



Transfiguration of our Lord

Hope Lutheran Church Worship Service

February 15th, 2026 10:00 a.m.

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WELCOME

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.

CONFSSION 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.

C: 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,

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 ☩ Jesus' name. May the Spirit give you strength to live for others, and bless you with the gift of peace.

C: Amen.

OPENING HYMN

I Heard an Old, Old Story

(TFF 97)

Please turn to 97 of your TFF hymnal.

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE

This is the Feast

(TFF pg. 48)

This is the Feast, of victory for our God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

¹ Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain.

Whose blood set us free, to be people of God.

Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his.

This is the Feast, of victory for our God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

² Sing with all the people of God.

And join in the hymn of all creation.

Blessing and honor, glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the Feast, of victory for our God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

³ For the Lamb, who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia

This is the Feast, of victory for our God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: O God,

C: 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

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.

R: Word of God, Word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 2

Why are the nations in an uproar?

Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?

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?**

“Let us break their yoke,” they say;

“let us cast off their bonds from us.”

**God whose throne is in heaven is laughing;
the **LORD** holds them in derision.**

Then in wrath God speaks to them,

and in rage fills them with terror.

**“As for me, I have anointed my king
upon Zion, my holy mountain.”**

Let me announce the decree of the **LORD**,

who said to me, “You are my son; this day have I begotten you.

**Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance
and the ends of the earth for your possession.**

You shall crush them with an iron rod

and shatter them like a piece of pottery.”

**And now, you kings, be wise;
be warned, you rulers of the earth.**

Submit to the **LORD** with fear,

and with trembling bow in worship;

**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

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.

R: Word of God, Word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (TFF pg. 32)

Alleluia, Lord to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: 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.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

**YOUNG PEOPLE SERMON
SERMON**

HYMN OF THE DAY

I Want Jesus To Walk With Me (TFF 66)

1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;
 2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
 3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

I want Je - sus to walk with me;
 in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
 when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
 when my heart is al - most break - ing,
 when my head is bowed in sor - row,

Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

APOSTLES' CREED

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 into hell. 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: Merciful God,

C: Receive our prayer.

WE SHARE PEACE

A: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND THANKOFFERING

QUIET TIME

OFFERTORY Let The Vineyards *(TFF pg. 36)*

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.
 Gather a harvest of seeds that were sown, that we may be fed the bread of life.
 Gather the hopes and dreams of all, unite them with the prayers we offer.
 Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: God of majesty,
C: 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. Amen.

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 God thanks and praise.

SANCTUS **Holy, Holy, Holy** *(TFF pg. 38)*

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, Lord God of power 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.

EUCARISTIC PRAYER

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, now and forever. Amen.

SHARING THE MEAL

COMMUNION HYMNS

Give Me A Clean Heart
I Know It Was The Blood

(TFF 216)
(TFF 75)

BLESSING

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

C: Amen.

CANTICLE

Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise

(TFF pg. 41)

Thankful hearts and voices raise; tell everyone what God has done.

Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and bear Christ's holy name

Send us with your promises O God;

and lead us forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving, with shouts of thanksgiving,

With shouts of thanksgiving, Alleluia

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A: 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.

BENEDICTION

P: May the triune God, who has put a new song in your mouth and tuned your heart for praise \ddagger bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING SONG

Glory, Glory Hallelujah

(TFF 148)

1 Glo - ry, glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! since I laid my
 2 I feel bet - ter, so much bet - ter, since I laid my
 3 Feel like shout - ing, "Hal - le - lu - jah!" since I laid my
 4 I am climb - ing Ja - cob's lad - der, since I laid my
 5 Ev - 'ry round goes higher and high - er, since I laid my

bur - den down. Glo - ry, glo - ry, hal - le -
 bur - den down. I feel bet - ter, so much
 bur - den down. Feel like shout - ing, "Hal - le -
 bur - den down. I am climb - ing Ja - cob's
 bur - den down. Ev - 'ry round goes higher and

lu - jah! since I laid my bur - den down.
 bet - ter, since I laid my bur - den down.
 lu - jah!" since I laid my bur - den down.
 lad - der, since I laid my bur - den down.
 high - er, since I laid my bur - den down.

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

C: Thanks be to God.

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Worship Participants This Week

Preaching and Presiding: Pastor Julianne Smeck

Ministers: All worshippers

Bassist: Dan Abell **Guitar:** Kurt Keljo **Drummer:** Seth Daily

Pianist: Robert Wade

Reader: Sarah Stone

Worship Assistant: Adam Viney

Acolyte: Darren McDaniel

Usher: Barbara McDaniel

Worship Leaders Next Sunday

Reader: Evie Cansler

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PRAYER REQUESTS Nancy Cofer, Claudia Mendiela, Martha Winston, The Hendrix and Ligon family, Ron Bailey, Peter Elencovf, Kurt Keljo and his sister Karen, Morris Scruggs, Muriel Scruggs, Michel Leonhart, Grace Winfrey, Karen Davis, Travis Davis, Billy Gillyard, Judy Smeck, Francene Travis, Monica Price

BIRTHDAYS: Elizabeth Washington (19th) Morris Scruggs (22nd)

ANNIVERSARIES: Darrell and Barbara McDaniel (16th) Ernest and Alfreda Watts (20th)

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Welcome to this annual celebration at Hope! Our theme is

“Connecting the Past to the Present”. Today is BLACK HISTORY BINGO. Additionally, today, we are grateful to Adam Viney who shares thoughts about Black History Month. On the 22nd, Rev. Dale Linder will preach. Worship will be followed by the Soul Food Potluck. Please see the sign-up sheets in the kitchen! Also, there are also great displays in the fellowship hall!

ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

Our journey into Lent begins this Wednesday. There are two opportunities for worship on Ash Wednesday: Noon at Hope and 7:00 PM at St. Philip Episcopal Church (there will also be a soup and sandwich meal at 6:00). On the following Wednesdays, different congregations will host the meal and worship:

- February 25 - St. Philip Lutheran
- March 4 - Woodland Christian (Pastor Smeck preaches)

- March 11 - HOPE: We will host the congregations of Eastside Fellowship Ministries on March 11 — so think about your favorite soup (or sandwich) recipe to share!
- March 18 - Asbury Methodist
- March 25 - Bethany Presbyterian

CHOIR REHEARSAL Choir will rehearse after the service, and next Saturday!

INTERFAITH HUB EVENT Ready to become a catalyst for peace? Join us for a transformative two-day training at no cost at the Interfaith Hub Event! Learn proven, ground-level strategies to build Interfaith Peacemaker Teams and lead within your community.

When: Friday, Feb 27 – Saturday, Feb 28.

Time: 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM.

Where: Trinity Lutheran Seminary at Capital University, 2199 E Main St, Bexley, OH 43209.

Highlights: Master proven peacemaking methods; Learn "Bottom-Up" team building; Equip yourself as a faith or community leader; Deep dive into Contextual Leadership. Featured Leader: We are honored to host The Rev. Dr. Shanta Premawardhana, President of the OMNIA Institute for Contextual Leadership, Chicago, Former Director of Interreligious Dialogue and Cooperation, WCC, Geneva, and an internationally renowned interfaith leader. For more information: contact Dr. Baiju Markose bmarkose@capital.edu or Denise Rector drector@capital.edu

NELSON W. TROUT LECTURES April 23-24, 2026 — REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

The Rev. Dr. Nelson W. Trout was a native of Columbus, OH (Urbancrest) as well as a Capital & Trinity Graduate. He was the first person of African Descent to be elected Bishop in North America. Annually, Trinity holds lectures in his honor. This year we are pleased to welcome **The Rev. Traci Blackmon!** Also, new this year will be a Friday morning Prayer Breakfast. Registration is free and open to the public. **Register TODAY at www.Trinity.Capital.edu**

SECRETARY UPDATE

Evie is doing her student teaching placement from January to May.

Because of this, her hours may vary in-office, however, she is more than happy to continue her role in assisting with secretary needs! An email or note on the desk would be helpful, should you have any requests, bulletin announcements, etc.!

PHOTOS FOR WEBSITE

We are doing a website refresh! Please email any photos you have

from church events, services, or ministry, that we can use to elevate our website and show who we are! You can email photos to office.hopecolumbus@gmail.com or text them to Evie at 614-600-0058.

THE CONCORDIA CHOIR The world-renowned Concordia Choir of Moorhead, Minnesota, under the direction of Dr. Michael Culloton, will perform in Peace Lutheran Church on Thursday, March 5, at 7:00 PM. From the music of J.S. Bach to familiar hymn arrangements, The Concordia Choir will amaze you with their technical master and incredible sound. Visit ConcordiaTickets.com for tickets.

BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study will resume after Easter!

THE PASTOR'S SABBATH is on Thursday and Friday each week.

PROPERTY CONCERNS You can now communicate property issues via email (hopelutheranchurchproperty@gmail.com), the committee has decided one chairperson isn't necessary. This is a strong team, and they will respond quickly.

CALENDAR

February 15 - Choir Rehearsal, after service
 February 18 - Ash Wednesday, 12:00 PM at Hope
 February 18 - Ash Wednesday, 7:00 PM at St. Philip Episcopal
 February 21 - Choir Rehearsal, time TBD

GIVE WITH THE VENMO APP

To give offerings and tithes via Venmo:

- *Download the Venmo app
- *Set up bank account info, or debit card info
- *Touch "Pay" or "Request" at the bottom
- *Enter the church cell phone number. (614) 907-3869
- *Church user name — **@HopeLilley-820**
- *Enter offering amount

Note: When setting up an account, select "Private" mode for transactions.



Offerings @ 2/8/26

Received: \$15,163

Anticipated: \$16,310

Over / (Short): (\$1,147) Cap Imp: \$1,153