

Lord of the Valley Lutheran Church

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LOTV Worship with Holy Communion

Sunday, February 15, 2026 Transfiguration of Our Lord

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.

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Greeting / Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

Because Lord of the Valley is a welcoming church, we take a moment to share Christ's peace and greet one another, especially if there is someone you haven't met, so that we can worship together in peace and unity.

Confession & 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 sometimes serve our own interests
at the expense of our neighbors.
We sometimes sow deceit where honesty is needed.
We say the right words,
but our hearts are far from you.**

**Shine your light upon our hearts,
and 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.**

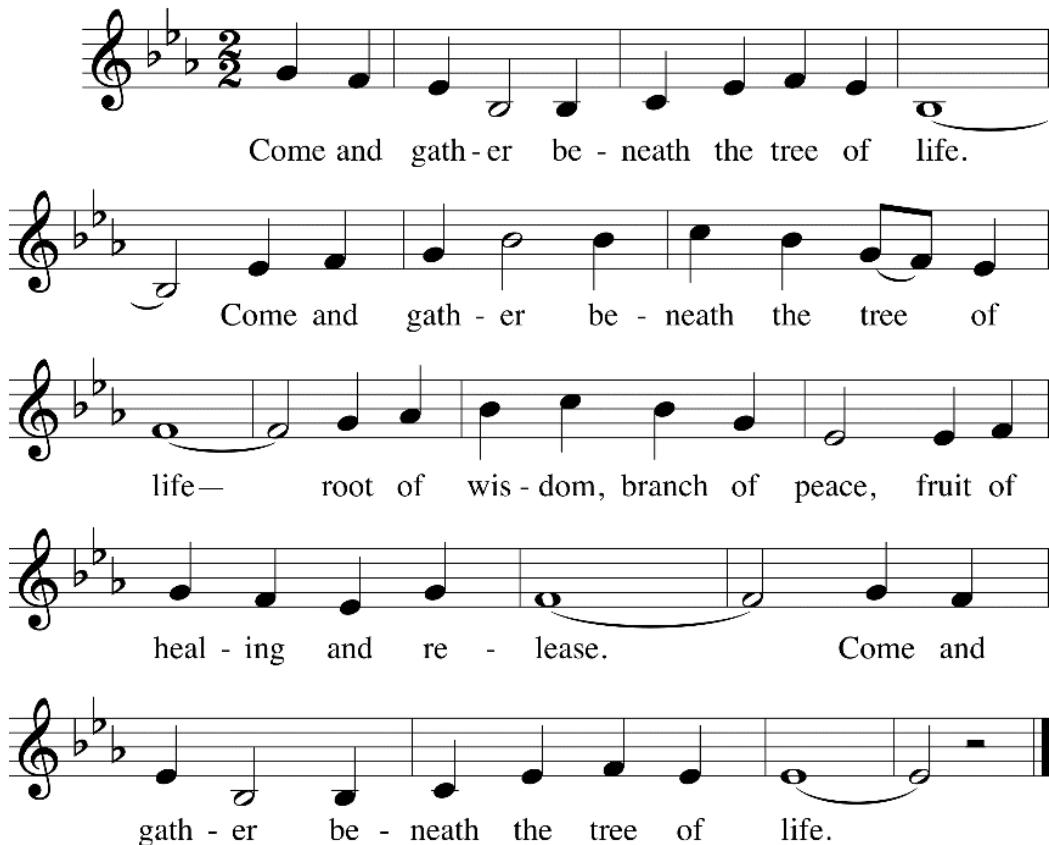
P: The former things have passed away,
and God declares you a new creation:
Like a spring of water that never fails,
God covers you in the righteousness of Christ,
and forgives your sin in [†] Jesus' name.
May God's Spirit give you strength to live for others,
and bless you with the gift of peace.

C: **The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. Thanks be to God!**

Tree of Life

Gathering Song "Come and Gather Beneath the Tree of Life"

Refrain



The musical notation consists of five staves of music in G clef, B-flat key signature, and 2/4 time. The melody is primarily in eighth notes. The lyrics are integrated into the music, with the first staff containing the first line of the refrain, and subsequent staves containing the body of the song and the second line of the refrain. The lyrics are as follows:

Come and gath - er be - neath the tree of life.

Come and gath - er be - neath the tree of

life— root of wis - dom, branch of peace, fruit of

heal - ing and re - lease. Come and

gath - er be - neath the tree of life.

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Verses



1. Here we raise the sav - ing cross of
2. Flow - ing from this tree of grace and
3. Come and drink the wa - ters of sal -
4. Here be - neath the branch - es of your



Je - sus, sing - ing praise to him who
pas - sion, Oh how sweet the taste, how
va - tion, come and die to sin, rise
mer - cy, we in - voke your name, re -

To Refrain



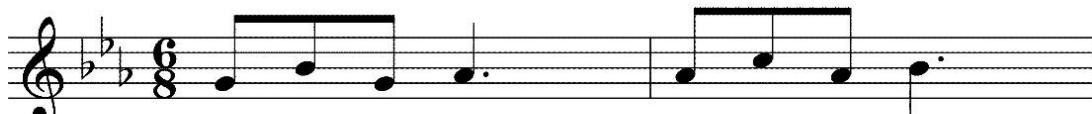
leads us on from death in - to new life.
deep and rich the well - spring of your love.
up to life with - in the Reign of God.
mem - ber how your love has set us free.

Greeting

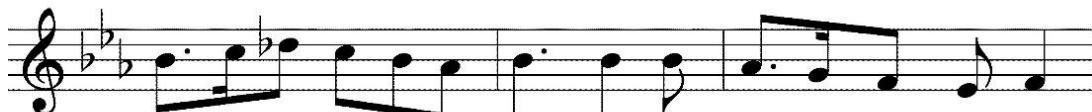
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and
the communion of the Holy Spirit,
be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

Glory to God



Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God,



glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple,



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

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.**

WORD

Scriptures

Exodus 24:12-18

¹²The 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.” ¹³So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the mountain of God. ¹⁴To 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.”

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 Israelites. ¹⁸Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

R: The word of God for the people of God.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

2 Peter 1:16-21

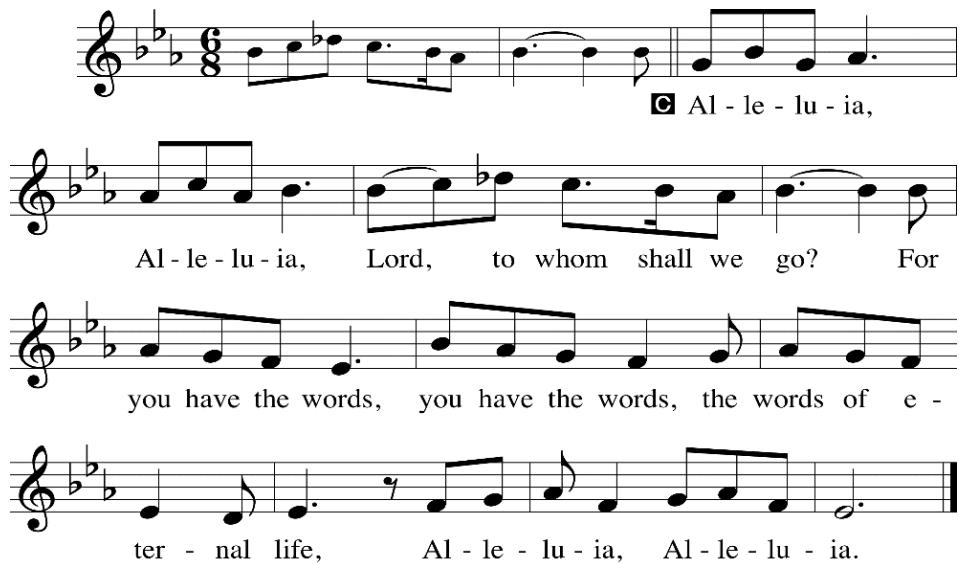
¹⁶We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, my 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.

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Gospel Acclamation



C Al - le - lu - ia,
Al - le - lu - ia, Lord, to whom shall we go? For
you have the words, you have the words, the words of e -
ter - nal life, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

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."

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Children's Message and Sunday School Dismissal

Sermon

Song of the Day**"Beautiful Savior"**

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1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - - ior, Lord of the na - tions,

Son of God and Son of Man!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Son of God and Son of Man!

Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er
Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,

light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
he makes our sor - - rowing spir - it sing.
than all the an - - gels in the sky.
now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Prayers of the People

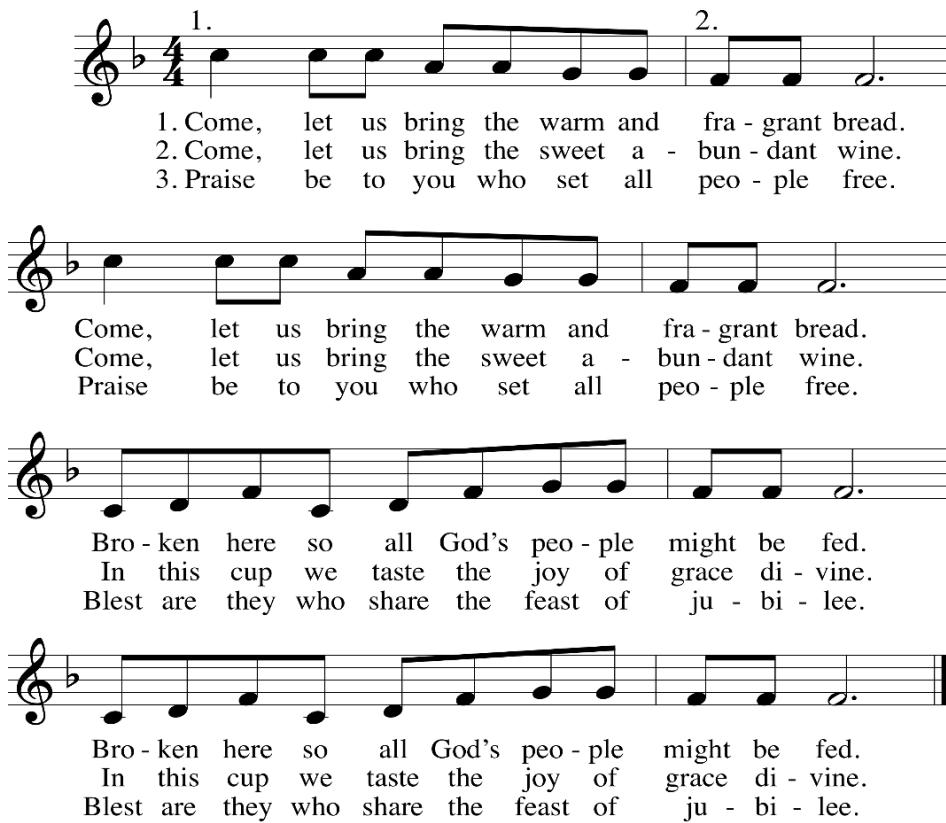
A: Merciful God,
C: receive our prayer.

MEAL

Offering

Offering Response

"Come, Let us Bring"



1.

1. Come, let us bring the warm and fra - grant bread.
2. Come, let us bring the sweet a - bun - dant wine.
3. Praise be to you who set all peo - ple free.

2.

Come, let us bring the warm and fra - grant bread.
Come, let us bring the sweet a - bun - dant wine.
Praise be to you who set all peo - ple free.

3.

Bro - ken here so all God's peo - ple might be fed.
In this cup we taste the joy of grace di - vine.
Blest are they who share the feast of ju - bi - lee.

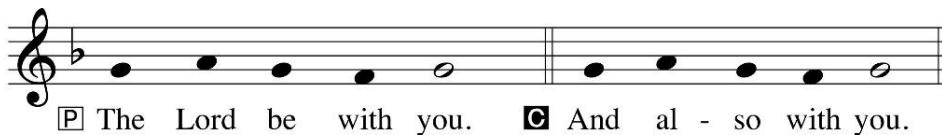
4.

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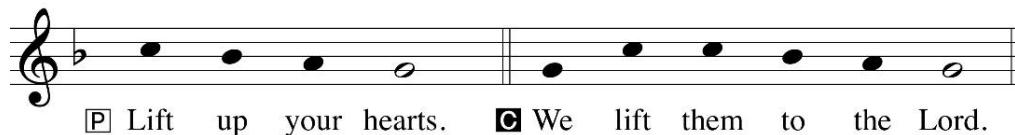
Offering Prayer

P: God of goodness and growth,
C: **all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is sure. Word and water, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Receive the gifts we bring, and nourish us to carry your light into the world, through Jesus Christ, our light and our song. Amen.**

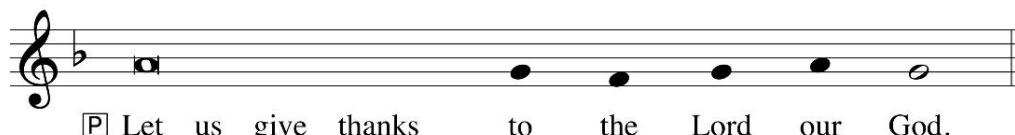
The Great Thanksgiving



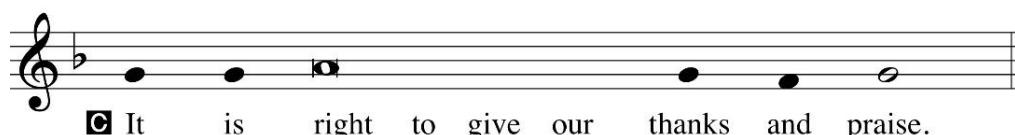
P The Lord be with you. C And al - so with you.



P Lift up your hearts. C We lift them to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

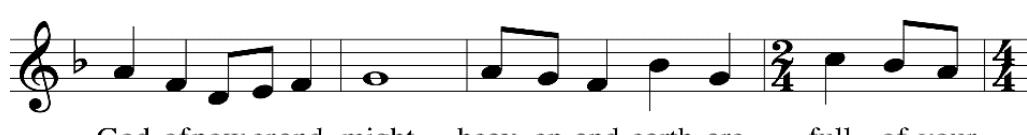


C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right and good...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



C Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord,



God of pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your



glo-ry. Ho - san-na, ho - san-na, ho - san-na in the



high - est. Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na, ho - san - na, ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

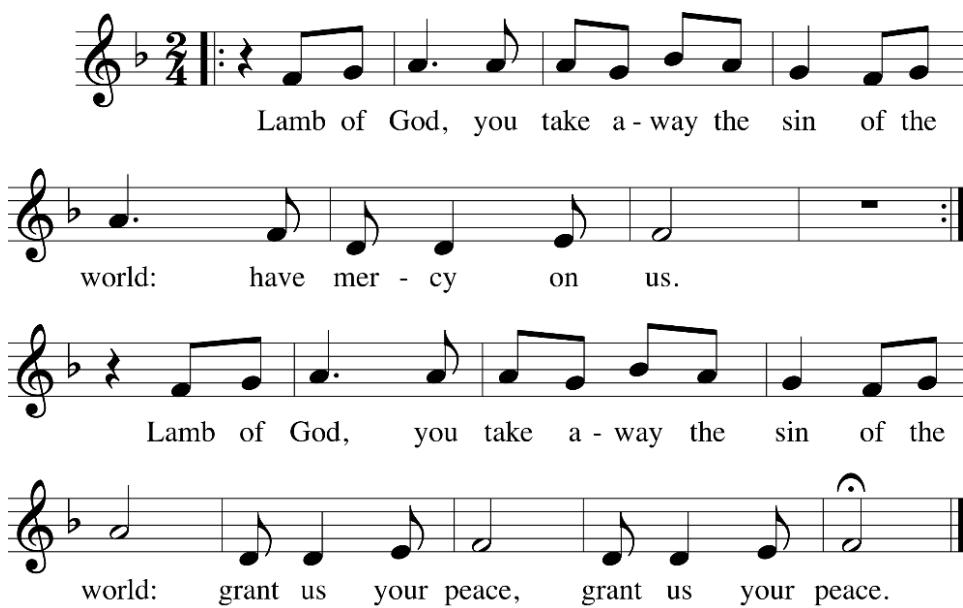
P: Lord, remember us in your love and teach us to pray.

C: **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.**

Distribution of Communion

We invite all who come in faith to the Lord's Table as we celebrate Holy Communion in our worship today. For those who prefer, grape juice and gluten free wafers are available, let the server know as you approach. Those not communing are welcome to come forward for a blessing.

Lamb of God



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 your peace, grant us your peace.

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

C: **Amen**

P: Life-giving God, in this meal you have bound us to yourself, at this table we have received the very presence of Jesus Christ. Send us now to be what we have received, that all creation might know your love and sing your praise now and always.

C: **Amen**

SENDING

Blessing

Sending Song "How Great is Our God"

Verse 1

The splendor of the King
Clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice
All the earth rejoice
He wraps Himself in light
And darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice
And trembles at His voice

Chorus

How great is our God
Sing with me
How great is our God
And all will see how great
How great is our God

Verse 2

And age to age He stands
And time is in His hands
Beginning and the End
Beginning and the End
The Godhead three in one
Father Spirit Son
The Lion and the Lamb
The Lion and the Lamb

Chorus

How great is our God
Sing with me
How great is our God
And all will see how great
How great is our God

Bridge

Name above all names
Worthy of all praise
My heart will sing
How great is our God

Chorus x2 (2nd time acapella, no instruments)

How great is our God
Sing with me
How great is our God
And all will see how great
How great is our God

Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Shine the light of Christ in the world.

C: Thanks be to God! And we will!