



Concordia Lutheran Church
4210 Johnson Ave NW
Cedar Rapids, IA 52405
Transfiguration of Our Lord
February 15, 2026

Announcements for February 15, 2026

Sunday (15)	8:30 am Contemporary Worship & Live Stream 10:00 am Adult Bible Class 6:00-8:00 pm Youth Group
Monday (16)	4:30 pm Irish Class 6:00 pm Troop 214 7:00 pm Church Council
Tuesday (17)	9:00 am Holy Chair Yoga
Wednesday (18)	5:30-6:30 pm Ash Wednesday Soup Supper 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Worship Service
Thursday (19)	"Beautiful Feet" Women's Retreat Set Up – Fellowship Hall
Friday (20)	"Beautiful Feet" Women's Retreat Set Up – Fellowship Hall
Saturday (21)	8:00 am – 3:00 pm "Beautiful Feet" Women's Retreat – Fellowship Hall
Sunday (22)	8:30 am Worship with Holy Communion & Live Stream 10:00 am Adult Bible Class 6:00-8:00 pm Youth Group

Welcome Concordia members & guests – please be sure to fill out the attendance/communion cards located in each pew. Thank you!

Last week at Concordia: Attendance: 46 Planned returning: \$3,136 Actual returning: \$2,053 YTD: \$12,076

Attention Women – "Beautiful Feet" Women's Retreat hosted by Concordia Lutheran Church on **Saturday, February 21, 2026**, starting at **8:00 am** and ending by **3:00 pm** at **4210 Johnson Avenue NW Cedar Rapids, IA 52405**. Registration cost is \$35.00. We also would like you to bring a long a pair of children's shoes that will be donated to a local school. **Mark your calendar now, invite your friends, and grab a registration form from the Welcome Desk.**

EASTER LILIES - We are taking orders for Easter Lilies to help decorate the church for Easter Sunday. You may take your lily home to enjoy after Easter morning service. Lilies are \$11 each and orders are due by Sunday, March 8th.

Please join us for our midweek Lenten services on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm. This year the series title is "Promised Treasures"

Ash Wednesday – February 18 – "Sitting in Dust and Ashes"
Midweek 1 of Lent – February 25 – "Salt – The Gift That Sweetens and Preserves"
Midweek 2 of Lent – March 4 – "Water Gives You Life"
Midweek 3 of Lent – March 11 – "Light Shining in Darkness"
Midweek 4 of Lent – March 18 – "Bread of Life"
Midweek 5 of Lent – March 25 – "Palms and Victory"
Maundy Thursday – April 2 – "Water and Blood"
Good Friday – April 3 – "The Old Rugged, Wooden Cross"

Mark your calendars for February 18th for Ash Wednesday Soup Supper sponsored by the Stewardship Committee. The supper will be held from 5:30-6:30 pm in the fellowship hall. You can expect a variety of soups and chilis to be offered.

SAVE THE DATE! Saturday, March 7th: Family Game Night: 6-9pm Come enjoy fellowship with the youth and play board and/or card games. Snacks will be provided. Please sign up on the bulletin board with how many are attending. Cost: free will donation.

Behold Your King! Jesus comes to us in flesh and blood as a Man, as God's own Son, and as the lowly Servant-King bearing the sins of the world. Though He was forlorn and forsaken, He did not abandon His mission or shirk His obedience to the Father. He followed through- and in so doing He won for each of us the forgiveness of our sins and eternal life in His presence. **Behold Your King Lenten devotionals are available on the Welcome Desk.**

Building Healthy Families: *Husbands, listen up!* Did you know 90% of effective communication is listening, not talking? When your wife is talking to you, stop what you are doing, turn toward her, and look at her face. Communicate the message that you are interested in and care about what she is saying. This is respectful, courteous, and a proven way to build a great relationship. Want to know of other ways? Check out the blog posts on the LFS website to find useful information to strengthen your marriage. Call us to schedule time to meet with a marriage counselor in person or virtually. We're here to help! Learn more at www.LutheranFamilyService.org **Lutheran Family Service**

Brilliant!

As We Gather

Jesus looks brilliant! As language changes, sometimes the most basic meanings of words change and expand with the times. For generations, the English word *brilliant* meant simply something that shines or radiates light. The word is thought to be derived from the prized gemstone beryl, which is mentioned in both the Old Testament book of Daniel (10:6) and the book of Revelation (21:20). Jesus' garments became "white as light," Matthew writes (17:2), in a way that mirrors Psalm 104, where the psalmist writes of God: "You are clothed with splendor and majesty, covering Yourself with light as with a garment" (vv. 1–2). As He stands on the mountaintop with Moses and Elijah, Jesus is shining, radiant, and brilliant. An expanded meaning of the word *brilliant* is "perfect, amazing, and wonderful." Jesus on the mountaintop is brilliant as He discusses how He will carry out God's plan of our salvation with two of the best coaches ever, Moses and Elijah. Jesus does not just look brilliant—He *is* brilliant!

PREPARATION

BOB #52 Father Welcomes

**Chorus: Father welcomes all His children
To His fam'ly through His Son.
Father giving His salvation,
Life forever has been won.**

**1: Little children, come to me,
For my kingdom is of these,
Life and love I have to give,
Mercy for your sin.**

**Chorus: Father welcomes all His children
To His fam'ly through His Son.
Father giving His salvation,
Life forever has been won.**

**2: In the water, in the Word,
In His promise be assured:
Those who were baptized and believe,
Shall be born again.**

**Chorus: Father welcomes all His children
To His fam'ly through His Son.
Father giving His salvation,
Life forever has been won.
Shall be born again.**

**3: Let us daily die to sin:
Let us daily rise with Him
Walk in the love of Christ our Lord,
Live in the peace of God.**

**Chorus: Father welcomes all His children
To His fam'ly through His Son.
Father giving His salvation,
Life forever has been won.**

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Opening Sentences

Psalm 50:1–2; 67:1, 3; 2 Corinthians 4:6

P The Mighty One, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
C Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.

- P** May God be gracious to us and bless us and make His face to shine upon us.
- C** **Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You!**
- P** For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness,"
- C** **has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.**

Confession and Absolution

- P** O God our Father, we admit and confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You in thought and in word and in deed.
- C** **Have mercy on us and forgive us, O God.**

- P** We confess that we have not always listened to Your Word and have not brought glory to You through our words and our deeds.
- C** **Have mercy on us and forgive us, O God.**

- P** We confess that we have been thoughtless in our judgments, hasty in condemnation, begrudging in forgiveness, slow to seek reconciliation, and unwilling to help our neighbors as we ought.
- C** **Have mercy on us and forgive us, O God.**

- P** We confess that we have not always been defenders of the weak and the needy as advocates of those not yet born and defenders of those in the final stages of life.
- C** **Have mercy on us and forgive us, O God.**

- P** We confess that we have not used every opportunity given us to witness to the faith that is ours, that we and have let the devil, the world, and our sinful flesh set the agendas for our lives and actions.
- C** **Have mercy on us and forgive us, O God.**

- P** We repent of all that is sinful in our lives, both those things that we know of and those things unknown to us that are against Your righteous laws.
- C** **Have mercy on us and forgive us, O God.**

- P** Upon this your confession and by the command of our Lord, I, a called and ordained servant of Christ, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

- P** Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it.
- C** **Amen.**

WORD

Introit

Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain;
for the LORD our God is holy!

The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble!
He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

The LORD is great in Zion;
he is exalted over all the peoples.

Let them praise your great and awesome name!
Holy is he!

The King in his might loves justice.
You have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

Exalt the LORD our God; worship at his footstool!
Holy is he!

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
 and to the Holy Spirit;**

as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain;
for the LORD our God is holy!

BOB #97 How Shall I Call You?

**1: How shall I call you? Maker of heaven,
Poet of sunset and painter of sky.
Father almighty, who's running to find us,
Giving His Son who must suffer and die:**

**Chorus: Glory to the Father, the Son and the Spirit,
Let's sing it again and again.
Glory to the Father, the Son and the Spirit,
Let's sing it again and again.**

**2: How shall I call you? Lover of children,
Shepherd and teacher and brother and friend,
Healer of blind man and healer of leper;
You are beginning and middle and end:**

**Chorus: Glory to the Father, the Son and the Spirit,
Let's sing it again and again.
Glory to the Father, the Son and the Spirit,
Let's sing it again and again.**

**3: How shall I call you? Spirit of comfort,
Cloud in the daytime and fire in the night,
Guide as we wander, protector in danger,
List'ner and helper and giver of sight.**

**Chorus: Glory to the Father, the Son and the Spirit,
Let's sing it again and again.
Glory to the Father, the Son and the Spirit,
Let's sing it again and again.**

**4: How shall I call you? Master and servant,
Lord of the seasons and Lord of the years;
Faithful and constant in loving and mercy,
Giver of laughter and taker of tears:**

**Chorus: Glory to the Father, the Son and the Spirit,
Let's sing it again and again.
Glory to the Father, the Son and the Spirit,
Let's sing it again and again.**

Salutation

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

- P** Let us pray.
O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah. In the voice that came from the bright cloud You wonderfully foreshowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King in His glory and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 24:8–18

⁸And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, “Behold the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words.”

⁹Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, ¹⁰and they saw the God of Israel. There was under his feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. ¹¹And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank.

¹²The LORD said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain and wait there, that I may give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” ¹³So Moses rose with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. ¹⁴And he said to the elders, “Wait here for us until we return to you. And behold, Aaron and Hur are with you. Whoever has a dispute, let him go to them.”

¹⁵Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶The glory of the LORD dwelt on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. And on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud. ¹⁷Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. ¹⁸Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Praise the LORD, all nations!

Extol him, all peoples!

For great is his steadfast love toward us,
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts!

Epistle

2 Peter 1:16–21

¹⁶For 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. ¹⁷For 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,” ¹⁸we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. ¹⁹And we have something more sure, the prophetic word, 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, ²⁰knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone’s own interpretation. ²¹For 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.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 17:1–9

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the seventeenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹After six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. ²And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. ³And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴And 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.” ⁵He 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.” ⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Rise, and have no fear.” ⁸And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

⁹And 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.

LSB #414 'Tis Good, Lord, to be Here

- 1: 'Tis good, Lord, to be here!
Thy glory fills the night;
Thy face and garments like the sun,
Shine with unborrowed light.
- 2: 'Tis good, Lord, to be here.
Thy beauty to behold
Where Moses and Elijah stand,
Thy messengers of old.
- 3: Fulfiller of the past
And hope of things to be,
We hail Thy body glorified
And our redemption see.
- 4: Before we taste of death,
We see Thy kingdom come;
We long to hold the vision bright
And make this hill our home.
- 5: 'Tis good, Lord, to be here!
Yet we may not remain;
But since Thou bidst us leave the mount,
Come with us to the plain.

Sermon

Apostles' Creed

- C** 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.

Prayer of the Church (each petition after ends)

...let us pray to the Lord, **Lord, have mercy.**

Offering

BOB #155 – Make Me a Servant

Make me a servant, humble and meek,
Lord, let me lift up those who are weak.
And may the prayer of my heart always be:
Make me a servant, make me a servant,
Make me a servant today.

(Repeat)

Lord's Prayer

C 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.

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Benedicamus

P Let us bless the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

P The blessing of almighty God—the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit—be upon you and remain with you always.
C Amen.

BOB #115 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

1: I want to walk as a child of the light.
I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world,
The star of my life is Jesus.

Chorus: In Him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

2: I want to see the brightness of God.
I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of Righteousness,
Shine on my path,
And show me the way to the Father.

Chorus: In Him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

3: I'm looking for the coming of Christ.
I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race,
We shall know the joy of Jesus.

Chorus: In Him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

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