



St. Paul's Lutheran Church
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February 15, 2026
The Transfiguration of our Lord

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 1 John 1:8

Sunday, February 15th: Church Attendance: 29
 Bible Class Attendance: 4
 Contributions: General Fund 2/8: \$ 2,052.00
 General Fund 2/9: \$ 456.00
 Total: \$ 2,508.00

For all spiritual needs please call an elder.
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Happening this Week...

Sunday, February 15, Worship Service
 Bible Class, 10:15 a.m.
 Wednesday, February 18, Ash Wednesday Service at St. Paul's
 4 p.m. 1st Service, 5-6 p.m. meal, 6:30 p.m. 2nd service

No Birthdays or Wedding Anniversaries If anyone has been missed let the office know.

In our prayers: Linda King.

Missionary: Rev. Eric Stinnett and family--missionary work in Ethiopia

Those in Uniform: Sgt. 1st Class Bradley Herrin, Staff Sgt. John Bodenhamer, Major Austin Gouldsmith, Grady Whiteman, Major Andrew Rossow

Those who have cancer. **Our Shut-ins:** Linda Loges; Norman Morton, Lillian & Larry Weinreich

Please call the church office with prayer requests at 816-373-5290. Please leave a message if the phone is not answered.



Love God
Love Others



“CROSSWORDS FROM CHRIST”

2026 Lenten Midweek Service Schedule

Wednesday Schedule: 4:00p.m. 1st Worship Service
 5:00-6:00 p.m. Meal; 6:30p.m. 2nd Worship Service

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
February 18-Ash Wednesday	St. Paul
February 25	Ascension
March 4	Messiah
March 11	St. Paul
March 18	Ascension
March 25	Messiah



The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake! The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples. Let them praise your great and awesome name! Holy is he! The King in his might loves justice. You have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob. Exalt the LORD our God; worship at his footstool! Holy is he! Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for the LORD our God is holy! Psalm 99:1-5, 9



Matthew 17:8 – “And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus

only.” Jesus is enough. Moses and Elijah point to Jesus and are happy to fade into the background. With our eyes focused on Him and Him alone, the rest of our lives come into focus. He is primary, all else secondary. When that order is right in our lives, things truly fall into place.



Mustard Seed
DAILY DEVOTIONS

Comfort from the Psalms: Forgiving Myself

In the Word

Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions (Psalm 25:7a).

Of the Word

Sins of our past can burden us with “what if” questions. “What if I hadn’t fallen into addiction?” “What if I kept the child I chose to abort?” “What if I hadn’t lied?” “What if I hadn’t cheated?” “What if I hadn’t taken what wasn’t mine?” “What if I had tried harder to save my marriage?” We can beat ourselves up with regrets from the past but, the past is the past. Under no circumstances can it be changed.

What can be changed is how we face the future. Christ invites us to come to Him and lay our sins at the foot of the cross, asking with repentant hearts for His forgiveness. And we, God’s very own children, can walk away forgiven. We are forgiven to live a full life in Him, forgiven to be what He wants us to be.

When we leave the foot of the cross, we leave our burdens there. Picking them up again only serves to separate us from God’s good and perfect forgiveness. God says, *“For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more”* (Hebrews 8:12 NIV).

Holding fast to God’s forgiveness, we can learn to forgive ourselves and move forward in accordance with His will.

Walking with my Lord

Forgiving Father, I am ashamed of the times I have hurt You because of my sin. I come, asking Your forgiveness. Through Your Holy Spirit help me to live a life that honors You. In Jesus’ name. Amen.