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Gathering in Worship, Growing in
God's Word, Serving in Jesus' name

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Transfiguration of Our Lord
Service of the Word
February 15, 2026

Welcome to Christ Lutheran Church. We are glad that you are here to worship with us today! Please sign the pew booklets in the pews. If you are a visitor, please introduce yourself and sign our guest book in the narthex along with the pew booklet.

Service of the Word begins on page 203 in the red hymnal.

***Please stand as you are able.**

†Please be seated.

Prelude: Chris Starr

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Welcome

***Gathering Song**

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

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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 confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

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.**

Kyrie

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Canticle of Praise

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Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you! **And also with you!** Let us pray:

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.

✠ **Choir Anthem**

“High Upon a Mountain”

Directed by Vicky Harris

Accompanied by Carle Kuehn

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

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.

Psalm 2

¹ Why do the nations conspire, and the peoples plot in vain?

² The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord and his anointed, saying,

³ “Let us burst their bonds apart and cast their cords from us.”

⁴ He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord has them in derision.

⁵ Then he will speak to them in his wrath and terrify them in his fury, saying,

⁶ “I have set my king on Zion, my holy hill.”

⁷ I will tell of the decree of the Lord: He said to me, “You are my son; today I have begotten you.

⁸ Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage and the ends of the earth your possession.

⁹ You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel.”

¹⁰ Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth.

¹¹Serve the Lord with fear; with trembling,

¹²**Kiss his feet, or he will be angry, and you will perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled. Happy are all who take refuge in him.**

Second Reading: 2 Peter 1:16-21

¹⁶ For 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.

Here ends the readings. Thanks be to God.

* **Gospel Acclamation** "Alleluia, Lord and Savior..." **ELW pg. 205**

Hear now the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew – this is the 17th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

¹⁷ 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."

This is the Gospel of our Lord: Praise to you, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day

“How Good, Lord, to Be Here!”

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*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 Intercession

Merciful God, receive our prayer.

Sharing of the Peace

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

STEWARDED GOD'S GIFTS

We offer to God what is God's own

†Offering

[Please remember to send your much appreciated and needed weekly tithes and offerings.]

*Offering Hymn “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Offering Prayer

God of majesty, no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in these offerings 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.**

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.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

✠ **Temple Talk – Lenten Soup Suppers**

Connie Duenow & Bobby Scheidt

Announcements

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 Song

“Shine, Jesus, Shine”

ELW # 671

Dismissal

Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Chris Starr



A special thank you to all who assisted with our worship service today:

Organist: Chris Starr

Head Usher: Kevin Menning

Cantor: Dennis Davis

Ushers: Randy & Rhonda Schumacher

Lector: Becky Olmstead

Audio/Visual: Roxanne Wavra

Acolyte:

Greeters: LeAnn Kujas

Kitchen Guild: Lois Trtiz

Refreshments: Ryan & Elisa Dording

Altar Guild: Jenny Kirchoff, Karla Ardolf

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Please lift these people up in prayers this week: *Mary Entinger, LuAnn Harms, Laura Mackenthun (Daughter of Dennis and Linda Roisum), Mark St. Germain (Son-in-law of Gerald and Vicky Harris), Bev Phifer, Dennis Hendrickson (Father of Connie Duenow), Karen Hunter (Sister of Dianne Von Berge), Teresa Rannow, Brian Jenneke and Brady Jenneke (Son and Grandson of Rodger & Barb Jenneke), Jim Reiners (Brother of Joann*

Chrast), Lee Hanson, Carleen Bedoway, Lindsey Kirkeby (Daughter-in-law of Twyla), Doug Ehrke, Linda Simonson, Bob Butcher, Dion VonBerge (Daughter-in-law of Robert and Dianne VonBerge).

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST LUTHERAN

Sunday, February 15, Service of the Word at 9:00 AM in the Sanctuary; GlenFields Worship Service at 1:30 PM; Cub Scouts at 3 PM in Fellowship Hall.

Monday, February 16, Worship Service Televised at 3:00 PM on Channel 10.

Tuesday, February 17, Laundry Love at 9 AM & 4:30 pm at the Glencoe Laundromat; Women's Bible Study at 10:00 AM in the Fireside Room.

Wednesday, February 18, Pastoral Text Study at 1:00 PM in the Fireside Room; Worship Service Televised at 2:00 PM on Channel 10; Choir Practice at 6:00 PM in the Sanctuary.

Thursday, February 19, Men's Bible Study at 9:00 AM in the Narthex; GlenFields Worship Service at 10:30 AM.

Friday, February 20, Office Closed.

Saturday, February 21, -

Sunday, February 22, First Communion Sunday at 9:00 AM in the Sanctuary

CLC ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPDATES

Find out what's going on at Christ Lutheran

Women's Retreat

Women's Retreat at the Shores of St. Andrews March 6th – 8th.

Step away from the demands of daily life and immerse yourself in a weekend of spiritual renewal, meaningful fellowship, and joyful connection. Join us for an uplifting retreat designed to refresh your spirit and strengthen community. Registration is open through **February 24**. The participation fee is **\$200**. Scholarship opportunities are available- please contact Megan for more information.



Missions

Our February mission focus is the *Weekend Feeding Backpack Program*. This ministry helps care for children who may not have enough food on weekends. We invite you to help fill the wheelbarrow with breakfast items such as Pop-Tarts or breakfast bars. Thank you for sharing God's love and feeding His children.

CLC Flowerpots

For the past several years, JoAnne Chrast has generously donated her time and talents to keep our outdoor flowerpots looking beautiful. We are grateful for her dedication and care, which has brought so much beauty to the entrance of our church. As JoAnne prepares to pass the torch, we are looking for someone to step into this role. If you love flowers or enjoy gardening and would like to help keep our flowerpots looking fabulous, please reach out to Megan in the office. With heartfelt thanks to JoAnne, we look forward to seeing our flowerpots continue to bloom.



Crow River Habitat for Humanity is hiring a salaried Construction Manager to manage our Habitat Home Projects and other repair programs. The Construction Manager will be responsible for overseeing all aspects of home construction and renovation projects for Crow River Habitat for Humanity. This includes planning, coordinating, and supervising the construction process from the conceptual development stage through final construction, in a safe, timely, and cost-effective manner. The Construction Manager will also work closely with and guide volunteers, ensuring a positive and productive experience for all participants. Please feel free to contact the CRHFH office with any questions. Phone: (320) 587-8868.



Bulletin, Newsletter, and Worship Service Deadlines

In an effort to ensure that worship services plans can be finalized, and that the bulletins and newsletters can be edited and reviewed, in a timely manner, we are posting official deadlines for submission. We thank everyone for helping us make these productions as wonderful as we can!

Bulletin Announcement Deadline: Wednesdays 12 PM