

ST. MARK LUTHERAN CHURCH

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EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA
welcomes you!

February 15,
2026



The
Transfiguration
of
Our Lord

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SATURDAY

“SHINE” CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP: 6:00 PM (1ST SATURDAYS-CHAPEL)

SUNDAY

THE DIVINE LITURGY: 9:00AM

EDUCATION HOUR: 10:30AM

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THE REV. BRIAN M. ROBISON, PASTOR

THE REV. RONALD C. NEUSTADT, PASTOR EMERITUS

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- + **To parents with small children:** We are glad your family is worshipping with us today! “*Quiet Bags*” (supplies & activities for use by small children) are available in the Welcome Area. If you or your child need a break from the service, feel free to use the Welcome Area/narthex (the service is audible over the speakers).
 - + An **accessible Restroom** is available off the Welcome Area/Narthex next to the **accessibility lift** to the lower level. **Parish Hall and additional Restrooms** are located on the lower level of the main church building. The stairway is off the entrance foyer. An usher will be happy to assist you with the lift.
 - + **Assistive listening devices** and **low vision items** are available. Please ask one of our ushers for assistance.
 - + **Land Acknowledgement:** This church is located on the original and ancestral homelands of the **Quapaw, Myaamia, Kaskaskia, and Kickapoo** peoples, and we give thanks for their presence here since time immemorial. We also recognize and honor all our Indigenous siblings who have and still call this land home.

PRELUDE

“Be Thou My Vision”

J. Payne

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *Please STAND as you are able*

Blessed be the Father, +Son, and Holy Spirit - 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.

Please KNEEL or remain as you are

**Mighty God, 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.**

GATHERING HYMN

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

ELW 834

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light;

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
 we blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
 all laud we would ren - der; oh, help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise!
 thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

Assisting minister S 139



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All

Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,

we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;

you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,

in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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.**

Following the prayer, please SIT.

WORD

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.**

ALLELUIA VERSE *The assembly STANDS to welcome the gospel.*

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 17:1-9

A reading from the Holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ as recorded by the apostle 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 SIT*

SERMON *“Tales as Old as Time (and Still True)”* **The Rev. Brian M. Robison**

HYMN OF THE DAY **“All Glory, Laud, and Honor (Transfiguration)”** *Please STAND*



1. All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or, to you, O Christ, we praise*,
 2. A voice came from the hea - vens, it was the Ho - ly One,
 3. O God of light and glo - ry, show us your - self to - day,



whose trans-form'd clothes did daz - zle as with the light of day.
 In - struct - ing them to list - en, to hon - or God's own Son.
 Trans - fig - ure us for kind - ness, for jus - tice ev - ery day.



As James and Pe - ter mar - veled, as John did stare in awe,
 But Je - sus' friends were fright - ened as clouds a - round them drew,
 Help us to walk as Je - sus, to touch and heal and move,



the moun - tain - top shone bright - ly with the glo - ry of God.
 and spoke no word a - bout it un - til he rose a - new.
 to show forth all your glo - ry by liv - ing out your love.

APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *The names of those for whom we pray aloud (members, staff, first-time additions) are listed below. Please read only the first names. Other prayer intentions can be found in the back of this bulletin. The response to "Merciful God," is "Receive our prayer."*

Ken Augustine, **Eleanor** Benton, **Rob** Buck, **Gary** Dozier, **Charlie** Duncan, **Evelyn** Duncan,
Art Engelage, **Michael** Foppe, **Morris** Kugler, **Bruce** Martens, **Lucy** Montgomery, **Ron** Neustadt,
Tina Partelow, **Marilyn** Robinson, **Cohen** Summers, **Carol** Weshinskey, **Gary** Weshinskey,

PEACE *The assembly is invited to share a greeting of God's peace with one another. Following **the Peace**, you may be **seated** for a few moments.*

CHOIR ANTHEM

"How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place"

Carter

Text can be found on the last page of the bulletin

OFFERING *Should you wish to leave an offering today, it may be placed in the wooden box on the table near the baptismal font at any point during or after the service.*

OFFERING PRAYER *Please **STAND** as you are able*

Assistant: Let us pray together...

God of majesty, no eye has seen, no ear has heard

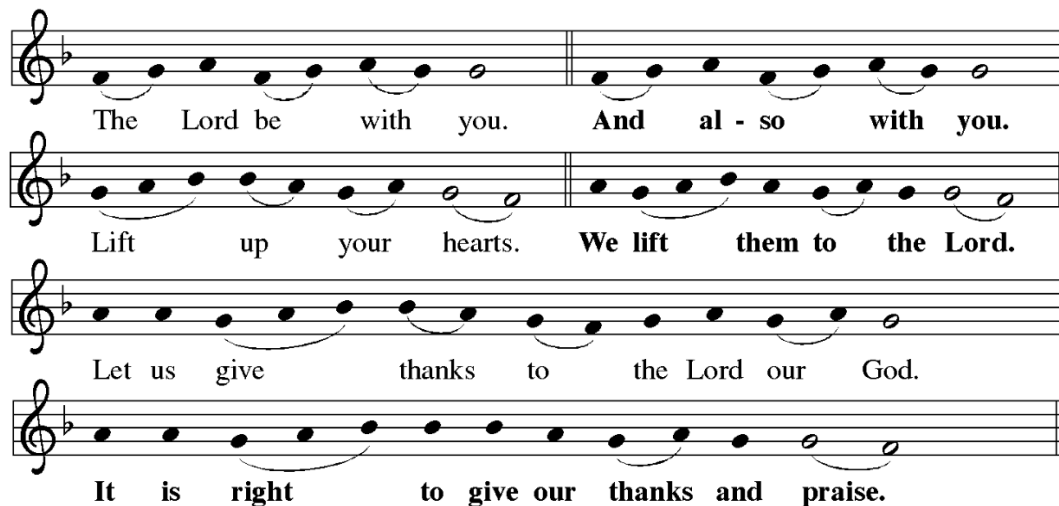
what you have prepared for those who love you,

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,

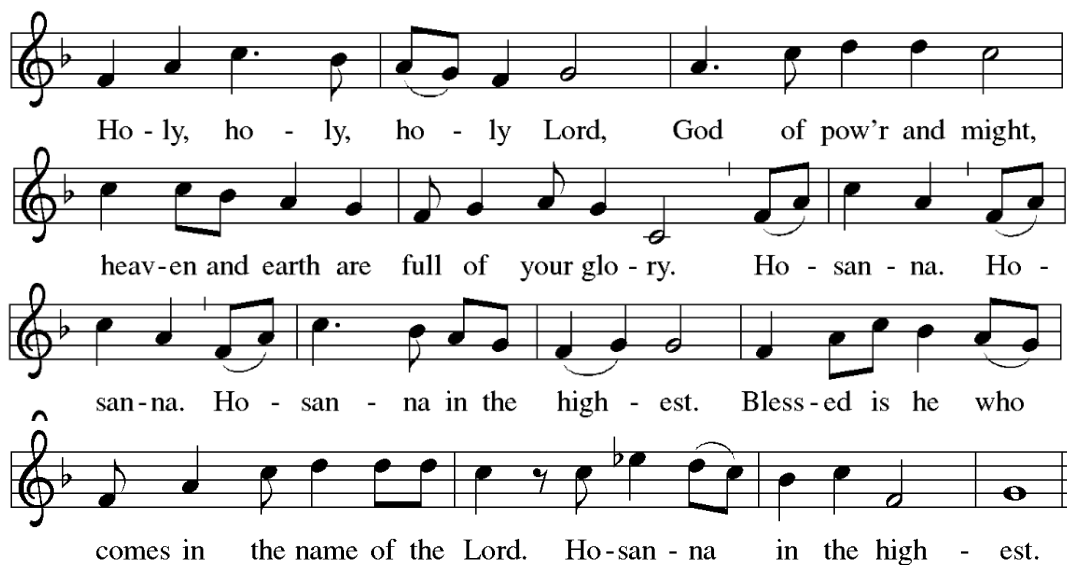
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

It is indeed right...we praise your name, and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. 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.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER *traditional*

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! Come to the table; taste and see.

LAMB OF GOD *Please SIT*

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.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Communion is open to everyone. In this sacrament, we believe that Christ is truly present in the bread and wine. At this service, communion will be served from around the altar rail. At the usher's direction, please come forward and kneel at the altar rail.

- ✘ *After receiving the bread, you may take an individual cup or drink from the chalice.*
- ✘ *You may return to your seat after communing.*
- ✘ *Those who do not wish to commune may come forward for a blessing. Please cross your arms over your chest to indicate this preference.*
- ✘ *Reception of the Eucharist under one kind (bread or wine) is valid communion for those who must avoid either for health reasons.*
- ✘ *If you are unable to go to the altar for communion, please notify an usher or the pastor, so that communion may be brought to you in your pew.*

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SONGS DURING THE DISTRIBUTION:

“Beautiful Savior”

ELW 838



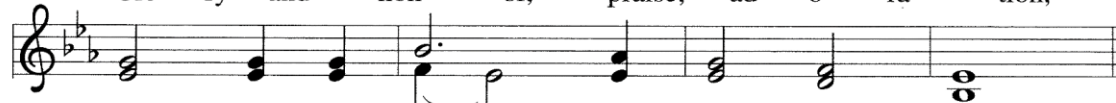
1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,



Son of God and Son of Man!
 robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;
 bright the spar - kling stars on high;
 Son of God and Son of Man!



Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er,
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,



light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
 than all the an - gels in the sky.
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

“I Love to Tell the Story”

ELW 661



1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
 2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat
 3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best



of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
 what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!
 seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.



I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;
 I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
 And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,





it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.
the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.
I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

Refrain



I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry



to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

After the distribution is complete, the assembly STANDS for the blessing.

TABLE BLESSING

The Body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Assistant: Let us pray together...

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.

BENEDICTION

May the triune God, who has given you a new song and tuned your heart for praise, bless you -
Father, †Son, and Holy Spirit - now and forever. **Amen.**



U - ya - i - mo - se, ti - na - ma - te Mwa - ri;
 1 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Most High;
 2 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Sav - ior;
 3 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Spir - it;



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 come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Spir - it;



u - ya - i - mo - se Zvi - no.
 come now and wor - ship the Lord.
 come now and wor - ship the Lord.
 come now and wor - ship the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

"Agincourt Hymn"

C. Callahan

MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

Presider & Preacher: The Rev. Brian M. Robison + **Assisting Minister:** Corbin Monfre

Lector: Terry Tribout + **Crucifer:** Corbin Monfre + **Tech Minister:** Greg Martens

Chalice Bearer: Mike Murakami + **Safety Volunteer:** Frank Dressel

Ushers: Danielle Tribout & Curt Gansmann + **Organist:** Evelyn Duncan

How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place by John Carter

How lovely is Thy dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!
My soul longs, yea, faints for the courts of the Lord;
My heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.

Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest, where she may lay her young.

At Thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

Blessed are those who dwell in Thy house, ever singing Thy praise!

How lovely is Thy dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!
My soul longs, yea, faints for the courts of the Lord;
My heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.

How lovely, How lovely is Thy dwelling place, O Lord.

Prayer Intentions

St. Mark Members

Ken Augustine, Eleanor Benton, Rob Buck, Gary Dozier, Charlie Duncan, Evelyn Duncan,
Art Engelage, Michael Foppe, Morris Kugler, Bruce Martens, Lucy Montgomery, Tina Partelow,
Marilyn Robinson, Cohen Summers, Carol and Gary Weshinsky

St. Mark Family and Friends

Dennis Althardt, Bert Alvarez, Stellamarie Bearth, John Belz, Thomas Boxdorfer, Jim Braeutigam,
Patty Brennecke, Susan Carson, Christine, Arianna Curnes, Catherine Davis, Mike Ellison, Katrina Fenner,
Josh Gansmann, Christine Gass, Viv Gillespie, Joni Giordano, David Graber, Stephanie Groennert, TC Groennert,
Glenna Hamilton, Andrea Hendrix, Jamie House, Jimmy Jurgens, Austin Lickenbrock, Dusty Little,
Donna Loesche, Becky Loeschner, Wyatt Madison, Christopher Martiszus, Bobby & Joyce McCall, Don McCoy,
Allen Martens, Janet Middendorf, Linda Munn, Pr. Ron & Debbie Neustadt, Dean Norrenberns, Hilda Parnell,
Tim & Missy Partelow, Larry Powers, Goldie Rideout, Darrell Robinson, Shirley Saia, Sarah and Family,
Jill Schlueter, Stefanie Schroeder, Denise Sebastian, David & Donna Sims, Margie Snep, Ingrid Thompson,
David Vaught, Toni Walston, Louise Wilson, Margie Wilson, Karen Woolf, Wilma Woolf,
Ken Zika, Chloe Zipperer

Members and Friends Serving in Our Nation's Military

Ethan Collins, Taiylar Foppe Merrel, Josh Merrel, Ryan McKenzie, Amy Morgan

Members celebrating birthdays this week

Lorraine Crannage (2/18) and Carol Weshinksey (2/19)

St. Mark Staff

Pastor: The Rev. Brian M. Robison + **Pastor Emeritus:** The Rev. Ronald C. Neustadt

Administrative Assistant: Randi Cardoza + **Music Director:** Carol Kugler

Organist: Evelyn Duncan + **Parish Nurse:** Becky Schnitzius

M A R K T I M E S

News & Notes for February 15, 2026

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, February 15:	2:30PM	Fiber Arts at Westfield Manor
	6:30PM	Yoga – Parish Hall
Tuesday, February 17:	5:30PM	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper – Parish Hall
Wednesday, February 18:	9:30AM	Joint Ash Wednesday Worship
	11:15AM	Health & Wellness Meeting – conference room
	7:00PM	Joint Ash Wednesday Worship
Thursday, February 19:	4:15PM	Chancel choir
	6:00PM	Bell Choir

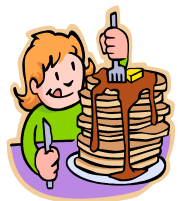
Today's Adult Forum: *The Jewish Roots of the Transfiguration*



The Transfiguration—the moment when Jesus is mystically transformed by divine power in the company of Moses and Elijah—offers a uniquely Christian message. At this moment Jesus' divinity is revealed to his disciples. Yet the roots of this complex story, so critical to *Christian* theology, are deeply embedded in *Jewish* tradition. Join us this morning as we explore the Jewish parallels in this amazing story!

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper Returns Tuesday!

St. Mark members are invited to St. George's annual Pancake Supper **THIS Tuesday, February 17** from **5:30-7:00PM** in the **Parish Hall**. Pancakes & sausage are the traditional fare for this day since meat, eggs, fat & butter were prohibited during Lent. Freewill donations will be accepted.



Ash Wednesday

St. George's hosts our joint Ash Wednesday services **THIS Wednesday, February 18** at **9:30AM** and **7:00PM**, both in the **church**. Father Mark will preside at the Eucharist, both Pastor Brian & Father Mark will assist in the imposition of ashes, and Pr. Brian will preach.

Midweek Lenten Soup Suppers

Come enjoy a nice evening of fellowship over a meal of soup and salad at 6:00PM in the Parish Hall **starting Wednesday, February 25**, before joining us in the church for evening prayer.

Form a group and host one of the suppers! A sign-up sheet is in the Parish Hall near the coffee stand.

Yoga Day Change in February

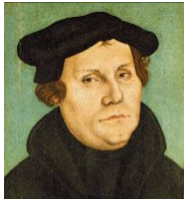
To accommodate Lenten midweek activities for both churches, yoga classes have moved to **Mondays at 6:30pm through the end of May.**



50th Anniversary Committee

St. Mark Lutheran Church celebrates the 50th anniversary of its first worship service on December 6, 2026. This will kick off a year of celebration surrounding our 50th year. We are looking for members who might be interested in serving on a **planning committee** to devise ideas for events to help celebrate this milestone. Please contact Pastor Brian if you're interested!

Martin Luther on the Transfiguration



In the Transfiguration, “the resurrection of the dead and the future glory and brightness of *our* bodies are shown. For this was something very remarkable, that Christ was transfigured while yet in the mortal body, which was subject to suffering. What then shall it be, when mortality shall have been swallowed up, and nothing shall remain but immortality and glory?

“There is added the appearance of Moses and Elias, who prove by their appearing that they had never really died, and that there is yet another life, besides the earthly life, from which they were transferred.

“This appearance teaches us also that we should despise death, and look upon it merely as an emigration or a sleep. In short, this appearance proves that this life is nothing at all in comparison with the future life.

“This appearance proves that sin is overcome. For it necessarily follows as an incontrovertible conclusion, that, where death is overcome, there sin is also overcome...

“The whole, holy Trinity appears here to strengthen the believers; namely, Christ in his transfigured form, the Father in the voice, and the Holy Ghost in the bright cloud.”

St. Mark Offerings for 2/8: General Fund: **\$3,794.16**; Wally Kleist Bequest: \$47,494.85; Coffee Fund: \$88

AN IDEA WHOSE TIME HAS NOT YET COME: LENTEN GREETING CARDS

