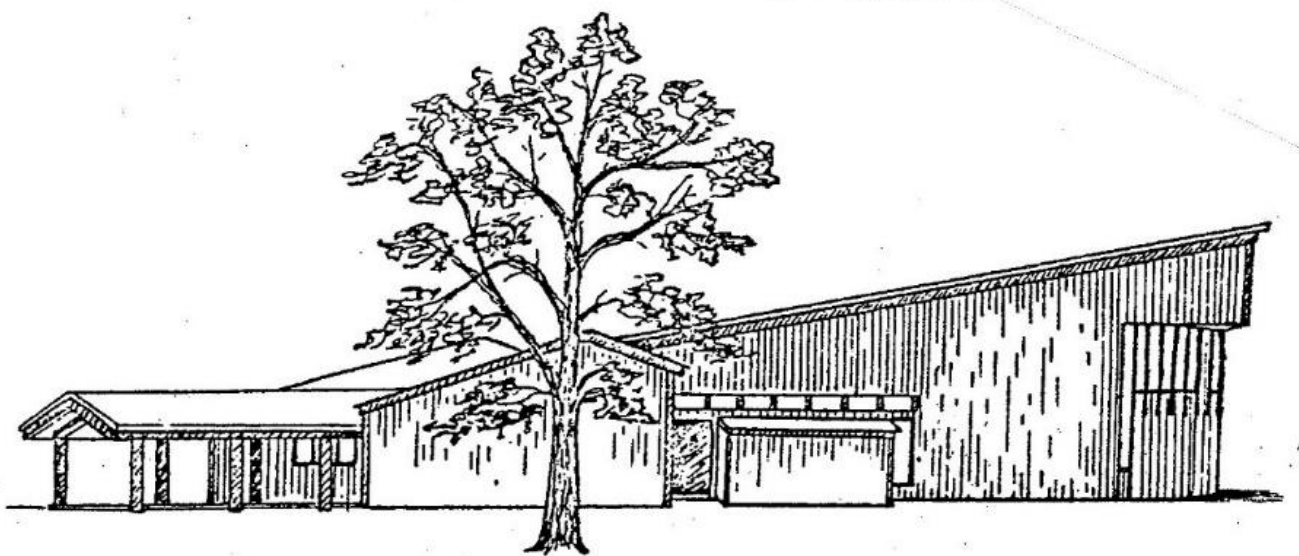


FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH AND PRESCHOOL

GROWING IN FAITH TOWARD GOD
AND LOVE FOR ONE ANOTHER



THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD FEBRUARY 19TH, 2023

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Welcome!

A warm welcome is extended to ALL who are gathered today. May we all know the love and mercy of God through His gifts of Word and Sacrament. Please fill out a “Friendship Registry” card or sign your name in our “Guest Book” that is located in the entry way of our building. **If you are ‘visiting’ with us today, please make sure to introduce yourself to Pastor Krueger.** As our ‘special guest,’ please do not feel obligated to contribute to today’s offering.

Rest rooms are located off the hallway to the right as you exit the sanctuary. The nursery is located through the Fellowship Hall. If you would like to use our nursery, please ask an usher who will help you immediately. Hearing assistance devices are available. If you need anything, please ask an elder or an usher – both are happy to help you.

THE LORD’S SUPPER – We rejoice in this blessed meal as the Lord Jesus Himself comes to us in a very intimate manner, giving us His true Body and Blood in, with, and under the bread and wine. St. Paul writes, “Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself.” (1 Corinthians 11:28-29)

It is out of love and care for every individual that comes to the Lord's Supper that we specifically ask those who are not instructed in the Lutheran Confessions and/or doubt the ‘REAL presence’ of the Body and Blood of Jesus in this Sacrament to speak to the Pastor before attending the Lord's Supper. As a member church of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, we practice “Close(d) Communion” and welcome to our communion rail those who are members of churches that belong to the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod.

PRESERVICE MUSIC – *please use this time to prepare yourself for worship.*

OPENING MEDLEY #1 (BOB 66) “Glorify Thy Name”

1. Father we love You;
we worship and adore You;
glorify Thy name in all the earth.
Glorify Thy name;
glorify Thy name;
glorify Thy name in all the earth.

2. Jesus we love You;
we worship and adore You;
glorify Thy name in all the earth.
Glorify Thy name;
glorify Thy name;
glorify Thy name in all the earth.

3. Spirit we love You;
we worship and adore You;
glorify Thy name in all the earth.
Glorify Thy name;
glorify Thy name;
glorify Thy name in all the earth.

OPENING MEDLEY #2 (BOB 205) "The Battle Belongs to the Lord"

1. In heavenly armor
we'll enter the land,
The battle belongs to the Lord.
No weapon that's fashioned
against us shall stand,

[Chorus]

*The battle belongs to the Lord.
We sing glory, honor
power and strength to the Lord.
We sing glory, honor,
power and strength to the Lord.*

2. When the power of darkness
comes in like a flood,
The battle belongs to the Lord
He's raised up a standard
The power of His blood **[Chorus]**

3. When your enemy presses in
hard, do not fear,
The battle belongs to the Lord.
Take courage, my friend,
your redemption is near, **[Chorus]**

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SINS

Today we are celebrating the "Transfiguration" of our Lord and Savior Jesus.

It is on that mountaintop that God 'the Father' said, "This is My beloved Son, with Whom I am well pleased. Listen to Him."

Yet, as we follow Jesus, we don't always listen to His words and teachings.
Sometimes we open our ears and eyes to the sinful world around us rather than keeping our focus on the life we are called to live as followers of Jesus.

Let us go with contrite and penitent hearts to the throne of our loving and forgiving Father in heaven as we confess our sins to Him.

(silence is observed for personal confession of sins to God our Father)

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Exodus 24:8-18*

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." Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, and 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. And He did not lay His hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank. The 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 commands which I have written for their instruction." So Moses rose with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. And 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." Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The 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. 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 people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud and went up the mountain. And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE READING *2 Peter 1:16-21*

For 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. For 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," we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with Him on the holy mountain. And 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, knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. For no prophecy was ever

produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 17:1-9*

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

Glory to You, O Lord.

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

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED (inside back cover of the hymnal)

CHILDRENS' MESSAGE

MESSAGE SONG LSB 414 "'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here"

SERMON

"Are We Listening?" Sermon Text: Matthew 17:5

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs...

Pastor ends each petition, "Lord, in Your mercy." Worshipers respond, "Hear our prayer."

Lord, remember in us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

✠ THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

Silence is observed as the communion vessels are prepared, and time for us to prepare to receive the true Body and Blood of Jesus shed on the cross for the forgiveness of our sins.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

#1 LSB 415 "Jesus on the Mountain Peak"

#2 LSB 538 "Praise Be to Christ"

#3 LSB 563 "Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness"

#4 LSB 417 "Alleluia, Song of Gladness"

WORDS OF DISMISSAL

BENEDICTION

The blessing of Almighty God – the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit
– be with you and remain with you always.

Amen.

CLOSING SONG: (BOB 55) "Feed My Lambs"

[Refrain]

Feed My lambs, feed My lambs

That's what Jesus did say.

Feed My lambs, feed My lambs

Feed them My love today.

Feed them hope, feed them joy.

Feed them wisdom from above.

If you love Me, Feed My lambs with My love.

1. Teach them all that He's done
to give them life.

Teach them Jesus in all you do.

Teach them how they are loved
and how they should live.

Teach them Jesus loves me
and He loves you. **[Refrain]**

2. Show them all that He does
to care for them.

Show them Jesus so they can see.

Show them how they must love
and worship His name.

Show them how He first loved you
and me. **[Refrain]**

3. Tell them how He's their Friend
and holds their hands.

Tell them He's there in day and
night.

Tell them He lights their way
and shows what to do.

Tell them shine for Him, little
Gospel light. **[Refrain]**

4. Feed them all they will need
to grow up strong.

Feed them food that our
Shepherd does give.

Feed them God's saving grace and
wisdom for life.

Feed His lambs so in heaven they
will live. **[Refrain]**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Go in Peace...

Thanks Be to God.

Serving Today

Elder: Dan Everson

Pianist Lois Zill

Altar: Lisa Charlesworth

Reader: Lois Zill

Nursery: Rosie Wolbrink

Ushers: Bob Charlesworth

Jess Sebero and Roger

Hoheneder

Serving February 26th

Elder: Elroy Stroming

Pianist Marilyn Theel

Altar: Sandy Lesperance

Reader: Dan Everson

Nursery: Roxanne Mueller

Ushers: Dennis Froehlich,

Roy Gill and Keith Mueller

THE 2023 ALTAR FLOWER SIGN-UP CHART IS POSTED.

The cost is \$20 per bouquet (payment envelope in your mailbox).

Two bouquets are available per Sunday. *Please be sure to pick your flowers up from after the worship service!*

Today's flowers are given to the Glory of God by

Jeff & Sharon Starks

in honor of their Wedding Anniversary on February 14th

A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life

February 19 – Transfiguration of Our Lord – The transfigured Jesus came down the mountain. He did not camp His glory in a comfortable status quo but put it to work accompanying His loved ones into adversity. So let us take hold of this Gospel and invite our neighbors to leave behind the seeming ease of abortion or assisted suicide. And let us find the blessed life Jesus reveals even in surprise pregnancy and terminal diagnosis.

In Our Prayers

MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH: Karl Baumann ; Betty Becker; Felicity King; Roger Marquardt; Doris Ritson; Don Thorley; Eric & Devin Scuderi and Lois Zill.

OUR SHUT-INS: Steve & Linda Van Den Huevel; Larry & Sally Zupan

SERVING IN OUR MILITARY: Dylan Kielcheski and Caitlin Kielcheski

OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS: Dreya Detry UW-Oshkosh; Gwyn Hanson UW-Oshkosh; Corinne Mulvaney SVSU; Nathan Krueger SNHU; Katelyn Krueger SVSU; Colin Nygren UW-Stevens Point; Samantha Pieper UW-Whitewater and Walker Stroming UW-LaCrosse.

CONCORDIA SEMINARY ADOPTED STUDENTS:

Justin Brockman; Jedidiah McClellan; Grant Thiel; Joel Werner

OUR MISSIONARIES: Pastor Camp (Russian Ministry)

Rev. Schulte (Congo West Africa)

PRAYERS FOR OTHERS REQUESTED BY OUR CHURCH FAMILY: Amy (great-niece of Dennis & Christine Froehlich); Emma (niece of Keith & Roxanne Mueller); Cassie Nygren; the Hunt Family; Brenda Johnston (daughter-in-law to Betsy & Roy Gill diagnosed with Leukemia); Richard Johnston (Brenda's husband and Roy & Betsy Gill's son); Dave & Jan Krueger (Traci Meyer's Parents); and Pat Staudenmaier (nephew of Sid & Maggie Meyer) Hannah and Jordan Morel (Hannah is the director of Bay Area Pregnancy Center. She and her husband Jordan desire to become parents but have thus far been unable to become pregnant.

Birthdays This Week

Robert Dennison

Feb 21

Wedding Anniversary

Dan & Karen Everson

Feb. 20

February 20th – February 26th, 2023

Day	Old Testament	Psalm	New Testament
Mon: 02/20	Zechariah 9-11	-	1 John 5
Tues: 02/21	Zechariah 12-14	Psalm 94	2 John
Wed: 02/22	Ezra 5-6	Psalm 95	3 John
Thurs: 02/23	Esther 1-3	Psalm 139	Revelation 1
Fri: 02/24	Esther 4-6	-	Revelation 2

SIMPLE SUPPERS Let's return to our sharing of fellowship during a supper!! The Church Council is encouraging members to host Lenten suppers prior to the midweek Lenten services. The Board of Education will host the first supper on Ash Wednesday, February 22nd, between 5:30-6:00pm. If boards, committees or any group of individuals within the congregation want to host a Lenten supper, please sign up on the sheet outside the kitchen door. There are five more Wednesdays on which to host a supper. These meals need not be elaborate; simple is best.

Kelly Coan, Council Secretary

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH Thank you to everyone for your generous donations of baby items and money for the Bay Area Pregnancy Center. Your offerings not only honor our LORD but also demonstrate your support of those in need in our community and the sanctity of human life. Hannah Morel, Director of BAPs, was overwhelmed with gratitude for all the material donations and the free will offering of \$526. Again, THANK YOU!!

~The Board of Education

EASTER LILIES FAITH Lutheran is pleased to be offering single stemmed potted lilies to place in the sanctuary for Easter Sunday please complete the provided form and place it in the offering plate or drop it off in the church office along with payment. *The deadline for ordering is March 13th, 2023.*

NEWCAP Is getting new clients for the New Home Starter Kits and suggested the following items they can use:

- coffee pots
- toasters
- can openers
- air mattresses
- bath towels
- etc.

Thank you for considering helping Newcap help others.
Rosie



Lenten 'midweek' services are on Wednesdays at 6:30PM. Worshipers are invited to *"Signs of Lent"* is a 10-part worship series based on the concept of familiar road signs and how their message apply to our 'Life in Christ' during the season of Lent: U- Turn, Stop, Merge, Yield, One Way, Dead End, Road Narrows, Food, Cross Road, Road Work Ahead.

Here are descriptions of the first two Lent midweek services. The March newsletter will add further descriptions of the themes for the midweek services yet to come.

ASH WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 22

Like signs we see along the roads that tell us what to do, we see signs along the way on our Lenten journey that show us the way to Christ. In the Ash Wednesday service, we will be reminded to make a U-Turn, turning away from our sins, and turning back to God through our Lord Christ.

LENTEN MIDWEEK ONE MARCH 1

The signs of Lent are everywhere! In our service on March 1, we will remember how Peter tried to put a STOP sign in front of Jesus on His way to the cross. But Jesus helped him (and us) to see that He could only stop when He reached the cross to save us all.

Coming Up-

Today	9:00am - Sunday Service 10:30am - Sunday School Adult Bible Study <i>(Confirmation class follows from 11:30-12:30)</i>
Wed, Feb. 22 nd	5:30pm – Lenten Supper 6:30pm – Ash Wednesday ‘midweek’ service
Thurs. Feb.23 rd	6:00pm - Adult Choir Practice
Sun. Feb. 26 th	9:00am - Sunday Service 10:30am - Sunday School Adult Bible Study