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2 Peter 1:21

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# TRANSFIGURATION

## February 14/15, 2026

*Welcome, Visitors! Please scan the QR code to sign our guest register.*



**PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP:** Almighty God: You manifested your glory through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord and reminded us through the presence of the holy prophets of old at his Transfiguration that he is indeed the Savior of the world who was foretold. Take us back to the holy mountain this day and give us a glimpse of that glory so that our faith too may be strengthened as we embrace the fulfillment of the promise that this is your beloved Son in whom you are well-pleased. For Jesus is our righteousness and redemption. In his holy name we pray. Amen.

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<b>OPENING HYMN</b>	<i>Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain</i>	CW 390
<i>8 &amp; 9:30am st. 1,5 Congregation, st. 2 Women, st. 3 Men, st. 4 Choir</i>		
<i>Stand</i>		
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*Sing of God made manifest in a child robust and blest,  
to whose home in Bethlehem where a star had guided them,  
magi came and gifts unbound, signs mysterious and profound;  
myrrh and frankincense and gold grave and God and king foretold.*

*Sing, sing of God made manifest when at Jordan John confessed,  
“I should be baptized by you, but your bidding I will do.”  
Then, then from heav’n a double sign dove-like Spirit, voice divine  
hailed the true Anointed One: “This is my beloved Son.”*

*Sing of God made manifest when Christ came as wedding guest  
and at Cana gave a sign, turning water into wine;  
further still was love revealed as he taught, forgave, and healed,  
bringing light and life to all who would listen to God’s call.*

*Sing of God made manifest on a cloud capped mountain’s crest,  
where the law and prophets waned so that Christ alone remained:  
glimpse of glory, pledge of grace, giv’n as Jesus set his face  
t’wards the waiting cross and grave, sign of hope that God, God would save.*

## FIRST LESSON

Exodus 24:9-18

<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

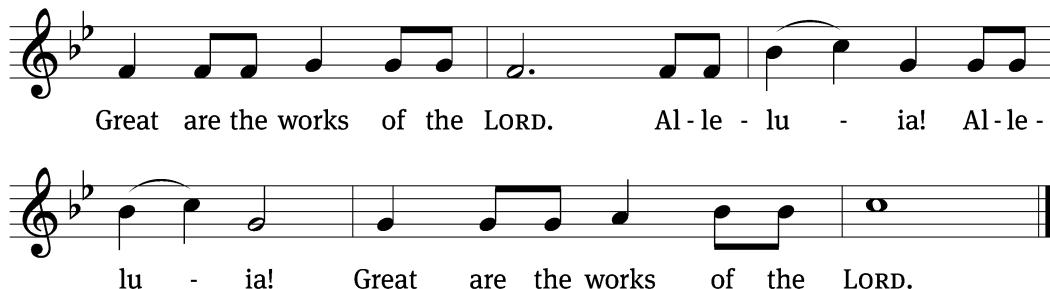
mountain, and on the seventh day the LORD called to Moses from within the cloud.<sup>17</sup> To the Israelites the glory of the LORD looked like a consuming fire on top of the mountain.<sup>18</sup> Then Moses entered the cloud as he went on up the mountain. And he stayed on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM OF THE DAY *Great Are the Works of the LORD* Psalm 2D

*Refrain*



Great are the works of the LORD. Alleluia! Alleluia!

lu - ia! Great are the works of the LORD.

*Tone*



Why do the nations / conspire  
and the peoples / plot in vain?

The kings of the earth rise up and the rulers band together a- / gainst the LORD  
and against his A- / nointed. *Refrain*

The One enthroned in / heaven laughs;  
the Lord / scoffs at them.

He rebukes them in his anger and terrifies them in his wrath, / saying,  
“I have installed my King on Zion, my holy / mountain.” *Refrain*

I will proclaim the / LORD’s decree:  
He said to me, “You are my Son; today I have become your / Father.”

**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. *Refrain***

## **SECOND LESSON**

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.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

***Stand***

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mark 9:7

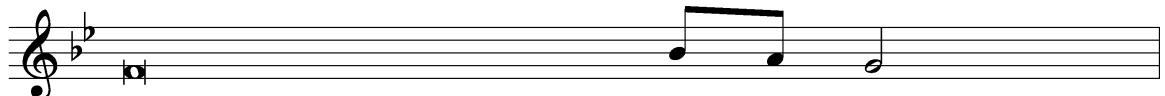


*Refrain*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - - - le - lu - ia.

*Tone*



A cloud covered them, and a voice came from the cloud:

*Refrain*



“This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!”

## GOSPEL

Matthew 17:1-9

<sup>1</sup> 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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*\*Choir – 8:00 & 9:30  
“This Is My Beloved Son” by Knut Nystedt*

*Be seated*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**      *Down from the Mount of Glory*      CW 388  
8 & 9:30am st. 1,3,5 – Congregation, st. 2,4 – Choir

# SERMON

## 2 Peter 1:16-21

### The Eye-witness Account of the Inspired Writers

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## *Stand*

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**DISTRIBUTION HYMN** *How Good, Lord, to Be Here* CW 389

*Stand*

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## THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sunday	8, 9:30 & 11 am 9:30 pm 9:30 pm	Worship Bible Class – 2 Thessalonians Sunday School
Tuesday	4 pm 7 pm	Oak Hills Service Council Meeting
Wednesday	11 am 4 pm 5:15 pm 6:30 pm 6:30 pm 7:15 pm	Ash Wednesday Worship Ash Wednesday Worship Handbells Public and Homeschool Catechism Ash Wednesday Worship Choir
Thursday	10 am 7 pm	Bible Class – Simple Way to Pray Ask the Pastors
Saturday	6:30 pm	Worship

## NEXT WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sunday, Feb. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	8, 9:30 & 11 am 9:30 pm 9:30 pm	Worship Bible Class – 2 Thessalonians Sunday School
Wednesday, Feb. 25 <sup>th</sup>	11 am 4 pm 5:15 pm 6:30 pm 6:30 pm 7:15 pm	Lenten Worship Service Lenten Worship Service Handbells Public and Homeschool Catechism Lenten Worship Service Choir
Thursday, Feb. 26 <sup>th</sup>	10 am 7 pm	Bible Class – Simple Way to Pray Bible Class – The Life of David
Saturday, Feb. 28 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm	Worship

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance last weekend was 696.

### **Fruits of Faith:**

\$10,468 Home Operations ~ Needed: \$103,376/ YTD: \$107,277  
\$1,741 WELS Missions ~ YTD: \$9,148 (2026 Goal: \$100,701)  
\$1,166 MVL ~ YTD: \$6,594 (2026 Goal: \$62,278)  
\$25 Wish List: Piano ~ YTD: \$11,955 (\$21,400)  
\$326 Building Fund  
\$22 Food + Fellowship  
\$25 K-12 Education Assistance  
\$285 LWMS

**Choir Members Wanted!** ~ Do you enjoy singing—or would you like to grow in using your voice to serve the Lord?

You are invited to join our Senior Choir! Choir is a beautiful way to praise God, support our worship, and share in Christian fellowship with others who love to sing. Martin Luther wrote that music is a precious gift of God, able to carry the Word of God into the hearts of believers. When God's Word is joined to song, it teaches, comforts, and strengthens faith in a unique and powerful way.

As we approach the seasons of Lent, Holy Week, and Easter, our music will help proclaim Christ's suffering, death, and resurrection. Additional voices would greatly enrich these services, and your participation can help God's Word dwell richly among us.

Rehearsals are held on Wednesdays from 7:00–8:00 p.m. Singers of all experience levels are welcome. Please consider joining us as we lift our voices together to glorify God and to carry his Word into one another's hearts. If you have any questions, please contact our Senior Choir director, Professor Adrian Smith [smithar@mlc-wels.edu](mailto:smithar@mlc-wels.edu).

**St. John's Ministerial Education Endowment** ~ This endowment currently has a balance of \$26,294. Last year the earnings from this fund provided \$600 toward our congregation's support for students studying for the pastoral and teaching ministries. Due to additional offerings to this endowment, and due to favorable investment earnings, the student support provided by this fund for the next school year will be \$800.

**Grand Piano on the Wish List** ~ St. John's Worship Committee would like to replace the piano in the front of the church. The existing piano was not designed for a large space seating 350 people, but for a house or small music studio. The council has approved that a new 5-foot Yamaha grand piano (to be placed in the front of the sanctuary near the lectern) be added to the wish list. This piano would enrich our worship as it fills the church with sound. It's known for its stability of tuning and action and delivers a clear sound that would accompany the congregation and choirs well. The cost is approximately \$21,400 for the piano, delivery and installation, and all needed accessories. If you are interested in contributing to this worship enhancement, please note "Piano" on your offering envelope or electronic gift. To God be the glory!

**Ask the Pastors Night** ~ Come to the next "Ask the Pastor" evening, February 19, 7-8pm and bring a friend! We have had several "Ask the Pastor" events which have turned out to be fun and learning-filled evenings. Bring your questions that evening or place your questions in the box on the table in the narthex area. There is a sign-up sheet next to the box to help us plan for refreshments. Hope to see you there!

### **AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WELS Group Outing to Les Misérables in Minneapolis** ~ Father's World Tours and the MLC Student Senate invite WELS/ELS members to join us on Tue, Feb 17, for an evening of professional theater as we venture to the Orpheum Theater in Minneapolis and experience Les Misérables, the world's most popular musical. Ticket cost is just \$85 and includes round trip motorcoach transportation from your choice of MLC in New Ulm; Trinity in Nicollet, or Arby's in St Peter. Limited spots are available. Visit <https://bit.ly/mlclesmis26>.

**MLC Wind Symphony** ~ Lent is a time of reflection and a time of hope. As we once again reflect on Christ's journey to the cross, Scripture reminds us that our Savior is the foundation of our lives. Jesus—who he is and what he has done for us—is a foundation that cannot be worn away or washed away by the storms and trials of this world. Please join the Martin Luther College Wind Symphony for "The Lord, My Foundation," a musical reflection on the themes of Lent. The concert will take place at 3 pm, Sunday, February 22, in the Chapel of the Christ. It will also be live-streamed on MLC's YouTube page.

**Kindergarten Roundup** ~ You and your future kindergartener are invited to attend Kindergarten “Round-Up” on Tuesday, February 24 or Thursday, February 26 at 5:30pm at St. Paul’s Lutheran School. Please sign up and choose a session by going to <https://signup.com/go/qoqZGyH> . Contact the school office with any questions, 507-354-2329.

**Lutheran Schools Week-Thank you!** ~ As we celebrate Lutheran Schools Week, the faculty and staff at St. Paul's Lutheran School want you to know that we are deeply grateful for your prayers and support for the vital mission of Christian education here at St. Paul's. It is our joy and privilege. Every prayer and gift you share helps our students grow not only in academic excellence but also in the life-changing knowledge of God's grace and love. We see the fruit of your generosity daily in the smiles and spiritual growth of our students, and we thank God for your support. Praise the Lord, my soul!

**MVL Concerts** ~ You are cordially invited to attend two concerts at MVL. Concert Band, Jazz Band, and Chargaliers will present their concert on Sunday, March 1, at 1:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center. The Spring Sacred Concert, featuring A Cappella Choir, Chargaliers, the Freshman Choir, and the Concert band, will be on Wednesday, April 1, at 7:00 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center. Thank you for supporting these young musicians with your attendance!

**About the Cover** ~ Peter was an eye-witness of the events on the Mount of Transfiguration. The occasion was engraved indelibly on his mind and in his heart. As he wrote about it later in life he reminded his readers that the Bible is not just another book written by people who related legends and folktales. The Holy Spirit inspired men to write and to teach what God himself said. These words that he shares with us today teach us that Jesus Christ really is our Lord and Savior and all that the prophets foretold is fulfilled in him.