



**THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD**  
FEBRUARY 15, 2026 | 8:00 AND 10:30 AM  
ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH; CONCORDIA, MO

**ABOUT TODAY'S WORSHIP**

The Epiphany season begins and ends with two festivals that announce who Jesus is: the Baptism of Our Lord and the Transfiguration of Our Lord. At both of these events, God the Father's voice is heard, announcing that Jesus is God's beloved Son. During the weeks of Epiphany, as we see who Jesus is, we see the kind of people Jesus makes us to be. *This is Part 3 of a year-long series, "A Year in Matthew."*

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**P** Pastor      **C** Congregation/All

✙ All may make the sign of the cross to remember their baptism.



Led by the Holy Spirit, we gather for worship.  
We are prepared for worship through Confession and Absolution.

**PRELUDE & WELCOME**

**OPENING HYMN 402** *"The Only Son from Heaven"*

**CONFESSION OF SINS & FORGIVENESS** *Psalm 124:8; 32:5*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✙ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** **who made heaven and earth.**

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✙ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**INTROIT | Entrance** *Psalm 99:1–5; antiphon: v. 9*

**P** Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain;

**C** for the LORD our God is holy!

**P** The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble!

**C** He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

**P** The LORD is great in Zion;

**C** he is exalted over all the peoples.

**P** Let them praise your great and awesome name!

**C** Holy is he!

**P** The King in his might loves justice.

**C** You have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

**P** Exalt the LORD our God; worship at his footstool!

**C** Holy is he!

**GLORIA PATRI | Glory to the Father** *For text and tune, see page 186.*

**C** (sung) Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen.

**KYRIE | Lord, Have Mercy** *Mark 10:47*

*For text and tune, see page 186.*

**C** (sung) Lord, have mercy upon us  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS | Glory to God in the Highest** *Luke 2:14; John 1:29*

*For text and tune, see pages 187–189.*

**P** (sung) Glory be to God on high:

**C** and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.

We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,  
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## **SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY**

*For text and tune, see page 189.*

**P** (sung) The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

**P** O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah. In the voice that came from the bright cloud You wonderfully foreshowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King in His glory and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## **VERSE OF THE MONTH** *Luke 1:46–47*

**C** My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.



We hear God's Word read and proclaimed,  
and we respond with our prayers and praise, tithes and offerings.

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING** *Exodus 24:8–18*

*At Mt. Sinai, Moses enters the glorious presence of God for forty days and forty nights.*

<sup>8</sup>And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, “Behold the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words.”

<sup>9</sup>Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, <sup>10</sup>and they saw the God of Israel. There was under his feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. <sup>11</sup>And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank.

<sup>12</sup>The LORD said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain and wait there, that I may give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” <sup>13</sup>So

Moses rose with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. <sup>14</sup>And he said to the elders, “Wait here for us until we return to you. And behold, Aaron and Hur are with you. Whoever has a dispute, let him go to them.”

<sup>15</sup>Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain.

<sup>16</sup>The glory of the LORD dwelt on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. And on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud. <sup>17</sup>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 people of Israel. <sup>18</sup>Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## EPISTLE 2 Peter 1:16–21

*The apostle Peter retells his own eyewitness account of how he heard God the Father's voice on the Mount of Transfiguration. His account is trustworthy not only because it is eyewitness testimony but because it is a message from God himself.*

<sup>16</sup>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 were eyewitnesses of his majesty. <sup>17</sup>For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased,” <sup>18</sup>we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. <sup>19</sup>And we have something

more sure, the prophetic word, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, <sup>20</sup>knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. <sup>21</sup>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.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**ALLELUIA AND VERSE** *For text with music, see page 190.*

**C** (sung) Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

## HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 17:1–9

*Jesus is transfigured (His appearance transformed) on the mountaintop.*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the seventeenth chapter.



**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>After six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. <sup>2</sup>And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. <sup>3</sup>And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. <sup>4</sup>And Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah.” <sup>5</sup>He was still speaking when, behold, a

bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.” <sup>6</sup>When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. <sup>7</sup>But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Rise, and have no fear.” <sup>8</sup>And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. <sup>9</sup>And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, “Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

**CREED** *See the inside back cover of the hymnal.*

**SERMON HYMN 413** “O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair”

**SERMON** *Who We Are: “Shining God’s Glory”*

**OFFERTORY** *Psalm 51:10–12; for text and tune, see page 192.*

**C** Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit.  
Amen.

## **GATHERING OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS**

*All may sign the friendship register found in each pew.*

*Music during the offering (8:00 am):*

**DUET** “Jesus, My Lord and God” by John A. Ferguson

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

*After each petition:*

**P** Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

*The 10:30 am service concludes with the Lord’s Prayer, Benediction,  
and Closing Hymn 417, “Alleluia, Song of Gladness.”*



We receive God’s gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation  
as we share the Sacrament of the Altar.

*The 8:00 am service continues with the Preface on page 194 in the hymnal.*

*We believe that in the Lord's Supper our Lord gives to us His true body and blood with the bread and the wine for the forgiveness of our sins. We recognize the charge that St. Paul offers in 1 Corinthians 11:27–28 that those who come to receive the Lord's Supper ought to examine themselves so that they do not eat and drink in an unworthy manner. Therefore, out of concern for those who have not been instructed in the faith or who hold to a different confession, we ask that only members of Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod congregations receive the Sacrament. If you would like to learn more about what our congregation teaches, to inquire about becoming a member or have questions about our practice, please speak to one of the pastors. Adults and children who have not yet been baptized or instructed in the Christian faith are invited to come forward and receive a spoken blessing at the altar rail; please indicate this by crossing your arms across your chest.*

*For those who require it, diluted wine is found in the purple glasses in the center of the tray of individual cups; gluten free wafers are available upon request.*

*Music during distribution:*

**ANTHEM** “Variations on ‘O Worship the King’” setting by Hal Hopson (Handbells)

**HYMN 414** “‘Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here”

**HYMN 537** “Beautiful Savior”

**HYMN 523** “O Word of God Incarnate”



Even as this time of worship ends, we go out of the church into the worship of our everyday lives, ready to be God's witnesses and do His will.

*The service concludes with the Nunc Dimittis, Thanksgiving, Salutation and Bendicamus, and Benediction on pages 199–202.*

**CLOSING HYMN 417** “Alleluia, Song of Gladness”

**ANNOUNCEMENTS, SENDING & POSTLUDE**

**P** Go in peace; serve the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God!

The closing hymn references the tradition of the Church to omit “alleluia,” a joyful word of praise, from worship during the solemn season of Lent.

*This week's takeaway: That incredible divine glory displayed on the Mount of Transfiguration shines on you. In the presence of Jesus' glory, you are transformed to shine His glory in your life and relationships.*

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### **SERVING IN THIS SERVICE**

Rev. Andrew Lehenbauer, *Liturgist*

Rev. Michael Pottschmidt, *Preacher*

Katie Drefs, *Organist*

Hannah Bingham, Gina Martens, Rachel Martens, Elijah Rankin, *Brass Ensemble*

Elena Strecker, Lillie Todd, *Duet (8:00 am)*

Quinn Marsh, Olivia Harrington, *Acolytes (8:00 am)*

Elaina Martens, Isabella Hagen, *Acolytes (10:30 am)*

Stan & Kathryn Oetting, *Greeters (8:00 am)*

Darlene Meyer & Donna Moyers, *Greeters (10:30 am)*

John Beerman, Mark Schelp, Andrew Jones, *Elders on Duty*

### **REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

*Please contact the church office to keep our prayer list up-to-date.*

*Our pastor "on call" number in case of emergency is (660) 580-5483.*

**New:** Hudson Kloos, Mary Ann Pfannkuch, Paul Brackman, Wilmer Bredehoeft, Raymond Becker, Nicole Maxwell, Richard Cordes, Tom Burrow, Melba Poese, Bridget Kageman, Addison Wehrle, Alan Luebbert, Diane Stumpfenhaus, Lisa Arnett, Ricky Flandermeyer, Ron Roepe, Joyce Kroll, Rev. Dr. Lee Hagan, Rev. Dr. Les Mitkos, Susan Reeves, Les Bruns

**Ongoing:** Chad Nuelle, Barbie Cowherd, Baby Felix, Gene Virus, Harry Rehkop, Nolan Kirby, Jon Spells, Joe Connell, Roger Kammeyer, Ledrue Brandt, Alyssa Pfannkuch, Alice Hildebrand, Donnie Fiene, Rev. Perry Copus, Darla Wolters, Vickie Greene, Amy Gerds, Tim Bergman, Amy Backus, David Rehmsmeyer, Dannie Griffit, Lari Huntze, Johnny Cowherd, Kelly Meyer, Shirley Kimball

**Death:** Alfred Peuster, uncle of Jim Peuster

**Nation and World:** the people of Slovakia

**Partners in Mission:** Zion Lutheran Church; Gravelton, MO and Rev. David Lindeberg; Lutheran Hour Ministries

**Birthdays:** (2/15) Tracy Bobzin, Easton Oetting; (2/16) Cindy Rodewald, Jerry Schlesselman, Ryleigh Thompson; (2/17) Gary Bressman, Jonathan Lange, Eric Lark, Veronica Oetting; (2/18) Christy Frerking, Connie Martens, Bella Woods, Brody Woods; (2/19) Christopher Hess, Tate Kreisel, Tricia Wisbrock, Jeremy

Wulser; (2/20) Barbara Kueck, Marie Wienberg; (2/21) Glenda Fuchs, Katlyn Rehkop, Conrad Stuenkel, Arianna Wahn

**Anniversaries:** (2/16) Gerald & Wendy Dittmer; (2/18) Roger & Lisa Bell, Christopher & Kathryn Hass, Greg & Debbie Wulser

## **FAMILY FOOTNOTES**

*Gina Martens, Family Life Director*

“Evil never surrenders its grasp without a tremendous fight. We never arrive at any spiritual inheritance through the enjoyment of a picnic but always through the fierce conflicts of the battlefield.” I came across this sentence today and reflected upon a few things in my life. I hope not every day feels like you are entering a battlefield, but let’s face it, there are certainly days or seasons of life that are wickedly tough. That is because Satan is alive and well and he will not go away simply because of our courteous request. It takes more than that. It takes believing with your entire being that there is an Almighty God who holds you in the palm of His hand every second of every day. It takes putting on the armor of God through daily connection with Him. It takes trusting in God’s Word and His power above your own feelings and experiences. It takes knowing beyond a shadow of a doubt that God’s love for you is real. That is precisely why He sent His Son in the fashion that He did, to do for us what we could never accomplish on our own. The upcoming season of Lent is a very vivid reminder of that. Know that you are loved by a God who holds the universe in His hands. “I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.” Jeremiah 31:3

(Quote by Dr. J.H. Jowett taken from *Streams in the Desert* devotional)

## **PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK’S WORSHIP**

Genesis 3:1–21; Romans 5:12–19; Matthew 4:1–11

Hymns (*Lutheran Service Book*): 424, 544, 600,

718, 656 (*My First Hymnal* 98), 418 (*My First Hymnal* 58)



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