

**LAST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD
February 15th, 2026 – 9:30 AM**

WELCOME



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.

✙ Preacher – Liz Griswold

✙ Officiant – Pr. Rudy Schneider

CONFESSION & 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.*

Merciful God, **we forget so easily that we are not self-sufficient beings. We breathe your air, we see by your light, the life we have comes from your power. Forgive us for forgetting and return us to connection with you and all you have created, that we might live in peace and joy. For we pray in the name of Jesus, who came as the way, the truth and the life. Amen**

You belong to Christ Jesus, and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of ✙ Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation. **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN 1: ELW# 834 – Beautiful Savior

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| 1 Beautiful Savior, King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee,
light of my soul, my joy, my crown. | 3 Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
now and forevermore be thine! |
| 2 Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands,
robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
he makes our sorrowing spirit sing. | |

OPENING HYMN 2: In the Secret

In the secret, in the quiet place,
in my deepest heart I know
In the stillness, in the quiet hour I wait only for You
'Cause I want to know You more

Chorus

I am reaching for the highest goal, that I might receive the prize
Pressing onward, pushing every hindrance aside, out of my way
'Cause I want to know You more **Chorus**

Chorus:

I want to know You,
I want to hear Your voice
I want to know You more
I want to touch You,
I want to see Your face
I want to know You more

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Prayer of the Day - 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.**

GOD'S HOLY WORD

FIRST READING: Exodus 24:12-18

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 God!**

Psalm 2

¹ Why are the nations in an uproar? Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?

² **Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and the princes plot together, against the LORD and against the LORD's anointed?**

³ "Let us break their yoke," they say; "let us cast off their bonds from us."

⁴ **God whose throne is in heaven is laughing; the LORD holds them in derision.**

⁵ Then in wrath God speaks to them, and in rage fills them with terror.

⁶ **"As for me, I have anointed my king upon Zion, my holy mountain."**

⁷ Let me announce the decree of the LORD, who said to me, "You are my son; this day have I begotten you.

⁸ **Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance and the ends of the earth for your possession.**

⁹ You shall crush them with an iron rod and shatter them like a piece of pottery."

¹⁰ **And now, you kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth.**

¹¹ Submit to the LORD with fear, and with trembling bow in worship;

¹² **lest the LORD be angry, and you perish in a sudden blaze of wrath. Happy are all who take refuge in God!**



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.
Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

HOLY GOSPEL

A Reading from the Holy Gospel of Matthew 17: 1 - 9; **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."

The Gospel of the Lord...**Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ!**

SERMON – Liz Griswold

OFFERING HYMN: Take My Life and let it Be

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| 1. Take my life and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days – let
them flow in ceaseless praise, | 4. Take my silver and my gold, not a
mite would I withhold
Take my intellect, and use ev'ry
pow'r as thou shalt choose. |
| 2. Take my hands and let them move,
at the impulse of thy love,
Take my feet and let them be, swift
and beautiful for thee. | 5. Take my will and make it thine, it
shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own, it
shall be thy royal throne. |
| 3. Take my voice and let me sing,
always, only for my King,
Take my lips and let them be filled
with messages from thee. | 6. Take my love, my Lord, I pour, at
Thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself and I will be, ever, only,
all for Thee, Ever only, all for Thee. |

OFFERING & OFFERING PRAYER

Loving God, we follow the Magi in giving you gifts, praying that as you receive our acts of offering, you would shine the light of Christ in our hearts to lead us in lives which serve you more deeply. **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

✠ We recognize those joining us via Facebook Live and give voice to any greetings or prayer requests submitted for our worship.

As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home. *A brief silence.*

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 and vigilant 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. Give wisdom to negotiators and sanctuary to refugees. Defend any 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 and those who grieve. Grace those from our families and community that we now name silently in our hearts, or out loud, with our prayers and your blessings. *(Please name silently or out loud).*

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. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Transforming God, you bring life from death. We give thanks for the witness of those who have died in faith, and 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.**

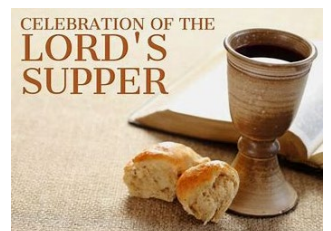
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

And we continue to give you thanks, Father, through Jesus the Christ. Who was born a man, Who lived among us to reveal your glory and love. That our darkness should give way to his own brilliant light.

Who In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Make us one with him and with one another, that we may live for others as he lived for us until that day when we shall feast with him in glory. And hear us as we pray the prayer, he taught 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.

Invitation to Communion There is a place for you at the table of God. Come, receive the food that does not perish, a taste of life eternal.

OUR TIME OF COMMUNION WITH THE LORD!

COMMUNION HYMNS:

Lord, You are more Precious	Jesus, Name Above all Names
<p>Lord, you are more precious than silver, Lord, you are more costly than gold, Lord, you are more beautiful than diamonds, And nothing I desire compares with you, And nothing I desire compares with you. <i>© 1982 Integrity's Hosanna! Music, CCLI License # 22085334</i></p>	<p>Jesus name above all names Beautiful Savior, glorious Lord Emmanuel, God is with us Blessed Redeemer living Word.</p> <p>Jesus, loving Shepherd Vine of the branches, Son of God Prince of Peace, Wonderful Counselor Lord of the universe, Light of the world.</p> <p>Praise him, Lord above all lords, King above all kings, God's only Son The Prince of Peace, who by his Spirit Comes to live in us, Savior and Friend</p> <p><i>c. 1974, 1978 Universal Music, Brentwood Benson Publishing, CCLI License # 22085334</i></p>

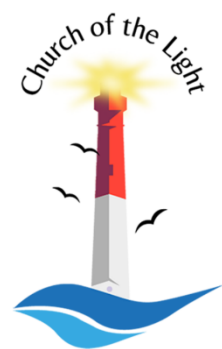
Closing Prayer - Radiant God, we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. In the sacrament of his body and blood you have drawn us to your heart. Send us from this table with delight, that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love, and bear witness to all we have seen and heard, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Blessing - May the triune God, who has put a new song in your mouth and tuned your heart for praise ✝ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN: ELW#671 – Shine Jesus, Shine

<p>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!</p> <p>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, Refrain</p>	<p>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, Refrain</p>
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Dismissal: Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy. **Thanks be to God.**



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