

Transfiguration of Our Lord

February 15, 2026 – 10am

Modern Worship, ELW Setting 10



Prelude Music

Jesus, My Breath, My Life, My Lord

BLC Choir

Announcements

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.

C: Amen.

P: Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Mighty God, lover of justice,

C: ... 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.

C: Amen.

Gathering Song:

Shine, Jesus Shine

ELW 671

Greeting

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

C: And also with you!

Kyrie

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- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

Prayer of the Day

A: Let us pray together,

C: 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.

Children's Message

Peggy Burns, S.A.M.

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.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia

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Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

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.

P: A reading from... **C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

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.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Peggy Burns, S.A.M.

Song of the Day:

O God of Light

ELW 507

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 / Sign of the Peace

Offering

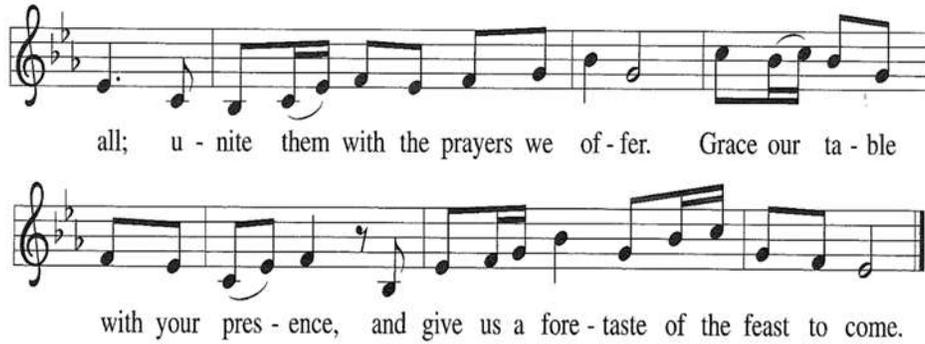
Offering Song:

David Husser

Offertory:

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of



Offering Prayer

A: Let us pray together.

C: 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.

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.

Communion (Please note: gluten-free wafers and white grape juice cups are available)

Communion Songs:

Beautiful Savior
I Love to Tell the Story

ELW 838
ELW 661

Final 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.

C: Amen.

Sending Song:

He is Exalted

Twila Parks

1st Verse

He is exalted
The King is exalted on high
I will praise Him
He is exalted forever exalted
And I will praise His name

Chorus

He is the Lord
Forever His truth shall reign
Heaven and earth
Rejoice in His holy name
He is exalted
The King is exalted on high
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2nd Verse

He is exalted
The King is exalted on high
I will praise Him
He is exalted forever exalted
And I will praise His name

Chorus

He is the Lord
Forever His truth shall reign
Heaven and earth
Rejoice in His holy name
He is exalted
The King is exalted on high

Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

C: Thanks be to God.



Bethlehem February 15, 2026
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

2/15—Martha Sheehan
2/17—Rodney Rice

2/18—Harper June Wiemerslage
2/20—Peggy Goebel

2/21—Daniel Hahn
2/22—Sarah Denton

Worship Servants for February 15

Preaching & Presiding—Pr. Paul Busekist

Assisting Minister—Cindy Monroe

Lector—Mary Ann Tanis

Musicians: David Husser, Phil & Denice Bossardet, Pr Paul

Today's altar flowers are donated: *By Butch Waisanen in Thanks for all of God's Blessings*

Hospitality: Jim & Dorene Boyd

A/V—Jim Monroe / Jim Hinds

Cookies/Coffee—Diane Cunningham / Mary Ann Tanis

Welcome Table— Volunteer

Bell Ringer—Gail Goldsmith

Front Door Monitor—Tina Dohm

Altar Guild—Mary Ann Tanis / Gail Goldsmith

Counters: Kate Holtfreter / Mike McCarty

NEW MEMBERS: The new member meeting is today immediately after church.

Grief Group meets the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month from 3:30-4:30 in the gathering space, unless the TC schools are closed. Any questions contact Peggy Burns 232-392-6913.

BOOK CLUB: We are returning to the home of Betsy Morley, but on a different day this month. We will meet Monday Feb 16 at 5:30 to discuss "How to Read a Book" by Monica Wood. It is an excellent book involving grief, second chances and forgiveness. Please contact Betsy at betsymorley@charter.net if you are NOT on the mailing list and would like to attend."

Shrove Tuesday Pancakes: Mark your calendars for: Shrove Tuesday, February 17th, at 5:30 PM serving the traditional pancakes and sausage, quiche, desserts as well as classic Mardi Gras fare. Every Thursday in Lent will feature a meal prior to the church service at 5:45. There will be sign-ups requesting volunteers to provide a meal for each Thursday during Lent.

There will not be a Third Thursday service in February as it is the day after Ash Wednesday. Below are the important dates for Lent through Easter.

February 17 – Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 5:30pm
February 18 – Ash Wednesday service 7:00pm (Live Streamed)
February 26 – Lenten Meal and Holden EP Service 5:45pm / 7:00pm
March 5 -- Lenten Meal and Taize 1 Service 5:45pm / 7:00pm
March 12 -- Lenten Meal and Behold Our Light Service 5:45pm / 7:00pm
March 19 – Lenten Meal and TBD Service 5:45pm / 7:00pm
March 26 -- Lenten Meal and Holden EP Service 5:45pm / 7:00pm
March 29 – Palm Sunday service 10:00am (Live Streamed)
April 2 – Maundy Thursday service 7:00pm (Live Streamed)
April 3 – Good Friday service 7:00pm (Live Streamed)
April 4 – Easter Vigil service 7:00pm (Live Streamed)
April 5 – Easter services 8:00am / 10:00am (only 10:00am Live Streamed)
April 5 – Easter Brunch 9:00am

Giving Statements Available Your individual giving statements are now available in your mailbox in the Narthex. The statement covers giving from January 1st through December 31, 2025. Please pick them up at your convenience. To save on postage, I will mail out the ones not picked up by the end of February. Thank you for your generous support for the programs and ministries of your church. We are all blessed by your faithful giving. Your Bookkeeper

The Fellowship Committee is looking for help with the Thursday Lenten meals. Funds are available to purchase a meal or ingredients to prepare the meal. There is also opportunity to receive support from Thrivent if we have 2 weeks' notice. Attendance at the meals varies but is typically 15-25. The dates for the meals are as follows:

February 26	March 19
March 5	March 26
March 12	

The needs are for providing the main meal, desserts, set up and clean-up. Please see the sign-up sheets in the gathering space or contact Linda Hansen at farfromtown@aol.com or 231-590-4793 for questions or more information. Thank you.

Annual Ski Trip! All Are Welcome! Ready to brave the winter cold and join us on the slopes? Our annual intergenerational Ski Trip to Crystal Mountain is on Sunday, February 22nd! All ages are welcome to join us, both for skiing and for dinner at Geno's afterward. We plan to meet at Crystal Mountain at 1:30pm. (This is a pay-your-own-way event - youth who volunteered at the pancake breakfast fundraiser will have their passes covered.) If skiing isn't your thing, you are still welcome to come just to watch the fun! We hope to see you there! Reach out to Alanna with any questions.

Sledding Party! Let's enjoy this beautiful winter wonderland! Bring a sled and join us for sledding at the fantastic Twin Lakes hill on Saturday, February 28th at 12:30pm. Snacks and warm drinks will be provided! If you don't want to sled, you are still invited - it's enjoyable to watch the fun while sipping hot chocolate!

FUNDRAISER FOR HABITAT for HUMANITY: Maybe you cannot wield a hammer or travel to a building site, but we all can eat! Culver's on Munson will donate a portion of all purchases made 5-8pm on March 11. Bring family, friends, and neighbors and help raise funds for Habitat.

Social Ministry/Outreach update: Meeting in the Fellowship Hall after the service on **March 15**. So many of you have done so much since our last meeting in Oct and for that we are truly thankful. Please come and receive quick updates on Fellowship, Food Pantry, Safe Harbor and other activities. Be sure to take a look at the very informative poster presentation on the Baby Pantry. Our current most pressing need is for more volunteers to prepare a community meal the **4th Sunday of the month** at Grace Episcopal. Even if you can only come once or twice per year that would still be a great help. And be thinking about **Freedom Builders: July 21-25, or Habitat for Humanity** sometime in the future. If you cannot come but have an interest in any area be sure to contact Cindy Monroe or Jim Hutchison.

Outdoor food pantry update from Linda Hansen: Our congregation provides food for two different missions: The Baby Pantry and the Outdoor Food Pantry. The needs are very different. This is the focus for the Outdoor Food Pantry: Food or toiletries in individual or small packaging. We have found the needs to be serving sizes of items that are portable. Some examples are:

tuna fish or chicken pouches (not tuna or chicken salad),
protein bars
granola bars,
trail mix
crackers or crackers with peanut butter or cheese filling
plastic fruit or vegetable cups
ramen, rice or potatoes in the individual serving cups or foil packets
oatmeal packets
small containers of peanut butter
jerky/meat sticks

dried soup mixes
dried fruits
Toiletries/other:
toothbrushes
toothpaste
feminine products
small first aid kits,
toilet paper
wet wipes
glasses wipes
hand/toe warmers
NO CANS or GLASS containers in the winter months.
No expired food.

Choir News: The choir has resumed its practice schedule on Mondays at 2:30. Come and join in the musical fun!

Sunday School and Sunday's Adult Education hold their classes at 9:15am on Sunday. The **Wednesday Zoom Book/Bible Study** meets at 1:30pm with a study of the book of James using the book *James: Walking in Wisdom* by Lydia Brownback. Please see either Pr Paul or Barbara for more information. Please note: we will not meet on Ash Wednesday, February 18th.

Chair Yoga will continue meeting at 3:00pm on Mondays only. It is still \$5 per class

Coffee and Cookies: Our wonderful volunteers Mary Ann Tanis and Diane Cunningham have indicated a willingness to continue offering this after the Sunday service as long as there are volunteers who bring the goodies and help with clean-up after. Our thanks to these two women for their wonderful display of the goodies and the clean-up after. Thanks to all of you who have shared goodies, and please feel free to continue to do so.

A big thank you to all who have turned in Olesons' slips. We received a check from Oleson's for \$207.55 for a total of \$1031.80 so far this year. Olesons' slips never expire. Please continue to turn in your Olesons receipts to Bethlehem. Thanks so much!!! Also, the area for the Oleson receipts is in the lower cabinets below the mailboxes (under the A-B-Cs...). The cabinet door is marked with the receptacle inside. Unfortunately, we are no longer collecting the receipts from Family Fair or any other grocery store. We just collect for Olesons

Volunteers for Watching the Front Door During Worship: The Safety and Security Committee has the new sign up sheets available. We need volunteers who can be available to stay in the Gathering Space to lock the doors and let in late comers for Sundays. We appreciate all of the volunteers. If you have any questions, the committee members are Gail Goldsmith, Maureen Bauer, Jana Rockne, and Dave Pepler.

The February issue of the STAR is available. If you receive the weekly email, your February issue was emailed on February 1st. The shut-ins will receive an issue by mail. There will also be a few copies available on the counter by the mailboxes. You may also contact the office at 947-9880 to request that mail delivery continues. For current issues of the Star, feel free to check online at www.bethlehemtc.org < About Us > "The Online Bethlehem Star" or type this URL to get these directly: <http://www.bethlehemtc.org/the-bethlehem-star-newsletter>.

Offerings: Even though the offering plates are passed during the service, you may use the vase in the back of the Sanctuary if you prefer not to touch the offering plate.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: We often find the front door and/or the kitchen door unlocked when there is no one in the building. Please be sure that the doors are locked when you leave.

Please Note:

Barbara Oster/Administrative Assistant works 9:00am-2:30pm on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday

Phil Anderson/Bookkeeper works 8:30am-12:30pm on Monday, Tuesday and **Wednesday. Please note that Phil will work these days until the summer months**

Alanna Steffunick-Boomer/Ministry Coordinator working in the office on the first Tuesday of each month from 9:30am - 12:30pm, and on Wednesdays from 11:30am - 2:30pm on all other weeks. I will also work from home throughout the week.

Looking for a link to last month's full Council minutes? Type this address/url into your web browser to get the latest approved minutes from Council: bethlehemtc.org/Council-Minutes OR you may call the office to request a copy.

Prayer Requests:

- Prayer Chain: Please contact Jan Stretlien at jstretlien@gmail.com or 231-947-3265
- Prayers read from the altar: Please call Administrative Assistant in the church office 231-947-9880 or admin@bethlehemtc.org

Celebrate a new child in your life with a rose on the baptismal font! Cost \$10.00 per rose. Contact Barbara Oster at beo6475@yahoo.com or 231.668.7038.

Norm Fred has helped a previously homeless couple for a few years. They are proud people and do not like to be given charity but they will accept help in the form of donated cans that they can recycle for money. Please bring in your recyclables in for them. **Leave them in plastic bags by the garage.** These are nice people. There, but for the Grace of our God, go we.

Have something important going on at Bethlehem that you'd like others to know about? Maybe a Small Group? A Club Event? Feature it on the Screen Announcements, weekly emails and on our Facebook Events Page! If there is something you'd like featured or included in any of these, please reach out to Alanna.Steffunick@bethlehemtc.org **If you are not getting the weekly emails for any reason, please contact Alanna at her email above.**

Please consider signing up for Altar Flowers for a Sunday service. SPECIAL NOTE: There are no altar flowers during Lent. Please use the sign-up poster in the Narthex by signing on the date you request. Then fill out a pink slip with the necessary information and place it and a check for \$45 (This is a new amount.) The check should be payable to Bethlehem Lutheran Church or BLC) in the offering plate on Sunday morning (Preferable) or during the week, in the Administrative Assistant's mailbox near the church office entrance. You may select either "in honor" or "in memory" or "to celebrate". If someone has already signed on the date you would like, feel free to add your name – we welcome more than one on a Sunday.

Today's Prayer Recipients: Please send any changes or additions by email to admin@bethlehemtc.org

Harper Wiemerslage,	John Stretlien,	Sharon,
Jerry Hill,	Judy Fenton,	Kyle,
John Block,	Cindy Hitesman,	Ken,
Roy DuMond,	Richard Fernholz,	Marianne,
Mary Woodring,	Julie Lapeer,	Christine,
Norm Fred,	Lee,	Janet,
Lynn,	Chris,	Cheryl
Steve,	Dale and Cheryl,	Pat,
Sherry,	Leroy,	Greg,
Bob,	Julie Barrett,	Jan Schmidt
Ron Hellenga,	Patti,	Pat Burton

The church calendar is below. Please be sure to notify the office (admin@bethlehemtc.org or 231.947.9880) to be sure that your group is of the calendar.

Sunday, February 15

9:15am—Adult Education (YR)
9:15am—Sunday School
10:00am—Worship Service (S)
11:15am—New Member Meeting (Library)
12:30pm—Youth Discipleship (FH)

Monday, February 16

2:30pm—Choir (S)
3:00pm—Chair Yoga (FH)
3:30pm—Grief Group (GS)
3:30pm—Handbell Choir (S)
5:30pm—Book Club (Offsite)

Tuesday, February 17

SHROVE TUESDAY

Bulletin articles due today

9:00am—Property Work Group
9:00am—LWR Quilters (FH)
5:30pm—Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper (FH)
6:30pm—Council Meeting

Wednesday, February 18

ASH WEDNESDAY

11:30am—Music Rehearsal
7:00pm—Ash Wednesday Service (S)

Thursday, February 19

5:30pm—ACA (FH)

Friday, February 20

STAR Articles Due Today

10:00am—Sew Pieceful (FH)
1:00pm—Lehto SG (Library)
6:00pm—LifeRing Recovery Group (Library)

Saturday, February 21

8:00pm—AA (FH)

Sunday, February 22

9:15am—Adult Education (YR)
9:15am—Sunday School
10:00am—Worship Service (S)
1:30pm—Skiing at Crystal Mountain