



**Sunday, January 25, 2026**  
**9:30 AM Worship Service**

*The Transfiguration of our Lord*

—  
**Light that  
Pierces the Dark**



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## **Welcome and Opening Prayer**

**Opening Song:** O Splendor of God's Glory Bright

LSB #874  
vs. 1-4

O Splendor of God's glory bright,  
O Thou that bringest light from light,  
O Light of Light, light's living spring,  
O Day, all days illumining:  
Alleluia!

Come, very Sun of truth and love;  
Pour down Thy radiance from above  
And shed the Holy Spirit's ray  
On all we think or do or say.  
Alleluia!

With prayer the Father we implore:  
O Father, glorious evermore,  
We plead with Thee for grace and pow'r  
To conquer in temptation's hour,  
Alleluia!

To guide whate'er we nobly do,  
With love all envy to subdue,  
To give us grace our wrongs to bear,  
To make ill fortune turn to fair.  
Alleluia!

## Confession and Absolution

### Confession:

P: Beloved in the Lord, our God is Light, and in Him there is no darkness at all. Yet we confess that we have often walked in shadow rather than in His Light. Let us come before our Father with repentant hearts.

ALL: Merciful God,  
You created us for life in Your Light,  
but we have hidden ourselves in the shadows.  
We have preferred the darkness of sin  
to the brightness of Your truth.  
Our thoughts, our words, and our deeds  
have too often reflected our own ways  
rather than Your ways.  
We have failed to love You above all things  
and our neighbors as ourselves.  
For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ,  
the Light of the world,  
forgive us, renew us, and lead us.  
Shine in our darkness,  
that we may walk as children of the Light.  
Amen.

### Absolution:

P: Almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son to be the Light that no darkness can overcome. Jesus Christ has scattered the night of sin and death by His cross and empty tomb. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, and by His authority alone, I therefore remind you that you are forgiven of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

P: Walk now in the Light of Christ,  
for you are forgiven,  
you are redeemed,  
and you are His.

ALL: Amen.

## Share Grace

### Old Testament Reading: Exodus 34:29–35

29 When Moses came down from Mount Sinai, with the two tablets of the testimony in his hand as he came down from the mountain, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God.  
30 Aaron and all the people of Israel saw Moses, and behold, the skin of his face shone, and they were afraid to come near him.

- 31 But Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses talked with them.
- 32 Afterward all the people of Israel came near, and he commanded them all that the Lord had spoken with him in Mount Sinai.
- 33 And when Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face.
- 34 Whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would remove the veil, until he came out. And when he came out and told the people of Israel what he was commanded,
- 35 the people of Israel would see the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face was shining. And Moses would put the veil over his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

### **Epistle Reading:** 2 Peter 1:16–21

- 16 For we 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.
- 17 For 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,"
- 18 we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain.
- 19 And 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,
- 20 knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation.
- 21 For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

### **Children's Message** - Dr. Serena Pace

#### **Gospel Reading:** Matthew 17:1-9

- 1 And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves.
- 2 And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light.
- 3 And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him.
- 4 And 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."

- 5 He 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."  
6 When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified.  
7 But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear."  
8 And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.  
9 And 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."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ!

### **Message Song:** 'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here

LSB #414  
vs. 1-3

'Tis good, Lord, to be here!  
Thy glory fills the night;  
Thy face and garments, like the sun,  
Shine with unborrowed light.

'Tis good, Lord, to be here,  
Thy beauty to behold  
Where Moses and Elijah stand,  
Thy messengers of old.

Fulfiller of the past  
And hope of things to be,  
We hail Thy body glorified  
And our redemption see.

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### **Message:** "Light that Pierces the Dark" - Pastor Doug Widger

#### **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.

## Connection Points

### Offering

#### **Song:** Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart

LSB #806

Give thanks with a grateful heart,  
Give thanks to the Holy One,  
Give thanks because He's given  
Jesus Christ His Son. (2x)

And now let the weak say "I am strong,"  
Let the poor say "I am rich,"  
Because of what the Lord has done for us. (2x)

Give thanks, give thanks.

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## Prayers of the Church / Lord's Prayer

### Benediction

P: The Lord who called light out of darkness  
shine upon you and scatter every shadow of sin and fear.  
May Christ Jesus, the Light of the world,  
guide your steps and guard your path.  
May the Holy Spirit keep your hearts burning  
with the brightness of faith and hope.  
The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you  
and give you peace. ✠

ALL: Amen.

#### **Sending Song:** Earth and All Stars

LSB #817  
vs. 1-3, 6

Earth and all stars!  
Loud rushing planets!  
Sing to the Lord a new song!  
Oh, victory!  
Loud shouting army!  
Sing to the Lord a new song!

*Refrain:* He has done marvelous things.  
I too will praise Him with a new song!

Hail, wind, and rain!  
 Loud blowing snowstorm!  
 Sing to the Lord a new song!  
 Flowers and trees!  
 Loud rustling dry leaves!  
 Sing to the Lord a new song! *Refrain*

Trumpet and pipes!  
 Loud clashing cymbals!  
 Sing to the Lord a new song!  
 Harp, lute, and lyre!  
 Loud humming cellos!  
 Sing to the Lord a new song! *Refrain*

Knowledge and truth!  
 Loud sounding wisdom!  
 Sing to the Lord a new song!  
 Daughter and son!  
 Loud praying members!  
 Sing to the Lord a new song! *Refrain*

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~ **Sundays @ 10:45 a.m.** ~

- ♦ Pastor Widger's Bible Class: Colossians - MR2
- ♦ Jim Runzheimer's Bible Class:  
"Wonder-Fully Made"- Fireside Room
- ♦ Young Adults Class: "Mere Christianity" study  
- Conference Room
- ♦ Biblical Parenting Group - GLEE Wing
- ♦ Grace Youth (Grades 9 - 12) - Youth Shed
- ♦ Confirmation (Grades 5 - 8) - Meeting Room 4
- ♦ Grace Kids (Preschool 4's/Kinder, Grades 1-4)  
- Preschool Wing Classrooms
- ♦ Babies - 3 year olds - Nursery  
(throughout the morning)  
Comfort & Nursing Rooms are available.

**ELDERS AND  
THEIR ASSIGNED  
MEMBERS**

Joe Masterson	A-B
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**THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE**

**Sunday, January 25, 2026**

NO IN-PERSON SERVICES

**SUNDAY,  
JANUARY 25**

**JOIN US FOR  
CHURCH ONLINE**

**9:30 AM**

**Monday, January 26, 2026**

7:00 - 8:00 PM "Living a Chocolate Life" Bible Study  
- Zoom Gathering

**Tuesday, January 27, 2026**

7:30 PM Coed Community Basketball - Gym

**Wednesday, January 28, 2026**

- 6:00 PM Embrace Life - Meeting Room 2
- 6:30 PM Grace Kids (Elementary) - Meeting Room 4
- 6:30 PM Grace Youth Night RETURNS! - Braum's
- 6:30 PM ESL Classes
- 6:30 PM Joybells Rehearsal - Sanctuary
- 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

**Friday, January 30, 2026**

7:00 PM Spanish Bible Study - Fireside Room

**Saturday, January 31, 2026**

- 9:00 AM Altar Guild
- 9:00 AM Explore Grace - Meeting Room 2
- 10:00 AM Mujeres en Gracia Breakfast - Fireside Room

**Sunday, February 1, 2026**

- 9:30 AM Worship Service
- 10:45 AM Bible Classes for all ages
- 12:00 PM Spanish Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 12:00 PM Thrivent Lunch - Fireside Room

Thrivent members are invited to attend the annual review, update, and luncheon. An RSVP is required in order to ensure adequate meal arrangements. To RSVP or for additional information, please contact the church office at (817) 274-1626, or Chris Owens.



**MUSIC  
LESSONS**

Thursday  
Lessons start up again on Jan. 15  
from 7 - 8 pm.

Sunday Lessons  
restart on Jan. 24  
@ 1:30 pm.

Please contact  
Will land or  
Lukas Bartke  
for more  
information.

**YOUR WILL  
Be Done**

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31 | 10AM

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DUE TO  
INCLEMENT  
WEATHER**



For those interested in our family of faith—covering Christian doctrine, Lutheran distinctives, and opportunities to affiliate with Grace.

- Saturday, January 31 | 9:00 AM
- Meeting Room 2