



**Meet: Jesus**

**St. Mark's**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

# TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

February 15, 2026

## **A place to call home: St. Mark's Lutheran Church & School**

In the name of our Savior, Jesus, welcome home. We especially welcome to our house of worship our guests who have joined us today. We pray you will be strengthened by the good news about God's grace, love, and forgiveness to us through Jesus.

We say with the Psalmist, whether here on campus or viewing online, *"I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the LORD'"* (Psalm 122:1).

May the Lord continue to help us grow in His grace and knowledge as we hear, speak, and sing His holy Word.

## **Some items to keep in mind as we gather for worship in this place:**

Members and guests: Please fill out a **Connection Card** which allows us to keep in touch, remember names, and answer any questions you might have. They are available under the wooden boxes on the walls in the lobby and may be placed in the box when filled out. Thank you!

**LARGE PRINT** copies of the service can be found at the entrance to the sanctuary.

Personal **hearing assistance** devices are available on the entryway wall near the west entrance. The sanctuary is also 'looped' for those who have hearing aids that can pick up the signal.

**Holy Communion** is offered on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, & 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays. Since Holy Communion is a confession of faith, we ask that at this time only members partake of the Sacrament. If you are not a member and would like to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion, please reach out to our pastor.

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# Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

*Blue hymnal 624 sts. 1-4*



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -  
2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly  
3 Praise to the Lord, who has fear - ful - ly, won - drous - ly,  
4 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de -



a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is your  
reign - ing and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up -  
made you, health has be - stowed and, when heed - less - ly  
fend you; sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall



health and sal - va - tion! Let all who hear now to his  
lift - ing, sus - tain - ing. Have you not seen how all that's  
fall - ing, has stayed you. What need or grief ev - er has  
dai - ly at - tend you. Pon - der a - new what the Al -



tem - ple draw near, join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!  
need - ful has been sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?  
failed of re - lief? Wings of his mer - cy did shade you.  
might - y can do as with his love he be - friends you.

Text: Joachim Neander, 1650-1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.

Tune: Ander Theil Des Erneuertten Gesang-Buchs, Stralsund, 1665, alt

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## Welcomed into the Family of God

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you!

### **And also with you!**

Come and see the glory of Jesus, the Light of the world. He is the holy Son of God who shines in radiant majesty. When we gather for worship, we come before a holy and glorious God. And we can come with confidence because of the forgiveness of our sins. Together, we remember how Jesus overcame our sin and welcomes us home in his family.

**God of glory, left to myself, I would have no right to come into your presence. My sinful thoughts, words, and actions deserved separation from you, in darkness forever. I praise you for removing my sin by sending Jesus to suffer in my place. I trust in him for forgiveness and eternal life.**

Jesus came to this world, not to crush sinners, but to save them. He set aside his glory in humility to face the punishment our sins deserved. He rose to life again in majesty and power, and no darkness can overcome his light. Your glorious Savior makes you glorious in God's sight. You can come to him without fear. You are forgiven: in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit!

**Amen!**

## The Father Looks on Me

*Adult Choir*

The Father looks on me and sees  
Not what I was or am;  
He views the righteousness of Christ,  
And not my cursèd sin.  
The Father looks and pities me;  
He knows that I am dust.  
He treats me not as I deserve,  
But as though I were just.

The Father looks on me and gives  
A loaf and not a stone.  
He showers me with perfect gifts,  
For all my needs are known.  
The Father looks on me with love—  
A child he's welcomed home.  
He found an orphan, poor and soiled,  
Yet claimed me as his own.

The Father looks for me with hope,  
For me, his wayward son.  
I stand afar, detained by shame;  
He cries for joy and runs!  
The Father looks on me and smiles,  
For it is Christ he sees;  
“This is my own belovèd son,  
In whom I am well pleased.”

Words by Chris Anderson; Music by Rebekah Holden  
Tune name: RAVINEWOOD  
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## God's Word

## Exodus 24:9-18

<sup>9</sup>Moses and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and the seventy elders of Israel went up <sup>10</sup>and saw the God of Israel. Under his feet was something like a pavement made of lapis lazuli, as bright blue as the sky. <sup>11</sup>But God did not raise his hand against these leaders of the Israelites; they saw God, and they ate and drank.

<sup>12</sup>The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and stay here, and I will give you the tablets of stone with the law and commandments I have written for their instruction."

<sup>13</sup>Then Moses set out with Joshua his aide, and Moses went up on the mountain of God. <sup>14</sup>He said to the elders, "Wait here for us until we come back to you. Aaron and Hur are with you, and anyone involved in a dispute can go to them."

<sup>15</sup>When Moses went up on the mountain, the cloud covered it, <sup>16</sup>and the glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai. For six days the cloud covered the mountain, and on the seventh day the LORD called to Moses from within the cloud. <sup>17</sup>To the Israelites the glory of the LORD looked like a consuming fire on top of the mountain. <sup>18</sup>Then Moses entered the cloud as he went on up the mountain. And he stayed on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

## God's Word

## 2 Peter 1:16-21

<sup>16</sup>For we did not follow cleverly devised stories when we told you about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in power, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. <sup>17</sup>He received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

<sup>18</sup>We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain.

<sup>19</sup>We also have the prophetic message as something completely reliable, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. <sup>20</sup>Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation of things. <sup>21</sup>For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

## Children's Message

### Beautiful Savior

*Blue hymnal 522*



1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion, Son of  
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands, robed in  
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light, bright the  
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions, Son of



God and Son of Man! Tru - ly I'd love thee,  
 flow'rs of bloom - ing spring; Je - sus is fair - er,  
 spark - ling stars on high; Je - sus shines bright - er,  
 God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or,



tru - ly I'd serve thee, light of my soul, my joy, my crown.  
 Je - sus is pur - er, he makes our sor - r'wing spir - it sing.  
 Je - sus shines pur - er than all the an - gels in the sky.  
 praise, ad - o - ra - tion now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Text: Münsterisch Gesangbuch, Münster, 1677, abr.; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904.  
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<sup>1</sup>After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. <sup>2</sup>There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. <sup>3</sup>Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus.

<sup>4</sup>Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah."

<sup>5</sup>While he was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!"

<sup>6</sup>When the disciples heard this, they fell facedown to the ground, terrified. <sup>7</sup>But Jesus came and touched them. "Get up," he said. "Don't be afraid." <sup>8</sup>When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus.

<sup>9</sup>As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus instructed them, "Don't tell anyone what you have seen, until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

**MEET: JESUS – PETER, JAMES & JOHN**

## Statement of Faith

## 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 in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian 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.**

## Prayer & the Lord's Prayer

*The Lord's Prayer follows the prayer spoken by the pastor.*

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

## The Lord's Supper

*The Scriptures teach that the celebration of the Lord's Supper connects us intimately with Christ and with one another as Christians, united around a common confession of faith. Therefore, we ask those who have made that public confession of faith by being a member of our congregation or another WELS or ELS congregation come forward to receive Communion. Guests, please speak with our pastor to learn more, and we look forward to communing with you in the future.*

## Words of Institution

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

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

**O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world.  
Have mercy on us, and grant us your peace. Amen.**

## Distribution of the Lord's Supper

*The ushers will direct those receiving Communion up the center aisle, returning down the outer aisle. You may receive a wafer in your hand from the Communion assistant. Those who require a gluten-free wafer may take one from the assistant's smaller tray. Tinted cups in the center of the wine trays contain grape juice. Your empty cup can be placed on the backside of the rail. **If seated on the east side, approach the rail***

*from left to right; if on the west (pulpit) side, right to left. When at the rail, you may kneel or stand. If you need Communion in the pew, please let an usher or the pastor know.*

## Draw Near and Take the Body of Your Lord *Blue hymnal 661*



1 Draw near and take the bod - y of your Lord,  
 2 Christ our Re - deem - er, God's e - ter - nal Son,  
 3 Let us ap - proach with faith - ful hearts sin - cere  
 4 With heav'n - ly bread he makes the hun - gry whole,



and drink the ho - ly blood for you out - poured.  
 has by his cross and blood the vic - t'ry won.  
 and take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here.  
 gives liv - ing wa - ters to the thirst - ing soul.



Saved by his bod - y and his ho - ly blood,  
 He gave his life for great - est and for least,  
 Christ, who in this life all the saints de - fends,  
 Lord of the na - tions, to whom all must bow,



with souls re - fresh - ed we give our thanks to God.  
 him - self the of - f'ring and him - self the priest.  
 gives all be - liev - ers life that nev - er ends.  
 in this great feast of love be with us now.

Text: Latin, 7th cent., abr.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.  
 Tune: Trente quatre Pseaumes de David, Geneva, 1551, ed. Louis Bourgeois  
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# Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

**Amen!**

## Crown Him with Many Crowns

*Blue hymnal 511*



- 1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
- 2 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,
- 3 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave
- 4 Crown him the Lord of heav'n, en - throned in worlds a - bove;



hark how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.  
rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.  
and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.  
crown him the King to whom is giv'n the won - drous name of Love.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
No an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,  
His glo - ries now we sing who died and rose on high,  
Crown him with man - y crowns as thrones be - fore him fall;



and hail him as thy match-less King thro' all e - ter - ni - ty.  
but down-ward bends his won-d'ring eye at mys - ter - ies so bright.  
who died e - ter - nal life to bring and lives that death may die.  
crown him, ye kings, with man - y crowns for he is King of all.

Text (sts. 1-2, 4): Matthew Bridges, 1800-1894, abr., alt.; (st. 3): Godfrey Thring, 1823-1903

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## TODAY AT ST. MARK'S

### Serving at Worship

Presiding Minister: Pastor Kurt Wetzel

Musical Accompanist: Rosemarie Boushek

Guitarist: Ryan Olson

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## THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S

Today	8:00 & 10:45	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	12:00 p.m.	PrimeTimers' White Elephant Event (in gym)
Monday		Presidents' Day – Winter Break & NorCal Teachers' Conference
	6:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
Wednesday	5:30 p.m.	Lent Supper
	6:30 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Service
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Blood Drive
	9:30 a.m.	JOL Bible Study
	6:30 p.m.	Starting Point Class
Friday	6:00 p.m.	Book Club (in Luther Room)
Next Sunday	8:00 & 10:45	Worship Service
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	2:00 p.m.	Open Gym

<i><b>Birthdays</b></i>		<i><b>Anniversaries</b></i>
Matthew Belleci	<i>Feb 17</i>	
Rebecca Faljean		
Scott Arney	<i>Feb 18</i>	
Pam Lervold		
Katie Ochakovsky	<i>Feb 19</i>	
Shirley Sampaio		
Kylie Ross	<i>Feb 20</i>	
Scott Covey	<i>Feb 21</i>	

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