

First Lutheran Church

February 15, 2026

Transfiguration of our Lord

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. Our church will 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 on Easter Sunday.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

BETHOLD

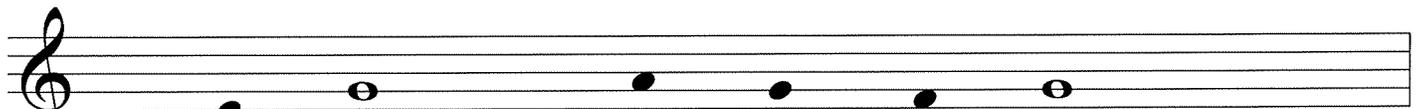
Mark Sedio

Jesus on the Mountain Peak Curtis L. King, transcription

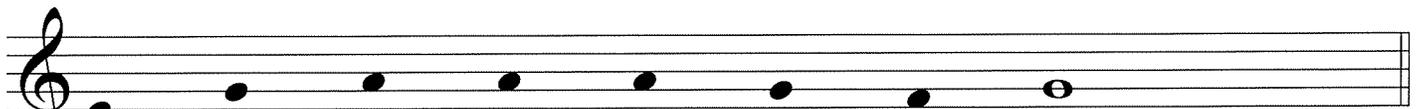
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MORNING PRAYER

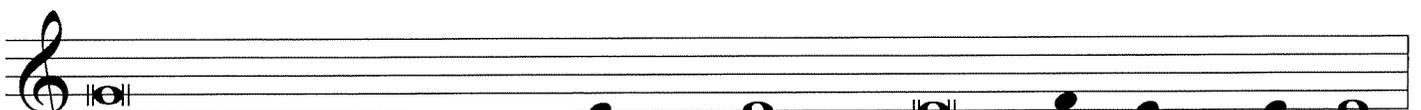
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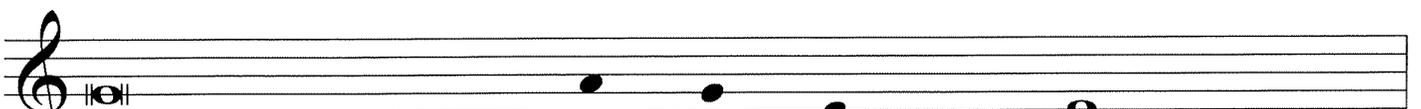
Leader: O Lord, o - pen my lips,



and my mouth shall pro - claim your praise.



Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it:



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now,



and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: 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)

++ Children may attend Sunday School

FIRST READING

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.

R: A reading from Exodus, the twenty-fourth chapter.

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

R: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

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.

R: A reading from 2 Peter, the first chapter.

¹⁶ 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. ¹⁷ 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." ¹⁸ We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. ¹⁹ 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. ²⁰ First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, ²¹ because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

R: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Cantor: This is my | Son, my Chosen, lis- | ten to him! (Luke 9:35) Alleluia.*

GOSPEL**MATTHEW 17:1-9**

Shortly before he enters Jerusalem, where he will be crucified, Jesus is revealed to Peter, James, and John in a mountaintop experience of divine glory called the transfiguration.

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the seventeenth chapter.



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

¹ Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ² And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. ³ Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴ 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." ⁵ 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!" ⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷ But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." ⁸ And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. ⁹ 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.



Praise to you O Christ!



1 Je - sus on the moun - tain peak stands a - lone in
 2 Trem - bling at his feet we saw Mo - ses and E -
 3 Swift the cloud of glo - ry came, God pro - claim - ing
 4 This is God's be - lov - ed Son! Law and proph - ets



glo - ry blaz - ing; let us, if we dare to speak,
 li - jah speak - ing. All the proph - ets and the law
 in its thun - der Je - sus as the Son by name!
 sing be - fore him, first and last and on - ly One.



join the saints and an - gels prais - ing.
 shout through them their joy - ful greet - ing:
 Na - tions, cry a - loud in won - der:
 All cre - a - tion shall a - dore him!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936
 Music: BETHOLD, Mark Sedio, b. 1954

(Please be seated)

REFLECTION

PRESIDING MINISTER: RICK GREENE

(Please stand)

CANTICLE

Refrain

In the ten - der com - pas - sion of our
God the dawn from on high shall
break up - on us.

The Cantor will sing the verses

APOSTLE'S 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.**

(Please kneel)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole community, and the earth.

A brief silence.

L: Revealing God, your Spirit sustains the church. Strengthen the faithful with the revelation of Christ transfigured, that we may joyfully follow him in the way of the cross.

Each petition concludes:

P: Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: 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.

(Please be seated)

OFFERING AND ORGAN MEDITATION

DEO GRACIAS

Michael Burkhardt

*Partita on Oh, Wondrous Image, Vision Fair
IV. Toccata*

(Please stand)



ALL 1 Oh, won - drous im - age, vi - sion fair of
 Men 2 With Mo - ses and E - li - jah nigh the in -
 Cantor 3 With shin - ing face and bright ar - ray, Christ
 Women 4 And faith - ful hearts are raised on high by
 ALL 5 O Fa - ther, with the e - ter - nal Son, and



glo - ry that the church may share, which Christ up - on the
 car - nate Lord holds con - verse high, and from the cloud, the
 deigns to man - i - fest to - day what glo - ry shall be
 this great vi - sion's mys - ter - y; for which in joy - ful
 Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er one, we pray you, bring us



moun - tain shows, where bright - er than the sun he glows!
 Ho - ly One says, "This is my be - lov - ed Son."
 theirs a - bove who joy in God with per - fect love.
 song we raise the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.
 by your grace to see your glo - ry face to face.

Text: Sarum, 15th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
 Music: DEO GRACIAS, English ballad, 15th cent.

OFFERING PRAYER

L: Let us pray.

God of majesty,

no eye has seen, no ear has heard
 what you have prepared for those who love you,
 yet 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.

C: Amen.

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.**

SENDING

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

C: Oh God,
 your everlasting love for us is always trustworthy and sure.
We are grateful for the goodness you have shown us through the years,
 and we ask now for confidence to go forward into the future.

**Bless our community of faith, bless our healing,
 bless the changes that are before us, bless our pastoral leaders
 who will shepherd us through this time of transition.**

**We thank you now for the wisdom you will show us
 as we align with your will, and servant or servants
 you are already preparing to send us in your blessed time.**

Help us to keep looking to you to define our ministry and our future.

**In his name and for the sake of Jesus Christ,
 our Savior and Lord, Amen.**

BLESSING

Let us bless the Lord. Thanks be to God.

May the triune God, who has put a new song in your mouth and tuned your heart for praise

+ bless you now and for - ev - er.

Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

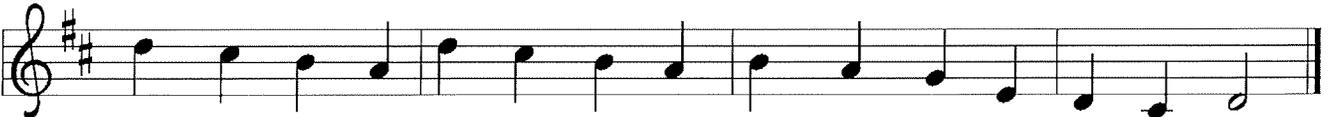
Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.



- 1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of glad - ness, voice of joy that can - not die;
- 2 Al - le - lu - ia you are sound - ing, true Je - ru - sa - lem and free;
- 3 Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways be our song while here be - low;
- 4 In our hymns we pray with long - ing: Grant us, bless - ed Trin - i - ty,



al - le - lu - ia is the an - them ev - er dear to choirs on high;
 al - le - lu - ia, joy - ful moth - er, bring us to your ju - bi - lee;
 al - le - lu - ia our trans - gres - sions make us for a while for - go;
 at the last to keep glad Eas - ter with the faith - ful saints on high;



in the house of God a - bid - ing thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly.
 here by Bab - y - lon's sad wa - ters mourn - ing ex - iles still are we.
 for the sol - emn time is com - ing when our tears for sin shall flow.
 there to you for - ev - er sing - ing al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly.

Text: Latin hymn, 11th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
 Music: PRAISE, MY SOUL, John Goss, 1800–1880

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace.
 L: Do justice.
 P: Go in joy.
C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

LAUDA ANIMA

Wayne L. Wold

Partita on Praise, My Soul
 IV. Carillon

Events in Review

<u>Sunday</u>		Feb 15
10:00AM	Church Service	
<u>Monday</u>		Feb 16
10:00AM	NO Bible Study at Willows	
5:15PM	Bell Choir Practice	
<u>Tuesday</u>		Feb 17
<u>Wednesday</u>		Feb 18
5:30 PM	Council Meeting	
7:00 PM	ASH WEDNESDAY	
<u>Thursday</u>		Feb 19
4:15PM	Childhood Ministry	
<u>Friday</u>		Feb 20
<u>Saturday</u>		Feb 21

Next Week

<u>Sunday</u>		Feb. 22
10:00AM	Church Service	
<u>Monday</u>		Feb. 23
10:00AM	No Bible Study at Willows	
10:30AM	Sharing Kitchen	
5:15PM	Bell Choir Practice	
<u>Tuesday</u>		Feb. 24
<u>Wednesday</u>		Feb. 25
5:45PM	Supper	
7:00PM	Lent Service	
<u>Thursday</u>		Feb. 26
10:30AM	Sharing Kitchen	
1:00PM	Food Drive	
<u>Friday</u>		Feb. 27
<u>Saturday</u>		Feb. 28



If you have a prayer request for today, please raise your hand during announcements and a host will give you a green

Service

February 18, 2026

7:00 PM

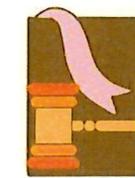


ASH
WEDNESDAY

Installation of 2026

Council Members

Feb. 22nd during service



CHURCH
COUNCIL

Sign up sheet for
Lent Wednesday's
Soup, Bread or Rolls
& Desserts is on the
table in the hallway

The
Season
of
Lent



ANNUAL
CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING



TODAY!!!! AFTER SERVICE

w/Potato Bar to follow

Cookie Sign up sheets are located on the Information Board. Fellowship time is before and after Church Service. Approximately 4 dozen cookies are needed each week.

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Our Mission Statement

“God is among us!”

“We are called to go out, care for all, share the gospel,
forgive, reconcile and trust God for all that we need.”

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