

# Stewardship 2026

## Join the Journey

*"Trust in God from the bottom of your heart;  
don't try to figure out everything on your own.  
Listen for God's voice in everything you do,  
everywhere you go." Proverbs 3:4-6*



### WELCOME TO WORSHIP

**9:15 AM Worship Express**  
**Transfiguration of Our Lord**  
**February 15, 2026**

**Pastor:** Paula Geister-Jones **Lay Ministry Administrator:** Jenny Hoffman

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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.

**CALL TO WORSHIP: "Shine, Jesus, Shine" Kendrick/Bettcher**  
**First Class Ringers**

### CONFESSON OF SINS:

**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.

**C: Amen**

**P:** Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

*Brief silence for reflection.*

**P:** Mighty God, lover of justice,

**C: 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 you in the righteousness of Christ, and forgives your sin in <sup>☩</sup> Jesus' name. May the Spirit give you strength to live for others, and bless you with the gift of peace.

**C: Amen.**

*Stand*

**GATHERING HYMN: “Jesus in the Morning”**

**Vs. 1: Jesus, Jesus, Jesus in the morning,  
Jesus in the noontime,  
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus  
when the sun goes down.**

**Vs. 2 Love him**

**Vs. 3: Serve him**

**Vs. 4: Praise him**

## **GREETING**

**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.**

## **LITANY**

**P:** In the beginning was the Word,

**C: and the Word was with God and the Word was God.**

**P:** In the Word was life,

**C: and the life was the light of all people.**

**P:** The word became flesh and lived among us,

**C: and we have seen his glory, full of grace and truth.**

## **SONG OF PRAISE: “Love, Love, Love”**

**Vs. 1: Love, love, love! That’s what it’s all about!**

**’Cause God loves us, we love each other,  
mother, father, sister, brother.**

**Ev’rybody sing and shout,  
’cause that’s what it’s all about!  
It’s about love, love, love!  
It’s about love, love, love!**

**Vs. 2: Peace, peace, peace!**

**Vs. 3: Joy, joy, joy!**

## **SALUTATION**

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

**C: And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P: Let us pray.**

**C: 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.**

*Sit*

**ANTHEM: “Jesus Loves Me” Sunday School**

*Stand*

**GOSPEL SONG: “Open My Eyes, That I May See”**

**Open my eyes, that I may see  
Glimpses of truth Thou hast for me;  
Place in my hands the wonderful key  
That shall unclasp, and set me free.  
Silently now I wait for Thee,  
Ready my God, Thy will to see;  
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine.**

*The Gospel is announced...*

**L: The Good News according to Matthew the 17th Chapter.**

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

**GOSPEL: Matthew 17:1-9**

**Narrator:** Six days later, three of them saw that glory. Jesus took Peter and the brothers, James and John, and led them up a high mountain. His appearance changed from the inside out, right before their eyes. Sunlight poured from his face. His clothes were filled with light. Then they realized that Moses and Elijah were also there in deep conversation with him. Peter broke in,

**Peter (Congregation) Master, this is a great moment! What would you think if I built three memorials here on the mountain—one for you, one for Moses, one for Elijah?**

**Narrator:** While he was going on like this, babbling, a light-radiant cloud enveloped them, and sounding from deep in the cloud a voice: “This is my Son, marked by my love, focus of my delight. Listen to him.” When the disciples heard it, they fell flat on their faces, scared to death. But Jesus came over and touched them. “Don’t be afraid.” When they opened their eyes and looked around all they saw was Jesus, only Jesus.<sup>9</sup> Coming down the mountain, Jesus swore them to secrecy. “Don’t breathe a word of what you’ve seen. After the Son of Man is raised from the dead, you are free to talk.”

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

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

*Sit*

**CHILDRENS WORD/WORD**

*Stand*

**SONG OF THE WORD: “Beautiful Savior” ELW #838**

**Vs. 1: Beautiful Savior, King of creation,  
Son of God and Son of Man! Truly I'd love thee,  
truly I'd serve thee, light of my soul, my joy, my crown.**

**Vs. 2: Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands,  
robed in flow'rs of blooming spring; Jesus is fairer,  
Jesus is purer, he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.**

**Vs. 3: Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight,**

**bright the sparkling stars on high; Jesus shines brighter,  
Jesus shines purer than all the angels in the sky.**

**Vs. 4: Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,  
Son of God and Son of Man! Glory and honor,  
praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine!**

#### **APOSTLE'S CREED**

**P: Do you believe in God the Father?**

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

**P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord?**

**C: I 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.**

**P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?**

**C: 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.**

#### **THE SHARING OF THE PEACE**

**P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.**

**C: And also with you.**

*Sit*

**OFFERTORY SONG: "God Is So Good" #52 The Other Song Book**

**Vs. 1: God is so good. (3 times)**

**God's so good to me.**

**Vs. God cares for me.**

**Vs. 3: I'll do God's will.**

**Vs. 4: God loves me so.**

**Vs. 5: God answers prayer.**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

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

**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. The body of Christ given for you. The  
blood of Christ shed for you.**

## **COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

*Music is played as those who wish to come forward for communion come forward and kneel at the communion rail. Others are invited to commune in your pew.*

## **COMMUNION BLESSING**

**P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you**

in his grace till life everlasting.

**C: Amen**

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**P:** Radiant God,

**C: 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.**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Stand*

### **BLESSING**

**P:** The triune God, who has put a new song in your mouth and tuned your heart for praise  $\pm$  bless you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### **DISMISSAL**

**P:** Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **POSTLUDE: “Come and See” by LeBlanc**