

Lord *of Life* Lutheran Church

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Transfiguration of Our Lord  
February 15, 2026  
9:00 a.m.

# Welcome to Lord of Life Lutheran Church

## Welcome

In the name of Jesus Christ, we welcome you as we hear God's holy Word in worship in-person and online. We encourage you to follow along in this document. If you are joining us online, please send the office an email at [LOLOffice@lord-of-life.org](mailto:LOLOffice@lord-of-life.org) so we know of your participation.

May the Lord bless our worship this day.

## As We Gather

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.

## As We Offer

We offer our contributions in-person or online at [Tithe.ly](https://tithe.ly/give_new/www/#/tithely/give-one-time/1438924) through this link [https://tithe.ly/give\\_new/www/#/tithely/give-one-time/1438924](https://tithe.ly/give_new/www/#/tithely/give-one-time/1438924) or with your phone by taking a picture of this QR Code.



# + Gathering +

PRELUDE ~ *The Lord Reigneth*

Lani Smith

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*We stand.*

## CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

**P** 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.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely. Mighty God, lover of justice,

**C** **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.**

**P** 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 sin in ✠ Jesus' name. May the Spirit give you strength to live for others, and bless you with the gift of peace.

**C** **Amen.**

# GATHERING HYMN ~ *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* ELW 834



1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;  
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light;



in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;  
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;  
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;



most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove  
 we blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,  
 all laud we would ren - der; oh, help us to see



al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise!  
 thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
 and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.  
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

## GREETING

**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** And also with you.

# THIS IS THE FEAST

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



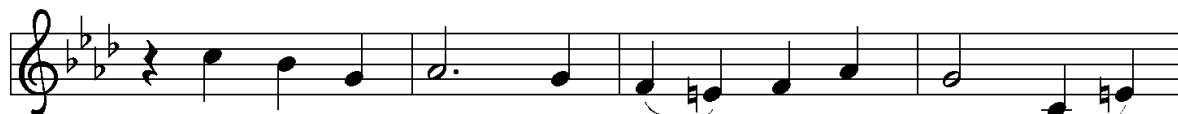
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.  
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and  
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



*Refrain*

hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.  
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



*Refrain*

gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us 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.

**C** Amen.

*Children continue their worship in Sunday School.*

+ Word +

*We sit.*

## FIRST LESSON

**Exodus 24:12-18**

**A** A reading from Exodus.

<sup>12</sup> 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.” <sup>13</sup> So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the mountain of God. <sup>14</sup> 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.” <sup>15</sup> Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. <sup>16</sup> 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. <sup>17</sup> 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. <sup>18</sup> Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

**A** The word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## PSALM 2



**A** <sup>1</sup> Why are the nations | in an uproar?

Why do the peoples mutter | empty threats?

**C** <sup>2</sup> 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?

**A** <sup>3</sup> "Let us break their | yoke," they say;  
"let us cast off their | bonds from us."

**C** <sup>4</sup> God whose throne is in heav- | en is laughing;  
the LORD holds them | in derision.

**A** <sup>5</sup> Then in wrath God | speaks to them,  
and in rage fills | them with terror.

**C** <sup>6</sup> "As for me, I have anoint- | ed my king  
upon Zion, my | holy mountain."

**A** <sup>7</sup> Let me announce the decree | of the LORD,  
who said to me, "You are my son; this day have I  
be- | gotten you.

- C** <sup>8</sup> Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for | your inheritance  
and the ends of the earth for | your possession.
- A** <sup>9</sup> You shall crush them with an | iron rod  
and shatter them like a | piece of pottery.”
- C** <sup>10</sup> And now, you | kings, be wise;  
be warned, you rulers | of the earth.
- A** <sup>11</sup> Submit to the | LORD with fear,  
and with trembling | bow in worship;
- C** <sup>12</sup> lest the LORD be angry, and you perish in a  
sudden | blaze of wrath.  
Happy are all who take ref- | uge in God!

## SECOND LESSON

2<sup>nd</sup> Peter 1:16-21

- A** A reading from 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter.

<sup>16</sup> We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. <sup>17</sup> For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.” <sup>18</sup> We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. <sup>19</sup> So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. <sup>20</sup> First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, <sup>21</sup> because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.



**A** The word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*We stand.*

## 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.

## GOSPEL

**Matthew 17:1-9**

**P** The holy gospel according to Matthew.

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

<sup>1</sup> Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. <sup>2</sup> And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. <sup>3</sup> Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. <sup>4</sup> 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.” <sup>5</sup> 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!” <sup>6</sup> When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. <sup>7</sup> But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” <sup>8</sup> And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. <sup>9</sup> 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.”

**P** The gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to you, O Christ.

*We sit.*

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** ~ *How Good, Lord, to Be Here!*

**ELW 315**



1	How	good,	Lord,	to	be	here!	Your	glo - ry	fills	the	night;
2	How	good,	Lord,	to	be	here,	your	beau - ty	to	be - hold	
3	Ful -	fill -	er	of	the	past	and	hope	of	things	to be,
4	Be -	fore	we	taste	of	death,	we	see	your	king - dom	come;
5	How	good,	Lord,	to	be	here!	Yet	we	may	not	re - main;



your face and gar - ments, like the sun, shine with un - bor - rowed light.  
 where Mo - ses and E - li - jah stand, your mes - sen - gers of old.  
 we hail your bod - y glo - ri - fied and our re - demp - tion see.  
 we long to hold the vi - sion bright and make this hill our home.  
 but since you bid us leave the mount, come with us to the plain.

*We stand.*

**APOSTLES' CREED**

**A** Let us confess the faith of the church with the words of the

Apostles' Creed.

- C** 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.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

- A** 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.

*Each petition ends:*

- A** Merciful God,  
**C** receive our prayer.

*The prayers conclude:*

- P** 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.  
**C** Amen.

## PEACE

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** And also with you.

## + Meal +

*We sit.*

**OFFERTORY ~ CHOIR**     *Remember Your Lord God*     Robert Powell

*We stand.*

**OFFERING SONG ~ *Jesus, the Light of the World***     **ACS – v. 4 only**



- 1 Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, Je-sus, the Light of the world;
- 2 Joy - ful, all you na - tions, rise; Je-sus, the Light of the world;
- 3 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Je-sus, the Light of the world;
- 4 Hail the heav'n-born Prince of peace! Je-sus, the Light of the world;



“Glo - ry to the new-born king,” Je-sus, the Light of the world.  
join the tri - umph of the skies; Je-sus, the Light of the world.  
Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord! Je-sus, the Light of the world.  
Hail the Sun of righ-teous-ness! Je-sus, the Light of the world.

*Refrain*



We'll walk in the light, beau-ti-ful light, come where the dew-drops of mer-cy are bright.



Shine all a-round us by day and by night. Je-sus, the Light of the world.

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

**A** 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.

**C Amen.**

## DIALOGUE

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them to the Lord.

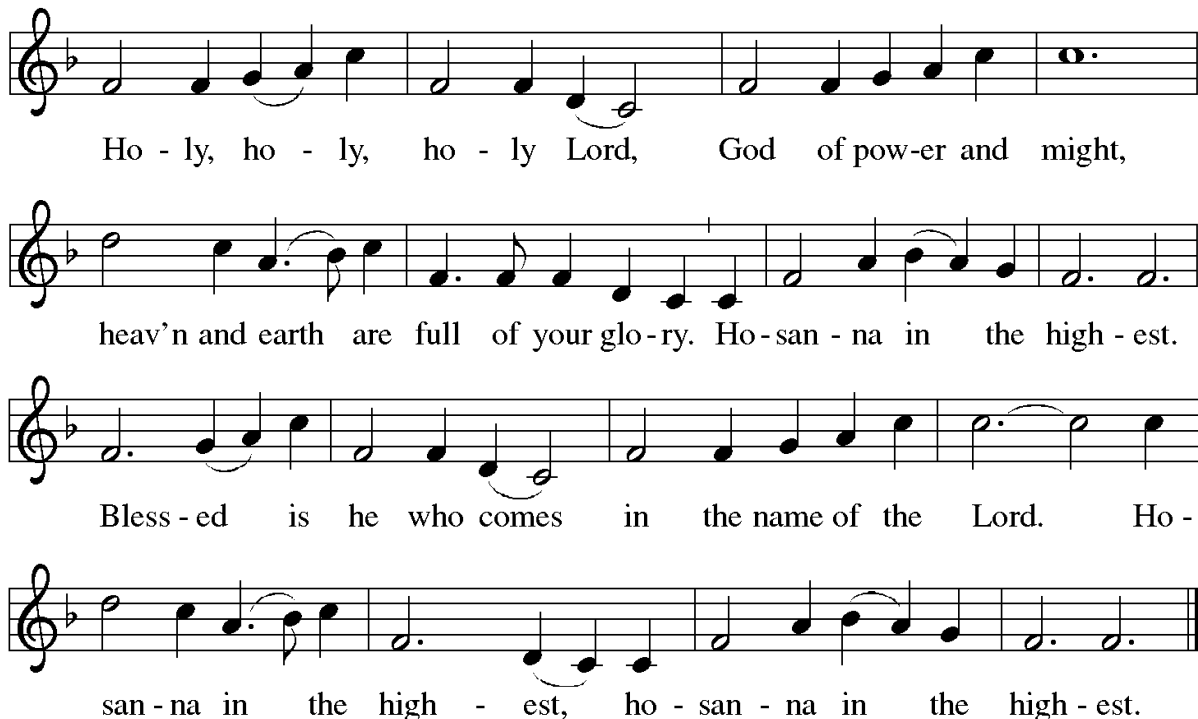
**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## PREFACE

**P** It is indeed right and salutary...praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
heav'n 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## THANKSGIVING

- P** Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign....  
...we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



Christ has died. Christ is ris-en. Christ will come a - gain.

- P** Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup....  
...to share with us the great and promised feast.

**C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

- P** Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit....  
...and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

**C** Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

- P** Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place....  
...all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.



A - men, a - men, a - men.

## LORD'S PRAYER

- P** Let us pray the words our Lord taught us.
- C** 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

**P** Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!  
Come to the table, taste and see.

**C** Amen.

*We sit.*

## AGNUS DEI



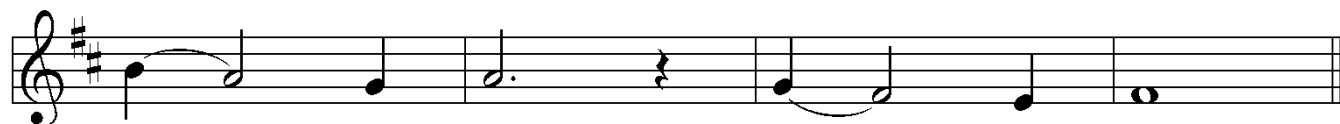
**C** Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



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



grant us peace, grant us peace.

## COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

*All are welcome to the table of the Lord who is truly present in, with and under the bread and wine. We gather at the communion rail and consume the elements by intinction, taking the wafer and dipping it into the chalice of wine. Half of the chalice is dark wine and the other half is white apple juice. Gluten free wafers are available upon request during distribution. Children who have yet to commune are welcome to receive a blessing. Please inform the ushers if you will need to partake of the Lord's supper at your place in the pew.*

# COMMUNION HYMN ~ *Beautiful Savior*

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 spring;  
 bright the 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!

## POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

**C** Amen.

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

**A** Let us pray. 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.

**C** Amen.



*✦ Sending ✦*

## BLESSING



**P** Almighty God, Father, ✦ Son,  
and Holy Spirit, bless you now and for - ever.

**C** A - men

# SENDING HYMN ~ *In Thee Is Gladness*

ELW 867



1 In thee is glad-ness a-mid all sad-ness, Je-sus, sun-shine of my  
2 Je-sus is ours! . . . We fear no pow-ers, not of earth or sin or



heart. By thee are giv-en the gifts of heav-en, thou the  
death. He sees and bless-es in worst dis-tress-es; he can



true re-deem-er art. Our souls thou wak-est; our bonds thou  
change them with a breath. Where-fore the sto-ry tell of his



break-est. Who trusts thee sure-ly has built se-cure-ly  
glo-ry with heart and voic-es; all heav'n re-joic-es



and stands for-ev-er: Al-le-lu-ia! Our hearts are  
in him for-ev-er: Al-le-lu-ia! We shout for



pin-ing to see thy shin-ing, dy-ing or liv-ing,  
glad-ness, tri-umph o'er sad-ness, love him and praise him



to thee are cleav-ing; naught can us sev-er: Al-le-lu-ia!  
and still shall raise him glad hymns for-ev-er: Al-le-lu-ia!

## DISMISSAL

**A** Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

**G** Thanks be to God.

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**THE FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God by Barbara Peterson in honor of family birthdays in the month of February

**THE BULLETIN** is given to the glory of God by members and friends of Lord of Life

## ✝ WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS ✝

**WORSHIP REGISTRATION SHEETS** ~ All visitors & members please sign-in each Sunday on the worship attendance sheets located in the blue folder at the end of your pew. Please update any new contact information. We encourage visitors to provide contact information - - this helps us to get to know you!

**\*\*Please continue to sign-in each week.** This helps gauge church growth, plan events, maintain how many bulletins should be printed, and assist in setting up the communion meal for each week. Trying a new seat will also help you say hello to those who you do not know each week. Thank you for your assistance with this.\*\*

**WELCOME** ~ IF YOU WATCH ON-LINE, PLEASE EMAIL THE CHURCH OFFICE DIRECTLY AT [LOLOffice@lord-of-life.org](mailto:LOLOffice@lord-of-life.org) or call the office and let us know you attended. Thank you!

### **CHURCH COUNCIL NEWS:**

- At its December meeting, the Church Council decided to continue the experiment begun last spring put forward by the Worship and Music Committee. The experiment will continue with implementing Phase 1, on Ash Wednesday, February 18th. As a reminder, Phase one is to remove 1½ pews to create additional space for music ensembles and worshippers with special needs and replace the pews with moveable chairs. Phase 1 will remain in place until the Congregational Annual meeting on June 7, at which point the congregation will be asked to vote whether to return the pews or keep the space available so that chairs can be arranged in various configurations.
- Got Weather Woes? There will be a voicemail message on the Lord of Life main office number by 7:00 am to check for worship cancellation due to inclement weather. Pastor is continuing work on a full contingency plan for cancelled Sunday worship.

## **WORSHIP DURING LENT & HOLY WEEK:**

\*Ash Wednesday, 2/18, 7pm

\*Wednesday Midweek Lenten Services, 7pm

2/25 Living among God's faithful people

3/4 Hearing the word of God & sharing in the Lord's Supper

3/11 Proclaiming good news of God in Christ through word & deed

3/18 Serving all people, following the example of Jesus

3/25 Striving for justice & peace in all the earth

\*Palm/Passion Sunday, 3/29, 9am

\*Maundy Thursday, 4/2, 7pm

\*Good Friday, 4/3, 7pm

\*Vigil of Easter, 4/4, 6pm

\*Resurrection of our Lord, 4/5, 9am