



Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church! We are brothers and sisters in Christ who are about **“Proclaiming God’s grace through faith and love.”** If you are a visitor, please make yourself at home and don’t hesitate to ask a question. There will be the celebration of Holy Communion in the **8:00a.m. service** today. If you are not a member of Grace and desire to commune, please speak with the pastor **before the service**. If you are physically unable to commune at the altar, the pastor would be happy to serve you in your pew. Please, notify an usher before the service begins.

TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

February 15, 2026

Today in Worship



- Jesus looks brilliant! As language changes, sometimes the most basic meanings of words change and expand with the times. For generations, the English word brilliant meant simply something that shines or radiates light. The word is thought to be derived from the prized gemstone beryl, which is mentioned in both the Old Testament book of Daniel (10:6) and the book of Revelation (21:20). Jesus’ garments became “white as light,” Matthew writes (17:2), in a way that mirrors Psalm 104, where the psalmist writes of God: “You are clothed with splendor and majesty, covering Yourself with light as with a garment” (vv. 1–2). Jesus on the mountaintop is brilliant as He discusses how He will carry out God’s plan of our salvation with two of the best coaches ever, Moses and Elijah. Jesus does not just look brilliant—He is brilliant!

Ring of the Bells

Announcements (10:30am Service)

Welcome

Opening Hymn

*Lutheran Service Book #413
“O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair”*

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Opening Sentences

P Jesus, take us to the mountain, where, with Peter, James, and John,

C we are dazzled by Your glory, light as blinding as the sun.

P There prepare us for the night

C by the vision of that sight.

P What do You want us to hear there, that Your dear disciples heard?

C Once again the Voice from heaven says of the Incarnate Word:

P “Listen, listen, everyone,

C This is My beloved Son!”

Confession & Absolution

P O God our Father, we admit and confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You in thought and in word and in deed.

C Have mercy on us and forgive us, O God.

P We confess that we have not always listened to Your Word and have not brought glory to You through our words and our deeds.

C Have mercy on us and forgive us, O God.

P We confess that we have been thoughtless in our judgments, hasty in condemnation, begrudging in forgiveness, slow to seek reconciliation, and unwilling to help our neighbors as we ought.

C Have mercy on us and forgive us, O God.

P We confess that we have not always been defenders of the weak and the needy as advocates of those not yet born and defenders of those in the final stages of life.

C **Have mercy on us and forgive us, O God.**

P We confess that we have not used every opportunity given us to witness to the faith that is ours, that we and have let the devil, the world, and our sinful flesh set the agendas for our lives and actions.

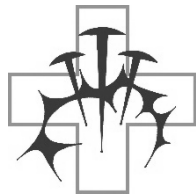
C **Have mercy on us and forgive us, O God.**

P We repent of all that is sinful in our lives, both those things that we know of and those things unknown to us that are against Your righteous laws.

C **Have mercy on us and forgive us, O God.**

P Upon this your confession and by the command of our Lord, I, a called and ordained servant of Christ, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**



Litany for the Epiphany Season

P “Alleluia,” said the prophets of old;

C **Christ is coming; prepare His way.**

P “Alleluia,” said the angels and shepherds;

C **Christ is born; the Word made flesh is come to earth.**

P “Alleluia,” said the Magi from the east;

C **Christ is King; bow down in worship and bring offerings to Him.**

P “Alleluia,” said the Baptizer John;

C **Christ is here; the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.**

P “Alleluia,” said the servants and disciples;

C **Christ is Lord; revealed clearly in water changed to wine.**

P “Alleluia,” said the people;

C **Christ is Messiah; fulfiller of God’s promise and the prophets’ word.**

P “Alleluia,” said the fishermen;

C **Christ is Master; follow Him and fish for men.**

P “Alleluia,” said the sick and suffering;

C **Christ is healer; trust Him for healing and hope in Him for life brand new.**

P “Alleluia,” said the students;

C **Christ is teacher; listen to His word and wisdom.**

P “Alleluia,” said Moses and Elijah;

C **Christ is God; the light of light has come to shine on us the love from on high.**

Hymn of Praise

Lutheran Service Book #414

“Tis Good Lord to Be Here”

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah. In the voice that came from the bright cloud You wonderfully foreshowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King in His glory and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 24:8-18

“Moses meets with the Lord God on Mount Sinai”

L The Old Testament Reading for the Transfiguration of our Lord is from Exodus, chapter 24.

⁸ And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, “Behold the blood of the covenant that the Lord has made with you in accordance with all these words.”

⁹ Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, ¹⁰ and they saw the God of Israel. There was under his feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. ¹¹ And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank.

¹² The Lord said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain and wait there, that I may give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.”

¹³ So Moses rose with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. ¹⁴ And he said to the elders, “Wait here for us until we return to you. And behold, Aaron and Hur are with you. Whoever has a dispute, let him go to them.”

¹⁵ Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶ The glory of the Lord dwelt on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. And on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the midst 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 people of Israel. ¹⁸ Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading

2 Peter 1:16-21

“Peter writes of his mountaintop experience with Jesus.”

L The Epistle Reading is from 2nd Peter, chapter one.

¹⁶ For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷ For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory,

“This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased,”¹⁸ we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain.¹⁹ And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts,²⁰ knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation.²¹ For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Verse

Psalm 45:2a

P Alleluia. You are the most handsome of the sons of men;

C **grace is poured upon Your lips. Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel

Matthew 17:1-9

“Jesus is transfigured on a high mountaintop.”

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 17th chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹ And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, 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 white as light. ³ And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴ And Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah.” ⁵ He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.” ⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. ⁷ But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Rise, and have no fear.” ⁸ And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

⁹ And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, “Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to You, O Christ.

The Nicene Creed 8:00am service

The Apostles Creed 10:30am service

Message for Children from God’s Word

Hymn of the Day

*Lutheran Service Book #415
“Jesus on the Mountain Peak”*

Sermon

Offering

“For Jesus has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses—as much more glory as the builder of a house has more honor than the house itself.”

– Hebrews 3:3



We encourage you to place your offering in the drop box in the narthex before service. As the usher brings the offering forward at this time you may also hold it up and place it in the plate as the usher walks by. Please also use this time for prayer and reflection upon what we have heard from the Lord’s Word this morning.

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Responses after each petition:

P ...let us pray to the Lord:

G Lord, have mercy.

The prayers conclude:

P Lord God, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember on this day the glorious manifestation of Your Son’s divinity on the Mount of Transfiguration. Teach us to listen to Jesus and ever fix our eyes on Him and His innocent suffering and death for our forgiveness;

through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever

C Amen.

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8:00 a.m. Service

Service of the Sacrament

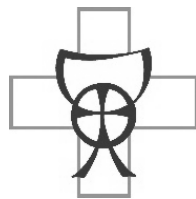
The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another.

Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor.

Preface

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**



Proper Preface

- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should...
... evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus *“Holy, Holy, Holy”*

LSB p. 208

Lord's Prayer *Spoken* LSB p. 209

The Words of our Lord *Spoken* LSB p. 209

Pax Domini *"The Peace of Our Lord"* LSB p. 209

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei *"Lamb of God"* LSB p. 210

Distribution Hymns

"Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face" LSB # 631

"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus" LSB # 821

"O Lord, We Praise Thee" LSB # 617

Nunc Dimittis *"Song of Simeon"* LSB p. 211

The Closing Prayer

P Let us pray. O God the Father, pleased with Your Son on the Mount of Transfiguration, we give thanks for the pardon and peace You have given us. As He descended to the plain with His disciples, accompany us now on our journey with Your Holy Spirit that we be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

C Amen.

Benediction Numbers 6:24-26

P The LORD bless you and keep you. The LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you. The LORD look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

Greeting of Peace & Announcements

Farewell to Alleluia

P On this day, alleluias are sung for the last time in the Church until the resurrection of our Lord. Alleluia is not heard during Lent as we turn in penitence to the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ to be renewed in our baptismal faith. Though every Sunday is a “little Easter,” we restrain our praise until Easter Sunday, when all of Christendom joins in singing alleluias to our King.

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die;

C a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;

P a time to break down, and a time to build up;

C a time to weep, and a time to laugh;

P a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

C a time to keep silence, and a time to speak.

P Let us now raise our voices in song as we anticipate not only our coming Easter celebration, but that ultimate feast of victory when we shall all sing “alleluia” with saints and angels, cherubim and seraphim, Moses and Elijah, apostles, martyrs, prophets, and all the company of heaven before the Lamb on His throne.

Closing Hymn

*Lutheran Service Book #417
“Alleluia, Song of Gladness”*

This concludes the 8:00 a.m. Service

10:30 a.m. Service

The Lord’s Prayer

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