

DISMISSAL

Glory to God in the highest!
And peace to God's people on earth!
Go in joy. Embody God's redeeming grace.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

TRINITY

LUTHERAN
CHURCH

11:00 AM

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2026

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Trinity Lutheran Church - Transfiguration of Our Lord

3701 Jefferson Ave Midland, MI 48640

February 15, 2026, 11:00 am

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

In the name of the Father, and of the **☩** Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Beloved of God, come and lift your eyes.
Come from the valleys of worry and weariness,
from the noise of the world and the weight of the week.
We come, for Jesus calls us up the mountain.

Here, glory breaks through ordinary light.
Here, the voice of God echoes across time:
“This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.”

We gather where heaven brushes earth,
where fear gives way to wonder,
**where Jesus is revealed not only in shining splendor,
but on the road that leads back down into the world.**

Let us worship the Christ who shines with God's glory,
who walks with us into shadow and suffering,
and who calls us to listen, to follow, and to be changed.

BENEDICTION

May God the Father, whose glory shines through cloud and fire, steady your steps
and lift your eyes.

May Jesus Christ, the Beloved Son, radiant with grace, walk with you from the
mountaintop into the valleys where love is needed most.

May the Holy Spirit, the breath of holy wonder and holy courage, transfigure your
life, that you may reflect God's light, listen deeply, and follow faithfully.

And may the blessing of the holy Trinity, **☩** one God, rest upon you and remain
with you, now and always. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

Shine Jesus Shine

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

Verse 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

Chorus

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Verse 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

Chorus

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Communion will be distributed by coming forward and receiving the bread and wine. The center cups (white) are non-alcoholic grape juice. Upon receiving, please put empty cups in baskets provided. If you prefer gluten free, please ask Pastor who is distributing. Please proceed up the center aisle returning to your seat via the side aisles.

COMMUNION SONG

God of Justice

Verse 1

God of Justice Saviour to all
Came to rescue the weak and the poor
Chose to serve and not be served

Pre-Chorus 1

Jesus You have called us
Freely we've received
Now freely we will give

Chorus

We must go
Live to feed the hungry
Stand beside the broken
We must go
Stepping forward
Keep us from just singing
Move us into action
We must go

Verse 2

To act justly every day
Loving mercy in every way
Walking humbly before You God

Pre-Chorus 2

You have shown us what You require
Freely we've received
Now freely we will give

Chorus 2x

Bridge

Fill us up and send us out
Fill us up and send us out
Fill us up and send us out Lord
(SING 3X)

Chorus

We come.

The mountain awaits.
The voice still speaks.
Let us worship God.

GATHERING SONGS

Great Are You Lord

Verse

You give life, You are love
You bring light to the darkness
You give hope, You restore
ev'ry heart that is broken
And great are You Lord

Chorus

It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise
We pour out our praise
It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise to You only

Verse

Chorus 2x

Bridge

And all the earth
will shout Your praise
Our hearts will cry
these bones will sing
Great are You Lord
(SING 3X)

Chorus 2x

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Better Is One Day

Verse 1

How lovely is Your dwelling place
O Lord Almighty
My soul longs and even faints for You
For here my heart is satisfied
Within Your presence
I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings

Chorus

Better is one day in Your courts
Better is one day in Your house
Better is one day in Your courts
Than thousands elsewhere
(REPEAT)
Than thousands elsewhere

Verse 2

One thing I ask and I would seek
To see Your beauty
To find You in the place Your glory dwells
(REPEAT)

Chorus

Bridge 1

My heart and flesh cry out
For You the living God
Your Spirit's water to my soul
I've tasted and I've seen
Come once again to me
I will draw near to You
I will draw near to You (to You)

Bridge 2

Better is one day
better is one day
Better is one day
than thousands elsewhere
Better is one day
better is one day
Better is one day
than thousands elsewhere

Chorus

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Verse 3

Lead my longing heart
To the high ground to a clear view
And in awe I'll be there
Beholding You

Chorus

Bridge
Now I know I have seen
Your glory that cannot be unseen
I am changed and changing still
As I look upon You Lord and believe

Chorus

Ending
Hallelujah
Hallelujah
Hallelujah my King
(SING 3X)

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OFFERING PRAYER

Generous God, all that we have and all that we are comes from your hand. As we bring these gifts, we offer more than money—we offer our gratitude, our trust, and our desire to follow where you lead. Take what we give and transfigure it by your grace, that it may shine with love in a weary world, bringing hope, healing, and mercy through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

COMMUNION PRAYER & 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.**

Hear the good news. The cloud of God's presence does not come to destroy, but to reveal grace. The voice that thundered on the mountain now speaks mercy to trembling hearts. In † Jesus Christ, sin is forgiven, fear is calmed, and we are raised to new life. **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

Offer a sign of peace with those around you

GATHERING OF GIFTS FOR MISSION AND MINISTRY

OFFERTORY

Transfiguration

Verse 1

From the cloud You speak
What was veiled now is seen
Jesus the image of the invisible God

Verse 2

Divinity confirmed
In the transfigured Word
A kingdom once concealed
On the earth now revealed

Chorus

Holy is the Lord
Revealed before my eyes
And my burning heart
Can scarcely take it in
As I behold Your beauty
With unworthy eyes
The only song my soul can find to sing
Is hallelujah
Hallelujah
Hallelujah my King

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God of radiant glory, on the mountain you revealed your beloved Son and called us to listen. Lift our eyes and open our hearts, that we may hear Jesus not only in moments of wonder, but on the road that leads through service and sacrifice. Transfigure us by your Spirit, that we may carry your light into the world and reflect your mercy and hope, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

KIDS' PRAISE

*At this time children age 3 – grade 5 are now dismissed,
at the parent's discretion, to the Chapel.*

FIRST READING: Exodus 24:12-18

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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 reading is concluded:

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 17th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

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.

After the reading:

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.



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SERMON

Jeff Gramza

HYMN OF THE DAY

Christ Be Our Light

Verse 1

Longing for light, we wait in darkness
Longing for truth, we turn to you
Make us your own, your holy people
light for the world to see

Chorus

Christ, be our light
Shine in our hearts
Shine through the darkness
Christ, be our light
Shine in your church gathered today

Verse 2

Longing for peace
our world is troubled
Longing for hope
many despair.
Your word alone
has pow'r to save us
Make us your living voice.

Chorus

Verse 3

Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed. *Chorus*

Verse 4

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone. *Chorus*

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Verse 5

Many the gifts
many the people
many the hearts
that yearn to belong
Let us be servants
to one another
signs of your kingdom come

Chorus

CONFSSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, **†** one God, whose glory is hidden in cloud and fire, whose mercy meets us on the mountain and in the valley. Called by God to listen to the Beloved, let us come before the Holy One with honesty and humility, confessing our sin and our need for grace.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy and merciful God,
we confess that we are afraid of your glory.
Like the disciples, we want to stay on the mountain,
to capture the moment,
to build shelters for comfort and control.
We confess that we do not always listen to Jesus.
We turn away from hard words, resist costly love,
and shy away from paths that lead through suffering.
We hide when your holiness feels too near.
Forgive us, O God. Speak your grace into our fear,
and lead us again by your light.