

OUR SAVIOUR LUTHERAN CHURCH UPDATE FEBRUARY 15, 2026
THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD, FEB 15, 2026

This Newsletter contains the following information:

1. Worship Services
2. In Our Prayers
3. Weekly Services

WORSHIP SERVICES:

At present we offer one Sunday Worship Service at 11 a.m.

REMEMBER THE SABBATH DAY TO KEEP IT HOLY

VERSE

Alleluia. You are the most handsome of the sons of men; grace is poured upon your lips. **Alleluia.**

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD, FEB 15, 2026

God Manifests His Glory in the Body of Christ Jesus, Transfigured for Us by His Cross

Beloved in the Lord,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus! **Amen.**

BULLETIN The bulletin for the Divine Service is attached to this update

READINGS

Exodus 24:8-18

Psalm 2:6-12 (antiphon: v. 6)

2 Peter 1:16-21

Matthew 17:1-9

SUMMARY OF TODAY'S READINGS

God Manifests His Glory in the Body of Christ Jesus, Transfigured for Us by His Cross

The Transfiguration confirms “*the prophetic word ... to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place*” (2 Peter 1:19). The divine glory of Jesus is manifested in the word of His apostles, who were “*eyewitnesses of his majesty*” (2 Peter 1:16). “*He was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun*” (Matt. 17:2). Moses and Elijah witnessed the fulfillment of the Old Testament in this Lord Jesus, and the Father testified concerning Him: “*This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased*” (Matt. 17:5). By His own blood, shed on the cross, Jesus makes and seals the new covenant with us. Hence, “*the appearance of the glory of the LORD*” is no longer “*like a devouring fire*” (Ex. 24:17), but it is graciously revealed in His own body.

As “Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel” went up the mountain with Moses and “*beheld God, and ate and drank*” (Ex. 24:9, 11), we also behold the Lord our God in Christ Jesus, and we abide with Him as we eat and drink His body and blood at the altar.

VERSE ON THE BULLETIN

But Jesus touched them, saying, “Rise, and have no fear” (Matthew 17:7)

ABOUT THE BULLETIN 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.

2) IN OUR PRAYERS

Please keep the following people in your personal prayers:

Shut-ins: Maria Pohlman, Ruth Miller, Hans Schroedter, Peter Haug, Gabriel Civitillo, Letillia Sterling, Meta Both.

Those with other needs: Paul Alexander, Brian Miller, Lisa Deonadan, Harry Goorwah, Violet Deonarine, Deva Singh, Marlet Wardly, Trudy Marquardt, Tomdaiya, Nila, Mariya, Marlin, Sam, Dawood, Al & Indra Seemadray, Junior Atkins, Susan Krim, Eric Krim, Dhanraj Bharrat, Sarab Adwer, Kamini Paul, Shirley Ewan, Pamela and Nigel, Gisela McLuhan, Pastor Warren Hamp, Pat Brewster, Gwenn Elliott.

If you would like to add yourself or a loved one to our prayer list please give me a call. It is also important to let me know when it's time to be removed from the list.

LUTHERAN CHURCH CANADA MISSIONS FEBRUARY 15, 2026 | CANADA



This week, we pray for **Rev. Razafy Razafindrakoto** who serves as pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Reconciliation in Sherbrooke, Quebec.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, as Your Son sent forth His Church to make disciples in all nations, we lift up before You, Pastor Razafindrakoto, asking You to sustain him by Your Spirit and bless his labours for the sake of the Gospel; Lord in Your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**

3) CONGREGATIONAL PROJECTS

FOOD BANK:

There was FOOD BANK on Feb 12, 2026

FOOD BANK STATISTICS FOR February 12, 2026

Total Food Hampers given out: 330

Those food hampers provided food to:

795 adults and 371 children for a total of 1166

Our Saviour Food Bank: Need of Volunteers

We are in need of volunteers for the Food Bank for general and some specific duties. The duties may extend to cover picking up of bread, unloading of the skids, food packaging, computer intake and recycling of the cardboard and other materials. If you are desirous of helping please speak to Al Seemadray Food Bank Volunteers Coordinator, Ingrid or Pastor.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

There will be Sunday School this Sunday.

THIS WEEK AT OUR SAVIOUR

Sunday, Feb 15, 2026 TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

10 a.m. Bible Study

11 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion

11:15 a.m. Sunday School

PANCAKE BRUNCH FOLLOWING THE DIVINE SERVICE

Wednesday Feb 18 ASH WEDNESDAY (LENT STARTS)

7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service

Thursday, Feb 19, 2026 2-4 p.m. & 6-8 p.m. Food Bank

Sunday, Feb 22, 2026 THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

10 a.m. Bible Study

11 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion

11:15 a.m. Sunday School

Pastor Joseph Singh

Vacancy Pastor

February 13, 2026

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THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

The observance of this festival on the Last Sunday after the Epiphany when there is more than one such Sunday is distinctly a Lutheran use and dates from Reformation times. The rubrics provide for a celebration that is almost annual. The Epiphany season is to demonstrate in the scheme of the Church Year that the Babe of Bethlehem, the Young Lad who grew to young manhood, and who was seen and known of men in the walks and relations of the common daily life is, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, God in man made manifest. It is also to show how in the love of God this Jesus is saving His people from their sins. Sunday after Sunday adds to the manifestations till we reach the Transfiguration Mount and behold the climax of epiphanies. The Last Sunday of the season, immediately before the season of preparation for the Passion, is appropriate in our Lord's life. He descends from the Mount and, heartened by the voice out of the cloud, sets His face to go up to Jerusalem. With the transfiguration scene ever before us, we enter the days of the holy Passion, accompany Him down into the valley through the gloom and agonies, to climb with Him that other hill.

As we observe the Feast of Our Lord's Transfiguration, we stand between the glories of Christmas and Epiphany season and the wonders of the Lenten and Easter season. These seasons being wonderful truths indeed. A babe in the manger who is God manifest in the flesh. This God-man is the Saviour for all men, Jews and Gentiles. As Saviour He gives His life for the world. The He comes forth from the grave triumphant over all men's enemies- in, death, and hell. As true man, our Brother, He ascends up into glory and occupies the everlasting throne of power, ruling over all things visible and invisible. This Son of Man shall come again to judge and to save.

Wonderful as these stories are, we accept them, put our confidence in them, rest all our hopes on them. For to me to live is Christ and to die is gain. I live yet not I but Christ liveth in me. **Amen**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday February 18 Ash Wednesday 7:00 p.m. service



Please join us for our

Annual Pancake Brunch

Sunday February 15 following the worship service

Wednesday Feb 18 Ash Wednesday

O love, how deep, how broad, how high
7:00 p.m. Worship

Join Us during Lent for Our Mid-Week and Lenten Sunday Worship THEME: FOR US

5:30 p.m. Soup & Sandwich Supper
7:00 p.m. Worship

Wed, Feb 25 Mid-Week Lenten (1) **The Robe of Human Frame (Hebrews 1)**

Wed, Mar 8 Mid-Week Lenten (2)- **Done for Us (Mark 1:9–13)**

Wed, Mar 4 Mid-Week Lenten (3) **For Us He Seeks (Mark 1:35–39)**

Wed, Mar 11 Mid-Week Lenten (4)- **Healing from Demons (Mark 5:1–13)**

Wed, Mar 18 Mid-Week Lenten (5)- **For Us Betrayed (Mark 8:31–9:1)**

Sunday, Feb 22 11:00 a.m. First Sunday in Lent

Sunday, Mar 1 11:00 a.m. Second Sunday in Lent

Sunday, Mar 8,11:00 a.m. Third Sunday in Lent

Sunday, Mar 15,11:00 a.m. Fourth Sunday in Lent

Sunday, Mar 22,11:00 a.m. Fifth Sunday in Lent

Holy Week & Easter Services

Palm Sunday: English Worship 11:00 am. **For Many Means for You (Matthew 26:28)**

Good Friday, English Worship 11:00 am- **His Dying Breath (John 19:28–30)**

Saturday April 4, 2026: **For Us He Rose from Death Again (Romans 4:23–25)**
Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday, Easter Worship (English) 11:00 am.- **For Us He Lives on High to Reign (Romans 8:38–39)**
April 5, 2026:



**THE TIME OF EASTER
LENT
THE SEASON OF LENT**

Begins on Ash Wednesday and ends with midday prayer on Holy Saturday.

The time of Easter invites us into the story of Jesus' sacrificial death and His glorious resurrection. The resurrection of Jesus gives proof that our salvation has been completed and that our hope for eternal life with God is secure.

Easter was the major celebration of the Early Church, which also set aside a period of preparation to celebrate the Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord (Easter). Lent was a period of preparation first prescribed for baptismal candidates. During this period, the candidates were examined in preparation for Baptism at Easter (or Paschal Vigil). Later, these forty days were associated with Jesus' forty days in the desert prior to His temptation (Matthew 4:11) and with the forty years the children of Israel spent in the wilderness (Numbers 14:34), becoming a period of preparation for every Christian.

The Sundays during this season are not "of Lent" but "in Lent." Thus the Sundays retain an Easter tone and may be less solemn than the mid-week services that congregations typically offer. The observances of Lent are concrete reminders of the greater solemnity of this season, yet Lutherans emphasize the Gospel of Christ as central even to this penitential season.

**IN LENT, WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS
TO RECEIVE OUR CRUCIFIED AND RISEN LORD.**

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| Ps 51 | Isaiah 58:6-12 | Joel 2:12-13 |
| Matthew 4:1-11 | Matthew 6:1-18 | Romans 6:1-4 |

LENT PRACTICES AND TRADITIONS

- The church is decorated in violet, the colour of royalty and repentance. This period of repentance is marked by a purposeful turning away from our sin and turning toward Christ for His mercy and forgiveness.
- Ash Wednesday begins the observance of Lent. Ashes on the forehead is a sign of penitence and a reminder that we, too, shall die and therefore, need forgiveness from Jesus. Black may be used to decorate the church on Ash Wednesday.
- *Alleluia* is the Hebrew word for “Praise the Lord.” It is a joyous expression of faith in God. During Lent, we forego using this joyous response, in order to focus on our need for repentance and faith.
- As in Advent, so in Lent, we do not sing the Gloria in Excelsis in the Divine Service. We do this to focus our attention on repentance.
- Fasting is giving up eating at a particular meal or time, in order to devote that time to prayer and meditation on the Word of God.
- Many churches observe Lent by gathering for midweek services. As we do in our church. These additional times of worship and gathering around God’s Word helps us prepare to observe Holy Week and celebrate Easter.