

The Transfiguration of our Lord

February 15th, 2026

Order of Service

7:45 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Prayer and Preaching (pg. 260)	DSIV (pg. 203)
<u>Hymns</u>	<u>Hymns</u>
873, 414, 416	873, 414, 416, 634, 413
<u>Sermon</u>	
"Blinded!"	
Rev. Wes Gillaspie	
<u>Scripture Readings</u>	

Exodus 24:9-18: Moses and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and the seventy elders of Israel went up and saw the God of Israel. Under his feet was something like a pavement made of sapphire, as bright blue as the sky. But God did not raise his hand against these leaders of the Israelites; they saw God, and they ate and drank. The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and stay here, and I will give you the tablets of stone with the law and commandments I have written for their instruction." Then Moses set out with Joshua his aide, and Moses went up on the mountain of God. He said to the elders, "Wait here for us until we come back to you. Aaron and Hur are with you, and anyone involved in a dispute can go to them." When Moses went up on the mountain, the cloud covered it, and the glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai. For six days the cloud covered the mountain, and on the seventh day the Lord called to Moses from within the cloud. To the Israelites the glory of the Lord looked like a consuming fire on top of the mountain. Then Moses entered the cloud as he

went on up the mountain. And he stayed on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

II Corinthians 4:1-6: Therefore, since through God's mercy we have this ministry, we do not lose heart. Rather, we have renounced secret and shameful ways; we do not use deception, nor do we distort the word of God. On the contrary, by setting forth the truth plainly we commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ.

Matthew 17:1-9: After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus. Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell facedown to the ground, terrified. But Jesus came and touched them. "Get up," he said. "Don't be afraid." When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus. As

they were coming down the mountain, Jesus instructed them, "Don't tell anyone what you have seen, until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

Serving in Worship Today

Elders *Rodney Hecht; Dave Miller,
Jason Hecht; Mark Schiefer*
Organist *Pam Bernreuter*
Choir *Adult Choir; Cherub Choir*
Usher *Luke Bierlein; Travis Bierlein*
Altar Guild *Nancy Bierlein; Ann Thurston*
Acolytes *Milla Thurston, Brittany Bickel*

Wednesday

Elder *Kevin Kern, Lucas Brown,
Ben Bekemeier*
Pianist *Calistia Daenzer*
Choir *Handbells*
Usher *Travis Bierlein*

This week at St. Michael's

Today Worship Service 7:45 a.m.
Bible Class 9 a.m.
Communion 10:30 a.m.
Mon *Reflections Bookclub 7 p.m.*
Lutheran Laymen's League 7 p.m.
Tue *Adult Choir 7 p.m.*
Ash Wednesday Communion 7 p.m.
Next Sun. Communion 7:45 a.m.
Bible Class/KidzMin 9 a.m.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

Sloppy Joe Sale after both services today in the foyer. Bag includes: sloppy joe, chips, and cookie. \$5 per bag. All proceeds to benefit the 5th-8th grade spring bus trip to Henry Ford/Greenfield Village. Thanks for your support!

"Lord, Teach Us To Pray:" You are invited to a new Bible study this morning in the overflow room as Pastor Gillaspie leads us in a study of

the Lord's Prayer, and prayer in general.

Midweek Lenten Worship: Ash Wednesday is this week, with both the Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion at 7:00. Our midweek Lenten theme is "The Seven Deadly Sins." The Seven Deadly sins were first enumerated in the 6th century and later affirmed by scholars such as Thomas Aquinas. They are called "deadly" sins because they can lead to other sins and ultimately cause a person to fall away from the Christian faith. Greed is the first deadly sin in the Passion story of Jesus, revealed when Judas asked, "What will you give me to hand him over to you?" Everyone is encouraged to set aside time this Lenten season for Wednesday worship!

175th Anniversary: We continue our celebration next Sunday with Pastor Mark Brandt as our guest preacher. Pastor Brandt formerly served St. Lorenz and also as a Michigan District Vice-President.

Lenten Devotionals: Special Lenten devotional booklets entitled "Witnesses to Christ" are available at the exits. We thank Lutheran Laymen's League for providing these!

Lutheran Laymen's League will meet tomorrow at 7 p.m. in the overflow room. Noelle Byerley will be our guest speaker. President Wayne Bierlein will bring refreshments for all who attend. Everyone is welcome!

Youth Group: Next Sunday, Minute to Win It and Trivia Night... the competition is on! Pizza, Prizes, and a Prayer (devotion) We will meet at the church from 6:00 PM till 7:30 PM.

Attention! Cemetery Committee is accepting bids for the 2026 mowing season. Please contact

Jason Bierlein (989)529-5733 by 2/23/2026 If interested.

Grant applications for St Michael's Endowment Non-Designated Fund are now available on our website or in the church office. To locate the application on the website, go to About/Endowment and then scroll down to grant application. These applications may be turned in at the church office and are due March 30. Any questions, contact Pam Bierlein 989-971-3340.

St. Michael's Church Anniversary: We are looking for people of all ages who would like to be part of a special anniversary video, and we are looking for old photos from past events or memories at St. Michael's. If you're interested or have photos to share, please contact Mallorie Rogers at 989-882-7249.

ECC Puzzle Party Fundraiser: Saturday, March 14, Cost: \$60/team - up to 3 people. Prizes awarded to the team who finishes first! More information can be found on the bulletin board in the foyer.

Dear Member's of St. Michael's...

Nathaniel Courville, Life Scout with Troop 55, gives thanks for the support to his Eagle Project on February 9. With 51 volunteers, 34 no-sew blankets were donated to C.S. Mott Children's Hospital in support of Jameson Strong. Learn more at jamesonstrong.org.

Attendance

Sun. Feb. 8th 443
Wed. Feb. 11th 30

Other News

The Lutheran Hour airs on WSAM-1400 from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m. every Sunday. Next Sunday: "As

Through Fire" Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler; To be baptized into Christ, to trust in Him, is to die with Him, to be raised by Him, to pass through the fire under His shelter. 1 Corinthians 3:13

Prayers

Health

Lewis Abraham; Luella Buchinger; Lucas Brown; Michelle DeCoe; Ben Dzioba; Don Duperon; Hope Hecht; Faith Heinlein; Ann Houser; Barb Kern; Carolyn Navarre; Eugene Palmreuter; Barb Rupperecht; Rollie Wenzel

Sympathy

The Family of Larry Putman,
who passed away Feb. 5; funeral was Feb. 13

Mission

Rev. Daniel and Kathy Conrad serve the Lord through The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) in the Dominican Republic. In this role, Daniel serves as chaplain for the region's alliance missionaries and as professor at Concordia the Reformer Seminary in Palmar Arriba, Dominican Republic.

Prayer of the Day

"Heavenly Father, 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 proclaimed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-heirs with Your Son in His glory and bring us to 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, Amen."

