

# Transfiguration of Our Lord

10:30 am - February 15, 2026

Messiah Evangelical Lutheran Church

## Welcome to Messiah

We are a community of grace where we live out Jesus' commandment to love God with our whole heart and to love our neighbors as ourselves. We also seek to be a welcoming community for all people. This includes people of every race, ability, sexual orientation and gender identity, ethnic background, economic grouping, religious affiliation, and political persuasion. We do this simply because God created all people in God's own image and Christ Jesus came so all people might have abundant life. We may not always be perfect, but this is our intention--all are welcome!

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## GATHERING HYMN

#671 "Shine, Jesus, Shine"

### VERSE

$\text{♩} = 112$

A Asus A E/A A Asus A E/A

1. Lord, the light of Your love is shin - ing, in the midst of the dark - ness, shin - ing;  
2. Lord, I come to Your awe - some pres - ence, from the shad - ows in - to Your rad - i - ance;  
3. As we gaze on Your king - ly bright - ness, so our fac - es dis - play Your like - ness;

5 D E/D C#m F#m D E/D C#m F#m G

Je - sus, Light of the world, shine up - on us, set us free by the truth You now bring us. Shine on  
By the blood I may en - ter Your bright - ness, search me, try me, con - sume all my dark - ness. Shine on  
Ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry, mir - rored here may our lives tell Your sto - ry. Shine on

### CHORUS

10 Esus E G Esus E A E/A A D A/C# Bm Bm/A Esus E

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

The presid-  
ing minister  
will read the  
sections in  
plain text.  
**You are  
invited to  
read the  
bold por-  
tions.**

17 A E/A A D A/C# Bm Bm/A G Esus E A E/A A D A/C# Bm Bm/A

Blaze Spir - it, blaze, set our hearts on fire. Flow, riv - er, flow, flood the na - tions with

INSTRUMENTAL

24 Esus E A E/A A D A/C# Bm E7 A D/A E/A D/A E/A D/A

grace and mer - cy; Send forth Your word, Lord, and let there be light.

ENDING

A D/A A

## 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.

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.**

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.  
**Amen.**

**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**

Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son.  
 Lord, have mer - - cy. Chri - ste, e - le - i - son.  
 Christ, have mer - - cy. Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son.  
 Lord, have mer - - cy. Lord, have mer - - cy.

**HYMN OF PRAISE**

**Gloria**

Glo - ry to God in the  
 high - est, and on earth peace to peo - ple of good will. 1. We praise You, we  
 bless you, we a - dore You, we glo - ri - fy You, we give You thanks for Your great glo - ry,  
 Lord God, heav - en - ly King, O God, al - might - y Fa - ther. 2. Lord Je - sus Christ,

on - ly Be - got - ton Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther. You  
 take a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us; You take a - way the sins of the world, re -  
 ceive our prayer; You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther, have mer - cy on us. For  
 You a - lone are the 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, a -  
 men, a - men, a - men, a - men, a - men, a - men.

### 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.**

### HANDBELL CHOIR

“Jesus Shall Reign”

### FIRST READING

Exodus 24:12-18

Please  
be  
seated

<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.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

<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.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Please  
stand as  
you are  
comfortable  
in body  
or in spirit.

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

### GOSPEL

Matthew 17:1-9

**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.”

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

Please be  
 seated

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

#1100 "O Beauty Ever Ancient"



1 O beau-ty ev - er an - cient, O beau - ty ev - er new,  
 2 O beau-ty in cre - a - tion, in world of sound and sight,  
 3 O beau-ty that is move - ment in liq - uid line of grace,  
 4 O beau-ty of the Spir - it where love is shin - ing through,



di - vine and Ho - ly Pres - ence, my be - ing sings to you,  
 O beau-ty in the si - lence, in dark-ness as in light,  
 O beau-ty that is still - ness in love - ly form or face,  
 O beau-ty ev - er an - cient, O beau - ty ev - er new,



in grat - i-tude, in wor - ship my be - ing sings to you!

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Please stand  
 as you are  
 comfortable  
 in body or  
 spirit.

**We believe in God, who creates and sustains life,  
 and whose love does not depend on our faithfulness.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ,  
 who lived among us, confronted injustice,  
 suffered death, and was raised to new life for all.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
 who unsettles the comfortable,  
 strengthens the weary,  
 and keeps the church from giving up.**

**We believe the church is called to serve the neighbor,  
 and that life, even now, is being renewed.**

**Trusting this grace,  
 we offer ourselves to God and to the world God loves.  
 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.

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, those who grieve and those who are ill, especially.... 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.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

## SPECIAL MUSIC

“xxxxxxxxxxxx” Celebration Choir

## OFFERING PRAYER

Lord Jesus, we offer our gifts to you today, trusting in your promise that you are indeed the One who heals, who proclaims good news to the poor, and who brings hope to those in despair. As we give, we are reminded of your humble presence in the world and your

Please be  
Seated.

Please stand  
as you are  
comfortable  
in body or  
spirit.

invitation to follow you with hearts full of trust and faith. May our offerings reflect the joy we find in the assurance that, all things are made new through your love for us. We pray in your holy name. **Amen.**

**THE LORD’S SUPPER**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to you, Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,  
... We praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts.

5 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 -

11 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est. \_\_\_\_\_

*Chords: Bb, F, C, Dm, Bbmaj7, F/C, Csus*

...

God of quiet words and loud silences,  
... and let Your Word of life fill our hearts and our souls. **Amen.**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**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.**

Please be seated.

**COMMUNION HYMNS**

“Lamb of God”

Lamb of God, You take a - way the sins of the world, mi - se - re - re  
 no - - bis. Lamb of God, You take a - way the  
 sins of the world, mi - se - re - re no - - bis.  
 Lamb of God, You take a - way the sins of the world, do - na no - bis pa -  
 cem, do - na no - bis pa - - - cem.

Please stand as you are comfortable in body or spirit. Benediction: *God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

#1096 “Joyful Is the Dark”  
 #838 “Beautiful Savior”

**BENEDICTION**

Go forth into the world in peace. Be of good courage. Hold fast that which is good. Render to no one evil for evil. Strengthen the fainthearted. Support the weak. Help the afflicted. Show love to everyone. Love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN**

“I Will Follow”

Where You go, I'll go; Where You stay, I'll stay; When You move, I'll move.  
 I will fol - low. Oh, oh, oh.  
 1. All Your ways are good, all Your ways are sure; I will trust in You a - lone.  
 2. Light in - to the world, Light in - to my life— I will live for You a - lone.

13  
  
 High - er than my sight, high a - bove my life; I will trust in You a - lone.  
 You're the One I seek, know - ing I will find all I need in You a - lone..

  
 Where You go, I'll go; Where You stay, I'll stay;  
 In You a - lone.

  
 When You move, I'll move. I will fol - low You. Whom You love, I'll love;

  
 How You serve, I'll serve; If this life I lose, I will fol - low You,

  
 Where You go, I'll go; Where You stay, I'll stay; When You move, I'll move.

  
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 In You a - lone.

  
 When You move, I'll move. I will fol - low You. Whom You love, I'll love;

  
 How You serve, I'll serve; If this life I lose, I will fol - low You,

**INTERLUDE** **BRIDGE**

Gm7 Eb2 Bb F(4) Ebmaj9

yeah. I will fol - low You, yeah. In You, there's

32 Bb F Ebmaj9 Bb F Ebmaj9

life ev - er - last - ing. In You, there's free - dom for my soul. In You, there's

36 Bb F Ebmaj9 Bb F *D.S. al Coda*

joy, un - end - ing joy; And I will fol - low.

**CHORUS**

Gm7 Eb2 Bb

Where You go, I'll go; Where You stay, I'll stay; When You move, I'll move.

43 F(4) Gm7 Eb2

I will fol - low You. Whom You love, I'll love; How You serve, I'll serve;

**ENDING**

46 Bb F(4) Gm7 Eb2 Bb

If this life I lose, I will fol - low You, yeah. I will fol - low You, yeah.

51 F(4) Gm7 Eb2 Bb F(4)

I will fol - low You, yeah. I will fol - low You, yeah. —

**SENDING**

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

**POSTLUDE**

## Welcome to Messiah Lutheran Church



### Children belong in worship!

Worship kits and a nursery space is available. God rejoices in the joyful noise of children and so do we!



### God calls us to welcome everyone!

Messiah seeks to be a welcoming community and to share the love of God with our neighbors. If you are new, please introduce yourself to our pastors.



### Worship should be accessible!

Hearing devices (and T-Coil) and large print bulletins are available. We invite you to sit or stand as you are comfortable. All gender and family restroom facilities are available on the first level, please see signs in the Narthex.



### All are welcome at Jesus' table!

During communion grape juice and gluten-free options are available. Those not wishing to commune may come forward for a blessing. Those not able to come forward may receive communion in their pew, please notify the usher.



### God calls us to pray!

Private prayer requests may be made by writing them on the back of the Welcome Card. If you would like to be added to the prayer list or receive a pastoral care visit, please contact the church office.

Preacher:	Pr. Molly Hunter
Liturgist:	Pr. Andrew Plocher
Assisting Minister:	Marina Shinkarenko
Reader:	Mark Paulsen
Ushers:	Amy Diedrich, Jill Luoma
Communion Assistants:	Marina Shinkarenko
Greeters:	William Kaurala, Ellen Symons
Songleader:	Sara Parks
Pianist:	Jacob Schmeltzer
Band Members:	Tom Bronken, Darren Smith, Ross Larson
Bell Choir Director:	Judy Quirk
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