

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, Greeley, CO

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Transfiguration of Our Lord – February 15, 2026 – 8:30 A.M.

We rejoice in your presence with us today at this service of Holy Communion.

Please silence cell phones during worship.

*ELW = red EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP hymnal
Hymn numbers (#) refer to the main hymn section
The congregation's response is printed in **BOLD type**
* = Please stand at your discretion*

Introduction: 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.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

"All Creatures, Worship God Most High"

arr. by Mark Hayes

WELCOME

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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.

Amen.

Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.
Silence is kept for reflection.

Mighty God, lover of justice,
**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.

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.

Amen.

*GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

Let us pray. 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. **Amen.**

WORD

READING

Exodus 24:12-18

Bill Kindel

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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to GodPSALM 99 (*read responsively with leader*)

Gene Plampin

¹ The Lord is king! Let the nations tremble! He sits on his throne between the cherubim. Let the whole earth quake!

² **The Lord sits in majesty in Jerusalem, exalted above all the nations.**

³ Let them praise your great and awesome name. Your name is holy!

⁴ **Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established fairness. You have acted with justice and righteousness throughout Israel**

⁵ Exalt the Lord our God! Bow low before his feet, for he is holy!

⁶ **Moses and Aaron were among his priests; Samuel also called on his name. They cried to the Lord for help, and he answered them.**

⁷ He spoke to Israel from the pillar of cloud, and they followed the laws and decrees he gave them.

⁸ **O Lord our God, you answered them. You were a forgiving God to them, but you punished them when they went wrong.**

ANTHEM:

“How Great is Our God/How Great Thou Art”
Ringers of Praise

arr. by Peggy Betcher

*GOSPEL

Matthew 17:1-9

Response after the announcement: **“Glory 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."

Response after the reading: **"Praise to you, O Christ!"**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

"Recognizing the Holy"

Pastor Sheryl Kester Beyer

Silence for reflection

*HYMN OF THE DAY

"You, Lord, are Both Lamb and Shepherd"

ACS #954 (insert)

*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 again 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 (each petition concludes:)

... Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Prayers for healing and strength for: Steve Grimes, Joe Korth, Carol Alfsen, Claudia Winter

Prayers of sympathy for the families of: Patricia Albrandt

Prayers of celebration for: Nicholas & Morgan Fisher for the birth of Lochlan Fisher (Great Grandparents Dennis & Elaine Krominga)

*PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

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*OFFERING / PRAYER

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'n - ly host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

*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.**

*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*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.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

This is Christ's table, and all are welcome here. Come forward by the center aisle and return to your seat by the side aisles. For those who wish, white grape juice is available in the center cups. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Adults and children who are not communing may come forward for a blessing.

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC: "I Come with Joy"
"I Received the Living God"

ELW #482
ELW #477

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

SENDING

*BLESSING (response: "**Amen!**")

*SENDING HYMN "Lift High the Cross"

ELW #660

*ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DISMISSAL (response: "**Thanks be to God!**")

*POSTLUDE

Thank you to Debby Baker for sponsoring today's complimentary coffee and cookies in memory of Al Baker's death on February 22, 2025. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall between services.

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Scripture readings next Sunday: Isaiah 9:1-4, Psalm 32, John 2:1-11

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