



HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Anchored in His Word
Transfiguration Sunday

Order of Worship

February 15, 2026

Words of Welcome

Prelude

Order of Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever.
Amen

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One, source of our renewal, **we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen**

Thus says our God: "The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare." God's mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of + Christ our Savior. **Amen**

Opening Hymn

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

ELW 631

Greeting

The boundless grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the wisdom of God, and the light of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Kyrie

In peace let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mercy.**

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen**

This is the Feast

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:

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

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Prayer of the Day

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**

[Sit]

Youth Message

"Lord, It is Good for Us to Be Here!"

Choral Anthem

You Are My Light

The Luther Singers

Dave and Jean Perry

First Lesson

Exodus 24:12-18

¹²The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." ¹³So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. ¹⁴To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them." ¹⁵Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶The 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. ¹⁷Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. ¹⁸Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 99

(Congregation speaks together.)

¹**The LORD is king; let the people tremble.**

The LORD is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.

²**The LORD, great in Zion,**

is high above all peoples.

³**Let them confess God's name, which is great and awesome;**

God is the Holy One.

⁴**O mighty king, lover of justice, you have established equity;**

you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

⁵**Proclaim the greatness of the LORD**

and fall down before God's footstool;

God is the Holy One.

⁶**Moses and Aaron among your priests,**

and Samuel among those who call upon your name, O LORD,

they called upon you, and you answered them,

⁷**you spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud;**

they kept your testimonies and the decree that you gave them.

⁸**O LORD our God, you answered them indeed;**

**you were a God who forgave them,
yet punished them for their evil deeds.**

**⁹Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and worship upon God's holy hill;
for the LORD our God is the Holy One.**

Second Lesson

2 Peter 1:16–21

¹⁶We 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. ¹⁷For 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." ¹⁸We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. ¹⁹So 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. ²⁰First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, ²¹because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia Verse

[Stand]

**Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia!**

Holy Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the seventeenth chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord**



¹Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ²And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁵While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" ⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." ⁸And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. ⁹As 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. **Praise to You, O Christ**

[Sit]

Sermon

"Do Not Be Afraid"

[Stand]

Hymn of the Day

Shine, Jesus, Shine

ELW 671

Nicene Creed

[Stand]

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen**

Prayers

Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

[After each petition, the congregation responds with: **Receive our prayer.**]

We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified. **Amen**

The Peace

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

(The congregation is asked to greet one another with the words of Christ: "Peace be with you.")

Offering

[Sit]

Offertory

[Stand]

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above ye heav'ly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray together. Liberating God, **you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior, Amen**

Great Thanksgiving

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 him thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy . . . (*Here the minister continues with the preface appropriate to the day or season, concluding:*) we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution

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.

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

Lamb of God

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.

[Sit]

Communion

*All are welcome at the Lord's table.
We're nourished together by the body and blood of our Lord.*

Communion Hymns

Jesus Shall Reign

ELW 434

O God of Light

ELW 507

O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts

ELW 658

Post-Communion Canticle

[Stand]

Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev'ry one what he has done.
Let ev'ry one who seeks the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name.
He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy
With shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray together. We give you thanks, almighty God, **that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Hymn

Beautiful Savior

ELW 838

Benediction

God almighty send you his light and his truth to keep you all the days of your life. The hand of God protect you, his holy angels accompany you. + God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit cause his grace to be mighty upon you. **Amen**

“The Peace of God”

Whatsoever things are honest,
 whatsoever things are true,
Whatsoever things are pure and lovely,
 think on these things.
Whatsoever things are wholesome,
 whatsoever things are good,
If there be any virtue, be any praise,
 think on these things.
And the peace of God
 that passes all understanding
Shall keep your hearts,
 shall keep your minds
 on Jesus Christ.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

“Our worship is ended; our service and our witness continue!”

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Today's Heavenly Helpers

* Assisting Minister	8:15 service	Carol Townsend
	10:45 service	John Hanson
* Church Pianist		Sandy Hunter
* Choir Director		Sandy Hunter
* Lector	8:15 service	Sue Marler
	10:45 service	Karen Baker
* Greeters	10:45 service	Art & Wanda Dodge
* Ushers	10:45 service	June & Leon Edgemon
* Communion Asst.	10:45 service	Karen Baker
* Counters		Steven Freese & Sylvia Negri

Last week's attendance, in person and streaming: 120

Calendar of Events for This Week

Monday	- Knitting & Crochet ministry, 2 PM
Tuesday	- Men's Bible Study/Ellijay, 9 AM, Mike's Restaurant
	- Ladies Bible Study, 12 noon
Wednesday	- Food Pantry, 8:45 AM-1 PM
	- Pancake Supper, 5:30 PM
	- Choir Rehearsal, 6 PM
	-Ash Wednesday service, 7 PM
Thursday	- Quilters, 10 AM
	- Co-ed Bible Study, 2 PM
	- Congregation Council, 5 PM

Next Week's Scripture Readings Are...

First Reading – Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7
Psalm – Psalm 32
Second Reading – Romans 5:12-19
Gospel – Matthew 4:1-11

Mid-Week Altar Guild – Doris Goplin 2/18
June Edgemon 2/22

Next Week's Worship Assistants Are...

8:15 **Lector** – John Kilpatrick
10:45 **Lector** – Sylvia Negri
Greeters – Ann & Jim Berman
Ushers – Barbara Fail & Jack O'Donovan
Communion Asst. – Sylvia Negri
Counters – Kari Rench & Karen Baker

ANNOUNCEMENT

Ash Wednesday is February 18th

This Wednesday, February 18th, is Ash Wednesday. The men of the church will serve our traditional pancake supper starting at 5:30 PM. Choir will rehearse at 6 PM in the choir room, and the Ash Wednesday service with the distribution of ashes will take place in the sanctuary at 7 PM.

Mid-Week Lenten Services

Starting on Wednesday, February 25th, and continuing through the Lenten season we will offer a Service of the Word at noon, soup and sandwich supper at 5:30, and a Service of Light at 7 PM. The theme for this year's Lenten Mid-Week preaching series is titled – *Questions of Lent*. The schedule of the Lenten and Holy Week services is available in the narthex and printed in the February *anchor*.

There will be a service at noon on each of the Lenten Wednesdays before Holy Week.

Diaper Drive Today

Hope's Outreach team will host its annual \$\$ for Diapers Drive today. Join us for lunch in Founder's Hall after the late service for soup, sandwiches and dessert. This year we're asking for a cash or check donation to benefit the Safe Choice Pregnancy Center which will use the funds to purchase diapers. While we've collected diapers in the past, Center Director Rhenda Booth has shared that Safe Choice is able to secure diapers at significantly reduced prices through their suppliers, allowing every dollar donated to go even further.

If you'd like to donate by check, please make it payable to Hope Lutheran Church and write "Diapers" on the memo line.

Friday Fish Fry at Good Samaritan Catholic Church

As always each year, we look forward to enjoying the fish fry that the Knights of Columbus put on each Friday of Lent at Good Samaritan Catholic Church just off the square in downtown Ellijay. The first dinner will be served this Friday, February 20th starting at 5:00 PM in their fellowship hall. The last dinner will be held on March 27st – the Friday before Palm Sunday. All are welcome!

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