

**Sunday, February 15, 2026**  
**Transfiguration of our Lord Sunday**



## **Faith Lutheran Church**

*Mission Statement*

*"Building a welcoming, nurturing faith community that  
is guided by Jesus and shares the Gospel."*

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# **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GATHERING HYMN: ELW 631 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" \***

**CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

**KYRIE: ELW Setting 8, pg. 184 \***

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*Word: God speaks to us through scripture reading, preaching and song.*

**READINGS:** see next page

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ELW Setting 8, pg 188 \***

**GOSPEL READING:** see next page

**CHILDREN'S SERMON & SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 834 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"\***

**APOSTLES' CREED**

**SHARING OF THE PEACE**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**OFFERING MOMENT & PRAYER**

*Meal: God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

**GREAT THANKSGIVING & HOLY, HOLY, HOLY: ELW Setting 8, pg. 190 \***

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**COMMUNION HYMNS:**

**LAMB OF GOD: ELW Setting 8, pg. 191 \***

**ELW 479 "We Come to the Hungry Feast" \***

**ELW 494 "For the Bread Which You Have Broken" \***

*Sending: God blesses us and sends us into the world to love and serve our neighbors.*

**BLESSING**

**SENDING HYMN: ELW 866 "We Are Marching in the Light of God" \***

**DISMISSAL**

*\*ELW = Red Hymnal; ACS = Purple Hymnal*

## READING(S)

### **First Reading:** *Exodus 24:12-18*

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." So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the mountain of God. 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."

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. 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. 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. Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

### **Second Reading:** *Psalms 99*

The LORD is king; let the people tremble.

The LORD is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.

The LORD, great in Zion,

is high above all peoples.

Let them confess God's name, which is great and awesome;

God is the Holy One.

O mighty king, lover of justice, you have established equity;

you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and fall down before God's footstool;

God is the Holy One.

Moses and Aaron among your priests, and Samuel among those who call upon your name, O LORD,

they called upon you, and you answered them,

you spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud;

they kept your testimonies and the decree that you gave them.

O LORD our God, you answered them indeed;

you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds.

Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and worship upon God's holy hill;

for the LORD our God is the Holy One.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

**Gospel Reading:** *Matthew 17:1-9*

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 17<sup>th</sup> Chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord!**

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John 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 bright as light. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. 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." 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!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

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."

The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ!**

## WEEKLY DEVOTIONS

### Monday - Prayer of the Day

O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

### Tuesday - Connections with the Liturgy

At baptism, the candidate is signed with the cross, to which Jesus walks, and the minister calls each of the baptized "child of God." So each baptism recalls the transfiguration.

### **Wednesday - Let the Children Come**

Explain to the children in your life that often in Bible, the storyteller uses a cloud as a sign of the presence of God. In a dry land, and biblical lands were always dealing with drought, clouds suggest the coming of rain, and without rain, we cannot live. Thus clouds can remind us of the bounty of God.

### **Thursday - Life on the Earth**

Throughout history, human beings have climbed mountains and scaled heights to connect with God. There is something about being on a mountaintop—often perceived as closer to heaven—that helps people commune with God. Greek oracles often received divine messages while on top of mountains, we read about Moses receiving the ten commandments on Mount Sinai in the Exodus text for today, and it is no coincidence that Jesus is transfigured on a mountaintop as well. When people have a powerful experience of God's presence, it is sometimes referred to as a "mountaintop experience." How have you experienced being on literal mountaintops or having "mountaintop experiences" of God's powerful presence?

### **Friday - Reflection on the Gospel Reading**

In the narrative of the transfiguration the church sees testimony to Jesus' status as the eschatological Son of Man and the beloved Son of God. Just as God spoke on a mountaintop in ages past, so now Christ speaks, first in the Sermon on the Mount, and now from the Mount of Transfiguration. Matthew's message: "Listen to him." This Sunday, through these reading, we stand to do so. The church becomes the dwelling that Peter thinks to erect.

### **Saturday - A Hymn for the Day**

A hymn for the day is "Oh, wondrous image, vision fair" (ELW 316), a continuously updated translation of a fifteenth-century hymn. Stanza 3 speaks of Christ manifesting today the glory of the children of God: this glory we hear in the proclamation of the gospel and we taste at the table of the Lord. The first person to render the Latin hymn into English was John Mason Neale, who knew over twenty languages and translated many of the classic Latin and Greek hymns into English.



**CHURCH**  
Announcements

**Thank you** for your offering of **\$17,458.88** for the week of **February 8th!**

**Altar Flowers** for the week are provided by Jody Isaak, in memory of Randall. **Thank you!**

**Christmas Ornaments are available for pick-up** from the table in the Gathering Place. Thank you for helping decorate the sanctuary for the Christmas season!

All experience levels are invited to join us for **Choir Practice on Sundays at 10am** in the East Room!

It's almost time for Lent! Join us on **Wednesdays, at 11:15 am for Soup Lunch, and Midweek Services at 12:05pm and 7pm.** Starting **Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>**, we will also have **Lent Book Study on Wednesdays at 10am and 6pm.** We will be studying *The Good and Beautiful God* by James Bryan Smith.

Please join us **Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup> for a Scripture Circle led by U.S. Jones, III!** This powerful method of studying scripture focuses on details and connections across Scripture. The event, **hosted at McCabe UMC (1030 N 6th St, Bismarck), will start with a light dinner at 5pm, and then study from 5:45pm-8pm.** A free-will offering will be taken if you feel moved to help supplement the speaker fee. Look out for other Scripture Circle opportunities on April 9<sup>th</sup>, and May 14<sup>th</sup>!

Interested in a **mission trip to NC this summer?** Join us for an **informational meeting on Sunday, March 1 at 12:15pm.** Anyone 9<sup>th</sup> Grade or older (including adults) are invited to attend. Deadline for registration is March 15<sup>th</sup>.

Youth and Adults are invited to a **Murder Mystery Dinner on Saturday, March 7, from 6:30pm - 8:30pm.** For more information and to sign up, talk to Kenny!

Please join us on **Wednesday, March 11 at 5pm for the Men of Faith Potato/Chili Feed!** Free will offering will go toward Camp of the Cross. Look for sign-ups to bring chili and bars, coming soon!

**Message: Pastor Derek Harkins**

**Liturgy: Pastor Sylvia Bull**

**Music: Dmytro Somkin**

**Worship Assistants:**

**8:30 -Team C: Ron Schneider, Mary Schneider, GT Solseth, Erica Solseth, Brendan Solseth, Allen Pedersen, Avis Pedersen, Deb Bensen, Orlin Bensen**

**11:00 - Team 2: John Wittenberg, Nikki Wittenberg, Shelby VonWahlde, Joe VonWahlde, Hope Schreiner, Shannon Schreiner, Billie Ann Caya, Sara Caya Giltner, Joyce Hellman, Gage Wittenberg**

## CALENDAR

### Monday, February 16 **Presidents' Day**

7:00 AA

### Tuesday, February 17

9:00 Quilting

2:00 Crafts

6:15 BIO Girls

5:15 HR Committee

6:00 Stewardship Committee

7:00 Scouts

### Wednesday, February 18

#### **Ash Wednesday**

11:15 Lent Soup Lunch

12:05 Worship

5:30 Handbells

6:00 Church School &  
Confirmation

7:00 Worship

### Thursday, February 19

### Friday, February 20

8:00 NA

### Saturday, February 21

### Sunday, February 22

8:30 Worship

9:45 Church School

10:00 Choir Practice

11:00 Worship

4:00 Scouts

5:15 Dine 'n Destress (Lucky 's 13)

**MISSION**  
*Focus*



### **FEBRUARY: HEART RIVER CORRECTIONAL CENTER**

HRCC are looking for donations to help support pregnant and new mothers housed at the facility and their families with baby items. We would like to collect packs of newborn diapers (smaller packs are best), baby wipes, bibs/burp cloths, baby socks and Newborn or 0-3 month clothing (especially neutral or for girls).

*If there is among you anyone in need, a member of your community in any of your towns within the land that the Lord your God is giving you... you should open your hand, willingly lending enough to meet the need, whatever it may be. Deut. 15:7-8*