



February 14 & 15, 2026

The Transfiguration of Our Lord

Welcome to St. Paul

We are **broken** and **blessed** followers of Christ providing a **home** for all who wander the weary road.

We invite you to sign a guest card in the pew rack, noting your attendance and place it in the offering plate as the offering is taken or you may sign the attendance book in the Fellowship Hall.

Holy Communion

To Our Guests: We're glad you're here! Lutherans believe this sacrament is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine. Here he gives himself and all that he promises. Receiving the sacrament is also an expression of full unity in faith with those with whom you are communing. Based on this theological principle, if you are a member of a congregation that shares the confession of faith of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod and have been instructed concerning the Lord's Supper, you are welcome to commune with us today. We continue to pray for the day when all divisions in the body of Christ will cease. Anyone who wishes may receive a pastoral blessing by kneeling at the altar rail with your arms folded across your chest. If you desire to commune at St. Paul and would like to learn more about the Lutheran Church, please speak with the pastor.

To Those Communing Today: God's Word instructs those who come to the Lord's Table to first examine themselves. You may use the "Christian Questions with Their Answers" found on p.329-330 in the hymnal to guide you in self-examination.

The pastor will distribute the body of Christ followed by an usher with a tray of individual cups. The pastor will then follow with the Chalice.

Gluten free bread is available. Please ask the pastor or an usher before the service.

Lent 2026: In the Hands of the Artist

In our Lenten series this year, we will place ourselves in the hands of some of history's great painters as they guide us into the Scriptures. Today, we are invited to contemplate the story of our salvation through: The Transfiguration, Raphael (1483-1520, High Renaissance), c.1516-20, tempera on wood, 410x279cm, Vatican Museums, Rome, Italy.

DIVINE SERVICE

Setting Two (LSB page 167)

PRELUDE

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Stand as you are able and face the baptismal font

“Repentance, therefore, is nothing else than a return and approach to baptism, to resume and practice what has earlier been begun but abandoned” (Large Catechism)

The sign of the cross ✝ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You, and worthily magnify Your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in**

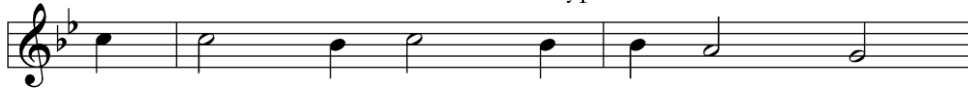
**Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name.
Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the \dagger Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

ENTRANCE HYMN “O Wondrous type! O Vision Fair” **LSB 413**



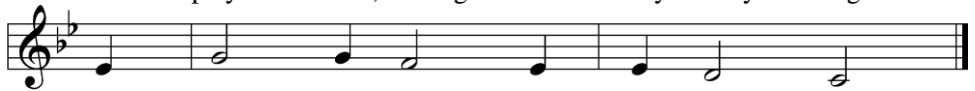
1 O won - drous type! O vi - sion fair
2 With Mo - ses and E - li - jah high
3 With shin - ing face and bright ar - ray
4 And faith - ful hearts are raised on high
5 O Fa - ther, with the e - ter - nal Son



Of glo - ry that the Church may share,
The in - car - nate Lord holds con - verse high;
Christ deigns to man - i - fest to - day
By this great vi - sion's mys - ter - y,
And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er one,



Which Christ up - on the moun - tain shows,
And from the cloud the Ho - ly One
What glo - ry shall be theirs a - bove
For which in joy - ful strains we raise
We pray Thee, bring us by Thy grace



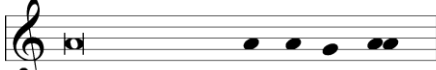
Where bright - er than the sun He glows!
Bears rec - ord to the on - ly Son.
Who joy in God with per - fect love.
The voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.
To see Thy glo - ry face to face.

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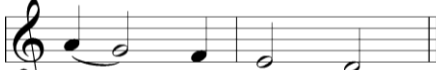
Stand as you are able

KYRIE

Lord Have Mercy



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



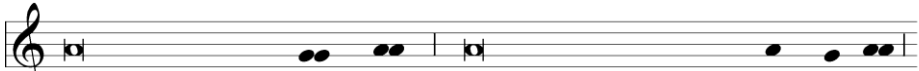
C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



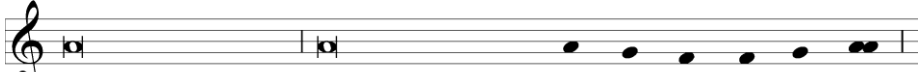
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the uni-ty of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



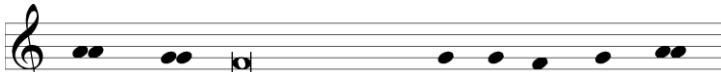
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord.



C A - men.

Hymn of Praise

Glory to God in the Highest



A Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to His peo-ple on earth.



C Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - migh - ty 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



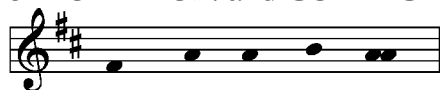
Ho - ly One, You a-lone are the Lord, You a -



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



SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

Silence for individual prayer

O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah. In the voice that came from the bright cloud You wonderfully foreshowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King in His glory and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 24:8-18

⁸And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, "Behold the blood of the covenant that the Lord has made with you in accordance with all these words." ⁹Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, ¹⁰and they saw the God of Israel. There was under his feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. ¹¹And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank. ¹²The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and wait there, that I may give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." ¹³So Moses rose with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. ¹⁴And he said to the elders, "Wait here for us until we return to you. And behold, Aaron and Hur are with you. Whoever has a dispute, let him go to them." ¹⁵Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶The glory of the Lord dwelt on Mount

morning star rises in your hearts, ²⁰knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. ²¹For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

After the reading

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand as you are able

ALLELUIA and VERSE



C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL READING

Matthew 17:1-9

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the seventeenth chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹After six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. ²And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. ³And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴And Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." ⁵He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." ⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear." ⁸And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. ⁹And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead."

After the reading

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

HYMN OF THE DAY “Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory” **LSB 416**



1 Swift - ly pass the clouds of glo-ry, Heav-en's voice, the daz-zling light;
2 Glimpsed and gone the rev - e - la-tion, They shall gain and keep its truth,
3 Lord, trans - fig - ure our per-cep-tion With the pur - est light that shines,



Mo-ses and E - li - jah van - ish; Christ a - lone com - mands the height!
Not by build-ing on the moun-tain An - y shrine or sa - cred booth,
And re-cast our life's in - ten - tions To the shape of Your de - signs,



Pe - ter, James, and John fall si - lent, Turn - ing from the sum-mit's rise
But by fol - low - ing the Sav - ior Through the val - ley to the cross
Till we seek no oth - er glo - ry Than what lies past Cal - v'ry's hill



Down-ward toward the shad-owed val-ley Where their Lord has fixed His eyes.
And by test - ing faith's re - sil-i-ence Through be - tray - al, pain, and loss.
And our liv - ing and our dy - ing And our ris - ing by Your will.

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SERMON

“Connect the Dots”

Matthew 17:1-9

Stand as you are able

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven

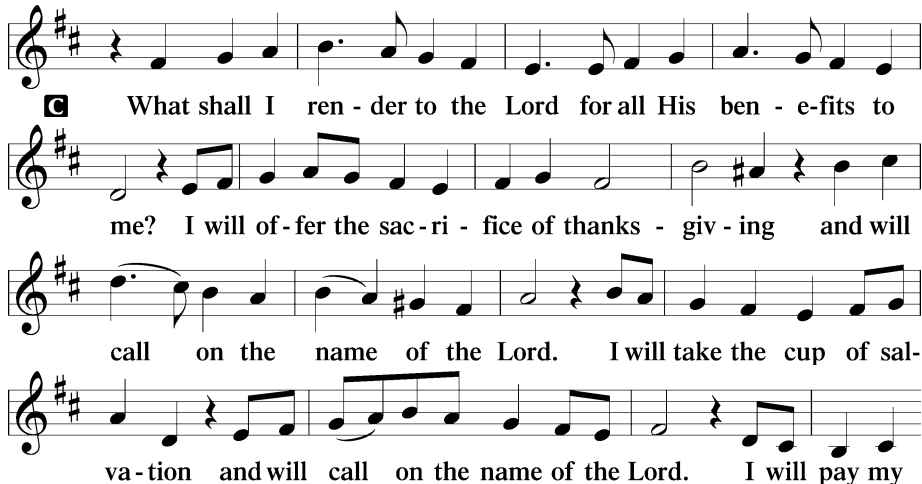
(All may bow:

and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man); and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life † of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING

OFFERTORY



C What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e-fits to
me? I will of-fer the sac-ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va-tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my

vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo - ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je-ru - sa-lem.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P Merciful Father,

C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us--our selves, our time, our income, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LWML Mites will be collected following the service.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C And al-so with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy

- C** Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heav'n and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

- P** Blessed are You...one God, now and forever.
C Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

- P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

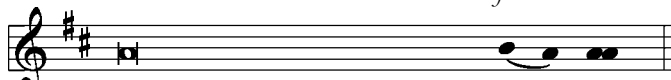
- P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER

- C** 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.

PAX DOMINI

The Peace of the Lord



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



C A - men.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Happy are those who are called to His Supper. *John 1:29; Revelation 19:9*

C Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed. *Matthew 8:8*

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God

C Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Sit

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

“Shepherd Me, O God”

Words and Music by
Marty Haugen

Based on Psalm 23



Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be -



yond my fears, from death in - to life.

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Stand as you are able

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

Nunc Dimittis



C Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which You have pre -
pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re -
veal You to the na - tions and the glo - ry of Your peo - ple Is - ra - el.
Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

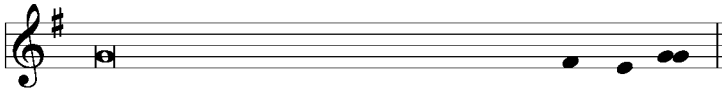
P Let us pray.

Silence for individual prayer

We give thanks to You, almighty God....one God, now and forever.

C Amen

BENEDICTION



P The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



C A - - - men.

Burying The Alleluia

During the somber season of Lent, the Church traditionally “buries” the word Alleluia. Alleluia, a Hebrew word meaning “Praise Yahweh,” is a joyful exclamation, which we will shout all the more vigorously when we celebrate Christ’s resurrection on Easter.

CLOSING HYMN

“Alleluia, Song of Gladness”

LSB 417



1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of glad - ness, Voice of joy that
 2 Al - le - lu - ia, thou re - sound - est, True Je - ru - sa -
 3 Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways Be our song while
 4 There - fore in our hymns we pray Thee, Grant us, bless - ed



can - not die; Al - le - lu - ia is the an - them
 lem and free; Al - le - lu - ia, joy - ful moth - er,
 here be - low; Al - le - lu - ia, our trans - gres - sions
 Trin - i - ty, At the last to keep Thine Eas - ter



Ev - er raised by choirs on high; In the house of
 All thy chil - dren sing with thee, But by Bab - y -
 Make us for a while for - go; For the sol - emn
 With Thy faith - ful saints on high; There to Thee for -



God a - bid - ing Thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly.
 lon’s sad wa - ters Mourn - ing ex - iles now are we.
 time is com - ing When our tears for sin must flow.
 ev - er sing - ing Al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly.

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POSTLUDE

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Flowers On The Altar
The Osterkamp Family
In honor of A.J.'s 80th birthday

Preparing Yourself For Worship

In order to help prepare your selves for our worship services, we are listing below the scripture readings for the coming week.

February 21 & 22 – The First Sunday in Lent

Genesis 3:1-21, Romans 5:12-19, Matthew 4:1-11

Worship Assistants

	Sat. Feb 14 – 5:30pm	Sun, Feb 15 – 9:00am
Head Usher:	Dave Kelley	Greg Kittle
Organist:	Matthew Walsh	David Pitt

Anniversaries This Week

None

Baptismal Birthdays

15-Jordan Pergande 17-Lizzy Capacchione
147-Erin Huebschman 20-Kip Weland

Birthdays This Week

15-A.J. Osterkamp 16-Emmett Worden
17-Erin Huebschman

- **Salvation Army Food Pantry** - For the month of February, we are collecting the following items for the Food Pantry:

<i>Hot Chocolate</i>	<i>Ramen Noodles</i>	<i>Peanut Butter & Jelly</i>
<i>Laundry Soap</i>	<i>Canned Meats</i>	<i>Shampoo</i>

February 7 & 8 Statistics

In-Person Attendance:	100
Views* on Facebook:	13
Overall Participation:	113

*The number of devices playing our service for one minute or longer. This does not account for groups who watched together on the same screen.

Interested in Serving on the Church Council?

Current Church Council terms conclude in June 2026. In preparation, the Council will present a list of candidates for voter approval at the May 17, 2026 Voters' Meeting. If you feel called to serve, please contact Pastor Crawford or Dave Kelley for more information. Council officer positions include President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Financial Secretary. Committee leadership opportunities include Elders, Education, Mission and Ministry, and Properties.

GRIEFSHARE: No matter what the circumstances, grief is a painful and long process. St Paul is again holding a GriefShare support group for people dealing with the death of a family member or friend. GriefShare is a safe, welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotions of grief. Over 13 weeks, you'll find relief and comfort as you learn what to expect in the days ahead and how to navigate your personal grief process. Since there are no neat, orderly stages of grief, you'll learn helpful ways of coping with grief, in all its unpredictability—and gain solid support each step of the way.

At a weekly GriefShare meeting, you will view a video featuring respected counselors, teachers, and healthcare professionals on grief-related topics. After that is a small-group discussion for sharing, support, and personal application of what you learned on the video. You will receive a book to take home filled with valuable exercises for navigating your personal grieving process. Please join us and/or share this information with someone you know who could benefit: Tuesday evenings, February 24 - May 19, 2026 from 6-8 PM at St. Paul Lutheran, 2025 Jackson St.

University of Dubuque Chamber Singers are coming back to St. Paul! Mark your calendars - they will join us for our worship service on Saturday, February 21 (5:30pm). Invite a friend!

Prayer Requests

Mindful of the Father's great mercy shown to us in Jesus, we pray on behalf of those who are in need.

For those undergoing cancer treatment:

Roger Riechmann (father of Teri Riechmann & Sheila Zasada)
Jayme Niemeier (nephew of Dave & Sue Krause)
Raymond Kruser (brother-in-law of Dave & Sue Krause)
Zeke Pergande (son of Dan & Doris Pergande)
Mark Goetschius (brother of A.J. Osterkamp)
Toni Jo Stelpflug (niece of Doris Pergande)
Matthew Kittle (brother to Greg Kittle)
Rhonda Kittle (sister-in-law to Greg Kittle)
Brittni Strege (niece of Richard & Kim Weed)
Jerry (family friend of Richard & Kim Weed)
Heidi Zimmer & Pat Zimmer her caregiver (friends of Misty Lutz)
Kevin Engler (brother of Nancy Clark)
Becky O'Connor (former Dubuque Lutheran School Teacher)
Dan Pergande, Debra Spear, Richard Weed, Jill Adams

For our members who are homebound:

Laverne Ball (Jackson Ridge, Maquoketa), Nancy Clark, Dusty Colby
Jean Henningsen (Sunnycrest Manor), Bruce & Annabelle Schaal,
Judy Pergande, Doris Pergande, Jayson Eichman (Harmony),
Jan Anderson, Elaine Rohde, Damaris Eichman


Additional Prayer Requests

- Joseph May - (co-worker friend of Teri Riechmann & Nicole Oliver)

**Note: The "additional" section of the prayer list will be cleared at the beginning of each month. If you would like a name to remain on the list into the next month, please contact the church office and we would be happy to continue praying for your intention.*

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Schedule For The Week

The Transfiguration of Our Lord Sat. Feb 14	5:30pm	Divine Service
The Transfiguration of Our Lord Sun. Feb 15	8:00am 9:00am 10:30am	Choir Practice Divine Service Bible Study/Sunday School
Mon. Feb 16		
Tues. Feb 17		
Wed. Feb 18	8:30am 6:30pm	TOPS Ash Wednesday Service
Thur. Feb 19	4pm – 5:30pm	Confirmation
Fri. Feb 20		
1st Sunday in Lent Sat Feb 21	9:30am – 11am 5:30pm	Lent & Art Intergenerational Event Divine Service
1st Sunday in Lent Sun. Feb 22	8:00am 9:00am 10:30am	Choir Practice Divine Service Bible Study/Sunday School