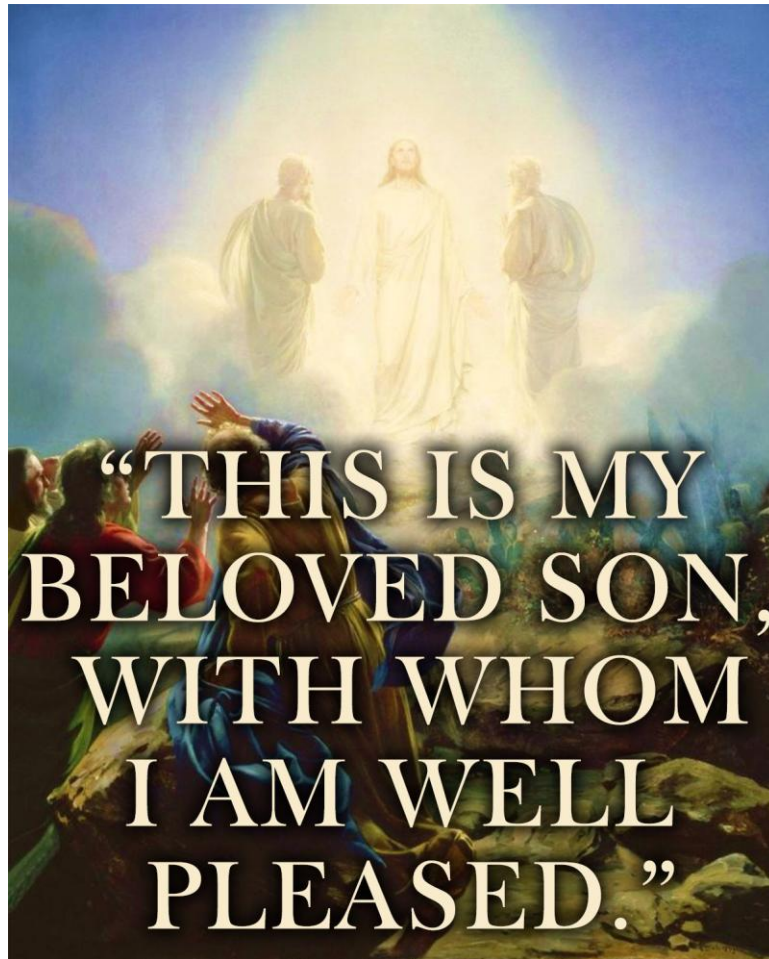


# The Transfiguration of Our LORD



**Saint John Lutheran Church**  
**February 15, 2026**

# Welcome!

*"How great is the Love the Father has lavished on us!" (1 John 3:1).*

We are thankful that you are joining in the worship with the people of God this day. We are glad to assist you at any time.

To better your experience while at St. John:

- Please check that cell phones are silent.
- Restrooms are located on the right in the lobby and down the bell tower hallway to the right towards the fellowship hall.
- Prayer requests may be written on the white cards in the pew rack and given to an usher or the Pastor before worship begins, or as you leave.
- A nursery is available to parents as needed, past the double wooden doors on the left.
- Activity bags to help keep young children occupied during the message are provided in the back right corner of the sanctuary.
- If this is your first visit, please sign our Guest Book located in the lobby near the Sanctuary.

**Notice to Worshipers:** Today's service is livestreamed and recorded. It is available for public viewing and playback at [www.SaintJohnHattiesburg.com](http://www.SaintJohnHattiesburg.com) by clicking on the 'Watch Live' button.

## About the Offering

An offering is gathered at the entrance of the Sanctuary. Here the people of God bring their tithes and sacrificial offerings as an expression of their discipleship, and for the continuation of Jesus' mission work, both in this community and to the ends of the earth. Guests are not expected to bring financial gifts but are welcome to join the congregation in offering their prayers and praises.

## About Holy Communion

Today we celebrate Holy Communion. In this, we remember that the Divine is united with the created as one in the person of Jesus.

This altar is the Lord's table. Here all are welcome who acknowledge their need for a Savior and look to Jesus. We believe what he simply says about the bread – "This is my body, given for you." – and about the wine – "This is my blood, shed for you." Thus, the Lord Jesus is truly present for his redeemed people in this holy meal. In this we retain the divine mystery in the midst of his ordinary creation.

Young children are welcome to this altar to receive a blessing, as are those who have not been instructed in the Christian faith. Please indicate your desire for a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest or by simply asking for a blessing.

The individual communion cups in the center of the tray have white grape juice for those who desire it. Gluten-free wafers are available at distribution upon request.

*We are imperfect people, and we live in an imperfect world. We are all in this together. So when we believe or act wrongly towards someone, or when we feel that another has wronged us, we commit ourselves to the humble teaching and forgiving pattern of Jesus in Matthew 18.*

# The Transfiguration of our LORD

## + GATHERING +

**Prayer As We Begin** — *Please stand.*

**C** Heavenly Father, as we come before you this morning in Jesus' name, we pray all that we say and do in our worship will give you glory. Help us, Lord, to focus our thoughts on you, so your Word will find fertile ground in our minds and hearts. May the worship service today accomplish in us the purpose you desire. Amen.

### The Invocation, Confession, and Absolution

**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** In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

### Kyrie



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

## **Apostles' Creed**

**P** This is the faith into which we have been baptized and by which we live:

**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 ✝ everlasting. Amen.**

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

**P** The LORD be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** We pray together...

**C** **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.**



## + WORD +

### Responsive Psalm

Psalm 2:6–12; antiphon: v. 6

<sup>6</sup>“As for me, I have set my King  
on Zion, my holy hill.”

<sup>7</sup>I will tell of the decree:  
The LORD said to me, “You are my Son;  
today I have begotten you.

<sup>8</sup>Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,  
and the ends of the earth your possession.

<sup>9</sup>You shall break them with a rod of iron  
and dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel.”

<sup>10</sup>Now therefore, O kings, be wise;  
be warned, O rulers of the earth.

<sup>11</sup>Serve the LORD with fear,  
and rejoice with trembling.

<sup>12</sup>Kiss the Son,  
lest he be angry, and you perish in the way,  
for his wrath is quickly kindled.

Blessèd are all who take refuge in him.

### First 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.”

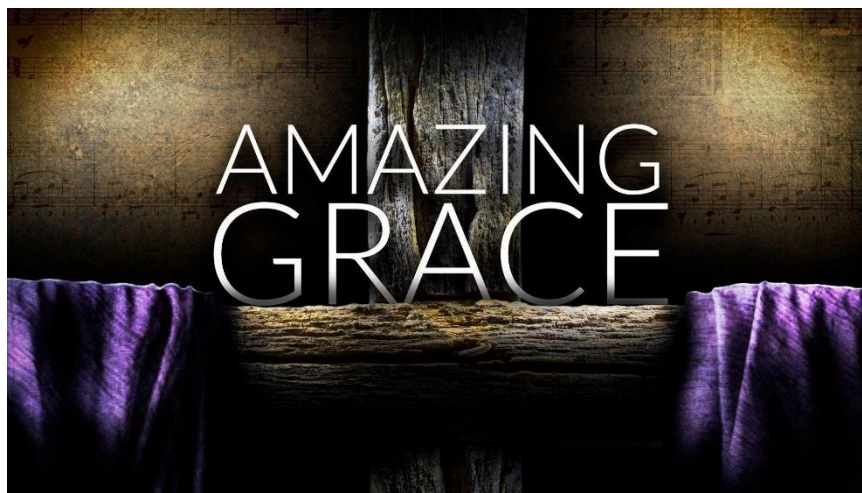
<sup>15</sup>Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. <sup>16</sup>The glory of the LORD dwelt on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. And on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud. <sup>17</sup>Now the appearance of the glory of

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.

**L** This is the Word of the LORD

**C** Thanks be to God

## Choir Anthem— Amazing Grace



### 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.

**L** This is the Word of the LORD

**C** Thanks be to God

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

Matthew 17:1-9

<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."

**L** This is the Gospel of the LORD.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## Children's Message



## 821 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; His the  
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans Are we  
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, Here on the  
 5 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; His the



scep - ter, His the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! His the  
 left in sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! He is  
 earth our food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! Here the  
 scep - ter, His the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! His the



tri - umph, His the vic - to - ry a - lone.  
 near us; Faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how.  
 sin - ful Flee to You from day to day.  
 tri - umph, His the vic - to - ry a - lone.



Hark! The songs of peace - ful Zi - on Thun - der  
 Though the cloud from sight re - ceived Him When the  
 In - ter - ces - sor, Friend of sin - ners, Earth's Re -  
 Hark! The songs of peace - ful Zi - on Thun - der

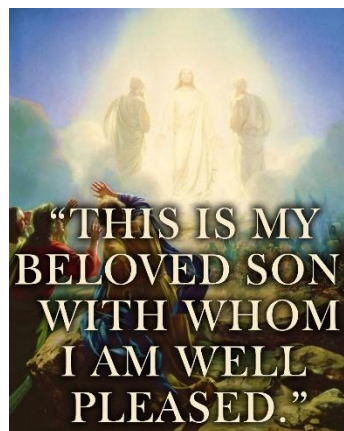


like a might - y flood: "Je - sus out of  
 for - ty days were o'er, Shall our hearts for -  
 deem - er, hear our plea Where the songs of  
 like a might - y flood: "Je - sus out of



ev - 'ry na - tion Has re - deemed us by His blood."  
 get His prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more?"  
 all the sin - less Sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.  
 ev - 'ry na - tion Has re - deemed us by His blood."

**The Message ~ Rev. Chet Scherbarth ~  
 Isaiah 58:3a**



*~ Takeaways that God has put on my heart. ~*

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin black border, intended for the user to write their takeaways.

## The Preface and Hymn of Praise

**P** The LORD be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them to the LORD.

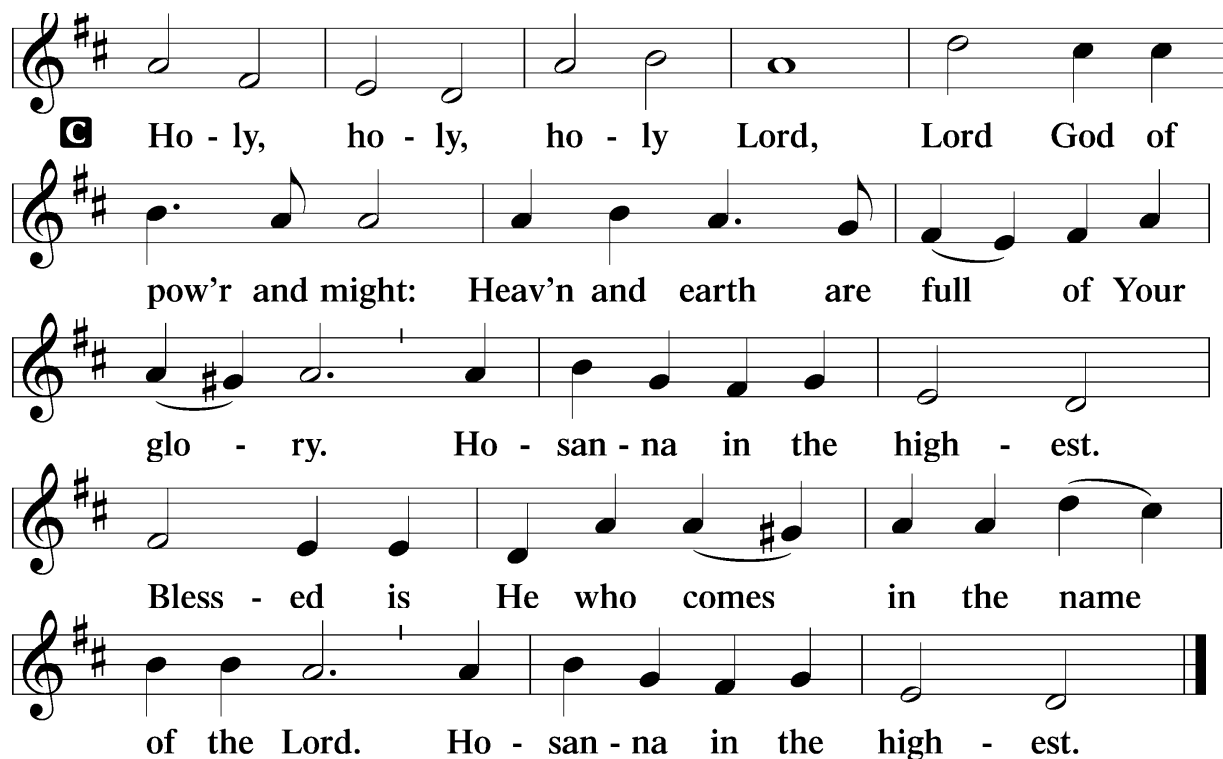
**P** Let us give thanks to the LORD our God.

**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary...evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus

LSB 178



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of  
pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is He who comes in the name  
of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Our Father

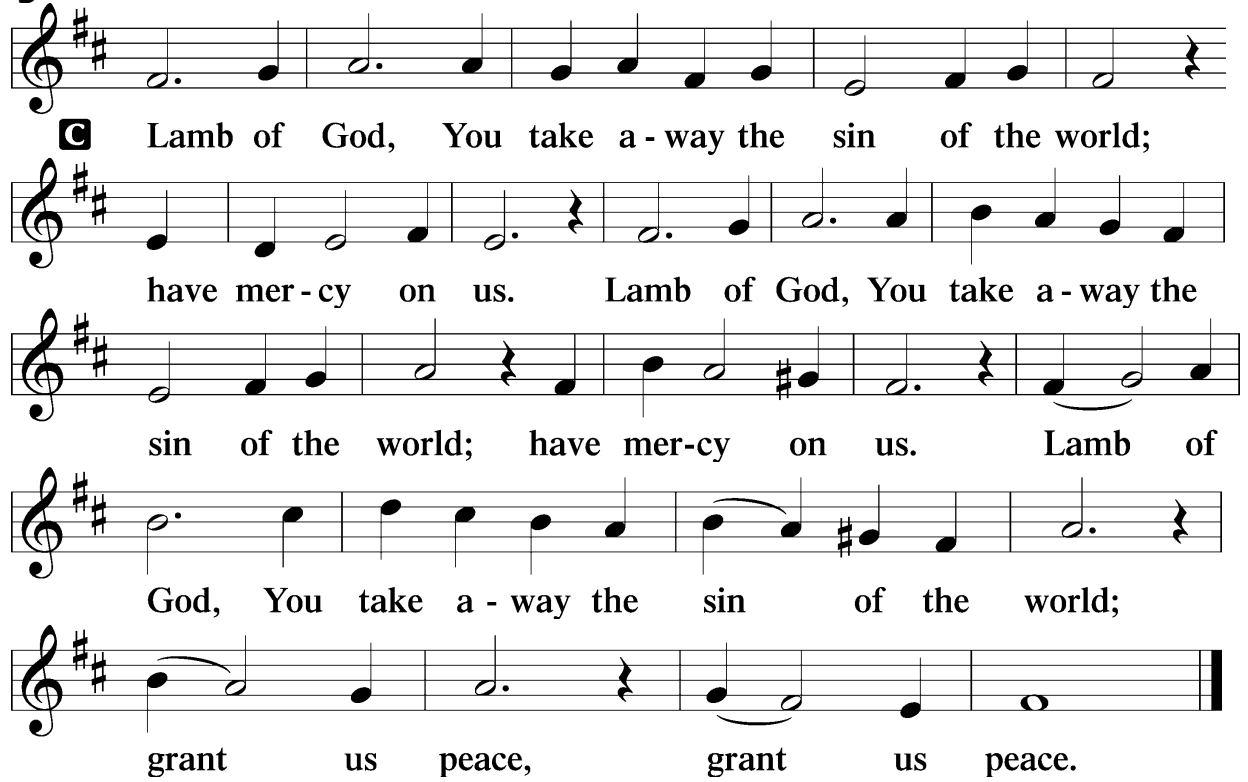
**C** Our Father who art in heaven,

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.

# The Words of Institution

## The Agnus Dei

LSB 180



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.

*Please be seated.*

## + MEAL +

*This is Christ's table. Our Savior invites those who trust in him to share the feast which he has prepared. In this meal we truly receive the body and blood of our risen Savior, Jesus Christ. This is a great and divine mystery! Here we are joined with God and all the saints, and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation. Young children and those who would prefer to receive a blessing are welcome to come forward.*

*Alcohol Removed Communion Wine — The individual communion cups in the center of the tray contain denatured wine, which contains less than ½% alcohol. Gluten-free wafers are available at distribution upon request.*



## Distribution Hymns

### 560 Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed



1 Drawn to the cross, which Thou hast blessed With heal - ing  
2 Thou know - est all my griefs and fears, Thy grace a -  
3 Wash me and take a - way each stain; Let noth - ing  
4 And then for work to do for Thee, Which shall so



gifts for souls dis - tressed, To find in Thee my  
bused, my mis - spent years; Yet now to Thee with  
of my sin re - main. For cleans - ing, though it  
sweet a ser - vice be That an - gels well might



life, my rest, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.  
con - trite tears, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.  
be through pain, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.  
en - vy me, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.

### 738 Lord of All Hopefulness



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,  
2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,  
3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,  
4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



Whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy:  
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:  
Your hands swift to wel - come, Your arms to em - brace:  
Whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm:



Be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,  
Be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,  
Be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,  
Be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.  
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.  
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.  
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

+ SENDING +

**Dismissal, Concluding Prayer, Benedicamus, and Blessing**

**L** Let us bless the LORD.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**L** We speak the Romans 15 blessing to one another:

**May the God of HOPE  
fill you with all JOY and PEACE  
as you TRUST in him,  
so that YOU may overflow with HOPE  
by the POWER of the Holy Spirit.**

**L** 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.

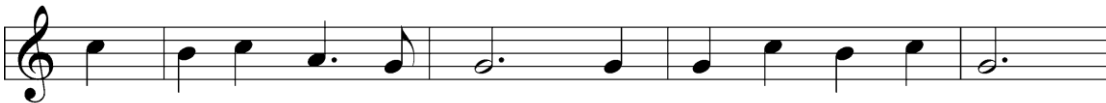
**C** **Amen**

*Please remain standing as you are able.*

**807 When Morning Gilds the Skies**



1 When morn-ing gilds the skies, My heart, a - wak - ing, cries,  
2 When mirth for mu - sic longs, This is my song of songs:  
3 No love - lier an - ti - phon In all high heav'n is known  
4 Ye na - tions of man - kind, In this your con - cord find:  
5 Sing, suns and stars of space, Sing, ye that see His face,



“May Je - sus Christ be praised!” When eve - ning shad - ows fall,  
“May Je - sus Christ be praised!” God’s ho - ly house of prayer  
Than “Je - sus Christ be praised!” There to the e - ter - nal Word  
“May Je - sus Christ be praised!” Let all the earth a - round  
Sing, “Je - sus Christ be praised!” God’s whole cre - a - tion o’er,



This rings my cur - few call: “May Je - sus Christ be praised!”  
Hath none that can com - pare With “Je - sus Christ be praised!”  
The e - ter - nal psalm is heard: “May Je - sus Christ be praised!”  
Ring joy - ous with the sound: “May Je - sus Christ be praised!”  
Both now and ev - er - more Shall Je - sus Christ be praised!



*Take the word of God with you as you go*

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**Take Home Announcements — Sunday, February 15, 2026**

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**Serving the Lord Today**

**Pastor** Rev. Chet Scherbarth  
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**Organist:** Yinghan Zhang

**Altar Guild Team:** Shirley Thone & Sheila  
Curry

**Acolyte:** Myla

**Birthday**

Shannon Elledge Feb. 17

**Baptisms**

**Anniversaries**

**Altar Flowers**

**Eternal Candle** To the Glory of God!



**Kaffee Klatsch will be  
Monday, February 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm**

## **Avenue Bible Study**

Wed, Feb 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.



## **Pastor's Bible Study**

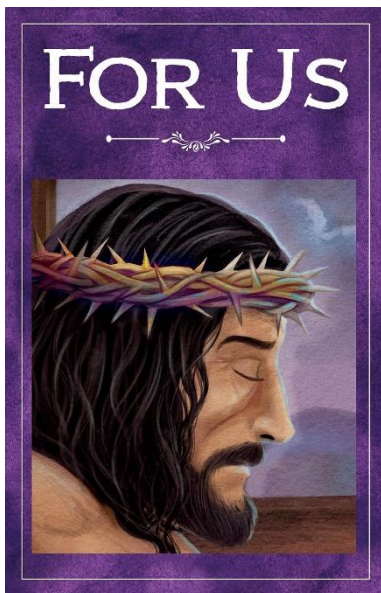
Thurs, Feb 19 at 1:30 p.m.

## **Adult Confirmation Class**

Wed, Feb 18<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.



We have a board vacancy. If interested, please see Pastor or Mark Keyl.



**Ash Wednesday,  
Communion Service,  
Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.**

# FOR US



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## Lenten Services Wednesdays, February 25<sup>th</sup> - March 25, 2026

between the services LWML will host a "Soup/Salad" and "Cookies" Supper. If you would like to help, a sign-Up list is posted by the mailboxes in the church narthex. Please plan to come and share in the fellowship as we begin the season of Lent to prepare for Easter Sunday and the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ!

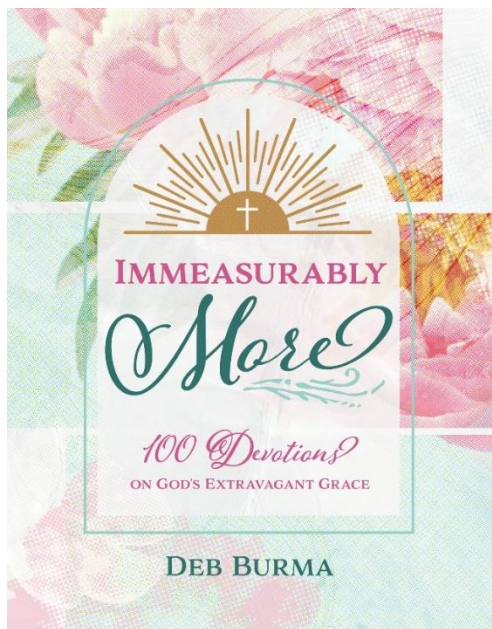


Please join us as we celebrate the Bride  
to Be, Macy Reid.

Sunday, Feb. 22, 2026

After the church service  
St. John Lutheran Church

Registered at Target & Amazon



## Introducing a NEW Woman's Bible Study starting February 26th!

(2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month)

At: 4:30 p.m.

Immeasurably More:  
100 Devotions on God's Extravagant Grace by  
Deb Burma

If interested there is a  
sign-up in the back.



On Sunday, March 1, 2026, the LWML will hold a Business meeting immediately following the worship service in the Community Room. All women are welcome and invited - especially if you are new to Saint John Lutheran! Please make plans to come and share your "gifts" of "Serving the Lord". You are needed!!!



**Saturday, March 7, 2026**

**Starting at 9:30 a.m.**

**LWML Magnolia Zone Spring Rally**

**Here at St. John!**



Kristi Fimiano	Breast cancer	Jane & Wayland's daughter	8/18/24
Sean Drummond	Affected by California fires	Son of Josie Nwachuku	1/17/25
Kiki	Stage 4 Cancer, Healing and Strength	Chloe Powell's friend	1/30/25
Brigette	That she would know the LORD.	Friend of Beth Scherbarth's	3/3/25
Jonathan Noffke	Type 4 Lymphoma	Will Noffke's brother	3/27/25
Jim Davies	Cancer	Uncle of Beth Scherbarth	5/22/25
Joyce Coll	Healing	Member	9/14/25
Elaine Woodyard	Strength, comfort, and peace.	Chris Weiss's co-worker's wife.	10/5/25

Irene	Has Cancer.	Relative of Ellen Heck	11/2/25
Jimmy	Has cancer	Requested by Beth	11/25/25
Jennifer Aexander	Her health is in bad condition	Request from Diahn	11.23.25
Vanessa	Continue prayers	Requested by Diahn	11.30.25
Rhonda	Diagnosed with lupus and prayers for the new of possible breast cancer.	Requested by Diahn	11.30.25
Debbie	Prayers for treatable lung cancer	Requested by Dian	11.30.25
Percy Howard	Cancer	Requested by LaToursha	12.17.25
Marie	Broken Hip	Ellen's Sister-in-law	12.21.25
Prayers for family of Phillip Zinke	Passed away.	Requested by Pastor	12.21.25
Debbie Lowery	Surgery for breast cancer	Requested by Wayland	12.30.25
Clyde Brisendine	Prayers for healing after amputation.	Requested by Mark Keyl	1.4.26
Dot Alvis	Son passed away	Requested by Lillian	1.4.26
Family of Tim Cosby	Time passed away in the LORD	Requested by Pastor & Beth	1.6.26
Family of James Wilson	Passed away in the LORD	Member	1.19.25
Wanda Pugh	In the hospital.		1.20.26

Barbara Kerner	Health concerns & healing		1.24.26
Julie Kringas	Cancer	Requested by Brenda Hesselgrave	1.24.26
Dawn	Health Concerns	Requested by Pastor & Beth	1.24.26
Chloe & Matthew	Safety for them and for all the residents of Minneapolis	Requested by Pastor & Beth	1.24.26
Judy Woodham	Surgery on Monday	Member	1.24.25
Sherry & Knox	Knox is in the hospital and prayers for Sherry (Grandma) as she takes care	Requested by Pastor & Beth	1.24.25
Kendall	Heart surgery to check valve		1.18.25
Jill Martins	Waiting for heart transplant		1.18.25
Chris & Kristina Boleware	Prayers for circumstances would improve.	Requested by Pastor Beth	1.24.25
John Traugott	Healing from falling	Requested by Lillian	1.27.25
Susan Perkins	Recovery from surgery	Member	1.27.26
Enoch Johnson	Health Concerns	Requested by LaTorsha	1.28.26
Family of Baby Reagan	Baby Reagan passed in the LORD.	Requested by Holly Schimmelpfennig	1.30.26

Brian Dossett	Health Issues	Requested by Diane and Al Rymarz	2.1.26
Susan Perkins	In the hospital.	Member	2.1.26
Eizen	Recovery & Healing	Member	2.4.26
Al Rymarz	Health & healing	Member	2.11.26
Chloe Scherbarth	Prayers that a cyst in the brain would shrink.	Prayers requested by Pastor & Beth Scherbarth	2.12.25
Nancy Jones	Health Issues		2.12.26
Ginger Everley	Biopsy results		2.12.25



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**Church Office Hours:** 9:00am – 1:00pm, Tuesday – Friday;  
After 1p.m. by appt.

**Pastor's Office Hours:** Tue-Thu: 9:00am – 1:00pm; after  
1p.m. by appt. Also Fri – Sun by appointment.

