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TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY
February 15, 2026

INVOCATION

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

HYMN #413 ELW
#371 LLC

KYRIE

HYMN OF PRAISE

PRAYER OF THE DAY - see Celebrate insert

FIRST LESSON - see Celebrate insert

PSALM 2 - see Celebrate insert

SECOND LESSON - see Celebrate insert

VERSE: Alleluia, Lord to whom shall we go. You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.
Alleluia.

HALLE, HALLE, HALLE

THE GOSPEL - see Celebrate insert

SERMON

HYMN #838 ELW
INSERT

APOSTLES' CREED

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION - see Celebrate insert

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

HOLY COMMUNION WITH LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

Worship Booklet
"Holy, Holy, Holy"
"iSanto, Santo, Santo!"
Worship Booklet
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EXODUS 24:12-18

2 PETER 1:16-21

MATTHEW 17:1-9

"Beautiful Savior"
"Glorioso Cristo"
p. 127

Allelu, Allelu, Allelu Gracias Señor
Worship Booklet

THIS WEEK AT EMMANUEL

SUNDAY	10:00 a.m.	Worship
	1:00 p.m.	Pastor Ken's Class
MONDAY	1:00 p.m.	Church Council Meeting
TUESDAY	1:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study at Zion
	6:00 p.m.	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner
WEDNESDAY	1:00 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Service
	8:00 p.m.	AA

Let us pray for...

Melissa Stoller, **Bishop, Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod**
Peter Asplin and Erin Jones, **Assistants to the Bishop**
Rev. Yehiel Curry, **Presiding Bishop, ELCA**
Bishop Henrik Stubkjær, **President, Lutheran World Federation**
President Modeste, **Tulear Synod, Malagasy Lutheran Church**

HEALING & SPECIAL NEEDS: Refugees & asylum seekers, Rachel F., Marilyn, Rose & Chip, Judy H., Roni, Karin, Tommy C., Karen, Darlene & Al, Lana, Dayton, Ed R., Nan, Sandra, Marylene, Yuri, Pr. Tony, Mitzi, Janet, Jeff B., Fernando, Derrick Sr., Len & Carole, Courtney, Lynn F. & Zach & Lynn's brother, Erin, Chareen W., Debbie B., Ed L., Noel, Myschel, Pr. Jaimie, Dave G., Diego, Sherl, Eddie O., Janet, Bob, Andrew W., Wael's family, Barb C., Mark, Betty Sue, Darlene T., Sydney B., Pr. Ken, Eric, Noah, Mindy, George & Debbie K., Leilani, Alicia, Ed R., Barbara R., Carol G., Debbie, Marion Q., Pr. Susan Schwartz, and all with undiagnosed illnesses.

NURSING HOME & ASSISTED LIVING: Mary Jane Freund (Concordia Ridgewood-Plum); Shirley & Jack Pickens (William Penn Center); Roni Mayhood (Merakey); Esther Schwab (Seneca Manor); June Minnear (Beatty Point Village); Peggy Ebert (Kane-McKeesport), Carole Hill (Concordia Monroeville).

CAREGIVERS: Judy M., Chris, Chip, Darlene, Alexis, John, Barbara

EMPLOYMENT: Tom L.

COUNTRY OF THE MONTH: Iraq

MISSION PARTNER: Holy Trinity - East Pittsburgh

CHURCH OF THE MONTH: St. John's - North Versailles

LUTHERAN AGENCY: Camp Agape

SCHOOL OF THE MONTH: Beechwood Elementary

CELEBRATE – TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD, FEBRUARY 15, 2026

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.

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.**

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.

PSALM 2

You are my son; this day have I begotten you. (Ps. 2:7)

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.

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.

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."

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The prayers are prepared locally for each occasion. The following examples may be adapted or used as appropriate.

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 (*regions at war may be named*). 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*).

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.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

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.**