

Transfiguration Sunday

February 15th, 2026

9:30 a.m. Worship



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~ The people of Como Park Lutheran Church

TODAY'S COFFEE HOUR
will immediately follow the service.

Please join us for some coffee and light snacks in the Narthex.

This service will be broadcast live on YouTube
and recorded for later viewing.

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ADULT FORUM & UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY	Friends of Huruma: Chris Smith
TODAY	Organ Concert Series: Emily R. E. Roth
02/18/2026	Ash Wednesday Soup Supper: Hosted by CPLC Youth Group - 5:15pm
02/18/2026	Ash Wednesday Service - 6:30pm
02/22/2026	New Member Conversation
02/22/2026	Project Home and Interfaith Action: Rachel Morey



Regular - Liturgist
Bold - Congregation
✠ - Stand as able



ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

Prelude on “Deo Gracias”

Gerald Near

WELCOME, GREETING, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

✠CONFESSIO AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
who alone does wonders,
who lifts up the lowly,
who fills the hungry with good things.
Amen.

Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and one another.

~ Silence is kept for reflection. ~

God for whom we wait,
in the presence of one another, we confess our sin before you. We fail in believing that your good news is for us. We falter in our call to tend your creation. We find our sense of self in material wealth. We fear those different from ourselves. We forget that we are your children and turn away from your love. Forgive us, Blessed One, and assure us again of your saving grace. Amen.

God, in Christ Jesus, has looked with favor upon you! Through the power of the Holy Spirit, + your sins are forgiven. You are children of the Most High, inheritors of the eternal promise, and recipients of divine mercy. God strengthens you anew to follow the way of peace.
Amen.

✠OPENING HYMN

Light Shone in Darkness

ELW 307

✠THE APOSTOLIC GREETING (2 Corinthians 13:14)

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

✠KYRIE

ELW 157

Assistant: In peace, in peace,

Let us pray to the Lord, have mer - cy,
 Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have
 mer - cy.

Assistant: For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all... (Refrain)

Assistant: For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word... (Refrain)

Help, save and de - fend us, O God.
 A - - - men.

✱NOW THE FEAST

ELW 167

Refrain

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,
all of cre - a - tion sings for joy
to the God of life and love and
free - dom: praise and glo - ry for ev -
er - more!

Verse 1:

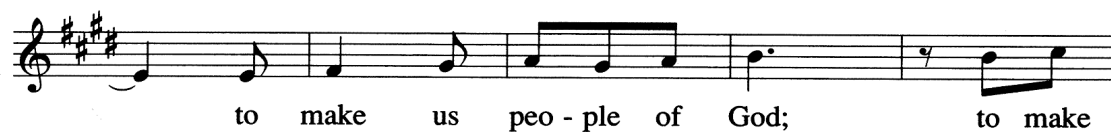
1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once
slain, whose blood has freed and u -
nit - ed us to be one great



Verse 2



Verse 3



✠PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray...

**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.**

THE WORD

FIRST READING: 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.

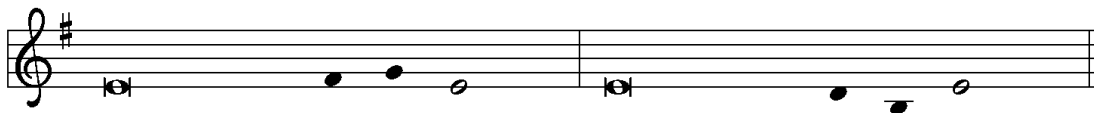
¹⁷Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel.

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

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 2



- ¹Why 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.**
- ⁵Then 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."**
- ⁷Let 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.**
- ⁹You 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.**
- ¹¹Submit 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 For 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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

✠GOSPEL VERSE

Congregation:

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we

go? You have the words of e - ter - nal

life. Al - le - lu - ia! *Repeat optional*

✠GOSPEL: Matthew 17:1-9

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mathew the Seventeenth Chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

- 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 dazzling white.
- 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 make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."
- ⁵ While 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!"
- 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 looked up, 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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rebecca Numainville

(Jesus Loves Me! ELW 595)

SERMON

Pastor Martin Ericson

✠SERMON HYMN

Oh, Wondrous Image, Vision Fair

ELW 316

✠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 to the dead.

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

... Lord, in your mercy,
... hear our prayer.

✠THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

THE MEAL

OFFERING

Go Up to the Mountain of God

Michael Helman

CPLChoir and Sue Woodhall, flute

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✠OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray...

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

✠WORDS OF INSTITUTION (1 Corinthians 11:23-26)

In the night in which he was betrayed...
... Do this for the remembrance of me.

✠THE LORD'S PRAYER (Matthew 6:9-13; Revelation 11:15)

Lord remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be 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.

DISTRIBUTION

Everyone is welcome at the Lord's table. If you come forward and extend your hand, you will be served the bread. A gluten free option is available. If you do not extend your hand, you will be given a blessing. Both red wine and white grape juice are at the second station, and there is a basket for empty cups as you return to your seat.

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have
you break the chains of ha - tred and fear:
you are the way of jus - tice and peace:
you are the way of mer - cy and love:
mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, your take a - way the sins of the world:
grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

✠POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his peace.

Amen.

✠POST COMMUNION PRAYER

We give you thanks, O God, that you make your home with us, bringing heaven to earth in this holy meal. Fill us with your Spirit as we go from here, that we may wipe away tears, tend to those in mourning and pain, seek the healing of the nations, and bring to earth the presence of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

THE SENDING

✠BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace
Amen.

✠CLOSING HYMN

Arise, your Light Has Come

ELW 314

✠DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Finale from Fifteen Pieces

Marcel Dupre

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Pam B.	Tyler F. (brother-in-law of Ginger F.)
Dorothy E.	J.J. K. (great grandson of Bill H.)
Kathy H.	Joe (friend of Sandra H.)
Ann L.	Cheryl & Jim (quilter & husband)
Heather Q.	Nichole (friend of Como Connects)
Ruth R.	Randy (friend of Deb S.)

... and all in need of prayers

We welcome names of members, family, and friends on our prayer list.

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Serving in the Military

Dane Beecham, Jonathan Lund, Kristian Nelson
... and all others who serve

✂ ✂ ✂

**We pray regularly for all members and friends of our congregation.
This week in worship, we pray for:**

Cathy & Mark Gagné, Tim, Megan Anderson
Robert & Renee Gall, Mathew
Dan Garvin & Debbie Kmetz
Marilyn Gomez
Hunter Gordon & Kristin Murch, Scout, Finn, Grady
Brita Grafstrom
Peter & Laura Grafstrom, Anders, Sonja

ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP

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Director of Music Ministries: Tom Ferry

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

Date	February 15, 2026
Time	9:30 AM
Acolyte	Harper O'Brien
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Communion Asst 1	Darrell Anderson
Communion Asst 2	Jonathan Nye
Greeter	Heidi Bannit
Coffee Servers	David & Nahoko Person
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USHER TEAM

Team Two: Sandra Hirsch, Kevin Johnson, Mark Bly



Announcements



February 18th - Ash Wednesday Service and Soup Supper

Join us for a youth-hosted Soup Supper before worship on February 18th. Dinner will be served from 5:15 - 6:15 pm, featuring Chicken Tortilla Soup with toppings or classic tomato soup.

A suggested donation of \$8 is appreciated. **All proceeds support camp scholarships and youth programming.**

Ash Wednesday worship with Eucharist will follow at 6:30 pm.

This service will include the Imposition of Ashes. Ashes mark our repentance and remind us of our mortality: "earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust." Made from burned Palm Sunday branches, they remind us how quickly our "Hallelujahs" can turn to "Crucify Him." All are welcome to come forward to receive ashes and hear, "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." Join us for this solemn beginning of Lent.



February 19, 2026 at 6:00 PM – Craft Night

This event happens every 3rd Thursday of every month from 6-8 PM in the Fireside Room. **All are welcome!** Bring any craft you're working on, whether it is knitting, crocheting, embroidery, quilting, etc, or just come to enjoy community.

February 22 - Project Home and Interfaith Action: Rachel Morey

Stay after service to hear about Interfaith Action, a nonprofit that mobilizes people of faith to fight poverty. Their Project Home provides 24/7 support for families facing homelessness, including emergency shelter, meals, case management, housing and employment assistance, childcare, school support, financial education, and on-site mental health therapy. Learn how this interfaith initiative helps families



February 22 - New Member Conversation

Interested in becoming a member of CPLC? Join us for a conversation about Lutheranism, CPLC's vision, ministry, and programs. This is a great chance to meet other participants, get to know Pastor Marty, and connect with congregational leaders. If you or someone you know is interested, please email the church office at office@comoparklutheran.org or contact **Pastor Marty**.

2026 MISSION AUCTION

SATURDAY MARCH 14TH

5:30PM - 8PM

Theme: Roaring 20s

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FEBRUARY 15, 2026
TRANSFIGURATION
OF OUR LORD



Disciples have a mountaintop experience.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Matthew 17:1-9	Transfiguration of Jesus
Monday	Exodus 24:12-18	Moses goes up to Mt. Sinai
Tuesday	2 Peter 1:16-21	Eyewitnesses of Christ's glory
Wednesday	Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21	Giving, praying, and fasting
Thursday	Genesis 8:1-22	The Lord's promise for the earth
Friday	Genesis 22:1-19	The Lord will provide
Saturday	Psalms 2	The Lord's chosen king
Sunday	Matthew 4:1-11	Temptation of Jesus

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

*But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid."
And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.*

Matthew 17:7-8 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Almighty and eternal God, help us to be aware of your saving presence in our lives and in our world, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest, and let this food to us be blessed; and let there be a goodly share, on every table, everywhere. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the Lord give you comfort and strength.



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FEBRUARY 15, 2026

HYMN OF THE WEEK

Jesus on the Mountain

Peak



taking 
faith
home

WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS



Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- When is a time you felt God's presence in your life?
- When Jesus was transfigured, a voice from heaven said, "*Listen to him.*" How do you hear and listen to Jesus?

DEVOTIONS



Read: Matthew 17:1-9.

In the midst of the challenges and hurts of everyday life, it can be a gift and a source of comfort and strength to have a "God moment" experience. It happened to Peter, James, and John. It also happens to us, that sense that God is near and all is well. Our comfort is not just in any god or spiritual experience, but one that links us to Jesus, the Son of God. He is the one who came to die on another mountain, Golgotha. However, this mountain experience brings together Jesus, Moses, Elijah, and unprepared disciples. What makes this moment a valued "God moment" is that the disciples are comforted by the words, "*do not be afraid*" (v.7) and their focus becomes exclusively on Jesus alone. What a moment and a gift it is to see Jesus before us and at peace with no need to be afraid.

Discuss: When have you had a special moment that gave you a comforting sense that Jesus was with you?

Pray: **Dear God, help us to see Jesus in our mountaintop highs and in our valley lows, and may that vision give us courage, comfort, and strength to be your faithful followers. Amen.**

SERVICE



Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how can you be a good listener to someone who is in need of a listening ear?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



In Exodus 24, Moses went up on a cloud-covered mountain for forty days and forty nights. We are about to enter another 40-day period of prayer and fasting as we prepare for Ash Wednesday this week. The day before is called Shrove Tuesday and is recognized around the world as a day to eat fattening foods, especially pancakes. Prepare a pancake feast on Tuesday this week to enjoy with friends and family. After feasting, say this blessing: **May God bless you through your journey this Lent.**



In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: www.milestonesministry.org

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