



Transfiguration of Our Lord February 15, 2026

**Arlington Hills Lutheran Church
1115 Greenbrier Street
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Our Vision

**“Arlington Hills Lutheran Church Community,
A Beacon for the Kingdom of Jesus Christ.”**

Our Mission

**“To Spread the Good News of
Jesus Christ to all in word and deed.”**

Sunday, February 15, 2026

Transfiguration of Our Lord

Introduction

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.

Welcome and Announcements

(Please take some time to prepare for worship in the quiet as we light the altar candles.... If you are worshipping online, we invite you to have something to eat and something to drink, ready for communion)

Prelude

I Love to Tell the Story

arr. Laura E. Wasson

GATHERING

Greeting

Luke 9:35

P: Alleluia. This is my Son, my Chosen, listen to him!

All: **Alleluia.**

Confession and 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.

All: **Amen.**

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

All: **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.

All: Amen.

Please rise, in body and/or spirit, for the Gathering Hymn

Gathering Hymn “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” ELW # 834
Verses 1, 2, 3 and 4 – Large print words found on page 21



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!

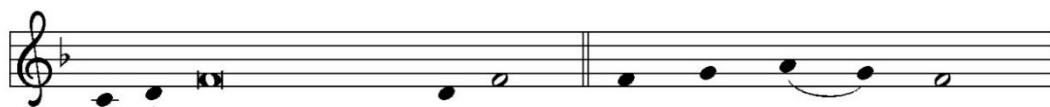
Text: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1824–1908, alt.
Music: ST. DENIO, Welsh traditional

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

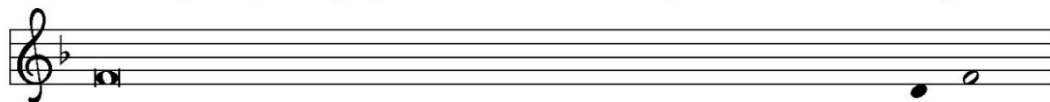
All: **And also with you.**

Please be seated

KYRIE



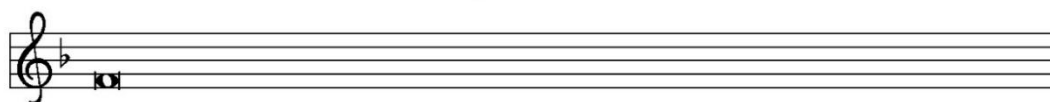
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



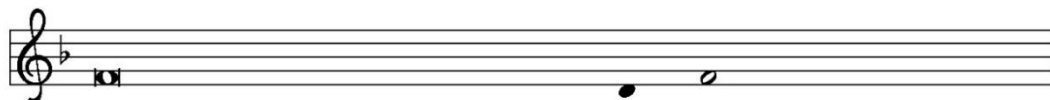
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



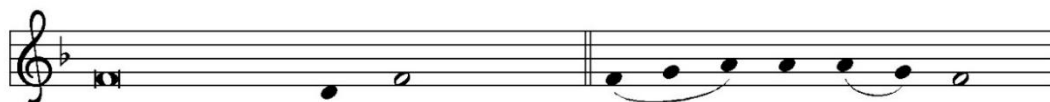
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



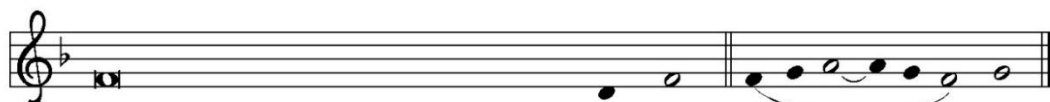
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

Gloria

Assisting minister



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

P: 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.

All: **Amen.**

WORD

First Reading:

Exodus 24:12-18

Assisting Minister

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.

AM: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: 2

Read responsively by whole verse

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

All: 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?**

AM: ³ “Let us break their yoke,” they say; “let us cast off their bonds from us.”

All: ⁴ God whose throne is in heaven is laughing; the LORD holds them in derision.

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

All: ⁶ “As for me, I have anointed my king upon Zion, my holy mountain.”

AM: ⁷ Let me announce the decree of the LORD, who said to me, “You are my son; this day have I begotten you.

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

AM: ⁹ You shall crush them with an iron rod and shatter them like a piece of pottery.”

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

AM: ¹¹ Submit to the LORD with fear, and with trembling bow in worship;

All: ¹² lest the LORD be angry, and you perish in a sudden blaze of wrath. Happy are all who take refuge in God!

Second Reading: 2 Peter 1:16-21

Assisting Minister

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.

AM: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please rise, in body and/or spirit, for the Gospel reading

Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew the 17th Chapter

All: **Glory to you, O Lord**

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

¹ Six days later, 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.”

P: The gospel of the Lord,

All: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

Sermon

Pastor Walter Still

Please rise, in body and/or spirit, for the Hymn of the Day

Hymn of the Day

“I Love to Tell the Story”

ELW# 661

Verses 1, 2, and 3 – Large print words found on page 22



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

Apostles Creed

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.

Please be seated for the Prayers of Intercession

Prayers of Intercession

AM: 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.

A brief silence.

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,

All: receive our prayer.

AM: 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,

All: receive our prayer.

AM: Peacemaking God, the nations are in turmoil. We pray for an end to violent conflicts around the world and in our cities. Give wisdom to negotiators and sanctuary to refugees. Defend any who are in danger. Merciful God,

All: receive our prayer.

AM: Healing God, you desire wholeness for all people. Bring healing to any who are experiencing illness, chronic pain, or mental anguish. Comfort the dying and those who grieve we pray especially for Chris Anderson, Marjorie Anderson, Sven & Marion Anderson, Sharon Anderson, Carolyn Brusseau, Jerry Ekblad, Richard Edge, Jan Frankenberg, Wayne Hansen, Betty Hasse,

Marcia Imsdahl, Patricia James, Jim Jaszczak, Eugene Karls, Gisela Koegh, Velta Krauze, Marilyn Nelson, Dennis Rasmusson, Priscilla Reeve, Marnie Rose, Elizabeth Spang, Bev Stickler, Ivanka Vicic, Ken Wagner, MaryAnn Wistrom and those we name in our hearts. Merciful God,

All: receive our prayer.

AM: 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,

All: receive our prayer.

AM: Transforming God, you bring life from death. We give thanks for the witness of those who have died in faith, we pray especially for the family of Virginia Iverson and we praise you for the hope we have in Christ, our Morning Star. Merciful God,

All: receive our prayer.

AM: 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.

All: Amen.

Please stand for the Sharing of the Peace.

Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Please be seated for the Offertory Music

MEAL

Offering Music

"Come to the Mountain"
Sunday Morning Choir

Kathy & Scott Tunseth

Please rise, in body and/or spirit, for the Offering Song.

Offering Song

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 to me the joy of
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923
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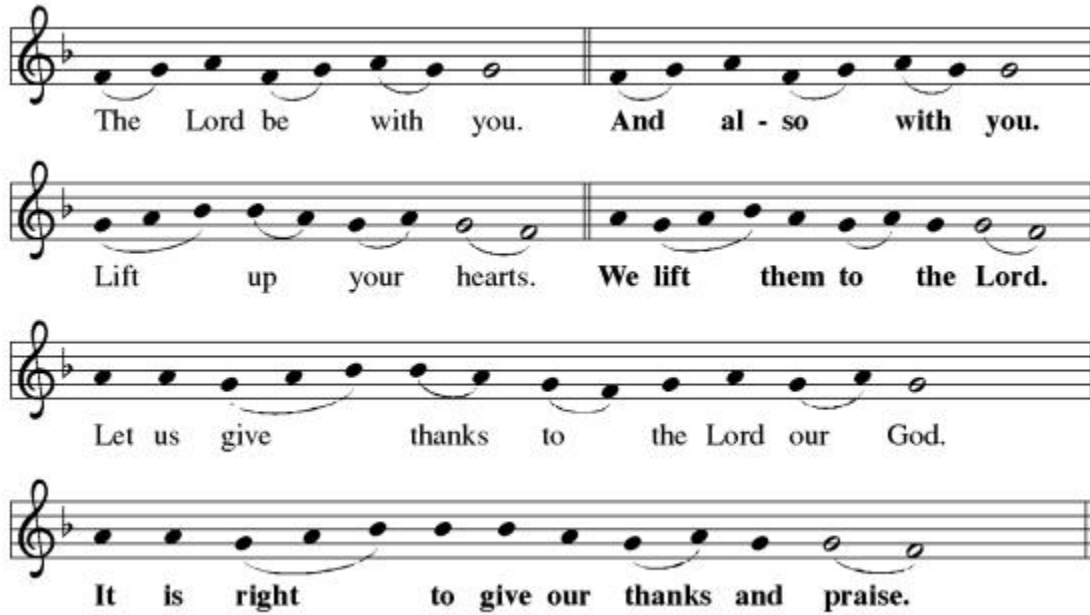
Offertory Prayer

P: 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.

All: Amen.

Please be seated.

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.

Pastor will sing the Preface:

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 you 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:

All:



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. Ho -
san-na. 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.

P: Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:
Blessed are you for the birth of creation. Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light. Blessed are you for your promise to your people. Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams. Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will. Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming. **All: Come, Lord Jesus.**

P: Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth. **All: Come, Holy Spirit.**

P: All praise and glory are yours. Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever. **All: Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**All: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, they 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, the power, and the glory, forever and ever.
Amen.**

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

The Pastor will invite those worshipping with us at home to share Christ's presence in the bread/wine/juice that they have prepared.

Then the congregation will sing "Lamb of God".

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.

Communion

As pastor comes down to serve communion you may come forward.

Please form a single line to receive the bread from him by holding out your palms to receive the wafer. Once you receive the bread, you may go to the communion assistant on the side closest to where you were seated to receive the wine.

If you are unable to come forward, please let an usher know, and we will bring communion to you.

Please feel free to say “Amen” after you receive each element if you wish.

Communion Anthem

“Shine on Us”

arr. Rolin R. Mains

Table Blessing

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

All: Amen

Prayer after Communion

P: 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.

All: Amen.

Sending

Please rise, in body and/or spirit, for the Sending Hymn.

Sending Hymn

“Oh, Wondrous Image, Vision Fair!”

ELW# 316

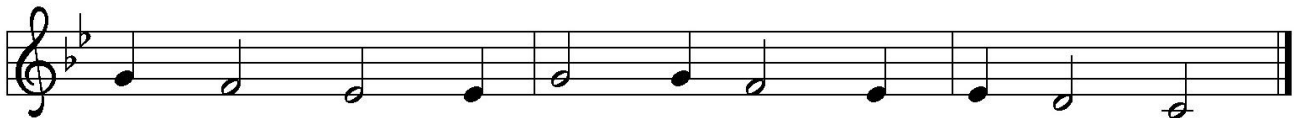
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1 Oh, won - drous im - age, vi - sion fair of
 2 With Mo - ses and E - li - jah nigh the in -
 3 With shin - ing face and bright ar - ray, Christ
 4 And faith - ful hearts are raised on high by
 5 O Fa - ther, with the e - ter - nal Son, and



glo - ry that the church may share, which Christ up - on the
 car - nate Lord holds con - verse high, and from the cloud, the
 deigns to man - i - fest to - day what glo - ry shall be
 this great vi - sion's mys - ter - y; for which in joy - ful
 Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er one, we pray you, bring us



moun-tain shows, where bright - er than the sun he glows!
 Ho - ly One says, “This is my be - lov - ed Son.”
 theirs a - bove who joy in God with per - fect love.
 song we raise the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.
 by your grace to see your glo - ry face to face.

Text: Sarum, 15th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
 Music: DEO GRACIAS, English ballad, 15th cent.

Blessing

P: May the triune God, who has put a new song in your mouth and tuned your heart for praise ✝ bless you now and forever.

Postlude

“Oh, Wondrous Image, Vision Fair”

arr. Benjamin Culli

Dismissal

L: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

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Leading Worship Today

Pastor: Dr. Rev. Walter Still

Organ/Piano: Barbara Rossow

Assisting Ministers: Jim Persoon and Barb Schmidt

Communion Assistants: Jim Persoon and Barb Schmidt

Ushers: Florence Rasmusson and David Almquist

Hospitality: Cheryl Hollman, and Judy Hangii

Livestream Producer: Silvester Vicic or Jim Persoon or Ryan Henk

February Birthdays

Debra Gray

February 21

Church Member Wayne Hansen is offering his Tax Knowledge and Expertise to church members again and you can always refer my services to others to file a complete and accurate 2025 tax return. If anyone has questions about taxes you may contact Wayne at cell 651-219-2938 (call or text) or his email is wkhanse@comcast.net

Upcoming Events

- February 15** **Sunday Morning Worship – 9:30 a.m.**
- February 17 Congregation Council Meeting – 6:00 p.m. Reception Room
February 18 Ash Wednesday – Noon Service in the Sanctuary
- February 22** **Sunday Morning Worship - 9:30 a.m.**
Member Forum following the worship service.
- February 25 Soup and Scriptures – 11:30 Soup 12:00 noon Scriptures
- March 1** **Sunday Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.**

PLEASE PRAY THIS WEEK FOR AHLC MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

Chris Anderson, Marjorie Anderson, Sven Anderson, Sharon Anderson, Carolyn Brusseau, Jerry Ekblad, Richard Edge, Jan Frankenberg, Wayne Hansen, Betty Hasse, Marcia Imsdahl, Patricia James, Jim Jaszczak, Eugene Karls, Gisela Koegh, Velta Krauze, Marilyn Nelson, Dennis Rasmusson, Priscilla Reeve, Marnie Rose, Elizabeth Spang, Bev Stickler, Ivanka Vicic, Ken Wagner, and MaryAnn Wistrom.

If you wish to have Pastor Walter visit with you, please contact Mary in the church office to set up a time.

Schedule for Lent

Ash Wednesday – February 18 – noon - Sanctuary

Mid-Week Soup and Scriptures

A study on

“The Seven Last Words” lead by Valerie Osmundson

11:30 Soup - 12:00 Scriptures

Wednesdays

February 25, March 4, March 11, March 18 and March 25

Schedule for Holy Week

Palm Sunday – March 29 – 9:30 a.m. Service

Maundy Thursday – April 2 – noon

Good Friday – April 3 – First Lutheran 7:00 p.m.

Easter Morning – 9:30 a.m. Service - Sanctuary

Gathering Hymn

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

- 1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
 in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
 most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
 almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise!

- 2 Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
 nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
 thy justice like mountains high soaring above
 thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

- 3 To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;
 in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
 we blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
 and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.

- 4 Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light;
 thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
 all laud we would render; oh, help us to see
 'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

Text: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1824-1908, alt.

Hymn of the Day

I Love to Tell the Story

1 I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story, because I know it's true;
it satisfies my longings as nothing else would do.

Refrain

I love to tell the story;
'twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story
of Jesus and his love.

2 I love to tell the story: how pleasant to repeat
what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet!
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
the message of salvation from God's own holy word. *Refrain*

3 I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
I'll sing the old, old story that I have loved so long. *Refrain*

Text: Katherine Hankey, 1834-1911

Sending Hymn

Oh, Wondrous Image, Vision Fair

- 1 Oh, wondrous image, vision fair
of glory that the church may share,
which Christ upon the mountain shows,
where brighter than the sun he glows!

- 2 With Moses and Elijah nigh
the 'incarnate Lord holds converse high,
and from the cloud, the Holy One
says, "This is my beloved Son."

- 3 With shining face and bright array,
Christ deigns to manifest today
what glory shall be theirs above
who joy in God with perfect love.

- 5 O Father, with the 'eternal Son,
and Holy Spirit, ever one,
we pray you, bring us by your grace
to see your glory face to face.

Text: Sarum, 15th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt.

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