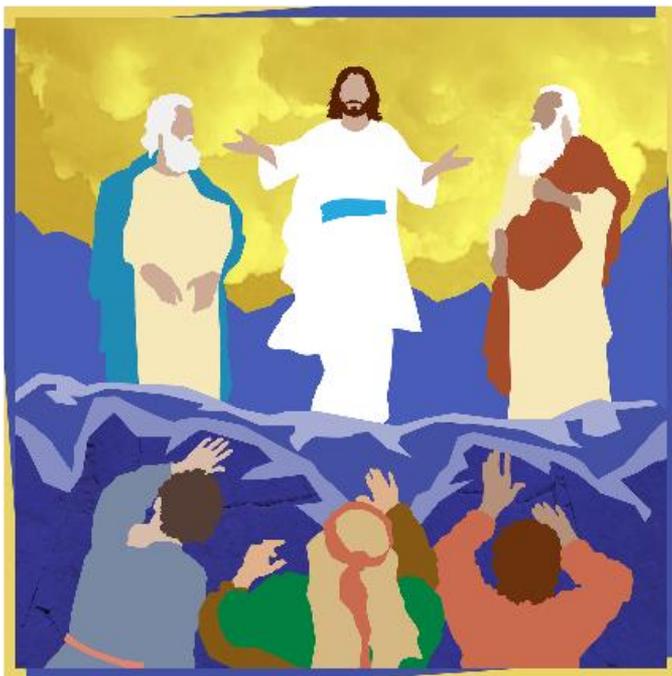


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The Transfiguration of Our Lord

February 15th, 2026

Divine Service Setting 2

LSB 167

AS WE GATHER

Jesus looks brilliant! As language changes, sometimes the most basic meanings of words change and expand with the times. For generations, the English word *brilliant* meant simply something that shines or radiates light. The word is thought to be derived from the prized gemstone beryl, which is mentioned in both the Old Testament book of Daniel (10:6) and the book of Revelation (21:20). Jesus’ garments became “white as light,” Matthew writes (17:2), in a way that mirrors Psalm 104, where the psalmist writes of God: “You are clothed with splendor and majesty, covering Yourself with light as with a garment” (vv. 1–2). As He stands on the mountaintop with Moses and Elijah, Jesus is shining, radiant, and brilliant. An expanded meaning of the word *brilliant* is “perfect, amazing, and wonderful.” Jesus on the mountaintop is brilliant as He discusses how He will carry out God’s plan of our salvation with two of the best coaches ever, Moses and Elijah. Jesus does not just look brilliant—He *is* brilliant!

RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME (Bienvenido, स्वागत छ, Chào mừng, 환영, ようこそ,

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dhufte, Willkommen, Benvenuto, 欢迎) **ALL**

We’re glad you are here! If you are visiting for the first time, please make it a point to introduce yourself to the pastor. Please take time to fill out an attendance card and drop it in the basket during the offering. Please consider liking us on Facebook (St. Johns Lutheran Church – St. Louis City) and checking out our website (<https://stjohnslutheranstlouis.org/>).

If you have a prayer request that you would like offered during the service, please grab one of the blue sheets of paper next to the bulletins and place it in the basket during offering.

PREPARATION

HYMN “Songs of Thankfulness and Praise” *LSB 394*

**Songs of thankfulness and praise,
Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise,
Manifested by the star
To the sages from afar,
Branch of royal David’s stem
In Thy birth at Bethlehem:
Anthems be to Thee addressed,
God in man made manifest.**

**Manifest at Jordan’s stream,
Prophet, Priest, and King supreme;
And at Cana wedding guest
In Thy Godhead manifest;
Manifest in pow’r divine,
Changing water into wine;
Anthems be to Thee addressed,
God in man made manifest.**

**Manifest in making whole
Palsied limbs and fainting soul;
Manifest in valiant fight,
Quelling all the devil’s might;
Manifest in gracious will,
Ever bringing good from ill;
Anthems be to Thee addressed,
God in man made manifest.**

**Sun and moon shall darkened be,
Stars shall fall, the heav'ns shall flee;
Christ will then like lightning shine,
All will see His glorious sign;
All will then the trumpet hear,
All will see the Judge appear;
Thou by all wilt be confessed,
God in man made manifest.**

**Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord,
Present in Thy holy Word—
Grace to imitate Thee now
And be pure, as pure art Thou;
That we might become like Thee
At Thy great epiphany
And may praise Thee, ever blest,
God in man made manifest.**

INVOCATION (*Stand as you are able*)

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

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 50:1–2; 67:1, 3; 2
Corinthians 4:6*

The Mighty One, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth
from the rising of the sun to its setting.

Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make His face to shine
upon us.

**Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise
You!**

For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,”

**has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the
glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

O God our Father, we admit and confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You in thought and in word and in deed.

Have mercy on us and forgive us, O God.

We confess that we have not always listened to Your Word and have not brought glory to You through our words and our deeds.

Have mercy on us and forgive us, O God.

We confess that we have been thoughtless in our judgments, hasty in condemnation, begrudging in forgiveness, slow to seek reconciliation, and unwilling to help our neighbors as we ought.

Have mercy on us and forgive us, O God.

We confess that we have not always been defenders of the weak and the needy as advocates of those not yet born and defenders of those in the final stages of life.

Have mercy on us and forgive us, O God.

We confess that we have not used every opportunity given us to witness to the faith that is ours, that we and have let the devil, the world, and our sinful flesh set the agendas for our lives and actions.

Have mercy on us and forgive us, O God.

We repent of all that is sinful in our lives, both those things that we know of and those things unknown to us that are against Your righteous laws.

Have mercy on us and forgive us, O God.

Upon this your confession and by the command of our Lord, I, a called and ordained servant of Christ, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

INTROIT *Psalm 99:1–5; antiphon: v. 9 (Spoken)*

Exalt the Lord our God, and worship at his holy mountain;
for the Lord our God is holy!

The Lord reigns; let the peoples tremble!

He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

The Lord is great in Zion;

he is exalted over all the peoples.

Let them praise your great and awesome name!

Holy is he!

The King in his might loves justice.

You have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

Exalt the Lord our God; worship at his footstool!

Holy is he!

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.

Exalt the Lord our God, and worship at his holy mountain;

for the Lord our God is holy!

KYRIE LSB 168

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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 mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

“Glory Be to God the Father”

LSB 506 v. 1,4

Glory be to God the Father,

Glory be to God the Son,

Glory be to God the Spirit:

Great Jehovah, Three in One!

**Glory, glory
While eternal ages run!**

**Glory, blessing, praise eternal!
Thus the choir of angels sings:
Honor, riches, pow'r, dominion!
Thus its praise creation brings.
Glory, glory,
Glory to the King of kings!**

SALUTATION

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

Amen.

WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Exodus 24:8–18*

⁸And 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.” ⁹Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, ¹⁰and 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. ¹¹And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank.

¹²The 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.” ¹³So Moses rose with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. ¹⁴And 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.” ¹⁵Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶The 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. ¹⁷Now 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. ¹⁸Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL *Psalm 117:1–2a; 96:8 (Spoken)*

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*

¹⁶For 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. ¹⁷For 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,” ¹⁸we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. ¹⁹And 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, ²⁰knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. ²¹For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

VERSE *LSB 173 (Stand as you are able)*

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 17:1–9*

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

Glory to You, O Lord.

¹After six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. ²And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. ³And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴And 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." ⁵He 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." ⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear." ⁸And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. ⁹And 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."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (*Sit*)

HYMN OF THE DAY

“O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair” *LSB* 413

**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!**

**With Moses and Elijah nigh
The incarnate Lord holds converse high;
And from the cloud the Holy One
Bears record to the only Son.**

**With shining face and bright array
Christ deigns to manifest today
What glory shall be theirs above
Who joy in God with perfect love.**

**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.**

Stand

**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.**

SERMON

APOSTLE'S CREED *(Stand as you are able)*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

OFFERING *(Sit)*



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OFFERTORY

LSB 176

**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.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *(Stand as you are able)*

Through faith in Christ, we may approach our God with confidence, praying for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs:

Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of love and peace, we bless You for revealing the mystery of the ages to us. We thank You for including each of us in the marvelous plan of salvation and for the ongoing work of the Holy Spirit in us and among us. Work in us to reflect the brilliant light of Christ and show forth His love at all times and in all places.

Hear us, Father, when we pray. Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of power and might, we pray for our world and for all the people who share this planet with us. Grant us grace to listen to Your Word and to follow its directing, that we may share Your glory. Move us to reach out in every direction with the joyful news of the Gospel, that people everywhere may become part of the kingdom of God now and forever. Hear us, Father, when we pray.

Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of grace and glory, we pray for this gathering of the faithful. Bless this congregation, its leaders, and all the people here present that we may be light in a darkened world. Bless also those with special needs, whose earthly journeys are burdensome or challenging. Especially we remember the sick, the homebound, and those in need of our petitions, [*including . . .*]. Bless them with Your presence and enable us to be their comfort and support. Hear us, Father, when we pray. Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Special Petitions....Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of time and eternity, we thank You for the faithful witness of those no longer with us here on earth who shine in the beauty of Your light eternal. Inspire us by their faithful witness that we seek to serve You constantly all our days. Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Hear us, Father, when we pray.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

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.

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26* LSB 183

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.

Amen.

The season of Lent is a time of repentance, sorrow, and anticipation. To emphasize this aspect, during Lent, the Church refrains from songs of “alleluia,” a word which means “Praise the Lord!” With this hymn, we bid farewell until we celebrate our Savior’s resurrection on Easter morning with many shouts of “Alleluia!”

HYMN “Alleluia, Song of Gladness” LSB 417

**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.**

**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.**

**Alleluia cannot always
Be our song while here below;
Alleluia, our transgressions
Make us for a while for-go;
For the solemn time is coming
When our tears for sin must flow.**

**Therefore in our hymns we pray Thee,
Grant us, blessed Trinity,
At the last to keep Thine Easter
With Thy faithful saints on high;
There to Thee for ever singing
Alleluia joyfully.**

Preacher	Pastor Idonis King
Liturgist	Pastor Ben Wescoatt
Lector	Sue Hampel
Elder	Earl Welch
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Children's Message	Pastor Idonis King
Bible Class	Pastor Ben Wescoatt

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Announcements

Saved to Share Called to Care

Our Response to God's Love last Week:

9:00 Attendance/Communion/10:30 Attendance: 39/35/46

Offering: \$1,420.75

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL will meet today, after Bible Study.

SCHOLARSHIP FUND REQUEST

Our Scholarship Fund is in need of a boost. This fund is used to help cover the cost of our young members to attend Lutheran Schools. Please consider giving a donation to this fund so that we can continue to support our youth.

Thank you for your help.

SAUSAGE DINNER AT SALEM (AFFTON) The members of Salem Men's Club are proud to announce their **ANNUAL ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT SAUSAGE DINNER Sunday, March 1, 2026 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Salem Lutheran School cafeteria (5025 Lakewood Ave., 63123)** Adults \$14.00 / Children (age 5-12) \$6.00 / Kids (age 4 and younger) eat free! Desserts \$1.00 each / Beverages included with dinner Carry-outs available / Cooked Sausage for sale

Make checks payable to Salem Men's Club.

For more information, visit <https://slcas.org/church/mens-club/sausage-dinner/>.

VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY CHORALE AND CHAMBER ORCHESTRA CONCERT

The Valparaiso University Chorale and Chamber Orchestra will perform music by J.S. Bach, Emma Lou Diemer, Palestrina, Philip Stopford, and Eric Whitacre in churches and schools during their March 6-11 tour. The program will feature two pieces for choir and orchestra: J.S. Bach's *Der Herr denket an uns*, BWV 196 and Eric Whitacre's *Five Hebrew Love Songs*. The concerts are free and open to the public.

Sunday, March 8 at 7:00 PM at St. Paul Lutheran Church of Des Peres, 12345 Manchester Road, MO 63131.

Monday, March 9

at 7:00 PM at Lutheran High School South

Duesenberg Theater,

9515 Tesson Ferry Rd. St. Louis, MO 63123.

The LHSS Concert Choir will also perform.

YOUTH TRIVIA NIGHT will be on February 28th at 6pm at Messiah Lutheran Church. Support our youth while competing with friends to see who knows the most unimportant things. Tickets are \$25 per person and \$160 per table until February 21st. After that, ticket prices go up to \$30 and \$200 so save your spot now. You can purchase tickets at messiahstl.org. Doors open at 5PM, trivia begins at 6PM. Popcorn and sodas provided and you may bring your own food and beverages as well. All proceeds go to support our youth attending the Missouri District Youth Gathering in April.

Prayers

Prayers for Health –for President R. Lee Hagan, Richard, Bob, Jessica, Kate, Mary, and Cat; **Sandy Key** who has cancer;

Area Ministry – Word of Life Lutheran School

Shut Ins – Debra Frerichs, Carolyn Dickhoener, and Ruth Trauth (Sherbrooke)

Special Prayer Petitions –**For** those displaced from home and church;

Melba that her walking ability may improve so that she can return to church; **Evangelist** Idonis King; **Compass Director** Jaylynn Mennel;

Our Associate Pastors Nabin & Ratna; **Momentum Academy and All Schools; The Food Pantry and those who receive food: Compass;**

Our Field-Workers Michael and John; **For** those traveling;

Missionaries Zach Barz (for life & ministry) and Erin Mackenzie;

South City Circuit Prayers David Eberle, Craig Otto, Steve Miller, Chau

Vo, WOL and Momentum schools and their partner congregations,

Alan Bueckman, and Andrew Dinger

Opportunities to Love and Serve Christ this Week February 15 – February 22

Sunday	<u>9:00am</u> Worship / <u>10am</u> Fellowship <u>10:30am</u> Bible Study / <u>10:30am</u> Nepali Worship <u>NO</u> Sunday School / <u>11:30am</u> Executive Council Meeting 12:30pm Abundant Grace Chapel Worship <u>1pm-4pm</u> Tower Grove Soccer Club / <u>6pm-8pm</u> Nepalese Volleyball
Monday	8am-12pm Office Open / <u>NO</u> Compass <u>6pm</u> Ladies Exercise / <u>6:15pm</u> Tower Grove Soccer
Tuesday	<u>8am-12pm</u> Office Open / <u>3pm-6pm</u> Compass
Wednesday	<u>8am-12pm</u> Office Open / <u>9am</u> Midweek Bible Study 3pm-6pm Compass <u>6:00pm</u> Ash Wednesday Worship
Thursday	<u>8am-12pm</u> Office Open / <u>3pm-6pm</u> Compass <u>3:25pm</u> Compass Chapel / <u>6:15pm</u> Tower Grove Soccer
Friday	8am-12pm Office Open / <u>2pm-6pm</u> Compass
Saturday	<u>8:30am</u> Food Pantry / <u>1pm</u> Tower Grove Soccer 6pm-8pm Abundant Grace Choir Practice 6pm-8pm Nepalese Volleyball
Next Sunday	<u>9:00am</u> Worship w/ Communion / <u>10am</u> Fellowship <u>10:30am</u> Bible Study / <u>NO</u> Nepali Worship <u>NO</u> Sunday School 12:30pm Abundant Grace Chapel Worship <u>1pm-4pm</u> Tower Grove Soccer Club / <u>6pm-8pm</u> Nepalese Volleyball