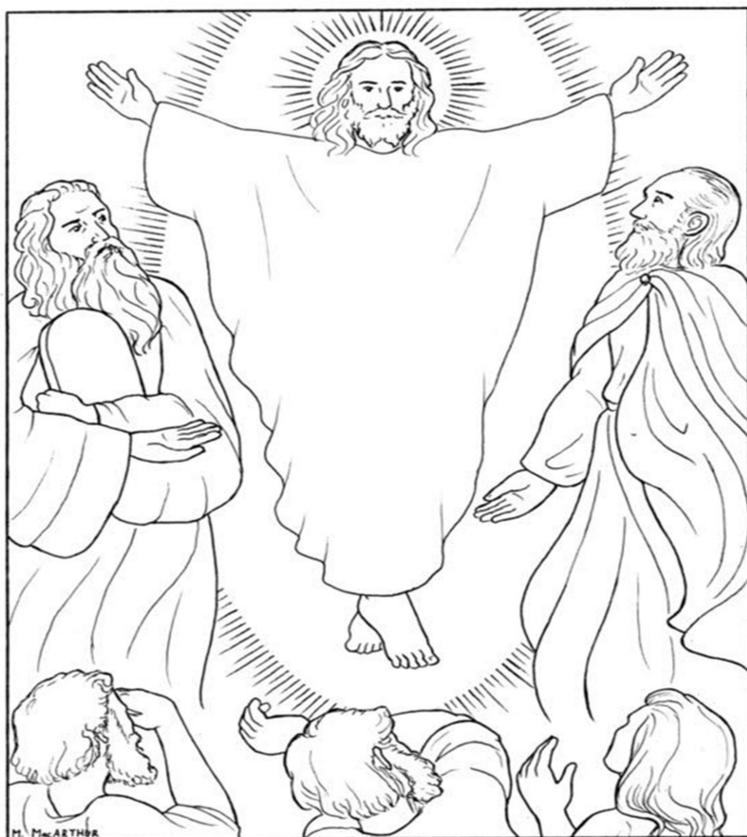


# THE SUNDAY SPIRIT

The Transfiguration of Our Lord  
The First Sunday in Lent  
February 22, 2026



**ST. PETER'S**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH  
↔ CONOVER, NC ↔

**Welcome to St. Peter's!** We are glad you are here! We ask everyone to fill out an "attendance card" and place it in the offering plate later in the service. We welcome our first-time guests and visitors and request that you fill out the back side of the attendance card as well. Guests and visitors please take a "welcome" bag from our table out front.

**Today's radio broadcast** is given to the glory of God  
*(Listen on WAIZ 630 AM or 105.9 FM during our 8:15 am service)*

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**\*Ages 2-5** - Room #1 Education Building- Brenda Fulbright & Alice Layne

**\*K-2nd Grade** - Room #8 Education Building- Emily Schwandt

**\*3rd - 5th Grades** - Grover Herman Room Education Building - Terry Sigmon

**\*Middle & High Schoolers (6-12th Grades)** - Room #4 Education Building - John Adams

**\*Adults of All Ages** - Education Building, Room #2 - A study on "What Does Lasting Joy Look Like?" by Pastor Joby Martin with Kim Gantt , Kevin Gantt & Kim Rector.

**\*Ladies Sunday School Class** - Education Building, Room 7 with Beth Lail They are studying "The study of Angels, their nature, roles, and significance, highlighting their functions as messengers and servants of God."

**\*Adults - Multi-Purpose Room Class** - They are studying "The Cross" with Christal Sigmon

**\*Pastor's Class - Parish Hall** - Study on "Haggai" - with Pastor Eric

## PRAYERS

**Church Members in Need of prayer** Carol Abbott, Carol Alley, Terry Bolick, Rosella Bollinger, Charles Bowman, Shirley Dellinger, Betty Eckard, Jerry Eckard, Earlene Fulbright, Audrey Hauss, Mary Ruth Hefner, Donald Killian, Malla Killian, Barb Nordyke, Emma Spencer, Teresa Taylor, John Thomas, Ruth Thompson and Marshall Wray

### **Pray for Our Homebound Members**

Those at Home: Carol Abbott, Rosella Bollinger, Polly Bowman, Shirley Dellinger, Delmar & Betty Eckard, Joe Eckard, Annette Hollar, Kathleen Houston, Patricia Isenhour, Bobby Little, Hazel Moser, Jeanette Reese, Bonnie Sigmon, Eugene Sigmon, Richard Sigmon, Ernest & Carol Starnes, Dorothy Willis, Mary Ann Winebarger

Abernathy Center: Gracie Bolick, Gwendolyn Allen

Brookdale: Blanche Hefner

Catawba Valley Living: Alberta Winebarger

Kingston Manor: Barbara White

Trinity Village: Margaret Laws, Donald Bowman

### **Friends Needing Prayer**

- Debbie Hefner (wife of Randy Hefner)
- Denise Caldwell (sister of Debbie Thomas)
- Sonya Fields (friend of Pat Killian and the Alaska Mission Team)
- Judy Sherrill (cousin of Debbie Adams)
- Ripley Stapleton (friend of Debbie Adams)
- Todd Thomas (son of John Thomas)
- Maurice Eckard (brother of Joy Eckard)
- Fayne Cradic (friend of David Johnson)
- Ann Conte (sister-in-law of Carolyn Paschal)

### **Pregnancies**

- Amber Potter, due in July (*granddaughter of David & Dale Johnson*)
- Whitney Terry, due in July (*daughter of Terry & Donna Sigmon*)
- Allison Bentley, due in July, (*daughter-in-law of Tony and Lisa Bentley*)

## **Christian Sympathy**

- The family of Gary Schwandt (uncle of Danny Schwandt)
- The family of Brian Johnson (friend of Nancy Bruce)
- The family of Joanna Dehart (friend of Nancy Bruce)

**Birthdays This Week** Amy McClain (2/26); Erin Sigmon (2/28); Vickie Dagenhart (2/28)

**Anniversaries This Week** Ernest & Carol Starnes (2/23)

## **CURRENT ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Join Us for Lent 2026**

This Lent, St. Peter's invites you to journey with us through two powerful sermon series that will guide us from the mountain to the morning—from Christ's glory to His cross to the empty tomb.

### **Sunday Mornings: "From the Mountain to the Morning: Grace in Real Places on the Way to Easter"**

Join us Sundays at **8:15 AM** and **10:45 AM**. Pastor Frank will lead us through eight services tracing Jesus' journey toward the cross, as each place anchors the story in history and reveals Christ's grace in real locations:

- **February 22 – April 5** (Six Sundays in Lent, plus Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunrise)
- From the Mountain of Transfiguration's glory to Jericho's walls of mercy, from Bethany's anointing to the Temple Mount's cleansing, from the Upper Room's gift to the Mount of Olives' tears, and finally to Calvary and the empty tomb
- Each week, we'll see how Christ's journey to Jerusalem is a journey *for you*—to forgive sins and give life

### **Sunday Evenings: "You Meant It For Evil, But God Meant It For Good"**

Join us for five Sunday evenings at **7:00 PM** as the pastors from Bethel and St. John's join St. Peter's pastors to explore Luke's account of Jesus' suffering, death, and resurrection through the lens of Joseph's words in Genesis 50:20.

- **February 22 – March 22 (Five Sundays** with fellowship meals preceding each service)
- See how enemies, faithless disciples, and Satan himself are arrayed against the innocent Son of God—yet God overturns their evil purpose in the victory no one expected
- **Good Friday (Joint Worship):** Join us as our three congregations worship together at **Bethel (12:00 noon)** or **St. John's (7:00 PM)**.

**All are welcome.** Come walk with us from the mountain to the morning, from evil's intent to God's triumph, from death to life.

**Easter Eggstravaganza Planning Meeting** All volunteers that are interested in helping with this year's Easter event, please plan to meet **Wednesday, February 25 at 5 pm** in the Education Building. For more information, please see Ashton Sigmon.

### **Centro Latino Tutoring Program: Help Needed!**

We're excited to announce a new partnership with Lyle Creek Elementary and Centro Latino to provide tutoring for Latino students in grades K-6, we meet **Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:30-6:00 pm** in our Education building with the initial goal of helping 5-10 elementary students with reading and vocabulary. (**NOTE: You do NOT have to tutor both days, you can do once a week, every other week or even once a month; and the tutoring takes place on St. Peter's campus in the Education Building**)

#### **How You Can Help:**

- **Volunteer as a tutor:** We need one tutor per student (a background check is required). Educators especially welcome!
- **Provide snacks:** We'll need snacks for students from 4:30-5:00 pm each session
- **Lead activities:** Help with games and activities before tutoring

This is a wonderful opportunity to serve our community and share the love of Christ. If you're interested in volunteering or have questions, please contact Pastor Frank or Lucas Nordyke.

**Lenten Meals** Lent is around the corner (end of February), and we need groups to sponsor a simple Lenten meal. Please consider leading a group of friends, family, Sunday School groups or circles to provide a meal. If you are willing to sponsor a meal and join Betty's "Band of Misfits", please contact Betty Goble or the church office. **The dates still open for meals are March 15 & 22.** *(the meals can be simple - spaghetti, pizza, soup & sandwiches, sloppy joes, etc.)*

**Alaska Mission Trip** The deadline for those committing to the Alaska Mission Trip is **March 1**. For more information, contact Tonya Darden.

**The Mission Team is collecting buttons** for projects they will do this summer in Alaska. A bucket is in the hallway outside the church offices for you to place the items in.

**Thrivent Action Team Cards** If you are a Thrivent member and have not yet requested your card for this year, please consider applying for a the \$250 card for the church to be able to purchase snacks and books for the Lyle Creek/Centro Latino Tutoring program. To apply go to [www.thrivent.com](http://www.thrivent.com) or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Action Team."

If you know of a member of the congregation who is sick, hospitalized, or has special needs, please contact the church office at 828-256-2970 or Pastor Frank or Pastor Eric

**Last Week**

Worship Services Attendance

February 15

8:15 am 154 10:45 am 58

Sunday School Attendance

Adults 57 Youth 11

Offerings

General Fund \$8,973 ; Sunday School - \$102.86

Dedicated Fund Offerings

Building Fund \$625.78 ; Building Fund - Audio/Visual - \$188.00; Radio Broadcast - \$100  
Senior Youth - \$500 - Insurance refund (for taking van off insurance) - \$750



## SERMON NOTES

### "Glory Behind the Journey"

#### *From the Mountain to the Morning: Grace in Real Places on the Way to Easter Sermon Series*

*Matthew 17:1-8; Mark 9:2-8; Luke 9:28-36a*

1. When have you felt afraid to face suffering or hardship? What did you turn to for comfort?
2. Why would God reveal Jesus' glory just before His journey to the cross?
3. How does the Son of God walking the road of the cross shape your understanding of suffering?
4. What does it look like in daily life to "listen to him" and cling to Jesus' word as your certainty?

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**Today's Servants**

**Altar Guild:** Debbie Adams, Trudy Huffman

**Praise Band:** Drew Stiles, leader; Bradley Abernathy, Emily Allen, Thom Bumgarner, Tom Delgreco, Melody Frank, Susan Gantt, Brenda Hefner, Oz Hefner, Olivia Owens, Kim Rector, Emily Sherbino, Emma Spencer, Jeff Winebarger

**Adult Choir:** Charles Bumgarner, Sherry Bumgarner, Greg Eckard, Judy Eckard, Trudy Huffman, Carmen Lander, Scott Medlin, Carolyn Paschal, Emily Sherbino, Jan Sigmon, Drew Stiles, John Thomas.

**Handbells:** Betty Goble, Alice Layne, Carolyn Paschal, Cheryl Pennell, Cheryl Sigmon, Drew Stiles, Bill Totty

**Organist:** Carolyn Paschal

**Office:** Bob Marlowe

**Readers:** 8:15 am Darrell Freeman 10:45 am Tonya Darden

**Greeters:** 8:15 am Mary Deese 10:45 am Donna Sipe

**Acolytes:** 8:15 Open 10:45 am Open

**Ushers:** Open

**Communion Set-Up:** Open

**Prayer Room:** 8:15 am Darrell Freeman 10:45 am John Thomas

## MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

- **Given to the General Fund** in loving memory of Alan Pruitt by Gary & Kim Pruitt
- **Given to the Crocheting & Looming Fund** in loving memory of Reva Reinhardt by Sandra Rhoes

## SUNSHINE GROUP NEWS

- The group will be attending a play at the Green Room Theatre on Saturday, February 28. Dinner plans to be determined.
- The lunch bunch is planning a dinner outing to JD's BBQ on Saturday, March 28. If you would like to go, please contact Betty Goble by March 15.
- Plans are being made to attend a matinee of "Guys and Dolls" at the historic Barter Theatre in Abingdon, VA. In June. If you would like to attend, please contact Betty Goble by March 15. (date to be determined)

## THANK YOU NOTES

Dear Friends - Our Lord God, our Savior Jesus has always loved and answered all his children. We are so blessed and we want to thank you for your generous donation to our small congregation. May God continue to bless you. "Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever." - Sincerely, Pastor Zang Yang, Trinity Hmong Lutheran Church

**Online Giving** Did you know that you can give your offerings on line? You can sign up through our website [stpetersconover.org](http://stpetersconover.org) and click on "Online Giving". You can give through bank draft, debit or credit card. You can do a one time offering or set up for weekly, monthly etc.

## Stewardship Corner

As we reflect on the many blessings God has bestowed upon us, we are reminded of the importance of being good stewards of all that He has given us. For generations, our church has stood as a place of prayer, comfort, celebration, and community. The sound of our bell tower has called us to worship, marked sacred moments in our lives, and reminded our neighborhood of God's presence among us.

Today, our beloved bell tower is in need of total restoration, along with several other important maintenance repairs to include replacing the air handler in the church sanctuary and one of the HVAC units in the Education Building. The council also talked about cutting down the large trees at the old playground that could cause damage to surrounding property. We have ongoing maintenance items that come up throughout our church building and property.

Our ministry is also seeking to upgrade our current transportation fleet, including the purchase of a church bus. Many of our senior members experience difficulty entering and exiting our existing vans, and we want to ensure that our transportation options are safe, accessible, and comfortable for all members of our congregation.

We are launching a special fundraising campaign to restore the bell tower and address these vital maintenance needs. We invite you to prayerfully consider how you can be part of this initiative. Whether through a one-time gift, a multi-month pledge, or a memorial contribution in honor of a loved one, your participation matters deeply.

If you would like to contribute, please designate your offering to the Building Fund. Together, we can keep our financial reserves at a healthy and sustainable level, ensuring the continued care and upkeep of our facilities for years to come.

May we continue to serve with grateful hearts and faithful hands, doing all things for the glory of God. With gratitude and blessings,  
Beth Lail, Stewardship Chair

## Easter Lily Order Form 2026

Each year we decorate our church with lilies at Easter. The flowers are purchased by members and friends to remember special people in their lives.

I would like to order # \_\_\_\_\_ of lilies.  
Cost is \$13.00 per pot, includes bow & wrap.  
Amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ ck# \_\_\_\_\_

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Given in honor or memory of (Please circle which)  
**Please note that name only will be printed in bulletin.**

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