

Sunday, February 15, 2026
The Transfiguration of our Lord

Trinity Lutheran Church
10:30am: Meadowlawn
1801 62nd Avenue N



WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CONFESSiON AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, \ddagger one God,
the Creator of heaven and earth,
the Word who spoke life into being,
the Wind that stirs the waters.

Amen.

Let us turn in trust to the God who knows us completely.

We take time to reflect on our actions and choices.

Mighty God, lover of justice,
you call us to life in community,
but we serve our own interests
at the expense of our neighbors.
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 God now declares new things:
God covers you in the righteousness of Christ,
and forgives your sin in \ddagger Jesus' name.
May the Spirit give you strength to live for others,
and bless you with the gift of peace.

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!

Text: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1824-1908, alt.
Music: ST. DENIO, Welsh traditional



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.



HYMN OF PRAISE

Pastor

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All

Lord God, heav - en - 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, 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 Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.
 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.



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 to inherit 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.**



INTRODUCTION TO READINGS



FIRST READING: Exodus 24:12-18

At Mount Sinai, Moses experienced the presence of God for forty days and forty nights. The “glory of the Lord” settled on the mountain, and on the seventh day God called out to Moses. On the mountain God gave Moses the stone tablets inscribed with the ten commandments.

¹² 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.” ¹³ So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the mountain of God. ¹⁴ 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.” ¹⁵ Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶ 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. 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 Israelites. ¹⁸ 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.



PSALM: Psalm 2

The accompanist will play the refrain once as introduction and then all will join in singing; and will repeat the sung refrain when indicated by "R"

You are my son; this day have I be - got - ten you.

¹ Why are the nations in an uproar? Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?

² 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?

³ "Let us break their yoke," they say; "let us cast off their bonds from us." R

⁴ God whose throne is in heaven is laughing; the Lord holds them in derision.

⁵ Then in wrath God speaks to them, and in rage fills them with terror.

⁶ "As for me, I have anointed my king upon Zion, my holy mountain." R

⁷ Let me announce the decree of the Lord,

who said to me, "You are my son; this day have I begotten you.

⁸ Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance
and the ends of the earth for your possession.

⁹ You shall crush them with an iron rod and shatter them like a piece of pottery." R

¹⁰ And now, you kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth.

¹¹ Submit to the Lord with fear, and with trembling bow in worship;

¹² lest the Lord be angry, and you perish in a sudden blaze of wrath.

Happy are all who take refuge in God! R



SECOND READING: 2 Peter 1:16-21

At the transfiguration, God's voice was heard, declaring Jesus to be the beloved Son. By the activity of the Holy Spirit, God's voice continues to be heard through the word of scripture.

¹⁶ 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. ¹⁷ 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." ¹⁸ We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. ¹⁹ 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. ²⁰ First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, ²¹ because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Please stand and sing:

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

*Choir: "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!"
Congregation repeats "Alleluia"*



GOSPEL: Matthew 17:1-9

Shortly before he enters Jerusalem, where he will be crucified, Jesus is revealed to Peter, James, and John in a mountaintop experience of divine glory called the transfiguration.

The good news of God's love according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John 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 bright as light. ³ Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴ 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.” ⁵ 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!” ⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷ But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” ⁸ And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. ⁹ 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 Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.



SERMON

A brief period for silent meditation will follow at the conclusion of the sermon

HYMN OF THE DAY *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!

Text: Johann Lindemann, 1549-1631; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.
Music: IN DIR IST FREUDE, Giovanni Giacomo Gastoldi, 1556-1622



THE 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.

After each petition:

Merciful God, receive our prayer.

At the conclusion of the prayers:

Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior.

Amen.

eGiving



THE SHARING OF PEACE

Instead of putting a donation in the offering plate during the anthem, you can use the QR code to make a contribution on the church website; or you can mail an offering to the church.

OFFERTORY HYMN *I Love to Tell the Story*

ELW 661

1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat
3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best

of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der-ful - ly sweet!
seem hun - ger - ing and thirst-ing to hear it like the rest.

I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;
I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,

it sat - is - fies my long-ings as noth - ing else would do.
the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.
I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

Refrain

I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry
to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

Text: Katherine Hankey, 1834–1911

Music: HANKEY, William E. Fischer, 1849–1936



OFFERING PRAYER

God of glory,
no eye has seen 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.



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

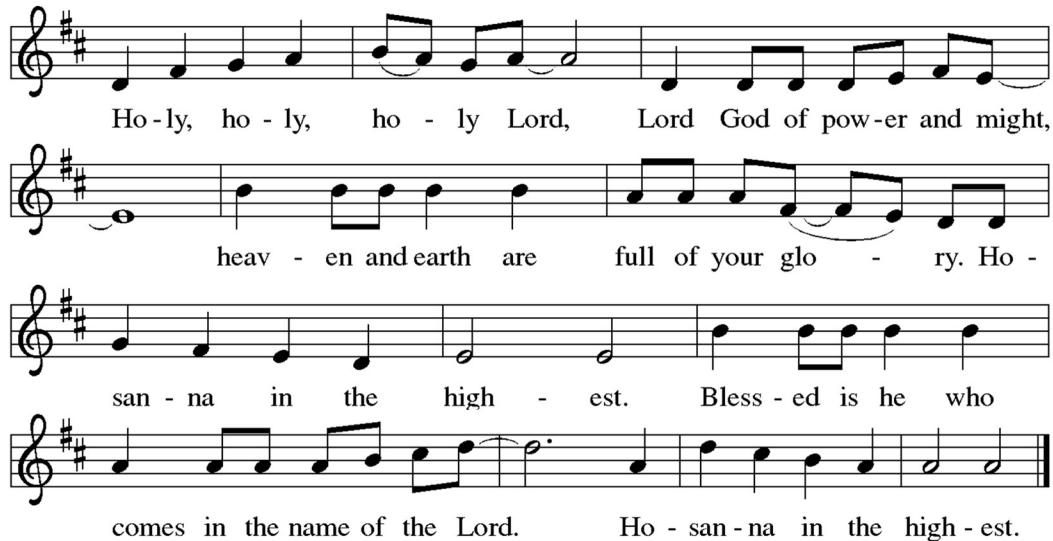
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who, sharing our life, lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to your own brilliant light. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow-er 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.



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.



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.**



INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

LAMB OF GOD

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 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!
 Son robed in flow'r's spar - kling bloom - ing Man!
 Son bright the God and Son of Son of spring;
 high; Man!
 Tru - ly I'd love thee, Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus shines Je - sus Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,
 light of my soul, he makes our sor - rowing my joy, spir - it crown.
 than all the an - gels in the sing.
 now and for - ev - er - more be sky.
 thine!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823-1904
 Music: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

God of light and truth, 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, 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.**

BLESSING

May almighty God, glorious Mystery, Word made flesh, abiding Comforter,  bless you with grace, peace, and joy today and always. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN *Alleluia, Song of Gladness!*

ELW 318



1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of glad - ness, voice of joy that can - not die;
2 Al - le - lu - ia you are sound - ing, true Je - ru - sa - lem and free;
3 Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways be our song while here be - low;
4 In our hymns we pray with long - ing: Grant us, bless-ed Trin - i - ty,

al - le - lu - ia is the an - them ev - er dear to choirs on high;
al - le - lu - ia, joy - ful moth-er, bring us to your ju - bi - lee;
al - le - lu - ia our trans-gres - sions make us for a while for - go;
at the last to keep glad Eas - ter with the faith-ful saints on high;

in the house of God a - bid - ing thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly.
here by Bab - y - lon's sad wa - ters mourn-ing ex - iles still are we.
for the sol - emn time is com - ing when our tears for sin shall flow.
there to you for - ev - er sing - ing al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly.

Text: Latin hymn, 11th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.

Music: PRAISE, MY SOUL, John Goss, 1800–1880

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Do justice; love mercy.

Thanks be to God. We will!

POSTLUDE

[Livestream ends]



Please join us for a time of fellowship immediately after worship.

Thank you to those serving this month: (ML) = Meadowlawn Campus (DT) = Downtown Campus

Date	Loc	Time	Lector	Communion Assistant(s)	Flower Sponsor	Dedication
02/01/26	DT	10:30a	Margarita Rodriguez	Phil Rearick, Marty Snapp	F. Guido	For the glory of God
02/08/26	DT	10:30a	Paul Erickson	Ruth Kinsey, Gary Bartelt		
02/15/26	ML	10:30a	Aimée Fox	Violet Prepost, Margarita Rodriguez		
02/18/26	DT	12:00p	<i>No Lector</i>		<i>No Flowers</i>	<i>Ash Wednesday</i>
02/18/26	ML	5:30p	<i>No Lector</i>		<i>No Flowers</i>	<i>Ash Wednesday</i>
02/22/26	ML	10:30a	Violet Prepost	Suzanne Bohning, Linda Gascon	F. Guido	For the glory of God

Birthdays this week:

02/18 - Judy Milanese

Anniversaries this week:

02/16 - Jenn & Matthew Reitz

This Week's Calendar of Events:

Today (02/15)

1:30pm - Fleet Reserve Association (DT 2nd Floor)

Monday (02/16) – Presidents' Day (Offices Closed)

Tuesday (02/17)

3:30pm - Preschool New Year Celebration

Wednesday (02/18)

9:00am - Quilting (CommUNITY Room)

11:30am - Community Meal (DT 3rd Floor)

12:00pm - Ash Wednesday Service (DT)

5:30pm - Ash Wednesday Service (ML)

Thursday (02/19)

6:00pm - Grace Family Bible Study (CommUNITY Room)

6:30pm - Choir Practice (ML Sanctuary)

Friday (02/20)

9:30am - TLC Pantry (DT 1st Floor)

9:30am - Dolores Food Pantry (CommUNITY Room)

6:00pm - Film & Faith (CommUNITY Room)

Saturday (02/21)

9:00am - Hope Chest (Thrift Store)

Further Info & Items of Interest:

March Newsletter: February 20 is the official deadline to submit your items for the March Newsletter.... But because this falls on a Friday, you have a few days of grace and can submit through the weekend. Leah won't be looking for your articles until Monday morning!

Film & Faith: Our movie night this Friday will feature *Shadowlands* (1993), a true story of love & loss from the life of C. S. Lewis (played by Anthony Hopkins).

Winter PRIDE: Next Sunday, Feb 22nd Noon-5pm on Central Ave in St. Pete. We will have a booth and folks have already volunteered to staff it. Come by and see us!

Grief Support Gatherings: Sessions will begin on the first Tuesday in March (03/03/26) and will be held at the Downtown Campus at 2pm. Copies of the book "ABCs of Healthy Grieving: A Companion for Everyday Coping" are available for purchase in the church office(s) for \$10. They will also be available at the first session.

Grace & Games: A group of our members have decided to gather on Wednesday afternoons (1pm) to play games! Beginning on the first Wednesday in March (03/04/26) at 1pm. If this interests you, join us in the fellowship hall (2nd floor) of the Downtown Campus!

Prayer List:

For those ministering in our congregations:

Pastor Paul Gibson
Deacon Lynne Tallon
Music Director Ross Kimura
Music Director Brenden Hall

For those suffering from cancer:

Jim Tallon
Whitney & Greg Corrigan
Rick Jackson
Frank Durilla
Rev. Ernest Knoche
Ron Oughton
Barbara

For those homebound:

Lorna Holder
Shirley Taylor
Betty Aker
Marion Cheslock
Judy Milanese
Petra Young

Note: These prayer requests are active for 3 months unless a shorter timeframe is requested.

For those needing strength or healing:

Joan Barnes	Cecil Miles
Bob Stross	Linda Miles
Frances Guido	Bill Quinn
Jill Boos Martin	Doug Pryor
Pr. Felice Johnson	Corinne, Bob, & Irma Kay
Sally Evans	Leonard
Mary Alice Boller	Robert & Brenda Meredith
Paula Smith	Brian Schutzbach
Vickie Clark	Shakira and family
Luke Mendenhall	Janet Crim
Guy Smith	Pr. Tom Snapp
Joyce Dare	Will Diefel

Welcome, visitors! Please tell us something about yourself.

Fill out the form below or scan the provided QR Code to contact us digitally.



Today's Date:

02/15/26

Questions, Comments, Prayer Requests:

Name and Address

Email

Phone

Home church, city, and state

I'm visiting: First time Repeat
 I just moved here
 Please add me to your email list(s)
 Pastor's weekly announcements, etc.
 Office's Monthly Newsletter, etc.

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