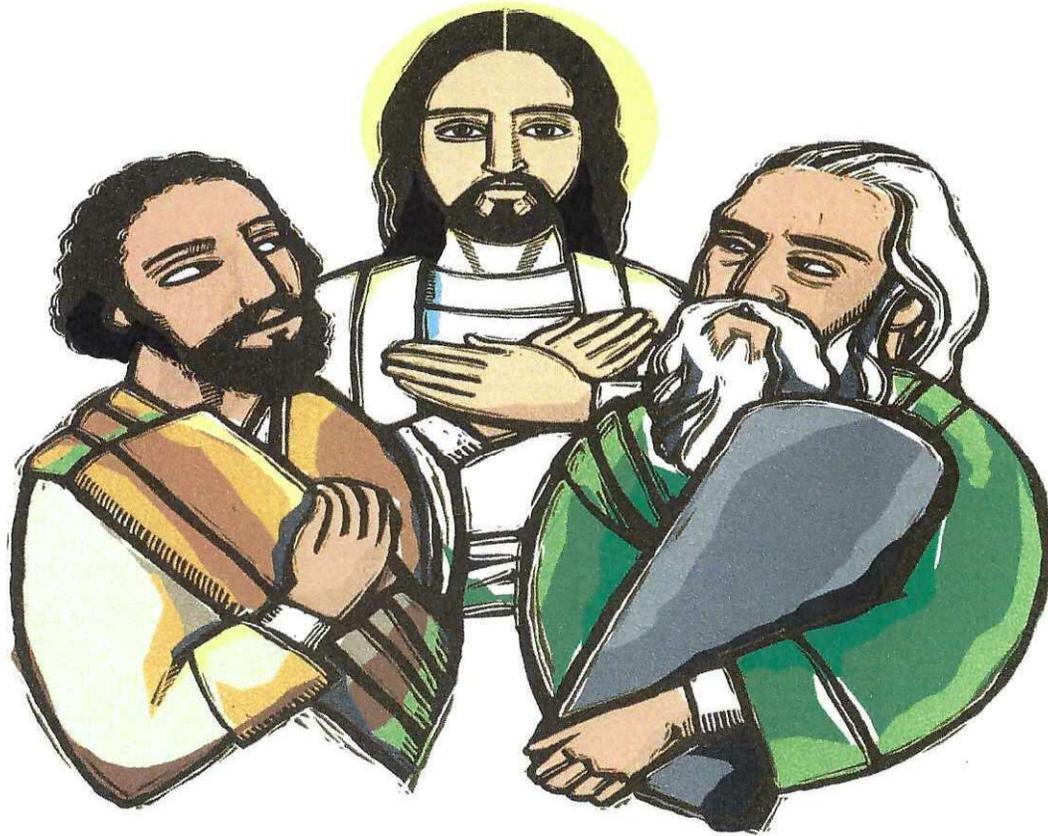


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**And he was transfigured before
them, and his face shone like
the sun, and his clothes
became dazzling white.**

Matthew 17:2, NRSV

Transfiguration Sunday
STANDING IN THE LIGHT
February 15, 2026

TODAY'S MESSAGE: STANDING IN THE LIGHT

Today, we remember the “transfiguration” of our Lord Jesus Christ. Today, we go to the mountaintop with Jesus, Peter, James and John, and we see Jesus revealed in all of His glory. But this is a glory that could not be fully revealed to His first disciples, nor to us, until Jesus finished His work of dying on the cross for our sins and for the sins of the world. Through Jesus, His cross and His resurrection, in His Word and sacraments, God’s glory is revealed to us and we see the light of His salvation. The light of Jesus is a light that shines into the darkness of our sinful world and overcomes the sin that darkens our hearts and our lives. And it is the light and the glory of God revealed to us through Jesus that will lead us faithfully through the darkness of this world and into the glory of God’s heavenly kingdom.



In the Lord’s Supper, Jesus gives us His body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins. The Lord’s Supper is also a very sacred and intimate proclamation of fellowship among those who confess the same faith (doctrine, teachings) concerning God’s Word and the Gospel of His Son Jesus Christ. Therefore, we practice close communion and ask that those who are not confirmed members of an LC-MS congregation receive instruction prior to receiving the Lord’s Supper.

Whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself.

1 Corinthians 11:27-29

Before receiving the Lord’s Supper, we need to examine ourselves in the following way:

(1) Am I truly repentant (sorry) for all of my sins and do I truthfully desire to change my sinful life? (2) Do I believe that Jesus is my Lord and Savior and that in the Lord’s Supper I receive His body and His blood for the forgiveness of all my sins? And (3) Have I been instructed in the Scriptures and have I publicly confessed my belief that the teachings of this church and the LC-MS are faithful to God’s Word and the Gospel of His Son Jesus Christ?

If you have questions about what God’s Word says concerning the Lord’s Supper, please speak with the pastor and/or pick up our brochure titled “Fellowship in the Lord’s Supper”.

Those not confirmed are welcome to come to the altar, keep your hands down and folded and receive a blessing. For those who will be communing: **Non-alcoholic** wine is located in the center of each tray for those who have concerns with alcohol. We offer the **chalice** as well as individual cups. If you desire the chalice, do not take an individual cup from the tray and the pastor will serve you from the chalice. Christ is present in both to grant you forgiveness.

✠ ORDER OF SERVICE WITH COMMUNION ✠

["Divine Service: Setting One" from LSB p.151]

Please silence – or turn off – your phones and refrain from using them during the service.

Welcome

Opening Hymn

"Renew Me, O Eternal Light"

LSB 704

**Renew me, O eternal Light, and let my heart and soul be bright,
Illumined with the light of grace, that issues from Your holy face.**

**Remove the pow'r of sin from me, and cleanse all my impurity,
That I may have the strength and will, temptations of the flesh to still.**

**Create in me a new heart, Lord, that gladly I obey Your Word.
Let what You will be my desire, and with new life my soul inspire.**

**Grant that I only You may love, and seek those things which are above,
Till I behold You face to face, O Light eternal, through Your grace.**

Invocation

Matthew 28:19b

P: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: *(sung)* A - - - men

Confession of Sins

1 John 1:8-9

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

C: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**ALL: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We
have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and
by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we
have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve your present and
eternal punishment. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk
in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P: Almighty God in his mercy has given his Son to die for you and for his sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. *John 20:19-23*

C: *(sung)* A - - - men.

Entrance Psalm [ESV]

Psalm 2

P: Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain?

C: **The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD and against his Anointed, saying, "Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us."**

P: He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision.

C: **Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying, "As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill."**

P: I will tell of the decree: The LORD said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you. Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession."

C: **"You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."**

P: Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth. Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling.

C: **Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.**

ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis *(sung)*

Luke 2:14 and John 1:29

P: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

ALL: Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father: We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God: You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Salutation

2 Timothy 4:22

P: The Lord be with you.

C: *(sung)* **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

Opening Prayer

ALL: Heavenly Father, in the transfiguration of your Son, you reveal both his Sonship and his divinity. In the voice from the bright cloud you also confirm our adoption as your children and heirs of your glory. Bring us at last to the full joy of your eternal kingdom; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Old Testament Reading [ESV]

Exodus 24:8-18

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." Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, 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. And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank.

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." So Moses rose with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. 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."

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. 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. 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. Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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. 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,” we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, 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, knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone’s own interpretation. 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.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading [ESV]

Matthew 17:1-9

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 17th chapter.

C: *(sung)* **Glory to You, O Lord.**

After six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. 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.” 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.” When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Rise, and have no fear.” And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. 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: *(sung)* **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Children’s Message

'Tis good, Lord, to be here! Thy glory fills the night.
Thy face and garments like the sun, shine with un-borrowed light.

'Tis Good, Lord, to be here, Thy beauty to behold,
Where Moses and Elijah stand, Thy messengers of old.

Fulfiller of the past, and hope of things to be,
We hail Thy body glorified, and our redemption see.

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

'Tis good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not remain.
But since Thou bidst us leave the mount, come with us to the plain.

Swiftly pass the clouds of glory, heaven's voice, the dazzling light.
Moses and Elijah vanish. Christ alone commands the height!
Peter, James and John fall silent, turning from the summit's rise,
Downward toward the shadowed valley where their Lord has fixed His eyes.

Glimpsed and gone the revelation, they shall gain and keep its truth,
Not by building on the mountain any shrine or sacred booth,
But by following the Savior through the valley to the cross,
And by testing faith's resilience through betrayal, pain and loss.

Lord, transfigure our perception with the purest light that shines,
And recast our life's intentions to the shape of Your designs,
Till we seek no other glory than what lies past Calvary's hill,
And our living and our dying and our rising by Your will.

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Offertory (*sung*)

Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19

What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?

I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.

I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,

In the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

Offering (*Greet those seated near you. You may say, "The peace of the Lord be with you."*)

[If you are a guest, please feel under no obligation to give anything, but receive this worship service as our gift to you. For the members and friends of this congregation, our mission and ministry is dependent upon your generous giving, a significant act of our worship.]

Offering Prayer

[LSB 781 (v.1-2)]

P: We give Thee but Thine own, whatever the gift may be. All that we have is Thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from Thee.

C: **May we Thy bounties thus, as stewards true receive. And gladly, as Thou blessest us, to Thee our first-fruits give! Amen.**

Prayers

✝ THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION ✝

VISITORS and MEMBERS

Please read the message inside the first page of this bulletin re: participation in the Lord's Supper.

P: The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*

C: *(sung)* **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts. *Colossians 3:1*

C: *(sung)* **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *Psalm 136*

C: *(sung)* **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who at His transfiguration revealed His glory to His disciples that they might be strengthened to proclaim His cross and resurrection and with all the faithful look forward to the glory of life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you and saying:

Sanctus *(sung)*

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of pow'r and might. Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

ALL: 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.

Words of Our Lord

Mt. 26:26-28; Mk. 14:22-24; Lk. 22:19-20; 1 Cor. 11:23-25

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is my ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of me."

In the same way also he took the cup after supper, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this is my ✠ blood of the new testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

John 20:19

C: *(sung)* A - men.

Agnus Dei *(sung)*

John 1:29

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.

Distribution Hymns "Come, Thou Bright and Morning Star"

LSB 872

Come, Thou bright and Morning Star, Light of Light without beginning.

Shine upon us from afar, that we may be kept from sinning.

Drive away by Thy clear light, our dark night.

Let Thy grace, like morning dew, falling soft on barren places,

Comfort, quicken, and renew, our dry souls and dying graces.

Bless Thy flock from Thy rich store, evermore.

May Thy fervent love destroy, our cold works in us, awaking

Ardent zeal and holy joy, at the purple morn's first breaking.

Let us truly rise ere yet, life has set.

Ah! Thou Dayspring from on high, grant that at Thy next appearing,

We who in the graves do lie, may arise, Thy summons hearing.

And rejoice in our new life, far from strife.

Light us to those heav'nly spheres, Sun of grace, in glory shrouded.

Lead us through this vale of tears, to the land where days unclouded.

Purest joy and perfect peace, never cease.

**O God of God, O Light of Light, O Prince of Peace and King of kings:
To You in heaven’s glory bright, the song of praise forever rings.
To Him who sits upon the throne, the Lamb once slain but raised again,
Be all the glory He has won, all thanks and praise! Amen, amen.**

**For deep in prophets’ sacred page, and grand in poets’ winged word,
Slowly in type, from age to age, the nations saw their coming Lord.
Till through the deep Judean night, rang out the song, “Goodwill to men!”
Sung once by firstborn sons of light, it echoes now, “Goodwill!” Amen.**

**That life of truth, those deeds of love, that death so steeped in hate and scorn –
These all are past, and now above, He reigns our King once crowned with thorn.
Lift up your heads, O mighty gates! So sang that host beyond our ken.
Lift up your heads, your King awaits. We lift them up. Amen, amen.**

**Then raise to Christ a mighty song, and shout His name, His mercies tell!
Sing, heav’nly host, your praise prolong, and all on earth, your anthem swell!
All hail, O Lamb for sinners slain! Forever let the song ascend!
Worthy the Lamb, enthroned to reign, all glory, pow’r! Amen, amen.**

**O Morning Star, how fair and bright! You shine with God’s own truth and light
Aglow with grace and mercy! Of Jacob’s race, King David’s son,
Our Lord and master, You have won, our hearts to serve You only!
Lowly, holy! Great and glorious, all victorious, rich in blessing!
Rule and might o’er all possessing!**

**Come, heav’nly Bridegroom, Light divine, and deep within our hearts now shine
There light a flame undying! In Your one body let us be,
As living branches of a tree, Your life our lives supplying.
Now, though daily, earth’s deep sadness, may perplex us, and distress us,
Yet with heav’nly joy You bless us.**

**Lord, when You look on us in love, at once there falls from God above,
A ray of purest pleasure. Your Word and Spirit, flesh and blood,
Refresh our souls with heav'nly food. You are our dearest treasure!
Let Your mercy, warm and cheer us! O draw near us! For You teach us,
God's own love through You has reached us.**

**Almighty Father, in Your Son, You loved us when not yet begun,
Was this old earth's foundation! Your Son has ransomed us in love,
To live in Him here and above. This is Your great salvation.
Alleluia! Christ the living, to us giving, life forever,
Keeps us Yours and fails us never!**

**O let the harps break forth in sound! Our joy be all with music crowned,
Our voices gladly blending! For Christ goes with us all the way –
Today, tomorrow, ev'ry day! His love is never ending!
Sing out! Ring out! Jubilation! Exultation! Tell the story!
Great is He, the King of Glory!**

**What joy to know, when life is past, the Lord we love is first and last,
The end and the beginning! He will one day, oh, glorious grace,
Transport us to that happy place, beyond all tears and sinning!
Amen! Amen! Come, Lord Jesus! Crown of gladness! We are yearning,
For the day of Your returning!**

Song of Thanksgiving

"Thank the Lord"

Psalm 100

**Thank the Lord and sing His praise. Tell everyone what He has done. Let all
who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name. He recalls His promises
and leads His people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**ALL: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to
come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the
true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we
may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in
His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who
lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

C: *(sung)* **A - men, A - men, A - - men.**

Closing Hymn

“Beautiful Savior”

LSB 537

**Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love Thee. Truly I'd serve Thee. Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.**

**Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands, robed in flow'rs of blooming spring.
Jesus is fairer. Jesus is purer. He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.**

**Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight, bright the sparkling stars on high.
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer, than all the angels in the sky.**

**Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be Thine!**

TO OUR VISITORS

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