

**TRINITY  
LUTHERAN  
CHURCH**

8:45 AM

FEBRUARY 15,  
2026

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## Trinity Lutheran Church - Transfiguration of Our Lord

3701 Jefferson Ave Midland, MI 48640

February 15, 2026, 8:45 am

### PRELUDE

*Wie schön leuchtet*

David Bendall

*Crusader's Hymn / St. Elizabeth*

Aaron David Miller

Charly Sly, organ

### 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.

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Alleluia, Song of Gladness



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

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

*Deo gracias*

Mary Beth Bennet  
Charly Sly, organ

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

GATHERING HYMN

ELW #834

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise



1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;  
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light;



in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;  
in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;  
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;



most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove  
we blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,  
all laud we would ren - der; oh, help us to see




al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise!  
thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.  
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

GREETING


The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

HYMN OF PRAISE: Glory to God


*Refrain*



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.




1 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we




wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.


*Refrain*



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of



God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us; you are

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 HYMNS

- I Love to Tell the Story*
- ELW #661
- Beautiful Savior*
- ELW #838

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 HYMN

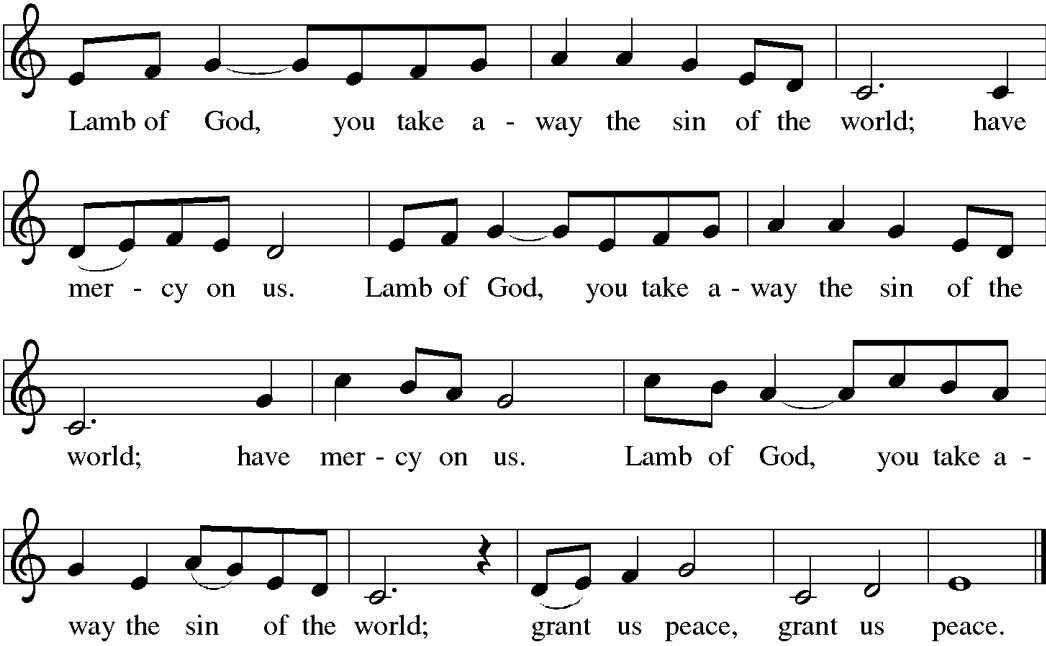
ELW #318

*Alleluia, Song of Gladness*  
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WORDS OF INSTITUTION & LORD’S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:  
**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.

LAMB OF GOD



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



seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

*Refrain*  
Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God’s peo-ple on earth.

3 For you a - lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,  
you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly  
Spir-it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

*Refrain*  
Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God’s peo-ple on earth.

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.

PSALM 99


God Reigns! Let the Peoples Tremble



1 God reigns! Let the peo - ples trem - ble. Throned up - on the  
2 Might - y Sov - ereign who loves jus - tice, you es - tab - lished  
3 God was known to priests and proph - ets (Mo - ses, Aa - ron,



cher - u - bim, God reigns! Let the whole earth shud - der, then re - sume cre -  
eq - ui - ty, brought a - bout just rule in Ja - cob, ev - er act - ing  
Sam - u - el), speak - ing through the cloud - y pil - lar; what they heard, they



- a - tion's hymn. Tru - ly God is great in Zi - on,  
right - eous - ly. Mor - tals, join to tell God's great - ness,  
fol - lowed well. Though our sins are just - ly pun - ished,


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.**

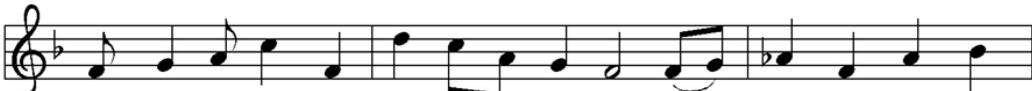
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.  
**And also 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.**


HOLY, HOLY, HOLY




Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,



heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the



high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



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

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.

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

Merciful God,  
receive our prayer.

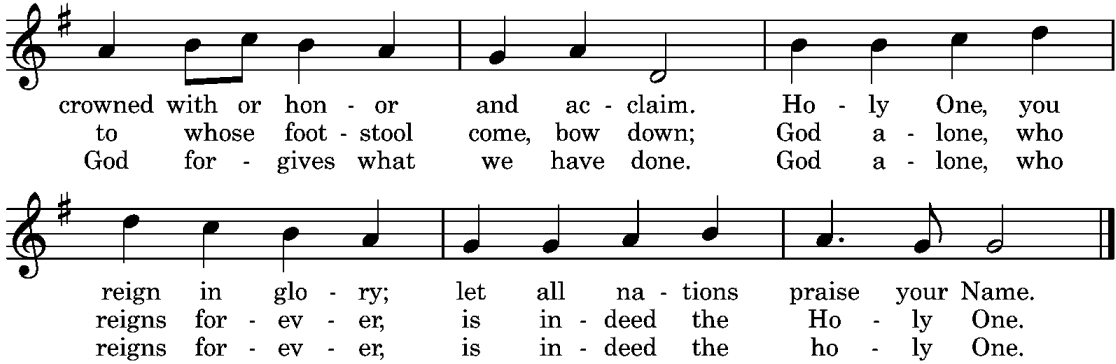
SHARING CHRIST’S PEACE

*Offer a sign of peace with those around you*

GATHERING OF GIFTS FOR MISSION AND MINISTRY

OFFERTORY

*Lord I Lift Your Name on High* arr. Arnold B. Sherman  
JuBELLation



crowned with or hon - or and ac - claim. Ho - ly One, you  
to whose foot - stool come, bow down; God a - lone, who  
God for - gives what we have done. God a - lone, who  
reign in glo - ry; let all na - tions praise your Name.  
reigns for - ev - er; is in - deed the Ho - ly One.  
reigns for - ev - er; is in - deed the ho - ly One.

WORDS: Carl P. Daw, Jr.  
MUSIC: Ludwig van Beethoven; adapt. Edward Hodges  
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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.*

*The reading is concluded:*  
Word of God, word of life.  
**Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. *Repeat alleluia*  
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

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.

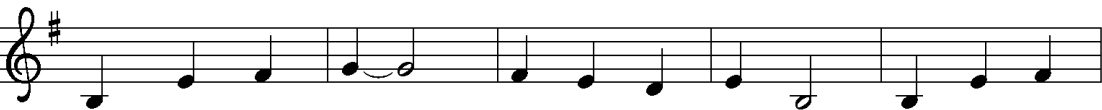
SERMON

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HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW #715

Christ, Be Our Light



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for  
2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for  
3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for  
4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for  
5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,  
hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone  
wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,  
warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,  
hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.  
has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.  
bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.  
shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.  
to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

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Music: CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT, Bernadette Farrell  
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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, confessing our sin and our need for grace.

Silence is kept for reflection.