

We ask that all members join the Women of ELCA and pray this prayer as you rise in the morning, and as you prepare to retire each evening.

Lord, Jesus Christ, I bring to you:

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That your spirit will dwell with them according to your will. That they will grow in the knowledge of you and know that they are dearly loved by you. I pray that you will protect them from deception by the evil one and all his darts that would lead them astray. May they do well in school, learning and discerning what direction you have in mind for them. I also pray for children throughout the world, that you would keep them in your care. In Jesus name I pray.

Amen



St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Wilton, WI

Transfiguration of Our Lord

February 15, 2026

10:15 AM

**Inviting People to Journey with Christ's  
Family In Spreading God's Love and Mercy**

*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.*

*\*(Indicates the people should stand as they are able.)*

*\*Welcome and Announcements*

### **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

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

### **Gathering**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

**Hymn "Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil" ELW #512**

**\*CONFESSION 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.**

**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.**

God's grace upon grace flows over you.  
☩ Christ's presence redeems the whole creation.  
Your sins are forgiven. Let the earth rejoice and be glad!  
**Amen.**

**DISMISSAL**

Glory to God in the highest!  
**And peace to God's people on earth!**  
Go in joy. Embody God's redeeming grace.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**THOSE SERVING TODAY**

Ministers: All God's People; Synod Authorized Minister:  
Karen Sparling; Organist: Nalani Bever; Reader: Linus Arndt;  
Acolytes: Confirmation Students

**IN OUR PRAYERS**

Gloria Meltesen, Linda, Jeremy Munson, Gordy O'Rourke,  
Kristy Gwin Solovey, Marilyn O'Rourke, Larry Arndt,  
Nick Evans, Collin Niedfeldt, Mark Drews, Carol Lydon Fronk,  
Nikki Fronk Lewis, Ben Bender, Jeff Bruce, Brian, Alice Leis,  
Darlene Diekrager, Jack Arndt, Diane Hornburger,  
Mike Escutia, Daniel Paulson, Marie Jacobson, Rick Brandau.

**CALENDAR**

Wed., Feb. 18	Ash Wednesday Service	<b>6:30 pm</b>
Sun., Feb 15	Sunday School	9:00 am
	Worship	10:15 am
Sun., Feb. 22	Sunday School	9:00 am
	Worship	10:15 am
	Council Meeting	11:30 am
Sun., March 1	Sunday School	9:00 am
	Worship	10:15 am
	Scamming Presentation	1:00 pm

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

*Everyone who believes in Jesus is welcome at Christ's table.*

Distribution

"Lamb of God"

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### \*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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.

### SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Amen.

### \*BLESSING

Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

Thanks be to God.

Amen

Hymn

"Beautiful Savior"

ELW#838

## Hymn "I Want To Walk As A Child of Light" ELW#815

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**

### \*Prayer of the Day

**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.**

### WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

### FIRST READING

*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.*

**A Reading from Exodus 24:12-18**

<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.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 2

<sup>1</sup> Why are the nations in an uproar?  
Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?  
<sup>2</sup> **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?**  
<sup>3</sup> “Let us break their yoke,” they say;  
“let us cast off their bonds from us.”  
<sup>4</sup> **God whose throne is in heaven is laughing; the LORD holds them in derision.**  
<sup>5</sup> Then in wrath God speaks to them,  
and in rage fills them with terror.  
<sup>6</sup> **“As for me, I have anointed my king upon Zion, my holy mountain.”**

### OFFERING 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**

### MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

### THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

Words of Institution

### LORD’S PRAYER

Gathered into one, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.**

**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 (Merciful God, receive our prayer.)**

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.

**OFFERING**

**Offertory Hymn**

**“Let the Vineyards”**

**Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful**  
*Offering Song*

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that  
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of  
all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble  
with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

<sup>7</sup> Let me announce the decree of the LORD,  
who said to me, “You are my son; this day have I  
begotten you.  
<sup>8</sup> **Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your  
inheritance  
and the ends of the earth for your possession.**  
<sup>9</sup> You shall crush them with an iron rod  
and shatter them like a piece of pottery.”  
<sup>10</sup> **And now, you kings, be wise;  
be warned, you rulers of the earth.**  
<sup>11</sup> Submit to the LORD with fear,  
and with trembling bow in worship;  
<sup>12</sup> **lest the LORD be angry, and you perish in a sudden  
blaze of wrath.  
Happy are all who take refuge in God.**

**SECOND READING**

*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.*

**A reading from 2 Peter:1:16-21**

<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.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**\*Gospel Acclamation**

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**\*GOSPEL READING**

*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*

**The holy gospel according to Matthew 17:1-9**

**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."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Karen Sparling

Synod Authorized Minister

**Hymn "How Good, Lord, to Be Here!" ELW#315**

**\*APOSTLE'S 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.**