

Liturgy at Redeemer-St. John's and
Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

LAST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Sunday, February 15, 2026 10:30am



Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE

ПРЕЛЮДИЯ (Prelude)

A. Goedike

Thanksgiving for Baptism

In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was Baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Kyrie

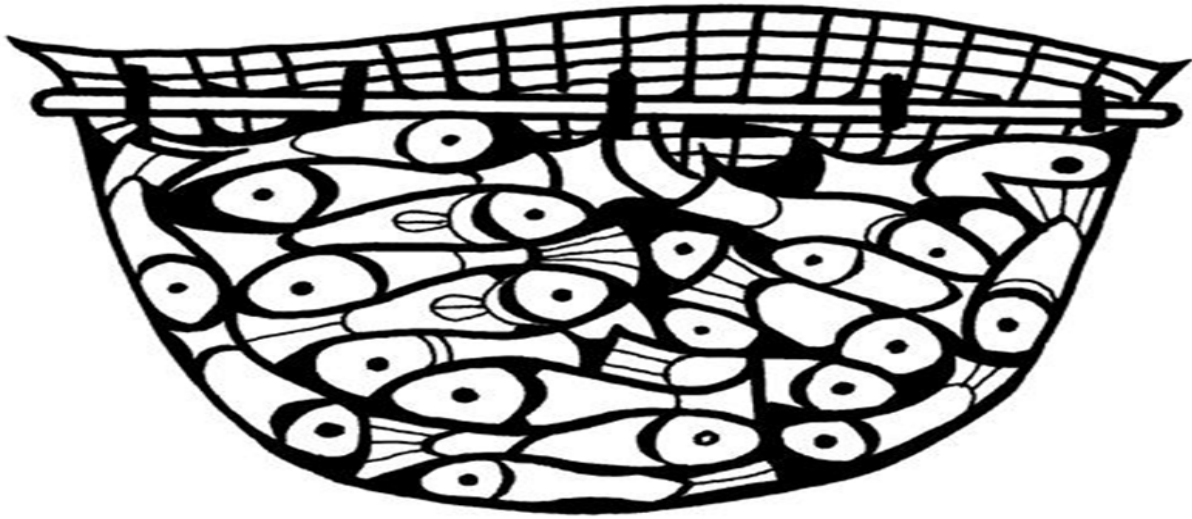
JAMES MACMILLAN

Andante ♩ = 80

Organ

mp Lord, have mer-cy. *mf* Lord, have mer-cy. *mf* Christ, have

10 *mp* mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. *mp* Lord, have mer-cy. *mp* Lord, have mer-cy.

The image shows a musical score for the Kyrie. It is in 3/4 time, marked Andante with a tempo of 80 beats per minute. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The organ part is on a single staff. The vocal lines are on two staves, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "Lord, have mer-cy. Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Lord, have mer-cy. Lord, have mer-cy." The dynamics are marked as mp (mezzo-piano) and mf (mezzo-forte).

Gloria

PRIEST / CANTOR ALL

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and on earth peace to peo - ple of good will.

3 We praise you, we bless you, we a - dore you, we glo - ri - fy you,

7 we give you thanks for your great glo - ry, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

9 Lord Je - sus Christ, On - ly Be - got - ten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther,

11 you take a - way the sins_ of the world, have_ mer - cy on us;

12 you take a - way the sins_ of the world, re - ceive our prayer; you are seated at the

(13) right hand of the Fa - ther, have mer - cy on us. For_ you a - lone are the_

(14) Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High Je - sus Christ,

17 with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - - - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. 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.** *Please be seated.*

WORD

God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching and song.

FIRST READING

Exodus 24:12-18

¹² 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.” ¹³ So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the mountain of God. ¹⁴ 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.”

¹⁵ Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶ 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. ¹⁷ 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. ¹⁸ Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 97:1-2, 6-7, 9



R. The Lord is king, the Most High over all the earth.

The LORD is king; let the earth rejoice;
let the many islands be glad.
Clouds and darkness are round about him,
justice and judgment are the foundation of his throne.

R. The Lord is king, the Most High over all the earth.

The mountains melt like wax before the LORD,
before the LORD of all the earth.
The heavens proclaim his justice,
and all peoples see his glory.

R. The Lord is king, the Most High over all the earth.

Because you, O LORD, are the Most High over all the earth,
exalted far above all gods.

R. The Lord is king, the Most High over all the earth.

SECOND READING

2 Peter 1:16-21

¹⁶ We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷ For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.” ¹⁸ We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

¹⁹ So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. ²⁰ First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, ²¹ because no prophecy

ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Please stand.



Al-le- lú- ia, al- le- lú- ia, al- le- lú- ia.

Alleluia "This is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." *Alleluia* (Mt. 17:5c)

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 17:1-9

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the seventeenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John 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 bright as light. ³ Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴ 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." ⁵ 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!" ⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷ But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." ⁸ And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

⁹ 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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

HOMILY

Silence for reflection

Rev. Charbel Zgheib

HYMN OF THE DAY Jesus on the Mountain Peak

Hymn #317

THE NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;**

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to
come.**

Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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.

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. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

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,
receive our prayer.

Peacemaking God, the nations are in turmoil. We pray for an end to violent conflict. Give wisdom to negotiators and sanctuary to refugees. Defend any who are in danger. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

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. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

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,
receive our prayer.

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,
receive our prayer.

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.
Amen.

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

GREETING OF PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you. *The assembly sits after exchanging the peace.*

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, Peace be with you. You may consider a gesture without physical touch, perhaps a slight bow, or crossing over the chest, as a symbol of an embrace.

**Please consider an offering to Redeemer-St. John's and Our Saviour's Lutheran Church by clicking at this link: <https://secure.myvanco.com/YQ3P/home> or scan the*



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AT THE OFFERING

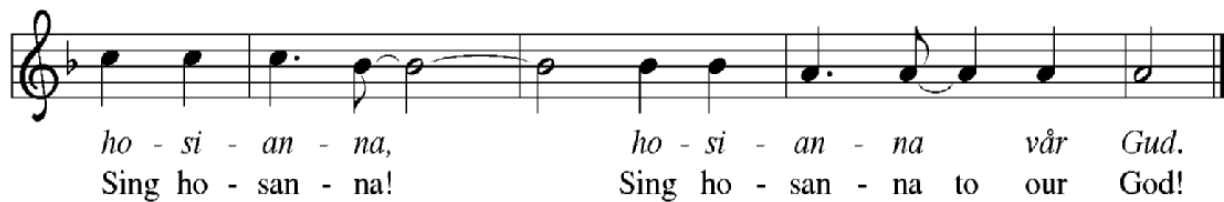
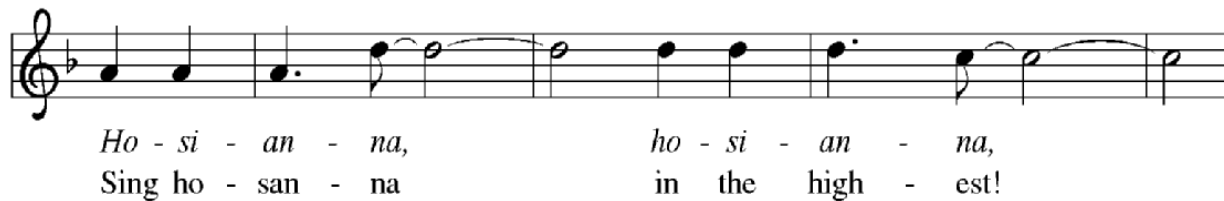
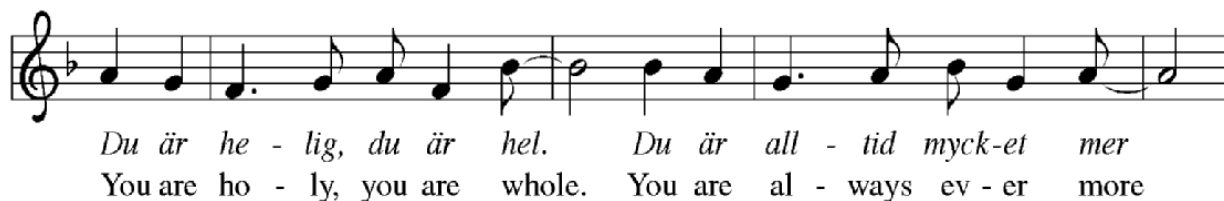
Send Forth Thy Light

Mily A. Balakirev

OFFERTORY VERSE

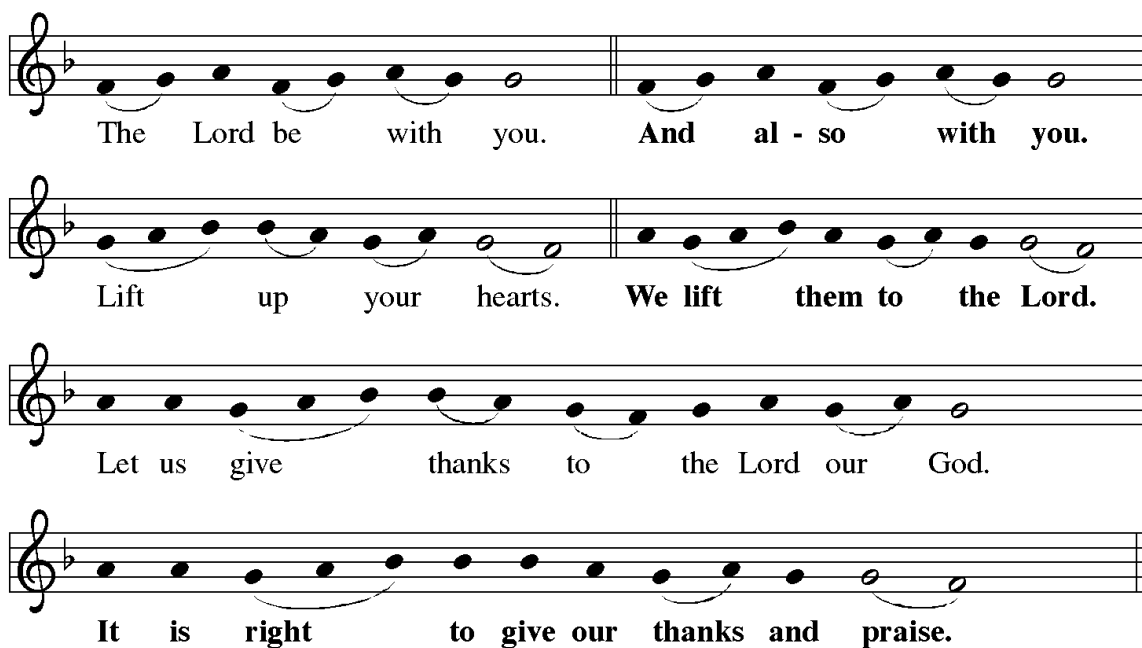
Please stand.

YOU ARE HOLY (DU AR HELIG)



OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. God of majesty,
no eye has seen, no ear has heard
what you have prepared for those who love you,
yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy.
Use what we have gathered
to feed us with the reign of God come near,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.



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 our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...we praise your name and join their
unending hymn:

Sanctus

Moderato ♩ = 92-96

Organ

10 Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of

18 hosts, God of hosts. Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na

27 in the high - est. Blessed is he, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the

Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:

Blessed are you for the birth of creation.

Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.

Blessed are you for your promise to your people.

Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.

Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.

Blessed are you for your Son Jesus,
the Word made flesh.

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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup

we remember your Word dwelling among us,
full of grace and truth.

We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.

We look with hope for his coming.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, we long for your Spirit.

Come among us.

Bless this meal.

May your Word take flesh in us.

Awaken your people.

Fill us with your light.

Bring the gift of peace on earth.

Come, Holy Spirit.

All praise and glory are yours,

Holy One of Israel,

Word of God incarnate,

Power of the Most High,

one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Our Father

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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.

At the Distribution

All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion. In this Sacrament we receive the body and blood of Jesus Christ for our forgiveness and salvation as we celebrate our unity with Christ and all the saints.

Slowly **Agnus Dei**

8 Organ Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have

mer-cy_ on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy_ on

15 **mf** us. **mp** Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Music at Communion:	Beautiful Savior	Hymn #838
	I Love to Tell the Story	Hymn #661

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING *Please stand.*

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

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.

Amen.

Now, Lord

Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace: your word has
been ful - filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion
which you have pre - pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple:
a light to re - veal you to the na - tions and the glo - ry of your
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son,
and to the Ho - ly Spir - it, as it was in the be - gin - ning,
is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

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SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor ☩ and give you peace.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN Alleluia, Song of Gladness Hymn #318

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

Thanks be to God!

Postlude: XOPAA (Choral) A. Goedike

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LEADERS IN TODAY'S LITURGY

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Intercessor	Maria Carlson
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Greeter	Linda Pergola
Director of Music	Kirsten d'Aquino
Choir	Christina Swanson
	Celina Randazzo
	Collin Ellsbury
	Jackson Schroeder

PARISH NOTES – February 15, 2026

Welcome in the Name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! We appreciate your joining us as we celebrate the love given to us through God's beloved Son. If you wish to be included on our mailing list, please sign the guest book or inform an usher or the pastor. Also, please join us for conversation and refreshments in the lower level after worship. May you feel richly blessed this day!



~John DeLuca, Beatrice Sarchapone, Maria Marsala, Roger Stern, Karen O'Brien, Phil Scherer, Milly Reistad, Pat Boyle, Steve Cerame, Diane Kerl, Family of Sandy Romano, Ruth Lundy, Dot Coy, Don Coy, Joshua Suzuki, Allison Lauer, Stanley Lieberman, Thomas Maulick, James Quigg, Norina Lundy, Carmen Delgado and Lenore Kerl.

Please let us know if you are in need of prayer.

Today, please note that we are using Mass setting: St. Anne's Mass

By James Macmillan

The Word In Season" devotionals for January, February and March 2026 are available on the foyer table.

Please note: All checks should be made out to Redeemer-St. John's and Our Saviour's Lutheran Church until Grace Lutheran Church becomes the official legal name.

Offering Envelopes 2026

Please pick up your offering envelopes for 2026 from the table in the back of the church. If you do not see your name on the envelope set, please let Dorothy Fyfe or Pastor Khader know.



Eternal Candle and Altar Flowers:

It is \$10 per week to sponsor the Eternal Candle and \$40 per floral arrangement for the altar.

The **Eternal Candle** for the month of February is lit in memory of **Nancy Pacifico** by the Monsen Family.

The Eternal Candle for the month of February is lit in memory of Rose Bruzzi by Joe Bruzzi.

As flower arrangements are not placed on the altar during the Lenten Season, please consider sponsoring palms and/or music for Palm Sunday.

Easter Lilies and Easter Music

Please see attached the flyer in this week's Sunday's Bulletin to order Easter Lilies and/or support Easter music. The last day to order flowers is Sunday, March 29th. Thank you for your continued support.

Ash Wednesday, Holy Communion & Imposition of Ashes

Join us on Wednesday, **February 18th**, at 7:00 PM for our Ash Wednesday liturgy as we begin the solemn season of Lent. This service will include the Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion, calling us to repentance and renewal of Christ.

Lenten Midweek Worship & Soup Suppers

As we journey through Lent, you are invited to evening prayer services each Wednesday. Come for a simple meal of soup at 6:00 PM, followed by worship at 7:00 PM in the sanctuary. We will pray together using "Holden Evening Prayer" liturgy – a contemplative and enriching time of reflection on God's mercy.

Midweek Lenten Worship Dates:

- February 25th
- March 4th
- March 11th
- March 18th
- March 25th

To help foster our Lenten Fellowship, we invite volunteers to provide a variety of soups each week. Please inform Gregory Morales or Amelia Hazel if you wish to contribute soup or sign up on Midweek Worship and Soup Suppers form in Fellowship Hall.

Come, be nourished in body and soul as we prepare our hearts for the joy of Easter.

Annual Meeting and Budget – Sunday, February 22, 2026

Redeemer St. John's and Our Saviour's membership will have a meeting following worship in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, February 22, 2026. The meeting is to vote on the Grace Church budget, elect church council members and review last year's reports and discuss our vision for the future. All adult and confirmed members are invited and encouraged to exercise their rights and responsibilities of membership by participating.

“Seven Last Words” Concert

Join us for an evening of sacred music on Sunday, March 15, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. Light appetizers and fellowship will follow. Cost: \$20 per person.

A Sneak Peek at Our New Website

Our new website is live at gracebk.org!

We're still in the process of legally changing our name, so we'll hold off on announcing it to the wider community for now. In the meantime, please take a look and let Pastor Khader know if you have any feedback or questions. You can direct them to Pastor Khader directly.

Virtual Bible Study

Join us! We meet every Wednesday at 11:00 AM (via Zoom). All are welcome—bring your coffee and join the conversation!

Sunday School

This interactive learning experience for children, 1st through 5th grade, focuses on exploring the key biblical stories, creating, wondering and reflecting. The class meets every Sunday morning during the at 9:40 am.

Confirmation Class ~ *Rooted in Word. Centered in Christ.*

Youth in grades 5–9 are invited to join this year's Confirmation Class which meets in person every Wednesday at 5:30 PM at **939 83rd Street, Brooklyn, NY 11228**.

This is a time of formation in faith, guided by Scripture, the Catechism, and the life of the Church. **Sunday worship at 10:30 AM is required.**

Contact **Pastor Khader at 718-833-7700** for more information.

Weekly Events at Redeemer-St. John's – 2/8/26 to 2/15/26

Sundays	10:30 am	Worship Service
	11:30 am	Coffee Hour
	12:00 pm	Greek Apostolic Church Service
Wednesdays	7:00 pm	Sons of Bill (Men's AA Meeting) – <i>In-person</i>
Saturdays	1:30 pm	Al-Anon Meeting – <i>In-person</i>

Upcoming Church Celebrations – Join Us in Worship and Song!

Come and celebrate the heart of the season with worship services filled with the Word, the Sacraments, and the beauty of sacred music. We look forward to welcoming you and your loved ones to these special gatherings.

- **Transfiguration of Our Lord – February 15, 2026**

Today, we will celebrate the Transfiguration of our Lord at our 10:30 am worship service.

- **Ash Wednesday, Holy Communion & Imposition of Ashes ~ Wednesday, February 18th at 7:00 PM**

This service will include the Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion, calling us to repentance and renewal of Christ.

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*Opening our doors and serving the community by
transforming lives through the powerful teachings of Jesus Christ.
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Easter Lilies

Easter Music



On Sunday, April 5th when we come to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection and our guarantee of Eternal Life, the church will be resplendent in its Easter best. Be part of the glorious beautification of the Altar and Sanctuary by placing Easter flowers in the Church.

This is a special way to remember a loved one, to honor someone, or to give thanks for the blessings received in your life.

There is also an opportunity to sponsor Easter music by marking that option below.

I wish to place a plant in the Church for Easter morning:

In Memory of - (Please Print)

In Honor of- (Please print)

Giving thanks for- (Please print)

_____ I would like to sponsor **Easter music** to the glory of God.

Signed- _____

The cost of the plants will be \$12.00 and music sponsorship may be in any amount. Please make checks out to RSJ and Our Saviour's and mark the memo for Easter music or flowers, attach this form and place in the offering plate.

Last day to order flowers will be *Sunday, March 29, 2026.*