

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

Sunday Worship

February 15, 2026

Transfiguration of Our Lord



WELCOME

Your presence builds up the body of Christ. We welcome and affirm God's diversity, including all ethnicities, cultures, races, sexual orientations, gender identities and expressions, abilities, ages, and life experiences. You are invited to full participation in our congregation because of who you are. We lament and confess how the Christian Church has withheld Christ's love by misusing the power of institution. We commit to advocating for God's justice and mercy for all of creation, including humans. We commit to anti-racism and other ways of ending systems that cause harm. Christ is our peace and breaks down the walls that divide us. Our communion table is Christ's table. You and all people are welcome without exception.



ELCA



RECONCILING IN CHRIST

Newcomers and Visitors + Newcomers and Visitors + We're glad you're here. Please fill out the green slip in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. You're welcome to share in Holy Communion. Families - we have a small play area up front.

Nametags + Nametags help us get to know and remember each other. Please let the ushers know if you need one made for you.

Expansive Language + As Lutherans, we teach that "God calls all creation into being and gives people language as a way of responding to God and forming community" (Principles for Worship, Principle L-1). In worship at Our Saviour's, we seek to use expansive language for God and people, sometimes changing or offering alternatives to the printed text.

Current Liturgy Music + liturgy is the flow of our worship service - working together as people to praise God. Our current liturgy is from All Creation Sings, Setting 12, and Sundays and Seasons.

Prayer Requests: Our Saviour's Community: Mary Wildner-Bassett (daughter's health diagnosis); Mary Pflibsen (Aunt Kay G., recovering from hip replacement); Paul Stum (at-home care); Corky Ronstadt (at-home care), Mary Neff (memory care), Schatzi Taylor (care facility), and all at home and in care facilities.

Our Extended Friends & Family: Family and Friends of David Hendrickson (friend of Pat Alvord and former Our Saviour's member); Sarah and family (great niece of Donna Lounsbury); Shawn (friend of David Lester); Becky (Daughter of Mary Wildner-Bassett) Frenchie (Friend of Judy and John Indermark); Lia (granddaughter of Angie Grandison), Beverly (Mother of Hildi Williams), David (Son of Geoff and Suzy Swann); Jeanne (Cousin of Alan Bales); Barbara (sister-in-law of Kenneth Ijams); Peggy (sister of Bonnie Phelps); Josh, Melissa, Mary Ann, and Libby (friends of Chris and Theda Doak); Megan (niece of Chris and Theda Doak); Sandy and Doug, Sally, Ashley, and Kamri (friends of Kathy DeVinney); Grant and Shirley (brother and sister-in-law of Theda Doak; John (son of Martha Neff Stum and Paul Stum); Sam; Eleanor (mother-in-law of Kris Sanchez; Daniel (neighbor's son of Gloria Schmidt); Rich (cousin-in-law of Jennifer Strand) Misty (friend of Schatzi Taylor) Will (nephew of Chris and Theda Doak); Leaticia, Azogan, Meivis, Sidibe, Bintou, Zinsou, and Mabel (friends of Rachel Starner).

Names will generally remain on the list for three weeks, unless requested for renewal. Please contact the church office for corrections, updates, and additions.

OVERVIEW OF TODAY'S SCRIPTURE:

The readings for Transfiguration Sunday take us to mountains and holy encounters. Exodus tells of Moses' second ascent up Mount Sinai to enter the cloud of God's presence. The psalmist praises the king enthroned on Mount Zion as God's own. The author of 2 Peter writes of witnessing the transfiguration of Jesus. The previous passage in Matthew had Jesus teaching the cost of discipleship. Matthew now tells the story of Jesus' mountaintop transfiguration. Those who are its witnesses are given a command for what to do next. "Listen to Jesus."



Today's Presiding Minister: John Indermark

John Indermark is a retired pastor and writer. He was ordained to ministry in the United Church of Christ on June 4, 1976. John served as pastor of three parishes from 1976 until 1992. Over the next 25 years, he wrote devotional books and Christian Education materials for adults. During that time, he also did supply preaching and served one interim pastoral position in Methodist, Presbyterian, and Lutheran congregations in southwest Washington and northwest Oregon. The ELCA and the UCC are full communion partners, and with Pastor Amalia's invitation, John is able to preside at communion and preach at Our Saviour's. John and Judy Indermark became members of Our Saviour's on Pentecost Sunday in 2024.

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*An asterisk indicates the congregation should stand in body and/or spirit.
Congregation's speaking and singing parts are in bold font.

WELCOME

PRELUDE *Down by the Riverside* arr. by Asher Havenhill , Kent Pflibsen - Asher Havenhill

*CONFESSiON AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

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 - Glory to You, God

1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
2 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
3 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;

yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.
yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.
yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.

Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;
Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;
Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;

ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.

Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;
yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

*GREETING

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

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

FIRST READING

Our Old Testament reading is from the book of Exodus.

On their escape from Egypt through the wilderness, the tribes of Israel arrive at Mount Sinai. Chapter 19 had begun the story of Moses ascending the mountain. The next three chapters told of God revealing there the Ten Commandments and other parts of God's covenant. Our reading takes place when Moses ascends Sinai for a second time and enters the cloud of God's presence.

Exodus 24:12-18

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.

PSALM 2:1-7

¹ Why are the nations in an uproar?

Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?

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

³ "Let us break their yoke," they say;
"let us cast off their bonds from us."

**⁴ God whose throne is in heaven is laughing;
the Lord holds them in derision.**

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

**⁶ As for me, I have anointed my king
upon Zion, my holy mountain."**

⁷ Let me announce the decree of the Lord,
who said to me, "You are my son; this day have I begotten you."

SEC READING

Our New Testament reading is from Second Peter.

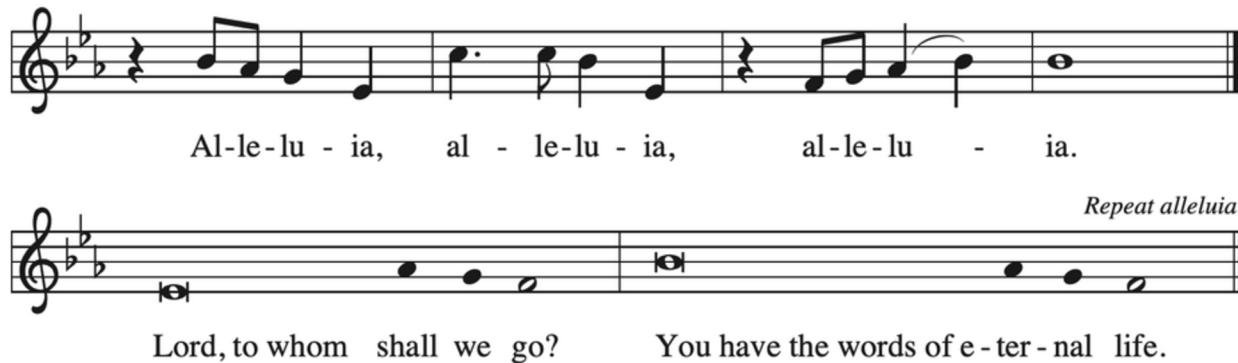
Much of this second letter credited to Peter takes on church divisions. That situation is seen in passages about false teachers and prophets. In our reading, the author provides a first-person account of the transfiguration of Jesus. The purpose is not just a description of that event. It also bolsters the writer's authority to take on those who divide and confuse the church.

2 Peter 1:16 -21

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.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.
Repeat alleluia

*GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Matthew 17:1-9

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 Jesus Christ. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY ELW #719 Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life**

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*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

...God of grace, 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.

*EXCHANGE OF PEACE

OFFERING *Closer Walk/What a Friend* arr. by Asher Havenhill, Kent Pflibsen - Asher Havenhill

*OFFERING PRAYER

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*HOLY HOLY HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and
God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

*THE 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.**

This congregation tends to use the traditional form of the Lord's Prayer. You are welcome to pray using other versions, words, or languages that may be more familiar to you. You are also encouraged to address God in a way that most opens your heart to relationship with God (Creator, Father and Mother, Abba, Our Only Home are a few options). Jesus taught this form of prayer to the disciples to encourage sincere and meaningful conversation with God.

COMMUNION

Come to this Table of mercy. Become what you receive.

This is Christ's table. You and all are welcome, without exception. If you prefer a blessing only, cross your arms over your heart. Gluten-free wafers available by request. The wine is red; the grape juice is clear. Please let an usher know if you would like communion brought to your pew.

COMMUNION HYMNS Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

ELW #838 Beautiful Savior

ELW #815 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

SENDING PRAYER

SENDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BLESSING

***SENDING HYMN** ELW #866 We Are Marching in the Light

Turn to follow the cross as it passes and leads us to love and service in the world.

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*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God!



Lent with Our Saviour's and Lutheran Campus Ministry

Daytime services are led by Our Saviour's; Evening services led by LCM. All are invited to attend either or both.

Ash Wednesday, February 18 - 12:00 PM & 6:15 PM – Service in Koch Chapel

Wednesdays, February 25 – March 25 - 12:00 PM - Service

Wednesdays, February 25 – March 25 - 6:15 PM – Service followed by dinner

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life



1 Where cross the crowd - ed ways of life, where sound the
 2 In haunts of wretch - ed - ness and need, on shad - owed
 3 From ten - der child - hood's help - less - ness, from hu - man
 4 The cup of wa - ter giv'n for you still holds the



cries of race and clan, a - bove the noise of
 thresh - olds dark with fears, from paths where hide the
 grief and bur - dened toil, from fam - ished souls, from
 fresh - ness of your grace; yet long these mul - ti -



self - ish strife, we hear your voice, O Son of Man.
 lures of greed, we catch the vi - sion of your tears.
 sor - row's stress, your heart has nev - er known re - coil.
 tudes to view the strong com - pas - sion in your face.



5 O Master, from the mountainside
 make haste to heal these hearts of pain;
 among these restless throngs abide;
 oh, tread the city's streets again;

We Are Marching in the Light

Siyahamba

We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching, (marching, we are marching, marching,)
we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching, (marching, we are marching, marching,)
we are marching in the light of God.

Additional stanzas ad lib:

We are dancing ...

We are praying ...

We are singing ...

ORIGINAL

Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos', (4x's)

Siyahamba, (hamba, siyahamba, hamba,) (2x's)
siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'.

Text: South African traditional; tr. Freedom Is Coming, 1984

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UPCOMING

Sat. Feb. 14 Our Saviour's Get-Togethers - Valentine's Day Brunch at Cafe a la C'Art at the Tucson Museum, 11 am - 12:30 pm. Open to all. Sign up at coffee hour.

Mon. Feb. 23 Lutheran Day at the Legislature, Arizona Capitol, Wesley Bolin Plaza, sign up to carpool. You must register to attend the day.

ICS is in need of canned, packaged, and in-date non-perishable items, including pasta, peanut butter, canned meats, rice, beans, and cereal. Please place donations in the shopping cart.

THOSE SERVING TODAY

2/15/2026

Presiding Minister	John Indermark (UCC Minister with Standing)
Assisting Minister	Scott Koenig
Communion Assistants	Bonnie Phelps, Mary Pflibsen, Deacon Wendi Van Beek
Acolyte	Scott Koenig
Keyboard	Betsy Dunlap
Cantor	Nilu Dorschner
Music	Asher Havenhill, Kent Pflibsen
Usher	Jennifer Strand, Patty Sirls
Greeter	Diane Siefkes
Cross Bearer	Jennifer Strand
Coffee Host	Kris Sanchez
Treats	Adrian/Saphir Family
Tech Team	Pflibsen/Bustamante
Scripture Background	John Indermark

THOSE SERVING SUNDAY

2/22/2026

Presiding Minister	Rev. Amalia Vagts
Assisting Minister	Lauretta Olson
Communion Assistants	Mary Pflibsen, Kris Sanchez, Deacon Wendi Van Beek
Acolyte	Jennifer Strand
Keyboard	Betsy Dunlap
Cantor	Dr. Aysen Millioğulları
Music	Chancel Choir
Usher	Kathy DeVinney, Hildi Williams
Greeter	Fred and Donna Hudson
Cross Bearer	Jennifer Strand
Coffee Host	Sharon Reinbott
Treats	Joanna Keyl
Tech Team	Pflibsen/Bustamante
Scripture Background	John Indermark

Online Offering

We have partnered with the ELCA and Tithely to offer secure online giving. Scan the image below using your smart phone to make your offering. Or, contact the church office to set up regular online giving.



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9:00 - Sanctuary
Coffee following

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