

February 15, 2026

LAY LED - SERVICE OF THE WORD

TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD



Today's Service of the Word 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 putting aside the alleluia until Easter.

Ringing of Bell

PRELUDE BELL CHOIR

ANNOUNCEMENTS

◆ PLEASE STAND

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

L: 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.**

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

L: 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

No. 834

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise – song pg 5

PRAYER OF THE DAY *We pray together*

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: 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.

C: 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

FIRST READING: EXODUS 24:12-18

Moses enters the cloud of God's glory on Mt. Sinai

¹²The 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." ¹³So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the mountain of God. ¹⁴To 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."

¹⁵Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶The 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. ¹⁷Now 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. ¹⁸Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

WORD OF GOD. WORD OF LIFE. THANKS BE GOD.

PSALM 2 THE MESSAGE (MSG)

L: Why the big noise, nations? Why the mean plots, peoples?

C: Earth-leaders push for position, demagogues and delegates meet for summit talks,

L: the GOD-deniers, the Messiah-defiers: "Let's get free of GOD! Cast loose from Messiah!"

C: Heaven-throned, GOD breaks out laughing. At first, he's amused at their presumption.

L: Then he gets good and angry. Furiously, he shuts them up:

C: "Don't you know there's a King in Zion? A coronation banquet is spread for him on the holy summit."

L: Let me tell you what GOD said next. He said, "You're my son, and today is your birthday. What do you want? Name it:

C: Nations as a present? Continents as a prize? You can command them all to dance for you,

L: Or, throw them out with tomorrow's trash." So, rebel-kings, use your heads;

C: Upstart-judges, learn your lesson: Worship GOD in adoring embrace, Celebrate in trembling awe. Kiss Messiah!

L: Your very lives are in danger, you know; His anger is about to explode,

C: But if you make a run for GOD—you won't regret it!

Children are invited to come forward for this next reading out of the Spark Story Bible.

READING: "Salt and Light"

SPARK STORY BIBLE, p. 268-271

SONG: CHILDREN & CONGREGATION No. 267

This Little Light of Mine - song pg 5

A READING FROM 2 PETER 1:16-21

GOOD NEWS TRANSLATION (GNT)

Eyewitnesses of Christ's Glory

¹⁶We have not depended on made-up stories in making known to you the mighty coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. With our own eyes we saw his greatness. ¹⁷We were there when he was given honor and glory by God the Father, when the voice came to him from the Supreme Glory, saying, "This is my own dear Son, with whom I am pleased!" ¹⁸We ourselves heard this voice coming from heaven, when we were with him on the holy mountain.

¹⁹So we are even more confident of the message proclaimed by the prophets. You will do well to pay attention to it, because it is like a lamp shining in a dark place until the Day dawns and the light of the morning star shines in your hearts. ²⁰Above all else, however, remember that none of us can explain by ourselves a prophecy in the Scriptures. ²¹For no prophetic message ever came just from the human will, but people were under the control of the Holy

Spirit as they spoke the message that came from God.

WORD OF GOD. WORD OF LIFE. **THANKS BE GOD.**

HYMN

ELW 315

How Good Lord to be Here - song pg 5

◆ *Please Stand*

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 17:1-9

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

Jesus is revealed to Peter, James, and John in a mountaintop experience of divine glory

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

⁹As 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."

L: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ!**

Please be seated for the Hymn

HYMN OF THE DAY:

NO. 671

Shine, Jesus Shine - song pg 5

◆ PLEASE STAND

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 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

L: 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.

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.

L: Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

L: Life-giving God, creation is full of your majesty. Nurture in us a deep respect for the interdependence of all life, and make us wise and vigilant stewards of your good earth.

L: Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

L: Peacemaking God, the nations are in turmoil. We pray for an end to violent conflict. Give wisdom to negotiators and sanctuary to refugees. Defend any who are in danger.

L: Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

L: Healing God, you desire wholeness for all people. Bring healing to any who are experiencing illness, chronic pain, or mental anguish. Comfort the dying and those who grieve, *especially Jennifer, Lavon, Jim, Dax, Larry, Renee, & Tim*, and those we name aloud or in our hearts.

L: Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

L: Holy God, in our worship we glimpse your glory, hear your voice, and receive assurance of your love. Inspire all who prepare, lead, and participate in worship to serve you with reverence and joy.

L: Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

L: Transforming God, you bring life from death. We give thanks for the witness of those who have died in faith, and we praise you for the hope we have in Christ, our Morning Star.

L: Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

L: 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.

SHARING OF PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Please be seated

OFFERING—*BELL CHOIR*—GLOBE OFFERING

Children are invited to bring an offering to the globe at the front of the church

◆ PLEASE STAND

OFFERING PRAYER

L: God of majesty, no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you; yet you never fail to reveal the wideness of your mercy.

C: Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER (Modern version)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Children are invited to come forward to join in the blessing and to grab an instrument for the sending song.

BENEDICTION

L: 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 SONG: ELW 867

In Thee Is Gladness – song pg 5

Ring of Bell

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Do Justice. Love Mercy.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *BELL CHOIR*

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SYNOD EVENT Council as Leaders -

Saturday Mar 14 9 am – 3:30 pm at St Olaf Church in Austin. Registration Fee \$20 Includes Lunch & Workshops

CALENDAR

Sun Feb 15 9 AM LAY LED WORSHIP
Transfiguration Sunday
 NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
 10 AM Coffee
 1 PM Cannon River Conference
 Assembly at Welch

Wed Feb 18 *Ash Wednesday – See Below*
 5:30 PM Lenten Supper
 6:30 PM Lenten WORSHIP
 7:15 PM COUNCIL

Sun Feb 22 9 AM WORSHIP - *1st Sun in Lent*
 10 AM Coffee
 10 AM Intergenerational Activity-*Jeopardy!*

Mon Feb 23 2 PM GRIEF SUPPORT



HELP TACKLE WORLD HUNGER!

Donations are collected in soup pots **During the Month of February!** Give Generously!
 Checks to: First Ev Lutheran for: ELCA World Hunger.



FEBRUARY 18 - LENT BEGINS

5:30 Supper

6:30 Worship

FIND SIGN UP SHEET FOR LENTEN SUPPERS in the Church Basement

SATURDAY MARCH 7

GARAGE & Bake SALE

For help or Qstns call Susan 907-854-5959

VOLUNTEER SIGN-UPS NEEDED for Garage & Bake Sale - Sign Up Pg in the basement

GARAGE & BAKE SALE | VOLUNTEER NEEDS

Wed 3-4	aft church (7-ish)	<i>move chairs</i>
Thu 3-5	2- 5 pm	<i>carry & organize sale items</i>
Fri 3-6	9 - 11 am	<i>carry & organize sale items</i>
Sat 3-7 Garage Sale	7:45-Noon (2 time slots)	<i>greet, elevator assist, cashiers, help customers, final clean up</i>
Sat 3-7 Bake Sale	7:45-Noon (2 time slots)	<i>package food, cashiers, final clean up</i>

SONG PAGE 2/15/26

GATHERING *Immortal, Invisible* #834

- 1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes, most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise!
- 2 Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might; thy justice like mountains high soaring above thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.
- 3 To all, life thou givest, to both great and small; in all life thou livest, the true life of all; we blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree, and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.
- 4 Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light; thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight; all laud we would render; oh, help us to see 'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

CHILDREN'S TIME *This Little Light* #677

- 1 This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine; *repeat 2x*
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
- 2 Ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
repeat 2x
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
- 3 Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
repeat 2x let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

PRE-GOSPEL *How Good Lord to Be Here* #315

- 1 How good, Lord, to be here!
Your glory fills the night;
your face and garments, like the sun,
shine with unborrowed light.
- 2 How good, Lord, to be here!
your beauty to behold
where Moses and Elijah stand,
your messengers of old.
- 3 Fulfiller of the past
and hope of things to be,
we hail your body glorified
and our redemption see. >

4 Before we taste of death,
we see your kingdom come;
we long to hold the vision bright
and make this hill our home.

5 How good, Lord, to be here!
Yet we may not remain;
but since you bid us leave the mount,
come with us to the plain.

HYMN OF THE DAY *Shine, Jesus, Shine* #671

REFRAIN: Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land
with the Father's glory; Blaze, Spirit, blaze,
set our hearts on fire. Flow, river, flow, flood
the nations with grace and mercy; Send forth
your Word, Lord, and let there be
light!

1 Lord, the light of your love is shining, in the
midst of the darkness, shining; Jesus, light of
the world, shine upon us. Set us free by the
truth you now bring us. Shine on me, shine on
me: REFRAIN

2 As we gaze on your kingly brightness, so
our faces display your likeness. Ever changing
from glory to glory, mirrored here, may our
lives tell your story. Shine on me, shine on me:
REFRAIN

SENDING #867

In Thee Is Gladness

1 In thee is gladness amid all sadness,
Jesus, sunshine of my heart. By thee are given
the gifts of heaven, thou the true redeemer art.
Our souls thou wakest; our bonds thou
breakest. Who trusts thee surely has built
securely and stands forever: Alleluia!
Our hearts are pining to see thy shining,
dying or living, to thee are cleaving; naught
can us sever: Alleluia!

2 Jesus is ours! We fear no powers, not of
earth or sin or death. He sees and blesses in
worst distresses; he can change them with a
breath. Wherefore the story tell of his glory with
heart and voices; all heav'n rejoices in him
forever: Alleluia! We shout for gladness,
triumph o'er sadness, love him and praise him
and still shall raise him glad hymns forever:
Alleluia!