

ST. MARK EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
OF MECHANICSBURG  
FEBRUARY 15, 2026  
TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD  
HOLY COMMUNION



**SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES**

8:30 am - Sanctuary & Zoom Blended Worship Service

9:45 am - Sunday Church School

9:45 am - Children's SS and Choir

11:00 am - First Sunday of Each Month

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**INTRODUCTION TO TODAY**

*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.*

**UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS**

**Martin Luther, renewer of the church, died 1546**

**Wednesday, February 18, 2026**

Though he began his adult church life as a simple Augustinian monk, Luther challenged the abuses he saw in the church, and his work eventually led to the Protestant Reformation. Luther's accomplishments included liturgical reform, translation of the Bible, and creation of the Small and Large Catechisms.

\*The asterisk in the margins of the bulletin indicates please stand as able.

## PRELUDE

*St. Denio (Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise)*

J. Carlson

## JOHN 1:14

P This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.

C ALLELUIA!

## \*BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

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 Let us confess our sinfulness before God and one another, trusting in God's endless mercy and love.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination. Please kneel or be seated.*

P Gracious God,

C have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

\*GATHERING SONG

## Jesus, the Light of the World

1 Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, Je-sus, the Light of the world;  
2 Joy - ful, all you na - tions, rise; Je-sus, the Light of the world;  
3 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Je-sus, the Light of the world;  
4 Hail the heav'n-born Prince of peace! Je-sus, the Light of the world;

“Glo - ry to the new-born king,” Je-sus, the Light of the world.  
join the tri - umph of the skies; Je-sus, the Light of the world.  
Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord! Je-sus, the Light of the world.  
Hail the Sun of righ-teous-ness! Je-sus, the Light of the world.

*Refrain*

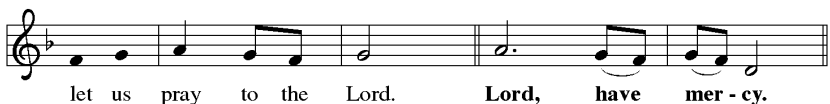
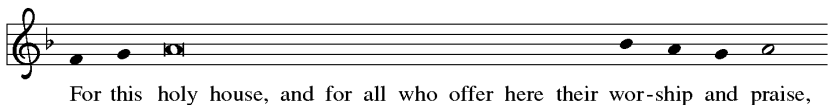
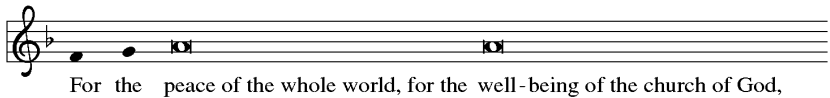
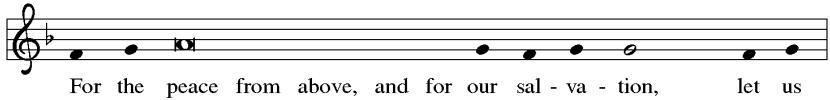
We'll walk in the light, beau-ti-ful light, come where the dew-drops of mer-cy are bright.

Shine all a-round us by day and by night, Je-sus, the Light of the world.

## \*GREETING

**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**C** And also with you.

## \*KYRIE



## \*CANTICLE OF PRAISE

### *Refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

### *Refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

(Continued next page.)

*Final refrain*

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,  
for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you,  
C and also with you.

P 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.  
C Amen.

### CHILDREN'S ANTHEM

*One Big Hallelujah*

Chris Christianson

### FIRST LESSON: Exodus 24:12-18

*At Mount Sinai, Moses experienced the presence of God for forty days and forty nights. The “glory of the LORD” settled on the mountain, and on the seventh day God called out to Moses. On the mountain God gave Moses the stone tablets inscribed with the ten commandments.*

R A Reading from Exodus.

<sup>12</sup>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.” <sup>13</sup>So Moses

set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the mountain of God. <sup>14</sup>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.”

<sup>15</sup>Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. <sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>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. <sup>18</sup>Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

R The word of the Lord.  
C Thanks be to God.

### PSALM: Psalm 2

*(Please sing the Psalm responsively. Choir the regular print; congregation the bold print.)*



<sup>1</sup>Why are the nations <sup>|</sup> in an uproar?  
Why do the peoples mutter <sup>|</sup> empty threats?

<sup>2</sup>**Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and the princes <sup>|</sup>**  
**plot together,**  
**against the LORD and against <sup>|</sup> his anointed?**

<sup>3</sup>“Let us break their <sup>|</sup> yoke,” they say;  
“let us cast off their <sup>|</sup> bonds from us.”

<sup>4</sup>**He whose throne is in heav- <sup>|</sup> en is laughing;**  
**the LORD has them <sup>|</sup> in derision.**

<sup>5</sup>Then he speaks to them <sup>|</sup> in his wrath,  
and his rage fills <sup>|</sup> them with terror.

<sup>6</sup>**“I myself have <sup>|</sup> set my king**  
**upon my holy <sup>|</sup> hill of Zion.”**

<sup>7</sup>Let me announce the decree <sup>|</sup> of the LORD:  
He said to me, “You are my son; this day have I be- <sup>|</sup> gotten you.”

<sup>8</sup> Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for <sup>1</sup> your inheritance  
and the ends of the earth for <sup>1</sup> your possession.

<sup>9</sup> You shall crush them with an <sup>1</sup> iron rod  
and shatter them like a <sup>1</sup> piece of pottery.”

<sup>10</sup> And now, you <sup>1</sup> kings, be wise;  
be warned, you rulers <sup>1</sup> of the earth.

<sup>11</sup> Submit to the <sup>1</sup> LORD with fear,  
and with trembling <sup>1</sup> bow before him;

<sup>12</sup> lest he be angry, <sup>1</sup> and you perish;  
for his wrath is <sup>1</sup> quickly kindled.

<sup>13</sup> Happy <sup>1</sup> are they all  
who take ref- <sup>1</sup> uge in him!

## **SECOND LESSON: 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter 1:16-21**

*At the transfiguration, God's voice was heard, declaring Jesus to be the beloved Son. By the activity of the Holy Spirit, God's voice continues to be heard through the word of scripture.*

R        A reading from 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter.

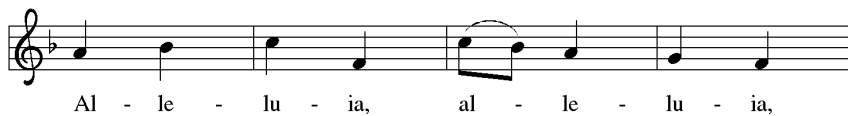
<sup>16</sup> We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. <sup>17</sup> For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.” <sup>18</sup> We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

<sup>19</sup> 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. <sup>20</sup> First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, <sup>21</sup> because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

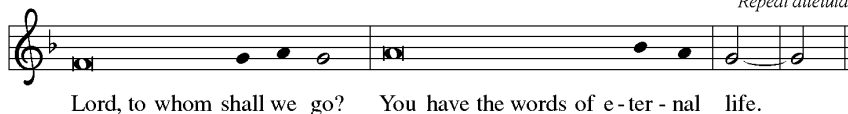
R        The word of the Lord.

C        Thanks be to God.

## \*ALLELUIA VERSE



*Repeat alleluia*



## \*GOSPEL: Matthew 17:1-9

*Shortly before he enters Jerusalem, where he will be crucified, Jesus is revealed to Peter, James, and John in a mountaintop experience of divine glory called the transfiguration.*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 17<sup>th</sup> chapter.  
C Glory to you, O Lord.

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

<sup>9</sup> 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.”

P        The Gospel of the Lord.  
C        Praise to you, O Christ.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. *Repeat alleluia*

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

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

SERMON

## 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;  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary,  
and was made man.

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.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He 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**

A 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 Merciful God,

C **Receive our prayer.**

P 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.

C **Amen.**

### **\*PEACE**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

### **OFFERING**

#### **OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

*Jesus, Name Above All Names*

N. Hearn/arr. J. Wilson

## \*THE OFFERTORY RESPONSE

*Refrain*

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the  
dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your  
church gath - ered to - day.

Text: Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957

Music: CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT, Bernadette Farrell

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## \*OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A Let us pray.
- A God of glory, great are your wonders among us and many are the blessings you bestow. Use us and these your gifts for the needs of the world, that all the ends of the earth may rejoice in your saving grace, through Christ our Savior.
- C Amen.

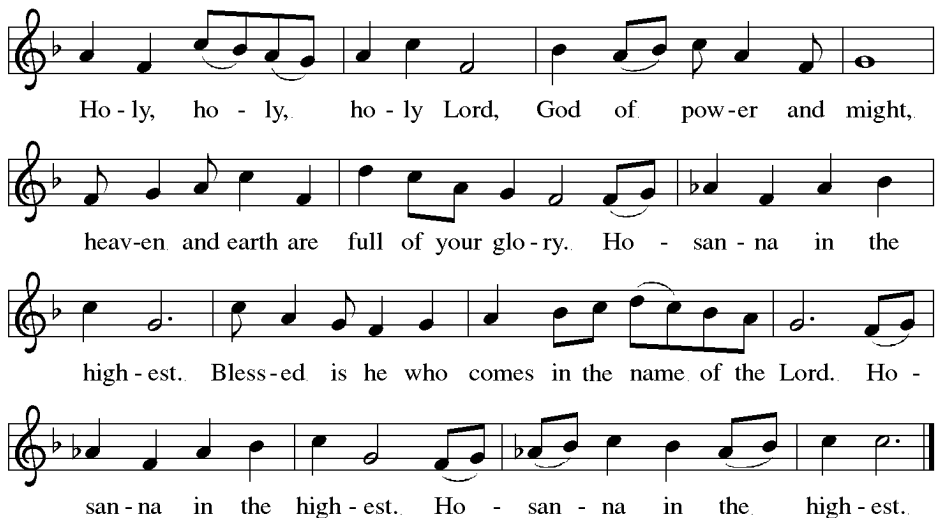
## \*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also 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.

## \*PREFACE

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## \*SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

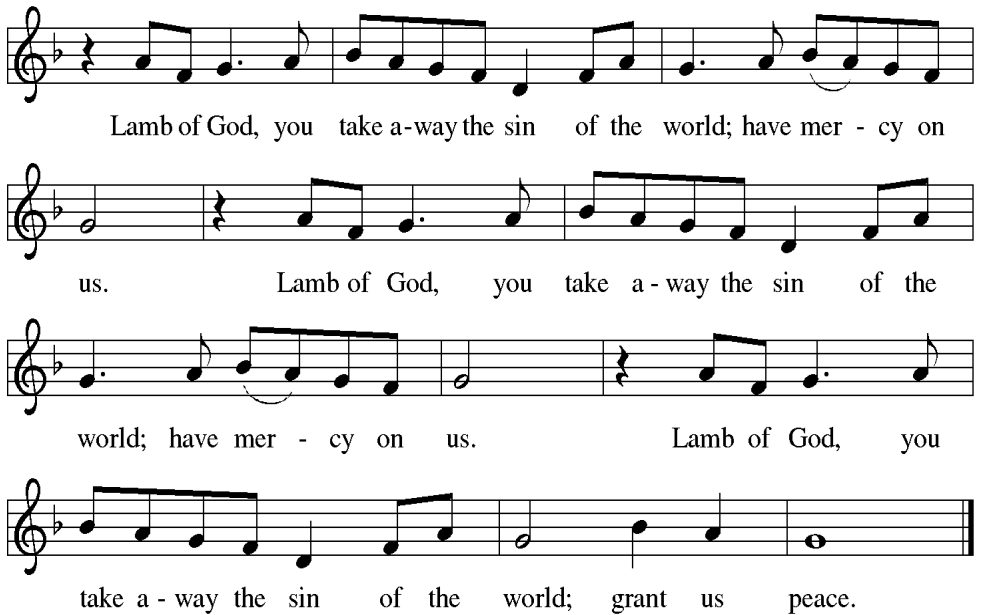
## **\*EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

**P** 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.

## **\*THE 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.

\*P Come to the banquet, for all is now ready!



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

*Congregation may be seated. Please follow the directions of the ushers for the distribution of Communion.*

*All baptized, communing Christians are welcome to partake of the Holy Sacrament.*

*We have gluten free bread available and white grape juice (in addition to our traditional homemade bread and red wine) for those who need or prefer those. Simply let the pastor or assisting minister know if you prefer something other than bread and wine.*

*Remember that we are promised that Christ is truly present in, with, and under each element.*

P The body of Christ given for you.

C Amen.

A The blood of Christ shed for you.

C Amen.

## -COMMUNION-

*Please sing the following hymns during the distribution.*

### HYMN OF THE DAY

#### Jesus on the Mountain Peak

1 Je - sus on the moun-tain peak stands a - lone in  
2 Trem-bling at his feet we saw Mo - ses and E -  
3 Swift the cloud of glo - ry came, God pro - claim - ing  
4 This is God's be - lov - ed Son! Law and proph - ets

glo - ry blaz - ing; let us, if we dare to speak,  
li - jah speak - ing. All the proph-ets and the law  
in its thun - der Je - sus as the Son by name!  
sing be - fore him, first and last and on - ly One.

join the saints and an - gels prais - ing.  
shout through them their joy - ful greet - ing:  
Na - tions, cry a - loud in won - der:  
All cre - a - tion shall a - dore him!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of five systems of music. The first system contains the first four lines of the hymn. The second system contains the next four lines. The third system contains the next four lines. The fourth system contains the final line of the hymn, 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!'. The score includes a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are printed below the vocal staves, with line numbers 1 through 4 corresponding to the first system. The music is arranged in a traditional hymn style, with a clear melody and harmonic support.

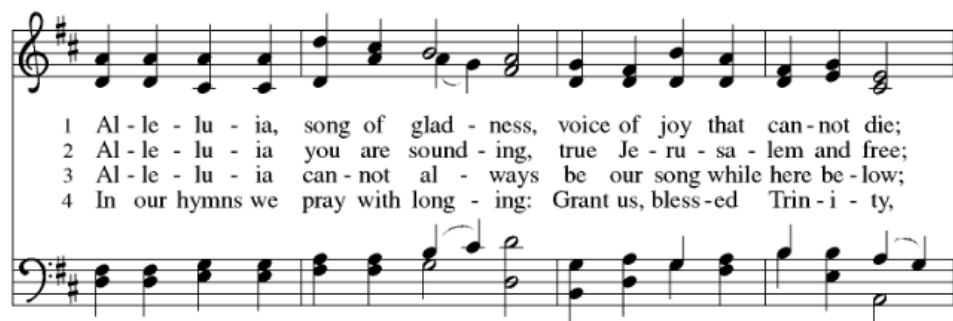
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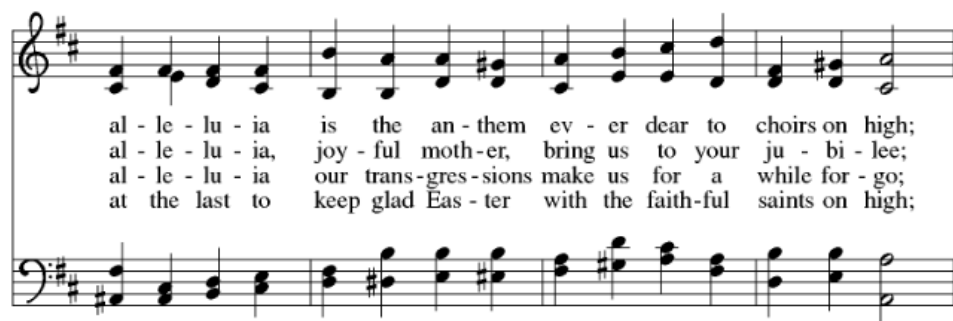
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## Alleluia, Song of Gladness



1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of glad - ness, voice of joy that can - not die;  
 2 Al - le - lu - ia you are sound - ing, true Je - ru - sa - lem and free;  
 3 Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways be our song while here be - low;  
 4 In our hymns we pray with long - ing: Grant us, bless - ed Trin - i - ty,



al - le - lu - ia is the an - them ev - er dear to choirs on high;  
 al - le - lu - ia, joy - ful moth - er, bring us to your ju - bi - lee;  
 al - le - lu - ia our trans - gres - sions make us for a while for - go;  
 at the last to keep glad Eas - ter with the faith - ful saints on high;



in the house of God a - bid - ing thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly.  
 here by Bab - y - lon's sad wa - ters mourn - ing ex - iles still are we.  
 for the sol - emn time is com - ing when our tears for sin shall flow.  
 there to you for - ev - er sing - ing al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly.

Text: Latin hymn, 11th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.  
 Music: PRAISE, MY SOUL, John Goss, 1800–1880

**\*P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.  
**C** Amen.

**\*POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

**A** 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.  
**C** Amen.

**\*BLESSING**

**P** The God of love, Father, ✙ Son, and Holy Spirit, lavish you with grace, illumine your path, and increase your joy, today and always.  
**C** Amen.

\*CLOSING HYMN

# Shine, Jesus Shine

*Refrain*

Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry;  
blaze, Spir - it, blaze, set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, riv - er, flow, flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy;  
send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!

1 Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing, in the midst of the  
2 As we gaze on your king - ly bright-ness, so our fac - es dis -  
dark-ness, shin - ing; Je - sus, light of the world, shine up - on us,  
play your like - ness, ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry,  
set us free by the truth you now bring us.  
mir - rored here, may our lives tell your sto - ry.

*Refrain*

Shine on me, shine on me:  
Shine on me, shine on me:

# BURY THE ALLELUIAS WITH OUR YOUTH

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \*DISMISSAL

A        Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.  
C        Thanks be to God.

### \*POSTLUDE

*Christ, Be Our Light*

*B. Farrell*



In loving memory of Victor Miller on his 91<sup>st</sup>  
(February 16) birthday by his wife, Sara Jane  
Miller.

## WORSHIP LEADERS

**Ushers:** Greg Hoover, Cindy Hoover

**Assisting Minister:** Sean Gimbel

**Lay Reader:** Terri Hopkins

**Acolyte:** Caroline Stull

**Altar Guild:** Connie Kuntz, Muretta Yentzer, Barb  
Lehman

**Council Money Duty:** Barb Yost, Amy Gimbel

## THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK

**Sunday, February 15**

8:30 am  
9:45 am  
9:45 am  
12:00 pm

**TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD**

Worship Service-Communion  
Sunday Church School  
Children's SS and Choir  
Iglesia Dios Con Nosotros

**Monday, February 16**

8:00 am  
2:00 pm  
7:00 pm

**PRESIDENT'S DAY**

Garden Club-Fellowship Hall  
Violin Lessons  
German Group

**Tuesday, February 17**

6:00 pm

Bell Choir

**Wednesday, February 18**

Noon  
6:15 pm  
Following 6:15 pm service

**ASH WEDNESDAY**

Ash Wednesday Svc.-Communion  
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Adult Choir

**Thursday, February 19**

2:30 pm  
6:30 pm  
7:00 pm

Violin Lessons  
Church Council  
Iglesia Dios Con Nosotros

**Friday, February 20**

2:30 pm

Violin Lessons

**Saturday, February 21**

6:30 pm

Iglesia Dios Con Nosotros

**Sunday, February 22**

8:30 am  
Following worship  
12:00 pm

**1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT**

Worship Service-Communion  
Annual Congregation Meeting  
Iglesia Dios Con Nosotros

**LESSONS:**

**FIRST LESSON**

**PSALM**

**SECOND LESSON**

**GOSPEL**

**FEBRUARY 22, 2026**

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Psalms 32

Romans 5:12-19

Matthew 4:1-11

## **-ANNOUNCEMENTS-**

### **RALEIGH RINGERS AT MT. GRETNA**

The Raleigh Ringers are performing at Mt. Gretna Playhouse on **Sunday, June 28, at 4:00 PM**. They are a phenomenal group of performers truly worth hearing (and seeing)! You can find numerous videos on YouTube ([https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b-l\\_0Dn4eJw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b-l_0Dn4eJw)). A number of folks at St. Mark speak so highly of them and would like to gather a group to go together. Tickets are \$35 for good seats and there is a \$2 discount for a group of 12 or more. Depending on the number, we would look into transportation for the group to include those who don't drive. Tickets for this event will go very quickly and Thelma has an inside track before they go on sale to the general public. **Please speak with Thelma Fissel on or before February 22 if you would like to go or if you have any questions.** ([thefissel@icloud.com](mailto:thefissel@icloud.com) or 717-697-5354.

### **COLLEGE AND MILITARY CARE PACKAGES**

The Youth and Family Ministry Committee will be assembling and sending care packages to our military personnel and college students. If you have a military person or student that you would like to receive a care package, please provide their name and mailing address to Michele Connor (via email to <mailto:crashdog68@aol.com> or text to 717-579-4640) **no later than TODAY, February 15.**

### **COLLEGE AND MILITARY CARE PACKAGE DONATIONS**

Due to rising shipping costs, we are in need of contributions to cover postage. If you would like to help, please mark your donation for Youth and Family Care Packages. If more is collected than needed for the postage, it will be designated for the Youth and Family Ministry account for upcoming activities.

### **BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL TIME.**

The Bell Choir will rehearse on **Tuesdays at 6:00 PM beginning February 17 up until April 1 where we will return to Wednesdays at 6:00 PM.**

### **LENT AND ASH WEDNESDAY**

Lent begins on Ash **Wednesday, February 18, 2026**. Worship services will be held at **noon and 6:15 PM.**

### **ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETING**

The Annual Congregation Meeting will be held on **Sunday, February 22**, immediately after worship service in the Sanctuary.

## **BREAD AND BROTH**

Come share a soup meal at St. Mark **every Wednesday evening at 5:30 PM evening during Lent (February 25 through March 25)**. Stay and learn about Power Couples of the Bible during our worship/study time at **6:15 PM**.

## **WOMEN IN GOD'S SERVICE (WINGS)—BIRTHDAY IN A PAN SERVICE PROJECT**

The WinGS are doing a service project of providing a *birthday in a PAN* to be donated to New Hope Ministries. We are asking the congregation to help with the collection of the items needed.

The items we are collecting are cake mix, frosting, candles, balloons, 8x10 CAKE pans with HIGH lid (will be used to package the items), and ribbon to make them pretty. We are requesting the items to be donated **no later than SUNDAY, MARCH 8**. Thank you for your help with our service project. Birthday containers are located in the Narthex and at the back entrance of St. Mark.

## **BOOK CLUB READ**

The Evangelism Committee is hosting a Book Club Read on **Friday, March 20, at 1:00 PM**, in the parlor. The **REDWALL**, by Brian Jacques, is **One of TIME Magazine's 100 Best Fantasy Books of All Time**. It is the book that inspired a legend—the first novel in the beloved, bestselling Redwall saga.

An Invitation—

## **CELEBRATION OF LIFE**

for

**VELMA MUMPER**

**March 4, 1923—October 25, 2025**

St. Mark members are welcome to attend a  
Celebration of Life for Velma Mumper.

**Saturday, March 7, 2026**

Fellowship Hall from 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM.  
Light refreshments provided.

## SUMMER CAMP

Brochures for Summer Camp at either Camp Nawakwa or Camp Kirchenwald are available at the church office, or you can contact our camp person, Connie Kuntz, at 717-503-5244. You can also register or find additional information online at [www.lutherancamping.org](http://www.lutherancamping.org).

Our congregation will provide half the basic camp fee, and scholarship money is available if needed.

Both camps will again hold **OPEN HOUSE** on **March 15 and April 12 from 2:00 PM-4:30 PM**. Remember to get the camp person discount and if you register with your full payment before April 4, you are eligible for the full payment discount. The congregation will be billed later for half the basic fee. **Remember there are camps available for all ages with family camps and elder camp.**

The Bible study theme this year is ***Wear Love***. The theme verse is: “As God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness and patience.” Colossians 3:12.

## KEN SURE COMING OUT OF RETIREMENT TO RUN ONE MORE BOSTON MARATHON

Ken Shur just couldn’t stay away from running the Boston Marathon—one----more----time! He has put his sneakers back on and is training to run in his 12<sup>th</sup> Boston Marathon on **Monday, April 20, 2026**, on behalf of the Dana Farber Cancer Institute.

As he has done in previous years, Ken would like to honor cancer survivors, those fighting cancer, and those who lost the battle by wearing the names of those individuals on his t-shirt. Let’s provide Ken with as many names as possible to adorn his shirt on his final (we will see) Boston Marathon run. It means so much to him and Donna. Please submit the names of cancer survivors, those fighting cancer, or those who lost the battle to Karen Fisher in the church office **no later than Wednesday, April 1**. If you would like to sponsor him, please contact Ken at 717-462-1549.

## FLOWER SPONSORS NEEDED

We are in need of flower sponsors for **March 22 (2 vases)**. Please complete a form located in the back of the bulletins or the ReMarker. Please contact Connie Kuntz at 717-503-5244 with any questions. Thank you.



- Date:** Saturday, May 9, 2026
- Place:** St. Mark Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Back Yard
- Set Up:** Starts at 7:00 AM
- Sell:** 9:00 AM  
*Trinkets and Treasures*
- Tables:** Available from church to use.  
You must carry outside and return.  
*(We are asking for donations for use  
of the tables towards the purchase of  
a new sign for our back yard.)*
- Refreshments:**  
Available for purchase.

**SAVE THE DATE—SPREAD TAN BARK—WE WILL NEED YOU!!!**

We will be spreading tan bark on **Saturday, May 16, beginning at 8:00 AM, rain or shine.** Shovels, pitchforks, rakes, and/or wheelbarrows are helpful to bring but are not required. Please let Ben Yost know if you plan to be there. The more, the merrier, and the quicker it will get done!



February 18	Ash Wednesday Service
February 22	Annual Congregation Meeting
February 25	Bread and Broth Begins
February 25	Lenten Services Begin
March 7	Celebration of Life for Velma Mumper
March 20	Book Club Read—Redwall
April 5	Easter Sunrise Service - 6:30 AM
April 5	Potluck Easter Breakfast - 7:15 AM
April 5	Resurrection of our Lord - Easter Day
April 11	Easter Egg Hunt
April 12	Holy Humor Sunday
April 20	Ken Shur-Boston Marathon
May 9	Community Yard Sale
May 16	Spread Tan Bark
August (TBA)	St. Mark Day Camp
September (TBA)	God's Work. Our Hands. Sunday
October (TBA)	Soup on the Sidewalk at Mechanicsburg Halloween Parade
October 18	55 <sup>th</sup> Annual CROP Walk

## THE TRANSFIGURATION OF JESUS

### -WORD SEARCH-

C P S E L P I C S I D Y G R I H F P K K  
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MOUNTAIN  
PETER  
SHADOW  
SON OF MAN  
SUN  
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THREE  
TRANSFIGURED  
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# Altar Flower Sponsorship Form

Please check the one that applies to your sponsorship and complete the following statements:

- ☐ In memory of \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ In honor of \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ To the Glory of God

Sponsor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

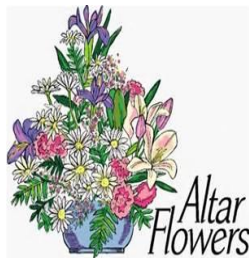
Sponsor Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Requested: \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ Willing to Share

Circle Payment Enclosed:



\$25.00 One Vase of Flowers

\$50.00 Both Vases of Flowers

***Checks should be made payable to St. Mark Lutheran Church and note "Altar Guild" in the memo line. Place in the offering plate or mail directly to the church office.***

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Please check any that apply!

- ☐ Flowers will be picked up by sponsor.
- ☐ Deliver one vase of flowers to shut-in or hospital
- ☐ Deliver both vases of flowers to shut-in or hospital

Please contact Connie Kuntz at 717-503-5244 with any questions.

THANK YOU!



If you would like to sponsor a lily to be placed in the Chancel for Easter or donate money to Mechanicsburg Area Meals on Wheels, please complete the form below. **The cost is \$13.00 for each lily.** Place the form with your payment in the offering plate or mail to the church office.

**The deadline for ordering is Sunday, March 22  
Please be prompt with your orders.**

**Make checks payable to “St. Mark” and note  
“Altar Guild” on the memo line.**

**PLEASE BE SURE TO CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX**

☐ **LILIES**

☐ **MEALS ON WHEELS**

- ☐ In honor of \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ In memory of \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ To the Glory of God

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Presented by \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ Deliver to Shut-in
- ☐ Pick up after the 8:30 AM or 11:00 AM Easter Worship service

\_\_\_\_\_Total number of lilies ordered

Amount of Check: \$\_\_\_\_\_

## TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

### WHAT GOES UP

The law of gravity dictates that whatever goes up must come down. Even with its dazzling mountaintop revelation, the transfiguration story quickly reminds us that if Jesus is Emmanuel, God with us, then not even God's beloved can escape death's inevitable pull. Jesus leads Peter, James, and John up the mountain, but very soon they will be on their way down again. Suddenly, Jesus is gloriously transformed before the three disciples; then, just as suddenly, Jesus speaks of his impending death.

The transfiguration is a story of both fulfillment and foretaste. The appearance of Moses and Elijah reminds us of Jesus' promise to fulfill the Law and the Prophets, during his sermon on another mountain (Matthew 5:17). The startling turn toward talk of his suffering and death gives us a foretaste of the "mountain" at Golgotha he has yet to climb.

For the church, coming down the Mount of Transfiguration leads directly into the season of Lent and a journey that draws out more fully for us the implications of baptism. For Jesus, his baptism by John at the Jordan was just the start of a journey to be fulfilled in all the ups and downs to come. This is how transformation tends to happen—not when we insist on playing it safe, but when we dare to enter more fully into life as it is. So, too, our baptism can be fulfilled only in the light of our mortality. God's voice on the mountaintop calls us not simply to behold God's beloved Son but also to follow where Jesus leads.

All this, however, is not meant to bring us down. Jesus' transfiguration offers a glimpse of an even bigger picture that includes both gravity and grace. It foreshadows what is to come: death—and resurrection. This promise of new life is a bright cloud that leads the church now, as it did the ancient Israelites, through the wilderness ahead.