

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 Worldwide Missions*



✠ DIVINE SERVICE ✠

OPENING HYMN “Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning”
(LSB 400)

INVOCATION

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

EXHORTATION

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

CONFESSION *and* ABSOLUTION

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive

us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P 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.

C Amen.

† WORD †

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS “Glory to God in the Highest” *Luke 2:14; John 1:29*



A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



C Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,



You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

G And also with you.

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.

G Amen.

(Please be seated)

OLD TESTAMENT *Exodus 24:8–18* (Moses meets with the Lord God on Mount Sinai.)

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM **11:00** "Fairest Lord Jesus"... arr. Cindy Berry
Scott Fuerst, Peter Iverson & Randy Hartmann
Andrew, Jerry & Noah Wulf

EPISTLE *2 Peter 1:16–21* (Peter writes of his mountaintop experience with Jesus.)

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

ALLELUIA and VERSE



C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 17:1-9* (Jesus is transfigured on a high mountaintop.)

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

After the reading:

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

BIBLE LESSON

SERMON HYMN "'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here" (LSB 414)

SERMON "Here to Follow: Listen to Him" (Matthew 17:5)
Pastor Sam Handschke

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11:00 *Apostles'* Inside back cover of the Lutheran Service Book

OFFERING AND SHARING GOD'S PEACE

(Please stand)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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

Lord God, as You showed Your Son to be both God and man in the brightness of His transfiguration, give us holy fear as we hear the proclamation of His salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,



- C** hear our prayer.

- P** Lord of the Church, uphold all Christians in the confession of their Lord's name and faithful reception of His Word and blessed Sacraments. Give wisdom to our Lutheran Church, especially to her secretary and to the men nominated to serve as president and first vice-president. Give them discernment, and equip them for their tasks that serve the Church. 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.

- P** Lord of hosts, as You reign over all peoples, You entrust earthly authority to the rulers of this world. Instill in our president and all who make, administer and judge our laws a right fear of You, that they would establish equity in this land. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Lord God, You sent Your Son, Jesus, as the Great Physician of body and soul. By His touch, He banished the fear of His disciples. Bless all those in need of His comfort, [*especially* _____,] that they may have peace in the midst of fear and wholeness of body and soul. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Lord God, You have poured out the blood of Your Son from the cup of the new covenant. Because He is sacrificed for us and feeds us from His altar, grant us a place with saints and angels before His heavenly throne. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Heavenly Father, grant that we who have heard the Word of Your Son, Jesus Christ, would reverently receive it, and so live our lives gladly according to His way, wherever it may lead us. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P 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

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.

The 11:00 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 ✠

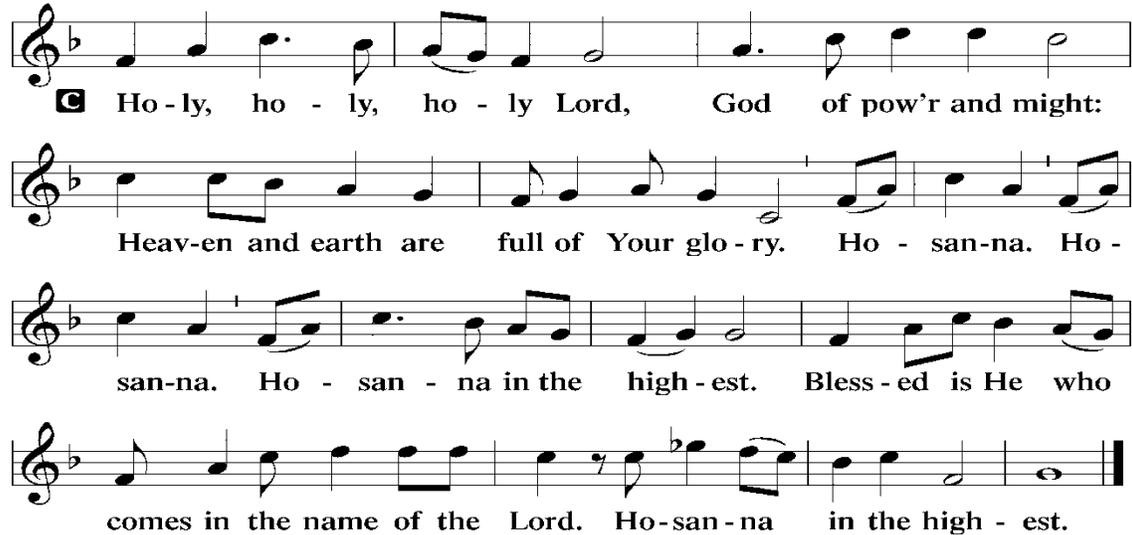
8:30 service

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.**
- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God,

through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who at His transfiguration revealed His glory to His disciples that they might be strengthened to proclaim His cross and resurrection and with all the faithful look forward to the glory of life everlasting. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in

His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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.

AGNUS DEI

C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

(Please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

ANTHEM 8:30 "Fairest Lord Jesus"... arr. Cindy Berry
Scott Fuerst, Peter Iverson & Randy Hartmann
Andrew, Jerry & Noah Wulf

"Jesus Comes Today with Healing" (LSB 620)
 "O Word of God Incarnate" (LSB 523)
 "Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise" (LSB 680)



(Please stand)

THANK THE LORD

C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.
 Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.
 He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy
 with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

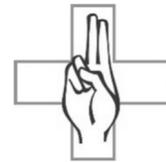
P Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

P 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.

Numbers 6:24-26





FAREWELL TO ALLELUIA During Lent, which begins this Wednesday, it is customary to not sing alleluias. Alleluia means *Praise ye the Lord*. We will sing it next on Easter.

CLOSING HYMN "Alleluia, Song of Gladness" (LSB 417)

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THE ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY



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!

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. . . . 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." Matthew 17:2–3, 5–7

If there are prayer concerns for you, your family, your friends, or your neighbors, please put them on the back of the blue attendance/communion 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

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. Pastor Sam will also be preaching at Blunt between our services.

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.



Want to listen to our worship service via livestream? Go to: www.faithluth.com. Click on livestream and it will take you to the service or if you have missed the service it will take you to the archived services. We

livestream our 8:30 service each Sunday.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Wed. Feb. 4, Att. 66; Offering \$10.00; **Sun., Feb. 8, Att. 218;** General Fund \$10,028.51; Sunday School \$0.00; Building Fund \$465.00; Love Fund \$100.00; Contingency Fund \$100.00; Bible Study Books \$40.00; Mexico Mission \$150.00; Broadcasts \$60.00.

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!

Euclid Project Meeting February 19th from 6-7 pm Faith Lutheran will host a Euclid Project information meeting for anyone wanting to know more about how this project will progress. Everyone from the area is welcome and encouraged to attend.

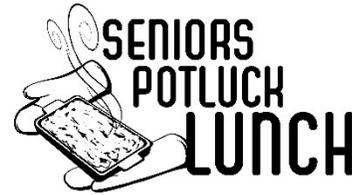


Offering Envelopes Many of you are here most Sundays but still have not picked up your envelopes. Please pick up your offering envelopes today. It is much easier and quicker for the counters if you use your envelopes, so they don't have to stop and look up your number. Even if you are an auto-giver there are special envelopes (Endowment, Lent, Advent, Building, Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day) that you could use throughout the year. The envelopes are arranged numerically and semi-alphabetically. Thanks!

Greeters Faith Lutheran is wanting to get our greeters crew up and going again. If you are willing to greet on Sundays **please sign the sheet in the Narthex.** *We are still in need of more greeters.* The more we have the better. If we get enough, they may only have to greet a couple times a year. Please consider joining this group.



Forever Young This month our potluck will be on **WEDNESDAY**, February 18th, Ash Wednesday. During Lent we will have Forever Young on Wednesdays after our Lenten worship service. Ash Wednesday is typically our Chicken Meal.



We will order chicken from the Pizza Ranch. Please bring a side dish to share. All members 55 years and older are encouraged to attend.

Broadcast Ministry – Livestream help needed You can be part of our broadcast ministry, the team responsible for getting our worship service into homes in Ft. Pierre and Pierre, and across our state and country. The reach of this ministry is immense, and we need your help to consistently make this critical broadcast available. Members of the team are trained in controlling the broadcast computer and cameras. This ministry requires some technical skills – if you can operate your phone then you can control our broadcast. Our goal is to have each volunteer scheduled once every six to eight weeks. Please talk to one of the Elders or Pastor Sam if you have questions or if you would like to volunteer.

Lenten Meals We will be having meals the Wednesdays during Lent from 5:15 pm - 6:30 pm beginning on Ash Wednesday, February 18th. Below are the Wednesdays.



February 18 – Noon after the 11:00 am service – Forever Young Potluck

February 18 – Evening - LWML - Taco burgers, tater tots, apple slices, and cookies

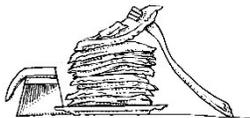
February 25 – Board of Parish Fellowship -

March 4 – Board of Stewardship -

March 11 – Board of Education -

March 18 – Board of Prop. Mgt. -

March 25 – Board of Early Ed. – Chili & fixin's and cinnamon rolls



Pancake Breakfast

Men's Club Breakfast Fundraiser The Men's Club has decided that the funds raised by this breakfast fundraiser will go to help our youth go to Camp Minneboji or Circuit Bible Camp. **Join us on February 22nd** between services for pancakes, sausage, biscuits and gravy and help our youth go camping!

New Church Cookbook It has been 29 years since we have had a new cookbook. Bring your recipes. Please write legibly so recipes can be printed accurately. Cookbooks make great gifts. Your family members will be interested to see what recipes you have entered. **We have had about 200 recipes submitted so far. Still could use more. Keep them coming! We want a nice full cookbook!**



FOOD DRIVE During the month of March, Faith Lutheran will collect items for the Pierre-Fort Pierre Food Pantry. A handy shopping list can be found on the donation tables in the Narthex. Current highest-need food items include: cooking oil and spray, ketchup, mayo, mustard, pasta (dry) and sugar. Other items currently in high need include cleaning supplies (such as dusting spray, floor cleaner, and tub and tile cleaner), deodorant, dish soap, facial tissue, garbage bags, paper towels, and toilet paper. The Food Pantry is in ongoing need of all



Food Donations

types of nonperishable food items, personal hygiene products, and paper products. **FINANCIAL DONATIONS ARE ALSO WELCOME.** Make checks payable to PARS (Pierre Area Referral Service); leave in the church office or place in an offering plate. Write Townsend Challenge on the memo line. During March and April, local financial institutions will provide matching funds for donations made to the Ardis Townsend Challenge for the Food Pantry.



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. Give us a call this week! Learn more at www.LutheranFamilyService.org **Lutheran Family Service 605-271-1081**

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.

Feb 15, 2026 KEVN (FOX) 8 AM - “Destination Unknown” - Paul Werner (Leonard Nimoy) is a Nuclear Scientist who plans to defect to the Soviet Union. He reconsiders after a conversation on an airplane.

8:30 AM - Rev. Joshua Mork, pastor at Our Savior, Madison and St John's, Howard, presents a message titled, “Seeing God.” The sermon is based on Exodus 24:8–18.

Life Quotes “The message of Jesus’ transfiguration—the fact that Jesus is God and Savior—has the power to transfigure you, to give you metamorphosis, to transform you from a bug to a butterfly! That’s what metamorphosis means. So, this week—and forever!—live a new life, one worthy of Christ, in whose sunshine and light, in whose transfiguration, you now bask.” *Rev. Paul Marggraf – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Faith Lutheran Youth

2026 Bible Bowl Topic: The Life of David, I Samuel 16 - I Kings 2, Psalm 51, Luther’s Small Catechism: Confession, Date is Saturday, March 21st beginning at 10 am Place Faith Lutheran Church 714 N. Grand AVE, Pierre, SD The District Bible Bowl is open to youth grades 6 through 12. For any additional questions, contact the District Bible Bowl coordinator, Rev. Marcus Ring (605) 831-0601 revmring@gmail.com

Camp Minneboji is held every year at Camp Okoboji in NW Iowa. The summer camp, for kids in grades 4-9, features Bible study, mission presentations, music, crafts, sports, recreation, a camp T-shirt and the chance to meet new Christian friends. Camp registration and fee are required to attend. Camp week is **June 21 – June 27, 2026**. This year’s camp theme is “Lifted Up”. The Camp registration fee is \$465 for the week. The Honor’s Camp registration is \$495 for the week. **The registration deadline is May 1.** Please download the Camp Booklet for registration materials and details and to find all of the information you will need to have a great summer camp experience.

Please let Pastor Sam or the office know if you are planning to attend Camp Minneboji as the church will have scholarships to help with finances.

This Week at Faith Lutheran

Today: Feb. 15 Transfiguration

8:30 am Communion

9:45 am Sunday School/*Revelation*

11:00 am Worship

1:00 pm Bd. of Stewardship/Endow.

Mon: Feb. 16

5:45-7 pm 3rd grade Boys Basketball

6:30 pm Christ Care

Tues: Feb. 17

8:00 am Staff Devotions

10:30 am Women's Study '*Joshua*'

6:15 pm *Raising Kids* Study

7-8 pm 5th grade girls Basketball

Wed: Feb. 18 ASH WED.

11:00 am Ash Wed. Worship

12:00 pm Forever Young Potluck

5:15-6:30 pm Lenten Meal

5:45 pm *Revelation* -Wulf's home

6:00 pm Midweek/Catechism

6:30 pm *Galatians* Study in homes

7:00 pm Ash Wed. Worship

8:00 pm LYF

Thurs: Feb. 19

8:00 am Staff Devotions

6:00 pm Euclid Project Meeting

Fri: Feb. 20

5:30-6:30 pm 5th grade girls BB

7-9 pm Becker Birthday Party

Sun: Feb. 22 Lent 1

8:30 am Worship

9:30 am Rebekah Circle

9:45 am Sunday School/*Revelation*

11:00 am Communion

3:00 pm Board of Education



He was transfigured before them ...
and his clothes became dazzling white ...
Mark 9:2-3, NRSV



Our Lent sermon series is based on the ancient hymn “O Love, How Deep” (*LSB* 544). This hymn, written in the fifteenth century, contemplates the love of God in becoming man, taking on our life, dying our death, and rising again, all *for us*. But for us to understand and appreciate this love, we must first examine ourselves and our lives to see how we have failed in thought, word, and deed. While we may try to get credit for our so-called good works, we all still die with nothing to show for them. But God’s love is not like our love. Our love is self-centered and fickle. God’s love is steady, deep, and beyond all understanding. This love of God will have no end.

Ash Wednesday, Feb 18 – The Love of God Amidst Our Sinfulness

Lent Midweek 1, Feb 25 – Jesus is better than an angel because He is one of us

Lent Midweek 2, Mar 4 – Jesus is the selfless one who always seeks out His beloved ones

Lent Midweek 3, Mar 11 – God works through the ordinary ministry and life of Jesus

Lent Midweek 4, Mar 18 – Jesus fights on our behalf, driving out demons both literal and figurative

Lent Midweek 5, Mar 25 – It was necessary for Jesus to be betrayed

Maundy Thursday, Apr 2 – Because Jesus’ death is for many, it is also for you

Good Friday, Apr 3 – Everything Jesus does, He does for us, all the way to His dying breath

Easter Sunday, Apr 5 – Because of the resurrection of Jesus, nothing can separate us from the love of God