1:16-21

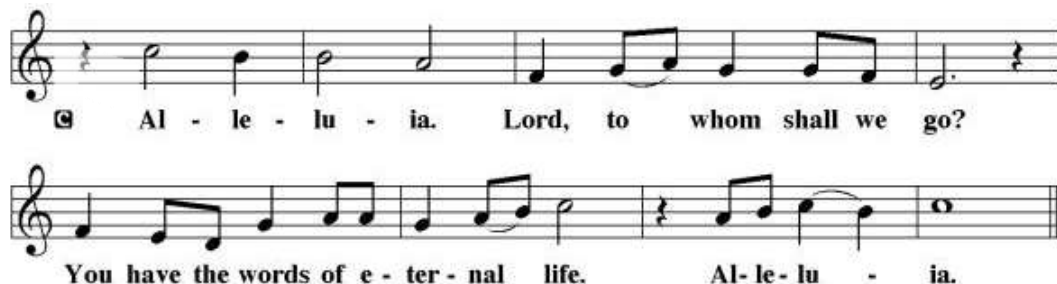
<sup>16</sup> We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. <sup>17</sup> For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." <sup>18</sup> We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. <sup>19</sup> 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. <sup>20</sup> First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, <sup>21</sup> because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## GOSPEL: MATTHEW 17:1-9

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

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

<sup>1</sup> Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. <sup>2</sup> And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light.

<sup>3</sup> Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. <sup>4</sup> Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." <sup>5</sup> While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" <sup>6</sup> When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. <sup>7</sup> But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." <sup>8</sup> And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. <sup>9</sup> As 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."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated.*

## SERMON

*Pause for Reflection*

## RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

P: Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for Chip and Lisa Smith, one with us in the body of Christ, whom we welcome as new members into the life and ministry of this congregation.

Council President: We welcome Chip and Lisa Smith, who wish to join us in ministry.

P: In baptism we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God.

We are called to live among God's faithful people,  
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,  
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.



P: Chip and Lisa, do you intend to continue in the covenant of baptism among God's people in this place?

Chip and Lisa: I do and I ask God to help and guide me.

P: People of God, do you promise to support and pray for Chip and Lisa in their life in Christ?

**C: We do and we ask God to help and guide us.**

Council President: Let us welcome Chip and Lisa to this community of faith.

**C: We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

P: Let us pray. Gracious God, thank you for Chip and Lisa Smith, whom you have drawn to yourself by the love of Jesus Christ, and whom we have welcomed into this household of faith. Keep us close together in your Spirit, in the breaking of bread and the prayers and in service to others.

**C: Amen.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

"Jesus on the Mountain Peak"

ELW 317

## APOSTLES' CREED

A: With the whole church, let us confess our faith

**C: 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

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.

*A brief silence.*

A: Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

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. **Amen.**

## PRAYER RESPONSE



O Lord, hear our prayer we of-fer up to you; O Lord, hear our prayer.

## THE PEACE

A: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C:** And also with you.

A: Please share a sign of God's peace with one another.

8:00 Please remain standing. 10:15 Please be seated.

+MEAL+

## MUSICAL OFFERING (10:15 only)

*Please stand and sing as the offering is brought to the front.*

## OFFERTORY (10:15 only)



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be  
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -  
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

## THE OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray.

C: **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.**

# GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

This musical score is written for a single melodic line on a treble clef staff in G major (one sharp). It consists of four lines of music. The first line has a repeat sign after the first phrase. The notes are: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4-G4 (half), F#4 (quarter), E4 (half), D4 (half). The second line also has a repeat sign: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4-G4 (half), F#4 (quarter), E4 (half), D4 (half). The third line: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4-G4 (half), F#4 (quarter), E4 (half), D4 (half). The fourth line: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4-G4 (half), F#4 (quarter), E4 (half), D4 (half).

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

Lord God of pow'r and might, heav-en and earth are

full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the

Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

This musical score is written for a single melodic line on a treble clef staff in G major (one sharp). It consists of five lines of music. The first line has a common time signature 'C'. The notes are: G4 (half), A4 (half), B4 (half), A4-G4 (half), F#4 (quarter), E4 (half), D4 (half). The second line: G4 (half), A4 (half), B4 (half), A4-G4 (half), F#4 (quarter), E4 (half), D4 (half). The third line: G4 (half), A4 (half), B4 (half), A4-G4 (half), F#4 (quarter), E4 (half), D4 (half). The fourth line: G4 (half), A4 (half), B4 (half), A4-G4 (half), F#4 (quarter), E4 (half), D4 (half). The fifth line: G4 (half), A4 (half), B4 (half), A4-G4 (half), F#4 (quarter), E4 (half), D4 (half).

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: Holy One, the beginning, and the end, the giver of life: Blessed are you for the birth of creation. Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light. Blessed are you for your promise to your people. Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams. Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will. Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed...

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks ...

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P: With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

**C: Come, Lord Jesus.**

P: Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

**C: Come, Holy Spirit.**

P: All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**C: 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.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

C: **Come to the table; taste and see.**



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

## COMMUNION

*All baptized believers are welcome at the Lord's table. We trust in faith that the real presence of Christ is present in the bread and the wine. You will be invited to come to the front to receive bread from the pastor. You may dip the bread into the chalice of red wine, or receive an individual cup of red wine or white grape juice. Gluten free wafers are available. Please ask at the time of communion. Those who are not communing today may come forward and request a blessing from the pastor.*

*Remain standing (8 am) Please be seated (10:15 am)*

## COMMUNION MUSIC

"Beautiful Savior"

ELW 838

*Please stand as you are able.*

## COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

P: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you always in his grace.

C: **Amen.**

A: Let us pray. 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.

C: **Amen.**

+SENDING+

## BLESSING

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

C: **Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

"Alleluia, Song of Gladness"

ELW 318

## DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

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## Prayers:

**For all of our homebound.**

**For the work of the Call Committee.**

**Members:** Cathy Lamason; Gerrie Miller; Denise Burkhard; Alan and Bonnie Williamson; Phil Warner; John Wallace; Carol Pensyl; Linda Humes; Miriam Wise

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**Family & Friends of:** Kathy H.R. Kyair; Mike Rowland

*Names will remain on the prayer list for three weeks; if they should remain on the prayer list for longer, please contact the office via phone or email.*

## THIS WEEK AT TRINITY CHURCH: FEBRUARY 15, 2026

Sun, 2/15      8 & 10:15 am, Worship with Holy Communion  
                     9 am, Confirmation Class  
                     9 am, Burning of the Palms  
                     10:15 am, Reception of New Members  
                     5 pm, Community Dinner at Buhrig Gathering Place  
 Tues, 2/17      6:30 pm, Women at the Well Book Study  
 Wed, 2/18      7-8 am & 12-1 pm, Ashes to Go in parking lot  
                     6:05 pm, Bells / 6:30 pm, Choir  
                     7 pm, Ash Wednesday Worship