

+++ THE GUIDE +++
ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH-STRASBURG ILLINOIS

February 15, 2026

The Transfiguration of Our Lord

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THIS WEEK WITH THE LORD

SUN. 8:30 AM Worship Service
 9:30 AM SS, Alpha, W.L.S., H.S. College+
 5:30 PM Worship @ Grace

TUE. 9:00 AM Bible Study
 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

WED. 8:30 AM Chair Yoga
 10:30 AM Ash Wed Service @ Grace
 6:30 PM Ash Wed Service @ St. Paul's
 7-8 PM WDS

SUN. 8:30 AM Communion Service
 9:30 AM SS, Alpha, W.L.S., H.S. College+
 5:30 PM Worship Service @ Grace

February 8 8:30: 113 Year Ago: 111 Sunday School: 38

Welcome Welcome — your presence brings joy to our worship today. Let these words from the psalms guide us: "Sing unto the LORD, O ye saints of his: and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness. ... Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning" (Psalm 30:4-5, KJV). May God's joy meet you right where you are. If you are a *visitor*, we invite you to *worship with us again and to please fill out the visitor connection card listing your information on both sides and depositing the card in the box in the narthex.*

Save the Date Thursday, February 26, 5-8 pm, Trinity 7th & 8th graders are receiving 10% of all sales at Culver's in Effingham. Please come and help support my students. Doreen Whybrew

Camp Cilca Information has been received for summer camps at Camp Cilca. Flyers' are available in the narthex. Registration is online @ www.CILCA.ORG. The Education Account will pay half of your child's registration. Please talk to Diane Jack for more information.

Save the Date Trinity Formal Dinner & Live Auction will be Saturday, April 25th with cocktail hour beginning at 5:30 PM. Theme is Black & White Masquerade! Dressing for the theme is optional but encouraged with prizes being awarded to Best in Show.

THE LORD'S WORK

CURRENT OFFERINGS	\$ TO MEET YEARLY BUDGET	\$ RECEIVED	\$ DIFFERENCE
February 8	\$ 4,191.00	\$ 2,085.00	\$ -2,106.00
year-to-date	25,146.00	\$ 18,294.00	\$ -6,852.00
<u>Synod-Offerings</u>			
February 8	\$ 481.00	\$ 415.00	\$ -66.00
year-to-date	\$ 2,886.00	\$ 2,855.00	\$ -29.00
TRINITY GOAL-\$10,000		Total to Date	\$450.00
Building \$754 Sem Student \$150 Lutheran Care Center \$200 LYF \$25			

**February 5 \$ 785 (ACH)
February 8 \$ 2,844**

2/24 9:00 AM Morning Bible Study
 2/25 8:30 AM Chair Yoga
 10:30 AM Ash Wed. Service @ Grace
 2:30 PM Social Hall Communion
 6:30 PM Ash Wed. Service @ St. Paul's
 7-8 PM WDS
 2/26 8:30 AM Blanket Making

Thank You Doreen and I would like to thank everyone for the outpouring of generosity and well-wishes over the Christmas season. The Lord truly has blessed us.

Shoe Boxes: We are collecting gloves, mittens, sock caps and wash cloths for the month of February. Put them in the box marked shoe boxes in the narthex. Thank you for caring!

WDS Correction Weekday School will change to 7:00-8:00 PM after Ash Wednesday service (2-18-26) and continue that schedule until April 1 when they go back to 6:30-7:30PM

Lenten Schedule/Theme (Set Free: The Gospel in Exodus)

Grace -10:30 AM (With Communion), St. Paul - 6:30 PM

February

18th Ash Wednesday - The Good News of a God Who Hears and Answers Cries {Exodus 2:23-25}

25th The Good News of a God Who Reveals Himself to Us (Exodus 3:1-15)

March

4th The Good News of a God Who Sends a Deliver (Exodus 4:1-20)

11th The Good News of a God Who Passes Over us in Mercy (Exodus 12:1-14)

18th The Good News of a God Who Makes a Way for Us (Exodus 14:5-31)

25th The Good News of a God Who Sustains on Our Journey (Exodus 16:1-18, 35)

Congratulations to Claire & James Hortenstine who were blessed with a baby daughter, Maeve Cathleen, on January 21, 2026. Grandparents are Dan and Karen Pfeiffer. Great grandmother is Donna Pfeiffer. God's blessings to Maeve and her family.

Trinity Lutheran School The annual Pals spaghetti dinner will be Sunday, March 1 from 11am-12:30pm. Menu includes spaghetti with meat sauce, breadsticks, lettuce salad, dessert, coffee, tea, and lemonade. Carryouts available! Free will donation accepted.



ANNIVERSARIES

17-Jake & Allison McIlwain
20-Ryan & Sonia* Storm

BIRTHDAYS

15-Debra Richards
17-Peyton Long
19-Katie Widdersheim
20-Darin Doehring

HOUSEHOLDS OF THE WEEK

Christian & Jenna Merriman, Muriel Merriman, Patrick & Leigh Merriman, Janice Moomaw, Zachary Moomaw, Luke & Kalei Rincker, Michael & Laurie Rincker, Mildred Rincker, Otis & Donna Rincker, Otto & Lisa Rincker, Maxine Ruff

PRAYER

Dianna Gibson John Wittenberg
Nick Hanfland Clay Tabbert
Frances York Wayne Wirth
Nick Oller

LIMITED MOBILITY

Ramona Radloff (Shelby Rehab & Healthcare)
Chris Storm (Lutheran Care Center RM#31)
Beulah Ulmer (The Manor-Shelbyville)
Robert Stremming
Imogene Lading – Villas of Holly Brook
Rosemary Sporleder-Brookstone Mattoon
Mildred Rincker – Heartland, Neoga
Doris Stremming – Willowbrook, Effingham
Margaret Swank – Willowbrook Effingham

FRIENDS & FAMILY
(non-members)

Walton Foster (medical-Chris Kramer nephew)
Trevor Roy (accident, Grace Vonderheide friend)
Ken Daily (Karen Pfeiffer’s father) stroke
Walker Warden (cancer)
Christie Dust (Howard & Kay’s daughter) (Primary Progressive Multiple Sclerosis)

Adopted Seminary Students 2025-26
4th Year Student

Joshua Gerken (Wife Rachel, son Callan)
5418 Brighton Dr.
Fort Wayne, IN 46825

2025-26 Vicar assignment to St. Paul Lutheran Church, Eldora, Iowa
Hunter Kinnison (Wife Naomi)
1105 Washington St.
Eldora, IA 50627

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Transfiguration – Setting Three

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

LSB 700

- 1 Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling, All Thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, Thou art all compassion, Pure, unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation, Enter ev'ry trembling heart.

- 2 Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit Into ev'ry troubled breast;
Let us all in Thee inherit; Let us find Thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning, Set our hearts at liberty.

- 3 Come, Almighty, to deliver; Let us all Thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never, Nevermore Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
Pray and praise Thee without ceasing, Glory in Thy perfect love.

- 4 Finish then Thy new creation, Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see Thy great salvation Perfectly restored in Thee,
Changed from glory into glory, Till in heav'n we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee, Lost in wonder, love, and praise!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–88 Text: Public domain

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the T 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.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Introit

Psalm 99:1–5; antiphon: v. 9

C ***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

LSB 186

C ***Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.***

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187

C ***Glory be to God on high: 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 and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C ***And with thy spirit.***

P Let us pray.

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.***

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 24:8–18

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

2 Peter 1:16–21

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia

LSB 190

C ***Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.***

Holy Gospel

Matthew 17:1–9

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

C ***Glory be to Thee, O Lord.***

The Gospel is Read

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Apostles' Creed

**C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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.**

'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here

LSB 414

- 1 'Tis good, Lord, to be here! Thy glory fills the night;
Thy face and garments, like the sun, Shine with unborrowed light.
- 2 'Tis good, Lord, to be here, Thy beauty to behold
Where Moses and Elijah stand, Thy messengers of old.
- 3 Fulfiller of the past And hope of things to be,
We hail Thy body glorified And our redemption see.
- 4 Before we taste of death, We see Thy kingdom come;
We long to hold the vision bright And make this hill our home.
- 5 'Tis good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not remain;
But since Thou bidst us leave the mount, Come with us to the plain.

Text: Joseph A. Robinson, 1858-1933, alt. Text: Public domain

Sermon 2 Peter 1:16-21 "Something More Sure"

Offertory

LSB 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.***

Prayer of the Church

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For holy fear as we hear the very words of Christ, who is both God and man, that we would see His salvation, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For all Christians, that they may faithfully confess their Lord's name and receive His Word and blessed Sacraments; and for our Lutheran Church, especially her secretary and the men nominated to serve as president and first vice-president, that they may have wisdom and discernment for the good of the Church, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For families, that parents would teach the faith to their children and that the forgiveness of sins would be proclaimed in all households; and for all expectant mothers, that they and their babies would be kept safe and healthy throughout their pregnancies, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For all who make, administer and judge our laws, that rightly fearing God, they would establish equity in this land, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For all those in need of Christ's healing touch, [*especially* _____,] that they would receive His comfort in the midst of their fears and wholeness of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For faith to reverently receive the Word of Christ, that we who have heard His voice would live our lives gladly according to His way, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Lord God, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember on this day the glorious manifestation of Your Son's divinity on the Mount of Transfiguration. Teach us to listen to Jesus and ever fix our eyes on Him and His innocent suffering and death for our forgiveness. By Your grace and mercy, strengthen us to remain faithful in all

circumstances of trial, temptation and persecution. Preserve us to the end, that we may die a blessed death believing in Your beloved Son with whom You are well pleased; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

C **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.**

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C ***And with thy spirit.***

Benedicamus

LSB 202

P Bless we the Lord.

C ***Thanks be to God.***

Benediction

LSB 202

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and T give you peace.

C ***Amen, amen, amen.***

O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair

LSB 413

1 O wondrous type! O vision fair Of glory that the Church may share,
Which Christ upon the mountain shows, Where brighter than the sun He glows!

2 With Moses and Elijah nigh The incarnate Lord holds converse high;
And from the cloud the Holy One Bears record to the only Son.

3 With shining face and bright array Christ deigns to manifest today
What glory shall be theirs above Who joy in God with perfect love.

- 4 And faithful hearts are raised on high By this great vision's mystery,
For which in joyful strains we raise The voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.
- D 5 O Father, with the_ eternal Son And Holy Spirit ever one,
We pray Thee, bring us by Thy grace To see Thy glory face to face.

Text: Sarum Breviary, 1495, Salisbury; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-66, alt. Text: Public domain

Next Week's Readings – Genesis 3:1-21, Romans 5:12-19, Matthew 4:1-11

This Week's Memory Verse – 2 Peter 1:19 ¹⁹ 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..."

Acknowledgments

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