

# Bethlehem & St. John Lutheran Churches

- The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod -

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The Transfiguration of the Lord

February 15, 2026

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### **The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod's Statement on Close Communion:**

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, Our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust in His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked to first speak with the Pastor.

(CTCR, *Admission to the Lord's Supper*, Nov 1999)

**Life Quotes: February 15** “The message of Jesus’ transfiguration—the fact that Jesus is God and Savior—has the power to transfigure you, to give you metamorphosis, to transform you from a bug to a butterfly! That’s what metamorphosis means. So, this week—and forever!—live a new life, one worthy of Christ, in whose sunshine and light, in whose transfiguration, you now bask.” *Rev. Paul Marggraf – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

**Life Thoughts: (Transfiguration)** – In the Transfiguration of Jesus, we see that the glory of the Almighty God was hidden in the human flesh of our Lord. What a great reminder that God can work remarkable and glorious things through that which the world views as normal and ordinary. God, who can bring about the restoration of the fallen world through human flesh and blood, can also do wonderful and amazing things through surprise pregnancies, people born with severe disabilities, and those with terminal illnesses. Instead of turning to death in these cases, we should look for the ways that God might be hiding His good and gracious will in them.

### **Church Cancellation Procedure**

**PLEASE NOTE:** If there is a need to cancel Church Services or Meetings due to bad weather, you can find out by checking [waow.com](http://waow.com) (Channel 9) or [wsaw.com](http://wsaw.com) (Channel 7). Every effort will also be made to change the message on St. John's answering machine as soon as possible, and please, if you are not comfortable with the weather conditions, be safe and stay home!

## Divine Service I

*Hymn:* “Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning” LSB 400

### Confession and Absolution

Invocation and Exhortation (p.151)

Corporate Confession (p.151)

### Service of the Word

Psalm 2:6-12

Kyrie (p.152)

This Is the Feast (p.155)

### Salutation and Collect 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 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:

*Exodus 24:8–18*

<sup>8</sup>And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, “Behold the blood of the covenant that the Lord has made with you in accordance with all these words.”

<sup>9</sup>Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, <sup>10</sup>and they saw the God of Israel. There was under his feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. <sup>11</sup>And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank.

<sup>12</sup>The Lord said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain and wait there, that I may give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their

instruction.” <sup>13</sup>So Moses rose with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. <sup>14</sup>And he said to the elders, “Wait here for us until we return to you. And behold, Aaron and Hur are with you. Whoever has a dispute, let him go to them.”

<sup>15</sup>Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. <sup>16</sup>The glory of the Lord dwelt on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. And on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud. <sup>17</sup>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 people of Israel. <sup>18</sup>Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

### **Gradual:**

Praise the Lord, all nations!

**Extol him, all peoples!**

For great is his steadfast love toward us,

**and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.**

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;

**bring an offering, and come into his courts!**

### **Epistle:**        *2 Peter 1:16–21*

<sup>16</sup>For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. <sup>17</sup>For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased,” <sup>18</sup>we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. <sup>19</sup>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, <sup>20</sup>knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone’s own interpretation. <sup>21</sup>For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia and Verse (p.156)

**Holy Gospel:**                    *Matthew 17:1-9*

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

**C Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>After six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. <sup>2</sup>And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. <sup>3</sup>And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. <sup>4</sup>And Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah.” <sup>5</sup>He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.” <sup>6</sup>When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. <sup>7</sup>But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Rise, and have no fear.” <sup>8</sup>And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

<sup>9</sup>And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, “Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead.”

P        This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C        Praise to You, O Christ**

Nicene Creed (p.158)

*Office Hymn:* “O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair”

LSB 413

Sermon

Prayer of the Church

Offertory (p.159)

## **Service of the Sacrament**

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Sanctus (p.161)

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The Lord’s Prayer (p.162)

The Words of Our Lord (p.162)

Pax Domini (p. 163)

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Distribution of the Sacrament

*Distribution Hymns:*

“You Satisfy the Hungry Heart” LSB 641

“’Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here” LSB 414

“O Bless the Lord, My Soul” LSB 814

Thank the Lord (p. 164)

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Benediction (p.166)

*Hymn* “Alleluia, Song of Gladness” LSB 417

## **Announcements**

### **Prayers**

- ❖ Remember in our prayers our Shut-ins
- ❖ Remember God’s love and will for children and families as you pray for all Christian workers and those in authority, that all might serve God in their vocations.

### **This Week at Bethlehem and St. John**

Beth:	Sun.	Feb. 15	BINGO	1: 30 pm - 3: 30 pm
Beth:	Sun.	Feb. 15	New Member Catechism Class	6: 00 pm
STJ:	Sun.	Feb. 15	Higher Things Mtg	6: 00 pm
STJ:	Mon.	Feb. 16	Quilters	9: 00 am
STJ:	Mon.	Feb. 16	Able-Light	10: 00 am
STJ:	Wed.	Feb. 18	Ash Wednesday Service	1: 00 pm
Beth:	Wed.	Feb. 18	Soup Supper	5: 30pm
Beth:	Wed.	Feb. 18	Confirmation	6: 00 pm
Beth:	Wed.	Feb. 18	Ash Wednesday Service	7: 00 pm
Beth:	Thurs.	Feb. 19	LifeLight Bible Study	10: 30am
STJ:	Thurs.	Feb. 19	Chimes	5: 30pm
STJ:	Thurs.	Feb. 19	LifeLight Bible Study	6: 30pm

### **Next SUNDAY at Bethlehem and St. John**

Beth:	Sun.	Feb. 22	Worship Service	8: 00 am
Beth:	Sun.	Feb. 22	Sunday School	9: 15 am
Beth:	Sun.	Feb. 22	Adult Bible Study	9: 15 am
STJ:	Sun.	Feb. 22	Sunday School	9: 30 am
STJ:	Sun.	Feb. 22	Worship Service	10: 30 am
STJ:	Sun.	Feb. 22	Adult Bible Study	11: 45 am
Beth:	Sun.	Feb. 22	New Member Catechism Class	6: 00 pm

*Love like Jesus*

**Next SUNDAY Acolytes and Greeters**

Beth: Sun. Feb. 22

Acolyte: Isaac Kosik

Greeters: Shirley Buss & Olivia Hammel

STJ: Sun. Feb. 22

Acolyte: Christian Pehlke

**Higher Things Meeting TODAY** 6 pm at St. John. We will be finalizing the Lenten suppers, wedding reception help and trivia night.

**New Member Catechism Classes** begin this week. The classes will be on Sundays for approximately 6 weeks at Bethlehem starting at 6 pm.

**Day Change: St. John Chimes** will meet on Thursdays at 5:30 pm

**Thank you to all who donated plastic bags.** Fifty-five mats have been made. The goal is to make 100 mats. Keep bringing plastic bags.

**Bethlehem LWML** would like to express heartfelt thanks for your incredible support, which generated \$366.50 through resale sales.

**EDITED TIME: Youth Group will be hosting a Soup Supper**

**Date:** Ash Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>

**Where:** Bethlehem

**Time:** 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm

**Menu Items:** Potato Soup, Chili, Grilled Cheese Sandwiches, Salad and Desserts.



Thank you everyone who contributed to making subs and those who placed sub orders. It was a successful **Lutheran Hour Sub Sandwich** fundraiser. One hundred and two delicious subs were prepared!

**St. John Window Project Help** We hope to replace 5 more windows this summer, but since this is a non-budgeted expense, we need your help to do it! If you would like to donate to this project in whole (about \$5000 total) or in part, please see Pete VanDerLeest asap.

*Available for viewing on the bulletin board:*

- ✓ **North Wisconsin District Annual Report** prepared by District President Rev. Timothy Shoup.
- ✓ **Mroczenski Missionary Monthly** – January 2026 Edition.
- ✓ **Life News** – February 2026 Edition.



**SAVE THE DATE:** *Buckets O' Blarney Trivia Contest Fundraiser* will be Friday, March 13, 2026.

**Buckets O'Blarney Silent Auction**

Along with the trivia contest, we will also have a silent basket auction in the multipurpose room. For the gift baskets, we are asking for donated items. If possible, also include a monetary value of your item so that we can start the bidding on the baskets close to the value of the items in the basket.

Below are some theme ideas for the basket donations:

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|--------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Children's Basket        | Chocolate, Coffee and Tea Basket |
| Baby Basket              | Gardening and Tools Basket       |
| Date Night Basket        | Cooking and Kitchen Basket       |
| Family Game Night Basket | Sports and Packers Basket        |

Items can be given to Deb Mathey or Cathy Schneider. They can also be left on a table in the Parish Hall with a note FOR THE BASKET AUCTION. **Please have donations to church by Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>.** For questions or for more information, contact Cathy Schneider at 715-660-1718 or [cathy\\_schneider2@yahoo.com](mailto:cathy_schneider2@yahoo.com).



# Bingo



February 15, 2026  
 Bethlehem Lutheran Church  
 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm



Suggested donation \$2 per card  
 100% of proceeds will go to the  
 Athens Circle of Joy - food pantry



Snacks and drinks  
 provided.  
 Prizes awarded!



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 Building Our Community  
 Teaching All to Love and  
 Serve One Another

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