

Sunday - February 15th, 2026
Transfiguration of Our Lord



OUR MISSION: God calls us to live and share the amazing love and grace of Jesus Christ with all people.

Welcome to Christ Lutheran Church. Christ Lutheran Church is a Reconciling in Christ congregation that welcomes all. May God bless us in Word and Sacrament, music and community in our worship today. The service is complete in this bulletin. The spoken responses are bolded text.

We acknowledge that our building of worship is built upon the territory of xučyun (Huichin), the unceded land stewarded by the Ohlone people who speak to their Creator and loved ones in the language of Chochenyo.

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.

GATHERING

PRELUDE-*"Valentine's Day" - Randy Mayer*

WELCOME

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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

*Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. **Amen.***

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.

Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN- ELW 316: Oh, Wondrous Image, Vision Fair



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.

APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

KYRIE

Kyrie Eleison **Kyrie Eleison**

Christe Eleison **Christe Eleison**

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GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of goodwill.

We praise You. We bless You. We adore you. We glorify You.

We give You thanks for Your great glory.

Lord God, heavenly King, O God almighty Father.

**Lord Jesus Christ, Only-begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father:
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.**

You take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One. You alone are the Lord.

You alone are most high, Jesus Christ,

with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

FIRST READING: Exodus 24:12-18

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 2

Scottish Psalter: tune: "In Christ Alone"

*Why do the heathen nations rage? Why do the peoples plot in vain?
Earth's kings combine in enmity; Her rulers join against God's reign.
They take their stand against the LORD and challenge his anointed one:
"Let us break off their chains from us; With their restraints let us be done."*

*The One enthroned in heaven laughs; The Lord on high derides them all.
Then he rebukes them in his wrath; His rage and terror on them fall.
The LORD has made it known to them: "My chosen king I have installed
On Zion, my own holy hill. He is the one whom I have called."*

*The king then solemnly declares: "I will proclaim the LORD's decree.
'Today your father I've become; You are my son,' he said to me.
" 'Ask me, and for your heritage I'll give you nations near and far.
You'll break them with an iron rod, and smash them like a potter's jar.' "*

*Now therefore, kings, true wisdom find; You judges of the earth, give ear.
With rev'rence come and serve the LORD; Bow down with joy and trembling fear.
Pay homage to the royal son lest you in wrath aside are thrust,
For swiftly can his anger blaze. Blessèd are all who in him trust.*

SECOND READING: 2 Peter 1:16-21

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.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

All:



Cantor: Speak, Lord, your servant is listening; you have the words of everlasting life.

All:



GOSPEL: Matthew 17:1-9

The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O God.**

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.”

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

SERMON- MC Miller

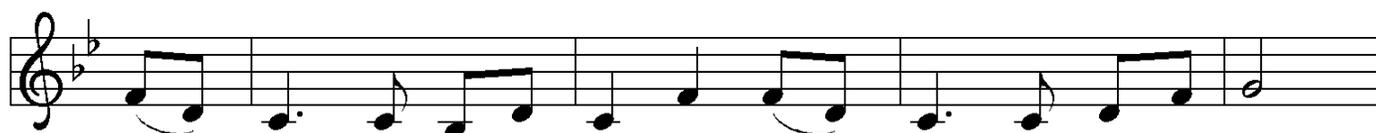
HYMN OF THE DAY- ELW 880: *O God beyond All Praising*



1 O God be-yond all prais - ing, we wor-ship you to - day
2 The flow'r of earth - ly splen - dor in time must sure - ly die,
3 Then hear, O gra - cious Sav - ior, ac - cept the love we bring,



and sing the love a - maz - ing that songs can-not re - pay;
its frag - ile bloom sur - ren - der to you, the Lord most high;
that we who know your fa - vor may serve you as our King;



for we can on - ly won - der at ev - 'ry gift you send,
but hid - den from all na - ture the e - ter - nal seed is sown—
and wheth - er our to - mor - rows be filled with good or ill,



at bless-ings with - out num - ber and mer-cies with - out end:
though small in mor - tal stat - ure, to heav-en's gar - den grown:
we'll tri - umph through our sor - rows and rise to bless you still:



we lift our hearts be - fore you and wait up - on your word,
for Christ, your gift from heav - en, from death has set us free,
to mar - vel at your beau - ty and glo - ry in your ways,



we hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might - y Lord.
and we through him are giv - en the fi - nal vic - to - ry.
and make a joy - ful du - ty our sac - ri - fice of praise.

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.

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, **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 and those who grieve especially for Karen, Julie, Fred, George G., Maryann H., Evie D., Diane, Carla, Laurie & John P., the family and friends of Jacque Emmert, Mike and the family and friends of Liz Smith. 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.**

What else do the people of God pray for?

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.**

PEACE

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

OFFERTORY- Sufjan Stevens - The Transfiguration



When he
Then there
What he



took the three dis-ci - ples to the moun - tain - side to pray,
came a word of what he should ac - com - plish on the day.
said to them, the voice of God: the most be - lov - ed Son.



His coun - te - nance was mod - i - fied, his cloth -
Then Pe - ter spoke, to make of them a tab -
Con - si - der what he says to you con - si -



- ing was a - flame. Two men ap-peared: Mo-ses and E - li -
- er - na - cle place. A cloud ap-peared in glo - ry as an ac -
- der what's to come. The pro - phesy was put to death, was put



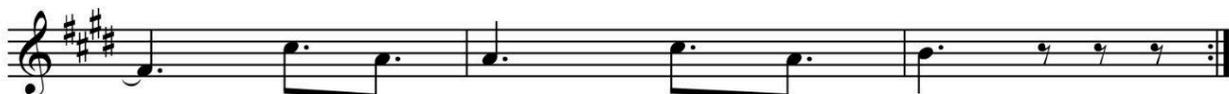
- jah - came they were at his side. The pro - phe - cy, the leg -
- - co - lade they fell on the ground. A voice ar - rived the voice
- to death, and so will the Son. And keep your word, dis - guise



- - is - la - tion spoke of when - ev - er he would die.
of God, the face of God, cov - ered in a cloud.
the vi - sion till the time has come.



Lost in the cloud, a voice:
Lost in the cloud, a sign:
Lost in the cloud, a voice:
Lost in the cloud, a sign:



Have no fear! We draw near!
Son of man! Turn your ear!
Lamb of God! We draw near!
Son of man! Son of God!

OFFERING PRAYER

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORDS & BLESSING

Presider:

Worship and praise belong to you, Great Spirit, Creator of the cosmos. Out of nothing, you called all worlds into being. When Jesus led the three disciples up the mountain to pray, the veil grew thin. His countenance was altered. His garments were aflame.

What was hidden blazed forth: light from light, your own divine life shining through mortal flesh. Let your glory meet us here.

All:

Your light shines upon us; we behold your glory.

Presider:

Moses and Elijah stood with him. They were lost in the cloud, and from the cloud came a voice: "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him. Consider what he says to you. Consider what is to come."

All:

Your light shines within us; we listen for your voice.

Presider:

Holy Lord, in Christ Jesus you have made us eyewitnesses of your majesty. Yet we cannot remain in the place of shining. The vision was not given to be contained. Send us down from the mountain forever changed. Send us into the world bearing your light. Let us walk into the world transfigured, knowing your Beloved Son goes before us.

All:

Our light shines before others. Send us to reflect your glory.

((you may be seated))

Presider:

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

All:

**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.**

Presider:

((Beloved, though we do not share the bread and cup today, we remember the grace that makes us one. We give thanks for the living Word, spoken from the cloud, proclaimed in this assembly, and written upon our hearts. Christ is present in Word and promise; God's covenant is written upon your hearts. I invite you forward with arms crossed to receive a blessing, a sign that God's steadfast love endures forever.))

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN- Alleluia, Song of Gladness



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;



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;



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.



3 Al-le-lu-ia can-not al-ways be our song while here be - low;



al-le-lu-ia our trans-gres-sions make for us a while for - go:



for the sol-emn time is com - ing when our tears for sin shall flow.



4 In our hymns we pray with long - ing: Grant us, bless-ed Trin - i - ty,



at the last to keep glad Eas - ter with the faith-ful saints on high;



there to you for - ev - er sing-ing al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly.



Al-le-lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

7PM Feb 18th- Ash Wednesday at Hope

Lenten Soup Supper Schedule is out. Starting Feb 25th at Shepherd of the Hills.

March 11th at CLC- Volunteers Needed

<p><u>Participating in Worship Today</u> Presiding/Preaching: MC Miller Minister of Music: Daniel Alley Guitarists: George Fosselius & Randy Mayer Lector: Communion Set-up/Clean-up: Worship Assistant: Flowers: Cordell Coffee Hour: Carla L.</p>	<p><u>Happening This Week at CLC</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Today</p> <p style="text-align: center;">9 AM Choir Rehearsal 10 AM CLC Worship 5:30 PM Dinner @ Soth</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Monday</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Senior Center CLOSED 7 PM- 8:30 PM The Scouts</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday</p> <p style="text-align: center;">7 PM Lady AA Meeting</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday</p> <p style="text-align: center;">7 PM Ash Wednesday @ Hope</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Thursday</p> <p style="text-align: center;">7 PM Handbell Rehearsal</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Saturday</p> <p style="text-align: center;">9 AM- 12 PM- AAUW Meeting 6 PM Millennium AA Meeting</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Next Sunday</p> <p style="text-align: center;">9 AM Choir Rehearsal 10 AM CLC Worship</p>
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PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR:

<p>Julie D. Diane L. Lysle P. Mike S. The Vale Community Robin & Wendy George F. Carolina S.</p>	<p>Karen H. Laurie P. Fred W. Chad B. TJ B. Carla L. Girija and Mami</p>	<p>Vince Thelma & Mike G. Mark Chris Phil C. Family and friends of Jacque E. Mike and the family and friends of Liz S.</p>
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