

THE
TRANSFIGURATION
OF OUR LORD

Calvary Lutheran Church

"Helping others receive grace, purpose and direction by proclaiming Christ's love."

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Sunday Morning Worship
10:00 a.m.
February 15, 2026

Transfiguration of Our Lord

Prayer Before Worship: Loving God, you burst into our history through Jesus, giving us and the world your hope, peace, joy and love. May the joy of your presence be the joy we proclaim not only in this hour of worship but in our lives each and every day. Amen.

(In preparation for our worship together, you are invited to take a moment of silence to offer your own prayers of worship and praise.)

KEY: ELW and any page number = Worship hymnal (cranberry),
OSB = Other Song Book (red), W&P = Worship & Praise (purple).

* Indicates please stand if able. Congregational responses are printed in **BOLD** type.

A Warm Welcome to all as we gather as God's people to worship our Lord. We pray our worship together would strengthen your faith and desire to know and serve the One who loves us with an everlasting love as made known to us in Jesus Christ.

*Visitors, if you are worshipping with us today, we are glad to have you with us.
Please join us again soon!*

Prelude Music

Welcome and Announcements

†WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS†

Opening Hymn: "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

ELW #834

**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!**

***Confession of Sins and Assurance of God's Forgiveness**

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the minister begins.

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.

(Time for reflection and self-examination)

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.

***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.

‡GOD'S WORD SPEAKS TO US‡

First Reading: Exodus 24:12-18

¹²The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." ¹³So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. ¹⁴To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them." ¹⁵Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶The 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. ¹⁷Now 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. ¹⁸Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 99

¹The LORD is king; let the people tremble.

The LORD is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.

²**The LORD, great in Zion,
is high above all peoples.**

³Let them confess God's name, which is great and awesome;
God is the Holy One.

⁴**O mighty king, lover of justice, you have established equity;
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.**

⁵Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and fall down before God's footstool;
God is the Holy One.

⁶Moses and Aaron among your priests, and Samuel among those who call upon your name, O LORD, they called upon you, and you answered them,

⁷you spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud;
they kept your testimonies and the decree that you gave them.

**⁸O LORD our God, you answered them indeed;
you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds.**

⁹Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and worship upon God's holy hill;
for the LORD our God is the Holy One.

Second Reading: 2 Peter 1:16-21

¹⁶For 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. ¹⁷For 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." ¹⁸We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

¹⁹So 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. ²⁰First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, ²¹because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

***Gospel Acclamation:**

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**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia. Alleluia.**

***Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9**

Response after the announcement of the gospel:
Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ²And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for

us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁵While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" ⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." ⁸And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. ⁹As 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."

Response after the gospel reading:
Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Sermon:

Christine Howlett

Sermon:

Pastor Kathy

(Silence for reflection and meditation)

‡WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD‡

***Hymn of the Day:**

"Beautiful Savior"

ELW #838

**1. Beautiful Savior,
King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love thee,
truly I'd serve thee,
light of my soul, my joy, my crown.**

**2. Fair are the meadows,
fair are the woodlands,
robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer,
Jesus is purer,
he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.**

**3. Fair is the sunshine,
fair is the moonlight,
bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer
than all the angels in the sky.**

**4. Beautiful Savior,
Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor,
praise, adoration,
now and forevermore be thine!**

***Profession of Faith: The 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.**

***Prayers of the Church:**

Each petition ends with:

Merciful God....receive our prayer.

The prayers conclude with:

...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 the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

(You are invited to share the peace of Christ with one another)

Offering

Tahnee Hutchinson

***Offertory Prayer**

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.

Amen.

†HOLY COMMUNION†

Here our Lord gives to us His own Body and Blood for the forgiveness of all our sins.

***The Great Thanksgiving**

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The Lord be with you.

And also 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.

***Words of Institution**

We give you thanks, Father, ... in your Holy church, both now and forever. **Amen.**

***The Lord's Prayer**

**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**

These are the gifts of God for the people of God. All is ready and all are welcome.

Distribution of Communion:

Christ is truly present in the Lord's Supper with gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation.

All are welcome and invited to receive Holy Communion.

(Communion is served continuously at two stations at the front of the church.

APPLE JUICE and GLUTEN FREE WAFERS are available. Just ask the server.

Children and others who are not yet communicants are invited to come forward for a blessing.)

Distribution Music:

Tahnee Hutchinson

***Post-Communion Blessing**

And now, may the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ ✠ strengthen you and keep you in his grace this day and always. **Amen.**

***Post-Communion Prayer**

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. **Amen.**

‡WE DEPART TO SERVE‡

***Benediction**

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

***Sending Hymn:**

“We Are Marching in the Light”

ELW #866

**1. We are singing in the light of God,
we are singing in the light of God.**

**We are singing in the light of God,
we are singing in the light of God.**

**We are singing, singing, we are singing, oo,
we are singing in the light of God.**

**We are singing, singing, we are singing, oo,
we are singing in the light of God.**

Additional stanzas:

2. We are praying . . .

3. We are dancing . . .

4. We are marching . . .

***Dismissal**

Go now in peace and love. Do justice. Love mercy.

Thanks be to God.

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✝ In Our Thoughts and Prayers ✝

Prayers for healing: **Larry Loeks** (father of Maunette Loeks), **Sandie** (niece of Marlene Downer), **Roger Jensen** (healing), **Phil** (cancer - Pastor Kathy's cousin), **Joann and David Ott** (hospice – aunt and uncle of Pastor Kathy), **Catherine** (continued healing - Val Rahr's mother), **Karen Stevens** (stroke recovery - sister of Gail Bruflat), **Marcy Cochrane** (health issues - acquaintance of Nannie Walsh), **Daryl Crom** (healing - friend of Shirlye Schuldies), **Ann Datal** (healing – friend of Shirlye Schuldies), **Bob Hergenreder** (healing - husband of Jeannie Hergenreder), **James** (healing and comfort - nephew of Andi Dorn), **Charlie** (chemotherapy - uncle of Tracy Steele), **Tracy Steele** (resolution to health issues), **Helen Conklin** (friend of Shirlye Schuldies), **Tammie** (healing - daughter of Cynthia Townsdin), **Chris and family** (comfort and strength - son and grandsons of Pastor Kathy), **Christine Howlett** (healing), **Jim Miller** (upcoming heart surgery), **Chris Lunnis** (healing - friend of Deb Brown), **rain or snow**, **Robin** (healing - friend of Pastor Kathy), **Doug Leafgreen** (healing - friend of Deb Brown)

Prayers of comfort and peace: For the family and friends of **Barbara Dalgarn**, for the family and friends of **Traci Vandenberg**, for the family and friends of **Valerie West**



Rhyan Buckley, 2/16; Becca Pierce, 2/18
Audrey Harvey, 2/18; Virginia Hilbers, 2/20; Mike Moravec, 2/20

If we have missed your birthday, please let the office know. Thanks.

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have been using the Give+ app for your donations, you will need to download the new Vanco Mobile app to make any future donations in this manner.



FEBRUARY FOOD DONATIONS REQUESTED

FOOD PANTRY: Canned Meats

BACKPACKS: Granola Bars

Containers are located on the table by the garden doors.

Thank you for your generosity.



CLCW FEBRUARY MISSION PROJECT:

Our Mission Project for February is Bake-less Bake Sale. Instead of spending the money to make baked items and asking people to purchase them, the women are asking for cash donations in the amount that you might normally spend to make or buy items at a bake sale. Money raised goes to our mission projects for the world, our nation, and our local community. Be sure to designate CLCW on the envelope.

Reminder:

NO JAM or Confirmation on Wednesdays during the season of Lent. Confirmation classes will move to Sundays after worship starting **March 1st**.



Sarah Circle Bible Study, February 17th

The ladies will meet **February 17th @ 11:30 a.m.**
Come join the ladies every 3rd Tuesday for Bible Study.
Bring your lunch and come join us!



Sullivan Hills Camp Dates for 2026



JAM - July 12-17
JR High June 14-19

High School July 5-10 this is a night camp

Cost is \$50 per camper and Early Bird registration ends **February 28th**. Please see Christine with any questions or to sign up. There are booklets in front of Cynthia's office with pictures and additional information if needed.

Grab & Go Lunch Menu for February 26th

Ham and Bean Soup
Cornbread
Apple

****Tags for items with returns dates are available on the bulletin board set up outside the church office.**



OUR LENTEN JOURNEY

Ash Wednesday

FEBRUARY 18

Ashes To Go Drive Thru at Noon to 1 p.m.

Meal: 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Worship: 7 p.m.

Meal: Pizza Casserole

(Provided by the Calvary Choir)



WEDNESDAY NIGHT LENTEN SERVICES

February 25 - March 25

Lenten Meal: 5:30 - 6:15 p.m.

Lenten Worship Service: 6:30 p.m.

Choir practice will follow after worship.



Tuesday Lenten Lunch Schedule

All lunches start at noon.

March 3: St. Francis Episcopal

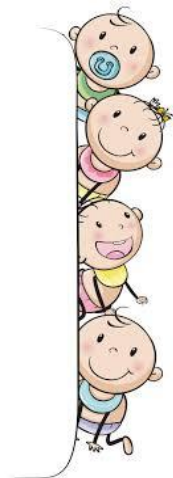
March 10: Calvary Lutheran

March 17: The Vine – UMC Scottsbluff

March 24: First Presbyterian

Who's That Baby?

Let's play a game! We want to try and guess congregation members from their baby pictures, baby or toddler years preferred! You can drop it off in an envelope to be scanned, take a picture of the picture and email it to the church, or bring it into the office during the day to be scanned. Each week we will post one baby picture on the announcement slides and reveal who he or she is at the end of the announcements. Just a fun way to get to know one another in our younger years.



WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor Kathy

This Sunday – February 15

USHERS: Deb Brown & Vicki Howell

LAY READER: Cory Foster

HEAD COMMUNION ASST: Shari Copsey

COMMUNION ASSTS: Cory & Gretchen Foster

POWERPOINT: Cynthia Townsdin

ACOLYTE: Kippen Cochran

MEDIA: Maunette Loeks

AUDIO: William Townsdin

ALTAR GUILD: Andi Dorn, Shelly Koehler, Allisha Wietzel

ORGANIST: Tahnee Hutchinson

COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP: Volunteers needed! Please contact Lynn Margheim!

Next Sunday – February 22

USHERS: Tracy Steele & Cynthia Townsdin

LAY READER: Shari Copsey

HEAD COMMUNION ASST: Barb Jensen

COMMUNION ASSTS: Deb Brown & Abby Newsom

POWERPOINT: Andi Dorn

ACOLYTE: William Townsdin

MEDIA: Maunette Loeks

AUDIO: Jeff Van Patten

ALTAR GUILD: Abby Newsom, Maunette Loeks, Barb Jensen

PIANIST: Tahnee Hutchinson

COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP: Volunteers needed! Please contact Lynn Margheim!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, February 15

10 a.m. - Worship

11 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship

Monday, February 16

5 p.m. - Elders

6 p.m. - Worship & Music

Tuesday, February 17

11:30 a.m. – Sarah Circle

1:00 p.m. - Quilting

Wednesday, February 18

Ash Wednesday

Noon - Ashes To-Go Drive Thru

5:30 p.m. – Meal Hosted by Choir

7 p.m. – Ash Wednesday Worship

NO Jam/Confirmation/Choir Practice

Friday, February 20

Newsletter Deadline

Saturday, February 21

5:30 p.m. - Worship

Sunday, February 22

10 a.m. - Worship

11 a.m. - Coffee & Fellowship

12:30 p.m. - Vitality Initiative

FEBRUARY 15, 2026 TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD



Disciples have a mountaintop experience.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Matthew 17:1-9	Transfiguration of Jesus
Monday	Exodus 24:12-18	Moses goes up to Mt. Sinai
Tuesday	2 Peter 1:16-21	Eyewitnesses of Christ's glory
Wednesday	Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21	Giving, praying, and fasting
Thursday	Genesis 8:1-22	The Lord's promise for the earth
Friday	Genesis 22:1-19	The Lord will provide
Saturday	Psalms 2	The Lord's chosen king
Sunday	Matthew 4:1-11	Temptation of Jesus

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.
Matthew 17:7-8 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Almighty and eternal God, help us to be aware of your saving presence in our lives and in our world, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest, and let this food to us be blessed; and let there be a goodly share, on every table, everywhere. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the Lord give you comfort and strength.



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FEBRUARY 15, 2026 HYMN OF THE WEEK *Jesus on the Mountain*



Peak

WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- When is a time you felt God's presence in your life?
- When Jesus was transfigured, a voice from heaven said, "Listen to him." How do you hear and listen to Jesus?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Matthew 17:1-9.

In the midst of the challenges and hurts of everyday life, it can be a gift and a source of comfort and strength to have a "God moment" experience. It happened to Peter, James, and John. It also happens to us, that sense that God is near and all is well. Our comfort is not just in any god or spiritual experience, but one that links us to Jesus, the Son of God. He is the one who came to die on another mountain, Golgotha. However, this mountain experience brings together Jesus, Moses, Elijah, and unprepared disciples. What makes this moment a valued "God moment" is that the disciples are comforted by the words, "do not be afraid" (v.7) and their focus becomes exclusively on Jesus alone. What a moment and a gift it is to see Jesus before us and at peace with no need to be afraid.

Discuss: When have you had a special moment that gave you a comforting sense that Jesus was with you?

Pray: Dear God, help us to see Jesus in our mountaintop highs and in our valley lows, and may that vision give us courage, comfort, and strength to be your faithful followers. Amen.

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how can you be a good listener to someone who is in need of a listening ear?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

In Exodus 24, Moses went up on a cloud-covered mountain for forty days and forty nights. We are about to enter another 40-day period of prayer and fasting as we prepare for Ash Wednesday this week. The day before is called Shrove Tuesday and is recognized around the world as a day to eat fattening foods, especially pancakes. Prepare a pancake feast on Tuesday this week to enjoy with friends and family. After feasting, say this blessing: **May God bless you through your journey this Lent.**



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