



**A WARM WELCOME TO ADVENT LUTHERAN CHURCH
ON THIS TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD
FEBRUARY 15, 2026**

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TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

8:30 & 11:00 A.M.

FEBRUARY 15, 2026

INTRODUCTION

Today's festival is a bridge between the Advent-Christmas-Epiphany cycle that comes to a close today and the Lent-Easter cycle that begins in several days. On a high mountain Jesus is revealed as God's beloved Son, echoing the words at his baptism. This vision of glory sustains us as Jesus faces his impending death in Jerusalem. We turn this week to Ash Wednesday and our yearly baptismal journey from Lent to Easter. Some churches put aside the alleluia at the conclusion of today's liturgy. This word of joy will be omitted during the penitential season of Lent and will be sung again at Easter.

PRELUDE

8:30 am

"As With Gladness Men of Old"

Jean Pontious

11:00 am

"Be Here Now"

Praise & Worship Band

You may remain seated or stand.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God, the Creator of heaven and earth, the Word who spoke life into being, the Wind stirring the waters.

C **Amen.**

P Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

Silence is kept for reflection.

C Mighty God, lover of justice,
you call us to life in community, but we have served our own interests at the expense of our neighbors. We have sown deceit where honesty was needed. We say the right words, but our hearts are far from you. Turn us to seek your face. Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ, that we may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

P The former things have passed away, and new things God now declares: Like a spring of water that never fails, God covers you in the righteousness of Christ, and forgives your sin in ✙ Jesus' name. May the Spirit give you strength to live for others, and bless you with the gift of peace.

C **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

“As With Gladness Men of Old”

1 As with glad - ness men of old did the guid - ing star be - hold;
4 Ho - ly Je - sus, ev - 'ry day keep us in the nar - row way;
5 In the heav'n - ly coun - try bright need they no cre - a - ted light;


as with joy they hailed its light, lead - ing on - ward, beam - ing bright;
and when earth - ly things are past, bring our ran - somed souls at last
thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down;


so, most gra - cious Lord, may we ev - er - more be led by thee.
where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo - ry hide.
there for - ev - er may we sing al - le - lu - ias to our king.

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It features a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The melody is primarily in the Soprano and Alto parts, with the piano providing harmonic support. The lyrics are arranged in three systems, each corresponding to a line of music. The first system includes three verses of lyrics. The second system continues the lyrics. The third system concludes the hymn with a final line of music and a double bar line.


GREETING


- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit is with you all.
- C And is also with you.

 **A** In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



♩ Lord, have mer - cy.



Ⓐ For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.



[A] Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra- cious Lord. [C] A - men

HYMN OF PRAISE



▲ Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



■ Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men

PEACE

P The peace of Christ is with you always.

C **And is also with you.**

Please take a moment to share the peace

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray together the prayer of the day.

C **O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Sit

WE HEAR THE WORD

The pericopes readings for this week are: Exodus 24:12-18; Psalm 2; 2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9

READING: Exodus 24:12-18

The LORD said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain and wait there; I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come back to you. Look, Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.”

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the Israelites. Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

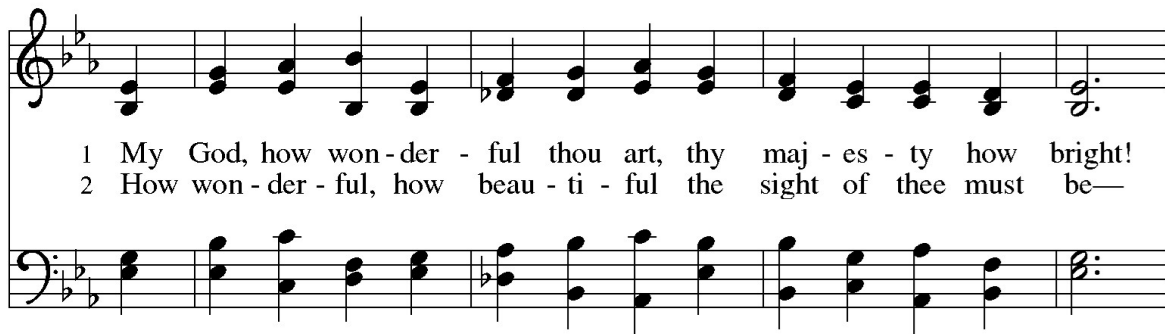
After the reading:

A The Word of the Lord.

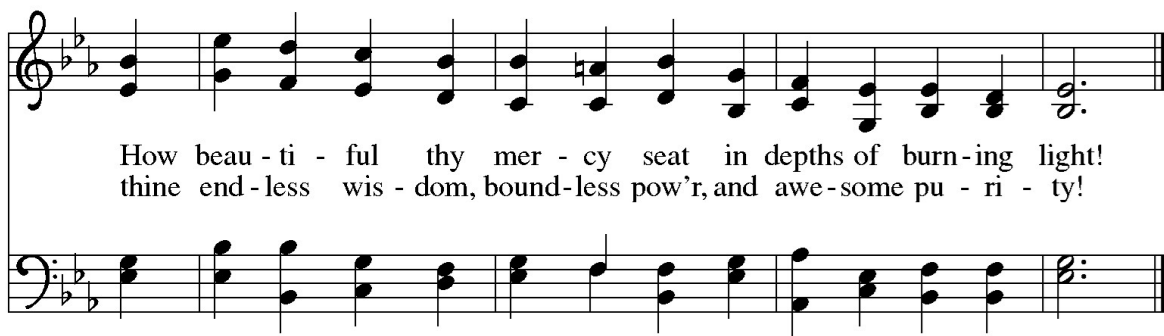
C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 2

“My God, How Wonderful Thou Art”



1 My God, how won - der - ful thou art, thy maj - es - ty how bright!
 2 How won - der - ful, how beau - ti - ful the sight of thee must be—



How beau - ti - ful thy mer - cy seat in depths of burn - ing light!
 thine end - less wis - dom, bound - less pow'r, and awe - some pu - ri - ty!

Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814–1863
 Music: DUNDEE, *Psalter*, Edinburgh, 1615

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

You may remain seated or stand.

ALLELUIA VERSE



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
 words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

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

GOSPEL: Matthew 17:1-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

After the reading:

P The Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

MESSAGE

PASTOR DAVID HINKELMAN

SPECIAL MUSIC

8:30 AM

**“WASH, O GOD”
JEAN PONTIOUS**

arr. Carter

11:00 AM

“I See You”

by Chris Tomlin

ADVENT’S PRAISE & WORSHIP BAND

Offering is taken and the offering plates will be passed. You may put your donation in one of the pew envelopes and put in the offering plates, or use the “Online Donator” card, found in the pew rack. You can also support Advent’s Ministries by using this QR code:



Baptism of Cole Downing (8:30am only) – see insert

You may remain seated or stand



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

APOSTLES' CREED (11:00am only)

A Christians, what do we believe?

C **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

A brief silence

A Revealing God, your Spirit sustains the church. Strengthen the faithful with the revelation of Christ transfigured, that we may joyfully follow him in the way of the cross. Lead and support our Bishop Suzanne and her staff as well as our national Bishop Rev. Yehiel Curry. Merciful God,

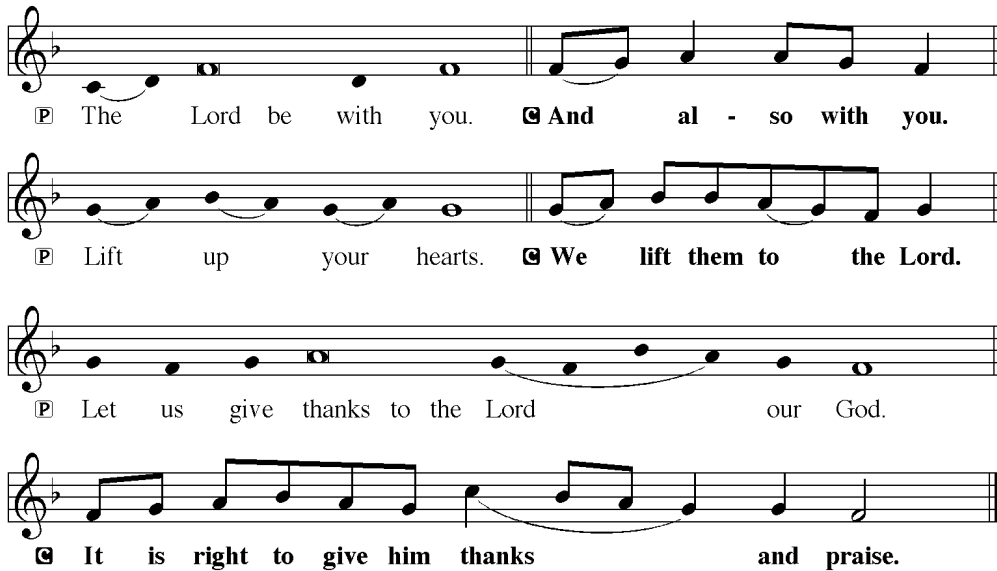
C **receive our prayer.**

A Life-giving God, creation is full of your majesty. Nurture in us a deep respect for the interdependence of all life, and make us wise and vigilant stewards of your good earth. Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

- A Peacemaking God, the nations are in turmoil. We pray for an end to violent conflict. We lift up Tanzania, Sudan, Ukraine, Gaza bless them with peace and safety. Guide the leaders of Israel, Russia, and the United States, in the way of peace, quell their violent ways. Be with all who are living in the valley of death. Give wisdom to negotiators and sanctuary to refugees. Defend any who are in danger. Merciful God,
- C **receive our prayer.**
- A Healing God, you desire wholeness for all people. Bring healing to any who are experiencing illness, chronic pain, or mental anguish. Comfort the dying and those who grieve. We take a moment now to pray for those in need of healing; family members, friends, co-workers, casual acquaintances and those we know by name, either out loud, or silently in our hearts (*pause*). Provide for their needs and relieve their suffering. Merciful God,
- C **receive our prayer.**
- A Holy God, in our worship we glimpse your glory, hear your voice, and receive assurance of your love. Inspire all who prepare, lead, and participate in worship to serve you with reverence and joy. Merciful God,
- C **receive our prayer.**
- A God who brought Advent into mission, be present in our call committee. Bless them with wisdom, insight and patience. Reassurance us, as we await your Spirits revelation, concerning our next called pastor. Merciful God,
- C **receive our prayer.**
- A Transforming God, you bring life from death. We give thanks for the witness of those who have died in faith, and we praise you for the hope we have in Christ, our Morning Star. Merciful God,
- C **receive our prayer.**
- A Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior.
- C **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING



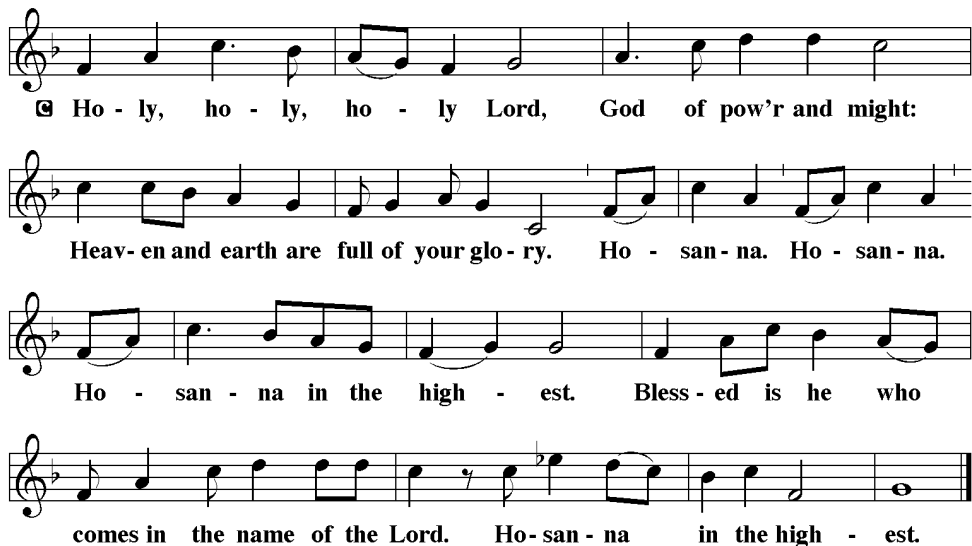
♩ The Lord be with you. ♪ And al - so with you.

♩ Lift up your hearts. ♪ We lift them to the Lord.

♩ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

♪ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy.... And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



♪ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:

Heav- en and earth are full of your glo- ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

A Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

C **Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! Come to the table; taste and see.

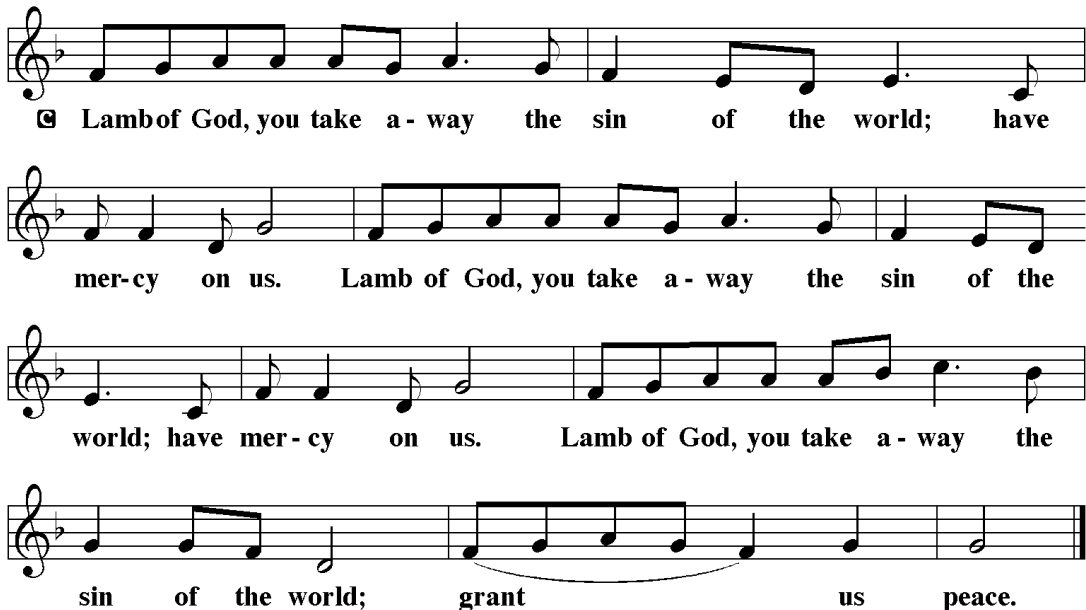
DISTRIBUTION

This communion bread is free from: Gluten, Dairy, Nuts, Egg and Yeast.

Grape juice is available by request at the chancel rail.

*Please place your empty communion cup in the baskets
provided on the first row of chairs.*

***If you would like to receive communion at your seat,
please let an usher know.***



☐ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

POST COMMUNION

P And now may the body of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and His most holy and precious blood, strengthen you and preserve you and keep you to true faith unto life everlasting. May we depart in peace and may the Lord be with you.

C Amen

PRAYER

A Radiant God, we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. In the sacrament of his body and blood you have drawn us to your heart. Send us from this table with delight, that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love, and bear witness to all we have seen and heard, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

WE ARE SENT OUT TO SERVE

BENEDICTION

P May the triune God, who has put a new song in your mouth and tuned your heart for praise ✠ bless you now and forever.

SENDING HYMN

“Shine, Jesus, Shine”

Refrain

Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry;
blaze, Spir - it, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, riv - er, flow, flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy;
send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!

1 Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing, in the midst of the
2 As we gaze on your king - ly bright-ness, so our fac - es dis -

dark - ness, shin - ing; Je - sus, light of the world, shine up - on us,
play your like - ness, ev - er chang-ing from glo - ry to glo - ry,

set us free by the truth you now bring us.
mir - rored here, may our lives tell your sto - ry.

Refrain
Shine on me, shine on me:
Shine on me, shine on me:

DISMISSAL

- A Go in peace. Worship God, Follow Jesus, Serve Others, and Make Disciples.
C **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
ACOLYTE		ANNIE WELCH
ASSISTING MINISTER	SUSAN COCKERILL	JENNIFER PARKER
PASTOR	INTERIM PASTOR DAVID HINKELMAN	



The Altar Flowers are given by Bob & Bev Goldie, in honor of their sister-in-law, Jacqueline's birthday; and from Jane & Roy Hart, in memory of Jane's parents, Elmer and Phyllis Fundermark.

Please check the 2026 Altar Flower Chart located above the usher stand to order flowers in honor of someone special or celebrating special occasions. Price is \$25.00 per vase.

This Week at Advent

Sun Feb 15	Pancake Supper and Auction	5:00pm
Mon Feb 16	Men's SALT Bible Study	2:30pm
	Church Council meeting	6:00pm
Tue Feb 17	Isabel's Quilters	9:00am
	Building Use – Singing Buckeyes	6:00pm
Wed Feb 18	Worship @ The Estates	2:00pm
	NO Women's Bible Study	
	Ash Wednesday Worship Service	7:00pm
Thur Feb 19	Bell Choir rehearsal	6:40pm
	Advent Choir rehearsal	7:30pm
Sat Feb 21	Building Use – Singing Buckeyes	9am-2pm

Looking Ahead:

Weds in Lent	Soup Suppers & Worship Service	6:30 pm/7:15 pm
Mon March 30	Holy Monday Worship Service	7:00 pm
Tue March 31	Holy Tuesday Worship Service	7:00 pm
Wed April 1	Holy Wednesday Worship Service	7:00 pm
Thur April 2	Maundy Thursday Worship Services	12 Noon & 7:00 pm
Fri April 3	Good Friday Worship Services	12 Noon & 7:00 pm
Sun April 5	Easter Sunday! Worship	8:30 am & 11:00 am
Sun May 3	Advent's 60 th Anniversary Celebration!	

Commemorations This Week:

Wed Feb 18, 2026: **Martin Luther, renewer of the church, died 1546**

Though he began his adult church life as a simple Augustinian monk, Luther challenged the abuses he saw in the church, and his work eventually led to the Protestant Reformation. Luther's accomplishments included liturgical reform, translation of the Bible, and creation of the Small and Large Catechisms.