

# CELEBRATION

Lutheran Church

February 15, 2026

*Transfiguration of Our Lord*

Sunday 8:30 & 10:30am and Wednesday 6:30pm

in-person and online worship

Our online service can be found on Facebook, YouTube or on our Website:  
CelebrationLutheranChurch.com

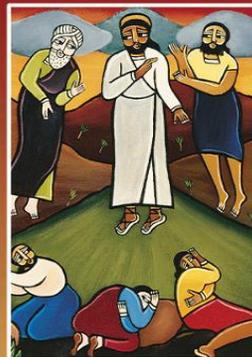
**CELEBRATE \* GROW \* SERVE**

**Celebrate** the Good News of Jesus Christ - **Grow** as faithful disciples - **Serve** in the world!



"I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

John 6:35



Jesus was  
*transfigured*  
before them

MATTHEW 17:2

## WELCOME!

- **Visitors:** Please sign the Welcome to Worship book today when it is passed to you. Please include your contact information.

*"We, Celebration Lutheran Church, embrace and celebrate the diversity of all people. We are committed to fostering a welcoming and safe space where people of every race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender expression and identity, educational and economic background, relationship status, or physical and mental ability, can experience love, support, and community. We value racial equity and inclusivity, where everyone is worthy of dignity and respect. We invite you to journey with us, as we grow in faith, serve our neighbors, and extend love to all."*

*Here at Celebration, you are welcome just as you are."*



*Growing Together in Christ*



**Mission  
of the  
Month**



**Thank you for your support!**

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**We Prepare For Worship:**

**First Reading:** Exodus 24:12-18

Black Bible: pg. 62

**Second Reading:** Psalm 2

Black Bible: pg. 424

**Gospel Reading:** Matthew 17:1-9

Black Bible: pg. 798

To prepare for worship on February 22, 2026, read: Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7; Psalm 32; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11

**8:30am Sunday Music:**

Piano – Jeanne Bruns; Vocals - Nathan Kleppe

**Prelude Song:** SOLO "Word of God Speak"

**Opening Song:** "I Love to Tell the Story"

ELW #661

**Song of Praise:** "Jesus on the Mountain Peak"

ELW #317

**Offering Song:** "Be Thou My Vision"

ELW #793

**Communion Song:** "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" ELW #502

**Closing Song:** "We Are Marching in the Light" ELW #866

**10:30am Sunday Music:**

Vocals - Nathan Kleppe

**Prelude Song:** "Beautiful Things" On Screen

**Opening Song:** "It Is You" On Screen

**Song of Praise:** "Word of God Speak" On Screen

**Offering Song:** "At the Cross" On Screen

**Communion Song:** "It Is Well" On Screen

**Closing Song:** "He Reigns" On Screen

**Children** are welcome to participate in worship. Children's spirituality develops through experience. In our community children can serve as ushers, greeters & readers. We expect that children will be children—giggles, wiggles, and all. Kids (and their parents) sometimes need a break. We also have a self-serve nursery available for ages birth – 5 years old or kids tables located in the back of the sanctuary.

**Prayer Requests**

Contact Jenny in the office with requests. Prayers are listed for 4 weeks; contact the office to extend.



**In Our Prayers:** Alice Bailey, Stuart Bailey, Paul Berglund, Lucy Bjorkman, Jim Ellis, Kathleen Engel, Lynn Fitzthum, Billie Gray, Phil Konsor, Abe Salber, Karla Teer, Diane Weber,

Rhonda Akkerman (Josh Akkerman's mother)

Gina Bortnem (Karell Sartell's daughter)

Mike Flanagan (Kelly Fandel's father)

Pat Gray (Shari Pretzer's sister-in-law)

Paul Killmer (Wayne Killmer's bother)

Don Manea (Dale & Carol Ann Zika's friend)

Kristi Malley (Bill & July Morgan's daughter)

Don Schwegel (Jessica Akkerman's father)

Dan Sowada (Vern Voss' brother-in-law)

Julie Widvey (Stacy Anderson's sister)

**Military:**

Colin Stein (Aaron & Connie Stein's son)

Ben Brix (Darren & Jenny Brix' son)

Cody Raymond (son of Lynette Pflueger and brother of Ashley Raymond)

Our condolences are extended to **Pastor Jeff & Lisa Sackett** on the death of Pr. Jeff's mother, Arva Sackett. May the promise that our Lord Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life, comfort and strengthen all who mourn.



Please return your 2026 Commitment Card to the office as soon as possible to aid us in financial planning. Thank you!

**Thank you** for sharing your time, talents, and financial gifts. The figures below provide a snapshot of our financial activity through the sixth month of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026. We are deeply grateful for your generosity, which makes our missions and ministries possible.

	Mission & Ministry Funds	Building/Capital
Giving YTD	\$521,793	\$83,606
Budget YTD	\$630,025	\$100,000
Expenditures YTD	\$606,656	\$79,200
Budget YTD	\$640,704	\$84,000
Net YTD	-\$84,863	\$4,406
Net Budget YTD	-\$10,679	\$16,000
Ahead (Behind)	-\$74,184	-\$11,594

**Our Church Office Will Be Closed on Monday, February 16**

**HAPPY PRESIDENTS DAY**

**ASH WEDNESDAY February 18**

Start Your Day With A Blessing!  
7:00-9:00am  
Drive - Through Ash Imposition

**Worship**  
With Imposition Of Ashes  
5:15pm & 7:00pm

Meal Served 6:00 - 7:00pm

**Your Legacy: Family, Church & Community** **thrivent**

Learn how you can provide for your loved ones, your church and your community's future, according to your legacy plan.

Monday 2/23  
**FREE DINNER & WORKSHOP**  
5:30pm Dinner  
6pm Workshop  
Sign-Up Online

**Pancake Breakfast & Pie Auction**

**February 15th**  
**\$10 per Person Family Cap \$30**

Pie Auction begins at 12pm  
Breakfast Following Each Service  
Proceeds Benefitting: Lutheran Social Services of MN, Celebration Infrastructure Project & Stu Bailey's GoFundMe

**2025 Annual Report**  
Now Available!  
Located in the information rack in the hallway

**CLC FREE**  
Community Store

**Pick-Up  
Food Bag  
Event**

**Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>  
10am - 12pm\***

1 Free Food Bag PER FAMILY  
 • Must Be Present At Pickup  
 • While Supplies Last\*  
 • All In Need Are Welcome  
 • No Appointment Necessary

**CELEBRATION**  
Lutheran Church  
1500 Pine Cone Rd N, Sartell, MN

**YouthConnection**  
Sunday School (Age 3-Kind)  
GodZone (Gr. 1-5)  
 Nicole Ofstedahl: 255-0488 x 105  
 NOftedahl@CelebrationLutheranChurch.com

Middle School (6-8)  
 Katrina Bahen: 255-0488 x 107  
 KBahen@CelebrationLutheranChurch.com

High School (Gr. 9-12)  
 Nathan Kleppe: 255-0488 x 108  
 NKleppe@CelebrationLutheranChurch.com

**WALL OF GENEROSITY**

Please visit our special display in the Gathering Space and pick your favorite number to help support our youth going on mission trips this summer!

Thank you for your support!

**THANK YOU** for your generous support of money, donations, and volunteering for the CLC FREE store!! Contact Jenny to get involved!



**Wednesdays at 10:30am**

Join us for our new **Chair Yoga** class—a gentle, accessible way to stretch, move, and relax. Led by instructor Marilyn Peitso, the class meets in the Commons and is \$3 per session.

\*Wear comfortable, stretchy clothes and comfortable shoes.

**Celebrate  
Preschool**

**We Care . . . We Share . . . We Help!**

**REGISTER TODAY!!**

2026/2027 school year (3 - 5 year olds)  
 Tues, Thurs, & Fri, 8:30-11:30am  
 For more information call 255-0488 x 106

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A Ministry of Celebration Lutheran Church

**CLC FREE STORE ITEMS NEEDED**  
 (Approx. 160 of each per month!)

- Canned Fruit
- Shampoo / Deodorant
- Laundry Detergent Pods
- Toothbrush/Toothpaste
- Feminine Products
- Peanut Butter ·Cereal
- Fruit Snacks / Granola Bars
- Hamburger Helper / Macaroni & Cheese
- Reusable Cloth Shopping Bags
- Spaghetti Noodles / Spaghetti Sauce
- Taco Seasoning & shells (soft)
- Monetary Donations ·Hand Soap / Dish Soap

*yoga* **MONDAYS @ 8:30AM**

WITH MARILYN PEITSO

No Class on 2/23

- Wear stretchy clothing for this hatha style class.
- Bring your yoga mat, blocks and straps if you have them.
- All levels and ages welcome.
- \$5 per session payable at class.

Get On The To The **8:00am to 8:00pm**

**MALL OF AMERICA**

NO School Day! Sign-Up coming soon!

**Monday, February 16**

**\$5 Bus Ride** + Optional  
**\$33 Unlimited Nickelodeon Universe Wrist Band**

Bring cash for food and other possible attractions include, mini golf, escape room, crayola experience, aquarium, mirror maze, climb zone & more!

**All Welcome! Bring A Friend! 10 & Under With Adult**

**Thank you for the upgrades to our prayer station:**

- **Nancy Henderson** - New glass top
- **Peder Hegland** - New prayer bowl

Our Second Street Boys gather each week for coffee, conversation, and connection. It's a time to share faith, friendship, and a few good laughs as we start the week together. The group is currently reading *Low Anthropology*.

**MEN'S GROUP**

*LOW ANTHROPOLOGY*  
 The Unlikely Key to a Gracious View of Others (and Yourself)  
 DAVID ZAHL

**Mondays - 7:15am**  
 @ 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Coffee House

Contact Pastor Jeff with questions

**Boundary Waters 2026**

Trip #1 - June 24-27  
 Trip #2 - August 6-9

Open to youth 8<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Grade

A few spots remain, and the waitlist is open.

**HEY MAMA... we saved a seat for you!**

**February 12**

- Mary Center playdate at 9AM
- Celebration meet-up at 7PM  
 ◦ Topic: Tech talk for Kids

**February 26**

- Mary Center meet-up at 9AM  
 ◦ Topic: Awkward Friendship
- Celebration mom's night at 7PM  
 ◦ Galentine's Night

**GRANITE CITY MOM CO**  
 granitecitymomco@gmail.com  
 facebook.com/gcmomco

**High School Retreat**

Get ready to have some fun at our overnight High School Retreat at Luther Crest Camp in Alexandria! Hiking, snow shoeing, skiing, Campfire Worship, and time with friends!

February 28<sup>th</sup> - March 1<sup>st</sup>  
 \$75

Register by Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>, here or in the office

**February 18  
8:15am**

**The Breakfast Club**

**Grades 9-12**

If you are interested in joining a small group or have an idea for a group you would like started, please contact **Pastor Russ 320-255-0488 x102**

## Baby Care Kit

## Items Needed



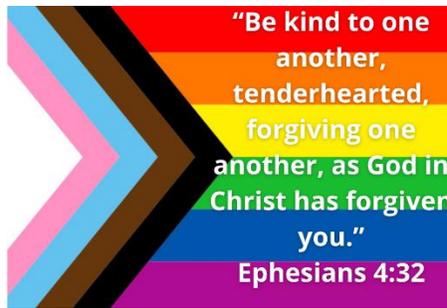
New or gently used,

**6-24 months:**

- jackets
- sweatshirts
- sleepers
- sweaters
- onesies



\*Drop off in the church office.



Venmo QR code.

Please specify what payment is for!



We invite you to become an important part of our church family by volunteering your time and talents! There's a place for you here!



## volunteers needed

To Volunteer contact **Jenny Keen**

Ph: 320-255-0488 ext. 170

Email:

[jkeen@celebrationlutheranchurch.com](mailto:jkeen@celebrationlutheranchurch.com)



Thank you to everyone who donated to our coat drive this season. Your generosity has helped keep our neighbors warm and cared for this winter. With grateful hearts, we're happy to share that the coat drive has now ended for the season. ❤️

### CELEBRATION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 8am - 4pm

Friday 8am - 1pm

Lead Pastor: Jeff Sackett x 101

Congregational Life Pastor: Russ Britton x 102

# VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

## Laurie Bammann

Laurie serves our church by assisting countless brides and grooms as our wedding planner, helping make their special day meaningful and seamless. She also served on the Decorating Team and shared her creative eye and attention to detail to help make our worship spaces beautiful and welcoming. We are so grateful for the talent and heart she brings to Celebration!

<p>15</p> <p>8:30am Worship/1<sup>st</sup> Communion</p> <p>9:30am Pancake Breakfast</p> <p>10:30am Worship/1<sup>st</sup> Communion</p> <p>12pm Pie Auction</p>	<p>16 Church Office Closed</p> <p>7:15am Men's Group @ 2<sup>nd</sup> St. Coffee House</p> <p>8am Youth MOA Trip</p> <p>8:30am Yoga</p> <p>6:30pm Choir</p>	<p>17</p> <p>8:30am Preschool</p> <p>9am Quilters</p> <p>9:30am Staff Meeting</p> <p>10am CLC Store Bag Pick up</p>	<p>18 Ash Wednesday</p> <p>7-9am Ash Castle drive thru</p> <p>8:15am HS Breakfast Club</p> <p>9am Women's Bible Study</p> <p>10:30am Chair Yoga</p> <p>5:15pm Ash Wednesday Service</p> <p>6-7pm Chicken Alfredo Meal</p> <p>7pm Ash Wednesday Service</p> <p>8pm Youth Group</p>	<p>19</p> <p>6:30am Early Risers Study</p> <p>8:30am Preschool</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Pastor Jeff Sabbath</p> <p>Pastor Russ Sabbath</p> <p>8:30am Preschool</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p> <p>8:30am Worship/Quilt Display</p> <p>9:30am Pancake Breakfast</p> <p>10:30am Worship/Quilt Display</p>	<p>23</p> <p>7am Second Harvest delivery</p> <p>7:15am Men's Group @ 2<sup>nd</sup> St. Coffee House</p> <p>8:30am Second Harvest Pick up</p> <p>9:30am Staff Meeting</p> <p>1pm Pastoral Meeting</p> <p>5:30pm Thrivent Legacy Planning</p> <p>6:30pm Choir</p>	<p>24</p> <p>8:30am Preschool</p> <p>10am CLC Store Bag Packing</p> <p>6:30pm Council Meeting</p>	<p>25</p> <p>9am Women's Bible Study</p> <p>5:30pm Sloppy Joe Meal</p> <p>6:30pm Lenten Worship</p> <p>7:30pm Youth Group</p>	<p>26</p> <p>6:30am Early Risers Study</p> <p>8:30am Preschool</p> <p>7pm MomCo Meet Up</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Pastor Jeff Sabbath</p> <p>Pastor Russ Sabbath</p> <p>8:30am Preschool</p>	<p>28</p> <p>HS Retreat at Luther Crest</p>