

Season of Epiphany

Crafting the Liturgy — Seasonal Planning Page

The season of Epiphany is called “The Season of Light,” as the light of Christ has shined in the darkness of our lives. It is the culmination of all of our Advent waiting and watching and of all of our Christmas awakenings. It begins and ends with major festival days in the church year: the Feast of the Epiphany, the Baptism of Our Lord, and the Transfiguration. These days reveal the truth of Jesus’ identity: King of kings and Son of God.

SUGGESTIONS FOR THE SEASON

The following are some ideas for helping to make the season distinct and memorable. Congregations are free to adapt these suggestions, or follow the customs of the congregation.

Preparing the Worship Space

During the Season of Light, consider adding more candles to the altar and chancel space to help worshipers focus on the theme of light. Different sorts of lanterns may be used to convey the message of light pervading darkness.

Liturgical Color

White is the color of the day for the Feast of the Epiphany, the Baptism of our Lord, and the Transfiguration of Our Lord. The other Sundays in Epiphany are green.

Alternate Worship Texts

Consider using the alternate prayers and texts for worship during Epiphany, unless you used alternate prayers during Advent and Christmas and want to return to a familiar setting. Changing parts of the liturgy seasonally can keep worshipers paying attention to what is being said and done in worship, as things tend to be rote with familiarity.

The Gathering

Use the Hymn of Praise “Glory to God” during Epiphany.

The Word

Consider using the song “Change My Heart, O God” (CCLI# 1565) as the Gospel Acclamation for Epiphany.

Consider preaching a sermon series on First Corinthians. Six of the Sundays in Epiphany have a second lesson from this letter. Possible themes might include:

Epiphany 2: Gifted in Christ

Epiphany 3: United in Christ

Epiphany 4: Fools for Christ

Epiphany 5: The Mind of Christ

Epiphany 6: Growth in Christ

Epiphany 7: Christ, Our Sure Foundation

The Creed

Use the Apostles’ Creed on Green Sundays and the Nicene Creed on White Sundays.

The Offering

Consider using the hymn *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* for the Offertory during Epiphany. (WOV 649; LSB 411; ELW 815)

REMINDERS FOR THE SEASON

- ✕ The Feast of the Epiphany is on January 6th, a Friday this year. Consider hosting a special youth event to honor the day. You can include the following themes: arrival of the wisemen, the star of Bethlehem, and light.
- ✕ The Baptism of Our Lord would be an appropriate day for the Sacrament of Holy Baptism if you have anyone preparing for the sacrament.
- ✕ Remember to have the Alleluias ready to hide for the Transfiguration of Our Lord. There are copy-ready “alleluia” strips on SOWeR’s Epiphany Seasonal Page.
- ✕ Also on SOWeR, check out the alternate hymn texts by Pastor Mark Ryman for the season of Epiphany. They are listed on each individual worship page online as well as being the first hymn on the Worship Worksheets. The hymn tune is a familiar one for easy singing.

LESSER FESTIVALS

Jan. 18–25: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. This international, ecumenical observance focuses on church unity among denominations of Christian believers. It begins with the Confession of St. Peter on Jan. 18 and ends with the Conversion of St. Paul on Jan. 25.

COMMEMORATIONS

Jan. 15: Martin Luther King, Jr. (January 15, 1929 – April 4, 1968), Renewer of Society. Dr. King, an American Baptist pastor, was martyred in Memphis, Tenn., after many years of working in the American civil rights movement. He organized marches, preached freedom, and helped to mobilize a movement toward equal rights for African Americans.

Feb. 5: Jacob (Israel) (2006 BC – 1859 BC), Patriarch. Father of the 12 Tribes of Israel.

IDEAS FOR FAMILIES THIS SEASON

The Blessing of the Doorway

Consider encouraging families to do a blessing of the doorways to their homes. Hand out instructions on how families can do this together as a devotional practice. Read Matthew 2:1–12, then mark the doorways with chalk in this way: 20 + C + M + B + 17 which connotes the year, 2017, the first initial of the traditional names of the Wise Men (Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar) and three crosses.

Holy Families

Be sure to check out these great resources for families that SOLA has to offer! You can find them at www.holyfamilytime.com

Feast of the Epiphany

January 6, 2026

Feast of the Epiphany

The revelation of Jesus Christ is good news for all nations. Light pervades the season of Epiphany as God shows many times over who his Son is and why he came to humanity as one of us in the flesh. As the wise men bring precious gifts to the child, we are reminded of the danger of the situation. God's word to the Magi kept the infant Jesus safe for a time, but there will always be enemies of the Gospel.



THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE TEXTS

Isaiah 60:1-6

The Glory of God Rises

The prophet said that Israel will rise out of the darkness of their exile as the glory of the Lord has risen upon them. No longer will darkness be their reality; radiant light will cover them as exiles return home to Jerusalem and families are reunited.

Psalm 72:1-11 (12-15)

Prayers for Wisdom

The psalmist prayed for wisdom and discernment for the king so that he might rule the people in righteousness, look out for the poor and needy, and punish cruel tyrants. This king is empathetic with his people. When they suffer, he suffers.

Ephesians 3:1-12

The Mystery of Christ

Paul explained the mystery of Christ that was unknown to people before Jesus — that the Gentiles are fellow heirs of the promises of God. The promises of Jesus Christ are extended to all nations through the saving Gospel, and those who were once strangers are now fellow members of the body.

Matthew 2:1-12

Search for the King of the Jews

The Magi came to Jerusalem asking where they could find the babe born in Bethlehem. Threatened by the news of a new Jewish king, King Herod sends them to find the baby and report back to him under the guise of wanting also to “worship” him. Coming to the house where Mary and Jesus were, the wise men honored the child with gifts. But, having been warned in a dream, they kept their experience to themselves.

Suggestions for the Sunday:

Liturgical Color: White

For the Feast of the Epiphany:

- Use the Kyrie.
- Use “Glory to God” as the Hymn of Praise.
- Use the Nicene Creed for the Feast of the Epiphany.
- Some congregations may choose to use these lessons for the Feast of the Epiphany in worship on Jan. 1 instead of the lessons for Christmas 1.
- Use the door blessing found on the Seasonal Page for Epiphany or make copies for families to use at home.

SUGGESTED HYMNS FOR WORSHIP

Hymn Titles:

	LBW	WOV	LSB	ELW	REC	Sola
All Praise to You, O Lord	78	---	---	---	---	web
We Three Kings of Orient Are	---	646	---	---	130	130
As with Gladness Men of Old	82	---	397	302	128	128
Bright and Glorious is the Sky	75	---	---	301	131	131
Arise, Your Light Has Come	---	652	---	314	---	---
Shine, Jesus, Shine	---	651	---	671	---	---
O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!	76	---	395	308	129	---
Christ Be Our Light	---	---	---	715	---	---
Brightest and Best	84	---	400	303	---	---
The Doxology	---	---	---	---	---	web

The hymn suggestions above can be found in: LBW = Lutheran Book of Worship, WO = With One Voice, ELW = Evangelical Lutheran Worship (Augsburg Fortress); LSB = The Lutheran Service Book (Concordia Publishing), REC = The ReClaim Hymnal for Church and Home (ReClaim Resources), and *** means you can find it on SOWeR at “Hymns and Music.”

CONTEMPORARY SONGS

Praise Song Titles

Glory to God
(CCLI# 3189346)
My Life is in Your Hands
(CCLI# 1413688)
This Little Light of Mine
(CCLI# 34680)
Endless Light
(CCLI# 6177300)
Shine, Jesus, Shine
(CCLI # 30426)

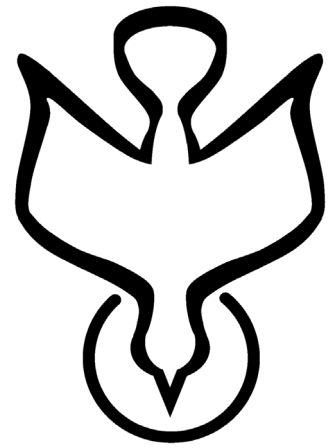
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Baptism of Our Lord

January 11, 2026

Epiphany 1

The voice of the Father from heaven brings fear and trembling, but also the assurance that Jesus is the chosen and beloved Son of God. The Son speaks and acts in the world, pointing the way to a new life lived in the fullness of the presence of God. Through the waters of Baptism each of us are called God's "beloved" and sent out into the world God loves to proclaim the holy reign of God.



THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE TEXTS

Isaiah 42:1-9

God's Light Will Be Revealed

The prophet Isaiah promised that God's Spirit shall bring justice to the nations through his servant Israel. This shall be accomplished not through the means of violence or arrogance, but through steadfast attention to God's ways and faithful guidance. Through Israel, God's light shall be revealed to all nations.

Psalms 29

The Power in the Lord's Voice

The psalmist extolled the majestic aspects of the Lord and his voice. The voice of the Lord upon the waters is full of glory; it is powerful and full of splendor, making all creation tremble and shake.

Romans 6:1-11

Dead to Sin, Alive in Christ

Paul instructed the Romans in a very important aspect of the faith: Sin kills, but Christ brings to life. Therefore, we are not to remain in sin simply because we have a forgiving and loving God. On the contrary, we are given the gift of new life in Christ and are called to walk in the newness of life.

Matthew 3:13-17

God's Beloved Son

Jesus' public ministry began with his baptism by John the Baptist at the River Jordan. His ministry is launched following the anointing of the Holy Spirit and God's public declaration of Jesus' identity as his beloved Son. All who hear should understand that throughout his ministry, Jesus speaks and acts for God because he is One with God.

Suggestions for the Sunday:

Liturgical Color: White

On this Festival Day:

- Use the Kyrie.
- Use the Hymn of Praise "Glory to God."
- Use the Nicene Creed.
- Consider using the Litany for Baptism in place of the Prayers of the People for "The Baptism of Our Lord." It can be found on the Seasonal Page for Epiphany.
- Encourage families to remember their baptisms. If you don't have a collection of baptismal anniversaries for the congregation, consider collecting those and making a list.

SUGGESTED HYMNS FOR WORSHIP

Hymn Titles:

	LBW	WOV	LSB	ELW	REC	Sola
When Jesus Came from Galilee	---	---	---	---	---	web
All Who Believe and Are Baptized	194	---	601	442	75	75
Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies	265	---	873	553	164	164
Songs of Thankfulness and Praise	90	---	394	310	---	---
O One with God the Father	77	---	---	---	---	web
Let All Things Now Living	557	---	---	881	---	---
God Whose Almighty Word	400	---	---	673	---	---
Baptized in Water	---	693	---	456	---	---
Shall We Gather at the River	---	690	---	423	275	275
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing	499	---	686	807	227	227

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CONTEMPORARY SONGS

Praise Song Titles:

There is One Reason
(CCLI# 6167547)
Baptism (In the Desert a Voice)
(CCLI# 228410)
Our God
(CCLI# 5677416)
God of Wonders
(CCLI# 3118757)
Better is One Day
(CCLI# 1097451)

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Epiphany 2

January 18, 2026

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

John the Baptist clearly identifies Jesus as the holy “Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.” His testimony to those who will listen is the truth of what God is doing — offering mercy, forgiveness and reconciliation through the One in whom he is “well pleased.” In bread and wine, water and word, the Lamb offers us forgiveness and mercy and promises to be with us always.



THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE TEXTS

Isaiah 49:1-7

The prophet Isaiah recounted Israel's privileged calling as God's servant. Israel is God's “weapon” to bring faith to an unbelieving world. In fact, through God's faithfulness, the servant who was once despised will be a light to all nations, bringing God's salvation to the ends of the earth.

Psalm 40:1-11

This song tells of the psalmist's relationship with God — the Lord heard the cry of his servant and pulled him out of trouble and near destruction. Blessed is he who trusts in the Lord, who is patient, loves to do God's will, and faithfully proclaims the steadfast goodness and faithfulness of God.

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Paul began his letter to the church in Corinth with greetings, a sincere expression of thankfulness for the testimony of Christ confirmed among them, and a prayer that Christ would sustain them until his return. Those who have been called to be saints of Christ will not be lacking in any spiritual gift.

John 1:29-42a

John the Baptist was fervent in his declaration of Jesus as the Lamb of God — not once, but on two separate occasions. John's clear understanding of his own purpose as one who would point to Jesus, the Lamb, resulted in Andrew and Simon following Jesus and themselves making the confession that He is the Lord's Messiah.

The Lord's Servant

Trust in the Lord

Called to Be Saints

The Lamb of God

Suggestions for the Sunday:

Liturgical Color: Green

During the Season of Epiphany:

- Use the Kyrie OR the Hymn of Praise.
- Use the Apostles' Creed for this Sunday in Epiphany.
- Consider pointing out to young worshipers the connection between this Sunday's Gospel and the Agnus Dei portion of the Holy Communion liturgy. Jesus is the holy Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world, the incarnation of the Paschal Lamb sacrificed at Passover. This connection is a powerful one to make so that all believers understand the forgiveness Christ offers to us.

SUGGESTED HYMNS FOR WORSHIP

Hymn Titles:

	LBW	WOV	LSB	ELW	REC	Sola
The Lamb's Embrace	---	---	---	---	---	web
Son of God, Eternal Savior	364	---	842	655	---	---
A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth	105	---	438	340	135	135
O One with God the Father	77	---	---	---	---	web
Arise, Your Light Has Come	---	652	---	314	---	---
At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing	210	---	633	362	150	150
Hail to the Lord's Anointed	87	---	398	311	---	---
On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry	36	---	344	249	101	101
I, the Lord of Sea and Sky	---	752	---	574	---	---
Rise, Shine, You People!	393	---	825	665	---	---

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CONTEMPORARY SONGS

Praise Song Titles:

Here I Am to Worship
(CCLI# 3266032)
Agnus Dei
(CCLI# 626713)
Lamb of God
(CCLI# 16787)
He is Exalted
(CCLI# 17827)
How Deep the Father's Love for Us
(CCLI# 1558110)

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Epiphany 3

January 25, 2026

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Jesus calls his disciples to follow him on his way. They have no idea what they are in for, but they drop their nets, leave everything behind, and follow. Discipleship is not merely a statement of belief, as in "I am a Christian." It is a radical turning to Jesus in passionate obedience to his holy will in our lives. St. Paul reminds the Corinthians that this includes putting aside all divisions and strife.



THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE TEXTS

Isaiah 9:1-4

Those in Darkness Will See a Great Light

The prophet spoke of the northern tribes of Zebulun and Naphtali, which have been in gloom and anguish living under the oppression of the Assyrian military. Isaiah proclaimed to them God's promise to bring to them the light of his salvation. No longer would God's people suffer in darkness and pain; God would send a deliverer.

Psalm 27:1-9 (10-14)

The Lord of Light

The psalmist boldly declared the blessings of fearless living because the Lord is his light and salvation. There is nothing to fear when God is on our side. Adversaries and foes will fall at the hand of the Lord.

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

The Cross is the Power of God

Paul, having greeted the Corinthian church with prayer and thanksgiving, urged them to put aside all division and enmity. Paul made a bold and profound confession of faith: "For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God."

Matthew 4:12-25

Follow Me

Jesus began his public ministry declaring to those who gathered that, using the words of the prophet Isaiah, the kingdom of God had come near. Jesus then began to call others — James and John, two ordinary fisherman — into his mission of proclaiming the coming of the kingdom.

Liturgical Color: Green

During the Season of Epiphany:

- Use the Kyrie OR the Hymn of Praise.
- Use the Apostles' Creed for this Sunday in Epiphany.
- Consider teaching children (or, if you already know it, singing) the song, "I Will Make You Fishers of Men."
- We live in a world that prizes leaders. Followers get a bad rap, and yet Christ calls us to follow him. He is our leader. What does it mean to be a follower of the Light of the World?
- There is a pattern for a Chinese lantern on the Epiphany Seasonal page of SOWeR that can be used as a craft for today.

SUGGESTED HYMNS FOR WORSHIP

Hymn Titles:	LBW	WOV	LSB	ELW	REC	Sola
Leave Your Nets	---	---	---	---	---	web
Rise, Shine, You People!	393	---	825	665	---	---
You Servants of God	252	---	---	825	---	---
I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light	---	649	411	815	---	---
All Praise to You, O Lord	78	---	---	---	---	web
Salvation Unto Us Has Come	297	---	555	590	---	---
You, Have Come Down to the Lakeshore	---	784	---	817	239	239
Christ, the Life of All the Living	97	---	420	339	218	218
My Faith Looks Up to Thee	479	---	702	759	243	243
Precious Lord, Take My Hand	---	731	739	773	206	206

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CONTEMPORARY SONGS

Praise Song Titles:

How Great is Our God
(CCLI# 4348399)
Open the Eyes of My Heart
(CCLI# 2298355)
I Could Sing of Your Love Forever
(CCLI# 1043199)
Marvelous Light
(CCLI# 4491002)
He is Faithful
(CCLI# 6087902)

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Epiphany 4

February 1, 2026

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

The Scriptures for today remind us of what God requires of his people. Both Micah and the psalmist communicate God's Word to "walk" humbly and blamelessly. This kind of devoted walking may seem like foolishness to those who do not believe in Christ, but for us who walk in the way of the Lord, it is life-giving, joyfully accompanied walking with the One who loves us most.



THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE TEXTS

Micah 6:1-8

The Life of Discipleship

The prophet Micah reminded Israel what God had done for them by bringing them out of Egypt. They continued to be His holy people, chosen and beloved. Yet with this relationship came a call to do that which God commanded — such as showing love, working for justice, and showing deep humility and humbleness.

Psalm 15

God's People Shall Never Be Moved

The psalmist asserted that by following the ways of God in everyday life, Israel would abide in His holy tent on Mount Zion. It isn't always easy to do the right thing, but it is in righteousness that God makes us as immovable as his holy hill.

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

The Word of the Cross is the Power of God

St. Paul told the saints in Corinth that those who would call them fools for believing in Christ are the ones who are perishing. Wisdom is an elusive and misunderstood concept that is hidden under the scandal of the cross. Through Jesus, God shows the world what true wisdom is: lowliness, weakness, and obscurity.

Matthew 5:1-12

True Blessedness

The gospel writer recounted Jesus' words in the Beatitudes, saying that which is blessed in God's kingdom is not what one might expect. Happiness and joy come from situations that are difficult — but they are joyous because it is exactly in those circumstances that Christ is with us most fully. The revolutionary realities of life in the kingdom of God are often beyond what we are able to understand.

Liturgical Color: Green

During the Season of Epiphany:

- Use the Kyrie OR the Hymn of Praise.
- Use the Apostles' Creed for this Sunday in Epiphany.
- When God does something for humanity, it frequently seems to be counterintuitive! Consider introducing the word "paradox" to the young people in your congregation. How does God take what we think we know and turn it upside down to make it completely unexpected?
- "Walking" is a Biblical metaphor that points to our obedience to God. Are there different ways that people walk through life?

SUGGESTED HYMNS FOR WORSHIP

Hymn Titles:	LBW	WOV	LSB	ELW	REC	Sola
Rejoice, Friends, and Be Delighted	---	---	---	---	---	web
Rise Up, O Saints of God	383	---	---	669	---	---
Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee	551	---	803	836	36	36
Blest Are They	---	764	---	728	---	---
Every Time I Feel the Spirit	---	---	---	---	---	web
My Hope is Built on Nothing Less	294	---	575	596	192	192
The Lord's My Shepherd	451	---	710	778	209	209
O God of Mercy, God of Light	425	---	852	714	---	---
Give Me Jesus	---	777	---	770	214	214
Lord, Speak to Us That We May Speak	403	---	---	676	267	267

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CONTEMPORARY SONGS

Praise Song Titles:

Mercy
(CCLI# 7000689)
You Delight in Showing Mercy
(CCLI# 7051635)
Trading My Sorrows
(CCLI# 2574653)
One Day
(CCLI# 2725646)
Lord, I Need You
(CCLI# 5925687)

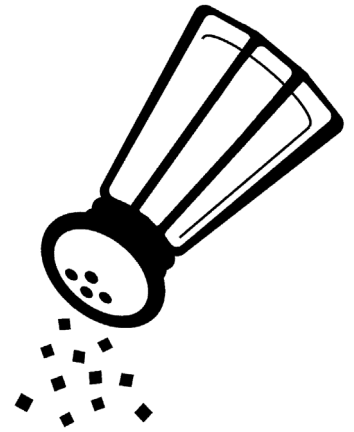
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Epiphany 5

February 8, 2026

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

The themes of salt and light pervade this week's lessons. Even though God's wisdom is often hidden from the world, it is shown to those who believe Christ to be God. In the waters of Baptism, we are called to be light to the world as the light of Christ shines through us so the world can see. We are called to be salt, to infiltrate a hurting world with the good news of God's love and mercy.



THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE TEXTS

Isaiah 58:3-9a

Genuine Devotion

Israel cried out to God in frustration, wondering why their external act of piety in fasting is neither acknowledged nor rewarded by God. God reminded them that empty outward acts of piety are of no value unless they are accompanied by sincere humility and care for others. God always knows our hearts and our motivations.

Psalm 112:1-9

The Upright Will Be Blessed

Light will shine on those who walk the paths of righteousness and justice. The psalmist provided a detailed description of both the acts of righteousness to which God's people are called and the freedom and blessings that arise from walking in the light.

1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16)

Nothing But Christ Crucified

Paul continued to remind the Corinthians that God's wisdom is hidden from plain sight. In spite of our human fascination with knowledge and wisdom, only when we can rightly judge ourselves and others through the wisdom of God's revelation in Christ will we be living a mature faith. The message of Christ's crucifixion is not based in lofty words, but rather in the prime example of God's hidden wisdom.

Matthew 5:13-20

Salt and Light

Jesus' Sermon on the Mount turns our understanding of God's law and God's reign upside down. The law shall not be abolished; instead, Jesus himself is its fulfillment. Jesus' followers are called to let God's light shine through them.

Liturgical Color: Green

During the Season of Epiphany:

- Use the Kyrie OR the Hymn of Praise.
- Use the Apostles' Creed for this Sunday in Epiphany.
- Just for fun: Instead of the regular cookies and donuts that are offered during fellowship time, try serving only salty snacks for refreshments this Sunday. See if anyone notices!
- Consider making some small cards with a message of God's love and giving them to people to hand out when they encounter a person who needs hope and light. A company called moo.com has small cards that would be perfect!

SUGGESTED HYMNS FOR WORSHIP

Hymn Titles:	LBW	WOV	LSB	ELW	REC	Sola
Salt and Light are Found in Me	---	---	---	---	---	web
The Church of Christ in Ev'ry Age	433	---	---	729	---	---
Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing	559	---	528	886	30	30
O Christ, Our Hope	300	---	553	604	---	web
Rise, Shine, You People!	393	---	825	665	---	---
Take My Life and Let It Be	406	---	783	685	233	233
I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light	---	649	411	815	---	---
Lord of Light	405	---	---	688	---	---
All Things Bright and Beautiful	---	---	878	---	4	4
Peace to Soothe Our Bitter Woes	338	---	---	381	---	web

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CONTEMPORARY SONGS

Praise Song Titles:

Salt and Light
(CCLI# 7023285)
Church Rise Up
(CCLI# 4514109)
Our God
(CCLI# 5677416)
How Deep the Father's Love For Us
(CCLI# 1558110)
Above All
(CCLI# 2672885)

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Transfiguration

February 15, 2026

Transfiguration of Our Lord

God's glory shines from the mountaintop! We are reminded how on the heights, Moses received the Ten Commandments and Jesus was transfigured in full view of three of his disciples. Yet, as the glory of God shines from above, life is lived at the bottom of the hill. The "mountaintop experiences" of God's glory give us a glimpse into the hidden reality of faith that is lived out here on earth.



THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE TEXTS

Exodus 24:8-18

The Law is Written Down

God's glory was revealed to Moses and several elders of Israel on Mount Sinai. As Moses entered into the cloud of God's glory, God gave to his people the stone tablets on which are written the Lord's holy commandments for living.

Psalms 2:6-12

You are My Son

God's king has been anointed on the holy mountain of Zion. Speaking in the voice of the Messiah, the psalm reveals him as the only-begotten Son of God. The people were called to worship him and find refuge in his holy presence.

2 Peter 1:16-21

Eyewitnesses

Just as Peter witnessed God speaking from the heavens, declaring Jesus as his beloved Son, so God continued to speak to his people through the Holy Spirit's inspiration in the hearing of the holy Word of Scripture.

Matthew 17:1-9

The Transfiguration of Jesus

Before Jesus began the final journey of his mission to Jerusalem, he was revealed in all of his divine glory to Peter, James, and John through a mountaintop vision. As the moment passed and they descended the mountain, Jesus cautioned them to tell no one until after he had risen from the dead. In this divine experience, James, John, and Peter not only were drawn into the reality of Jesus' glory, but also received a prediction of his death and the promise of his resurrection to new life.

Liturgical Color: White

For The Transfiguration of our Lord:

- Use the Kyrie.
- Use the Hymn of Praise "Glory to God."
- Consider preaching on 2 Peter if the congregation already has a good grasp of the Transfiguration. Peter lays out the important theological underpinnings of the Scriptures being, as the Reformers once wrote, "the only true standard by which all teachers and doctrines are to be judged." Peter said it beautifully: "No prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit."

SUGGESTED HYMNS FOR WORSHIP

Hymn Titles:

	LBW	WOV	LSB	ELW	REC	Sola
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling	315	---	700	631	14	14
O, Wondrous Type! O, Vision Fair	80	---	413	316	---	---
How Good, Lord, to Be Here	89	---	---	315	---	---
Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain	301	---	435	---	188	188
Beautiful Savior	518	---	537	838	252	252
Shine, Jesus, Shine	---	651	---	671	---	---
I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light	---	649	411	815	---	---
Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies	265	---	873	553	164	164
My Faith Looks Up to Thee	479	---	702	759	243	243
Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing	259	---	924	545	54	54

The hymn suggestions above can be found in: LBW= Lutheran Book of Worship, WOV= With One Voice, ELW= Evangelical Lutheran Worship (Augsburg Fortress); LSB= The Lutheran Service Book (Concordia Publishing), REC= The Reclaim Hymnal for Church and Home (ReClaim Resources), and *** means you can find it on SOWeR at "Hymns and Music."

CONTEMPORARY SONGS

Praise Song Titles:

Light
(CCLI# 7059692)
Mountain
(CCLI# 7065990)
Our God
(CCLI# 5677416)
It is Well
(CCLI# 7021972)
He is Exalted
(CCLI# 17827)

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