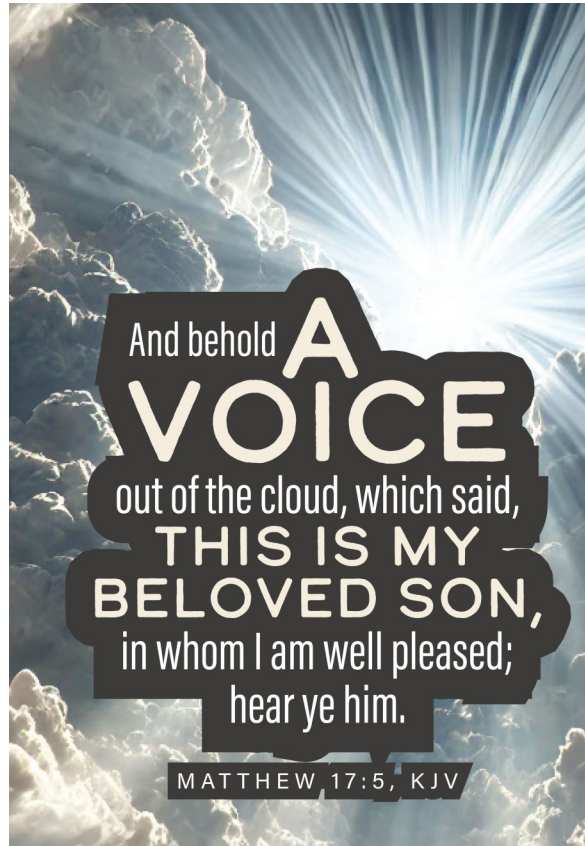


# TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY ~ FEBRUARY 15, 2026



**St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church  
P.O. Box 250 \* 205 West Jefferson Street  
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**"Being Transformed By God's Grace To Love And Serve."**

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*If it is uncomfortable for you to stand where indicated, please feel free to remain seated. The congregation responds where it is bold print.*



Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*please stand in body or spirit*

Transfiguration Dialog

We gather in the name of the Father, **the one who speaks,**  
and of the ✙ Son, **God's chosen and our light,**  
and of the Holy Spirit, **our comforter and guide. Amen.**

The light of Christ has brought us to this place.

**Lord, it is good for us to be here.**

In the midst of our darkness, Jesus brings holy light! Alleluia!  
**Pierce our darkness; scatter the shadows of doubt and fear! Shine your light, O Lord. Alleluia!**

In darkness and light, we are God's beloved children.

**The love and light that comes from God has claimed us as God's own!**

What we have seen has changed us. Even though we may tremble in fear,  
we come down the mountain to share this news.

**On the highest mountains or in the deepest valleys, our God remains steadfast.**

As we conclude another season in the church we remember what we've  
experienced, and we are sent to tell the world.

**With our hope in God, we are light for this world. Praise to you, O Christ! Alleluia!**

# Opening Hymn

## Shout To The North

Words and Music by  
Martin Smith

♩ = 62

### VERSE

G D C G D C



1. Men of faith, rise up and sing of the great and glo-rious King. You are  
(2. Rise up,) wom - en of the truth, stand and sing to bro - ken hearts who can  
(3. Rise up,) church with bro - ken wings, fill this place with songs a - gain of our

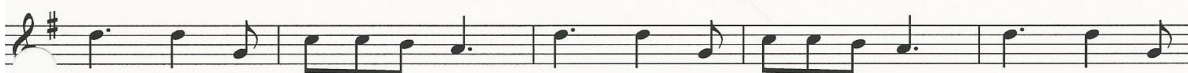
G D C G D C



strong when you feel weak, in your bro - ken-ness com - plete. \_\_\_\_\_  
know the heal - ing pow'r of our awe - some King of love. \_\_\_\_\_  
God who reigns on high. By His grace a - gain we'll fly. \_\_\_\_\_

### CHORUS

G C D G C D Em



Shout to the north and the south; Sing to the east and the west. Je - sus is

Last time to Coda

1. 3.

2.

C D C D G



Sav - ior to all, Lord of heav-en and earth.

2. Rise up,  
3. Rise up,

### BRIDGE

Em C Em C



We've been through fire, \_ we've been through rain; We've been re-fined by the pow'r of His name.

24 Em C G/B D<sup>sus</sup> D D.S. al Coda

We've fall-en deep-er in love with You. You've burned the truth on our lips. \_\_\_\_\_

**ENDING**

⊕ Coda

29 C D G C D

Lord of heav - en and earth, Lord of heav - en and

32 G C D G

earth, Lord of heav - en and earth. \_\_\_\_\_

## 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.**



## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.....**O God, in the Transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ in your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the holy spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*please be seated*

## First Reading

Exodus 24: 12-18

<sup>12</sup> 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.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Responsive Reading

Psalm 2

<sup>1</sup> Why are the nations in an uproar? Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?

<sup>2</sup> **Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and the princes plot together, against the LORD and against the LORD's anointed?**

<sup>3</sup> "Let us break their yoke," they say; "let us cast off their bonds from us."

<sup>4</sup> **God whose throne is in heaven is laughing; the LORD holds them in derision.**

<sup>5</sup> Then in wrath God speaks to them, and in rage fills them with terror.

<sup>6</sup> **"As for me, I have anointed my king upon Zion, my holy mountain."**

<sup>7</sup> Let me announce the decree of the LORD, who said to me, "You are my son; this day have I begotten you.

<sup>8</sup> **Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance and the ends of the earth for your possession.**

<sup>9</sup> You shall crush them with an iron rod and shatter them like a piece of pottery."

<sup>10</sup> **And now, you kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth.**

<sup>11</sup> Submit to the LORD with fear, and with trembling bow in worship;

<sup>12</sup> **lest the LORD be angry, and you perish in a sudden blaze of wrath. Happy are all who take refuge in God!**

## Second Reading

2 Peter 1: 16-21

<sup>16</sup> 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.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

*please stand in body or spirit*

## Gospel Acclamation

## Halle, Halle, Hallelujah



Music: Caribbean traditional

## Gospel

Matthew 17: 1-9

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 17th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord**

<sup>1</sup> 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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

please be seated  
Sermon

Pastor Stephen Zeller

please stand in body or spirit  
Hymn of the Day

## Build Your Kingdom Here

Words and Music by  
Rend Collective

J=137

### VERSE 1

1. Come set Your rule, and reign in our hearts a - gain. In - crease in us, we  
6 pray. Un - veil why we're made. Come set our hearts a - blaze with hope, like  
11 wild - fire in our ver - y souls; Ho - ly Spir - it, come, in - vade us now. \_  
17 We are Your church; We need Your pow'r in us. 2. We  
(3. Un) -

### VERSE 2 & 3

23 seek Your king - dom first. We hun - ger and we thirst; Re - fuse to waste our  
leash Your king - dom's pow'r, reach - ing the near and far. No force of hell can  
28 lives, for You're our joy and prize. To see the cap - tives' hearts re - leased; The  
stop Your beau - ty, chang - ing hearts. You made us for much more than this; A -  
33 hurt, the sick, the poor at peace. We lay down our lives for heav - en's cause. \_  
- wake the king - dom seed in us. Fill us with the strength and love of Christ. \_



# Build Your Kingdom Here - 2

39 G D A<sup>(4)</sup> G D A<sup>(4)</sup> D G<sup>2</sup>

We are Your church; We pray, re - vive this earth.  
We are Your church; We are the hope on earth.

45 D G<sup>2</sup> % CHORUS A Bm<sup>7</sup> G<sup>2</sup> D

Build Your king - dom here. Let the dark - ness fear. Show Your

51 A Bm<sup>7</sup> G<sup>2</sup> A D A Bm<sup>7</sup>

might - y hand. Heal our streets and land. \_ Set Your church on fire. Win this

57 G<sup>2</sup> D A Bm<sup>7</sup> G<sup>2</sup> A Last time to Coda ☪

na - tion back. Change the at - mos - phere. Build Your king - dom here, \_ we

63 1. INSTRUMENTAL 1 D A<sup>sus</sup> D A<sup>sus</sup> D A<sup>sus</sup> D 2. INSTRUMENTAL 2 D A<sup>sus</sup> D A<sup>sus</sup>

pray!

3. Un - pray!



Nicene Creed

***We believe in one God,***

**the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

***We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,***

**the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.**

Prayers of Intercession

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Sharing The Peace

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

*please be seated*

Offering



Offertory

“Let Us Go Now to the Banquet”

#523

*please stand in body or spirit*

## Offering Prayer

Let us pray.....God of majesty, no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also 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.**

## Words of Institution

### The Lord's Prayer

Hear, O Lord, the prayer you taught 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.**

*please be seated*

## HOLY COMMUNION

by Stations

All who believe that Jesus is present in the Bread and the Wine  
and has the power to forgive are welcome to commune.  
Red wine or white grape juice is available.

## Communion Hymns

"Shine, Jesus, Shine"

#671

"Shout to the Lord"

#821

*please stand in body or spirit*

### Post-Communion Blessing

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

### Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray.....Radiant God, we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. In the sacrament of his body and blood you have drawn us to your heart. Send us from this table with delight, that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love, and bear witness to all we have seen and heard, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

### Farewell to the Alleluias

Jesus Christ, our light, has come into the world to shine God's truth into our hearts. Alleluia!

**In Christ there is no darkness at all. Alleluia!**

Jesus was baptized with the Holy Spirit, bringing forth life from the waters.

**We share in that baptism, receiving a new life through Christ.**

As we enter the story of Jesus' suffering and death, we leave behind the Alleluias until Christ is raised from the dead.

**Let us enter the story, journeying with him to the cross.**

As we enter this season of Lent, we bid farewell to the Alleluias.

**We have seen the light of God. Alleluia! Amen!**

### Blessing

May the triune God, who has put a new song in your mouth and tuned your heart for praise ☩, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

### Sending Hymn

"We are Marching in the Light of God"

#866

### Dismissal

Guided by the light, we go in peace to prepare for the journey.

**Thanks be to God!**

# "GOD, IN FLESH, WITH US"



**Welcome:** Welcome to worship — each and every one of you, a chosen and beloved child of God. May we follow Jesus into the work of ministry.

*We invite everyone to enjoy coffee and fellowship before worship in the Gathering Space. Please join us!*

**In Our Prayers:** “Unspoken prayer concerns”, Kevin Tatum, Dennis & Claudia Moellman, Gene Beckman, Jerome Goosen, Nathan Vanderlinden, Ron Eickhoff, Gordon Ives, Norene Ives, Jon Beckman, Scott Cash, Judie VonHolten, Greg Ives, and Kyle Luetjen.



*Hear Our Prayer...*

Heidi Hopp (grandmother of Nicole Rice), Mike Wingerter (brother of Susan Goosen), Kathy Harms, Deanna Browning, Debra Eichler, Kylie Simon, Hazel Karstons, Marvin Logan (brother of Gale Logan), Larry Haase (brother-in-law of Gene Beckman), David Mobely (brother-in-law of Randy Healan), Joyce Jones (sister of Connie Gerken), Kris Barnes (friend of Julie Cronin), Joe Campbell, Cliff Eickhoff, Carmilla Swaim and husband (friends of Debbie Eickhoff), Joseph Fuelling (nephew of Paul Fuelling), Karen Haase (sister-in-law of Gene Beckman), Jackie Ross (sister of Randy Healan), and Adam Gumbel (son of Jim & Kim Gumbel).



**Nursing Home & Homebound:** Vern Dean Bohling, Shirley Cash and Larry & Judy Schlesselman: *Anew*. Florence VonHolten & Arlene Schlesselman: *GSCC*. Earl Bauer: *EW Thompson*. Eugene Beckman: *Homebound*.

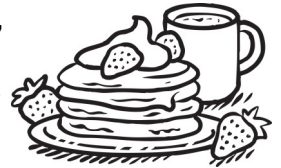
**Prayers:** If you would like your name added or removed from the prayer list, please contact the church office at 668-3537.





**Military:** Please keep all those who have served our country past and present in your prayers, especially: Rank E3 Jensen Hamilton (grandson of Dennis Hamilton), Private Bradyn Hood (grandson of Connie Gerken), MSgt. Jason Ostberg (son-in law of Suzanne Lutjen) Lt. Col. Ron Poe, SSG Nick Smith and Major Joseph Strathman.

**Shrove Sunday Pancake Dinner:** Today after service, the Luther League is hosting a congregational Shrove Sunday pancake dinner to celebrate the last Sunday before Lent begins. It will be right after worship in the Fellowship Hall and include pancakes, sausages, hash browns, and more. It's our own little Mardi Gras celebration and all are invited!



Esther Circle



**Esther Circle:** The next Esther Circle will be held on **February 16** at 7:00 pm at Sharel Wienberg's home.

**Newsletter:** The Sunbeam committee will meet on Wednesday, **February 25** at 3:00pm.



~ \* ~ Community Events ~ \* ~



**Appreciation Breakfast:** Cole Camp FFA would like to invite the community to their annual Farmer Appreciation Breakfast Monday February 16 from 6-10 am in the Cole Camp R-1 Cafeteria.

**St. Paul's Lutheran School Spaghetti Dinner & Auction:** Join us for our Annual Spaghetti Dinner & Auction on **Friday, April 24 at 6:00 PM** (*note the new day and time this year!*) Enjoy a delicious meal, **bid on a variety of auction items**, and support St. Paul's Lutheran School. A portion of proceeds will benefit the school's **Hot Lunch Program**. The address is **St. Paul's Lutheran School, 701 S. Massachusetts Ave, Sedalia, MO** All are welcome for a fun evening of food, fellowship, and giving!



**Community Breakfast:** The Cole Camp Museum is sponsoring an ~ Old Time ~ Breakfast on February 21st from 6:30 - 9:00 am. There will be Sausage, Biscuits and Gravy, Head Cheese, Fried Potatoes, Scrambled Eggs, Corn Bread, Coffee, Milk and Orange Juice. The breakfast will be held at the Cole Camp Senior Center, 206 E. Junge St, in Cole Camp. Free Will donations are appreciated.



# SCHEDULE FOR LENT

## MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES

Ash Wednesday .....	February 18
Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion	
1st week of Lent .....	February 25
2nd week of Lent .....	March 4
3rd week of Lent .....	March 11
4th week of Lent .....	March 18
5th week of Lent .....	March 25

All services will begin at 7:00pm

**Ash Wednesday:** We begin the season of Lent with the remembrance of who we are: “Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.” Ash Wednesday is a solemn day of prayer that begins our 40 day season of Lent, where we will be invited into the discipline of Lent: self-examination and repentance, prayer and fasting, sacrificial giving and works of love. Join us for an Ash Wednesday worship service on **February 18th**, at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary. (There is no Simple Supper this evening.)

**Midweek Worship Services:** Beginning on **February 25th**, we will gather on the five Wednesdays of Lent for midweek worship, weekly at 7:00 pm. This is a casual worship service that is held in the Fellowship Hall. Grounded by songs, scripture, and prayer we will be invited more deeply into the Lenten season. We hope that you’ll take some time during this special season to join us.

## **LENTEN BREAKFAST**

The Cole Camp Area Church Alliance will host a Lenten breakfast here at St. Paul's Church each Wednesday morning beginning at **8:30am**. ***Please note the time change for this year!*** Everyone is invited to attend each week. The following churches will host each week, offering food and a leader for devotions:

February 25th	Holy Cross and St. John's Lutheran
March 4th	First Baptist and Ionia United Methodist
March 11th	Mt. Hulda and Trinity Lutheran
March 18th	Sts. Peter and Paul's Catholic and Grace Fellowship
March 25th	St. Paul's Lutheran and Brauersville Lutheran

*If Cole Camp schools are closed due to weather, the breakfast will also be cancelled that day.*



## **LENTEN "SIMPLE SUPPER"**

**Lenten "simple supper",** as in past years, will be served prior to each Lenten service beginning on Wednesday, February 25 through Wednesday, March 25. Serving will begin at 6:00 p.m. Two choices of soups/chili will be served each along with sandwiches or hot dogs for your "simple supper". You will find on the offering insert an **opportunity for helpers** to set up/serve each week, along with **volunteers** to prepare soups/chili. The power of **YES!**



## **AFTER LENTEN SERVICE**

There will be the traditional fellowship time (cookies, coffee and hot chocolate) following each Lenten Service beginning on **February 25th**. To ensure that there are enough cookies each week, each family is asked to provide cookies according to the following schedule (based on the first letter of your last name). Additionally, please note the organizations asked to serve after each of the five Lenten Services.

February 25.....	A-E.....	WELCA Executive Board Serving
March 4.....	F-H.....	Evangelism Committee Serving
March 11.....	I-P.....	Congregational Council Serving
March 18.....	R-T.....	Esther Circle Serving
March 25.....	V-Z.....	St. Paul's Youth Serving



## **HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

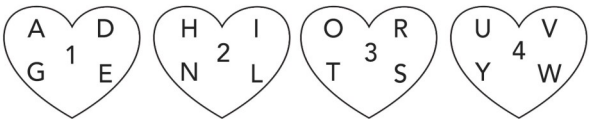
Palm Saturday.....	March 28 at 5:30 pm .....	Procession of Palms
Palm Sunday.....	March 29 at 10:00 am .....	Procession of Palms
Maundy Thursday .....	April 2 at 7:00 pm .....	Stripping of the Altar
Good Friday .....	April 3 at 7:00 pm .....	Service of Darkness
Easter Saturday .....	April 4 at 5:30 pm .....	Easter Vigil
Easter Sunrise .....	April 5 at 7:00 am .....	Breakfast to follow
Easter Sunday .....	April 5 at 10:00 am .....	Holy Communion

# Puzzle!

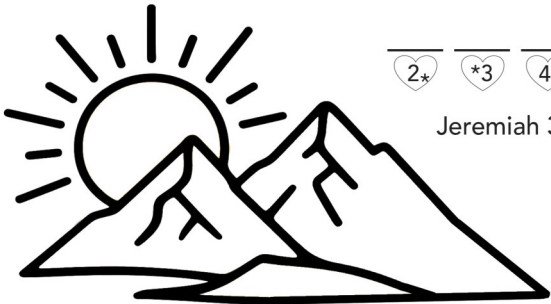
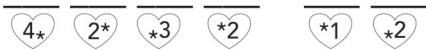
We see hearts everywhere and love sharing cards and greetings with friends and family.

Use the code to discover a special message from God — perfect for any day, any month.

CODE:



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Jeremiah 31:3

Answer: "I have loved you with an everlasting love."

**THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S**

<b>Sunday, February 15:</b>	8:45 am	Confirmation Class
	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship Service
		Holy Communion by Stations
	AW	Luther League Pancake Lunch
<b>Monday, February 16:</b>	6:30 pm	Yoga
	7:00 pm	Esther Circle
<b>Wednesday, February 18:</b>	7:00 pm	Ash Wednesday Service
<b>Thursday, February 19:</b>	8:00 am	BCHD
<b>Saturday, February 21:</b>		No Casual Worship
<b>Sunday, February 22:</b>	8:45 am	Confirmation Class
	9:00 am	SS / Adult Class
	10:00 am	Worship Service
		Holy Communion by Stations



**~ \* ~ Coming Events ~ \* ~**

February 15 .....	Luther League Pancake Lunch
February 16 .....	Esther Circle
February 18 .....	Ash Wednesday
February 25 .....	Sunbeam Committee
February 25 .....	Lenten Breakfasts and Services Begin

## Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church

**Ministers** ..... The Whole Congregation  
**Presiding Minister** ..... Pastor Stephen Zeller  
**Organist** ..... Sandy Schlesselman  
**Pianist** ..... Jeannette VonHolten  
**AV Technicians** ..... Russ Oelrichs & Todd Rusk  
**Altar Guild** ..... Janice Gerken & Rhonda Schlesselman  
**Ushers** ..... Victoria Fox, Assistant Head Usher  
..... Scott Gerken, Eric Kullman, John Oelrichs & Braden Poe



## Transfiguration Sunday ~ February 15, 2026

**Assisting Minister** ..... Tom Oelrichs  
**Communion Assistants** ..... Luther League  
**Reader** ..... Susan Goosen  
**Children's Sermon** ..... Joyce Schlesselman  
**Acolytes** ..... Jace Tinney and Kelsey Viebrock  
**Flowers** ..... Rhonda Schlesselman



## 1st Sunday in Lent ~ February 22, 2026

**Assisting Minister** ..... Anne Goosen  
**Communion Assistants** ..... Jake and Sara Jackson  
**Reader** ..... Luke Goosen  
**Children's Sermon** ..... Jennifer Rehmer  
**Acolytes** ..... Charlotte Zeller and Gannon Elliott  
**Flowers** ..... Sara Jackson