

POST COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG: "Shine, Jesus, Shine" ELW, #671

CORPORATE PRAYER:
"Into Your hands we commit our lives. Into Your hands we commit Your church."

GO IN PEACE

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Worship Team for today:

Presider: Pastor Barb Lemke

Pianist: Cindy Josephson **Hymnists:** _

Reader: Richard Richmond **Greeter:** **Usher:** Marv & Ev Kelley

Communion Asst.: Sean Gordon & Blake Sterns **Screen/Sound:** Travis Kleven

Youth Offering Asst.: _ **Youth Communion Asst.:** _ **Acolyte:** Iliana

Video FaceBook: Ron Freund **YouTube:** Tom Lenahan

Sunday Worship Service

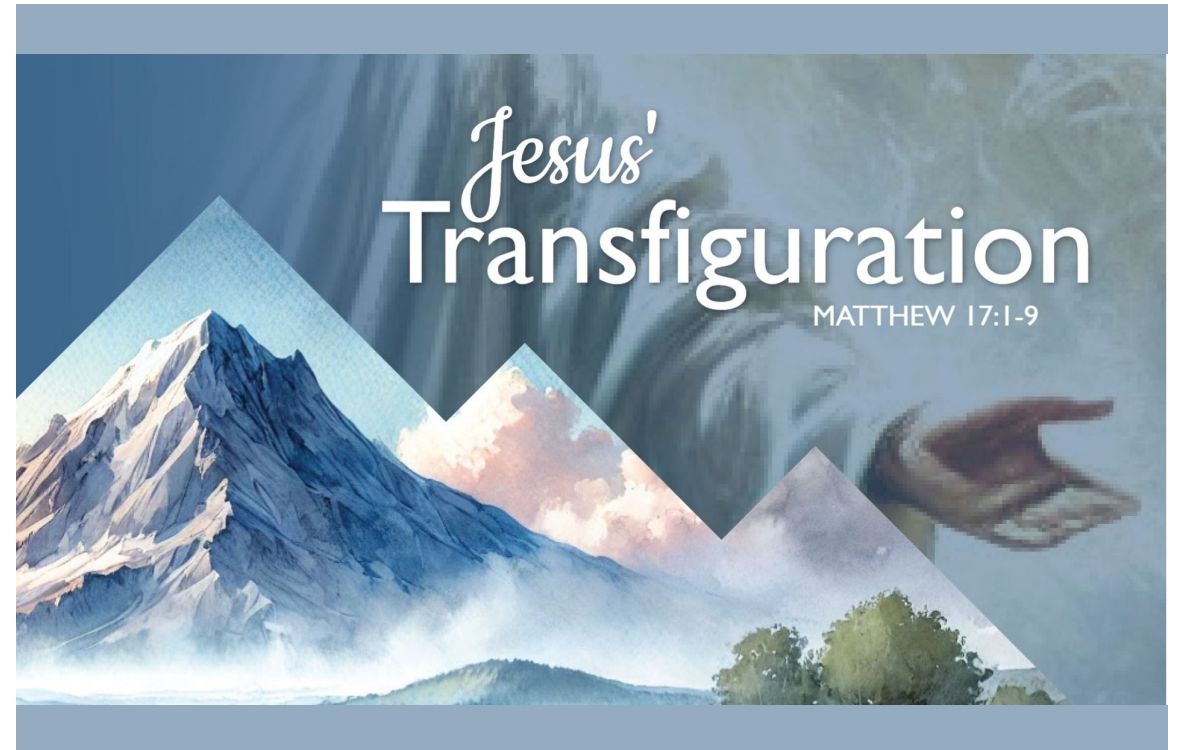


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Transfiguration Sunday *(Final Sunday After Epiphany)*

February 15, 2026

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SUNDAY WORSHIP
February 15, 2026
9:30 A.M.

PRELUDE: Cindy Josephson

GATHERING: “How Good, Lord, to Be Here” ELW, #315

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CORPORATE PRAYER:
“Into Your hands we commit our lives. Into Your hands we commit Your church.”

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS ELW, pp. 94–96

OPENING HYMN: “When Morning Gilds the Sky” (vv. 1, 4, 5) ELW, #853

GREETING

KYRIE

P For the light of Christ shining among us,

C Lord, have mercy.

P For Jesus revealed as God’s beloved,

C Christ, have mercy.

P For the Spirit leading us into the world,

C Lord, have mercy.

ALL Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; ELW, #885
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heav’nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

1ST READING: Exodus 24:12–18

2ND READING: 2 Peter 1:16–21

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ELW, p. 205

GOSPEL: Matthew 17:1–9

CHILDREN’S SERMON Kathy Harrison

*Children leave for Sunday School afterwards, and will return for Communion.
Feel free to “pick them up” in the Fellowship Hall if you want them sooner.*

HYMN: “Beautiful Savior” ELW, #838

SERMON “Jesus’ Glory Prepares Us for the Journey Ahead” Pr. Barb Lemke

APOSTLES’ CREED

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

**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 into hell.***

**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.**

**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

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Thanksgiving for Families:

Jeremy & Unique Carter, Melodi, Suki

Patrick & Belinda Carver, Liam

Kaitlyn & Josh Bush, Milo, Aniya

OFFERING

OFFERTORY: “We Give Thee but Thine Own” (v. 1) ELW, #686

HOLY COMMUNION

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 in heaven.**

Give us today 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.**

SONGS DURING COMMUNION:

“I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say” ELW, #611

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” ELW, #815

“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love” ELW, #708

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Recent hospitalizations, illnesses, and concerns:

Sylvia Cowan (*leg infection, heart health*) Andy Catalano (*Clutterbucks' friend, lung cancer*)
 McKay (*Debbie Diedrich's nephew, seizure management*)
 Patricia Henley (*fall recovery & breathing, Joy Faciane's friend*) Matt Wentzel (*pneumonia recovery*)
 Jenny Piorer (*Patti Schnoefeld's sister, heart*) Scott Crosby (*infection recovery*) and wife Dawn
 Daughtry Family (*Pr. Barb's friends in IA, husband ALS, hospice*)

For the families who have lost loved ones:

Maya & grandfather Randy Ortega and family of neighbor Matt

For our homebound members and friends:

Wil Wertz – Jim Craig – Josh Carter – Cathy McConchie

For those diagnosed with cancer:

Patti Schoenfeld Rev. Mike Lemke Connie Lovell (*Deloris DeLapp's friend*)
 Susan Riley (*Lorraine Chambers' friend*) Bob Bliss Patrick Stephenson
 Ashlyn (*daughter of friend Wade and Lynn Hampton*) Pastor Steve Ruechel
 Gary (*Andrea Newport's brother-in-law*) Marv Kelley Mike S. (*Gypsy's friend*)
 Scott Petrock (*Carol Einertson's son-in-law*) Summer Stephens (*Doris Freund's niece*)
 Tammy Hawley (*Sheila Kelly's boss*) Heather & Heidi Mortenson (*Lynn Hampton's friends*)
 Linda Hardy Karen Ryberg (*Sylvia Cowan's niece*)
 Andrew Carpenter (*Alexa Weaver's friend*) Ruth (*Joni Dammen's friend & roommate*)
 Rodney Steggs & his mother Rita Johnson Cecelia Morrissey (*Debbie Diedrich's friend, breast*)
 (*Hamptons' friends*) Paula Tveit (*multiple myeloma*)
 Peggy Russell (*Eddie & Pat Garcia's friend*)
 Linda Kirkegaard Wendy (*Kim Evancho's friend*)

For those dealing with ongoing concerns:

John & Casey Howshar Mary Sellinger (*health*) and Michael (*her son, stroke recovery*)
 Delores Rasmussen & Dan Rasmussen Paige Petrock (*Carol Einertson's granddaughter, CIDP*)
 Eyes: Marvin Bohrer & Bonnie Frank Carol Einertson (*heart & kidney health*)
 Ray Johnson Danny Cowan Lisa Pruitt (*Andrea French's friend, congestive heart failure*)
 Kaylee (*friend of Hamptons*) Stephanie & Bret's premature baby Michael (*Joy's friend*)
 Bill Schmidt (*kidney health*) Ron McBroom (*Dana's husband, heart surgery*)
 Gerald Kelley, *Carol Smith's significant other* Gypsy (*esophagus health*) and the Hendricks (*friends*)
 (*Alzheimer's*) Ralph Westadt (*ankle surgery recovery*)
 Frank Ruhs (*Ev Kelley's brother, heart health*) Debbie Diedrich's mother (*knee replacement recovery*)
 Caroline Hailey-Kesler (*Linda Hailey's granddaughter rare kidney disease*) Harold Wilming (*Vicki Florer's brother-in-law, brain injury*)
 Scott Crosby (*recovery from infection*) Andrea French (*migraines*)
 Donna Arntson (*Lynn Hampton's sister-in-law, stroke*)
 Matthew Zenn (*Bob's grandson, heart health*)
 Craig Mortenson (*Lynn Hampton's friend, health*)

Welcome!

We welcome all who gather for worship on this day and pray God's blessing on our time together!

Guests are invited to record their visit by signing the Guest Book located at the entrance to the worship space. All worshippers are invited to sign the red attendance folder in the pew and pass it on to their neighbor to sign.

Upcoming Events

Choir – Choir rehearsals will be every Sunday in February, at 8 a.m., as well as 6:15 p.m. on Feb. 18 for Ash Wednesday.

Bible Study – We have multiple options for Bible Study groups that meet:
 -Sundays after church,
 -Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom
 -Thursdays at 1 p.m. at the church .
We would love to have you join us.

Congregational Meeting – Sun., Feb. 22, after worship Please plan to attend this follow-up meeting of the congregation to review the assessment of needs for the parsonage.

Missions for Lent – We are collecting canned and boxed food and monetary donations for Aurora Interfaith as our Missions focus for Lent in February and March 2026. Please mark your checks as Missions in the note field.



Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, Feb. 18
 worship at 7 p.m.

This Week at Bethel February 15–22, 2026

Sun	8:00 a.m.	Choir Practice
	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	11 a.m.	Bible Study
	3:00 p.m.	Tongans
Mon	6:00 p.m.	TOPS
Tue	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study (Zoom)
Wed	11:30 a.m.	Senior Luncheon at Mama Alvino's
	6:15 p.m.	Choir Practice
	7:00 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Worship
Thu	11:00 a.m.	Prayer Team
	1:00 p.m.	Bible Study (<i>in-person</i>)
	7:00 p.m.	Gamblers' Anon. 'Steps'
Fri	6:00 p.m.	Tongans
Sat	9 a.m.	SLT Retreat
	9:00 a.m.	Prayer Shawl Group
	10:00 a.m.	Gamblers Anon. (<i>upstairs</i>)
	4:00 p.m.	Sisters Fellowship Int'l.
Sun	8:00 a.m.	Choir Practice
	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	11 a.m.	Congregational Meeting
	3 p.m.	Tongans

Cards for Ministry – We are collecting CLEAN greeting cards of any kind (except holiday) WITH envelopes for New Beginnings Women's Prison Ministry. Please place them in the labeled bucket on the table in the entryway.

February CROP Hunger Walk Restaurant Fundraiser – Monday, Feb. 16 at Jus' Grill. Pick up a flyer on the table outside the sanctuary for more information and to submit with your order.