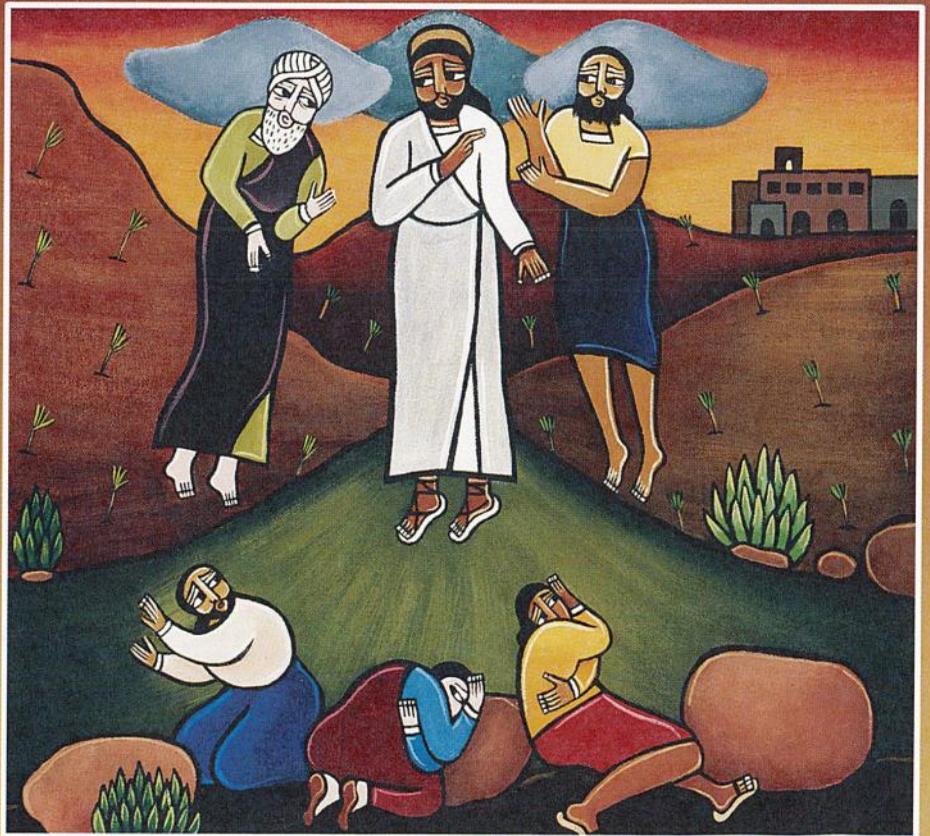


Jesus was  
*transfigured*  
before them

MATTHEW 17:2



# St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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**WELCOME** Thank you for being with us.

**We are a Christian church within the Lutheran tradition** (Evangelical Lutheran Church of America) and we welcome people of all Christian traditions as well as people of other faiths and people of little or no faith. Christian worship has been offered to God in this congregation for 188 years. By worshipping with us today, you become part of that living tradition.

**Offerings** Offerings are received during the liturgy. They are presented along with gifts of bread and wine at the altar. You may also donate via our website at [www.stpaulsyork.org](http://www.stpaulsyork.org) or use the QR Code provided.

**Restrooms** are available in the Good Shepherd Room (Springettsbury lobby) and the narthex (George St). Baby changing stations are provided in these restrooms as well as in the nursery which is accessed through the double doors front right.

**The Nursery** is accessed through the front right double doors. The liturgy is live-streamed into the Nursery. Parents are asked to stay with their children. Quiet activities are also available in the Narthex for infant through preschool children to use with an adult.

**An AED/Defibrillator** unit is located in the Good Shepherd room. It is placed on the wall left side of the Springettsbury door exit.

**Parents**, please do accompany your child to the restroom during the liturgy and wait with them. This is a way for us to practice good safety protocol within our building.

*The altar flowers are presented to the glory of God  
in memory of my great Aunt Evelyn Book by Emily McComsey  
and in honor of our Confirmands, Parker Culp and Ellie Humpal.*



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February 15, 2026  
**The Transfiguration of Our Lord**  
**Holy Communion 8:00 & 10:30 A.M.**  
*Musical setting #1 Evangelical Lutheran Worship*

**PRELUDE**

*Oh Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair*

Ann Slowins

*Stand*

**ENTRANCE HYMN** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (ELW 631)*



1 Love di-vine, all loves ex-cel-ling, Joy of heav'n, to  
2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov-ing Spir-it in-to ev-'ry  
3 Come, Al-might-y, to de-liv-er; let us all thy  
4 Fin-ish then thy new cre-a-tion, pure and spot-less



earth come down! Fix in us thy hum-ble dwell-ing, all thy  
trou-bled breast; let us all in thee in-her-it; let us  
life re-ceive; sud-den-ly re-turn, and nev-er, nev-er-  
let us be; let us see thy great sal-va-tion per-fect-



faith-ful mer-cies crown. Je-sus, thou art all com-pas-sion,  
find thy prom-ised rest. Take a-way the love of sin-ning;  
more thy tem-ples leave. Thee we would be al-ways bless-ing,  
ly re-stored in thee! Changed from glo-ry in-to glo-ry,



pure, un-bound-ed love thou art; vis-it us with  
Al-pha and O-me-ga be; end of faith, as  
serve thee as thy hosts a-bove, pray, and praise thee  
till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal-va-tion, en-ter ev-'ry trem-bling heart.  
its be-gin-ning, set our hearts at lib-er-ty.  
with-out ceas-ing, glo-ry in thy per-fect love.  
crowns be-fore thee, lost in won-der, love, and praise!

## APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

## KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

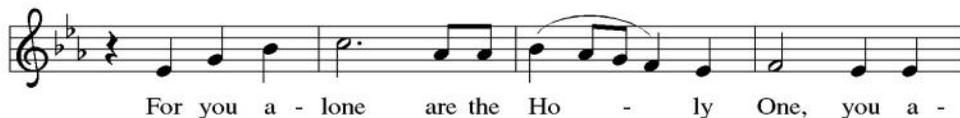
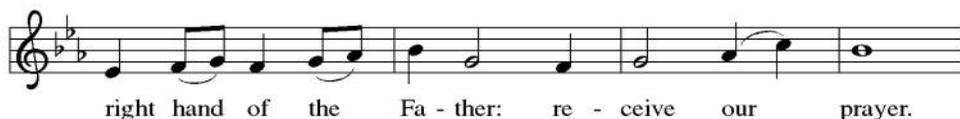
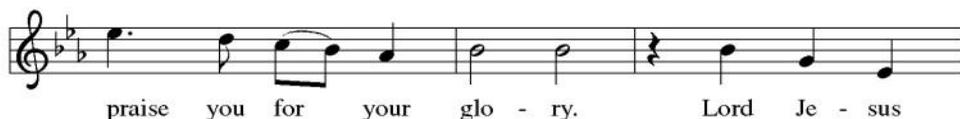
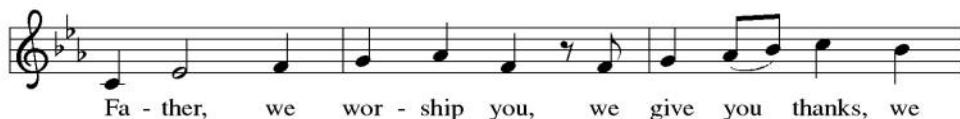
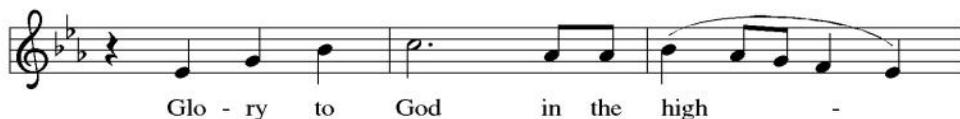


Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

## HYMN OF PRAISE



lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,  
 Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of  
 God the Fa - ther. A - men.  
 Glo - ry to God in the high -  
 est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray. . . Almighty God, on the mountain you showed your glory in the transfiguration of your Son. Give us the vision to see beyond the turmoil of our world and to behold the king in all his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

*Sit*

**FIRST READING**

Exodus 24:12-18

*(back cover)*

**PSALMODY**

Psalm 99

*Spoken responsively*

<sup>1</sup> The LORD is King; let the | people tremble.\*

He is enthroned upon the cherubim; let | the earth shake.

<sup>2</sup> **The LORD is | great in Zion;\***

**he is high | above all peoples.**

<sup>3</sup> Let them confess his name, which is | great and awesome;\*

he is the | Holy One.

<sup>4</sup> **"O mighty King, lover of justice, you have | established equity;\***

**you have executed justice and righteous- | ness in Jacob."**

<sup>5</sup> Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God and fall down be- | fore his footstool;\*

he is the | Holy One.



**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

**With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.**

**He has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.**

**Amen**

*8:00 AM continues with the Prayers of the Church*

## **10:30 AM RITE OF CONFIRMATION**

### **PRESENTATION**

These persons have been instructed in the Christian faith and desire to make public affirmation of their Baptism.

*Parker Culp and Ellie Humpal*

Dear friends, we rejoice that you now desire to make public profession of your faith and assume greater responsibility in the life of our Christian community and its mission in the world.

### **RENUNCIATION OF EVIL**

Brothers and sisters in Christ: In Holy Baptism our Lord Jesus Christ received you and made you members of his Church. In the community of God's people, you have learned from his Word God's loving purpose for you and all creation. You have been nourished at his holy table and called to be witnesses to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Now, therefore, I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize.

Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises?

*The Confirmands respond in turn "I do."*

### **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,**

**the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

*Sit*

### **COMMITMENT**

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,

to hear his Word and share in his supper,

to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,

to serve all people, following the example of our Lord Jesus,

and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

*Each Confirmand answers in turn.*

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

### **PRAYER OF BLESSING**

Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept so that prayer may be made for the confirmands.*

Gracious Lord, through water and the Spirit you have made Parker & Ellie your own. You forgave them all their sins and brought them to newness of life. Continue to strengthen them with the Holy Spirit, and daily increase in them your gifts of grace: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

**Amen**

*Each Confirmand in turn kneels at the altar.*

### **LAYING ON OF HANDS**

Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in [*name*] the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm *her/his* faith, guide *her/his* life, empower *her/him* in *her/his* serving, give *her/him* patience in suffering, and bring *her/him* to everlasting life.

*Each person answers: Amen*

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

*A brief silence.*

Lord God, your Spirit sustains the church. Strengthen us with the revelation of Christ transfigured so that we may joyfully follow him in the way of the cross. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Nurture in us a deep respect for the interdependence of all life, and make us wise and vigilant stewards of your good earth. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

We pray for an end to violent conflict. Give wisdom to negotiators and safety to refugees. Defend all who are in danger. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Bring healing to those who are experiencing illness, chronic pain, or mental anguish. Comfort the dying and those who grieve (*especially*). Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Inspire all who prepare, lead, and participate in worship to serve you with reverence and joy. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Use us to support Parker and Ellie in their Christian faith as they take on greater responsibility in the life of this congregation and in the life of the Church. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

We give thanks for the witness of those who have died in faith, and we praise you for the hope we have in Christ, our Bright Morning Star. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

We commend all for whom we pray to your loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Lord, **Amen.**

## PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

*The ministers and congregation greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

*Sit*

## OFFERING

8:00 AM Organ

*This Little Light of Mine*

Joe Utterback

10:30 AM Chancel Choir

*O Nata Lux (O Glorious Light)*

Edmund Joliffe

**OFFERTORY***Create in Me a Clean Heart (ELW 188)*

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right

spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your

pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -

store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,

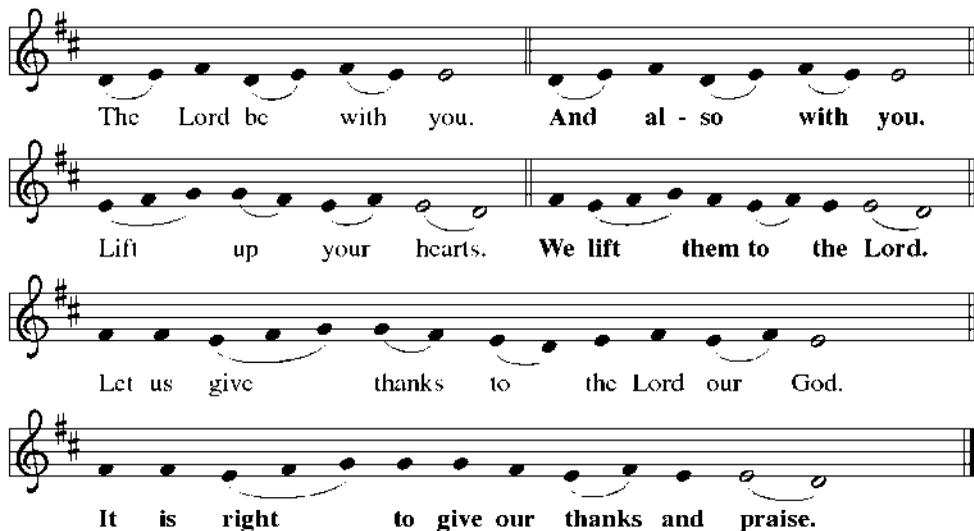
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Let us pray. Blessed are you,

**O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

## DIALOGUE *Stand*

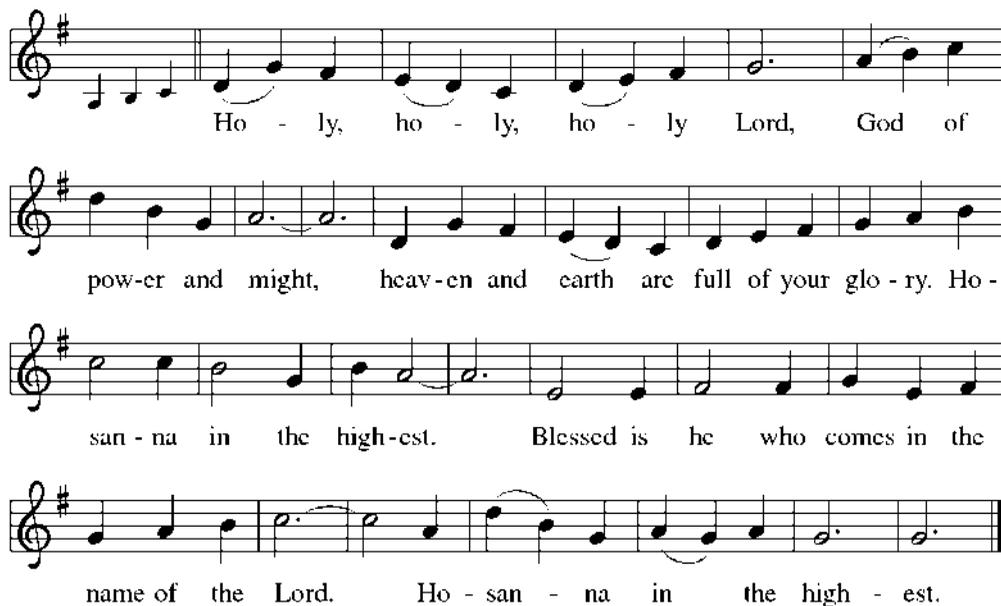


The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God through our Savior Jesus Christ; who, sharing our life, lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to your own brilliant light. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God; you are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, that whoever believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

Having come into the world, he fulfilled for us your holy will and accomplished our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving Passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and his promise to come again, we give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, not as we ought, but as we are able; and we implore you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving, and, with your Word and Holy Spirit, to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine; that we and all who share in the body and blood of your Son may be filled with heavenly peace and joy, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be sanctified in soul and body, and have our portion with all your saints.

All honor and glory are yours, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, now and forever. **Amen**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

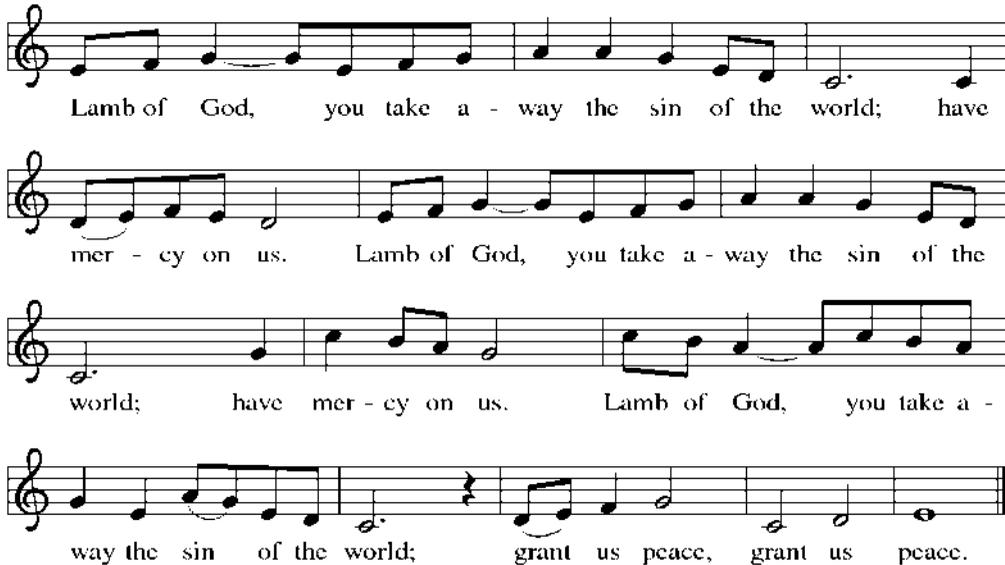
**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

**FRACTION** *A brief silence is kept.*

## AGNUS DEI



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.

## COMMUNION OF THE FAITHFUL *Sit*

Holy Communion at St. Paul's Church is "open" to all believers who trust that the Risen Christ is present for his people in the Holy Eucharist.

*Procedure for receiving Communion:*

- 1. Come to communion using the center aisle.*
- 2. Take a communion glass from the tray of glasses.*
- 3. Take your place along the chancel step.*
- 4. The ministers will bring the bread and wine to you.*
- 5. Place the used cup in an empty tray located on a credence table at the side aisle.*
- 6. Return to your pew using the side aisle*

## COMMUNION CANTICLE *This is the Feast*



*Refrain*  
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.  
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and  
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.  
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

**10:30 AM COMMUNION HYMN** *Jesus on the Mountain Peak (ELW 317) next page*

**Stand**

**POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.  
**Amen**

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Let us pray. Heavenly Father, you revealed the true radiance of your Son in the glory of His Transfiguration. Give us the grace and vision to behold our Lord in the food we receive from heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Jesus on the Mountain Peak



1 Je - sus on the moun - tain peak stands a - lone in  
2 Trem - bling at his feet we saw Mo - ses and E -  
3 Swift the cloud of glo - ry came. God pro - claim - ing  
4 This is God's be - lov - ed Son! Law and proph - ets



glo - ry blaz - ing; let us, if we dare to speak,  
li - jah speak - ing. All the proph - ets and the law  
in its thun - der Je - sus as the Son by name!  
sing be - fore him, first and last and on - ly One.



join the saints and an - gels prais - ing,  
shout through them their joy - ful greet - ing:  
Na - tions, cry a - loud in won - der:  
All cre - a - tion shall a - dore him!



Al - le - lu - ia. al - le - lu - ia!

### BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen**

### BURIAL OF THE ALLELUIA

I heard a voice from heaven saying, “Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord; yea, says the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors.” So says the Church today of her Alleluia. Today it dies, until it rises with Christ at his glorious resurrection.

**There is a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; a time to be born and a time to die; a time to laugh and a time to weep; a time to mourn and a time to dance.**

I heard a voice of a great multitude in heaven crying: “Alleluia! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God. Alleluia! For the Lord our God, the Almighty reigns.”  
**Alleluia! Amen! Alleluia!**

HYMN

*Beautiful Savior (ELW 838) Stanza 4 is unaccompanied*

1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,  
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,  
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,  
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,

Son of God and Son of Man!  
 robed in the flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;  
 bright the spar - kling stars on high;  
 Son of God and Son of Man!

Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,  
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,  
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er,  
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,

light of my soul, my joy, my crown.  
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.  
 than all the an - gels in the sky.  
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

*The congregation remains standing until the ministers and servers have left the chancel.*

**POSTLUDE**

*Dazzling Presence on the Mountain*

Daniel E. Schwandt

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## Ash Wednesday, 18 February 11:00 AM & 7:00 PM

Services on Ash Wednesday will be held at 11:00 AM and at 7:00 PM. Again this year a luncheon will follow the 11:00 AM liturgy in Christ Hall. A sign-up sheet for those planning to attend the luncheon has been placed on the stand in the Good Shepherd Room.



## Wednesday Mid-Week Lent

**Soup, Salad & Bread Supper, Christ Hall 6:00 PM**

**Vespers with Preaching, Church Nave 7:00 PM**

A simple supper of soup, bread and salad, will be held in Christ Hall at 6:00 PM. Following the supper evening Prayer, Vespers, will be held in the church nave at 7:00 PM.



## Experimental Trial Worship Time—To Begin 1 March 2026

If there was something that you could do to increase involvement in the life of the congregation, would you do it? Would you try it? Would you give it a chance?

That was the question posed to the participants at the annual retreat held in January by committee chairpersons and congregation council members. The desire is to continue with an early worship service opportunity and one that will permit greater participation. By adjusting the Sunday schedule, from 8:00 to 8:30 AM, it is hoped that we can accomplish several things:

- Increase attendance by moving from 8:00 AM and starting at 8:30 AM. This may be appealing to families who regularly move out the door shortly after 8:00 AM during the week. This eliminates a half hour wait between Sunday worship and Sunday school. While the education time is scheduled at 9:15 AM the reality is that folks arrive at 9:30 AM. Worshipers can move directly from worship to Christian Education.
- Increase available parking for the 10:30 AM liturgy. By making the early worship time a bit more appealing for schedules this has the potential of freeing up parking spaces for those who arrive later in the morning. The 10:30 AM liturgy is often the time when we experience individuals and families visiting St. Paul's having more parking options would be beneficial. Currently 8:00 AM averages 35 and 10:30 AM averages 125.
- By evening out the participants across two service times, we increase the potential number of people available to serve. This will ease the burden currently experienced at the early service time.
- When there are 70 or more people in the church nave the energy in the room changes. This is most noticeable for the preaching task, both the one preaching and those who listen. The acoustics in the room change.

After significant deliberation the Council decided on **an experimental trial worship time of 8:30 AM (moving the 8:00 AM liturgy one half hour) from March 1<sup>st</sup> through May 17<sup>th</sup>**. This will provide a time to hear responses, see if we are moving toward the desired hopes, and have time to plan accordingly for the 2026-2027 academic year. **The start time of the second liturgy will remain at 10:30 AM.**

For additional information or questions regarding this decision, please contact any member of the Congregation Council.

## This Week at St. Paul's

Church office open Tues–Thurs 8:00 AM—4:00 PM Fri 8:00 AM—11:30 AM

### Sunday, February 15

#### Transfiguration and Confirmation

Newsletter deadline

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist

9:15 AM Sunday School for All Ages

10:30 AM Holy Eucharist —Live Stream  
Confirmation

11:45 AM Benevolence Committee Mtg

6:30 PM AA Meeting—Community Rm

### Monday, February 16 President's Day Office Closed

6:30 PM Council Meeting—Christ Hall

### Tuesday, February 17

9:30 AM Pantry

6:00 PM Create—Preschool thru Grade 6

6:00 PM Bible Study

### Wednesday, February 18 Ash Wednesday

10:00 AM Preschool with Pastor

11:00 AM Ash Wednesday Worship

12 noon Ash Wednesday Luncheon

7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Worship

### Thursday, February 19

10:00 AM Preschool with Pastor

6:30 PM Handbell Choir

7:30 PM Chancel Choir

### Sunday, February 22

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist

9:15 AM Sunday School for All Ages

10:30 AM Holy Eucharist —Live Stream

6:30 PM AA Meeting—Community Rm

### New Members Classes Beginning 22 February 2026 9:15 AM

During the season of Lent Pastor Reep will lead a class for those seeking to unite with St. Paul's as well as those seeking additional information on the ministry carried out in Christian love through the work of the congregation. The classes will be held in the Community Room on the Lower Level at 9:15 AM. If you are interested in becoming a member of St. Paul's Church please notify the church office or speak with Pastor Reep.

### Becoming the Neighbors the World Needs—Sunday 9:15 AM Christ Hall

This new curriculum was prepared for Bridge of Hope. Co-author, Rev. William Snyder will be introducing two stories from the biblical witness which were selected to foster greater neighborhood involvement, understanding, and active participation working to end homelessness. The stories highlighted over the 5 Sundays in Lent are based on Luke 10:25-37 (the Good Samaritan) and four chapters in the book of Ruth 1:16-18, Ruth 2:8-13, Ruth 3:9-11, and Ruth 4:13-17. These two narratives will provide a lens through which we can better understand ourselves, God, and our neighbors. We pray that together we are becoming the neighbors the world needs. Join us in Christ Hall on Sunday at 9:15 AM.

**FIRST READING: Exodus 24:12-18**

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.” <sup>13</sup>So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the mountain of God. <sup>14</sup>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.”

<sup>15</sup>Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. <sup>16</sup>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. <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 Israelites. <sup>18</sup>Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

**Psalm 2****or Psalm 99****SECOND READING: 2 Peter 1:16-21**

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. <sup>17</sup>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.” <sup>18</sup>We ourselves heard this voice come from

heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

<sup>19</sup>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. <sup>20</sup>First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, <sup>21</sup>because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

**GOSPEL: Matthew 17:1-9**

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John 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 bright as light. <sup>3</sup>Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. <sup>4</sup>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.” <sup>5</sup>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!” <sup>6</sup>When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. <sup>7</sup>But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” <sup>8</sup>And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

<sup>9</sup>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.”