

# Transfiguration Sunday

Feb 15, 2026

## WELCOME & LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

### LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Out of respect and in the spirit of truth, we acknowledge that we gather in community on land which is Treaty 7 territory and the traditional territory of the Blackfoot people of the Canadian Plains. We honour the Blackfoot people past, present and future, and the Metis Nation of Alberta, Region III. May our actions and choices demonstrate open hearts, kindness, and compassion toward all who call this place home.

### COMMUNITY LIFE

The **Annual Report Booklets** have been distributed by email, and print copies are available in our gathering space. Our **Annual Meeting will be on Feb 22 at 12 pm**. Following worship we'll enjoy a soup and a bun lunch and then move to the sanctuary for the meeting to allow those unable to attend in person to join via Zoom. Everyone is welcome to participate; members are eligible to vote. Please come early as we'll again be asking everyone to sign in so that we have an accurate count of voting members.

Our **Shrove Tuesday pancake supper** is on **February 17 at 5 pm**. Everyone is welcome, bring friends and family.

Please check the sign-up sheets if you'd like to help with these meals

**Ash Wednesday** – Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm

**Coldest Night of the Year** – Saturday, February 28 – details to join or sponsor the GS Striders in newsletter

### 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. Some churches put aside the alleluia at the conclusion of today's liturgy. This word of joy will be omitted during the penitential season of Lent and will be sung again at Easter.

Let us take a moment to center our hearts and minds as we enter this time of worship.

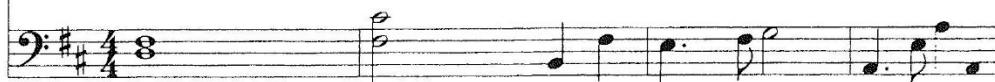
## GATHERING

Blessed be the holy Trinity, **☩** one God,  
who makes all things new,  
whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

### "Be Still"



1 Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Ho - ly One, is here.  
2 Be still, for the glo - ry of the Lord is shin-ing all a - round.  
3 Be still, for the pow - er of the Lord is mov-ing in this place.



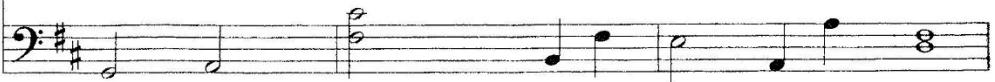
Come, bow be - fore him now, with rev - er - ence and fear.  
He burns with ho - ly fire; with splen-dor he is crowned.  
He comes to cleanse and heal, to min - is - ter his grace.



In him no sin is found; we stand on ho - ly ground.  
How awe-some is the sight, our rad-i-ant King of light.  
No work too hard for him; in faith re - ceive from him.



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**LITANY** (based on Psalm 99, Luke 9, John 1)

One Proclaim the greatness of the Lord, and worship upon God's holy hill.  
Two The Lord is king; the people tremble.

One The Lord is enthroned upon the wings of angels and all the earth quakes.  
Two The Lord is high above all peoples.

One Let us confess God's name, which is great and awesome;  
Two God is the Holy One.

One Moses and Aaron among your priests who call upon your name, O Lord,  
they called upon you, and you answered them.  
Two You spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud.

One Jesus took Peter, James and John to the mountain to pray,  
and the glory of the Lord shone upon the mountain top;  
Two the Son of God ablaze in holy, radiant light.

One Proclaim the greatness of the Lord, and worship upon God's holy hill  
Two For where there is light, there is life —  
**ALL** **the Son is the light and life of all! Alleluia!**

"Come and See" W&P 29



1 Come and see the glo - ry of the Lord. Come, be - hold the  
2 Come and give thanks un - to the Lord. Come, be - hold the



Lamb. Come and see the mer - cy of the King,  
Lamb. Come and sing the prais - es of the King,



bow-ing down be - fore him.  
bow-ing down be - fore him. For he is



Lord a - bove the heav - ens, Lord in all the earth,



Lord of all the an - gels, wor - thy to be served.



Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, Lord.

## GREETING & 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.**

It is our delight to 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.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**FIRST READING:** Exodus 24:12-18

*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.*

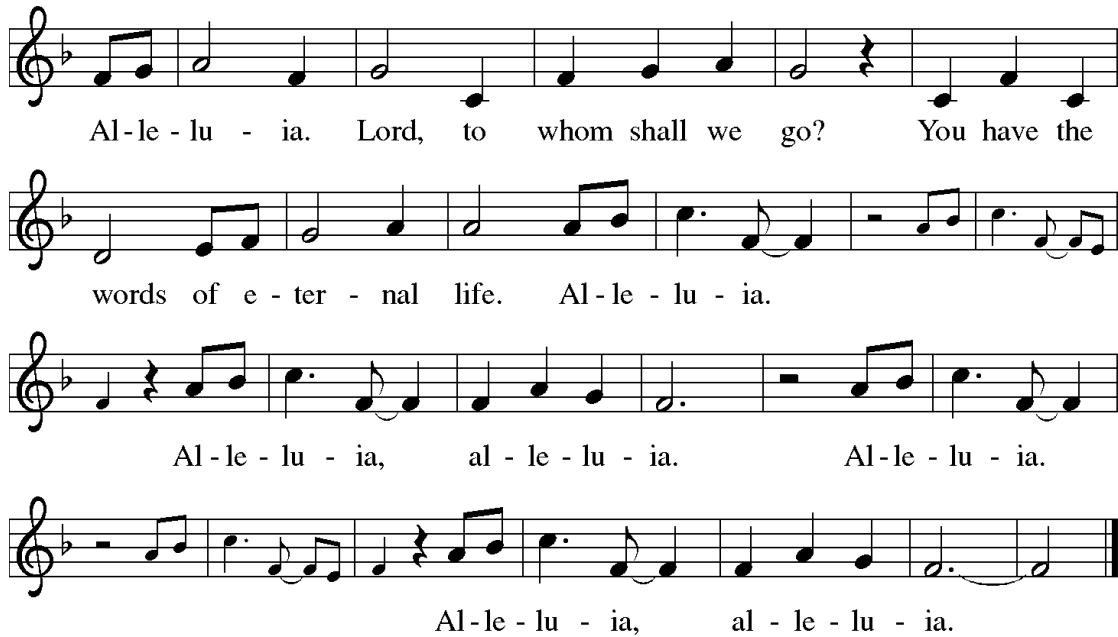
A reading from Exodus.

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." So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the mountain of God. 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."

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. 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. 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. Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

For the Word of God in scripture,  
For the Word of God among us,  
For the Word of God within us,  
**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION "Alleluia" (ELW Setting 8)



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

## GOSPEL: Matthew 17:1-9

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

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."

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

The sermon for this Sunday has been prepared and shared by Pastor Sean Bell who serves Resurrection Lutheran in Saskatoon, SK of the SK Synod.

## SERMON

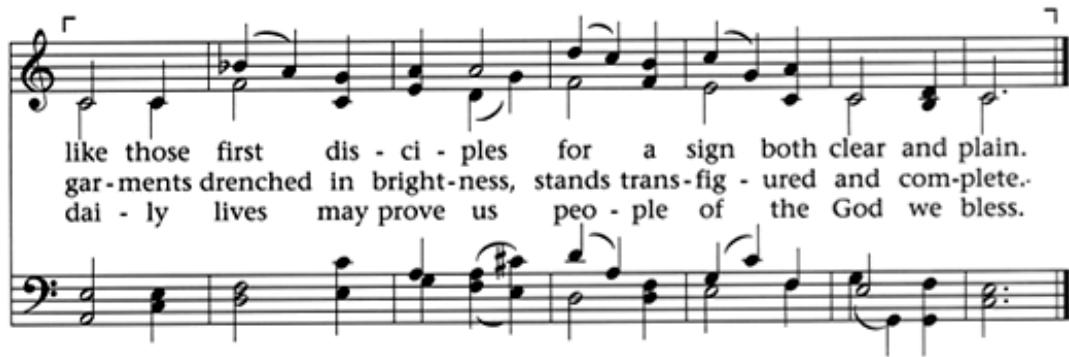
HYMN OF THE DAY "We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding" – Sing! 126 (tune of ELW 526)

1 We have come at Christ's own bidding to this high and  
 2 Light breaks in upon our darkness; splen - dor bathes the  
 3 Strength-en ed by this glimpse of glo - ry, fear - ful lest our

ho - ly place, where we wait with hope and long - ing  
 flesh - joined Word; Mos - es and E - li - jah mar - vel  
 faith de - cline, we like Pe - ter find it tempt-ing

for some to - ken of God's grace. Here we pray for  
 as the heaven - ly voice is heard. Eyes and hearts be -  
 to re - main and build a shrine. But true wor - ship

new as - sur-rance that our faith is not in vain, search - ing  
 hold with won - der how the Law and Pro - phets meet: Christ, with  
 gives us cour - age to pro - claim what we pro - fess, that our



## APOSTLES' CREED

We confess our faith in the words of the 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.**

## PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Merciful God, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world and all those in need. 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. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

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 stewards of your good earth. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Peacemaking God, the nations are in turmoil. We pray for an end to violent conflict where it exists, especially Ukraine, Israel, Gaza, and many countries in Africa. Give wisdom to negotiators and sanctuary to refugees. Protect all who are in danger. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Healing God, you desire wholeness for all people. Bring healing to any who are experiencing illness, chronic pain, or mental anguish. Comfort the dying especially Alice, Don and Carol, Arne, Kate, Karen, Janet C, Victor and Judy, Janet D, Dave, Tiffany, Corrie, Alice, Patrick, Joel and Ellen, Linda H, Murray, Shirley, Derek, Hugh and Ally, Jim N., Donna, Helga, Margaret and Clayton, Nancy, Sheila, Cindy, Ray, Doreen, Alan T and those we name silently now . . . [silence]. Surround them with your love and transforming grace. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

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. Guide the nominating committee and all whom you call to serve on church council. Bless the Men's Group, and hold in your care this week Isobel Karl and Craig, Shelby and Audrey Kennedy, as well as Pastor Joel, Vanessa and Hans. As we enter the season of Lent transform us and make us open to your Word. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Transforming God, you bring life from death. Wrap your loving arms around all who are grieving today, especially the families who lost loved ones in Tumbler Ridge this past week. We lift up all who were injured, and everyone who is deeply affected by the tragedy, Comfort them, be their rock, and give all of them strength and hope now and in the days ahead. We praise you for the hope we have in Christ, our Morning Star. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

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.**

United in Christ, we pray together . . .

**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.**  
**Forgive 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.**

## **BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and **☩** give you peace. **Amen.**

## SENDING SONG "Beautiful Saviour" ELW 838

1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - - ior, King of cre - a - - tion,  
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,  
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,  
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - - ior, Lord of the na - - tions,

Son of God and Son of Man!  
 robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing Man!  
 bright spar - - kling stars on high;  
 Son of God and Son of Man!

Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,  
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,  
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er  
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,

light of my soul, my joy, my crown.  
 he makes our sor - - rowing spir - it sing.  
 than all the an - - gels in the sky.  
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

### SENDING

Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

**Thanks be to God. We will!**

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