

Transfiguration of Our Lord
February 15, 2026
9 AM



Today's festival is a bridge between the Advent-Christmas-Epiphany cycle that comes to a close today and the Lent-Easter cycle that begins in several days. On a high mountain Jesus is revealed as God's beloved Son, echoing the words at his baptism. This vision of glory sustains us as Jesus faces his impending death in Jerusalem. We turn this week to Ash Wednesday and our yearly baptismal journey from Lent to Easter. Some churches put aside the alleluia at the conclusion of today's liturgy.

This word of joy will be omitted during the penitential season of Lent and will be sung again at Easter.

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

† † † GATHERING † † †

Please stand as you are able.

CONFSSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the Creator of heaven and earth,
the Word who spoke life into being,
the Wind stirring the waters.

Amen.

Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Mighty God, lover of justice,
you call us to life in community,
but we have served our own interests
at the expense of our neighbors.

We have sown deceit where honesty was needed.

We say the right words,
but our hearts are far from you.

Turn us to seek your face.

Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ,
that we may do justice, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.

Amen.

The former things have passed away,
and new things God now declares:
Like a spring of water that never fails,
God covers you in the righteousness of Christ,
and forgives your sin in † Jesus' name.
May the Spirit give you strength to live for others,
and bless you with the gift of peace.

Amen.

WELCOME SONG

HOW MAJESTIC IS YOUR NAME

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

O Lord, we praise your name. O Lord, we magnify your name,

Prince of Peace, Mighty God, O Lord God Almighty. *(repeat)*

O Lord, we praise your name. O Lord, we magnify your name,

Prince of Peace, Mighty God, O Lord God Almighty.

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 of 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

¹² 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." ¹³ So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the mountain of God. ¹⁴ 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."

¹⁵ Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶ 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. ¹⁷ 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. ¹⁸ 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.

SECOND READING

2 Peter 1:16-21

¹⁶ 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. ¹⁷ 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." ¹⁸ We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

¹⁹ 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. ²⁰ First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, ²¹ 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 as you are able.

GOSPEL SONG



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 your
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.
Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me
with your free Spir - it. Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God,
and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

GOSPEL

Matthew 17:1-9

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ² And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. ³ Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴ 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." ⁵ 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!" ⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷ But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." ⁸ And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

⁹ 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 Jonathan Bull

Please stand as you are able.

SERMON SONG

SHINE, JESUS, SHINE

REFRAIN

Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy;
Send forth Your Word, Lord, and let there be light!

Lord, the light of your love is shining,
In the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us,
Set us free by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on me, shine on me: *(refrain)*

Lord, I come to Your awesome presence,
From the shadows into Your radiance,
By the blood I may enter Your brightness,
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness,
Shine on me, shine on me. *(refrain)*

As we gaze on your kingly brightness,
So our faces display your likeness,
Ever changing from glory to glory,
Mirrored here, may our lives tell your story.
Shine on me, shine on me: *(refrain)*

Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light!

NICENE CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

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

As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

A brief silence.

Revealing God, your Spirit sustains the church. Strengthen the faithful with the revelation of Christ transfigured, that we may joyfully follow him in the way of the cross. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Life-giving God, creation is full of your majesty. Nurture in us a deep respect for the interdependence of all life and make us wise and vigilant stewards of your good earth. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Peacemaking God, the nations are in turmoil. We pray for an end to violent conflict. Give wisdom to negotiators and sanctuary to refugees. Defend any who are in danger. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Healing God, you desire wholeness for all people. Bring healing to any who are experiencing illness, chronic pain, or mental anguish. Comfort the dying and those who grieve. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Holy God, in our worship we glimpse your glory, hear your voice, and receive assurance of your love. Inspire all who prepare, lead, and participate in worship to serve you with reverence and joy. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Transforming God, you bring life from death. We give thanks for the witness of those who have died in faith, and we praise you for the hope we have in Christ, our Morning Star. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior.
Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

Please be seated.

OFFERING

OFFERING SONG IT REALLY IS AMAZING GRACE

Amazing grace
How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, But now I'm found
Was blind but now I see

REFRAIN

Singing Hallelujah
There's no chains on me
Thank You Jesus, You have set me free
You welcomed me in, Called me by name
Was dead in my sin, Now I'm dancing on that grave
Hallelujah it really is amazing grace

'Twas grace that taught, My heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did, That grace appear
The hour I first believed

I'll testify
Of what He did, He gave me life
I'm born again, My heart is free
My soul is saved, It really is amazing grace

It really is it really is, It really is amazing grace
It really is it really is (*refrain*)

It really is
It really is amazing grace
It really is it really is
It really is amazing grace

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERING PRAYER

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,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.



In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

This is the table, not of the church, but of the Lord
It is made ready for those who love God
 and for those who want to love God more.

So come, you who have much faith
 and you who have little;
You who have been here often
 and you who have not been here long;
You who have tried to follow
 and you who have failed.
Come, because it is the Lord who invites you.

Please be seated.

COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you. Amen.
The blood of Christ, shed for you. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN

LEAD US TO YOUR TABLE

Lead us to your table, feed us for the journey,
bind us all together for the sacrifice.
Lead us to communion, be our hope and vision.
Help us be your presence in the world today. (*repeat*)

CHORUS:

We are one in Your love.
We are one in Your love.
We are one in Your love.
We are one in Your love.

Loaves and fish we offered, multiplied and given
miracle of sharing on the hill that day.
Fill us with your spirit. Form us as your people.
Give us hearts for service in the world today. (*chorus*)

Jesus, our companion, walking with disciples,
Sharing word and glory of God's saving love.
Open hearts to see You, open ears to hear You,
Open hearts to love You, in the world today. (*chorus*)

Jesus, Bread of Heaven, Jesus, Cup of Blessing,
broken, poured and given in this sacred meal.
Free us from division. Heal the wounds that bind us.
Help us be your mercy in the world today. (*chorus*)

Lead us to your table, feed us for the journey,
bind us all together for the sacrifice.
Lead us to communion, be our hope and vision.
We will be your presence in the world today. (*chorus*)

We are one in Your love.

Please stand as you are able.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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.

✚ ✚ ✚ SENDING ✚ ✚ ✚

BLESSING

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 SONG

IT IS YOU

As we lift up our hands, will You meet us here?
As we call on Your name, will You meet us here?
We have come to this place to worship You, God of mercy and grace.
It is You we adore, it is You. Praises are for only You.
The heavens declare it is You, it is You.

And holy, holy is our God Almighty. And holy, holy is His name alone, yeah.
And holy, holy is our God Almighty, and holy, holy is His name alone.
It is You we adore, it is You, only You.

As we lift up our hands, as we call on Your name,
will You visit this place by Your mercy and grace. (repeat)

It is You we adore, it is You, it is You.
And holy, holy is our God Almighty. And holy, holy is His name alone.
And holy, holy is our God Almighty. And holy, holy is His name alone.
And holy, holy is our God Almighty. And holy, holy is His name alone.

It is You we adore, it is You, only You.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy. Experience God's love!

Thanks Be to God!

POSTLUDE

(Livestream & Sanctuary)

DO LORD

St. Paul Praise Team

arr. by Amy Potter

*The altar flowers are given today by Ashley & Phil Rudd,
In honor of James' 6th Birthday,
and in memory of Brandon Huston.*

Prayer requests may be sent to prayer@splcwesterville.org

This Week's Activities at St. Paul

Sunday, 2/15

- 9 AM: Praise Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9 AM: Journeying with Jesus (Lower Level)
- 9 AM: Adult Forum (Lower Level)
- 10 AM: Congregational Meeting (Sanctuary)
- 10:30 AM: Worship (Sanctuary)
- 10:30 AM: Discussions in Today's World (Library)
- 12 PM: Souper Bowl Potluck (Fellowship Hall)
- 6 PM: Confirmation & High School Youth (Fellowship Hall)

Monday, 2/16

- 3 PM: Music Lessons (Nursery)
- 5:30 PM: Yoga (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:30 PM: Drum Circle (Puppet Posse Room)

Tuesday, 2/17

- 12 PM: Shrove Tuesday for Seniors (IHOP)
- 12 PM: Lunch Bunch (Fellowship Hall)
- 6 PM: Ladies Night Out (Mi Tradicion)
- 7:30 PM: Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Wednesday, 2/18

- 9:30 AM: Piece & Sew (Lower Level)
- 6 PM: Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 7 PM: Ash Wednesday Worship (Sanctuary)

Thursday, 2/19

- 10 AM: PBS (Library)
- 6:45 PM: Bell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 7 PM: PBS (Library)

Friday, 2/20

- 7 PM: Game Night (Fellowship Hall)

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As we cultivate welcoming communities of faith with our neighbors and world, we strive for a world where everyone **“Experiences God’s Love”**.

HOLY COMMUNION

We celebrate Holy Communion at every service. We welcome you to join us at the table of the Lord. Our Communion Bread is gluten, peanut, tree nut, soy, and dairy-free. **White grape juice is always available in the center of the tray.** All are welcome.

NURSERY

The nursery is located at the top of the ramp of the main entrance to the church. Currently, the nursery is not staffed, however, it is available for you to use with your child. Also, for our young worshippers, please find **Worship Wonder Bags** on the small coat rack in the rear of the sanctuary, untie, and enjoy. After worship, please put the **UNTIED bag back** on the rack to be replenished and cleaned.

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Closed for lunch: 12 PM- 1 PM

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