

# **Holy Spirit Lutheran Church**

**Transfiguration of Our Lord**

**February 15, 2026**

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***We extend the warmest welcome to all worshipping with us today. Whether this is your first time worshipping with us, you haven't been in a while, or you are here regularly; we are so glad you are here! If this is your first time with us, we ask that you sign our Friendship Book, so that we might pray with/for you, get to know you better, and check-in with you from time to time.***

***Holy Communion is open to all.*** In this church, we preach, teach, and confess that this is the table of Jesus, and it is Jesus who invites you to His table. You need not be a member of this church, or any other church; anyone who desires a deeper walk with Christ is invited. The ushers will direct you to proceed up the center aisle. You are invited to take an empty, individual cup from the silver tray near the baptismal font, and red wine, the blood of Christ, will be poured for you at the altar rail. You will also find red grape juice, the blood of Christ, in sealed individual cups in that same tray. As you come to the altar rail, you may stand or kneel as you are able, and the minister will place bread, the body of Christ, in your hand. If you are in need of a gluten free host, please let the minister know. If you prefer not to receive the

*Communion elements, Jesus still invites you into His Holy Communion; at the altar rail you may fold your arms, and the minister will pray with and bless you.*

## **WELCOMING MUSIC**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

*Let us prepare our hearts and minds for worship.*

## **CONFSSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*Please rise, in body or spirit.*

P: We gather this day as we live each of our days, In the name of the Father, and of the  $\ddagger$  Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: Trusting that God receives our prayers and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

*(A brief pause for reflection)*

P: Gracious and loving God,

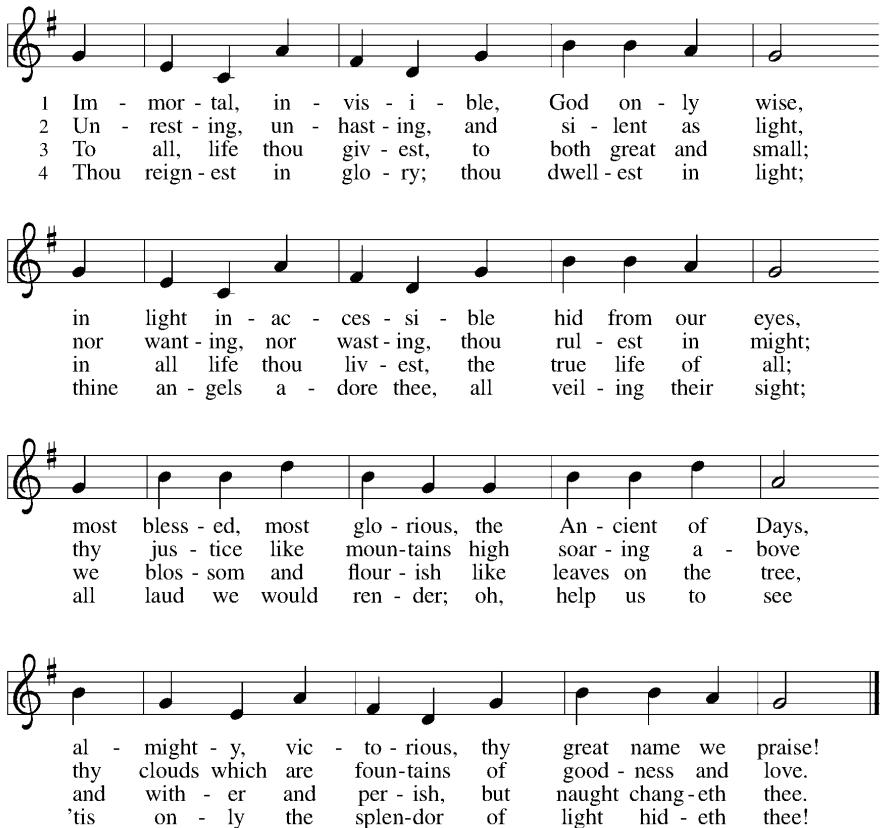
**C: Mighty God, lover of justice, you call us to life in community, but we have served our own interests at the expense of our neighbors. We have sown deceit where honesty was needed. We say the right words, but our hearts are far from you. Turn us to seek your face. Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ, that we may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Jesus Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the  $\ddagger$  Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen**

## **GATHERING HYMN: *Immortal, Invisible, God Only***

**Wise – LBW (Green) – 526, vers. 1, 2, & 4.**

## Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise



1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;  
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light;

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;  
in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;  
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - Ancient of Days,  
thy jus - tice like moun-tains high soar - ing a - bove  
we blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,  
all laud we would ren - der; oh, help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise!  
thy clouds which are foun-tains of good - ness and love.  
and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.  
'tis on - ly the splen-dor of light hid - eth thee!

Text: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1824–1908, alt.  
Music: ST. DENIO, Welsh traditional

**P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C:** And also with you.

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Assisting minister



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



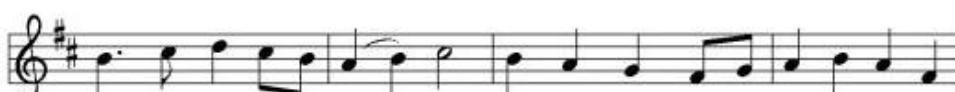
you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: 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. **C: Amen**

*Please be seated*

## FIRST READING: Exodus 24:12-18

<sup>12</sup> 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.” <sup>13</sup> So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the mountain of God. <sup>14</sup> 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.”

<sup>15</sup> Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. <sup>16</sup> 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. <sup>17</sup> 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. <sup>18</sup> Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

L: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM: PSALM 2

<sup>1</sup> Why are the nations in an uproar? Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?

<sup>2</sup> **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?**

<sup>3</sup> “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**

**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.

**L: The word of the Lord.**

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Please rise, in body or spirit.*

## GOSPEL: Matthew 17:1-9

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the seventeenth chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. <sup>2</sup> And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. <sup>3</sup> Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. <sup>4</sup> 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." <sup>5</sup> 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!" <sup>6</sup> When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. <sup>7</sup> But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." <sup>8</sup> And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

<sup>9</sup> 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."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## SERMON

*After the sermon, please rise, in body or spirit, as we lift our hearts and voices together in song.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY: *How Good, Lord, to be Here! – LBW (Green) – 89.***

## How Good, Lord, to Be Here!



1 How good, Lord, to be here! Your glo - ry fills the night;  
2 How good, Lord, to be here, your beau - ty to be - hold  
3 Ful - fill - er of the past and hope of things to be,  
4 Be - fore we taste of death, we see your king - dom come;  
5 How good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not re - main;



your face and gar-ments, like the sun, shine with un - bor-rowed light.  
where Mo - ses and E - li - jah stand, your mes-sen-gers of old.  
we hail your bod - y glo - ri - fied and our re - demp-tion see.  
we long to hold the vi - sion bright and make this hill our home.  
but since you bid us leave the mount, come with us to the plain.

Text: Joseph A. Robinson, 1858–1933, alt.

Music: POTSDAM, W. Mercer, *The Church Psalter and Hymn Book*, 1854

## APOSTLES' CREED

A: Lets us confess our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed,  
**C: We believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. We 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. We 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

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.*

A: 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,

**C: Receive our prayer.**

A: 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,

**C: Receive our prayer.**

A: 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,

**C: Receive our prayer.**

A: 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,

**C: Receive our prayer.**

A: 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,

**C: Receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

A: 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,

**C: Receive our prayer.**

A: 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.

**C: Amen.****PASSING THE PEACE**

**P:** The Peace of the Lord be with you always!

**C: And also, with you.**

**P:** Let us share a sign of peace with one another.

**OFFERING**

*Here at Holy Spirit Lutheran Church, there are many ways you are able to give. Our ushers will pass around an offering plate, in which you can place your weekly offering. If you are attending worship online or you simply wish to give online, you may do so by visiting our*

website, [hslcedersburgmd.org/give](http://hslcedersburgmd.org/give). We give thanks to God for the ways you continually offer your time, talent, and treasure for the sake of God and neighbor in Eldersburg.

*Please rise, in body or spirit.*

## **OFFERTORY HYMN**

**C: We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to You:  
We are an offering. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands. Lord  
use our lives, they are Yours. We are an offering; we are an offering.**

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

**P:** Let us pray. 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. **C: Amen.**

## **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** **And also with you.**

**P:** Lift up your hearts.

**C:** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**P:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C:** **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## **PREFACE**

**P:** 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. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. 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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
 Lord God of pow'r and might, heav- en and earth are  
 full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Bless - ed, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the  
 Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

### **EUCHARISTIC PRAYER & WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

P: Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God. The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath.

**C: We praise you, O God.**

P: Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

**C: We bless you, O God.**

P: We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

**C: We thank you, O God.**

P: 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.

P: 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.

P: Remembering his love for us, on the way, at the table,

and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P: We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering within this meal; among your people; throughout the world.

**C: Amen, come Holy Spirit.**

P: All blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end.

**C: Amen.**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray the prayer our Lord Jesus taught us, in the language of our hearts:

**C: 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: Jesus invites you. Jesus welcomes you. All are invited. All are welcome. Come taste and see that the Lord is good! **C: Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## COMMUNION HYMN

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;

have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

*Please come forward at the direction of the ushers. After all have communed, please rise, in body or spirit.*

## COMMUNION BLESSING

P: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ bless and keep us in God's grace, from now, and until life everlasting, **C: Amen.**

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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. **C: Amen.**

## BLESSING

P: You are exactly who God created you to be. Created in Christ Jesus for good works. Created and called holy. Created and called beloved. Now go forth into the world in peace and be of good courage. Hold fast to that which is good. Render to no one an evil thing for an evil thing. Strengthen the fainthearted. Support the weak. Help the afflicted. Show Christ's love to everyone. Love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; and the blessing of almighty God, the

Father, the +Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you now and forever. **C: Amen**

**SENDING HYMN: *Alleluia, Song of Gladness – WOV (Blue) – 654, vers 1, 3, & 4.***

### Alleluia, Song of Gladness



1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of glad - ness, voice of joy that can-not die;  
2 Al - le - lu - ia! Lead our prais - es, true Je - rú - sa - lem and free;  
3 Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways be our song while here be - low;  
4 In our hymns we pray with long - ing: Grant us, bless-ed Trin - i - ty,

al - le - lu - ia is the an - them ev - er dear to choirs on high;  
al - le - lu - ia, joy - ful moth-er, bring us to your ju - bi - lee;  
al - le - lu - ia our trans-gres-sions make us for a while for - go;  
at the last to keep glad Eas - ter with the faith-ful saints on high;

in the house of God a - bid - ing thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly.  
but by Bab - y - lon's sad wa - ters mourn-ing ex - ilies now are we.  
for the sol - emn time is com-ing when our tears for sin shall flow.  
there to you for - ev - er sing-ing al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly.

Text: Latin hymn 11th cent.; tr. John M. Neale, 1818–1866, alt.  
Music: PRAISE MY SOUL, John Goss, 1800–1880

### DISMISSAL

**A:** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**A:** Our purpose is to love God,

**C: And bring people into a growing relationship with Jesus and his church.**

***We all serve as ministers in the mission of the church.*** From

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Sunday (02/15) 9:30 am – Sunday School

11:00 am –Worship w/Holy Communion

12:00pm Shared Blessings Luncheon and Events

Tuesday (02/17) – 5:00pm-7:00pm - Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Wednesday (02/18) – Ashes -to-Go, 6:00am-9:00am, Shepherd of the Glen;

Ashes- to-Go – HSLC , 11:00am -1:00pm

Ash Wednesday Service - HSLC – 6:00pm

Ash Wednesday Service – Shepherd of the Glen – 7:30 pm

**Please contact Pastor Tom** via call/text at 443-841-9634, or by email at [HSLC.pastor@comcast.net](mailto:HSLC.pastor@comcast.net) if you would like to meet, have any questions, or for any pastoral emergencies. **Volunteers**

	<b>THIS WEEK (02-15-26)</b>	<b>ASH WEDNESDAY (02-18-26)</b>	<b>NEXT WEEK (02-22-26)</b>
Greeters	TBD		Kim N.
Ushers	Henry K. Luke F.	John F. Luke F.	Mark P. Amelia P.
Acolyte	Maryann F.	Maryanne F.	Abby Pol.
Assisting Minister	Lily K.	Holly deB.	Laura B.
Communion Assistant	Krissy K.	Holly deB.	Laura B.
Lector	Lisa H.	Megan F.	Lily K.
Altar Care	Holly deB.	Lorraine M.	Linda L.
Fellowship/Coffee	Dodson		Krol