

# The Lutheran Church of The Redeemer

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The Transfiguration of Our Lord

February 15, 2026 - 10:30 am

A warm welcome to The Lutheran Church of The Redeemer!

Today, we celebrate the Transfiguration of Jesus. The Transfiguration is a pivotal event in the New Testament where Jesus, while praying on a mountain, is transformed into a state of radiant, divine glory before Peter, James, and John. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Moses and Elijah appeared, conversing with Jesus about his impending death, while a voice from a bright cloud-God the Father-declared, "This is my beloved son...listen to him!" This event provided a glimpse of Jesus' divinity and future heavenly glory. (Note: The stained glass window closest to the lectern in the clerestory represents The Transfiguration.)

God comes to seek us by manifesting himself to Gentiles and foreigners and those who did not know him, drawing them to his light. He comes to renew us by revealing his humility as he steps down into the waters of Baptism, and by revealing his glory as he turns water into wine at a wedding in Cana of Galilee. He comes to comfort us in our sufferings by healing the sick in body and mind. He even comes to meet us in our mortality, as he stands at the edge of the grave and reveals his power over death itself.

May the Lord our God manifest himself in your heart, your home, and your life this season of Epiphany. May you reveal God's grace in every word and deed, shining his light into the dark places of our world. May you seek the God who comes to seek you here in the worship and fellowship, the formation and outreach, of The Lutheran Church of The Redeemer – now in this holy season, and always.

Whether you are a long-time member, a newcomer to our parish, or simply exploring your faith, we are delighted to have you join us. We are a family of faith dedicated to sharing God's love and grace through worship, fellowship, and service.

We invite you to join us for our worship services, participate in our ministries, and become a part of our vibrant parish. May you feel the presence of the Holy Spirit among us and find a spiritual home here at Redeemer.

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The Lutheran Church of The Redeemer is a Christian community of diverse people called and guided by the Holy Spirit to nurture with God's love those within and beyond our congregation.

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A place where God is at work!  
All are welcome. No exceptions.

..... ✚ **GATHERING** ✚ .....

**Voluntaries**

*Alleluia, Song of Gladness*

*Thy Holy Wings*

*Beautiful Savior*

Paul Manz

Edwin Childs

Robert Hobby

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*<We stand.>*

**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.*

*<We kneel.>*

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.**

*<We stand..>*

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 sins in ✚ Jesus's name. May the Spirit give you strength to live for others, and bless you with the gift of peace.

**Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN**

**How Good, Lord, to Be Here!**

*ELW Hymn 315*

**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.**

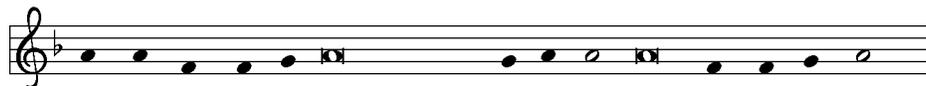
# KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



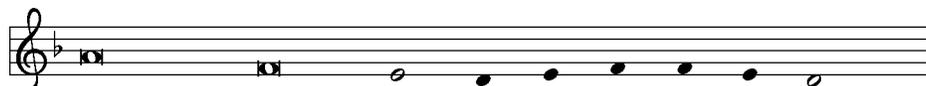
For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - va - tion, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well - being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



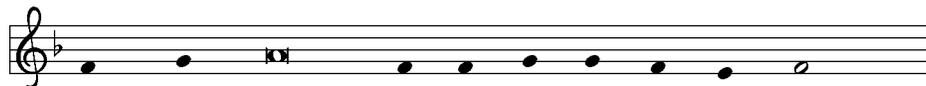
For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men.

Assisting minister

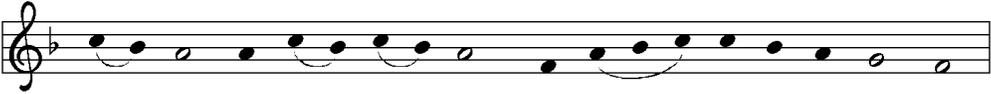


Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav'n-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa - ther, we wor -



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



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



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have



mer-cy on us; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the



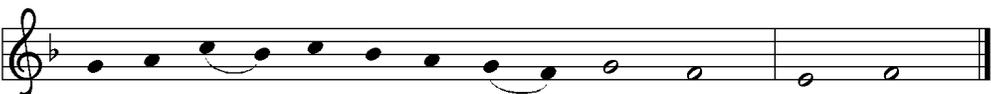
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Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone



are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray together. God of vision, **Too often we are spiritually blindfolded, unable to see you at work in our world. Remove barriers that keep us from seeing. Help us to be light for others. Amen.**

<We sit.>

**READING**

**Psalm 27:1-4**

*Pew Bible page 437*

*The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold<sup>[a]</sup> of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh – my adversaries and foes – they shall stumble and fall. Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident. One thing I asked of the Lord; this I seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.*

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**LIL' LUTHERAN TALK**

Kevin Boozer

<We stand.>

**GOSPEL**

The Holy Gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**John 9:1-41**

*Pew Bible page 871*

*As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am he." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."*

*They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the Sabbath." Others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."*

*The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind, but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."*

*So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man*

were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see may see and those who do see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains.

<At the conclusion of the reading>

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

<We sit.>

**SERMON**

**Rev. Jane Mitcham**

<We stand.>

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**Thy Holy Wings**

*ELW Hymn 613*

**NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.**

**Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

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.

<We kneel.>

*Each prayer petition will end with "Merciful God," and the response is "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.**

<We stand.>

### SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

*You are invited to share the peace, however you and those around you are comfortable.*

<We sit.>

..... † MEAL † .....

### RECEPTION OF THE OFFERING

#### MUSICAL OFFERING

#### How Beautiful Upon the Mountains

John Carter

<We stand.>

#### OFFERTORY

#### Create in Me a Clean Heart

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your  
pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -  
store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,  
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of six systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. God of majesty, no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

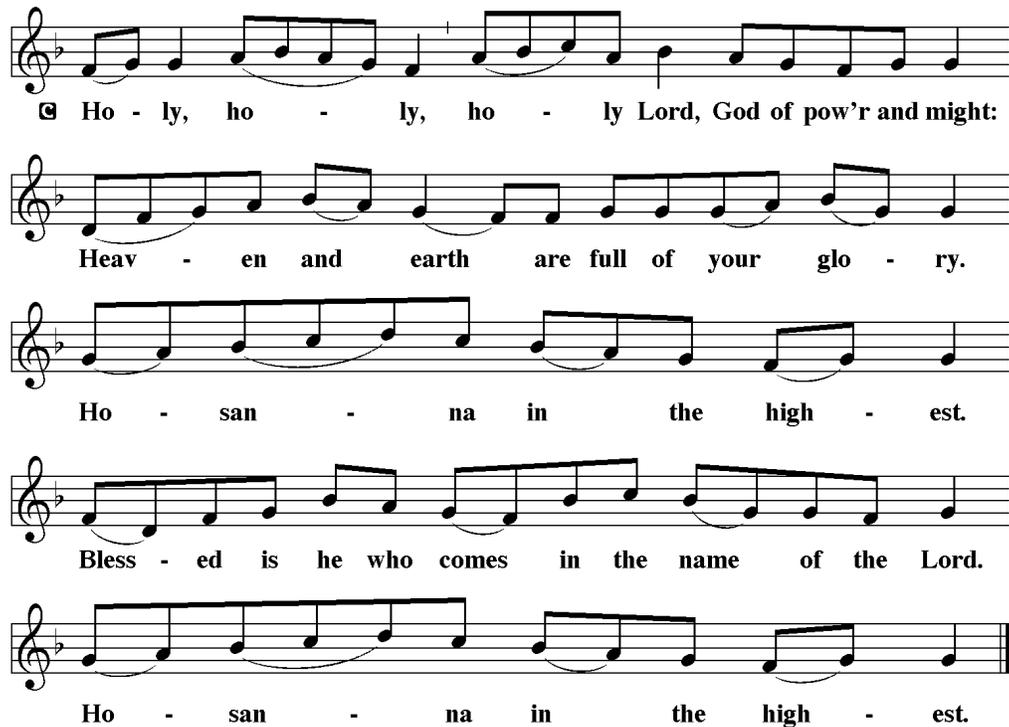
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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.**

## PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise ... *here the minister continues with the preface for the day, concluding ...* we praise your name and join their unending hymn.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r 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.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

We give you thanks, Father, through Jesus Christ, ...  
... both now and forever.

**Amen**

## THE 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.**

## INVITATION TO THE MEAL

Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

Come to the table; taste and see.

<We sit.>

## COMMUNION

*Participation in Holy Communion is open to all the baptized. We come in faith, trusting Christ is truly present in the bread and wine – given for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen us for proclaiming God’s love in the world. You are invited to come forward to receive the bread and wine. You may dip the bread into the chalice. If you are unable to come forward, communion will be brought to you. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.*

<We stand.>

## THE TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**Amen.**

## POST COMMUNION 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.**

..... ✚ **SENDING** ✚ .....

## 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.**

## SENDING HYMN

**Alleluia, Song of Gladness**

*ELW Hymn 318*

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy. **Thanks be to God.**

## VOLUNTARY

*Rondeau*

Joseph Mouret

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God and in honor of the birthdays of Dennis (Feb 8), Wayden (Feb 12), Kristin (Feb 23), and Huger, Sr. (Mar 1) by Anne and Huger Caughman, Jr.

..... **ANNOUNCEMENTS** .....

**Bold Women’s Sunday** will be February 22<sup>nd</sup>; the service will be led by the women of Redeemer.

**Annual Music Showcase & Banquet** - the Music Showcase & Banquet has been rescheduled for March 1<sup>st</sup>. Tickets are on sale until February 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
15 <b>Sunday School</b> - 9:30am  <b>Worship -</b> 10:30am  <b>Children’s Choir Rehearsal</b> - after worship  <b>Handbell Choir Rehearsal -</b> 11:40am-12:20pm  <b>FLC Reserved -</b> Senior Care Fair	16	17  <b>Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper -</b> FLC @ 6pm   <b>Library Reserved</b>	18  <b>Choir Warm-up &amp; Rehearsal -</b> 6pm  <b>Ash Wednesday Service -</b> 7pm  <b>Senior Choir Rehearsal -</b> after worship	19	20     <b>FLC Reserved</b>	21  <b>GAAP -</b> 10am-12pm   <b>FLC Reserved</b>	22 <b>Sunday School -</b> 9:30am  <b>Worship -</b> 10:30am  <b>Children’s Choir Rehearsal -</b> after worship  <b>Handbell Choir Rehearsal -</b> 11:40am-12:20pm  <b>FLC Reserved -</b> Historical Society  <b>Confirmation -</b> 4pm

**Worship Leadership - This Sunday**  
**Worship Asst:** George Franklin  
**Acolyte:** Griffin Long  
**Crucifer:** Levi Richardson  
**Comm Prep:** Polly Davis & Susan Hayes  
**Altar Flowers:** Caughman Family  
**Ushers:** Tommy Fellers, Joey Nicosia, Tom Gilson, Dennis Caughman

**Ash Wed, February 18**  
**W/A:** Robbie Kopp  
**Acolyte:** Henry Chapman  
**Crucifer:** Gavin Garner

**Sunday, February 22, 2026**  
**Worship Asst:** Deryll Satterwhite  
**Acolyte:** Miriam Titus  
**Crucifer:** Ashleigh Titus  
**Comm Prep:** Christie Whitaker  
**Altar Flowers:** No Flowers During Lent  
**Ushers:** Susan Thomasson, Ann Jacobs, members of WELCA

**Numbers for February 8, 2026:**

**Attendance:**  
 Sunday School: 22  
 In-Person: 70  
 Online: 145  
**Total: 215**

**Offering:**  
 Gen Op Account: \$ 5,137.50  
 Major Maint./Cap Imp: \$ 1,532.50

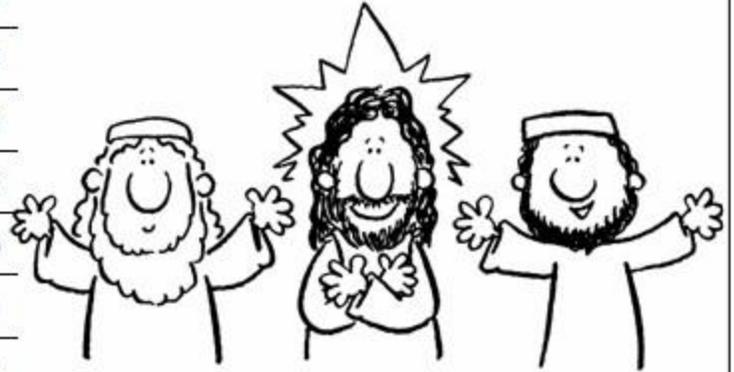
**The Rev. Matthew Titus, Pastor · Haley McBride-Stuhr, Office Assistant & Bookkeeper**  
**Dr. Huger Caughman, Jr., Organist · Nicholas Todd Shumate, Choir Director**  
**A/V Team: Annette Belcher, Wayden Caughman, Nikki Chapman, and Matt Bowers**

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PETER JOHN JAMES MOUNTAIN  
 PRAY ASPECT FACE BRILLIANT  
 MOSES ELIJAH GLORY LIGHTNING  
 SLEEP TENTS VOICE LISTEN



## Jesus Heals a Blind Man

So the man went and washed, and came home seeing. John 9:7 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on John 9:1-34 (NIV).



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WORLD	SINNED	SIGHT	NIGHT	BORN
HOME	MUD	LIFE	OPENED	LIGHT
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