

*But Jesus
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St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church (NALC)
Transfiguration of Our Lord February 15, 2026

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Welcome to St. Paul Lutheran Church. We are glad to have you worship with us today.

Our prayers include those in nursing homes and home bound: Mary Ann McCallister, Helen Lyons, Sophie Beck, Servicemen: Andrew Gendron.

Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Ron & Roxanne Shipman in memory of Donna Leonhardt.

Flowers on the Organ are in memory of Carrie Robertson by her Family.

We extend our sympathy to Ramon & Joyce Durigg on the death of Ramon's brother, Richard who passed away recently.

Thank you to our church family for all the heartfelt condolences, cards and prayers on the death of my father, James Staiger. He always enjoyed seeing the carolers come every year! We truly appreciated the family support of our church.

John & Joy Britton and family

Ash Wednesday worship will be held at 7 PM on February 18. The Lenten meal will begin at 6 PM. Offering will be given to St. Paul Women of the Church.

God Squad will meet February 26 at 7 PM at the church.

St. Paul Lutheran is sponsoring two tables at the upcoming Life-Wise Academy Fundraise on Thursday, March 26th, 6pm-8pm in Crestline. Jim Tressel and Joel Penton CEO of LifeWise Academy are the main speakers. If you are interested in attending this event, please give your name, or you and your spouse's name to the church office. We have fourteen seats. If we have more than fourteen people interested in attending, we will draw names in a raffle on February 23. There is a sign up sheet in the east entrance. If you want to go sign up today.

Giving for The Lord's Ministry February 8, 2026

Benevolence	190.00
Current	3,735.00
Feed Crawford County	50.00
Filling Home	70.00
God Squad	30.00
Lutheran Home of Mercy	35.00
Missionary	60.00
NALC Seminary	55.00
NALC Disaster Relief	85.00
Orphans and Old Folks Home	105.00
Special Projects	75.00
Women of the Church	70.00
Total	\$4,560.00
Attendance 113	

Noisy Change 2/1/25 \$98.48

Anyone wanting to donate to the NALC Disaster Response may mark your envelopes accordingly. Donations aid tornado and other natural disaster victims.

Looking to connect with Pastor Andrea? You're always welcome to stop by during office hours: **Tuesdays & Wednesdays 9:00 AM—Noon.** If another time works better for you, feel free to call the church office or reach out directly to Pastor Andrea (614) 256-4318 to set up an appointment. She'd love to hear from you!

The WOC have items from the sewing closet laid out in the game room. These items are for anyone who wants to work with them, please browse and take your selection home. A free will donation can be left. There is fabric, cotton string, and some quilting tools pins, needles, pin cushions, trims, mats, rulers etc.) Anything left after February 22 will be donated elsewhere. It is out for grabs. For bid will be two sewing machines, and two quilt frames that are not out. Please contact June Geiger if you want to look at them. Any funds collected by this clean out will go to the WOC treasury for now.

This Week at St. Paul

Sunday	Sunday School 9 AM Worship 10 AM
Monday	Dartball Home with Galion First Lutheran 7:30 PM
Wednesday	Women's Bible Study 9:30 AM Lenten Meal 6 PM Ash Wednesday Service w/Communion 7 PM
Sunday	Sunday School 9 AM Worship 10 AM

The St. Paul worship services and sermons are recorded and available to watch on the web page at www.stpaulsulphur.com or on St. Paul Lutheran Church Sulphur Springs, Ohio YouTube. A live feed of the worship service is available downstairs in the high school room.

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God's Beloved Son

The account of the transfiguration is most intriguing. Our first inclination is to see it as a demonstration of God's power and vindication of Jesus' divinity. Like Peter, we feel like saying, "It is good that we are here" (Matthew 17:4). We would like to perpetuate this glorious scene.

It is significant that the transfiguration lasted only a short time. So also is Jesus' command to His disciples not to tell others about the vision "until the Son of Man is raised from the dead" (v. 9). This indicates that Jesus' Passion, which follows, is far more important for us than beholding His glory. It doesn't do us any good to recognize God's glory unless we recognize Him in His humility.

What happened on the Mount of Transfiguration is important. It reveals that Jesus truly is the Son of God. What followed—the Son of God going to Jerusalem to carry the sin of the world and to suffer and die for us—is where we find the source of our salvation.

Dear heavenly Father, thank You for letting us experience the transfiguration of Jesus through Your Word so that we may be sure of His divine power to save. Amen.



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About the Cover: Terrified disciples with their faces to the ground felt the touch of their merciful Lord. The power of the sight of the transfigured Lord is only matched by the power of His mercy, which removes fear. His glory is found on His cross, where He gave His life for the sake of sinners and rose from the dead, forever removing the terror of judgment for sin and giving eternal peace through forgiveness, life, and salvation.



Prayer of the Day

O God, at the glorious transfiguration of your only Son, you confirmed the mystery of our faith by the witness of the disciples and by your own voice from the cloud. Mercifully complete our adoption as your children, and give us, with our King, an inheritance of his glory. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading: Exodus 24:8-18

⁸Moses 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.

Psalm 2:6-13*

⁶"I myself have | set my king*
upon my holy | hill of Zion."

⁷**Let me announce the decree | of the LORD:***
He said to me, "You are my Son;
this day have I be- | gotten you.

⁸Ask 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."

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

¹¹**Submit to the | LORD with fear,***
and with trembling | bow before him;

¹²Lest he be angry | and you perish;*
for his wrath is | quickly kindled.

¹³**Happy | are they all***
who take ref- | uge in him!

Second Reading: 2 Peter 1:16-21

¹⁶We 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 the prophetic word more fully confirmed, 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.

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."

For Perseverance in Faith

Heavenly Father, you have called us to abide in your Word and remain steadfast in faith. Thank you for sowing your Word in our hearts, and giving growth by your Holy Spirit. Deepen the roots you have given us, so that by your power we would stand strong and never be moved from the faith of Jesus Christ our Lord. Lord in your mercy...

C. Hear our prayer.

For Transfiguration

Lord Jesus Christ, on the Mount of Transfiguration you revealed your glory to your disciples. By your Word and Holy Spirit reveal your glory to us as well, that we may see and know you as the only begotten Son of the Father, and may truly listen to your Word. Lord in your mercy...

C. Hear our prayer.

For Those Making Decisions

Almighty God, you lead us in paths of righteousness for your name's sake. We ask for guidance, and pray for all those who are faced with difficult decisions. We pray that in all we do, whether in word or deed, our choices and decisions will serve your will and bring glory to your name. Lord in your mercy...

C. Hear our prayer.

For the Sick and Suffering

Have mercy, gracious Lord, upon all those who are ill or suffering in body, mind, or spirit. Bring them wholeness and healing through the miracles of modern medicine and the men and women who have chosen it as their life's vocation. May we serve as your comforting presence with them through our visits, phone calls, and written greetings. Lord in your mercy...

C. Hear our prayer.

Lessons for Next Week: Genesis 3:1-21; Psalm 32:1-7;
Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11