



## WELCOME TO FAITH

**We are celebrating the Lord's Supper.** The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence, that as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust in His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink of our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked first to speak with a Pastor. For further study, see Matt. 5:23ff; 10:32ff; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:17-34. Also, page 329 in the hymnal can be helpful.

If you have a physical condition that would prohibit you from taking wine in the Lord's Supper, please note that a few individual cups of white grape juice, instead of wine, are placed there in the center of each tray for you.

### Our Mission

Our mission is to proclaim the Gospel to all people so they may know and trust in Jesus as their savior for eternal life, grow in knowledge and faith, and show this faith in their daily lives.

*Upon entering the sanctuary, please use this time to prepare for worship; suggested prayers can be found in the front page of Lutheran Service Book and on page 308 of the LSB. ("Be still and know that I am God." – Psalm 46:10a)*

*Relax! God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house. All are welcome!*

**Transfiguration of Our Lord**  
February 18 & 19, 2023  
Made Even More Certain

## **As We Gather**

In one sense, the Transfiguration of Our Lord provides a sort of climax to the first part of the story of Jesus in the liturgical year. In the glorious vision, Moses and Elijah appear as if to prove that everything written in the Bible in the Law and the Prophets has come true in the advent and appearance of Jesus, “true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary” (explanation of the Second Article). Yet this climactic event is not yet the true and complete climax of the story, but a transition now into the season of Lent and the road to the true climax: the cross of Good Friday, the resurrection of Easter, His ascension into heaven, and the sending of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. There is so much more to tell. This brief glimpse of glory and Peter’s eyewitness account is to give us the strength and encouragement now to bring the story to completion in us, that we become witnesses in possession of the glorious hope of eternal life through the forgiveness of our sins.

**PRELUDE**      *“Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning”*      *Blersch*

## **LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

### **OPENING HYMN**

#### **523 O Word of God Incarnate**

- 1 O Word of God incarnate,  
    O Wisdom from on high,  
O Truth unchanged, unchanging,  
    O Light of our dark sky:  
We praise You for the radiance  
    That from the hallowed page,  
A lantern to our footsteps,  
    Shines on from age to age.
  
- 2 The Church from You, dear Master,  
    Received the gift divine;  
And still that light is lifted  
    O’er all the earth to shine.  
It is the chart and compass  
    That, all life’s voyage through,  
Mid mists and rocks and quicksands  
    Still guides, O Christ, to You.

3 O make Your Church, dear Savior,  
A lamp of burnished gold  
To bear before the nations  
Your true light as of old!  
O teach Your wand'ring pilgrims  
By this their path to trace  
Till, clouds and darkness ended,  
They see You face to face!

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## ✠ PREPARATION ✠

### INVOCATION

**Pastor:** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** Amen.

### OPENING SENTENCES

**Pastor:** Praise the LORD, all nations!

**People:** Extol Him, all peoples!

**Pastor:** For great is His steadfast love toward us,

**People:** and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.

**Pastor:** Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name;

**People:** bring an offering, and come into His courts!

### CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

**Pastor:** That we may enter into the holy presence of Christ, let us confess our sins that we may be made the righteousness of God.

**People:** We confess to You, almighty God, our blindness to Your glory and our reluctance to seek Your grace. We have sinned against You and our neighbors by our own fault in both our thoughtless actions as well as the good we have failed to do. For the sake of Your Son, our

**Savior Jesus Christ, forgive us. Renew our hearts, enliven us in spirit, and let us see Your glorious mercy.**

Pastor: “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.” In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

### **SALUTATION**

Assistant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Assistant: Let us pray.

**People: 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. Amen.**

**ANTHEM (SUN.)** *“Jesus, Take Us to the Mountains”*  
*Parish Adult Choir*

*Schalk*

### **✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠**

#### **OLD TESTAMENT READING:**

*Exodus 24:8–18*

<sup>8</sup>And 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.”

<sup>9</sup>Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank.

<sup>12</sup>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 commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” <sup>13</sup>So Moses rose with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. <sup>14</sup>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.”

<sup>15</sup>Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. <sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>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. <sup>18</sup>Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

#### **EPISTLE:**

*2 Peter 1:16–21*

<sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>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,” <sup>18</sup>we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. <sup>19</sup>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, <sup>20</sup>knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone’s own interpretation. <sup>21</sup>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.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

*Matthew 17:1-9*

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

**People:** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

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

<sup>9</sup>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."

**Pastor:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** **Praise be to You, O Christ.**

## **CONFESSION OF FAITH - Nicene Creed**

**I believe in one God,**

**the Father Almighty,**

**maker of heaven and earth**

**and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,**

**the only-begotten Son of God,**

**begotten of His Father before all worlds,**

**God of God, Light of Light,**

**very God of very God,**

**begotten, not made,**

**being of one substance with the Father,**

**by whom all things were made;**

**who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven**

**and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary**

**and was made man;**

**and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.**

**He suffered and was buried.**

**And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven**

**and sits at the right hand of the Father.**

**And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the  
dead,**

**whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the Lord and giver of life,**

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,**

**who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,**

**who spoke by the prophets.**

**And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,**

**I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,**

**and I look for the resurrection of the dead**

**and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

*Michael Yurk, D.C.E.*

## **HYMN**

### **537 Beautiful Savior**

- 1 Beautiful Savior,  
King of creation,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Truly I'd love Thee,  
Truly I'd serve Thee,  
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
  
- 2 Fair are the meadows,  
Fair are the woodlands,  
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;  
Jesus is fairer,  
Jesus is purer,  
He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.

3 Fair is the sunshine,  
Fair is the moonlight,  
Bright the sparkling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter,  
Jesus shines purer  
Than all the angels in the sky.

4 Beautiful Savior,  
Lord of the nations,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor,  
Praise, adoration  
Now and forevermore be Thine!

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**SERMON:**      *Through This Prophetic Word*

### **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

Assistant: Almighty and merciful God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give You thanks for revealing to the world Your goodness and mercy in the gift of Your beloved Son. Being of one substance with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, He has revealed Your glory chiefly in His sacrifice on the cross for the life of the world. Make us certain that because He died and lives again, we and all who trust in Him are now given eternal life in the forgiveness of our sin. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Assistant: By Your Word and Spirit, rule and govern Your holy Church throughout the world and her pastors and ministers in order that we may be preserved in the pure doctrine of Your saving Word and may be strengthened in faith and love. Send forth laborers into Your harvest that Your kingdom be extended to all nations. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**



Assistant: Grant Your help and protection to all who are in the authority of government, bless our country that righteousness and peace abound that we may lead quiet and peaceable lives in all godliness and honesty. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Assistant: Lord of the Harvest, we pray that by the power of the Holy Spirit You will bless the Word that will be proclaimed in the approaching GodConnects class, beginning March 5<sup>th</sup>. Guide members of our Faith Family to grow deeper in their own faith and open the hearts of the future members of Faith as we widen our reach into the community with the invitation to come to the knowledge of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Assistant: Lord of the Church, for the good of the Church you call faithful men and women to serve as teachers and principals. Grant, we ask, that Your Holy Spirit may guide us in our search for a Kindergarten teacher that is pleasing to Your gracious and good will. Lord, in your mercy;

**People: hear our prayer.**

Assistant: Comfort with Your Holy Spirit all who are in trouble, want, sickness, or any adversity, especially Charlene, Ken, Tori, Deb, Jay, Betsy, Margaret, Bill, Tom and Rick, that they may receive healing of body and mind and peace in their souls. Bless all medical professionals and emergency workers and all who supply the needy in any way. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Assistant: We give thanks for all Your prophets and apostles who have faithfully delivered Your Word through the ages, and for all Your witnesses who have gone before us and are now with You in Your divine presence. Keep us in the sure faith and hope of Your Word that we may one day look upon our Savior face-to-face in the glory of eternal life. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Assistant: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

**OFFERING** (*When we worship God with our offerings, we recall the words of Jesus: "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." Matthew 6:21*)

**SONG:** "Beautiful Savior"

*Kosche*

## ✠ SACRAMENT ✠

### **PREFACE**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts!

**People: We lift them to the Lord!**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

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

**All: 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.**

## **WORDS OF OUR LORD**

### **PAX DOMINI**

**Pastor:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People:** Amen.

**DISTRIBUTION (SUN.)** *“See, Amid the Winter’s Snow”* *Farlee*  
*Beth Leech – clarinet; Martin Schubert – oboe*

### **DISTRIBUTION HYMN**

#### **400 Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning**

- 1 Brightest and best of the stars of the morning,  
Dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid;  
Star of the East, the horizon adorning,  
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.
- 2 Cold on His cradle the dewdrops are shining;  
Low lies His head with the beasts of the stall;  
Angels adore Him in slumber reclining,  
Maker and Monarch and Savior of all.
- 3 Shall we not yield Him, in costly devotion,  
Fragrance of Edom and off’rings divine,  
Gems of the mountain and pearls of the ocean,  
Myrrh from the forest and gold from the mine?
- 4 Vainly we offer each ample oblation,  
Vainly with gifts would His favor secure.  
Richer by far is the heart’s adoration;  
Dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.
- 5 Brightest and best of the stars of the morning,  
Dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid;

Star of the East, the horizon adorning,  
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

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## **DISMISSAL**

**Pastor:** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✝ in peace.

**People:** Amen.

## **POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

**Pastor:** 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 in 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.

**People:** Amen.

## **BENEDICTION**

**Pastor:** 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.

**People:** Amen.

## **CLOSING HYMN:**

### **810 O God of God, O Light of Light**

1 O God of God, O Light of Light,  
O Prince of Peace and King of kings:  
To you in heaven's glory bright  
The song of praise forever rings.  
To Him who sits upon the throne,  
The Lamb once slain but raised again,  
Be all the glory He has won,  
All thanks and praise! Amen, amen.

- 2 For deep in prophets' sacred page,  
And grand in poets' wingèd word,  
Slowly in type, from age to age  
The nations saw their coming Lord;  
Till through the deep Judean night  
Rang out the song, "Goodwill to men!"  
Sung once by firstborn sons of light,  
It echoes now, "Goodwill!" Amen.
- 3 That life of truth, those deeds of love,  
That death so steeped in hate and scorn—  
These all are past, and now above  
He reigns, our King once crowned with thorn.  
Lift up your heads, O mighty gates!  
So sang that host beyond our ken.  
Lift up your heads, your King awaits.  
We lift them up. Amen, amen.
- 4 Then raise to Christ a mighty song,  
And shout His name, His mercies tell!  
Sing, heav'nly host, your praise prolong,  
And all on earth, your anthem swell!  
All hail, O Lamb for sinners slain!  
Forever let the song ascend!  
Worthy the Lamb, enthroned to reign,  
All glory, pow'r! Amen, amen.

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS & DISMISSAL**

**✠THE WORSHIP IS ENDED.  
LET THE SERVICE BEGIN.✠**

**✠ We Go in Peace to Serve the Lord ✠**

**✠ Trust ✠ Grow ✠ Show ✠**



## THOSE ASSISTING IN THE SERVICES

Preacher	Rev. Marc A. Kappel, M.Div.
Assistant	Mr. Timm Leikip
Children's Message	Mr. Michael Yurk, D.C.E.
Music Director	Mr. Michael Neas, M.M.
Acolytes	Sat. – Ethan Lowell; Sun. – Camden Fritz
Lectors	Sat. – Beth Lowell; Sun. – Jeff Lanning
Communion Assistants	Sat. – Elder Cal Shuster; Sun. – Elder Chris Olsen

*The altar flowers today have been placed by the Lowell family.*

## WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AT FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Celebration (Contemporary) Worship – Saturdays, 5 p.m.

Traditional Worship – Sundays, 10 a.m.

Ash Wednesday w/communion, February 22 – 8:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.

### Helpful Links

**On-line Giving:** [bit.ly/FaithEustisGiving](https://bit.ly/FaithEustisGiving)

**Church Facebook** [www.facebook.com/FaithEustis](https://www.facebook.com/FaithEustis)

**YouTube Channel** [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAMFrWEHjWWGjzKqZg\\_Z1Jw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAMFrWEHjWWGjzKqZg_Z1Jw)

**Pastor Kappel's Sermons** <https://anchor.fm/marc86>

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