

# The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit

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Transfiguration  
February 15, 2026  
8:30 am

## **The Holy Spirit Empowers Us for Ministry in Daily Life**

Gathered by God's grace and empowered by the Holy Spirit,  
we invite and welcome all people to join us on our journey  
to become more faithful ministers of Jesus Christ  
in our homes, our communities, and the world.

**We welcome all who worship with us today.**

Visitors are invited to sign the guest register located in the lobby.

If you are interested in joining our family of faith,  
please talk with one of our Pastors or call the church office.

**Children are welcome and celebrated!**

The “Children’s Ministry” table and basket in the lobby  
contains a variety of items for children’s use during worship.  
Stop by to borrow a book or pick up some coloring sheets and crayons.

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Our services are live streamed and recorded. In-person attendance implies consent  
to be included in the live streamed and recorded worship service.

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**HOLY COMMUNION**

All who believe in the presence of Jesus Christ in Holy Communion are welcome to receive the Sacrament. To facilitate flow, the ushers invite people to come forward starting with the back rows and working forward. You should come forward using the center aisle to receive the elements in a continuous style from pastor and worship assistant. Afterward you may choose to kneel or stand at the altar rail for a brief moment of prayer or return to your seat up the side aisle, depositing your empty cup in the receptacle on your way. Gluten free wafers are available. Our wine is grape juice so that all may freely receive.

Children who do not commune may come forward for a blessing. Communion kits are available at the usher stands for those who prefer to remain in their seats, and they will be communed along with our Zoom worshippers at the beginning of distribution.

# GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

## Gathering Music

Come to the Mountain  
Diane Evans, solo

Tuneth

## Welcome and Announcements

*We rise in body or spirit.*

## Gathering Dialog

Jesus said: I am the Light of the World.

**Listen to him and walk in his way.**

Jesus said: stand up and don't be afraid.

**Listen to him and walk in his way.**

Jesus said: you are my friends.

**Listen to him and walk in his way.**

Jesus said: I am always with you.

**Listen to him and walk in his way.**

Aware of your glory

**Take us down the mountain.**

With love in our lives

**Take us down the mountain.**

To our homes and streets

**Take us down the mountain.**

Stand us firm on our feet

**And walk with us in love.**

*Refrain*



Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this land with the Fa-ther's glo - ry;



blaze, Spir - it, blaze, set our hearts on fire.



Flow, riv - er, flow, flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy;



send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!



1 Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing, in the midst of the  
2 As we gaze on your king - ly bright-ness, so our fac - es dis -



dark-ness, shin - ing; Je - sus, light of the world, shine up - on us,  
play your like - ness, ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry,



set us free by the truth you now bring us.  
mir - rored here, may our lives tell your sto - ry.



*Refrain*

Shine on me, shine on me:  
Shine on me, shine on me:

## 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.**

We pray. Holy One,  
**speak your word into our hearts this day, that it may kindle a light in us.**  
**May this time of worship allow us to shelter and tend the flame of your word,**  
**that it may arise as a morning star in our hearts. Speak to us again and again,**  
**that we may hear your voice calling out, “Beloved.”**  
**Amen**

*The assembly is seated.*

## WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture readings, preaching and song.*

**Reading** Exodus 24:12-18

Translation: NRSVue

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.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God!**

*We rise in body or spirit to welcome the gospel.*

**Gospel** Matthew 17:1-9

Translation: NRSVue

The Good News from Matthew, the 17<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Open our hearts, 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.”

This is the Good News!

**Thanks be to God!**

*The assembly is seated.*

**Sermon**

Pastor Shari Duminy

*We rise in body or spirit.*



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.



*Refrain*  
 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.

## **Affirmation for Transfiguration Sunday**

We join together in the Affirmation for Transfiguration Sunday.

**We believe in Jesus Christ, who led his disciples up the high mountain to reveal the fullness of his glory.**

**We affirm that he is the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets, standing in perfect company with Moses and Elijah. He is not merely a teacher of the past, but the Living Word who illuminates all of history.**

**We believe the testimony of the radiant cloud and the Father's voice: "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!"**

**In moments of overwhelming awe or paralyzing fear, we trust in his touch and his command: "Get up and do not be afraid." Though the vision may fade and we must descend back into the valley of the world, we walk with confidence, knowing that the One who was transfigured on the mount is the same One who walks beside us in the shadows.  
Amen**

## **Prayers of the People**

*Invitation to prayer:*

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.

*After each petition:*

We pray,  
**let us walk in the light of the Lord.**

*Pastor's closing 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**



## Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace by saying,  
"Peace be with you."*

*The assembly is seated.*

## MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

*During the Offering Song, the gifts will be brought forward. You may remain seated.  
If you wish you may leave your offering in the additional offering plates located on the  
tables in the back of the sanctuary as you leave.*

### Offering Song

### What Have We to Offer Verses 1, 2, 4

W&P 156

1 What have we to of - fer? What have we to share?  
2 What have we to of - fer? What have we to bring?  
3 What have we to of - fer? What have we to give?

Coins from the cof - fer, hearts filled with care.  
Love, ripe with laugh - ter; hope that we can sing;  
Eyes that are wide o - pen; lies that we won't live;

God will not fal - ter; so let us dare  
dreams of what we're af - ter; prom - is - es of when.  
truth that must be spo - ken; jus - tice some - how.

lay it at the al - tar there.  
Lay it at the al - tar then.  
Lay it at the al - tar now.

4 What have we to of - fer? What have we to  
give? Lives we will live.

## Offering Prayer

We pray.

Just as Peter, James, and John witnessed the dazzling light of your Son's glory on the holy mountain, we acknowledge that you are the source of all light and life.

We bring these offerings today, not out of mere duty, but as an act of worship. We pray that you would transfigure these gifts – taking our humble resources and turning them into something extraordinary for your kingdom.

Help us to "listen to Him" in all things, that our lives and our giving might reflect the brilliance of Christ to a world in need of his hope.

**Amen**

*We rise in body or spirit.*

## Great Thanksgiving

Climb the mountain of God.

**We will watch and wait.**

Wait for God's glory to shine like the sun.

**Wait for Christ to reveal the heart of God.**

Wait to gain courage for the terror of the night.

**Wait for the Spirit to dispel the darkness.**

Climb the mountain of God.

**We will watch for things worth waiting for.**

## Words of Institution

## **Word in Meal**

Descend on us, Holy Spirit, and on these gifts of the bread and the cup.  
As we share them, may we be restored to wholeness.  
Strengthened by the broken bread, may we greet each dawn  
with the resolve to be such lovers of justice, that none will remain oppressed.  
Nourished by the cup of grace, may we work through the long hours of night to feed  
the hungry, to shelter the homeless until, together, we welcome the Morning star  
into our hearts.

## **Lord's Prayer**

God in Community, Holy in One, you are the glory of our mountaintops  
and the comfort of our valleys, even as we pray, saying:

**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 us 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**

## **Invitation to the Table**

Beloved, we are invited today to a high mountain.  
Just as Peter, James, and John witnessed the face of Christ shining like the sun,  
we gather here to behold the glory of God in the breaking of the bread.  
This table is our "thin place," where heaven and earth meet.

*The assembly is seated.*

## Distribution of Communion

### Communion Song

### The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing

ELW 531



1 The trum - pets sound, the an - gels sing, the feast is  
2 Ta - bles are la - den with good things; oh, taste the  
3 The hun - gry heart he sat - is - fies, of - fers the



read - y to be - gin. The gates of heav'n are o - pen wide,  
peace and joy he brings. He'll fill you up with love di - vine;  
poor his par - a - dise. Now hear all heav'n and earth ap - plaud



and Je - sus wel - comes you in - side.  
he'll turn your wa - ter in - to wine.  
the a - maz - ing good - ness of the Lord.



Sing with thank - ful - ness songs of pure de - light.



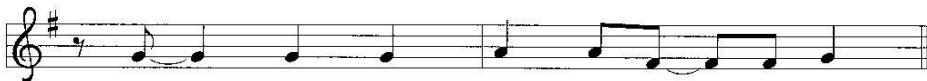
Come and rev - el in heav - en's love and light.



Take your place at the ta - ble of the King.



The feast is read - y to be - gin;



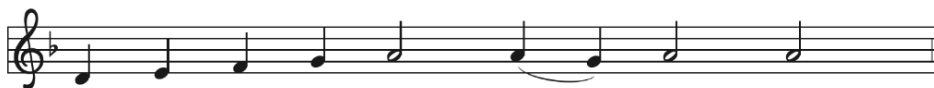
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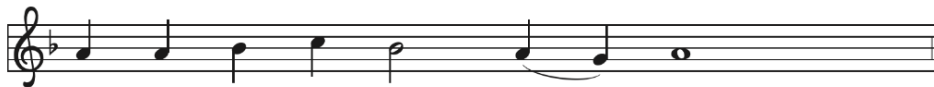
1 You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shep - herd.  
 2 Clothed in light up - on the moun - tain,  
 3 You, who walk each day be - side us,  
 4 Wor - thy is our earth - ly Je - sus!



You, Lord, are both prince and slave.  
 stripped of might up - on the cross,  
 sit in pow - er at God's side.  
 Wor - thy is our cos - mic Christ!



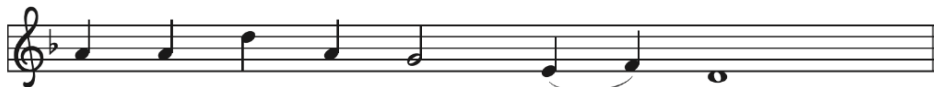
You, peace - mak - er and sword - bring - er  
 shin - ing in e - ter - nal glo - ry,  
 You, who preach a way that's nar - row,  
 Wor - thy your de - feat and vic - t'ry;



of the way you took and gave.  
 beg - gared by a sol - dier's toss,  
 have a love that reach - es wide.  
 wor - thy still your peace and strife.



You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;  
 you, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;  
 You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;  
 You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;



you, whom we both scorn and crave.  
 you, who are both gift and cost.  
 you, who are our pil - grim guide.  
 you, who are our death and life.

*We rise in body or spirit.*

## Prayer after Communion

We pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you for meeting us here at this table,  
just as you met your disciples on the high mountain.

In this bread and wine, we have seen your glory –  
not in dazzling white robes, but in the humble gift of yourself.

**Amen**

## SENDING

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

## Farewell to Alleluia

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.

**A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance.**

Friends, we stand on the threshold of the great fast.

For forty days, we will walk the wilderness path with Christ.

As we prepare our hearts for the solemnity of Lent, we lay aside our songs of  
"Alleluia." We do not discard them, but bury them like seeds in the earth, waiting in  
hope for the joy of the Resurrection.

We bid farewell to this song of praise.

**We treasure it in our hearts until the dawn of Easter.**

May our silence in the coming weeks deepen our hunger for your Word.

We pray.

Holy God, we put away our "Alleluias" now, not because you have left us,  
but because we seek to follow you into the quiet places of prayer and repentance.

Keep us faithful in the desert, and bring us at last to the empty tomb,  
where we may sing your praise once more. **Amen**

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

## **Blessing**

May your life be a light to the people around you.  
May they be enriched by the good things you do, and give grateful praise to God.  
And may the love of God who creates, redeems, and sanctifies,  
abound in your life and be with you always.  
**Amen. Alleluia!**

**Sending Song** *Please see next page.*

## **Dismissal**

As you leave this high place, do not leave behind the light you have found.  
The same Christ who is Lord of the mountain is Lord of the valley.  
Go now in his strength, looking no longer at the clouds, but at the world he loves.  
**Thanks be to God.**



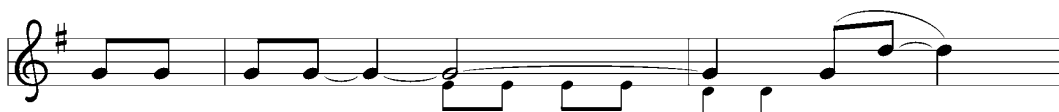
*Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -*  
We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the



*nyen' kwen - khos'. Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos',*  
light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God,



*si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.*  
we are march - ing in the light of God.



*Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) oo*  
We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) oo



*si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.*  
we are march - ing in the light of God.



*Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) oo*  
We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) oo



*si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.*  
we are march - ing in the light of God.



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