



St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

February 15, 2026 | Transfiguration Sunday



Jesus Is God's Glorious Son

Welcome! Thank you for joining us for worship. In our service we gather before our almighty God to offer him our worship and praise and to be strengthened through the study of God's holy and powerful Word, and through the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

Restrooms and a drinking fountain are located on the right in the hallway outside the sanctuary. **Personal hearing devices** are available on request to an usher. Our worship is for all, including young children! We-and God-love the sound of children in worship, but if you need to step out for a calming and quieting moment, we have a **Family Room** located through the door in the back of the Fellowship Hall. The facility includes a TV, a window, and speakers so that you can still follow along with the worship service. **Children's busy bags** are also available near the central sanctuary doors.

Prayer before worship: Lord of glory, as the light of your star once led the wise men to Jesus, so the light of your Word has led us to see Jesus. Let your Word so shine in our hearts by your Spirit that each day we see Christ at the center of all we do. With him let us find comfort from sorrows, forgiveness from sins, and rest from turmoil. In his name, cause us to do good to others, to reveal him to the lost, and to praise your holy name. Amen.

Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain

CW 390 sts. 1–3

On this glorious mountain, Jesus revealed his power to defeat our foes and the authority of his holy Word.

1 Je - sus, take us to the moun - tain where, with Pe - ter,
2 What do you want us to see there that your close com -
3 What do you want us to hear there that your dear dis -

James, and John, we are daz - zled by your glo - ry,
pan - ions saw? Your di - vin - i - ty re - vealed there
ci - ples heard? Once a - gain the voice from heav - en

light as blind - ing as the sun. There pre - pare us
fills us with the self - same awe. Clothed in flesh like
says of the in - car - nate Word: "Lis - ten, lis - ten,

for the night by the vi - sion of that sight.
ours you go, matched to meet our dead - liest foe.
ev - 'ry - one; this is my be - lov - ed Son!"

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Invocation

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the Son ✠, and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

Confession

P: Dear Friends in Christ, the Bible says, “If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness” (1 John 1:8-9). Therefore, as we gather for worship in the presence of God, together we pray, humbly confessing our sins and asking for his forgiveness.

C: O Lord, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for mercy, and in your faithfulness, come to my relief. Do not bring your servant into judgment, for no one living is righteous before you. Answer me quickly, O Lord; my spirit fails. Do not hide your face from me, for I have put my trust in you. Show me the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul. Teach me to do your will, for you are my God.

(Taken from various Psalms)

Brief silence for meditation

P: We confess:

C: Almighty God, merciful Father, I, a troubled and repentant sinner, confess that I have sinned against you in my thoughts, my words, and my actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I am distressed by the sins that trouble me and am deeply sorry for them. I humbly ask for your forgiveness.

Lord, to You I Make Confession

CW 653 st. 1

1 Lord, to you I make con - fes - sion: I have sinned and
gone a - stray; I have mul - ti - plied trans - gres - sion,
cho - sen for my - self my way. Led by you to
see my er - rors, Lord, I trem - ble at your ter - rors.

P: Jesus says to his people, “If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven.” His death paid for the guilt of your sins and the sins of the whole world. Do you believe this?

C: Yes, I believe.

Lord, to You I Make Confession

CW 653 st. 4

4 Lord, on you I cast my bur - den— sink it in the
deep - est sea! Let me know your gra - cious par - don,
cleanse me from in - iq - ui - ty. Let your Spir - it
leave me nev - er, make me on - ly yours for - ev - er.

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff begins with a '4' indicating a measure rest. The piece concludes with a double bar line on the fourth staff.

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P: Because of the promise of our Savior, Jesus, I forgive all your sins. Be assured that you are a redeemed child of God, bought with the blood of Jesus Christ. “The blood of Jesus purifies us from all our sins” (1 John 1:7). With your sins forgiven, know that you are an heir of eternal life.

We pray together:

C: O Lord, my God, I called to you for help, and you answered me. I thank you for the love you have shown me in Jesus Christ, my Savior. Through him you have rescued me from the guilt of my sin and given me the peace of forgiveness. Help me fight against temptation, correct whatever wrongs I can, and serve you and those around me with love and good works. In Jesus’ name, I pray. Amen.

Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain

CW 390 sts. 4-5

This mountain foreshadows the one where Jesus would reveal his true glory in his death and resurrection!

4 Take us to that oth - er moun - tain where we see you
5 We who have be - held your glo - ry, ris - en and as -
glo - ri - fied, where you shout - ed, "It is fin - ished!"
cend - ed Lord, can - not help but tell the sto - ry,
where for all the world you died. Hear the stunned cen -
all that we have seen and heard, say with Pe - ter,
tu - ri - on: "Tru - ly this was God's own Son!"
James, and John: "You are God's be - lov - ed Son!"

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Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray: O God, in the glorious transfiguration of your only-begotten Son, you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice that came from the bright cloud, you foreshadowed our adoption as your sons. In your mercy, make us co-heirs of glory with Jesus our King, and bring us at last to heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

First Reading

Exodus 24:9–18

On Sinai, Moses saw the glory of God's Law. At Jesus' transfiguration he'd see the glory of God's gospel.

⁹Then Moses, Aaron, Nadab, Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up. ¹⁰They saw the God of Israel. Under his feet they saw what looked like a pavement of sapphire as clear as the sky. ¹¹The LORD did not lay his hand on the dignitaries of the people of Israel. They gazed at God, and they ate and drank.

¹²The LORD said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain. Wait there, and I will give you the stone tablets with the law and the commands that I have written, so that you can teach them.”

¹³Moses set out with his assistant Joshua and went up onto the mountain of God. ¹⁴He said to the elders, “Wait here for us, until we come back to you. Look, here are Aaron and Hur. They will be with you. Whoever is involved in a dispute can go to them.”

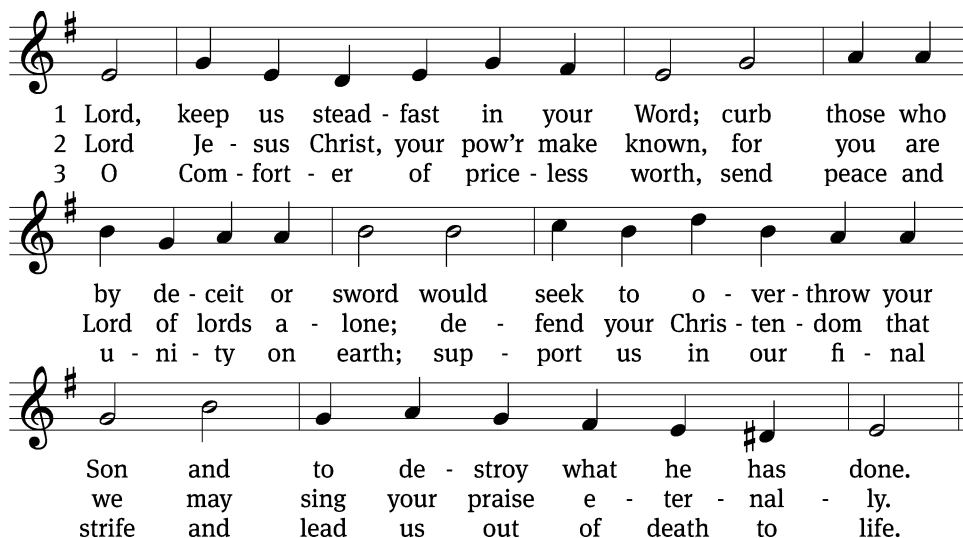
¹⁵Moses went up onto the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶The Glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered the mountain for six days. On the seventh day the LORD called to Moses out of the middle of the cloud. ¹⁷The appearance of the Glory of the LORD looked like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. ¹⁸Moses entered into the middle of the cloud and climbed up the mountain. Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day - Lord Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

Psalm 2 CW 862



1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in your Word; curb those who
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, your pow'r make known, for you are
3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, send peace and
by de - ceit or sword would seek to o - ver - throw your
Lord of lords a - lone; de - fend your Chris - ten - dom that
u - ni - ty on earth; sup - port us in our fi - nal
Son and to de - stroy what he has done.
we may sing your praise e - ter - nal - ly.
strife and lead us out of death to life.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.

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Second Reading

2 Peter 1:16–21

As an eyewitness of Jesus' majesty and glory, St. Peter testifies to the reliability of the Christian faith.

¹⁶To be sure, we were not following cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the powerful appearance of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷For he received honor and glory from God the Father, when the voice came to him from within the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.” ¹⁸We heard this voice, which came out of heaven when we were with him on the holy mountain.

¹⁹We also have the completely reliable prophetic word. You do well to pay attention to it, as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the Morning Star rises in your hearts, ²⁰since we know this above all else: No prophecy of Scripture comes about from someone's own interpretation. ²¹In fact, no prophecy ever came by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were being carried along by the Holy Spirit.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Mark 9:7

P: Alleluia! A cloud covered them, and a voice came from the cloud: “This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!” Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 17:1–9

Our Lord is transfigured.

¹Six days later Jesus took with him Peter, James, and John the brother of James; and he led them up onto a high mountain by themselves. ²There he was transfigured in front of them. His face was shining like the sun. His clothing became as white as the light. ³Just then, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Jesus.

⁴Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you want, I will make three shelters here: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.”

⁵While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them. Just then, a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him.”

⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell face down and were terrified. ⁷Jesus approached and as he touched them, he said, “Get up, and do not be afraid.” ⁸When they opened their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus alone. ⁹As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, “Do not tell anyone what you have seen until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Down from the Mount of Glory

CW 388

Though the view from the mountaintop is incredible, it is in coming down the mountain and climbing another that Jesus' true glory was revealed.



- 1 Down from the mount of glo - ry came Je - sus Christ, our Lord.
- 2 Trans - fig - ured, Christ, the low - ly, stood ra - dian - t in the light,
- 3 Yet mark this glo - ry hid - den! See him the mount de - scend
- 4 Strange how his jour - ney end - ed! In love that is his fame
- 5 Then hail the dou - ble glo - ry of Je - sus Christ, our Lord,



Re - call the won - drous sto - ry, rich gem in sa - cred Word.
light found in God - head sole - ly, for hu - man eyes too bright.
and, by the Fa - ther bid - den, his will - ing foot - steps bend
our Lord a - gain as - cend - ed a mount—the hill of shame.
and let the won - drous sto - ry full peace and joy af - ford!



A - gain your faith will view him in dou - ble glo - ry here;
Then came a voice from heav - en, con - firmed what here we see;
to seek hu - mil - i - a - tion in deep - est depths of woe,
Up - on the cross he prof - ered him - self to ag - o - ny;
The ho - ly mount ac - claims him the maj - es - ty di - vine;



the great - er hom - age due him will in your life ap - pear.
the words "my Son" were giv - en to seal his de - i - ty.
to suf - fer deg - ra - da - tion no mind can probe or know.
his ho - ly soul he of - fered to set the guilt - y free.
Mount Cal - va - ry pro - claims him Re - deem - er—yours and mine.

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Are you listening?

Points to ponder after listening to today's sermon meditation:

- 1) How do I feel about my quiz performance today?
- 2) When is the next quiz on this material coming?
- 3) What will I do to study for the next quiz?

Apostles' Creed

C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

Freewill offering

To our honored guests: We're happy that you're with us to hear about God's love for you today! Our offering is not a debt we owe God but a way that we return to God a portion of what he generously gave to us. Our motivation, then, is not obligation but love for God. Our freewill offerings are how our St. Paul's family funds our Gospel mission work. As our honored guests, please do not feel obligated to contribute.

*If you would like to support our Gospel ministry with an offering, you have options! Place your offering in **the offering plate** in our gathering space as you leave worship today, **mail an offering** to our church anytime, or go to **stpauls.edu** or **scan this QR** code to give an offering online.*



Prayer of the Church

Transfiguration

P: We praise you, O Father, for the precious gift of your Son and for his glorious transfiguration on the holy mountain. Give us the firm resolve to listen to your Son, the eager readiness to believe his promises, and the joyful willingness to heed his commandments. By the sign of Moses and Elijah, show us that blessed are the dead who die in faith, for they shall know the power of Christ's resurrection and shall be changed from glory into glory.

O God and Father, let you Holy Spirit find a dwelling place in our poor bodies and transform our weak, sinful lives into the radiance of goodness, purity, and righteousness. Transform our minds, our understanding, our judgments—yes, our whole persons—to reflect the mind of Christ. Take our sickness and pain, disappointments and despair, pride and anger, sorrow and mourning, selfishness and envy, hate and fear. Take all these, O Father, and transform them by the healing touch of Jesus into noble impulses, pure motives, kind thoughts, constructive deeds, high courage, and true faith.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer.

Look on your Church, O Lord, here and in every place, and grant that we and all who bear the name of Christ may daily offer up to you the acceptable sacrifices of repentance, thanksgiving, and loving obedience. Hear our prayer, and by your mercy grant our petitions for Christ's sake.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

C: 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

How Good, Lord, to Be Here

CW 389

Meditating on Peter's words on the mountain, we also rejoice to be here and to return to the plain.



1 How good, Lord, to be here! Your glo - ry fills the night;
2 How good, Lord, to be here your beau - ty to be - hold,
3 Ful - fil - ler of the past, and hope of things to be,
4 Be - fore we taste of death, we see your king-dom come;



your face and gar-ments, like the sun, shine with un - bor-rowed light.
where Mo - ses and E - li - jah stand, your mes-sen-gers of old.
we hail your bod - y glo - ri - fied and our re-demp-tion see.
we long to hold the vi - sion bright and make this hill our home.

5 But you, Lord, do not stay.
With mercy resolute
you leave this glorious hill to die—
our perfect substitute.

6 How good, Lord, to be here!
Yet we may not remain;
but since you bid us leave the mount,
come with us to the plain.

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Prayer

C: Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Blessing

P: May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ...The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. (1 Thessalonians 5:23,28)

C: And also with you. Amen!

Christ Begins

CW 385

Christ reveals his glory throughout his ministry as the Prophet, Priest, and King we always needed.

1 We stand and we watch on the bank, wide-eyed.
 2 Mar - y's whis - per - ing, but it's not the time.
 3 See the sun out - shined on the hill and hide.
 4 We stand, gath - ered round on the moun - tain - side.

Wa - ter runs and all heav - en
 Yet six jars are filled with the
 Clothes like light - ning white, heav - en
 Watch the clos - ing clouds hide him

o - pens wide, and a voice like thun - der re - plies.
 fin - est wine. Tell me, who is this by our side?
 o - pens wide, and a voice like thun - der re - plies.
 from our eyes; with a voice u - nit - ed we cry:

Refrain

Here's my Proph - et, my Priest, my King, a
 light in the dark, Christ steps in; here's my Sav - ior, my
 God, my King, the time has come, Christ be - gins.

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+ Ministry Notes +

Our good day in God's house continues after worship, too.

Our after-worship adult Bible study time is a great time for good Christian encouragement as we **grow** in the Word together and take time to pray for one another. Today Pastor James will lead the next adult Bible Study on making sermon time worthwhile. Bible info class will not meet this Sunday while Pastor Tim is on vacation. Sunday school for the children will be at the same time.

Call Meeting

With Miss Lendt accepting her call to the Asia-Oceania Team, we will need to call a new 2nd grade teacher. Because we see real opportunity to serve even more children and families with God's Word, we will call an additional teacher as well. All are welcome at a special call meeting **next Sunday, February 22** when our voters will issue *two new divine calls*.

Wine and Cheese Night

Next **Saturday, February 21**, St. Paul's FEAT (Fellowship Event Action Team) will be hosting a wine and cheese night. The event itself is for adult 21+, and there is childcare available (for children 2+). Please sign up on the sheet in our entry area!

YouTube, too

Did you know we are now live and streaming services on a YouTube channel? Find us by searching @StPaulsBeverlyHills on YouTube!

Our Christian Stewardship of God's Gifts

Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found faithful. – 1 Cor. 4:2

Last Sunday's attendance | **136**

Last Sunday's offering | **\$5,765**

Serving in worship this week

Preacher | **James Saatkamp**

Accompanist | **Cindy Lendt**

Ushers | **Paul Althoff, Tom Leinberger**

Presiding Minister | **James Saatkamp**

Streaming | **Bill Hoeltke**

Flowers | **Tom & Jane Colwell** (birthdays)

Serving in worship next week | Feb 22

Streaming | **Bill Hartman**

Ushers | **Bruce Salzmann and Rick Freihofer**

Let's pray this week!

birthdays | **Aidan Bush** (2-15); **Jane Colwell** (2-16); **Sharon Cummons** (2-19);

June Robinson (2-20)

anniversaries | **Mike & Lynn Young** (2-16 – 63 years!);

Barbara & Leon Johnson (2-20 – 30 years!)

homebound members | **Dave Brandt, Bee Grunig, John Hambel, Leon and Barbara Johnson, Susan Rammel, Kathy Saracione, Josephine Throo, and Paula Vitolo**

health | **Tom Colwell** (recovering from surgery); **Sharon Cummons** (health and recovery); **Sharon Cummons** (health and strength); **James Dykes** (recovering from surgery, son-in-law of Mike & Lynn Young); **Naomi Kohrs** (daughter of Jim and Nancy, hospitalized); **Rick Robinson** (continued recovery); **Barbara Sadler, Kathy Babcock** (Barbara's daughter), and **Kathy's daughters** (genetic health issues); **Nancy Scruton** (recovering from medical procedure); **Heidi Meyer** (recovering from surgery after a fall)

This Week's Events | February 15th – 21st

FEB 9-17 – Pastor Tim on vacation

MON – NO SCHOOL (Presidents' Day)

WED – Isaiah Bible study 10:00 AM; Ash Wednesday Service 6:00 PM

THU – Choir 6:30 PM

FRI – Morning chapel 8:30 AM

SAT - Women's Growth Group 10:00 AM; Wine & Cheese Party 6:00 PM

Upcoming Events

February 27 – Kindergarten Roundup March 4, 11, 18, 25 – Lenten Meal & Meditation 6:00 PM

March 23-27 – NO SCHOOL (Spring Break)

Who We Are

St. Paul's Lutheran Church is a family. Like any family, we have our strengths and we have our weaknesses. We experience successes and we experience struggles. These are the things which unite us. For we know that we aren't perfect, but our Heavenly Father is; and he has loved us with a perfect love, sending his Son Jesus to die on the cross for our sins and to give us eternal life in heaven. With that same love, he comes to us through his Word, the Bible, to equip us and encourage us as we live in a world which can leave us feeling discouraged and hopeless at times. So, as a family, we **gather** together around God's Word in church and in Bible classes. We have a school where children can **grow** in their relationship with our Heavenly Father and where we can **go** to share the love of Jesus with them. We want as many people as possible to know the joy and hope which we have as members of God's family.

If you would like to learn more about our church family or the ministries we offer through our church, school, and preschool, please speak with our pastor, principal, preschool director, faculty, or one of our members.

Thank you for being a part of our church family today!



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