



WE ARE TRANSFORMED IN CHRIST  
*to Share the Hope of Eternal Life.*  
**THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD**  
**FEBRUARY 15, 2026**



*Holy Cross Lutheran Church*  
THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD

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## **THE ORDER OF SERVICE**

The ringing of the bells starts at 9 a.m. Pastor/Seminarian prepares for a long set of bell tones before walking up to altar.

Words written in **Bold** generally signify congregation response.

### **The Greeting**

This is the day that the Lord has made.

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

We are transformed in Christ

**To share the hope of eternal Life.**

Welcome, let us stand and share the sign of peace and conversation.

### **Sit**

## 414 'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here

Text: Joseph A. Robinson, 1858–1933, alt.

### Stand

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

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

C **Amen.**

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

## Service of the Word

### Introit

### Psalm 99:1–5; antiphon: v. 9

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 204



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

### Gloria in Excelsis (intro)

LSB 204



**C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav-en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav-ior, You take our sins a-way.  
For-ev-er and for-ev-er, Be wor-shiped and a-dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa-ther; Your ho-ly name, we sing—  
Have mer-cy on us, Je-sus; Re-ceive our heart-felt cry,  
You with the Ho-ly Spir-it A-lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo-ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa-ther's glo-ry, "A-men!" our glad re-ply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

## **Salutation and Collect of the Day**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P 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.

C **Amen.**

***Sit***

## Old Testament Reading

## Exodus 24:8–18

<sup>8</sup>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.”

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

<sup>12</sup>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.” <sup>13</sup>So Moses rose with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. <sup>14</sup>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.”

<sup>15</sup>Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain.

<sup>16</sup>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. <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 people of Israel. <sup>18</sup>Moses 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.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle

## 2 Peter 1:16–21

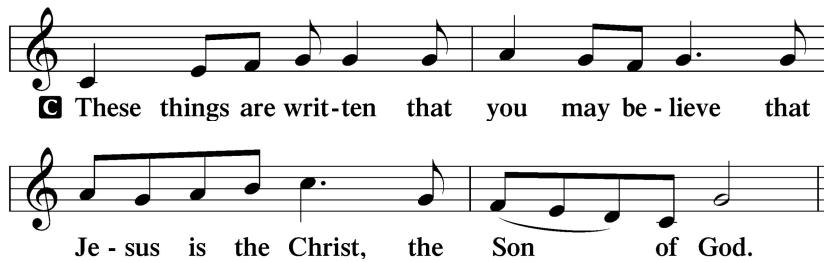
<sup>16</sup>For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. <sup>17</sup>For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased,” <sup>18</sup>we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. <sup>19</sup>And 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, <sup>20</sup>knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone’s own interpretation. <sup>21</sup>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.

This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**Stand**

**Alleluia and Verse (intro)**



**Holy Gospel**

**Matthew 17:1-9**

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

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> After six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, 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 white as light. <sup>3</sup> And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. <sup>4</sup> 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.” <sup>5</sup> 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.” <sup>6</sup> When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. <sup>7</sup> But

Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Rise, and have no fear.” <sup>8</sup>And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

<sup>9</sup>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 **Praise to You, O Christ.**

### **Apostles' Creed**

C **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 T everlasting. Amen.**

**Sit**

### **413 O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair**

Text: Sarum Breviary, 1495, Salisbury; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–66, alt.  
Text: Public domain

**Sermon**

**Seminarian Michael Wilke**

**Stand**

**Prayer of the Church —  
The Transfiguration of Our Lord February 15, 2026**

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

Lord God, as You showed Your Son to be both God and man in the brightness of His transfiguration, give us holy fear as we hear the proclamation of His salvation. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord of the Church, uphold all Christians in the confession of their Lord's name and faithful reception of His Word and blessed Sacraments. Give wisdom to our Lutheran Church, especially to her secretary and to the men nominated to serve as president and first vice-president. Give them discernment and equip them for their tasks that serve the Church. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, bless the families of Your Church, that parents would teach the faith to their children and that the forgiveness of sins would be proclaimed in all households. Remember all expectant mothers, that they and their babies would be kept safe and healthy throughout their pregnancies. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord of hosts, as You reign over all peoples, You entrust earthly authority to the rulers of this world. Instill in our president and all who make, administer and judge our laws a right fear of You, that they would establish equity in this land. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, You sent Your Son, Jesus, as the Great Physician of body and soul. By His touch, He banished the fear of His disciples. Bless all those in need of His comfort, *[especially \_\_\_\_\_]* that they may have peace in the midst of fear and wholeness of body and soul. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, You have poured out the blood of Your Son from the cup of the new covenant. Because He is sacrificed for us and feeds us from His altar, grant us a place with saints and angels before His heavenly throne. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, grant that we who have heard the Word of Your Son, Jesus Christ, would reverently receive it, and so live our lives gladly according to His way, wherever it may lead us. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Gracious Father, Grant to this congregation the guidance of the Holy Spirit to choose a Pastor according to Your will for Holy Cross church, Lord in your mercy **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember on this day the glorious manifestation of Your Son's divinity on the Mount of Transfiguration. Teach us to listen to Jesus and ever fix our eyes on Him and His innocent suffering and death for our forgiveness. By Your grace and mercy, strengthen us to remain faithful in all circumstances of trial, temptation and persecution. Preserve us to the end, that we may die a blessed death believing in Your beloved Son with whom You are well pleased; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*For today's prayer requests, please write them on the attendance card provided during the service. Once completed, fold the card and either hand it to an usher or place it in the offertory plate. The Pastor or Seminarian will include these requests during the Prayers of the Church.*

We honor the Lord with our tithes and our gifts. Please Stand as the offering is brought forward and sing

**Stand**

*Three ways to give:*

- 1) offering plate—cash or check.
- 2) online at [holycrossstegen.org](http://holycrossstegen.org) • Click the “Give” icon.
- 3) by mail.

**956 Create in Me (inrto)**



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 Thy pres - ence; and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion;  
and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Text: Psalm 51:10-12

Tune: Johann Georg Winer, 1583-1651, adapt.

Text and tune: Public domain

## Lord's Prayer

C 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.

## Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
C Amen.

## Nunc Dimittis (intro)

LSB 211

1 O Lord, now let Your servant go.  
2 All glory to the Father, All  
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the  
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;  
A light to lead the be - gin - ning, Un -  
For as in the be - gin - ning, Un -

to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -  
 peo - ple, Your Through cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
 sound - ing all e - ter - ni - ty.

## ***Benedicamus***

**LSB 212**

A Let us bless the Lord.  
 C **Thanks be to God.**

## ***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.**

## ***Sit***

## **417 Alleluia, Song of Gladness**

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### **EASTER SERVICE NEEDS PLEASE**

**A new Volunteer List is available at the back of the church on the round table for Sunday Service sign-ups. Help is also needed during the Lent Season.**

**Thank you in advance for your participation!**

## **FEBRUARY/MARCH EVENTS**

**The fresh flower arrangement on the altar,  
given by Paul and Donna Ringwald this Sunday.  
The occasion, Wedding Anniversary (20th).**

### **March 14: Trinity Lutheran Church Trivia Night**

Trinity Lutheran Church in Friedheim, MO, presents Lual Trivia Night at the Jackson Civic Center (381 E Deerwood Dr., Jackson, MO). The evening includes a silent auction, food, and raffles. Doors open at 4:30 PM; trivia begins at 6:00 PM. Tickets are \$40 each or \$320 for a table of eight (meal included).

### **March 13-22: "The Taming of Judge Roy Bean" Performance**

Salem Adults in Christ presents "The Taming of Judge Roy Bean" on March 13 (7:00 PM), March 15 (5:00 PM), March 21 (7:00 PM), and March 22 (5:00 PM) at Salem Lutheran Gym (299 PCR 328, Farrar, MO 63747). Admission is \$12 for adults, \$5 for children ages 6 to 12, and free for children 5 and under. Concessions, including pork burgers, hot pretzels, nachos, and soda, will be available.

### **Immanuel Lutheran Church Festus/ Crystal City**

Ash Wednesday service February 18th 10 AM and 7:00 PM (HC)

Lenten Wednesday Services 10 AM and 7:00 PM

### **Immanuel Lutheran Church Perryville**

Ash Wednesday service February 18th 4:00 PM and 6:00 PM (HC) with Hymn Sing starting at 5:40pm

Lent worship service's Monday Tuesday Wednesday 12 PM noon service, Thursdays at 6:00 PM

Friday service 12 PM noon - 6:00 PM service

Saturday Lent service (HC) 8PM

Sunday Church Services 7:30AM and 10AM (HC)

### **Saint Paul Lutheran church and school Farmington**

Ash Wednesday 11 AM and 6:30 PM (HC)

Lenten services are held every Wednesday

9:00 AM and 6:30 PM -Feb. 18th to Mar.25th

Holy Thursday (Maundy) 6:30 PM (HC)

Good Friday 6:30 PM (HC)

Easter Sunday 7AM – 10 AM (HC)

### **WEEKLY CALENDAR/UPDATES**

Vacancy pastoral hours upon request

Secretarial hours Wednesday/Thursday/Friday 11:30 AM to 3:30 PM

Sunday's church doors open at 8:00 AM service begins at 9:00 AM following with a Bible Study.

Tuesdays Bible study starting at 10:30 AM to 11:30AM



## SERVING TODAY

Seminarian John Hansen

Scripture Readers: Meagan Schremp

Ushers: Wayne Schremp & Rick Hutson

Communion Servicer: Randy Ruzicka

Organist: Todd Brueckner

**UP COMING SUNDAY FEBRUARY 22, 2026**

Alex Smith

Scripture Readers: Laura Pruneau Fallert

Ushers: Wayne Schremp & Rick Hutson

Communion Servicer: Randy Ruzicka

Organist: Todd Breuckner

<b>Sunday Church Attendance</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
<b>First Week</b>	<b>42</b>
<b>Second Week</b>	<b>41</b>
<b>Third Week</b>	
<b>Fourth Week</b>	
<b>Fifth Week</b>	

<b>Your Financial Support of Your Church</b>	<b>2/08/26</b>	<b>Year-to-Date</b>
<b>Weekly Budget Requirement</b>	<b>\$2,902.00</b>	<b>\$17,412.00</b>
<b>Actual Offerings—including online offerings (budget)</b>	<b>\$1,133.00</b>	<b>\$14,967.65</b>
<b>Ahead/Behind Budget Requirement</b>	<b>-\$1,769.00</b>	<b>-\$2,444.35</b>
<b>% Ahead/Behind</b>	<b>-61.0%</b>	<b>-14.0%</b>

## In Our Prayers This Week and Celebrations

Throughout the week, please keep these people in your daily prayers. As a model for prayer, consider going through the A.C.T.S. of prayer. Adoration: praising God for who He is.

Confession: confessing your sins to God, especially those that weigh on your heart. Thanksgiving: thanking God for specific blessings. Supplication: asking God for help.

**For those who are homebound** Barb Jones, Sharon Estes, Doug Arnold, Doris Bayuk, Nick Krege, Pansy Meyer, Val Rakey.

**For healing and continued recovery** Bill Staffen (Bonnie Keir's brother, cancer), Dustin Hutson (recovering from a brain bleed), **Pastor Jim Kirk** (treatment for myeloma) **Carol Steiger-Rudoff** continued prayers for recovery of cancer (Connie Schwent's Sister In-law), **Laura Pruneau Fallert** (Cancer treatment) that her blood counts stay strong and that she is excepted to a new trial period with her oncology team. Continued prayers for healing for **Wayne Phillips**. Continuing prayers for **Maia Rottler** she is on treatments for Leukemia give her family faith to help her in this journey. (granddaughter of LaJune Rottler)

**For those celebrating birthdays in February** John Perschbacher (Feb. 07), Hailey Rodgers (Feb. 08), Jan Sullivan (Feb. 08), **Donna Ringwald** (Feb. 19), Connie Schwent (Feb. 24), **Mark Schwent** (Feb. 24), **Kelsea Inman** (Feb. 25).

**For those celebrating wedding anniversaries in February** **Paul and Donna Ringwald** (Feb. 20)

### For Those Who Mourn

**For local, state, and national elected officials** that they uphold goodness and work humbly for those they serve.

**For our community** that more people believe the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

We continue to pray for a Pastor to find his calling to Holy Cross Church.

**For our church family** that we are transformed in Christ to share the hope of eternal life.

To submit a prayer request for inclusion in the bulletin, contact Connie, the church secretary, at 573-535-0084, or the church office at 573-883-5361 or [holycrossstegen@gmail.com](mailto:holycrossstegen@gmail.com). Please provide your request by Wednesday noon to ensure it appears in that week's bulletin. Prayer requests will continue to be listed until removal is requested by the submitting family. If you would like the Pastor or Seminarian to read a request aloud during the service, write it on the attendance card, fold the card, and either give it to an usher or place it in the offering plate.

