

# Transfiguration of Our Lord

## February 15, 2026

### 10:30 AM

*Transfiguration, Anonymous Artist, 20th c. USA*



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University Lutheran Church of Hope is a welcoming, Christian community of faith centered on God's grace and called to demonstrate God's love for the world. University Lutheran Church of Hope is a Reconciling in Christ congregation with a commitment to racial equity.

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## Welcome. Peace be with you.

**We continue our holy experiment.** We're worshipping together in-person and virtually on YouTube. Welcome to all!

**For those worshipping in-person, please remember:**

- ❖ **To support the health and wellness of all those among us**, feel welcome to use masks and hand sanitizer, stay current with your vaccinations, and stay home as needed if you are unwell.
- ❖ **We honor one another's boundaries** by asking permission to be in close proximity, and finding alternate ways to greet one another and share the peace (a deep bow, the peace sign, an air hug, etc.). Our risk levels and comfort differ.
- ❖ **In our service today, we will share Holy Communion.** Ushers will direct you.
- ❖ **If you are new to the community** and wish to speak with a Pastor or be included in our communication and activities, fill out the blue slip in the pew rack and give it to an usher. We'll follow up. It's also just fine to be anonymous. To get more involved, check out our website: <http://www.ulch.org/> To receive the weekly enews, the Thursday Epistle, contact our church administrator at [ulch@ulch.org](mailto:ulch@ulch.org).
- ❖ **Children are welcome in worship.** Kids, grab your SPARK Story Bibles. Craft tables are available for families at the front of the sanctuary. Note: The nursery is not staffed, but is available for your use. The nursery is on the upper level of the education wing, most easily reached from the doors nearest the baptismal font.
- ❖ **After worship, enjoy the time to linger for conversation** in the lounge, courtyard and patio.

## Land Acknowledgment

*This Land Acknowledgment, and our response, are both a work in progress. We're actively engaged in a process to move beyond a simple acknowledgment, and toward a more active commitment. Watch for more opportunities for our community.*

We gather for worship on the land of our Creator. Many of us and our church building dwell in the traditional home of the Dakota people, and a land over which the Anishinaabeg people and others also moved. They gathered and ate food, rested, died and gave birth, and prayed here, and many still do.

# GATHERING

+ Indicates the assembly stand as able. Assembly parts are marked in **bold**.

ELW refers to the red hymnal, *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*. ACS refers to *All Creation Sings*, an ELW supplement.

## Prelude

Peace Song

Joe Utterback (2004)

## Welcome

### + Processional Hymn

When a Star Is Shining

ACS 915, Text: Dunstan (1995)

Music: Moore (2003)



1 When a star is shin-ing o - ver east - ern hills,  
2 Where the world is wait-ing for an un - known day,  
3 Lead us on, O Day-star, in the qui - et night;



when the air is si - lent, and the clam - or stills,  
where a voice for - got - ten cries, "Pre - pare the way!"  
guide us through the shad-ow with your gen - tle light;



when the night is wait-ing, and the old hopes rise,  
Where an earth - ly pow - er makes the heart turn cold,  
show us in a man-ger our re - demp-tion's sign;



then the time has rip - ened and the heart grows wise.  
there the gifts are of - fered— in - cense, myrrh, and gold.  
bring us to a morn-ing where the prom - ise shines.



### + Greeting

The grace of 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

God of All Creation, you call us to listen to Jesus, your beloved, who shares your love with us. And while we'd prefer to stay on the mountaintop, you call us to go back down the mountain, into the valleys and shadows of life. Give us the courage and strength we need to follow where Jesus leads. **Amen.**

## WORD

### Children's Message

#### Reading - Exodus 24:12-18 New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

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." So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the mountain of God. 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." Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. 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. Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of

El SEÑOR dijo a Moisés: «Sube a encontrarte conmigo en el monte y quédate allí. Voy a darte las tablas de piedra con la Ley y los mandamientos que he escrito para guiarlos en la vida». Moisés subió al monte de Dios, acompañado por su asistente Josué, pero dijo a los jefes: «Esperen aquí hasta que volvamos. Aarón y Hur se quedarán aquí con ustedes. Si alguno tiene un problema, que acuda a ellos». En cuanto Moisés subió, una nube cubrió el monte y la gloria del SEÑOR se posó sobre el Sinaí. Seis días la nube cubrió el monte. Al séptimo día, el SEÑOR llamó a Moisés desde el interior de la nube. A los ojos de los israelitas, la gloria del SEÑOR en la cumbre del monte parecía un fuego consumidor. Moisés se internó

the mountain in the sight of the Israelites. 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 freedom.

**Thanks be to God.**

en la nube, subió al monte y allí permaneció cuarenta días y cuarenta noches.

Palabra de Dios, palabra de libertad.

**Demos gracias a Dios.**

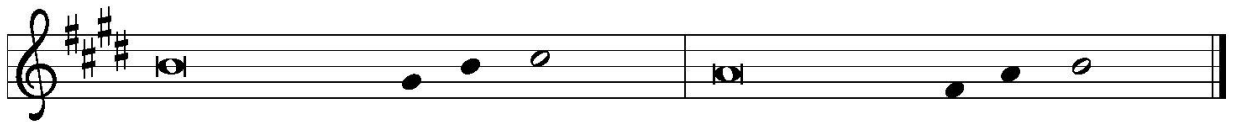
## Psalm 2 NRSV<sup>ue</sup>

Refrain Music: Robert Wetzler

Refrain (*1st time cantor sings, all sing thereafter*)



*Cantor sings the odd verses, all sing the Even verses*



<sup>1</sup> Why are the nations <sup>1</sup> in an uproar?

Why do the peoples mutter <sup>1</sup> empty threats?

<sup>2</sup> **Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt,  
and the princes <sup>1</sup> plot together,  
against the LORD and against the <sup>1</sup> LORD's  
anointed?**

<sup>3</sup> "Let us break their <sup>1</sup> yoke," they say;  
"let us cast off their <sup>1</sup> bonds from us."

<sup>4</sup> **God whose throne is in heav- <sup>1</sup> en is laughing;  
the LORD holds them <sup>1</sup> in derision. Refrain**

<sup>5</sup> Then in wrath God <sup>1</sup> speaks to them,  
and in rage fills <sup>1</sup> them with terror.

<sup>6</sup> **"As for me, I have anoint- <sup>1</sup> ed my king  
upon Zion, my <sup>1</sup> holy mountain."**

<sup>7</sup> Let me announce the decree <sup>1</sup> of the LORD,  
who said to me, "You are my son; this day have  
I be- <sup>1</sup> gotten you.

<sup>8</sup> **Ask of me, and I will give you the nations  
for <sup>1</sup> your inheritance  
and the ends of the earth for <sup>1</sup> your  
possession. Refrain**

<sup>1</sup> ¿Por qué se rebelan las naciones  
y en vano conspiran los pueblos?

<sup>2</sup> **Los reyes de la tierra se rebelan;  
los gobernantes se confabulan contra el SEÑOR  
y contra su ungido.**

<sup>3</sup> Y dicen: «¡Hagamos pedazos sus cadenas!  
¡Librémonos de su yugo!».

<sup>4</sup> **El que está en el trono de los cielos se ríe; el  
Señor se burla de ellos. Refrain**

<sup>5</sup> En su enojo los reprende,  
en su furor los asusta y dice:

<sup>6</sup> **«He establecido a mi rey  
sobre Sión, mi santo monte».**

<sup>7</sup> Yo proclamaré el decreto del SEÑOR:

«Tú eres mi hijo», me ha dicho,  
«hoy mismo te he engendrado.

<sup>8</sup> **Pídeme, y como herencia te entregaré las  
naciones; serán tu propiedad los confines de la  
tierra. Refrain**

<sup>9</sup> Las gobernarás con cetro de hierro;

<sup>9</sup> You shall crush them with an <sup>1</sup> iron rod  
and shatter them like a <sup>1</sup> piece of pottery.”

<sup>10</sup> **And now, you <sup>1</sup> kings, be wise;  
be warned, you rulers <sup>1</sup> of the earth.**

<sup>11</sup> Submit to the <sup>1</sup> LORD with fear,  
and with trembling <sup>1</sup> bow in worship;

<sup>12</sup> **lest the LORD be angry, and you perish in a  
sudden <sup>1</sup> blaze of wrath.**

**Happy are all who take ref- <sup>1</sup> uge in God! R**

las harás pedazos como a vasijas de barro».

<sup>10</sup> **Por eso ustedes, los reyes, sean prudentes;  
déjense enseñar, gobernantes de la tierra.**

<sup>11</sup> Sirvan al SEÑOR con temor;  
con temblor ríndanle alabanza.

<sup>12</sup> **Besen al hijo, no sea que se enoje  
y sean ustedes destruidos en el camino,  
pues su ira se inflama de repente.**

**¡Dichosos los que en él buscan refugio! Refrain**

**+ Gospel Acclamation**

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

ELW 172

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

The gospel according to Matthew the seventeenth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

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 gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon - Pastor Maria Anderson-Lippert**

Seis días después, Jesús tomó consigo a Pedro, a Santiago y a Juan, el hermano de Santiago, y los llevó aparte, a una montaña alta. Allí se transfiguró en presencia de ellos; su rostro resplandeció como el sol y su ropa se volvió blanca como la luz. En esto, se aparecieron Moisés y Elías conversando con Jesús. Pedro dijo a Jesús:—Señor, ¡qué bien que estemos aquí! Si quieres, levantaré tres albergues: uno para ti, otro para Moisés y otro para Elías. Mientras estaba aún hablando, apareció una nube luminosa que los envolvió y de la cual salió una voz que dijo: «Este es mi Hijo amado; estoy muy complacido con él. ¡Escúchenlo!». Al oír esto, los discípulos se postraron sobre su rostro, aterrorizados. Pero Jesús se acercó a ellos y los tocó.—Levántense —dijo—. No tengan miedo. Cuando alzaron la vista, no vieron a nadie más que a Jesús. Mientras bajaban de la montaña, Jesús les encargó:—No cuenten a nadie lo que han visto hasta que el Hijo del hombre se levante de entre los muertos.

El Evangelio del Señor.

**Alabanza a ti, oh Cristo!**

## + Hymn of the Day

## Down from the Mountain

by Tim Gustafson (2026)

C G C

1. On the moun-tain - top there's light;  
2. It is good to share this place;  
3. What if we took shel - ter here?

Ev - 'ry thing is clear and  
We could stay with - in it  
We could keep each o - ther

G Am Em G

bright. In this vi - sion truth is at its height \_\_\_\_  
safe. Way a - bove the troub - les of these days \_\_\_\_  
near: Hold on - to the past and hide from fear \_\_\_\_

Refrain: C F C

— . Get up to come down from moun - tain - top, Get up to come  
— :  
— :—

F G F Am

down all the way. \_\_\_\_ Come on down from moun tain, come on

Dm G C F G C

in to the fray. Come on down from the peak, don't be a - fraid. \_\_\_\_

## Prayers of the People

Following each petition: Merciful God, receive our prayer.

## + Sharing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

La paz de Cristo sea siempre con ustedes.

**And also with you.**

**Y también contigo.**

*All are invited to share the peace of Christ using these or similar words "Peace be with you" or "La paz del Señor."*

# MEAL

## Offertory

This Little Light of Mine

arr. Bradley Sowash (2005)

*Thank you for your continued generosity! Donations may be sent electronically or by mail, or placed in the offering plate in the center of our space as you come forward for Holy Communion. A QR code is available on the last page of the bulletin.*

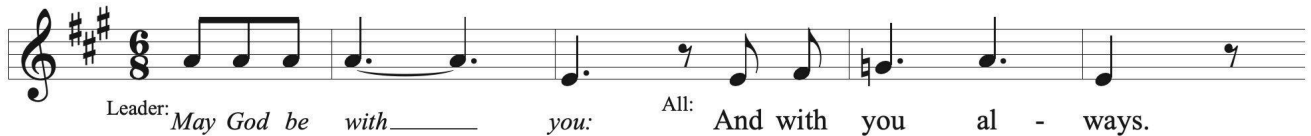
## + Offertory Prayer

Let us pray. O God, from nothing you created not only us as your beloved children but everything we would need to have an abundant life. As we bring our varied gifts to you, strengthen us as we celebrate the diversity you have blessed us with. Fill us with what we need and help us to recognize that there is more than enough for all as we work to bring your love to the ends of the earth. **Amen.**

## +The Great Thanksgiving

May God Be With You

by Tim Gustafson (2024)



It is indeed...join their unending hymn:

## + Sanctus

by Tim Gustafson (2024)

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly One, God of earth and  
sea and sun: Morn - ing and night, Pow - er and  
might are yours. Bless-ed is the One who  
comes in your name. Bless-ed is the One who comes in your name.  
Ho - san - - - na in the high - est.  
Ho - san - - - na in the high - - - est.

## + Eucharistic Prayer and Words of Institution

### + The Lord's Prayer

Our Creator, Our Mother, Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Creador nuestro, Madre nuestra, Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo, santificado sea tu nombre. Venga tu reino. Hágase tu voluntad en la tierra como en el cielo. Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día. Perdona nuestras ofensas como también nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden. No nos dejes caer en tentación y líbranos del mal. Porque tuyo es el reino, tuyo es el poder y tuya es la gloria, ahora y siempre. Amén.



## Holy Communion

*We believe that Jesus Christ is present in Holy Communion with gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation. All who hunger for the presence of Christ in their life are invited to partake. By our participation in this meal and blessing, we are strengthened in faith and in life. All are welcome to commune.*

### ***If you are at home and sitting with others...***

*When sharing the bread with someone, say to them: "This is the body of Christ, given for you." When sharing the wine or grape juice, say, "This is the blood of Christ, shed for you."*

### ***If you are at home on your own...***

*Hear the voice of the pastor naming these promises of grace and life for you. If you'd prefer a blessing, hear these promises: "You are a beloved child of God. May God strengthen you with grace through Christ for all we face today."*

### ***If you are worshiping in-person today...***

*We invite you to come forward to receive the elements and hear the words of promise, or to receive a blessing. Following the direction of the ushers, come forward: pick up a cup, gather around the table, receive the bread (gluten free is available), the servers will pour into your cup either the red wine or white grape juice, place used cups in the basket. Children of all ages are welcome to partake at Holy Communion.*

### ***If you seek healing prayers today...***

*A healing minister is available during Holy Communion this morning. If you'd like prayers for healing for yourself, for those you love, or for other situations, you are invited to come to one of the healing ministers. You can ask for specific prayers, or simply ask them to pray with you...and they will. During this time, you may also dip into the baptismal waters and remember the promises, and light candles for situations around the world and close to home.*

## Music During Communion

Jesus on the Mountain Peak

ELW 317

This Little Light of Mine

ELW 677

We Are Belov'd

by Tim Gustafson (2024)

Leader: We are be-lov'd of God. We are beau-ti-fly made.

All: We are be-lov'd of God. We are beau-ti-fly made.

The musical score is written for two staves in G major (one sharp) and common time. The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff is for the Leader and the second for the All. The lyrics are: 'We are be-lov'd of God. We are beau-ti-fly made.'

We are fierce - ly loved and gent - ly held.

We are fierce - ly loved and gent - ly held.

The musical score continues on two staves. The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: 'We are fierce - ly loved and gent - ly held.'

**+ Table Blessing**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

**+ Prayer after Communion**

Jesus our friend and savior, your life, death, and resurrection changed our world. May this meal of bread and wine bless us and sustain us in the building of a blessed community which welcomes all people, that sees all people, and that works for justice for all people. **Amen.**

**Announcements**

**SENDING**

**+ Sending Hymn**

We Are Marching

ELW 866

*Vs. 1 We Are Marching...*

*Vs. 2 We Are Singing...*

**+ Blessing**

As we leave this space may God's face shine upon us, God's love sustain us, and God's peace inspire us and grant us peace. May God – Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer - fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that we may live in hope of a blessed community where humanity's diversity is celebrated. **Amen.**

**+ Dismissal**

Go in peace to seek justice for all people.

**Thanks be to God!**

Id en paz a buscar justicia para todas las personas.

**Gracias a Dios!**

**Postlude**

Down By the Riverside

arr. Bradley Sowash (2005)

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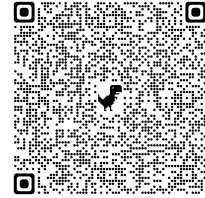
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**Today’s Worship Leaders**

Pastor Amanda Simons, Pastor Maria Anderson-Lippert (presiding ministers); Beth Kautz (assisting minister); Dan Bielenberg, Brianna Caverzagie, Tim Gustafson, Mark Nelson, Paul Stever (musicians); Diane Greve, Kathy Kufus, Wayne Lee, Gretchen Peik (communion servers); Jason Lukis (lector); Matthew Fry (worship tech facilitator); Don & Meri Hauge (greeters); Scott Hvizdos, Uli Koester, Williams Santana, John Robinson (ushers); Anja Lukis, Junia Lukis (acolytes); Shelly Parry (worship prep); Kelleen Brooks, Randall Brooks (communion clean-up); Mary Reimann-Perez, Ann Rolle (healing prayer)

**TODAY: Fellowship Meal Following Worship**

## **TONIGHT: Night Songs: Sunday, February 15 at 7pm**

Save the date for another Night Songs performance with our own Hope Choir and other local choirs! Many things will be similar to past years, but last time this event was so popular that we weren't able to seat everyone who showed up. So this time around we are asking people to reserve tickets online in advance, to help ensure there is a seat for each person who comes. If you haven't gotten yours yet, you can still check out the link here to see if there are tickets left: <https://Nightsongs2026.eventbrite.com>

## **Lenten midweek Worship**

**Ash Wednesday at 6:30pm** (Sanctuary/YouTube).

**Holden Evening Prayer on Wednesdays** Feb 25, March 4, 11, 18, and 22 at **6:30pm**  
(Chapel/In person only).

## **February 22 forum at 9:30am: Food Justice - Uli Koester**

As a continuation of one of our ongoing themes for forums this year, we are grateful for our own Uli Koester to share his vocation dedicated to nutritional education. Previous forums have addressed concerns about food insecurity, and Uli will present an expanded view of what food justice means--especially for the consumer. In light of the sad news of the continued withholding of funds for SNAP in Minnesota, this presentation should give us a glimmer of hope for the future.