

Welcome to Lord of Life Lutheran Church February 15, 2026 Transfiguration of Our Lord



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.

Welcome: Lord of Life Lutheran Church's long-standing credo is "We share God's Love".

LoL provides a welcoming and safe place for worship, comfort, solace, and reflection. We are called by Jesus to love God and one another: to practice radical hospitality, and to serve all without reservation, stipulations or regard to your race, ethnic background, age, gender expression or identity, sexual orientation, physical and mental abilities, socioeconomic position, family status, or where you are in your faith journey. You are a unique and beloved child of God. We welcome you to join us in worship and communion and be part of our commitment to anti-racism, social and economic justice and environmental care.

Worship: Communion: All are welcome to share in Holy Communion.

Passing of the Peace: It is ok to greet those sitting near you. Please remember people have different levels of personal space which may vary from day to day and situation to situation. You can be respectful by asking, "May I hug you?" or "Would you like a handshake."

Physical Distancing: It is still important to be aware of distancing. Pews along the sides of the church near the stained-glass windows are for people who want space; please space yourselves accordingly.

Children Welcome: Kids of all ages are welcome in service, and we celebrate their joyful wiggles and giggles! There are kids bags in the back of the sanctuary.

*Information, service & liturgy instructions are shown in italic or **bold italic** type on the following pages.*

Portions of the liturgy spoken by the leaders are shown in plain type.

*Portions of the liturgy spoken by the assembly are shown in **bold** type.*

PRELUDE

Gathering

CONFSSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, \dagger 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 \dagger Jesus' name.
May the Spirit give you strength to live for others,
and bless you with the gift of peace.

Amen.

- 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!

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.

All are seated

Word

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.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 2

¹ Why are the nations in an uproar?

 Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?

² **Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and the princes plot together,**

against the LORD and against the LORD's anointed?

³ "Let us break their yoke," they say;

 "let us cast off their bonds from us."

⁴ **God whose throne is in heaven is laughing;**
 the LORD holds them in derision.

⁵ Then in wrath God speaks to them,
 and in rage fills them with terror.

⁶ **"As for me, I have anointed my king**
 upon Zion, my holy mountain."

⁷ Let me announce the decree of the LORD,
 who said to me, "You are my son; this day have I begotten you."

⁸ **Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance**
 and the ends of the earth for your possession.

⁹ You shall crush them with an iron rod
 and shatter them like a piece of pottery."

¹⁰ **And now, you kings, be wise;**
 be warned, you rulers of the earth.

¹¹ Submit to the LORD with fear,
 and with trembling bow in worship;

¹² **lest the LORD be angry, and you perish in a sudden blaze of wrath.**

Happy are all who take refuge in God!

Second Reading: 2 Peter 1:16-21

At the transfiguration, God's voice was heard, declaring Jesus to be the beloved Son. By the activity of the Holy Spirit, God's voice continues to be heard through the word of scripture.

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

The assembly stands as they are comfortable

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all
 creatures here below; praise God above, ye
 heav'n-ly host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost.

Alleluia. This is my Son, my Chosen, listen to him! Alleluia.
 (Luke 9:35)

THE GOSPEL READING: Matthew 17:1-9

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the seventeenth chapter.
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.”

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

All are seated

SERMON

Pastor Adam Dowd

HYMN OF THE DAY

Little Light

Semler

Response to the Word

The assembly stands as they are comfortable.

THE NICENE CREED

With the whole Church, let us confess our faith using the words of the Nicene Creed:

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit
and the virgin Mary**

and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living
and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver
of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,*
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and
glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

All are seated.

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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 Leeann, Nancy, Jenna, Art, Aimee, Donna, Ken, Vernetta, Roberta, Judy, Linda, Paul, Toni, Kerry, Jim, Caryl, and Gale. 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.

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.

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

*The assembly greets one another in the name of the Lord with phrases like “**Peace be with you.**” If you have your phone available, text a word of peace to someone who is worshiping alone.*

OFFERING AND PRAYER

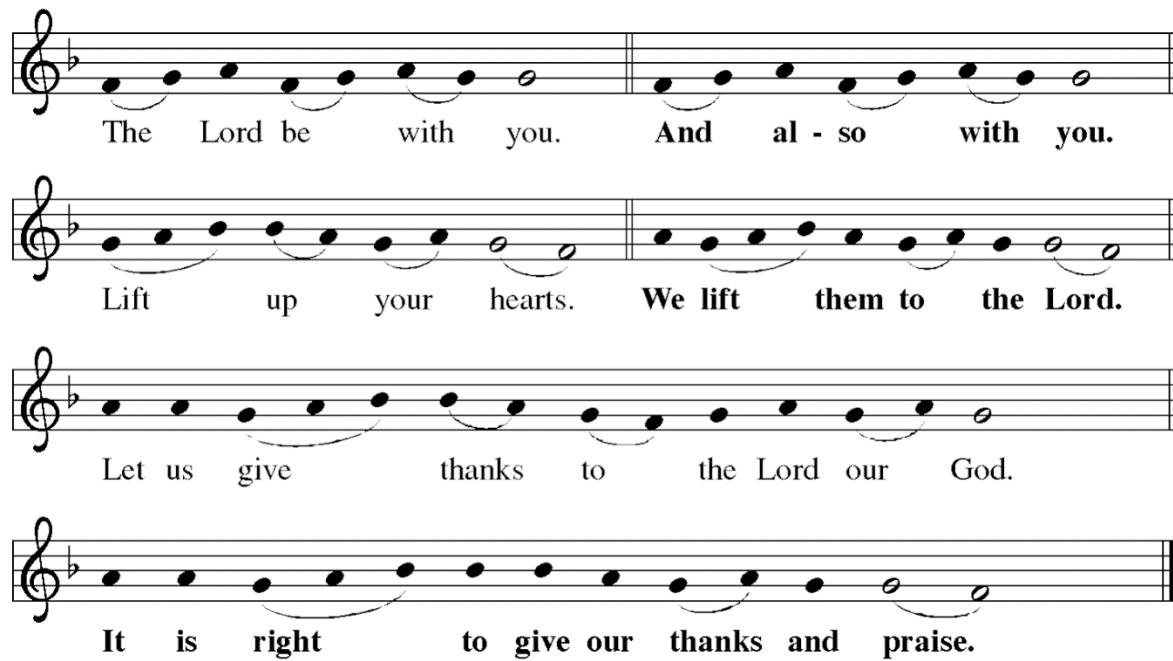
The offering plate is brought forward as a sign of the good gifts, ourselves included, God has given us.

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
 all; u - nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble
 with your pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

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.

Meal

The assembly stands as they are comfortable.



The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

PREFACE AND EUCHARISTIC PRAYER...

join their unending hymn



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and

might; heav - en and earth are filled with your

glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -

san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The minister continues the eucharistic prayer.
....We proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:*

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us *pray* the prayer that Jesus taught us:

**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. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!
Come to the table; taste and see.

COMMUNION

All are seated. Please take time to prepare yourselves and your communion elements.

We prioritize people with mobility issues. We invite you to come forward in your own time and take a position at the altar that is most accessible for you.

SONG DURING COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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.

Sending

BLESSING

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

May the Lord bless you and keep you,
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy,
The Lord look upon you with favor and (+) give you peace.

Amen

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 nations 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

**Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory; blaze,
Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.**

**Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy; send
forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!**

**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

**Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory; blaze,
Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.**

**Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy; send
forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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Announcements 2-15-2026

Wine and Candles this month are provided by **Connie Allekian** in memory of **Harvey Allekian**.

Flowers today are provided by **Kathy Kratochvil** in celebration of her son, **Paul's 23rd birthday**.

Chicago Wolves If you signed up to attend the Wolves' game, we will meet at the church at **1:30 pm**, this afternoon, to caravan to the game.

Shrove Tuesday Let's celebrate Shrove Tuesday together. There will be a dinner in the Fellowship Hall on **Tuesday, Feb 17 at 6 PM** followed by a game. The committee will make Sloppy Joes. If you wish to attend, please sign the sheet at the back of the sanctuary and bring a dish to pass. If you have any questions, please reach out to Judy Padera and Arlene Danielson who are the event coordinators.

Ash Wednesday There will be two services for **Ash Wednesday**. The **11:00 am service** will be held at **Lord of Life** and the **7:00 pm service** will be held at **Christ Lutheran Church** in Clarendon Hills

Senior Spirits We will meet on Thursday, February 19th at noon! A representative from the Scarce Organization will update us on current environmental issues and recycling changes! We will also have our Potluck luncheon!

Everyone is welcome! If you have any questions or ideas for future programs please contact me! Marilynn at 630-927-9996

Singo Join us on Thursday, February 26th at Freedom Brothers Pizzeria & Alehouse in Naperville, 1293 S Naper Blvd, for a night of music, mayhem, and mouthwatering pizza! We're cranking up the volume with Rock & Roll Singo—a high-energy twist on bingo where your favorite classic rock hits are your game card clues. Game time starts at 7 PM. Let's meet at 6:15 PM to get a table. Let Sherry Sejnost, 630-546-1917, know if you are planning to attend.

Please pray for members:

Leeeann Swanson	Nancy Urban	Jenna Suda
Art Sejnost	Aimee Jimenez	Donna Motes
Ken Gulliford	Vern Sima	Kerry Spitznagle
Roberta Sejnost	Judy Padera	Linda Matta
Paul Ristau	Toni Blesy	Jim Eckwall
Caryl Schaer	Gale Dyskie	

A full list of relatives, friends, and military personnel for whom we pray is emailed weekly on Friday.

Last Week's Giving – \$

Electronic Donation for the month of January- \$842.96

THIS WEEK AT LORD OF LIFE

Sunday	2/15	10:00 AM	Worship
		12:00 PM	Loving Word
Tuesday	2/17	5:00 PM	Overeaters Anonymous
		6:00 PM	Shrove Tuesday
Wednesday	2/18	10:00 AM	Bible Study
		11:00 AM	Ash Wednesday @ LoL
		12:00 PM	Ashes at Indian Prairie Lib.
		7:00 PM	Ash Wednesday @ CLC
		7:00 PM	One Day at a Time
Thursday	2/19	12:00 PM	Senior Spirits
		6:15 PM	Green Willow Condo Meeting
Friday	2/20	9:30 AM	Cards
Saturday	2/21	9:00 AM	SDA
Sunday	2/22	10:00 AM	Worship
		12:00 PM	Loving Word