

# *The Transfiguration*



TRINITY  LUTHERAN  
CHURCH

Sunday, February 15, 2026  
9:00 am Service

# Order of Worship

*\*stand as you are able*

**Prelude**

Karla Keller

**Welcome / New Members**

## **\*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.**

## **\*Gathering Hymn**

***Shine, Jesus, Shine***

**Hymn #671**

*Refrain:*

Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;  
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river, flow, flood the nation with grace and mercy;  
Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light!

1. Lord, the light of your love is shining, in the midst of the darkness, shining;  
Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us, set us free by the truth you now bring us.  
Shine on me, shine on me. (*Refrain*)

2. As we gaze on your kingly brightness, so our faces display your likeness,  
Ever changing from glory to glory, mirrored here, may our lives tell your story.  
Shine on me, shine on me. *(Refrain)*

### **\*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 Eleison**

*Kyrie Eleison means "Lord have mercy."*

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*Refrain:*

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,  
Kyrie eleison, every day.

1. For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all  
For this holy house, for all who worship and praise,  
Let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord... *(Refrain)*
2. That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor,  
That we may live out truth and justice and grace,  
Let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord... *(Refrain)*
3. For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family.  
For life and for love, for our work and our play,  
Let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord... *(Refrain)*
4. For your Spirit to guide, that you center our lives in the water and the Word,  
That you nourish our souls with your body and blood,  
Let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord... *(Refrain)*

### **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.**

**Reading****Matthew 17:1-9**

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. 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." 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!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. 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 Word of our Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Message**

Pastor Paul Lutter

**Hymn of the Day*****I Love to Tell the Story***

**Hymn #661**

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*)

### **\*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**

*Congregational Response:* **Hear our prayer.**

### **\*Sharing of the Peace / Announcements**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

### **Stewardship Moment**

Shiree Hirsch

### **Offering**

*Thank you for your continued financial support.  
An offering plate can be found in the back of church as  
you leave worship. Or give online at [www.trin.org/give](http://www.trin.org/give).*



## Offertory Response

## *We Are An Offering*

Hymn #692

We lift our voices, we lift our hands,  
We lift our lives up to you, we are an offering.  
Lord use our voices, Lord use our hands,  
Lord use our lives, they are yours, we are an offering.  
All that we have, all that we are,  
All that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.  
We lift our voices, we lift our hands,  
We lift our lives up to you, we are an offering, we are an offering.

## Holy Communion

### \*Words of Institution

### \*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.**

### Distribution of Holy Communion

*Please come forward for Holy Communion this morning by using the center aisle and returning by the side aisle. If you prefer, gluten free wafers are available on the center table and white grape juice is located in the inner circle of the tray.*

### \*Closing 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.**

**\*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.**

**\*Closing Hymn**

***We Are Marching in the Light***

**Hymn #866**

We are marching in the light of God,  
we are marching in the light of God.  
We are marching in the light of God,  
we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching, (marching, we are marching, marching,)  
we are marching in the light of God.  
We are marching, (marching, we are marching, marching,)  
we are marching in the light of God.

We are dancing...  
We are singing...

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

Karla Keller

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**In Our Prayers:**

Scott Johnson, Frank Fritzke, Dick Erickson, Stacey Lewandowski, Aiko Landgraf  
(niece of Sue Magnuson), Stacey Barta (niece of Bob & JoAnn Lohmann),  
our missionary in Papua New Guinea, Rev. Andrew Ronnevik and family

**Trinity's New Members:** Kory Bender & Becky Cronk, Wayne Severson,  
Tony & Susan McCleary, Luke & Tessa, Maevee, and Jude Buttenhoff,  
Eric & Hannah, Archie, Wesley, and August Vogel



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Paul Lutter, Interim Pastor  
Chelsea Farniok, Children's Ministry  
Karla Keller, Accompanist

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## **Announcements**

You are invited to enjoy conversation, cinnamon rolls and coffee following worship in the Fellowship Hall.

**February Underwear Drive!** Trinity invites you to donate new underwear in all sizes (kids to adult) for the Free Store at Central Lutheran Church in Minneapolis. Drop off new packages of underwear at our Donation Station at the main parking lot entrance.

**Trinity Call Committee** The Church Council is forming a Call Committee to search for Trinity's new permanent pastor. If you are interested in being considered for this committee, please notify the church office.

**Stewardship Campaign** Trinity members received an annual Stewardship mailing recently, inviting you to consider your financial and "Time & Talent" commitments to the many ministries of Trinity in 2026. Today, Trinity member, Shiree Hirsch, will share a bit about our Stewardship campaign during worship.

**Ash Wednesday, February 18** 7:00 pm Service (Onsite & Online)

**Midweek Lent Services** Wednesdays, February 25 - March 25  
Supper from 5:30 - 6:30 pm | Worship at 7:00 pm (Onsite & Online)

**Contemplative Practices for Lent** Explore this year's Lenten resource guide, featuring weekly reflections and prayer practices designed to help you slow down and follow God's lead. Printed booklets are available in the narthex and at the Welcome Center.

**OWLS (Older, Wiser Lutherans)** The OWLS Fellowship Group welcomes Watertown Mayor Mike Walters on Thursday, February 19 at 10:00 am to share information about opportunities for senior citizens in our community. Bring a friend and your questions.