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Transfiguration of Our Lord 9:30 a.m. Worship Service February 15, 2026

Welcome! We're glad that you are here, and we hope this service of worship will be a blessing to you. Welcome Packets are available in the entryway

In the ELCA we welcome all believers to receive the Holy Communion. Communion elements for our service include: Pre-packaged wafers (they are also gluten free), individual cup of wine or grape juice.

Restrooms are located through the entryway and to the left (signs are posted).



Assisted Listening: The Hearing Loop system in place for the hearing impaired will allow hearing aids equipped with a telecoil to serve as wireless loudspeakers, delivering sound right inside the ear. By activating a switch on your hearing aid, the sound is transmitted directly to your ears.

MISSION: To inspire members to grow in loving devotion to Jesus Christ, caring concern for one another, welcoming outreach, and loving service to our neighbors.

VISION STATEMENT: Immanuel Lutheran Church will be known for welcoming hospitality, passionate worship, intentional faith development, risk-taking mission and service, and extravagant generosity.

Transfiguration of Our Lord
With One Voice Holy Communion Setting 5
February 15, 2026

GATHERING

Prelude

Bells

Sharing Time

Passing the Peace

Candle Lighting

Transition Song: “Praise The Lord”

Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord, Praise God’s holy name, Alleluia!

Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord; Praise God’s holy name, Alleluia!

Praise God’s holy name, Alleluia; Praise God’s holy name, Alleluia!

Praise God’s holy name, Alleluia; Praise God’s holy name, Alleluia!

**(Please stand as you are able)*

CALL TO WORSHIP

A: 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.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

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.


GATHERING HYMN "Shine, Jesus, Shine" WOV 651 Blue 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.

KYRIE



A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **C** Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:



A Chri - ste e - le - i - son: **C** Christ, have mer - cy.
Christ, have mer - cy:



A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **C** Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:

*(Please be seated)

HYMN OF PRAISE



C Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



I 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.



C Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



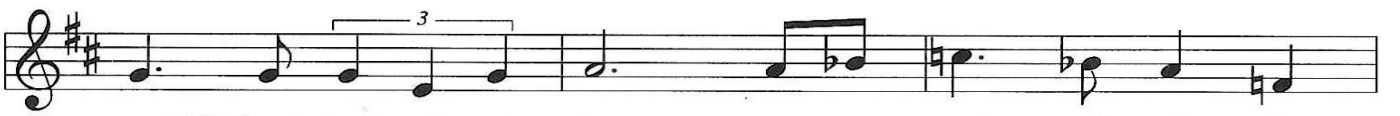
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



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



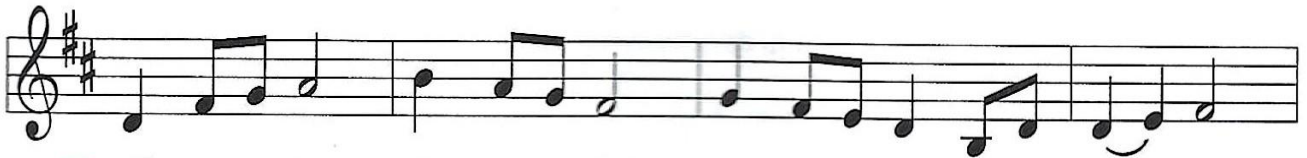
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



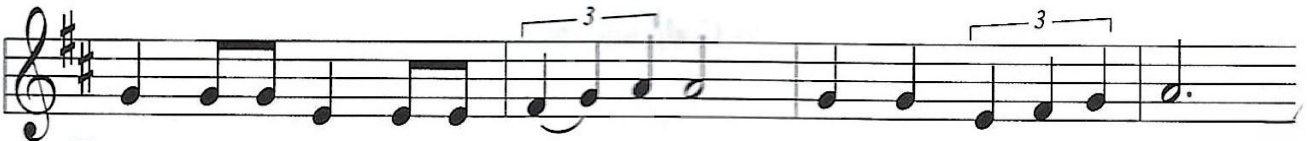
right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



C Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



I
II 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.



C Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth,



and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Prayer of Day

P: 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.

First Reading: Exodus 24:12-18

¹² 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.” ¹³ So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the mountain of God. ¹⁴ 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.” ¹⁵ Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶ 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. ¹⁷ 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. ¹⁸ Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

A: The word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 2 (We sing the Psalm)



- ¹ Why are the nations | in an uproar?
Why do the peoples mutter | empty threats?
- ² 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?
- ³ “Let us break their | yoke,” they say;
“let us cast off their | bonds from us.”
- ⁴ God whose throne is in heav- | en 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 anoint- | ed 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 be- | gotten 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 ref- | uge 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.

A: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**(Please Stand if you are able)*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 17th chapter, vss. 1 through 9.

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

P: Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

¹ Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ² And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. ³ Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴ 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.” ⁵ 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!” ⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷ But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” ⁸ And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. ⁹ 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)

SERMON: Pastor John Brown

**(Please stand as you are able)*

HYMN OF THE DAY : “How Good, Lord, to Be Here!” LBW 89 Green Hymnal

P: Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostle’s Creed.

C: 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.

**(Please be seated)*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Response following each petition:

A: Merciful God,

C: Receive our prayer.

**(Please stand if you are able)*

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Offerings
LET THE VINEYARDS BE FRUITFUL

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

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.

MEAL

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.**

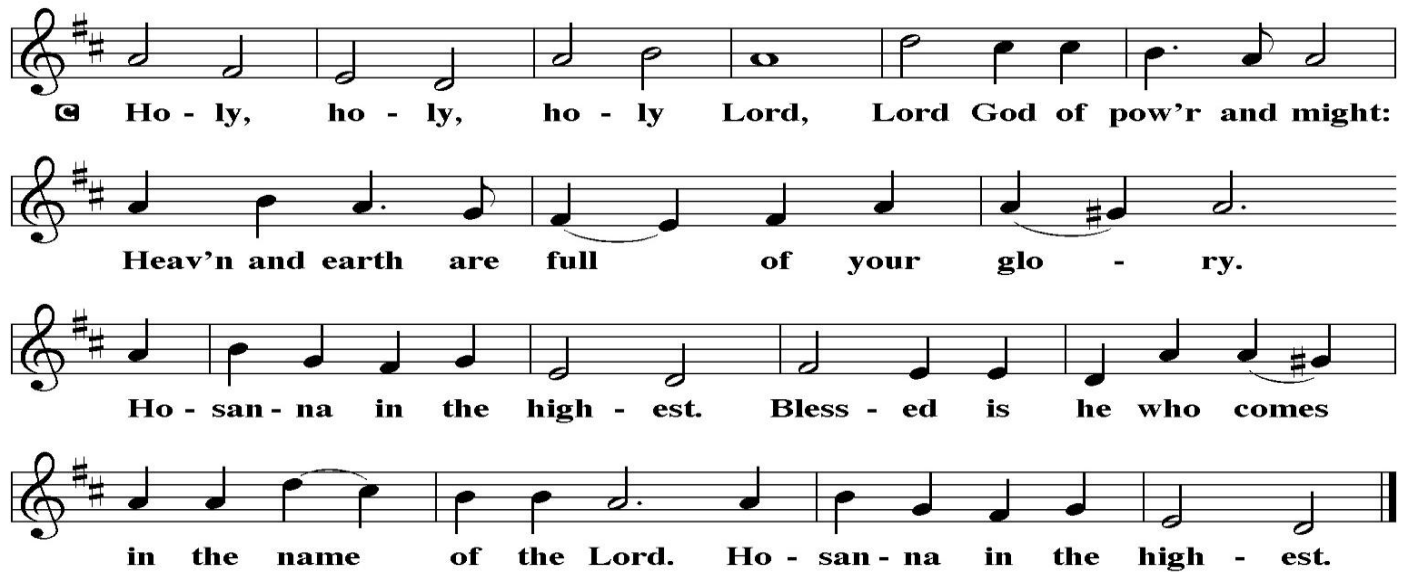
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

PREFACE

P: It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. Sharing our life he lived among us, to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to his own brilliant light. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



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

CONSECRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

P: : Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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 this 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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour out your Holy Spirit, that by this Holy Communion we may know the unity we share with all your people in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

C: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed by your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

(Please be seated)

COMMUNION

In the ELCA we welcome all believers to receive the Holy Communion. Communion elements include this morning: Pre packaged wafers (they are also gluten free), individual cup of wine or grape juice.

LAMB OF GOD



④ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN: “I Love to Tell the Story” LBW 390 Green Hymnal

**(Pease stand if you are able)*

COMMUNION BLESSING

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

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE



④ Thank - ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry -
one what God has done. Let all who seek the
Lord re - jice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.
Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and
lead us forth in joy with shouts of thanks -
giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Let us pray.

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

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN: “Beautiful Savior” LBW 518 Green Hymnal

PRAYER

A: Let us pray together Immanuel's Opening Doors prayer.

C: Dear Lord, we thank and praise you for your everlasting love and enduring mercy. Continue to send your holy spirit: to bless us, to watch over us and to guide us in all that we do so that we grow in: our love for you, our love for each other and our love for those in our community.

Grant us the courage to be bold in opening doors by inviting and welcoming others in our community to God's church. Give us strength: to trust in you and to have faith and hope in your plans for God's church. In Jesus name we pray. Amen

DISMISSAL

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

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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The congregation and ministries of this church rely on your weekly offerings and gifts. We encourage you to continue your tithing to Immanuel. If you have a key, you may stop by & leave them in Cindi's mailbox or slip them under her door. You may also mail them to Immanuel at 726 Fuller Ave. Big Rapids, MI. Thank you to everyone who has been sending in your offerings.

~Stewardship Committee

Please join us for fellowship in the Fellowship Hall following Worship today! (on 3rd Sunday of month, cake will be served for all birthdays celebrated in the month.)

Serving in Sunday Worship Service

Musician: Janet Mallett
Altar Duty: Carol Zimmerman, Phyllis Cousineau
Presiding Minister: Pastor John Brown
Worship Assistant: Nedra Neumann
Cantor: Vicky Scott
Greeter: Phyllis Lindsey
Usher: Linda Obermier
Reader: Michelle Kauffold
Sound Technician: David Scott
A/V Projection Technicians: David Scott

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Birthdays this week – Nancy Pennington (2/16), Bill Peters (2/17)

Belated Anniversary – None to report

Altar Flowers for the Grace and Glory of God

Readings for February 22nd (Ash Wednesday):

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

Psalm 51:1-17

2Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Upcoming In Person meetings

FOTA Concert ‘Korean Traditional Music’ **Sun. February 15th at 4:00pm**

FOTA Artist Reception & Birding 101 **Mon. February 16th**

Staff meeting **Tues. February 17th at 10:30 am**

Knitting Group **Tues. February 17th at Noon**

Hitchcock Movie “The Birds” **Thur. February 19th at 2:00pm**

FOTA Concert (Ed Mallett Quartet) **Fri. February 20th at 7:00pm**



Helpful Hints from Parish Nurse Phyllis Lindsey –

Feb 15: February is National Neonatal Heart Awareness Month. Nearly one million babies are born with congenital heart disease worldwide. Congestive heart disease is even more common than childhood cancer. 1 in 120 babies born in the United States is born with heart disease (it is the most common type of birth defect). Millions of American adults and children in the United States are living with congestive heart disease at this time.



Saturday, March 14th, 2026

Next month's Movie Matinee is 'Anchors away' starring Gene Kelly & Frank Sinatra (1945)



Shepherd's Hooks & Needles now meet on the third Tuesday of the month. The next session is **Tues. Feb. 17th at Noon.**

Community Events

Manna Pantry:

February: pancake mix and syrup
March: Tuna

Project Starburst:

Cereal
Fruit – any kind

Grade School

Kleenex, shampoo, toothpaste/brushes, soap, underwear, sweatpants (neutral colors), socks. Sizes for children to fifth grade. Also hats, mittens, scarves, sweatshirts

DINNER EIGHTS RE-BOOT

The Ministry Leadership Team would like to invite interested members to be part of the Dinner Eights re-boot, beginning in April, 2026. Dinner Eights was designed as a groups of eight people who wanted to get to know one another better outside of Sunday mornings. The groups of eight met at one another's homes, pot luck style, or a restaurant of the coordinator's choice. They met monthly, on a date chosen by the group, for three months, then the groups were scrambled so that for the next three months different people were together in groups of eight, and so on. This is our re-boot proposal:

We will be Dinner Sixes! We have become smaller so the number can be smaller! Nedra Neuman and Carol Wilson will initiate Dinner Sixes, first with a preference survey, and then selection of the first groups of sixes. If we end up with odd numbers, no worries, we will absorb so that at least six will be together. This can be a couple, single, friends, family, etc. that would like to know more about their neighbors in the pew.

So...If you would be interested in being part of such a team, complete the survey that will be available in your bulletin for the next four weeks, and then watch for additional information in the March Messenger. The goal is to begin meeting in April for the months of April, May and June. "Guidelines" will be presented after the survey is completed.

Please complete the survey, even if you aren't interested in participating. It will help our Ministry Leadership Team plan and develop future events as well as Dinner Sixes.

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