

**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

FEBRUARY 15,  
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*

*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

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*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

<p>Verse 1</p> <p>God of Justice Saviour to all Came to rescue the weak and the poor Chose to serve and not be served</p>	<p>Verse 2</p> <p>To act justly every day Loving mercy in every way Walking humbly before You God</p>
<p>Pre-Chorus 1</p> <p>Jesus You have called us Freely we've received Now freely we will give</p>	<p>Pre-Chorus 2</p> <p>You have shown us what You require Freely we've received Now freely we will give</p>
<p>Chorus</p> <p>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</p>	<p>Chorus 2x</p> <p>Bridge</p> <p>Fill us up and send us out Fill us up and send us out Fill us up and send us out Lord (SING 3X)</p> <p>Chorus</p>

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

GATHERING SONGS

Great Are You Lord

<p>Verse</p> <p>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</p> <p>Chorus</p> <p>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</p> <p>Verse</p> <p>Chorus 2x</p>	<p>Bridge</p> <p>And all the earth will shout Your praise Our hearts will cry these bones will sing Great are You Lord (SING 3X)</p> <p>Chorus 2x</p> <p>David Leonard, Jason Ingram, Leslie Jordan © 2012 Open Hands Music; So Essential Tunes; Integrity's Praise! Music; Little Way Creative All rights reserved. Used by permission. CCLI License #302491</p>
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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**

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*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.**



**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*

**CONFESSION & 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, con-  
fessing 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.**