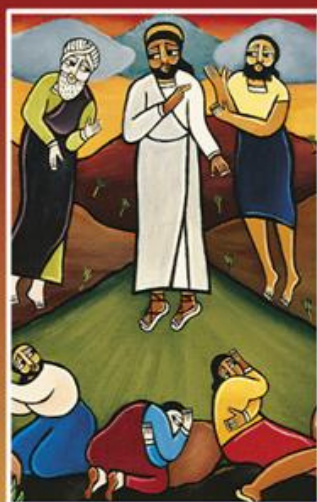




Jesus was
transfigured
before them

MATTHEW 17:2

WELCOME TO ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN FAMILY
TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY
FEBRUARY 15TH, 2026

Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Family

We're so glad you're here!

ALL ARE WELCOME

We mean it when we say all are Welcome

No matter where you are in your faith journey, or how you identify, your presence means the world to us.

We are incomplete without you.

Hospitality Details

We firmly believe that there are no limits in God's house. Young or old, you are part of our worship community.

There is a table at the right hand of the sanctuary especially for children. Each Sunday, they are free to sit there.

Families are encouraged to sit in the front the of the sanctuary, so they can fully see what is happening

Those participating in worship who find it difficult to stand for long periods of time are encouraged to take care of themselves. Please sit or stand in ways that make you comfortable.

Communion

ALL are Welcome at God's Table. We offer both wine (bigger chalice) and grape juice (smaller chalice). We also have gluten free options, so please ask the acolyte.

Happy Hour

Join us for coffee and goodies in the Friendship Hall each Sunday after worship.

Restrooms

Restrooms are located in the foyer.

Nursery

There is a nursery that is staffed by members of the Youth Group every Sunday if your child needs to get some wiggles out.

Busy Bags

These are busy bags on the coatrack in the narthex. All the bags are filled with fun surprises to

INTRODUCTION

Today's festival is a bridge between the Advent-Christmas-Epiphany cycle that comes to a close today and the Lent-Easter cycle that begins in several days. On a high mountain Jesus is revealed as God's beloved Son, echoing the words at his baptism. This vision of glory sustains us as Jesus faces his impending death in Jerusalem. We turn this week to Ash Wednesday and our yearly baptismal journey from Lent to Easter. Some churches put aside the alleluia at the conclusion of today's liturgy. This word of joy will be omitted during the penitential season of Lent and will be sung again at Easter.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

The Assembly Stands

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God, the Creator of heaven and earth, the Word who spoke life into being, the Wind stirring the waters.

Amen.

Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Mighty God, lover of justice,

you call us to life in community, but we have served our own interests at the expense of our neighbors. We have sown deceit where honesty was needed. We say the right words, but our hearts are far from you. Turn us to seek your face. Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ, that we may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God.

Amen.

The former things have passed away, and new things God now declares:

Like a spring of water that never fails, God covers you in the righteousness of Christ, and forgives your sin in ✙ Jesus' name. May the Spirit give you strength to live for others, and bless you with the gift of peace.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Refrain

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 love and mercy; send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!

ELW #671 Shine, Jesus Shine

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. **Refrain**

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. **Refrain**

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

The Assembly is Seated

KYRIE

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia.

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

**Power and riches and wisdom and strength,
and honor and blessing and glory are his.**

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God

and join in the hymn of all creation:

**Blessing and honor and glory and might
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God,
for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.**

Alleluia. Alleluia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

**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. Amen.

FIRST READING: Exodus 24:12-18

A reading from Exodus.

At Mount Sinai, Moses experienced the presence of God for forty days and forty nights. The “glory of the Lord” settled on the mountain, and on the seventh day God called out to Moses. On the mountain God gave Moses the stone tablets inscribed with the ten commandments.

¹² The Lord said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain and wait there; I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” ¹³ So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the mountain of God. ¹⁴ To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come back to you. Look, Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.”

¹⁵ Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶ The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. ¹⁷ 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 Israelites. ¹⁸ Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: PSALM 2

Refrain: You are my son; this day have I begotten you. (Ps. 2:7)

¹ Why are the nations ¹ in an uproar?

Why do the peoples mutter ¹ empty threats?

² **Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and the princes ¹ plot together, against the Lord and against the ¹ Lord’s anointed?**

³ “Let us break their ¹ yoke,” they say;

“let us cast off their ¹ bonds from us.”

⁴ **God whose throne is in heav- ¹ en is laughing;
the Lord holds them ¹ in derision. R**

Refrain: You are my son; this day have I begotten you. (Ps. 2:7)

⁵ Then in wrath God ¹ speaks to them,
and in rage fills ¹ them with terror.

⁶ **“As for me, I have anoint- ¹ ed my king
upon Zion, my ¹ holy mountain.”**

⁷ Let me announce the decree ¹ of the Lord,
who said to me, “You are my son; this day have I be- ¹ gotten you.

⁸ **Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for ¹ your inheritance
and the ends of the earth for ¹ your possession. R**

Refrain: You are my son; this day have I begotten you. (Ps. 2:7)

⁹ You shall crush them with an ¹ iron rod
and shatter them like a ¹ piece of pottery.”

¹⁰ **And now, you ¹ kings, be wise;
be warned, you rulers ¹ of the earth.**

¹¹ Submit to the ¹ Lord with fear,
and with trembling ¹ bow in worship;

¹² **lest the Lord be angry, and you perish in a sudden ¹ blaze of wrath.
Happy are all who take ref- ¹ uge in God! R**

Refrain: You are my son; this day have I begotten you. (Ps. 2:7)

SECOND READING: 2 Peter 1:16-21

A reading from Second Peter.

At the transfiguration, God's voice was heard, declaring Jesus to be the beloved Son. By the activity of the Holy Spirit, God's voice continues to be heard through the word of scripture.

¹⁶ We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷ For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.” ¹⁸ We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

¹⁹ So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. ²⁰ First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, ²¹ because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ANTHEM

My Savior

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 17:1-9

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Shortly before he enters Jerusalem, where he will be crucified, Jesus is revealed to Peter, James, and John in a mountaintop experience of divine glory called the transfiguration.

¹ Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ² And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. ³ Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴ Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁵ While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" ⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷ But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." ⁸ And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The Assembly is Seated

CHILDREN'S SONG

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Traci Angel

SERMON

Pastor Paul Larson

The Assembly Stands

HYMN OF THE DAY

1 How good, Lord, to be here!
Your glory fills the night;
your face and garments, like the sun,
shine with unborrowed light.

2 How good, Lord, to be here!
your beauty to behold
where Moses and Elijah stand,
your messengers of old.

3 Fulfiller of the past
and hope of things to be,

ELW #315 How Good, Lord, to Be Here
we hail your body glorified
and our redemption see.

4 Before we taste of death,
we see your kingdom come;
we long to hold the vision bright
and make this hill our home.

5 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.

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

PRESENTATION

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

I present Megan Noel Marie Rivas for baptism.

Megan called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to be baptized into Christ? **I do.**

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to be baptized into Christ? **I do.**

As you bring *yourself* to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live among God's faithful people, listen the word of God and partake in the holy supper, learn the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, read the holy scriptures, and nurture *your* faith and prayer, so that *you* may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help *your children* grow in the Christian faith and life? **I do.**

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture *these persons* in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help them live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church? **I do.**

People of God, do you promise to support *Megan* and pray for *her and her* new life in Christ? **We do.**

The assembly stands.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

BAPTISM

Megan , I baptize you in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Sustain *Megan* with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Amen.

Megan child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Amen.

WELCOME

Jesus said, I am the light of the world.

Whoever follows me

will have the light of life.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

The Assembly is seated

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

A brief silence.

Revealing God, your Spirit sustains the church. Strengthen the faithful with the revelation of Christ transfigured, that we may joyfully follow him in the way of the cross. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Life-giving God, creation is full of your majesty. Nurture in us a deep respect for the interdependence of all life, and make us wise and vigilant stewards of your good earth. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Peacemaking God, the nations are in turmoil. We pray for an end to violent conflict. Give wisdom to negotiators and sanctuary to refugees. Defend any who are in danger. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Healing God, you desire wholeness for all people. Bring healing to any who are experiencing illness, chronic pain, or mental anguish. Comfort the dying and those who grieve. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Holy God, in our worship we glimpse your glory, hear your voice, and receive assurance of your love. Inspire all who prepare, lead, and participate in worship to serve you with reverence and joy. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Transforming God, you bring life from death. We give thanks for the witness of those who have died in faith, and we praise you for the hope we have in Christ, our Morning Star.

Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Please Share a Sign of Peace with one another

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING HYMN

ACS #976 Come and See (3X)

What are you looking for?

Come, see, come and see.

What are you looking for?

Come and see, come and see. *Text: Robert A. Hobby, b. 1962, from John 1:38-39 Text © 2020 Augsburg Fortress*

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of majesty, no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The Assembly Stands

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of

everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

Lord God of pow'r and might:

Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

The Assembly is Seated

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

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.

COMMUNION HYMNS

1 I love to tell the story
of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory,

ELW #661 I Love to Tell the Story
of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story,
because I know it's true;

it satisfies my longings
as nothing else would do.

Refrain

I love to tell the story;
'twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story
of Jesus and his love.

2 I love to tell the story:
how pleasant to repeat
what seems, each time I tell it,

Text: Katherine Hankey, 1834-191

1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient
of Days, almighty, victorious, thy great
name we praise!

2 Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in
might; thy justice like mountains high
soaring above thy clouds which are
fountains of goodness and love.

Text: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1824-1908, alt.

1 What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
ev'rything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit;
oh, what needless pain we bear--
all because we do not carry
ev'rything to God in prayer!

2 Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged--
take it to the Lord in prayer.

more wonderfully sweet!
I love to tell the story,
for some have never heard
the message of salvation
from God's own holy word. **Refrain**

3 I love to tell the story,
for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting
to hear it like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory,
I sing the new, new song,
I'll sing the old, old story
that I have loved so long. **Refrain**

ELW #834 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

3 To all, life thou givest, to both great and
small; in all life thou livest, the true life of
all; we blossom and flourish like leaves on
the tree, and wither and perish, but naught
changeth thee.

4 Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in
light; thine angels adore thee, all veiling
their sight; all laud we would render; oh,
help us to see tis only the splendor of light
hideth thee.

ELW #742 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness--
take it to the Lord in prayer.

3 Are we weak and heavy-laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge--
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do your friends despise, forsake you?
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he'll take and shield you;
you will find a solace there.

The Assembly Stands

COMMUNION BLESSING

Now may the Body and Blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his peace.

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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.

Amen.

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace.

Amen.

The Assembly Seated

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

The Assembly Stands

ELW #318 Alleluia, Songs of Gladness

SENDING HYMN

1 Alleluia, song of gladness,
voice of joy that cannot die;
alleluia is the anthem
ever dear to choirs on high;
in the house of God abiding
thus they sing eternally.

2 Alleluia you are sounding,
true Jerusalem and free;
alleluia, joyful mother,
bring us to your jubilee;
here by Babylon's sad waters
mourning exiles still are we.

3 Alleluia cannot always
be our song while here below;
alleluia our transgressions
make us for a while forgo;
for the solemn time is coming
when our tears for sin shall flow.

4 In our hymns we pray with longing:
Grant us, blessed Trinity,
at the last to keep glad Easter
with the faithful saints on high;
there to you forever singing

alleluia joyfull.

Text: Latin hymn, 11th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon Reflection Questions

Where did you hear God's grace speaking to you in today's Word?

How might today's message shape the way you live out your faith this week?

What is the Good News you are taking with you into the world today?