THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

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A Christ Caring People Who Gather Around Word and Sacrament, Yoked Together, In Personal Service to Christ in World Wide Missions



+ DIVINE SERVICE +

OPENING HYMN 8:30 "Father Welcomes" (LSB 605)

11:00 "Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain" (LSB 487)

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the

→ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

THE HOLY BAPTISM OF LORELAI JANE SWANSON 8:30 (LSB 268)

EXHORTATION

- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **C** who made heaven and earth.
- P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- **©** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.
- P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the gifts of our Lord Jesus Christ through Word and Sacrament, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

CONFESSION and **ABSOLUTION**

- Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.
- 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 Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

+ WORD +

INTROIT

Ps. 99:1-5; (antiphon: Ps. 99:9)

- P 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.
- **C** Let them praise your great and awesome name! Holy is he!
- P The King in his might loves justice.

 You have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.
- **C** 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!





C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.





SALUTATION and **COLLECT OF THE DAY**

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- 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 foreshadowed 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 Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

(Please be seated)

OLD TESTAMENT Exodus 34:29–35 (Moses comes down the mountain with the Law in his hands and the glory of the Lord upon his face.)

After the reading:

- **L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

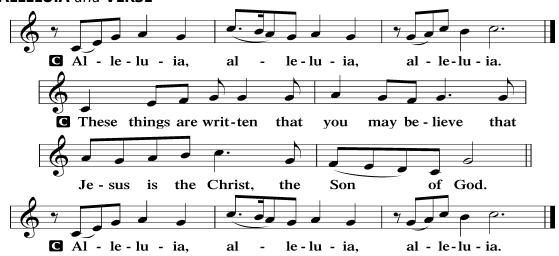
"Jesus Messiah" (Tomlin, Carson, Cash & Reeves) Andrew Wulf, flute soloist

EPISTLE 2 Corinthians 3:12–18; 4:1–6 (We all, with unveiled face, behold the glory of God.)

After the reading:

- **L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA and **VERSE**



HOLY GOSPEL *Mark* 9:2–9 (With Moses and Elijah at His side, Jesus reveals His glory.)

- **P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the ninth chapter.
- Glory to You, O Lord.

After the reading:

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON HYMN SERMON "'Tis Good, Lord, to be Here"
"Let's Talk About the Exodus"

Pastor Sam Handschke

(LSB 414) (Mark 9:4)

THE CREED 8:30

8:30 Apostles' 11:00 Nicene Inside back cover of the Lutheran Service Book Inside back cover of the Lutheran Service Book

OFFERING

We gather our tithes and gifts of love

OFFERTORY



SHARING GOD'S PEACE

(Please stand)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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



- P Holy Father, with the appearance of Moses and Elijah at our Lord's glorious Transfiguration, You reveal to us that the Law and the prophets are fulfilled in Him. Send Your blessing upon all pastors and servants of Your Church, that their preaching and teaching would flow from this right understanding of Christ and His work for our eternal salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- Almighty God, grant faithfulness, humility and patience to the sheep of Your flock here at _____ Lutheran Church, that in our various vocations we may strive to love You and our neighbor in all that we say and do. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Heavenly Father, bless the families of Your Church, that parents would teach the faith to their children and that the forgiveness of sins would be proclaimed in all households. Remember all expectant mothers that they and their babies would be kept safe and healthy throughout their pregnancies. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- Almighty Father, You alone establish all authority on earth. Bless those entrusted with this responsibility both here and abroad that they would serve with integrity and honor and for the well-being of all. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- God of all grace, look with compassion on those who are in need [especially

 J. Grant them relief and comfort through the promise of sharing in eternal glory with Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Heavenly Father, You revealed Your glory in the Transfiguration of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who tabernacled among us in the flesh. Open our eyes, that by faith we would see Him continuing to tabernacle among us here in the Divine Service. Grant that we would heed Your admonition to "listen to Him" as He forgives and preserves us at the font, pulpit and altar. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- Lord God, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember on this day the glorious manifestation of Your Son's divinity on the Mount of Transfiguration. Teach us to listen to Jesus and ever fix our eyes on Him and His innocent suffering and death for our forgiveness. By Your grace and mercy, strengthen us to remain faithful in all

circumstances of trial, temptation and persecution. Preserve us to the end, that we may die a blessed death believing in Your beloved Son with whom You are well pleased; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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 8:30 am service continues on page 10 with the Benediction.

IN REGARD TO HOLY COMMUNION: According to Scripture, Holy Communion should be celebrated by those who are: **United in a common faith** (1 Cor. 10:16-17, 21-22; Rom. 16:17); **Repentant of sins** (1 Cor. 5:11, Matt. 18:17-18); **Able to examine their lives** (1 Cor. 11:27-29); and believe that in this precious meal they **receive the true body and blood of Jesus** given and shed for the forgiveness of their sins (Luke 22:19-22).

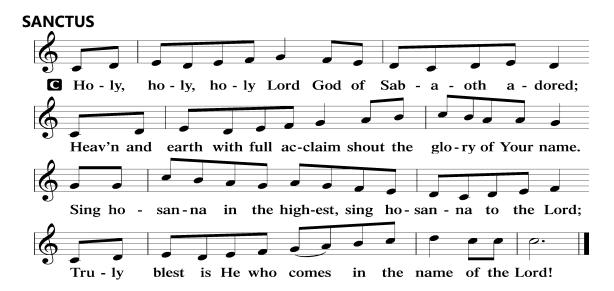
Since Scripture teaches that those people who do not fully understand the meaning of this meal eat and drink to their own harm (1Cor. 11:27-29), and because the Lord's Supper is the supreme act of stating our unity in faith and doctrine, we would ask those people who are visiting with us to **please speak with our pastor**, before communing, in order that we might fulfill our responsibility of properly instructing people in the right use of the precious Sacrament.

→ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT → 11:00 am Service

PREFACE

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **C** We lift them to the Lord.

- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

C Amen.

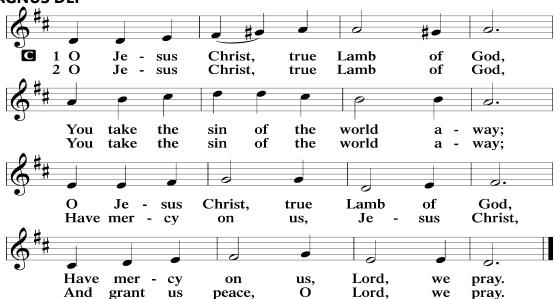
WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Cor 11:23-25

PAX DOMINI

- **P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.





(Please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face" (LSB 631)
"Thine the Amen, Thine the praise" (LSB 680)



(Please stand)

NUNC DIMITTIS



POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

- Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

BENEDICAMUS and **BENEDICTION**

Numbers 6:24–26

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

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

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





FAREWELL TO ALLELUIA

Luke 9:36

Pastor: Luke writes that after the transfiguration, the three disciples "kept silent and told no one in those days anything of what they had seen." Because we know about our Lord's resurrection, we cannot keep silent, but during the season of Lent, which begins this Wednesday, we shall mute our liturgical praises and refrain from singing our alleluias until our Easter celebration. Let us sing our farewell to that song of gladness now.

CLOSING HYMN

"Alleluia, Song of Gladness"

(LSB 417)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY



AS WE GATHER Within the pandemonium of the transfiguration, the voice speaks: "This is My beloved Son; listen to Him" (Mark 9:7). Moses is there and gone. Elijah is there and gone. The disciples are with Him on the mount and then head down into the valley. But the glory of the Lord will not depart. It will remain: lifted high upon the cross, revealed in the empty tomb, and placed upon the followers of Jesus. It is the Word that endures forever, the Word made flesh, and the Word who speaks through the voice of Scripture. The call remains: "Listen to Him."

And after six days Jesus took with Him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And He was transfigured before them, and His clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them. And there

If there are prayer concerns for you, your family, your friends, or your neighbors, please put them on the yellow prayer request card. Our Board of Elders are prayerful with our pastors about these joys and struggles of our earthly journey.

"The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective." James 5:16b

appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. . . . And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is My beloved Son; listen to Him." Mark 9:2–4. 7

Welcome to Faith Evangelical Lutheran on this Transfiguration Sunday! We are delighted to have you in worship with us. If you are visiting from out of town, we bid you welcome and God-speed on your journey. Should you be from our community, and have no church home, we invite you to make Faith your church home.

Preaching this morning is Rev. Sam Handschke.

Holy Communion is celebrated at our 8:30 service this Sunday. In this Sacrament, our Lord gives His true body and blood for our forgiveness. Those who confess the faith declared at this altar and who desire to receive communion today are asked to read our communion statement found in the bulletin. Thank you.





Holy Baptism Today by ordinary water and God's extraordinary Word, Lorelai Jane Swanson becomes a child of God. Lorelai is the daughter of John & Ashley Swanson. Sponsors for Lorelai are Jamie & April Tordsen and Andrew & Heather Wallis. May God continue to bless Lorelai and her family.

1st Sunday Fellowship on the 2nd Sunday Priscilla Circle is providing treats for our fellowship between services this Sunday in the Lobby and Living Room. Please join them. There is seating around the table and on the sofas and chairs. We thank the women of Priscilla Circle for hosting this time of fellowship and for the treats. Thanks gals!

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Wed. Jan. 31, Att. 72, Offering \$120.00; Sun., Feb. 4, Att. 251; General Fund \$13,885.37; Sunday School \$2.00; Building Fund \$365.00; Love Fund \$100.00; Contingency Fund \$100.00; Broadcasts \$60.00; Mexico Mission \$100.00; Broadcasts \$60.00; Men's Breakfast Fundraiser (Lutheran Witness) \$935.00; Endowment Fund in memory of Opal Tousley (Blessings) \$50.00; Endowment Fund (Generations) \$350.00.

Endowment Fund There are lime green envelopes on the back side of the large center support post in the Narthex for your use. Donations do not have to be in memory of someone, they can be in celebration of an event in your lives, to the glory of God, or any number of happenings in your lives. The envelopes have an area where you can designate

where you wish the funds to go. *Please use a separate* **check** *for your donation*. Where we deposit the funds does not take cash, so **it needs to be in the form of a check**. The counters cannot always find checks to cover when cash is given. Thanks for your help!



Mexico Mission The Mexico Mission team thank you for your kind support and prayers for the past trips and are welcoming families and individuals to sign up for the 2024 trip. Please contact Dennis Ryckman (605-222-7713) or the church office if you have any questions or are interested in being a part of the mission trip.

Also, there will be a Mexico mission trip fundraiser rummage sale at the church Friday and Saturday, April 5th-6th. If you wish to contribute rummage, please have your items at the church by Wednesday, April 3rd.



Offering Envelopes Our 2024 offering envelopes are on the table beneath the confirmation pictures. They are numerically and semi-alphabetically arranged on the tables. **Please pick yours up today.** If you do not find yours let Helen know and she will make sure you get them. Even if you give automatically or by your cell phone there are special envelopes you can use throughout the year, **please take them home**.

Portals of Prayer The Portals of Prayer for the first quarter of 2024 are on the table with the offering envelopes. There are both regular and large print. Please pick yours up today.



Preschool registration for the 2024-2025 school year is now open. Forms are on the information table in the Narthex.

Men's Club will meet each Monday evening to practice for the Dartball tournament coming up the first weekend in March (March 2) in Sioux Falls (more details as the date gets closer). We will meet in Jon's Place upstairs above the Preschool room at 7:00 PM. If anyone is interested please feel free to join us. High school youth and women are welcome.



Friendship Sunday is TODAY. There will be a meal after the late service. The Board

of Missions will provide Soup, Hotdogs, and Desserts. Please bring a Friend to Church!! We will also be sponsoring prizes. Prizes will be a drawing for those who wear jerseys and for those who win trivia questions.



Forever Young Ash Wednesday Chicken Dinner We will have our Ash Wednesday Chicken Dinner this Wednesday, February 14 at **noon** following our 11:00 am Ash Wednesday Worship. This is a potluck meal with the Chicken supplied by Pizza Ranch. Bring a dish to share. Chicken and beverage provided. Come for worship and stay for lunch!

Great food and great fellowship!

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide Get your taxes done for free. The Pierre/Ft. Pierre/AARP Foundation tax-Aid Program will be accepting appointments for the upcoming season. There are 6 volunteers available to provide services. To obtain an appointment, please contact the Pierre Senior Center @605-224-7730 or in person from 1-3 PM. Monday thru Friday, except holidays. You will need to obtain an information packet, which contains instructions and forms to be completed prior to your appointment. Self-employment income, some rental income, Out-of-State returns and other situations are Out-of-Scope.

Main Street Living "Main Street Living" is a liturgical worship service broadcasting a different local pastor each Sunday morning. It airs along with the classic Lutheran Hour program, "This is the Life." Both can be viewed on KDLT (NBC) & KEVN (FOX) Visit www.mainstreetliving.com to view current and past episodes. Did you know you can see the Worship Service and Kid's Crossing on our website at anytime? All programs are streamed on www.mainstreetliving.com, and are available the day before they are broadcast.

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KDLT (NBC) channels 5.1 / 46.1

10:00am - "Prescription TLC" - Injuries after a plane crash cause a couple to seek God for comfort and healing.

10:30 AM - Rev. Brian Mosemann, pastor at Immanuel-St. Paul-First English and Bethesda Lutheran Churches in Menno-Scotland-Parker and Marion, SD presents a message titled "Imperishable Tent." This sermon is based on Mark 9:2-9. This program is interpreted and closed captioned for the deaf and hard of hearing. For more information visit: **www.mainstreetliving.com**

Life Quotes "We live dripping with the promise of Baptism. We live fueled by the fire of God's Word. We live created on the sixth day and recreated by God's grace to be followers of Jesus seven days of the week until that great eighth day, called eternity, when we will sing praise in His presence forever. We live and we love and we are loved

in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, sin forgiven, shame erased, status: all very good." Rev. Dr. John Nunes, guest speaker on "The Lutheran Hour" – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org



Higher Things Retreat

Theme: Eyes to See - learn to distinguish between God's truth and the devil's lies.

When: February 18-19; 5pm Sunday to 3pm Monday Who: high school and college age young adults How much: Just come!

What: food, activities, learning, snacks. Bring your Bible, notebook, sleeping bag, and pillow, and get ready to learn and have some fun!

Bible Bowl 2024 We received word from the South Dakota LCMS district on the 2024 Bible Bowl. The books of the Bible are Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, and Philemon. Students from sixth grade to seniors are eligible to participate. The statewide competition is before Palm Sunday. **The Bible Bowl is set for March 23, 2024.** For more information or to register please see Bible Bowl coach LeRoy Kropuenske. He is around on Sunday for Sunday School and Wednesday for confirmation.

OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUTH! Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church of Brookings invites youth from throughout South Dakota to join their youth June 2-7, 2024, for a very special trip. They will be traveling to the Ark Encounter....Join us June 2-7, 2024 for a Youth Trip to the Ark



Encounter & Creation Museum in Kentucky (staying 2 nights at nearby

Potter's Ranch), with additional overnight stops at Concordia University Wisconsin, Concordia Theological Seminary Fort Wayne, and Concordia Seminary St. Louis. The trip is intended for youth who will have completed 7th grade through those who have completed 12th grade in 2024 & their chaperones. The cost is \$850 per person (everything included except 5 meals). The trip will leave/return from Sioux Falls. More information can be found online at https://www.mountcalvary1.org/kentuckytrip.

This Week at Faith Lutheran

Today: Feb. 11

8:30 am Worship

9:30-11am Swanson family in gym

9:45 am Sunday School/Luke Study

9:45 am Board of Missions-Young Rm

11:00 am Communion

1:00 pm Board of Stewardship/Endow.

2-5:30 pm Softball

Mon: Feb. 12

5:30-6:45 pm Soccer

7:00 pm Men's Club

7:00 pm LWML

Tues: Feb. 13

8:00 am Staff Devotions

9:30 am *Truth Project*

5:30 pm Board of Early Education

5:30-6:45 pm Soccer

7-9:30 pm Softball

Wed: Feb. 14 ASH WEDNESDAY

11:00 am Ash Wednesday Worship

12:00 pm Forever Young Chicken Meal

6:00 pm Midweek/Catechism

6:00 pm *Luke* Bible Study

6:00 pm Connected to Christ Study

6:30 pm *John* (in homes)

7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Worship

8:00 pm LYF

Thurs: Feb. 15

8:00 am Staff Devotions

6:00 pm Psalms Study

Sun: Feb. 18

8:30 am Communion

9:45 am Sunday School/*Luke* Study

11:00 am Worship

2-5:30 pm Softball

5:00 pm Board of Education

Showing at the State Theater: The CHOSEN – Season Four

Episodes 4-6.....Showing **Feb. 15-21**

Episodes 7-8.....Showing Feb. 29-Mar. 6

Call 605-224-5858 for Show Times

More information at: www.thechosenriseup.com