

February 15, 2026

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Transfiguration of Our Lord

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.

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.

GOSPEL: Matthew 17:1-9 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.”

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Sunday February 15, 2026

Welcome Everyone!

We hope our worship will be a blessing to you. Our Lord’s Supper is being celebrated today. Everyone is welcome to receive this Holy Sacrament.

You are invited to come forward via the centre aisle and form a single line across from the steps leading to the altar area. Once you have communed and the pastor has spoken the communion blessing, you may place your used wine glass into the bowl on the stand near the side aisle. Then you may return to your seat via the side aisle.

If you missed last week’s sermon, it is available on our website.

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Weekly Calendar:

Monday: Pastor's day off

Tuesday: Pickleball 9:30 am to 11:30 am
Pastor in Port Colborne

Wednesday: Pickleball 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm
Rose City Quilters 9:30 am to 3:30 pm
Pastor in Welland

Thursday: Pastor in Welland

Friday: Pickleball 9:30 am to 11:30 am
Pastor in Port Colborne

Saturday: Pickleball 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Upcoming Events and Dates to Remember

We hope you can join us for a service at Holy Trinity Anglican in Welland at 10:00 am February 18th, Ash Wednesday. Father Rob and Pastor Bart will share in leading the service. Members, family and friends from both congregations and the community are invited.

Prior to our next Church Council meeting on Thursday February 19th, at 10:00 am, the council will meet at the museum at 9:30 am to view the display for our 150th anniversary.

Our Annual General Meeting will take place on Sunday March 22nd. Please have your reports ready one week prior so they can be compiled into our Annual Report document.

Please join us for our 150th anniversary service and celebration on Sunday February 22 at 11:00 and potluck lunch afterwards. Please RSVP to Rona at 905 734 4746 or stmatts@cogeco.net if you plan to attend.

I am delighted to say that the Welland Museum Showcase for St. Matthew's 150th Anniversary is complete. Many thanks to Lisa Mooney, Executive Director, for her willingness to complete this project.

Welland Historical Museum, 140 King Street. Open Monday - Saturday excluding February 16th. Our display will be in place until the end of February. The museum is fully accessible. The showcase is at the top of the stairs. While the museum is free to visit, donations are always appreciated.

St Matthew's Church Council

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that, at our AGM on March 22, 2026, several minor changes in phrasing or details in our Church's Constitution will be voted on. These changes will be outlined in next week's bulletin.

Worship leaders, ushers and counters for this week's service:

Scripture Reader Marilyn Schultz
Prayers Bobbye Goldenberg
Usher/Greeter Norm & Carole McLeod
Counters Bob Hansen & Carole McLeod

Worship leaders, ushers and counters for next week's service:

Scripture Reader Linda Borland
Prayers Marilyn Schultz
Usher/Greeter Bob Hansen
Counters Bob Hansen & Carole McLeod

Last week's attendance 8, last year's attendance n/a

Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Holy Communion Setting Three ELW Page 138

GATHERING

Thanksgiving for Baptism.....ELW page 97
Kyrie.....ELW page 138
Hymn of PraiseELW # 139
"Glory to God"

Prayer of the Day

WORD

First Reading Exodus 24:12-18
Psalm 2.....ELW
Second Reading.....2 Peter 1:16-21
Gospel Acclamation.....ELW page 142
"Glory to you, O Lord"
Gospel Matthew 17:1-9
Gospel Response.....
"Praise to you O Christ"
Sermon
Hymn of the Day.....ELW # 315
"How Good, Lord, to Be Here!"
Nicene Creed.....ELW page 104
Prayers of Intercession
"Hear our Prayer"
Sharing the Peace

MEAL

Offering Prayer
Great ThanksgivingELW page 144
Sanctus "Holy, Holy".....ELW page 144
Eucharistic Prayers
The Lord's Prayer ELW page 145
O Lamb of GodELW page 146
Communion
Communion Hymns.....ELW # 838 & 661
Prayer after Communion

SENDING

Announcements
Blessing
Sending Hymn.....ELW # 867
"In Thee is Gladness"
Dismissal: Go in peace. Live in hope.
"Thanks be to God"