

FEBRUARY 15, 2026

THE WEEKLY WORD

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

MEDITATION

Matthew 17:1-9

The season of Epiphany is a season of light and revelation. As Epiphany draws to a close, it makes perfect sense that the light of the glory of Christ shines brightly for the world to see in His Transfiguration. Jesus selects Peter, James, and John and brings them up a high mountain. Then, the revelations begin. First, Jesus is transfigured before them with His face shining like the sun. But, if that is not enough, Matthew then begins to give us glimpses of glory as the story unfolds.

The text is like one of those Russian nesting dolls. You see one thing, and then it breaks open and becomes another, and this continues until you are back at the beginning, walking away with more than you ever imagined in your hands.

A conversation with Moses and Elijah, followed by the booming voice of the Father, brings the three disciples to their knees. It's here on the mountain that the Son of God reminds them that they are not alone as He touches them and invites them to "Rise and have no fear." (Matthew 17:7). Jesus invites us to join Him on His journey to the cross and we too find ourselves on our knees in awe of Christ's glory and His presence among us. Through word and sacrament, we catch a glimpse of God's glory in expectation of the glory to come.

PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, during Your transfiguration, Your face shone like the sun, and a glimpse of Your glory was revealed to Your disciples. Transfigure us by Your presence and shine into our darkness. Give us a glimpse of Your glory so that we might journey with You to the cross with joy and confidence until You come again in glory. Amen.

Pastor Snow



THIS WEEK

Monday - February 16

Men's Bible Study 6:30am
Monday Night Meal 5:15pm
AA 7:00pm

Tuesday - February 17

Executive Council Meeting 6:30pm

Wednesday - February 18

Moms in the Word 9:30am
Ash Wednesday Worship 4:15/6:30pm
Women's Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm

Thursday - February 19

Women's LifeLight Bible Study 9:30am
Trail Life Troop Meeting 6:30pm

Friday - February 20

AA 6:30pm

Saturday - February 21

Bible and Bacon Men's Bible Study 6:30pm

Sunday - February 22

Worship 8:00/9:30/10:45am
Education Hour 9:30am

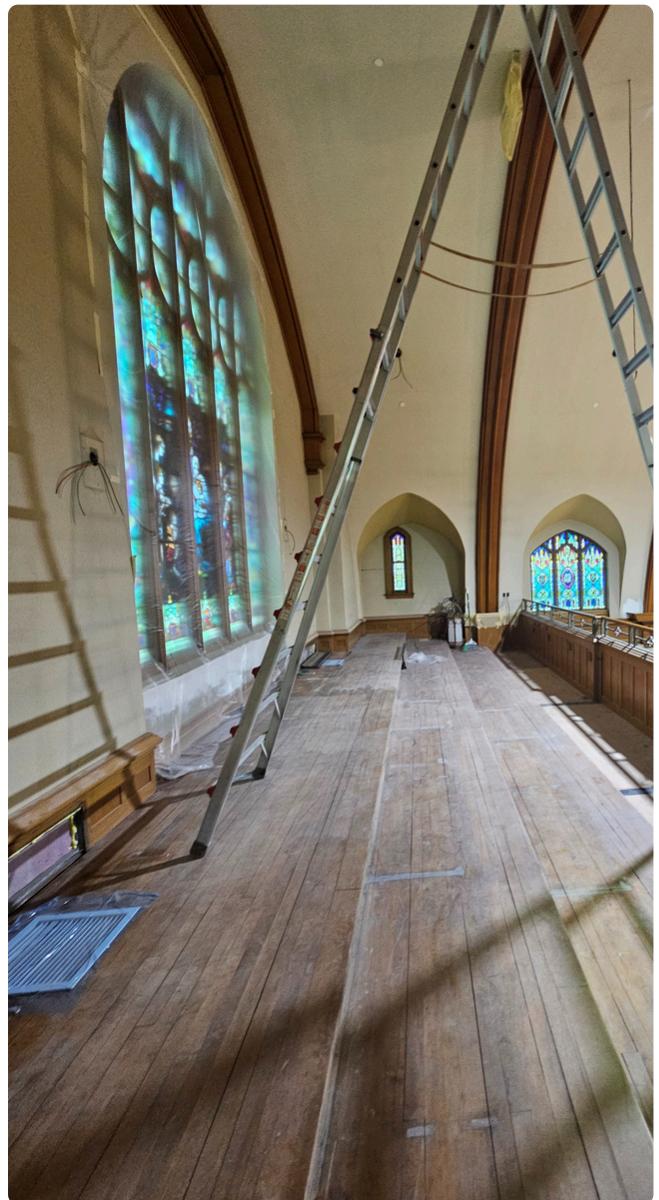
Construction Update



The upper gathering area, shown here, now features newly installed bowl-style pendant light fixtures with frosted glass shades.



The men's restroom near the fellowship hall, shown above, now has the new toilet partitions installed. Partitions have also been installed in the women's restroom.



New floor vents, currently covered in blue protective wrapping as shown in the picture, have been installed in the church balcony to provide heating and cooling to this space. Previously, the balcony did not have temperature control, which often made it very hot during the summer months.

Join Us for Youth Nights (Grades 7–12)

Youth Nights meet twice a month for all students in 7th–12th grade. We gather in the Youth Room from 6:00–8:00pm for devotions, group games, and snacks. We'd love to see you there!

Join us for our upcoming Youth Nights on: February 15, March 1 & 15, April 12 & 26, and May 10 & 31.

Questions? Please contact Justin Weber at justin.weber@stjohns-chaska.org

Ladies Aid Scholarship Program

St. John's Lutheran Chaska Ladies Aid is offering scholarships for members preparing for full-time church work at a LCMS Concordia Lutheran University. The scholarship is renewable for up to four years at \$250 per year (\$1,000 maximum). Applications for the 2026–2027 school year are due by April 1, 2026. **Scan the QR code to learn more and apply.**



Lutheran Hour Broadcast on KGLB Radio

Hear the Good News of the Gospel on the Lutheran Hour each Sunday at 7:00am on KGLB 1310 AM and 96.1 FM Radio.

February 22, 2026 "As Through Fire" with Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. To be baptized into Christ, to trust in Him, is to die with Him, to be raised by Him, to pass through the fire under His shelter. 1 Corinthians 3:13

Ash Wednesday & Midweek Lenten Worship Schedule

We invite you to begin the season of Lent with us at St. John's as we reflect, pray, and prepare our hearts for Easter.

Ash Wednesday – Wednesday, February 18

Services with Communion at 4:15pm & 6:30pm (livestreamed service)

Midweek Lenten Services Begin – Wednesday, February 25

Midweek worship on February 25, March 4, March 11, March 18, March 25
Services at 4:15pm & 6:30pm

No Lenten meals will be served this year due to the ongoing construction.



Join Us for Education Hour | Sundays at 9:30 AM

Join us Sundays at 9:30 AM for Education Hour at St. John's—something for every age!

- **Sunday School (Age 1–6th Grade):** Bible stories and age-appropriate faith-building activities
- **High School Bible Study:** Grow in faith and community
- **Adult Bible Study ("A Look Ahead," Room 205/Library):** Preview the upcoming Sunday's readings

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sundays at 8:00/9:30/10:45am in the Gymnasium
(Livestream at the 8:00am Service)

Education Hour 9:30am

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday 8:00am-4:30pm

Want to receive the Weekly Word and church communications by email?

Contact churchoffice@stjohns-chaska.org or call the church office.



PRAYER LIST

Please continue to share your prayer requests by filling out the back of a Connect Card located on the information desks in the upper gathering and main level common areas or by going to www.stjohns-chaska.org and clicking on "How can we pray for you?" You can also contact the church office: email: churchoffice@stjohns-chaska.org. or by phone 952-448-2433

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

2/15
Jen Angell
Dan Klien
Jonica Marshall
Orman Rodningen
Candie Sather
August Swanson
2/16
Mason Krueger

2/16
Kendra Stewart
Katelynn Voight
2/17
Troy Bachmann
2/18
Darlene Peterson
2/19
Mark Young

2/20
Ava Hagen
Evey Kloos
Abby Shanahan
2/21
Lynn Loomis
Linda Peters
Dallas Schmidt
Gary Werning

FOR HEALING AND STRENGTH

Nancy Van Sloun
Lowell Lenz
Shelley Bartizal
Mary Swanson

Pastor Al Holthus
Tracy Koepsell
JoAnn Schesso

Patti Oelfke
Allan Panning
Janet Macenthun
Jolene Berg



EXPECTANT MOMS

Brittany Thorodson
Brenda Simpson
Izzy King
Nicole Stockey
Kourtney Vipond

CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES

2/16 - Christopher and Kristina Knudsen
2/19 - Steven and Jenna Colehour
2/19 - Gary and Patti Werning

IN SYMPATHY

The family of Val Schlefsky, upon her passing.

ONGOING PRAYERS

Carol Affeldt
John Barney
Merlin Bentz
Jack Boman
Jimann Campbell
Julie Carver

Marguerite Craighead
Sunnie Deis
Anita Doss
Sid & Merna Fjelstad
Dennis Gaarder
Ruth Harms

Eugene Henke
Carol Jones
Len Kallsen
Tim & Gretchen Laubach
Marilyn Lenzen
Melinda Meuwissen

Steve Pond
Austin Rannow
Cliff Waller
Ruth Ziegler