



MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

MADISON, ALABAMA

February 15, 2026 8:30 a.m.
Transfiguration Sunday



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.

Good Morning and Welcome!

Guests, we are so glad you are here. Please fill out the yellow "Connection Card" in the pew and place in the offering basket or give to the usher or the pastor as you leave.
Sound Assistance and staffed nursery available.

ORDER OF WORSHIP TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

Now the Feast and Celebration

** Please stand as you are able*

PRELUDE "Sweet Hour of Prayer" (Mark Hayes)

Melanie Payne, Organist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

"Brethren, We Have Met to Worship" (Moore) Instrumental Ensemble-Mike Mabry, Director

***CONFESSIONS AND FORGIVENESS**

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

Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Mighty God, lover of justice,

you call us to life in community, but we have served our own interests at the expense of our neighbors. We have sown deceit where honesty was needed. We say the right words, but our hearts are far from you. Turn us to seek your face.

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

Amen.

The former things have passed away,
and new things God now declares:

Like a spring of water that never fails,
God covers you in the righteousness of Christ,
and forgives your sin in † Jesus' name.

May the Spirit give you strength to live for others,
and bless you with the gift of peace.

Amen.

***HYMN** "Shine, Jesus Shine"

ELW 671

Refrain

Shine Jesus shine

Fill this land with the Father's glory

Blaze Spirit blaze

Set our hearts on fire

Flow river flow

Flood the nations with grace and mercy

Send forth Your word

Lord and let there be light

Verse 1

Lord the light of Your love is shining
In the midst of the darkness shining
Jesus Light of the World shine upon us
Set us free by the truth You now bring us
Shine on me shine on me

Verse 2

As we gaze on Your kingly brightness
So our faces display Your likeness
Ever changing from glory to glory
Mirrored here may our lives tell Your story
Shine on me, shine on me

*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.

*KYRIE

ELW 157

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of staves. The first system has a 'Leader' part and an 'Assembly' part. The lyrics are: 'In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have'. The second system continues the lyrics: 'For the reign of God, and for'. The third system concludes the lyrics: 'mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.'.

peace through-out the world, for the u-ni-ty of all, let us pray to the

Lord. For your
 Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your

word, let us pray to the Lord.
 Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Lord, have

Help, save, and de - fend us, O God.
 mer - cy. A - men.

Refrain



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



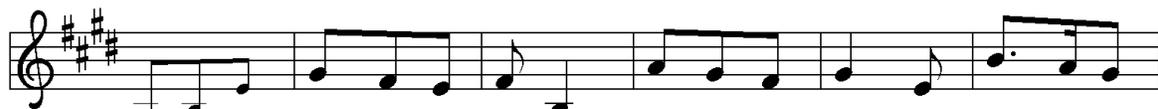
praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God. *Refrain*



2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er. *Refrain*



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of



God; to make all things new. *Refrain*

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*PRAYER OF THE DAY

TEMPLE TALK Nominating Committee

Gary Heideman

FIRST LESSON

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.**

PSALM

Psalm 2

¹ Why are the nations in an uproar? Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?

² **Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and the princes plot together, against the LORD and against the LORD’s anointed?**

³ “Let us break their yoke,” they say; “let us cast off their bonds from us.”

⁴ **God whose throne is in heaven is laughing; the LORD holds them in derision.**

⁵ Then in wrath God speaks to them, and in rage fills them with terror.

⁶ **“As for me, I have anointed my king upon Zion, my holy mountain.”**

⁷ Let me announce the decree of the LORD, who said to me, “You are my son; this day have I begotten you.

⁸ **Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance and the ends of the earth for your possession.**

⁹ You shall crush them with an iron rod and shatter them like a piece of pottery.”

¹⁰ **And now, you kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth.**

¹¹ Submit to the LORD with fear, and with trembling bow in worship;

¹² **lest the LORD be angry, and you perish in a sudden blaze of wrath. Happy are all who take refuge in God!**

SECOND LESSON

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.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Lisa Bartel

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION "Alleluia, Lord to Whom Shall We Go"

Congregation:

Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we

go? You have the words of e - ter - nal

life. Al - le - lu - ia! *Optional Repeat*

*GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 17th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*GOSPEL

Matthew 17:1-9

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.**

SERMON

Pastor Kristine Schroeder



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



glo - ry that the church may share, which Christ up - on the
 car - nate Lord holds con - verse high, and from the cloud, the
 deigns to man - i - fest to - day what glo - ry shall be
 this great vi - sion's mys - ter - y; for which in joy - ful
 Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er one, we pray you, bring us



moun-tain shows, where bright - er than the sun he glows!
 Ho - ly One says, “This is my be - lov - ed Son.”
 theirs a - bove who joy in God with per - fect love.
 song we raise the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.
 by your grace to see your glo - ry face to face.

Text: Sarum, 15th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
 Music: DEO GRACIAS, English ballad, 15th cent.

***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**

***PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

***SHARING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

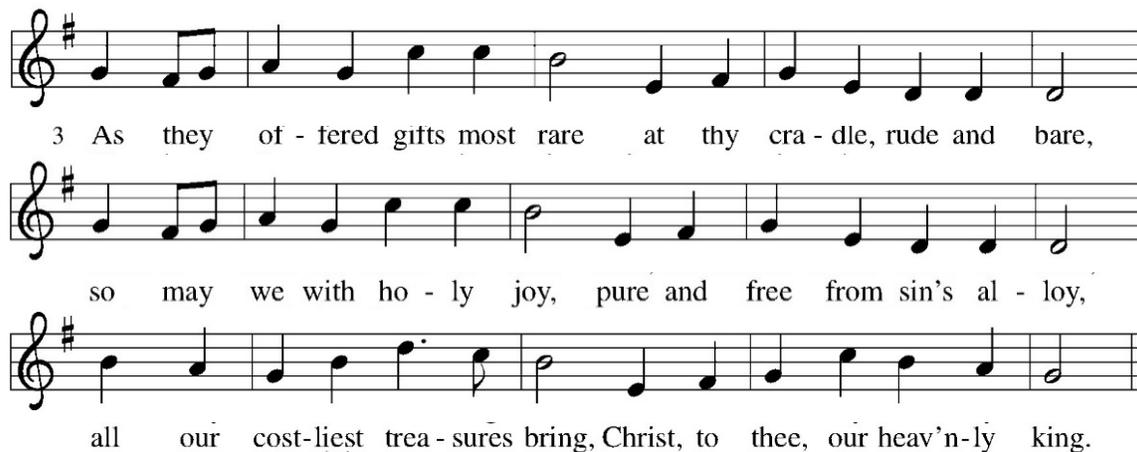
OFFERING

Anthem: *Cantata 142 Alleluia* (J. S. Bach)

Choir
Gretchen Perry, Violin/Laura Simeone, Oboe

***PRESENTATION OF GIFTS “As with Gladness Men of Old”**

ELW 302 (verse 3)



3 As they of - fered gifts most rare at thy cra - dle, rude and bare,
so may we with ho - ly joy, pure and free from sin's al - loy,
all our cost-liest trea - sures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav'n-ly king.

Text: William C. Dix, 1837–1898, alt.
Music: DIX, Conrad Kocher, 1786–1872

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

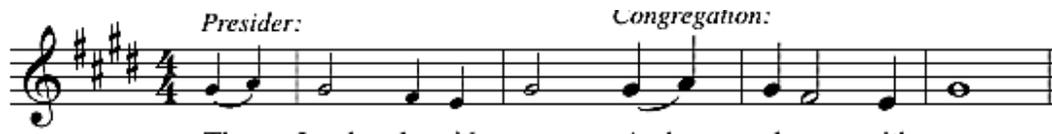
God of majesty,

**no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you,
yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy. Use what we have gathered
to feed us with the reign of God come near, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

Amen.

*GREAT THANKSGIVING AND PREFACE

Presider: *Congregation:*



The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.

Presider: *Congregation:*



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Presider: *Congregation:*



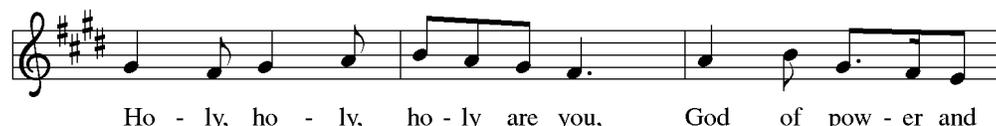
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is



right to give God thanks and praise.

*SANCTUS

ELW 191



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and



might; heav - en and earth are filled with your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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**

AGNUS DEI "Lamb of God"



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
you break the chains of ha - tred and
you are the way of jus - tice and
you are the way of mer - cy and

Congregation:



world: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,
fear:
peace:
love.

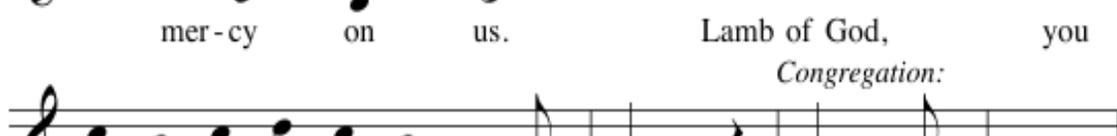
Final Stanza

Congregation or Assistant:

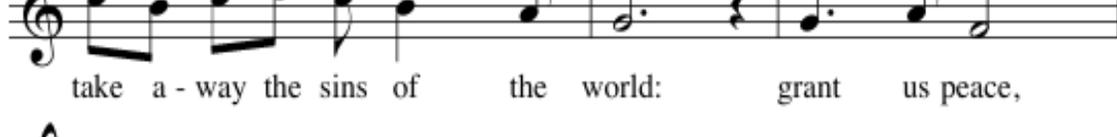


mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you

Congregation:



take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace,



grant us peace, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION

HYMN "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

ELW 490



1 Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and trem - bling stand;
 2 King of kings, yet born of Mar - y, as of old on earth he stood,
 3 Rank on rank the host of heav - en spreads its van-guard on the way;
 4 At his feet the six - winged ser - aph, cher - u - bim with sleep - less eye,



pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed, for with bless - ing in his hand
 Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture, in the bod - y and the blood,
 as the Light of light, de - scend - ing from the realms of end - less day,
 veil their fac - es to the pres - ence, as with cease - less voice they cry:

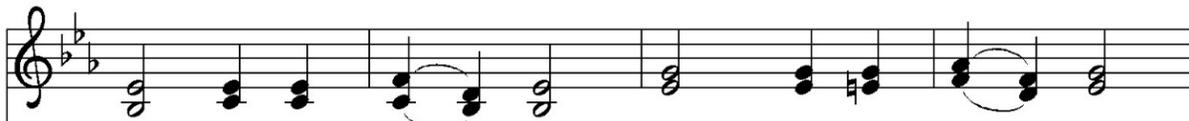


Christ our God to earth de - scend - ing comes full hom - age to de - mand.
 he will give to all the faith - ful his own self for heav'n - ly food.
 comes, the pow'rs of hell to van - quish, as the dark - ness clears a - way.
 "Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

Text: Liturgy of St. James; tr. Gerard Moultrie, 1829-1885, alt.
 Music: PICARDY, French folk tune, 17th cent.

HYMN "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!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904
 Music: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.

HYMN “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

ELW 834 (not printed)

***POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

***POST COMMUNION CANTICLE “O Lord, Now Let Your Servant”**

ELW 313

1 O Lord, now let your ser - vant de - part in heav'n - ly peace,
 2 Then grant that I may fol - low your gleam, O glo - rious Light,

for I have seen the glo - ry of your re - deem - ing grace:
 till earth - ly shad - ows scat - ter, and faith is changed to sight;

a light to lead the na - tions un - to your ho - ly hill,
 till rap - tured saints shall gath - er up - on that shin - ing shore,

the glo - ry of your peo - ple, your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
 where Christ, the bless - ed day - star, shall light them ev - er - more.

Text: Ernest E. Ryden, 1886–1981, alt., based on the *Nunc dimittis*
 Music: KUORTANE, Finnish folk tune
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***BLESSING**

Presider: May God bless and keep us.
May God's face shine on us and be gracious.
May God look on us with favor and ☩ give us peace.

Presider: — give us peace. *Congregation:* A - - - men.

***SENDING HYMN “Alleluia, Song of Gladness”**

ELW 318

- 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

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy. **We will! Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee” (Beethoven/Mark Hayes)

WE REMEMBER IN THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH TODAY

Norma Freymuth	Rich	Kathi
Don & Lizzie Palmer	Kenneth	Pam
Lindsey & the Porter Family	David	Peggy Mabry
Kevin	Bryant	Victoria Zutter
Leighann	David	Bob Gustafson
Connie Stanger	Sharon	Family & Friends of
Stephen	Beth	Joel Williemsen

THE FLOWERS today are given to the Glory of God by the people of Messiah.

ALL ARE INVITED to enjoy coffee and fellowship after service in the Fellowship Hall.

NURSERY staffed by Hannah Seitz, is through the double doors in the Narthex leading to the Sunday School classrooms. Newborns, toddlers, and children up to Pre-K are welcome.

COME FOR THE DONUTS... STAY FOR THE COUNCIL TALK BETWEEN SERVICES TODAY.

Grab a donut during coffee hour and chat with current and former council members. Getting involved is a rewarding way to support our wonderful Messiah community and ministries.

AND THE SOUPER BOWL OF CARING WINNER IS HOUSE OF THE HARVEST! 🎉 🍲 Thanks to all the generous donations, we exceeded our goal and collected over 250 of each item, as well as many plastic bags and cash donations. The youth group will be delivering the items and volunteering at House of the Harvest on Feb. 22.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPER BEGINS THIS WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH. Soup Makers & Kitchen Leads needed. Please sign up using the SignUp Genius QR code or at the Welcome Center. POC Dorothy Seitz. At least 4-5 soups are needed each week. Volunteers also needed for desserts, set up, and cleanup.



CHILI COOK OFF RESCHEDULED FOR MARCH 7TH -- SAVE THE DATE Warm your heart and your appetite at our Chili Cook-Off on Friday, March 7 at 5:00 PM. Bring your favorite chili to share or come ready to sample and vote. Fellowship, fun, and plenty of cozy bowls await. Everyone is welcome. Scan the QR code to sign up for chili, sides or a dessert.



INVITATION TO SYNOD REVIVAL. All members are encouraged to attend the SES Revival Days scheduled for Feb 21 in Birmingham and April 25 in Nashville. Get reenergized, connected and inspired. Contact a Council Member for more details and information.

COLD SEASON IS HERE. Flu and Covid seems to be in the air. Please be conscious of possible illnesses. Use the hand sanitizer at the Welcome Center and avoid physical contact if you believe you might be ill. If your health, or someone you love is challenged, consider elbow bumps instead of handshakes. Let's keep each other healthy!

KIT MINISTRY – Bath Towels 27 x 52, Dark Colors FOOD PANTRY – Mac and Cheese

****CHURCH CALENDAR****

Sunday, February 15

- 8:30 a.m. – *Service of Worship Now the Feast with the Lord’s Supper
- 9:45 a.m. - Council Expo Fellowship Hall
- 9:45 a.m. – Adult Bible Study/Sunday School for all ages
- 11:00 a.m. – Band Led Service of Worship Now the Feast with the Lord’s Supper
- 6:30 p.m. – Notabella Rehearsal

Monday, February 16

Presidents’ Day Office Closed

- 6:30 p.m. - Messiah Book Club

Tuesday, February 17

- 9:00 a.m. – Comforters
- 6:30 p.m. - Pub Theology Potluck

Wednesday, February 18 Ash Wednesday

- 12:00 p.m. - Service of Worship Holden Evening Prayer, Imposition of Ashes with the Lord’s Supper
- 5:00 p.m. – Confirmation Class
- 6:00 p.m. – Wednesday Night Dinner
- 7:00 p.m. – Service of Worship Holden Evening Prayer, Imposition of Ashes with the Lord’s Supper
- 7:45 p.m. - Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 19

- 11:00 a.m. - ArtReach
- 6:30 p.m. – Kit Ministry

Sunday, February 22

- 8:30 a.m. – *Service of Worship ELW Setting Three with the Lord’s Supper
- 9:45 a.m. – Adult Bible Study/Sunday School for all ages
- 11:00 a.m. – Service of Worship ELW Setting Three with the Lord’s Supper
- 5:00 p.m. - Youth Group
- 6:30 p.m. – Notabella Rehearsal

*These services are live streamed on mlutheran.org and on MLC’s App

LOOKING AHEAD

- March 29 – Palm Sunday / Egg Hunt
- April 2- Maundy Thursday
- April 3 – Good Friday

- April 5- Easter Sunday
- June 1 - Music Camp

Offerings Counted February 8, 2026

Church Ministries	\$4,445.00	Comforters	\$75.00
Capital Investments	\$100.00	Dinner Theater	\$601.00
LWR Disaster Response	\$100.00	Messiah Mugs	\$50.00
Flowers	\$30.00	House of Harvest	\$148.00
Senior Youth National Gathering	\$100.00	Lent	\$70.00
Wednesday Night Dinners	\$95.00	Lunches for Learning	\$125.00

ATTENDANCE February 1 Online: 78 February 8: 8:30 – 94 11:00 - 60

Acolyte	Greyson Pitchko	Pastor	Kristine Schroeder
Greeters	Ingram Family	Director of Music	Randall Fields
Lector	Jacque Fry	Organist/Accompanist	Melanie Payne
Usher	Owen Wasmoen, Bruce Peter	Office Manager	Jill Casey
Altar Guild	Janet Smith	Communications Director	Jan Morrison
Stream Team	Timothy Pitchko, Meredith Kilby	Information Technology	Chris Elegante
Flower Guild	Beverly Berry		