

Welcome to worship at Spirit of Christ!



We are a member congregation of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod. We gather here as the living body of Jesus Christ to be nourished and empowered by the Holy Spirit in what we call the “Means of Grace” — God’s gifts of Word and Sacrament. Through these Means of Grace, we receive the promise of the Gospel: that in the Spirit of Christ, God forgives us, remakes us, and reigns in us. May the Lord bless your worship today!

February 15, 2026

Transfiguration of Our Lord

Welcome

Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory

*LSB 416
(tune 848)*

- 1 **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.**
- 2 **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.**
- 3 **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 Calv’ry’s hill
And our living and our dying
And our rising by Your will.**

Stand

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Confession and Absolution

P On a mountain 3300 years ago, God gave Moses the law.

C But the people did not obey that law, and they broke the covenant God made.

P On a mountain 2900 years ago, God instructed Elijah to speak his word to the people.

C But the people did not listen to that word and worshipped other gods.

P On a mountain 2000 years ago, God told the disciples to listen to his beloved Son,

C And everything disappeared from their sight except Jesus.

P Lord, let all sin and rebellion disappear from our lives,

C Forgive our sin and help us to see nothing but Jesus.

We take time in silence to confess our personal and communal sin before God, confident that we will receive forgiveness.

P When the disciples heard the voice of God, they were terrified. We, too, when the holiness of God exposes our sin, are often terrified of God. But Jesus says to them “Get up. Don’t be afraid.” Through Jesus’ death on a different mountain, God has made peace with you forever. He has welcomed you into his family and embraced you with his forgiving love. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Jesus lives in you, and his perfect love will drive out your fear and fill you with joy in the good news.

C Amen! Thanks be to God!

This Is the Feast

LSB 171

A This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

C **Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

Power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and blessing and glory are His.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Sharing of the Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

P We share Christ's peace with one another.

The people greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22-24; Eph. 4:1-3).

Sit

First Reading

Exodus 24:12-18

¹² 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."

¹³ Then Moses set out with Joshua his aide, and Moses went up on the mountain of God. ¹⁴ 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."

¹⁵ When Moses went up on the mountain, the cloud covered it, ¹⁶ 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. ¹⁷ To the Israelites the glory of the LORD looked like a consuming fire on top of the mountain. ¹⁸ Then Moses entered the cloud as he went on

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

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Psalm 2

¹ Why do the nations conspire
and the peoples plot in vain?

² The kings of the earth rise up
and the rulers band together
against the LORD and against his anointed, saying,

³ “Let us break their chains
and throw off their shackles.”

⁴ The One enthroned in heaven laughs;
the LORD scoffs at them.

⁵ He rebukes them in his anger
and terrifies them in his wrath, saying,

⁶ “I have installed my king
on Zion, my holy mountain.”

⁷ I will proclaim the LORD’s decree:
He said to me, “You are my son;
today I have become your father.

⁸ Ask me,
and I will make the nations your inheritance,
the ends of the earth your possession.

⁹ You will break them with a rod of iron;
you will dash them to pieces like pottery.”

¹⁰ Therefore, you kings, be wise;
be warned, you rulers of the earth.

¹¹ Serve the LORD with fear
and celebrate his rule with trembling.

¹² Kiss his son, or he will be angry
and your way will lead to your destruction,
for his wrath can flare up in a moment.
Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

Praise Band

C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ the Son of God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 17:1-9

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

C Glory to you, O Lord.

After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. 2 There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. 3 Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus.

4 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.”

5 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!”

6 When the disciples heard this, they fell facedown to the ground, terrified. 7 But Jesus came and touched them. “Get up,” he said. “Don’t be afraid.” 8 When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus.

9 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.”

P This is the Gospel of our Lord

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

Jesus on the Mountain Peak

LSB 415

**1 Jesus on the mountain peak
Stands alone in glory blazing;
Let us, if we dare to speak,
Join the saints and angels praising.
Alleluia! Voices singing,
Alleluia, praises ringing!**

(tune 904)

- 2 Trembling at his feet we saw
Moses and Elijah speaking.
All the prophets and the law
Shout through them their joyful greeting:
Alleluia! Voices singing,
Alleluia, praises ringing!**
- 3 Swift the cloud of glory came:
God proclaiming in its thunder
Jesus as the Son by name!
Nations, cry aloud in wonder,
Alleluia! Voices singing,
Alleluia, praises ringing!**
- 4 This is God's beloved Son!
Law and prophets sing before him,
First and Last and only One.
All creation shall adore him!
Alleluia! Voices singing,
Alleluia, praises ringing!**

Homily

Stand

Nicene Creed

**☩ 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 catholic 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.

Sit

Prayers of the Church

Presentation of the Offering

Please sign the Friendship Register located on each pew and pass it to others seated with you so that we may have a record of all those who are worshipping and receiving communion with us today.

Stand

Preface (Spoken)

LSB 177

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Sanctus

Praise Band

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are filled with your glory
Holy is the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord
Hosanna, Hosanna, Holy is the Lord.**

The Words of Our Lord

Lord's Prayer

Agnus Dei

Praise Band

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of all the world,
Hear us, Jesus.
Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of all the world,
Have mercy on us.
Have mercy on us.
And give us your peace.**

Sit

Distribution

We believe that as we partake of the bread and wine in Holy Communion, Jesus the Messiah is feeding us with his own true body and blood. In eating his body and drinking his blood we receive the promise that our sins are forgiven, and that we will therefore live eternally with God. We also believe that this eating and drinking is a confession of our faith.

If you have been baptized into the Christian faith and if you share our understanding of Christ's Real Presence in this meal, you are welcome to receive Christ's body and blood for your benefit.

You Are Holy

Choir

O Lord, We Praise Thee

LSB 617 (tune 789)

- 1 O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and adore Thee,
In thanksgiving bow before Thee.
Thou with Thy body and Thy blood didst nourish
Our weak souls that they may flourish:
O Lord, have mercy!
May Thy body, Lord, born of Mary,
That our sins and sorrows did carry,
And Thy blood for us plead
In all trial, fear, and need:
O Lord, have mercy!**
- 2 Thy holy body into death was given,
Life to win for us in heaven.
No greater love than this to Thee could bind us;
May this feast thereof remind us!
O Lord, have mercy!
Lord, Thy kindness did so constrain Thee
That Thy blood should bless and sustain me.
All our debt Thou hast paid;
Peace with God once more is made:
O Lord, have mercy!**
- 3 May God bestow on us His grace and favor
That we follow Christ our Savior
And live together here in love and union
Nor despise this blest Communion!
O Lord, have mercy!
Let not Thy good Spirit forsake us;
Grant that heav'nly-minded He make us;
Give Thy Church, Lord, to see
Days of peace and unity:
O Lord, have mercy!**

Christ, the Word of God Incarnate

LSB 540

- 1 Christ, the Word of God incarnate,
Lord and Son of Abraham;
Christ, the radiance of the Father,
Perfect God, the great I AM;
Christ, the light, You shine unvanquished,**

**Light and life You bring to all;
Light our path with Your own presence,
Grant us grace to heed Your call.**

- 2 Christ, the living bread from heaven,
Food for body, food for soul;
Christ, the manna daily given,
Nourish, strengthen, make us whole.
Feed us with the food of heaven,
Foretaste of the feast to be;
Quench our thirst with living water
Springing up eternally.**
- 3 Christ, the shoot that springs triumphant
From the stump of Jesse's tree;
Christ, true vine, You nurture branches
To bear fruit abundantly.
Graft us into You, O Savior;
Prune our hearts so we remain
Fruitful branches in Your vineyard
Till eternal life we gain.**
- 4 Christ, our good and faithful shepherd,
Watching all Your lambs and sheep;
Christ, the gate that guards the sheepfold,
Never-failing vigil keep.
When we stray, Good Shepherd, seek us,
Find us, lift us, bear us home;
Lamb of God, our shepherd, keep us;
Let us hear Your voice alone.**
- 5 Christ, the way that leads unflinching
To the Father's home on high,
Christ, the truth that frees the captive,
Christ, the life that cannot die.
Mediator to the Father,
Sacrifice and great High Priest:
Lead us to Your heav'nly mansions,
There to share Your wedding feast.**

6 Christ, the Alpha and Omega,
Christ, the firstborn from the dead,
Christ, the life and resurrection,
Christ, the Church's glorious head:
Praise and thanks and adoration
And unending worship be
To the Father and the Spirit
And to You eternally.

O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair

LSB 413
(tune 664)

- 1 O wondrous type! O vision fair
Of glory that the Church may share,
Which Christ upon the mountain shows,
Where brighter than the sun He glows!
- 2 With Moses and Elijah nigh
The incarnate Lord holds converse high;
And from the cloud the Holy One
Bears record to the only Son.
- 3 With shining face and bright array
Christ deigns to manifest today
What glory shall be theirs above
Who joy in God with perfect love.
- 4 And faithful hearts are raised on high
By this great vision's mystery,
For which in joyful strains we raise
The voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.
- 5 O Father, with the eternal Son
And Holy Spirit ever one,
We pray Thee, bring us by Thy grace
To see Thy glory face to face.

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

LSB 802

- 1 Immortal, invisible,
God only wise,
In light inaccessible
hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious,
the Ancient of Days,

Almighty, victorious,
Thy great name we praise.

2 Unresting, unhasting,
and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting,
Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains
high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains
of goodness and love.

3 To all life Thou givest—
to both great and small—
In all life Thou livest,
the true Life of all;
We blossom and flourish
as leaves on the tree
And wither and perish—
but naught changes Thee.

4 Great Father of glory,
pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore Thee,
all veiling their sight;
All laud we would render:
O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor
of light that hides Thee.

Stand

Dismissal

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

Alleluia, Song of Gladness

LSB 417
(tune 924)

- 1 Alleluia, song of gladness,
Voice of joy that cannot die;
Alleluia is the anthem
Ever raised by choirs on high;
In the house of God abiding
Thus they sing eternally.
- 2 Alleluia, thou resoundest,
True Jerusalem and free;
Alleluia, joyful mother,
All thy children sing with thee,
But by Babylon's sad waters
Mourning exiles now are we.
- 3 Alleluia cannot always
Be our song while here below;
Alleluia, our transgressions
Make us for a while forgo;
For the solemn time is coming
When our tears for sin must flow.
- 4 Therefore in our hymns we pray Thee,
Grant us, blessèd Trinity,
At the last to keep Thine Easter
With Thy faithful saints on high;
There to Thee forever singing
Alleluia joyfully.

Announcements

Sending

- P** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Serving in Worship This Morning

February 15, 2026

Pastor:

Jason Neel

Elder:

Chuck Johnson
Carl Schwanbeck

Reader:

Mike Voegele

Usher:

Randy Herschman

Organist:

Karine Platt

Acolyte:

Lyla Marquardt

Greeters:

Youth

In our prayers

Celebrating Birthdays: Jean O'Keefe 2/16, Rita Matheson 2/17, Brenna Johnson 2/19, Ryan Weinhold 2/19, and Zachary Weinhold 2/19.

Baptismal Birthdays: Bob Marolt 2/15, Doug Degler 2/16, Andrew Kuntz 2/16, Jonathan Weinhold 2/18, and Julie Endorf 2/19.

Celebrating Anniversaries: Jerry & Bonnie Garland 2/15, John & Toni Peterson 2/16, James & Martha Gunderson 2/18, and Jerry & Marilyn Coleman 2/18.

This week at a Glance:

Today	8:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	10:30 a.m.	Education Hour
Tuesday	10:00 a.m.	Ladies Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Council Meeting
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Faith Class
	6:45 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Service
	7:30 p.m.	Bell's
Thursday	7:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Choir
Saturday	7:00 a.m.	Small Group Bible Study
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	10:30 a.m.	Education Hour
	6:00 p.m.	Faith Class

Notes of Information:

Flower Order: It's time to order flowers to beautify our sanctuary for Easter. You can order an Easter Lily (\$9), Tulips - Red, Yellow or Purple (\$9) or Pink Hydrangeas (\$16.50). Envelopes can be found on the table in the narthex. Please make your check payable to SOC Altar Guild. Orders are due by March 15th. Contact Karen Zimmerman (612/388-5827) with any questions.

Ladies Bible Study: New Women's Book Study Begins Tuesday, February 24th at 10AM.

Waiting is a Bible Study on Patience, Hope, and Trust by Sharla Fritz. In a culture of instant gratification, waiting is often seen as agony, yet it may serve as God's most effective classroom for spiritual transformation. The study Waiting explores the lives of eight biblical women to provide principles for enduring uncomfortable delays. It offers guidance on surrendering worry and finding meaning even when God feels distant. Books are available on the following websites: Concordia Publishing House, Amazon, or Christian book. We hope you will join us!

Voters' Meeting: There will be an upcoming Voters' Meeting on the 22nd of February after the church service.

Nursery: Looking for volunteers to sit with kids in the nursery during the sermon. If interested, please sign up on the bulletin board outside the sanctuary if you have any questions see Leslie Kuntz or call her @ 763-592-9206

Lent Soup Supper's : It is time for soup supper's during Lent. Please consider making a soup or dessert. To sign up see Jonelle

Book Club: Spirit of Christ Book Club will meet in the fellowship hall at 7 p.m. Dates and books are:

February 23 - James by Percival Everett

March 23 - The Light Between Oceans by M.L. Stedman

April 27 – A Tree Grows in Brooklyn by Betty Smith

If you have any questions, please contact Joan Mager.

Stewardship Messages: *"I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me."*
(Matthew 25:40)

NACE: At this time NACE is taking winter clothes. Food needs are canned Fruit, Sides and Peanut Butter. For more information, reach out to Toni Peterson.

Carl's Movie Minute:

Solo Mio extended run from 2/5-19 E. Bethel and White Bear Emagine, AMC Coon Rapids....a romcom, certainly a strong contrast from Still Hope. Kevin James plays an awkward shy gentleman who is getting married in Italy, destination wedding, but is left at the altar, NOW what does he do.....a prominent role for Jesus in this one....likely safe for the whole family.

The Apocalypse of St. John. Feb 15-17 Emagine White Bear: A Spanish production with English subtitles, a documentary interruption on John's vision in Revelation

I Can Only Imagine 2. The sequel of I Can Only Imagine; the continued story of Bart Millard and Mercy Me. Success doesn't mean happily ever after..... Opens 2/20 check through Kingdom Stories productions or watch Emagine theaters or AMC websites for times closer to 2/20 For ages who love Mercy Me. This could be a group event if someone wants to organize it. I'll be out of town until March 6. I'll be seeing it in Texas...

Feed My Starving Children: The youth have a scheduled packing date on Saturday March 21st from 2:30pm – 4:15pm. and following we will go out for a snack at Culvers. If you would like to come with us, please email secretary@soclc.org

Feed My Starving Children M&M containers in the narthex – As you've picked up a bulletin, submitted a prayer request, or dropped off your monthly mite offering, you may have noticed a tub with M&M containers on the table. This is a fundraiser for the Feed My Starving Children Ministry.

Brochures placed with the containers, and FMSC.ORG provide information about the impact this ministry has around the world and the many ways you may become involved.

You are welcome to take a container of M&M's home. After eating the candy, fill the container with quarters. The containers will also hold cash or checks payable to FMSC. Every dollar will provide about three meals.

There is no time limit as to when this needs to be completed, so take as long as you need to fill the container.

Filled containers may be taken directly to FMSC packing site, or you may bring them back to church and we will take them to the Coon Rapids site.

You may also enjoy taking part in a packing session! Go on line and pick other dates/times that work in your schedule. It is a rewarding, impactful activity for people of all ages!

Araeya Sell: Is a good friend of Harry Hibbens Granddaughter she is a 17-year-old from East Bethel, MN. Araeya has a rare genetic disorder called CTLA-4 Haploinsufficiency, requiring a bone marrow transplant. All Day on Tuesday February 24th they will be having a DINE to Donate at Applebee's in Forest Lake, MN. Please scan the bar code in the right-hand corner of the next page to learn more or give a tax deductible donation.



ARAEYA SELL

Araeya Sell is a 17 year old from East Bethel, MN who has a rare genetic disorder called CTLA-4 Haploinsufficiency, requiring a bone marrow transplant.



JOIN US FOR GREAT FOOD & FUNDRAISER BASKET DRAWINGS!

15% of sales after 4PM will be donated to COTA in honor of Araeya Sell to help pay for a lifetime of transplant related expenses.

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OR
to give a taxdeductible donation to COTA on behalf of Araeya Sell

DINING to DONATE

Join us for a fun night at Applebee's all while raising money for

Children's Organ Transplant Association in Honor of Araeya Sell

**Tuesday - February 24, 2026
All Day**

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the Neighborhood*
Applebee's

<i>Average Weekly Offering</i>	\$8056.00.
<i>Average offering needed per week to fulfill work plan</i>	\$6730.28

Readings for next week:

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7, Romans 5:12-19, Matthew 4:1-11



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