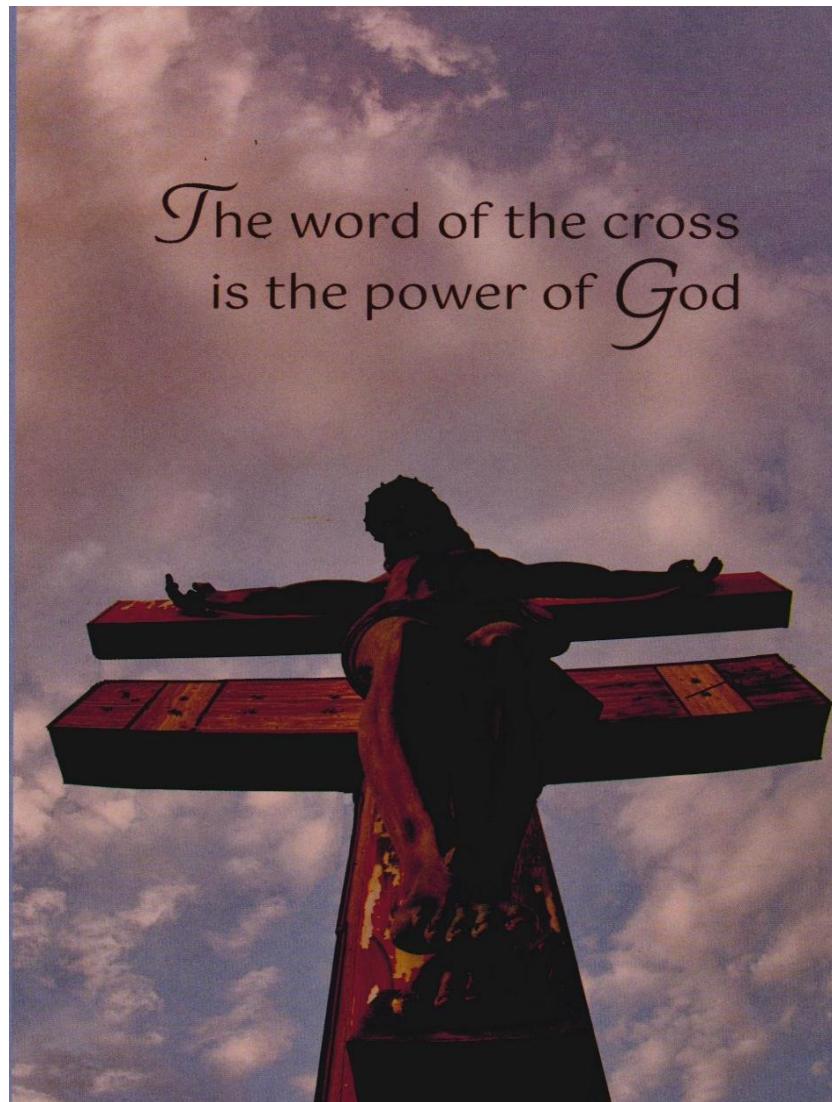


Reach out to all  
Embrace His Gifts  
Announce His coming  
Commit to Christian Living  
Honor His Word



St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Sunday, February 15, 2026

Pastor Ron Moritz, Deacon Ed Smallcombe

**"Tis Good Lord to be Here"**

Opening Hymn:

#### **CONFESS& ABSOLUTION**

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

#### **CONFESS& ABSOLUTION**

P: Let us then confess our sins to God the 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.



## The Transfiguration of our Lord

**OT- Exodus 24:8-8** Moses then took the blood, sprinkled it on the people and said, “This is the blood of the covenant that the Lord has made with you in accordance with all these words.” <sup>9</sup> Moses and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and the seventy elders of Israel went up <sup>10</sup> and saw the God of Israel. Under his feet was something like a pavement made of lapis lazuli, as bright blue as the sky. <sup>11</sup> But God did not raise his hand against these leaders of the Israelites; they saw God, and they ate and drank.

<sup>12</sup> The Lord said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain and stay here, and I will give you the tablets of stone with the law and commandments I have written for their instruction.”

<sup>13</sup> Then Moses set out with Joshua his aide, and Moses went up on the mountain of God. <sup>14</sup> He said to the elders, “Wait here for us until we come back to you. Aaron and Hur are with you, and anyone involved in a dispute can go to them.” <sup>15</sup> When Moses went up on the mountain, the cloud covered it, <sup>16</sup> and the glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai. For six days the cloud covered the mountain, and on the seventh day the Lord called to Moses from within the cloud. <sup>17</sup> To the Israelites the glory of the Lord looked like a consuming fire on top of the mountain. <sup>18</sup> Then Moses entered the cloud as he went on up the mountain. And he stayed on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

**Epistle- 2 Peter 1:16-21** <sup>16</sup> For we did not follow cleverly devised stories when we told you about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in power, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. <sup>17</sup> He received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.”] <sup>18</sup> We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain. <sup>19</sup> We also have the prophetic message as something completely reliable, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. <sup>20</sup> Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet’s own interpretation of things. <sup>21</sup> For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

**Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9** After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. <sup>2</sup> There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. <sup>3</sup> Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus.

<sup>4</sup> Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.”

<sup>5</sup> While he was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!”

<sup>6</sup> When the disciples heard this, they fell facedown to the ground, terrified. <sup>7</sup> But Jesus came and touched them. “Get up,” he said. “Don’t be afraid.” <sup>8</sup> When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus.

<sup>9</sup> As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus instructed them, “Don’t tell anyone what you have seen, until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

## Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life † everlasting. Amen.

## Sermon Hymn: "Alleluia, Song of Gladness"

## Sermon: "Transfiguration: Father / Son Talk" Matthew 17:1-9



Pray for our country, for our military, for our healthcare workers & first responders, for those that are sick, for those in need, for those who have lost loved ones, for our home-bound, for wisdom for our leaders, and for all of your concerns. Prayers of Strength and Comfort for the Ukrainian People and wisdom for all NATO Members. Pray for all your concerns.



## The Lord's Prayer

## Communion

## Benediction

## Closing Hymn: "Beautiful Savior"

## SERMON REVIEW FOR February 15, 2026

### "Transfiguration: Father / Son Talk" Matthew 17:1-9

Introduction: Unquestioned O \_\_\_\_\_; The key to Jesus relationship with His Father

#### I. The context into which Transfiguration is placed

A. Six days earlier Peter has made his great C \_\_\_\_\_ "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God"

1. Events parallel Exodus 24 (OT reading)
2. The disciples still did not understand their role.

B. Peter's Confession is followed by his resistance of Jesus' Passion

1. Jesus' reply, "Get behind me S \_\_\_\_\_, you are on the side of men, not God."

2. Jesus ministry could not take S \_\_\_\_\_ C \_\_\_\_\_!

#### II. The Father commends His Son with three statements

(Note: first two also spoken at His baptism)

A. "This is My Beloved Son" from Psalm 2  
(C \_\_\_\_\_) Jesus is our K \_\_\_\_\_

B. "With whom I am well pleased" from Isaiah 42

S \_\_\_\_\_ S \_\_\_\_\_ section

Our Great High P \_\_\_\_\_ will suffer to save His people

C. "Listen to Him!" From Deuteronomy 18

Aaron predicts the greatest P \_\_\_\_\_ will come

Jesus us our P \_\_\_\_\_ P \_\_\_\_\_ &  
K \_\_\_\_\_

### III. Transfiguration is the ultimate Father/Son Talk

A. Two great men of God M \_\_\_\_\_ and  
E \_\_\_\_\_

1. Both received special revelation form God on the  
Mountain (Sinai & Horeb are the same mountain)

2. Confirm Jesus is the "Chosen One of God"

B. Prepared Him for His Passion

***Love is the ultimate foolishness for Christ***

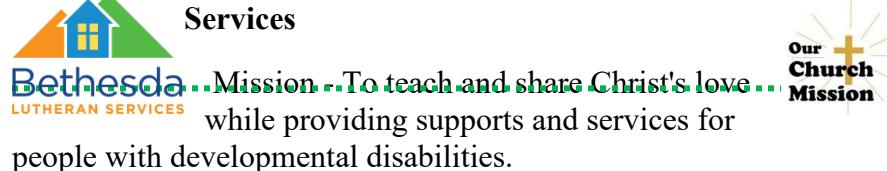


**ADULT BIBLE CLASS** meets downstairs in  
Zimmerman Hall after service.

**Jr. Bible Class:** Classes will meet Feb 8th & 22nd & March 8th  
& 22nd.

**The ground level door** will be open on Sunday mornings for  
those who wish to avoid climbing the hill. Also shortly after  
service begins both doors will be locked for security reasons.

**February - Bethesda Lutheran Homes &  
Services**



On Sunday where there is severe weather, Church may be  
cancelled. Notice of a cancellation will be on WWMT-TV  
Channel 3 and an email

### Soup Luncheon After Ash Wednesday Service

**Ash Wednesday is February 18, 2026.** After the noon service,  
the Ladies Aid will serve a soup/sloppy joe lunch with sides. We  
will also be selling any leftovers for which we will supply  
containers; \$2 for two cups and \$4 for four cups. The monies will  
be donated to our Comfort Dog Fund.

### ***Lent Mid-Week Services "Places of the Passion"***

Feb 25th Mark 14:12-14 "The Upper Room: Place of the Last  
Supper"

Mar 4th Luke 13:33-35 "Jerusalem: Where the Prophets Must  
Die"

Mar 11th Mark 14:26-32 "Mt of Olives and Gethsemane"

Mar 18th Luke 22:54-55 "The House of the High Priest: Denial &  
Trial"

Mar 25th Mark 15:1, 16-20 "Pilate's Judgement Hall (Antonia  
Fortress)"

Apr.2nd M.T. Luke 23:26-28 "City Streets: Frightened Men and  
Weeping Women:

Apr 3rd G.F. Luke 23:23 "Golgotha: The Place of The Skull

