

Welcome to Shepherd of the Desert
Evangelical Lutheran Church
Sun City, AZ



Transfiguration of Our Lord
February 15, 2026

Mission Statement

"To be a congregation that puts the Love of Christ into action from one generation to another and from our community to our world".

 Please stand in body or spirit.

Preludes

Words of Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
To you, O God,

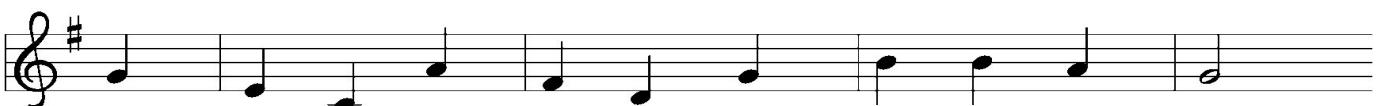
C **all hearts are open, to you all desires known. We come to you, confessing our sins. Forgive us in your mercy, and remember us in your love. Show us your ways; teach us your paths; and lead us in justice and truth, for the sake of your goodness in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

P By water and the Holy Spirit God gives you a new birth, and through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, God forgives you all your sins. The God of mercy and might strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life.

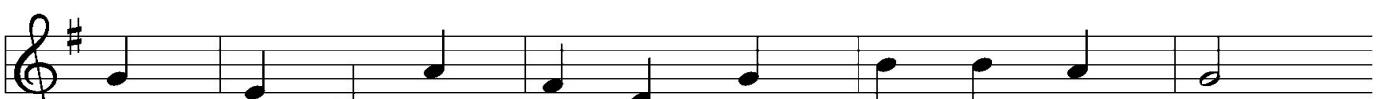
C Amen.

Gathering Hymn Immortal, Invisible, Glory Only Wise

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1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light;



in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;



most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of - Days,
thy jus - tice like moun-tains high soar - ing a - bove
we blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
all laud we would ren - der; oh, help us to see



al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise!
thy clouds which are foun-tains of good - ness and love.
and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.
'tis on - ly the splen-dor of light hid - eth thee!

Prayer of the Day

A The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.

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

Pew Bible

L The word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

The Psalm: Psalm 2

Pew Bible

¹ Why are the nations in an uproar?

Why do the peoples mutter I 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 heaven is laughing;
the LORD holds them in derision.

5 Then in wrath God I speaks to them,
and in rage fills I them with terror.

6 “As for me, I have anointed 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- I 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 ¹kings, be wise;
be warned, you ¹rulers of the earth.

11 Submit to the LORD with fear,
and with trembling I bow in wo

12 lest the LORD be angry, and you perish in a sudden blaze of wrath.
Happy are all who take refuge in God!

Second Reading: 2 Peter 1:16-21

Pew Bible

L The word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

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

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

Pew Bible

P The Gospel of Our Lord
C **Thanks be to God**

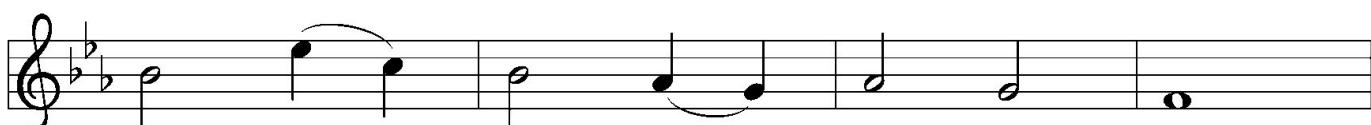
Message

Hymn of the Day Beautiful Savior

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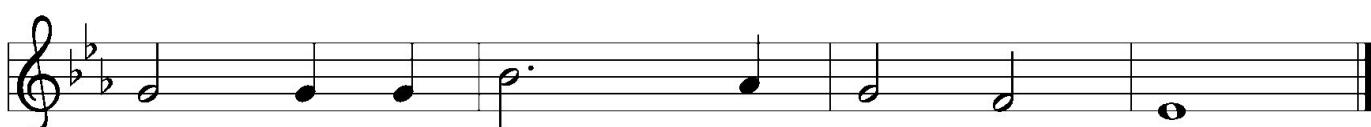
1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,



Son of God and Son of Man!
Son of God and Son of Man!
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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 - an spir - it sing.
than all the for - ev er - more in the sky.
now and for - ev er - more be thine!

Apostles Creed

A With the whole church let us confess our faith

C **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 of the Gathered Community

Each petition ends with:

A Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

A Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C **Amen.**

Share the Peace

Offering Music

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

¶ Prayer at the Table

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

¶ Holy, Holy, Holy

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Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of pow'r and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory, full of your glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

P 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.

Remembering, therefore, his acts of healing, his body given up, and his victory over death, we await that day when all the peoples of the earth will come to the river to enjoy the tree of life.

Send your Spirit upon us and this meal: as grains scattered on the hillside become one bread, so let your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth, that all may be fed with the Bread of life, your Son. Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

C **Amen**

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

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.

Invitation to Communion

P There's a place for everyone at the table. All are welcome here.

☩ 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, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

Special Music

☩ Post-Communion Blessing

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

C Amen

☩ Post-Communion Prayer

A Let us pray. 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.

Sending of Communion to the Homebound and Ventana Winds

☩ Blessing

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

C Amen.

{Verse 1}

Lord, the light of your love is shining,
In the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us
Set us free by the truth you now bring us
Shine on me, shine on me:

{Chorus}

Shine, Jesus, shine
Fill this land with the Father's glory
Blaze, Spirit, blaze
Set our hearts on fire
Flow, river, flow
Flood the nations with grace and mercy
Send forth your word
Lord, and let there be light

{Verse 2}

As we gaze on your kingly brightness,
So our faces display your likeness,
Ever changing from glory to glory,
Mirrored here, may our lives tell your story
Shine on me, shine on me:

 **Dismissal**

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Shepherd of the Desert Announcements

Church office will be closed Monday February 16th. We will have Bible Study and Tea Tasting as planned.

Tea Tasting with Sherry Shenkman Come and try different types of teas and how they pair with chocolate. **February 16th at 11:00 am** in the Founders Room. Make sure to sign up so we can plan for you!

Ash Wednesday February 18th at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Midweek Lenten Feb.25th. Soup Supper starts at 6 p.m. This week we will have a representative from Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest. One of our recipients of Mission of the Month.

Organ Stop Pizza Outing Sunday Feb. 22nd. We are going to Organ Stop! We will meet at the church to carpool. You can also meet us there if you would like to drive on your own. We will leave the church at 2 pm. Make sure to sign up so we can plan on rides if needed. Join us for a fun outing!

Monday Morning Bible Study 10:00 a.m. in the Founders Room. Remember to bring your Bible and a beverage. We will be reading the lessons for the upcoming weekend services.

Choir Rehearsals Come and join Kevin DeYager, our Sunday Organist, as we rehearse choir music for the upcoming services. The next rehearsal is Tuesday Feb.17th in the Sanctuary at 2:00 p.m.

Ladies Book Club Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. The Book they are reading is The Story of Ruth by Liz Curtis Higgs. The cost is \$5.00. Please reach out to Nancy Fisher if you need a book.

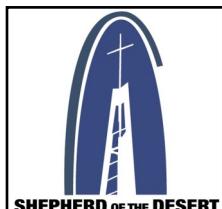
Mission of the Month - February - Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest.

They respond to Arizona's changing needs by compassionately offering quality services and resources that contribute to a stronger healthier Arizona for all people.



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