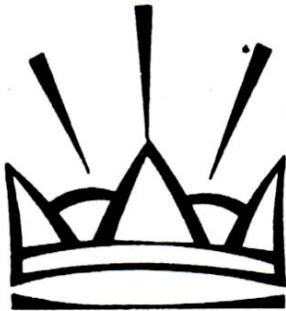


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Transfiguration of Our Lord

February 15, 2026

Our mission:

*to spread the Word of Salvation through Christ,
honor God, serve others, and grow in faith.*

Welcome. Behold the heavenly glory of God, revealed in the fact of Christ! The white paraments you see dressing our sanctuary today symbolize the shining face and dazzling clothes of Jesus on the Mount of Transfiguration. For a short time, the disciples were allowed to see their Lord in his full divine radiance. It was one last breathtaking epiphany before Jesus went to the cross to suffer and die for our sins. Even now, and until Christ comes again, God's glory remains hidden from our view. Yet, with eyes of faith, we perceive him still among us. We can hear his voice speaking to us through the Word. We can taste the fruits of his cross in his Supper. "Tis good, Lord, to be here!"

Welcome guests! We are delighted you are with us for worship this morning. Please introduce yourself to Pastor Jon and fill out a green visitor card (in the pewback). The order of service is printed in this bulletin starting on page 2. A cryroom is available at the back left of the sanctuary for families with young children if there is a need.

Communion Note: We believe that our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us. Because unworthy reception of the sacrament can be harmful, those who are not yet instructed, are uncertain or doubtful, or hold to a different confession should speak to the Pastor before participating.

PREPARATION



PRELUDE “Wie schoen leuchtet der Morgenstern” - J. Pachelbel

CONFSSION AND ABSOLUTION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
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 ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

OPENING HYMN 414 ‘Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here

KYRIE *Lord, Have Mercy**Mark 10:47*

Pastor: In peace, in peace,

Assistant: Congregation:

Let us pray to the Lord, have mercy,
Christ, have mercy, Lord, have
mercy.

The musical notation consists of three staves of music. The first staff is for the 'Assistant' and the second and third staves are for the 'Congregation'. The music is in common time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first two staves end with a fermata over the last note, indicating a pause or a repeat. The third staff ends with a single note followed by a fermata.

Pastor: For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all... (Refrain)

Pastor: For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word... (Refrain)

Assistant: Congregation:

Help, save and defend us, O God.
Amen.

The musical notation consists of two staves of music. The first staff is for the 'Assistant' and the second is for the 'Congregation'. The music is in common time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff ends with a fermata over the last note, indicating a pause or a repeat. The second staff ends with a single note followed by an upward arrow, indicating a melodic line.

NOW THE FEAST

Refrain

Congregation:

Now the feast and celebra-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!

Verse 1:

Congregation or Congregation 1:

1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once
slain, whose blood has freed and uni-
nit-ed us to be one great
peo-ple of God.

To refrain

Verse 2

Congregation or Congregation 2:

Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and
might, all hon - or and glo - ry to Christ
for ev - er.

To refrain

Verse 3

Congregation:

3. For God has come to dwell with us,
to make us peo - ple of God; to make
all things new.

To refrain

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

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



OLD TESTAMENT READING: Exodus 24:8-18 (see back)

PSALM 2:6-12



⁶“As for me, I have | set my King*
on Zion, my | holy hill.”

⁷I will tell of | the decree:*

The LORD said to me, “You are my
Son; today I have be- | gotten you.

⁸Ask of me, and I will make the nations
your | heritage,*
and the ends of the earth your
pos- | session.

⁹You shall break them with a | rod of iron*
and dash them in pieces like a
potter’s | vessel.”

¹⁰Now therefore, O | kings, be wise;*
be warned, O rulers | of the earth.

¹¹Serve the | LORD with fear,*
and rejoice with | trembling.

¹²Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you
perish in the way, for his wrath is
quickly | kindled.*
Blessèd are all who take ref- | ige in
him.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

EPISTLE: 2 Peter 1:16-21

ALLELUIA VERSE:

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!

Repeat optional

HOLY GOSPEL

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 17th chapter.
C Glory to You, O Lord.

Matthew 17:1-9

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED (Inside the back cover of the hymnal.)



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY 417 Alleluia, Song of Gladness

SERMON

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P ...Lord, in Your mercy, **C** hear our prayer.

Prayer Request List (Names are placed on the list by request only.)

Those in need of comfort:

Alampi family	death of Dave
Calvin/Bloom families	death of Vance
Scalese/Fusco families	death of Eleanor Scalese

Kianka
Bloom
Fusco

For those with health concerns:

Norm Klesat	Eric Teschke	Bill Hotaling	Judy Dito	Carlie
Katherine Ecclesten	John O'Neill	Norma Runkle	Susan Miller	Claire
Don Hammond	Lynn Romano	Jeff Corelli	Zane	Beverly
Sandy Hammond	Sue Lauricella	Sue Bridenbough	Grant	Sid
Shirley Yost	John Tarlo	Pat Dietz	Noah	Jan
Pete Seronew	Rick Wright	Lorraine Van Hise	Rose	Brennan
Catie Lauricella	Kay Compton	Diane Pullen	Susan	

For those with cancer:

Isla Brummel	Robert Miller	Gerry Campbell	Howard Zahn	Trudy
Carol Tezla	Steve Saumsiegle	Joe Campbell	Rich Knechel	Lance
Kim McCollough	Nancy Gilliland	Aunt Jean	Mary Anne	Joe
Andrea(Andy) Hoteling	Kaleigh Moore	Sally Ashmen	Arlene Bodholt	Jerry
Rich deDufour	Logan Mattessich	Frank Cignus	Doris	Dawn
Aaron Kline	Brad Hoppe	Judy Bacorn	Lynn J.	Lynn
Joan Rawls	Rosalie Reinbacher	Carol Storr	Dana	Dora
Tom Sullivan	Terry Dunbar	Keith Watson	Jason	Frank
Elvis Rowsey	Debra Mueller			

For those serving in the armed forces:

LJ Lupinacci	Carrick Porter	Emily Arndt	Jake Grube	Jim Buckman
Daniel Gewecke	James Bannon	Harper Usiskin	Mike Bahney	Christopher Ryan Callahan

For those with needs around the world:

Persecuted brothers and sisters in Christ	For protection, strength, comfort, spread of Gospel
Government officials and people of our nation	For peace, unity, safety, and wisdom
Those in need of employment	For provision of jobs
Conflicts throughout the world	For wisdom, guidance, peace, and forgiveness
Family of Olga Nichols living in Ukraine	For health, safety, and provision

For St. Peter Lutheran Nursery School:

For staff and families for '25-'26 school year

Birthdays:

Jean Van Beuzekom	February 156	Sherry Wright	February 17
Erica deDufour	February 18	Eric Teschke	February 18
Kathy Hill	February 20		

Anniversaries:

Tom and MaryAnne Reside February 18

GATHERING OF THE OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

Instrumental Offertory "Jesu meine Freude" – J.S. Bach

Congregational Offertory:

Refrain *Congregation:*

As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill were
gathered in - to one to be - come our bread;
so may all your people from all the ends of earth be
gathered in - to one in you.

Veres



1. As this cup of bless - ing is shared with - in our midst,
2. Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when



may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

To refrain

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

- | | |
|--|---|
| <p>P The Lord be with you.
 P Lift up your hearts.
 P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.</p> | <p>C And also with you.
 C We lift them to the Lord.
 C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.</p> |
| <p>P It is truly good, right, and salutary...</p> | |
| <p>C Amen.</p> | |

SANCTUS *Holy, Holy, Holy* (LSB p. 208)

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

- C** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;
 Heaven and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.
 Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
 Truly blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9–13

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

PAX DOMINI *The Peace of the Lord*

John 20:19

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

Sharing of the Peace

(Please greet one another, saying: “The peace of the Lord be with you”, responding “And also with you.”)

AGNUS DEI Lamb of God*Congregation:**Congregation or Assistant:*

Lamb of God,

you take a - way the sin of the
 you are the bread of life for us
 you are the way of jus - tice and

Congregation:

world:

all: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,
 peace.

*Congregation:**Congregation or Assistant:*

mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you

Congregation:

take a - way the sin of the world:

grant us peace,

grant us peace,

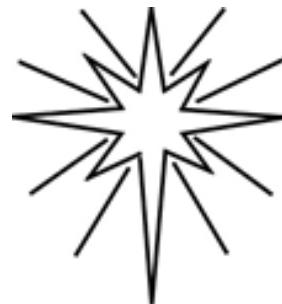
grant us

peace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN 821 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER****BENEDICTION****CLOSING HYMN 537 Beautiful Savior****ANNOUNCEMENTS****DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace! Serve the LORD!

C: Thanks be to God!

**POSTLUDE "Wie schoen leuchtet der Morgenstern" - J.C. Bach**



Announcements – Week of February 15 2026

Need assistance? The Church Office is staffed each week

MON, TUES and WED from 1:00 - 3:00

Worship, Sunday School, and Bible Study

Welcome! Serving in worship today are Jim Steimle (Communion Assistant and Reader), Nathan Wilhelm (acolyte), Bob Maguire (Usher), Tyson Wilhelm (Usher and Live-streaming), Shirley Yost and Jeanne Hoppe (Communion and coffee set-up and clean up)

Today's Guest Preacher. We are glad to welcome Vicar Josh Pauling to preach God's Word to us this morning. Vicar Pauling will also be the speaker for our Midwinter lecture this afternoon at 3:00pm. He serves as the headmaster and teacher at All Saints Classical Academy at All Saints Lutheran Church in Charlotte, NC.

Today's service will be live streamed at this link: <https://youtube.com/live/CxiRf16ShAA>

If you miss the service live, watch it on YouTube whenever you like! The services are also posted to the church's website.

Sunday 8:15 Bible Study: *The Wilderness*. We continue our 7-week Biblical survey of how God meets His people in the wilderness to train and to bless them. In this Sunday's class we'll look at two people in the Bible who encountered God as exiles in the wilderness -- Hagar and Moses. Our texts for this study are Genesis 16:1-15 and Exodus 3:1-6. Come and join our discussion!

Wednesday evening Zoom Bible Study will be on break throughout Lent. Join us for Lenten soup suppers (6:30 pm beginning Feb 25) and service (7:30 pm beginning Feb 18) on Wednesdays during this season.

Lenten Services & Meals. Lent is a 40-day season of repentance that prepares us to celebrate Easter. Beginning **February 18th (Ash Wednesday)**, join us for evening Vespers every Wednesday at 7:30pm. **Starting on February 25, come early at 6:30pm and enjoy our Lenten soup supper with friends!** Look for more information about these meals on the church bulletin board or talk to Leslie Klesat.

Men's, Women's, Senior's, Youth and Family Ministry

Weekly Schedule:

TODAY (2/15)	8:15a Bible Study; 9:30a Worship; 11:00a Discussion Group; 3:00p Midwinter Lecture
TUESDAY (2/17)	6:00a Men's Breakfast @ Orlando's
WEDNESDAY (2/18)	7:30p Ash Wednesday Service
THURSDAY (2/19)	9:45/11:15a Nursery School Chapel Services; 4:30p Confirmation Class
SUNDAY (2/22)	8:15a Bible Study; 9:30a Worship; 11:00a Discussion Group; 6:30p Impact Youth Group

Prayer Chain. The Prayer Chain is ready to receive your prayer requests. Simply call Barbara Greenberg at (609) 512-1928 to start or update a prayer.

Mid-winter Lecture: Christianity, Technology, and Education. Today at 3:00pm. St. Peter will be hosting a lecture entitled, "Shifting Sands, Stable Faith: Navigating Today's Technological & Educational Confusion". Our speaker will be Joshua Pauling. He is the headmaster & teacher at All Saints Classical Academy and vicar at All Saints Lutheran Church in Charlotte, NC. In two sessions, Vicar Pauling will talk about recent cultural changes in technology and education, and how our Christian faith can help us navigate through potential confusion around these topics. This event is sponsored by Partners in Mission. See the bulletin board poster for more details.

Movie Night at St. Peter! We are bringing back a favorite fellowship event from the past - movie night! Join us on Friday, March 6 at 6:30pm. We'll enjoy a dinner of pizza and salad before starting the film at 6:45. The night's selection: The Prince of Egypt, an animated musical film voiced by an all-star cast and based on the biblical story of Moses from his birth to God's giving of the Ten Commandments. A donation basket will be put out to help offset the cost of food. Feel free to bring your own comfortable camp chair if you like. Come and enjoy a great time at the movies! Look for the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

District Youth Game Day - March Mayhem! On Sunday, March 22nd, the New Jersey District will host its 2nd annual game day for all youth, grades 6-12. The event is being held at Somerset Hills Lutheran Church in Basking Ridge, NJ from 2:00-6:00pm. It will include indoor and outdoor games (weather permitting), such as 9-square in the Air, many classic board games, as well as food, fellowship, and devotional time. Talk to Pastor Jon if you're interested. Car-pooling is available.

The Prayer Shawl/Lap Blanket Ministry. Join us in making special blankets to bless those in need of comfort or in celebration of a life event! Please speak with Barbara Greenberg at (609) 512-1928.

Service and Other

Faithfulness Report: Attendance 2/8: 68 / 4 online	Gen Fund (plate and elec): \$5505
	Debt relief: \$25 Missions: \$100

Flowers. Beginning on Feb 18 you will notice that as part of our Lenten observance there will be no flowers on the altar.

Food Pantry. We continue to support the Lambertville Food Pantry with donations of food and other needs. **February's** collection is **canned fruits, juices and condiments** – juice boxes, cans or individual serve fruit packs, ketchup, mustard, mayo, relish, canned tuna, etc. You can sign up on the bulletin board to deliver items by month as well. Any questions, please see Leslie Klesat.

Website and Facebook. Come online to check us out! Our website is at www.stpeternj.org, and our Facebook page is Saint Peter Lutheran Church – the link is: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Saint-Peter-Lutheran-Church/337705479662612> . Don't miss the **St. Peter YouTube Channel**, which is linked to our church website, or go to YouTube and search "Saint Peter Lutheran Church".

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

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 Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. And on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud. ¹⁷Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. ¹⁸Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

Epistle: 2 Peter 1:16–21

¹⁶For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty.

¹⁷For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased,” ¹⁸we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. ¹⁹And we have something more sure, the prophetic word, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the 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.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 17:1–9

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.”