

Transfiguration of Our Lord February 15, 2026

Welcome

P This is the day that the Lord has made!

C Let us rejoice and be glad in it!



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. **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, **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 us in the righteousness of Christ, and forgives our sin in ✝ Jesus' name. May the Spirit give us strength to live for others, and bless us with the gift of peace. **Amen.**

Praise Songs

I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me

1 I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.
I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.
I'm so glad Jesus lifted me,
singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.

2 Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me.
Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me.
Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me,

singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.

3 When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me.
When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me.
When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me,
singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.

Bless His Holy Name

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name.
He has done great things. He has done great things.
He has done great things. Bless His holy name.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray together. **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.**

The Peace

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

First Reading ***Exodus 24:12-18***

Please be seated

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 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.

....*The Word of the Lord.* ***Thanks be to God.***

Psalm 2

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

²The 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.”

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

⁵Then 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.”

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

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

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

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

¹¹Serve the LORD with fear; with trembling,

¹²kiss 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 God.

Second Reading ***2 Peter 1:16-21***

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. 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.” We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

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. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

....The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Verse

Please stand as you are able

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 17th chapter.

(sung) Glory to you, O Lord.

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

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.* (sung) ***Praise to you, O Christ.***

Youth Time

Please be seated

Choir Anthem

We Live By Faith

Message

Beautiful Savior



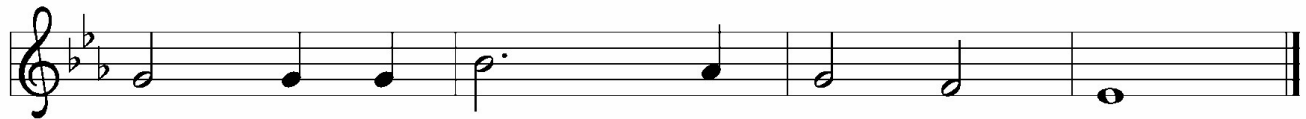
1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,



Son of God and Son of Man!
robed in flow'rs and of bloom - ing spring;
bright the spar - kling stars on high;
Son of God and Son of Man!



Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er
Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,



light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
than all the an - gels in the sky.
now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904
Music: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.

The Apostles' Creed

A Let us profess our faith through the words of the Apostles Creed.

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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

A 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.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for those impacted by war and violence, for our men and women in the armed forces, and for first responders. We also ask for your blessing on Glenda, Ralph, and Arlen, and for those for whom we now pray, either in our hearts or aloud:

Here other intercessions may be offered.

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. Bless the ministries of TOL, Augustana, Good Shepherd and Pr. Sohail's South Asian Ministry, as we serve our neighbors in love.

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.**

Great Thanksgiving

Please stand as you are able

The Lord be with you.

And also 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 God thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh you have opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision of your glory, that, beholding the God made visible, we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn (*sung*):

Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

The Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your Kingdom and teach us to pray. **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.**

Invitation to Communion

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

Communion Song

Please be seated

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Communion: Please be seated until the usher directs your row to the communion rail. Please come forward and stand or kneel. If you do not wish to receive communion, please come for a blessing. All who share our confession that Christ is present in the Sacrament are welcome to join us at the Lord's table. White grape juice is available in the center of the tray. If you would like a gluten free wafer, please let Pastor know.

The Body of Christ given for you.

The Blood of Christ shed for you.

Post-Communion Blessing

Please stand as you are able

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you, and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

A Let us pray. 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.**

Blessing

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn (next page)

Blessing and Honor



1 Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and pow'r,
 2 Let all the heav - ens re - sound with his name;
 3 Ev - er as - cend - ing the song and the joy,
 4 Give we the glo - ry and praise to the Lamb!



wis - dom and rich - es and strength ev - er - more,
 let all the earth sing his glo - ry and fame.
 ev - er de - scend - ing the love from on high;
 Take we the robe and the harp and the psalm;



of - fer to him who our bat - tle has won,
 O - cean and moun - tain, stream, for - est, and flow'r
 bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and praise—
 sing we the song of the Lamb who was slain,



whose are the king - dom, the crown, and the throne;
 ech - o his prais - es and tell of his pow'r;
 this is the theme of the hymns that we raise;
 dy - ing in weak - ness and ris - ing to reign;



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Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808–1889, alt.
 Music: AMERICAN HYMN, Matthias Keller, 1813–1875

Dismissal

A Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

C Thanks be to God.

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Prayers and Announcements

Welcome: We extend a very warm welcome to everyone worshiping with us today. If you are visiting, we are delighted to have you here, and we hope you enjoy your worship time.

Prayer Partner Ministry: Today's prayer partner is Charlie Schmidtke. If you are in need of additional prayer, please see Charlie following worship. Prayers are confidential.

Offering: Thank you for your gifts to TOL. There is an offering plate at the back of the sanctuary. If you send your offering through the US mail, please use checks only—please don't mail cash. We also have online giving through tithe.ly, which can be accessed through TOL's website (www.trinityoldlutheran.com) or on your smartphone.

Today's Rose on the Altar: Is given to the Glory of God from Brian O'Malley and Jean Campbell in loving memory of their daughter, Kim.

Souperbowl of Caring/Sharing: Because we cancelled our in-person service last Sunday due to the extreme cold, we take the opportunity **today** to help fight hunger in our community by making monetary donations to our soup pot in the narthex or by bringing in pantry staples and soups/canned goods for the shopping cart. Thank you for your generosity!

February Mission: TOL is part of the community helping to support the ministry of Hearts & Hands-Faith in Action, which is a local interfaith coalition providing services to individuals. Please use the marked envelopes in the narthex, or contribute through tithe.ly, indicating that it is designated for Hearts & Hands. Thank you.

Adult Education: The next two classes are listed below. Classes start at **1 pm**, in person and on Zoom. **Please contact Charlie Schmidtke if you need a Zoom invite.**

February 16 Rome – Peter and Paul
March 2 Corinth - Letters

Ash Wednesday: The season of Lent begins **this Wednesday, February 18**. Ashes will be distributed that day **at 11 am** at Augustana and at **7 pm** at TOL.

Mid-week Lenten Services and Soup Suppers: Here is this year's schedule of Wednesday Lenten soup suppers (6 pm) and worship services (6:30 pm):

February 25	Abiding Savior, 1534 Ruie Rd., North Tonawanda
March 4	Good Shepherd, 2669 Sheridan Dr., Tonawanda
March 11	Augustana, 3143 Eggert Road, Tonawanda
March 18	St. Martin's, 322 Old Falls Blvd., North Tonawanda
March 25	TOL

Sermon Discussion/input: Join Pastor Fred in a bag lunch discussion of the texts for the next month of sermons. The next meeting will be **Wed., February 25**, in the Fireside Lounge at TOL at noon for two hours.

Grief Support Meeting at TOL: For those who have experienced the death of a child or grandchild. We meet the first Tuesday of each month, next on **Tuesday, March 3**. The meetings begin at 10 am until 11:30.

Annual Meeting and Potluck Lunch: If you have not already done so, please submit your team's 2025 report to the church office as soon as possible for inclusion in the printed booklet. Our annual meeting/congregation potluck is scheduled for **Sunday, March 8** following worship. Please use the sign-up sheet on the main bulletin board to let us know what dish you'll bring and how many will be attending. Copies of the Report will be available on Sunday, Mar. 1 or we can email one to you.

Curtains Up: On **Saturday, May 2**, please join us at Ellicott Creek Playhouse for a live performance of "Dirty Rotten Scoundrels." There is a sign up sheet on the main bulletin board. We have 30 seats available.

Chowder and Chili Sale at Good Shepherd: Happens this **Saturday, February 21** at Good Shepherd on Sheridan Drive, beginning at **10 am**.

Friends of Night People: Thanks to our volunteer teams who continue to prepare and deliver 100 sandwiches each week! We also collect warm clothing, sleeping bags, blankets, boots, hand & foot warmers, gloves, hats, hygiene items, lip balm & mugs. Please place donations in the blue barrel in the hallway. Thanks!

Operation Christmas Child: The suggested donations for February are reusable plastic cups or plastic water bottles. Thank you.

Book and Puzzle Sale: Please visit our Book Sale in the Resource Library down the hall. Books and puzzles are always being added for a fraction of the cost at retail. No cost for the greeting cards available. Proceeds are used for church building interior improvements, such as carpeting, door mats, etc.

Thank You for your Continuing Support of these ministries:

- Non-perishable food items for the food pantry at Good Shepherd.
- Aluminum can pull tabs for Ronald McDonald House – bin in hallway.
- Dash's Tapes for the Niagara Lutheran Health System – bin in hallway.
- Cans and bottles to be recycled – barrel in hallway.
- Warm clothing and hygiene items for Friends of Night People– blue barrel.
- Items for Operation Christmas Child boxes – bin in hallway.
- Calendars for 2026 for Veterans Hospital – bin in hallway.

This week's calendar

<i>Please notify the Church Office of any schedule changes, member illness, prayer request, etc., so church staff can respond accordingly. Office hours are <u>Tuesday, 9 am – 1 pm, Thursday and Friday, 9 am–12 noon.</u></i> <i>For a pastoral emergency, please contact Pastor Fred. For office related matters, please leave a voice mail message or send an email.</i>	Sun	2/15	9:30 am 9:45 am 11 am 3:30 pm 7 pm	Worship Service at Augustana Sunday School Worship Service at TOL Abiding Faith Worship GA Meeting
	Mon	2/16	10 am 1 pm 5:45 pm	OA Meeting Adult Ed Yoga
	Tues	2/17	9 am 5:45 pm 7:30 pm	Sandwich Team #2 Chair Yoga CoDA
	Wed	2/18	11 am 5:45 pm 7 pm	Ash Wednesday Service - Augustana Yoga Ash Wednesday Service - TOL
	Thurs	2/19	9:30 am 5:45 pm 7 pm	Yoga Yoga GA Meeting
	Fri	2/20	11 am	Pr. Sohail's South Asian Community
	Sat	2/21	Starts 10 am 4 pm	Good Shepherd Chowder/Chili Sale South Asian Worship Service
	Sun	2/22	9:30 am 11 am 3:30 pm 7 pm	Worship Service at Augustana Worship Service at TOL Abiding Faith Worship GA Meeting

Announcements: *If you'd like to submit a bulletin or Tidings announcement, please send to trinityoldlutheranchurch@gmail.com or call 716-836-4868 by Wednesday morning.*

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