



Sunday, February 14, 2021

Transfiguration of our Lord

*Serving us in worship today: Pastors: David Mayer, Rusty Bailey;
Lay Reader: Ed Engelhardt; Music: Annette Stout, LeAnne White;
Children's Church: Georgie Dittrich; Ushers: Terry Freeman, Vanita Hodge,
Kristy Serold, Joan Vanbeek, and Ron Vanbeek;
AV: Andrew Kuehne, Tim Bogisch*

Welcome to Worship!

Welcome to Faith Lutheran Church, a people who love and follow Jesus Christ, our Lord! We are blessed and honored that you chose to be with us today!

As we worship inside today, we encourage you to fellowship with other believers while maintaining a safe distance, wearing your face covering at all times, and observing our COVID-19 protocols. Children's Church for ages pre-K through third grade will meet their leader during the hymn of the day. Please keep your mask on during the service and as you are ushered out. We ask that you join in fellowship OUTSIDE and do not congregate in the Narthex before or following the service.

WELCOME

PRAYER

Please Stand.

OPENING HYMN: "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" Vs. 1 & 2 *WOV 649*

1) I want to walk as a child of the light.
I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world.
The star of my life is Jesus.

Refrain

In him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

2. I want to see the brightness of God.
I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path,
and show me the way to the Father. *Refrain*

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

The sign of the cross may be made in remembrance of your Baptism.

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: *If we claim we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and not living in the truth. But if we confess our sins to him, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all wickedness. (1 John 1: 8-9, NLT)*

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Most Merciful God,

C: We confess that 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. 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: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all of our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE – “Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks” WOV #671 Verses 1 & 5

Refrain

Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord;
alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.

1. Jesus is Lord of all the earth;
he is the king of creation. *Refrain*

5. Come, let us praise the living God,
joyfully sing to our Savior. *Refrain*

You may be seated.

FIRST READING: Exodus 34:29-35

(ESV)

After Moses had broken the first tablets of the Law that the Lord had given him on Mt. Sinai, because the people had sinned worshiping the golden calf, the Lord called Moses again to

come up to Him. Moses was with God 40 days and 40 nights as the Lord spoke to him the Words of Life. When Moses came down to the people, he glowed with the Light of God's glory. Paul writes to Timothy speaking of the appearance of God saying, "He...who dwells in unapproachable light" (1Tim. 6:16). Moses records:

²⁹When Moses came down from Mount Sinai, with the two tablets of the testimony in his hand as he came down from the mountain, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. ³⁰Aaron and all the people of Israel saw Moses, and behold, the skin of his face shone, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹But Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses talked with them. ³²Afterward all the people of Israel came near, and he commanded them all that the Lord had spoken with him in Mount Sinai. ³³And when Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face. ³⁴Whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would remove the veil, until he came out. And when he came out and told the people of Israel what he was commanded, ³⁵the people of Israel would see the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face was shining. And Moses would put the veil over his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

A: Here ends the reading.

SECOND READING: Philippians 1:27-2:4

(ESV)

The Apostle Paul was fully aware of how this Roman imprisonment would conclude. Nero was the emperor and not known for tolerance. The custom of judgement seems to have become, "What is best for the emperor is best for Rome." If there were discord, the rule might have been to eliminate the one causing the trouble. The cause would be secondary. Thus Jesus as crucified and Christians were persecuted. How are we as Christians to live in such a world? Paul writes:

²⁷ Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸ and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. ²⁹ For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, ³⁰ engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have. **2** So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, ² complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

A: Here ends the reading

PSALM 29*(To be read responsively.)**(ESV)*

This Psalm of David prophesizes the glory of the Lord, He who is King and Lord whose reign is without end, who will bring the waters of renewal, the baptism of repentance and the new birth of the Spirit. This is the eternal peace the Lord has prepared for his people.

Acknowledge the LORD, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

**²Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.**

**³The voice of the LORD is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders,
the LORD, over many waters.**

**⁴The voice of the LORD is powerful;
the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.**

**⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.**

**⁶He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf,
and Sirion like a young wild ox.**

⁷The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.

**⁸The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

**⁹The voice of the LORD bends the trees
and strips the forests bare,
and in his temple all cry, "Glory!"**

**¹⁰The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.**

**¹¹May the LORD give strength to his people!
May the LORD bless his people with peace!**

A: Here ends the reading

Please stand for the Holy Gospel.

HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 9:2-9*(ESV)*

It is written, "Only on the evidence of two witnesses or of three witnesses shall a charge be established. (Deut. 19:15) Thus, the Lord took Peter, James, and John up the mountain. There Jesus revealed his glory as he conversed with Moses and Elijah. How often do we, like the disciples, cling to the captivity of this life (let us build tents) rather than show courage to embrace the heavenly? Are we willing to do what God says? Mark records the words of the Apostle Peter:

²And 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, ³and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. ⁵And Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." ⁶For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is my beloved Son; listen to him." ⁸And suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them but Jesus only. ⁹And as they were coming down the mountain, he charged them to tell no one what they had seen, until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

A: The Gospel of the Lord.

You may be seated.

(Children meet for Children's Church)

HYMN OF THE DAY: *"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"* Vs. 1 & 3 *WOV 765*

Refrain

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

1. Kneels at the feet of his friends,
silently washes their feet,
master who pours out himself for them. *Refrain*

3. These are the ones we will serve,
these are the ones we will love;
all these are neighbors to us and you. *Refrain*

SERMON: *"Listening To Who?"*

Pastor Bailey

OFFERTORY: *"Create in Me a Clean Heart"...* pg. 96 LBW

P: Blessed be the Lord our God of all faithfulness. By your grace we receive all that we need, and in this abundance may we faithfully share with all in good stewardship, this that you have first given us. Receive this offering to the glory of your Holiness and the work of Jesus Christ in the world. Amen.

C: ♪ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation, And uphold me with your free Spirit. ♪

P: Let us pray. Most merciful God,

C: We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us-ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

INSTALLATION and BLESSING of 2021 Church Council

Please stand when prompted.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the only Son of God?

All: I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

You may be seated.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

CLOSING HYMN: *"Shine, Jesus, Shine"* WOVS 651

Refrain:

Shine, Jesus, shine,

fill this land with the Father's glory;

blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.

Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy;

send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!

1. Lord, the light of your love is shining,
in the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us,
set us free by the truth you now bring us.

Shine on me, shine on me: *Refrain*

BENEDICTION

A: Go In Peace To Love And Serve The Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

Have been given to the glory of God by Ronnie and Julia Glenewinkel in memory of Julia's brother, George William Sullivan, and in thankfulness of their many blessings.

"WORDS OF FAITH" BROADCAST SUNDAYS AT 8 AM ON KWED 1580 AM RADIO

This week has been sponsored to the glory of God by Bill and Rose Mary Ermel in thankfulness for God's love and blessings.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS:

Attendance on 2/7 – 103. Month to Date offerings (February): **\$15,490.00**; YTD Offerings and Misc. **\$48,452.00**. 2021 budgeted offerings is **\$470,000**

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

Julie Sagebiel	Judy Saunders	Nora Lavelett
Carolyn Sagebiel	Walt Fruehling	Kathy Ersch
Kelton Lange	Dot Day	Gladys Fruehling
Teresa Kiel	Pat Sagebiel	Debbie Lehmann
Dorothy Burris	Donald Jackson	Robert Vogel
Charlie Koehler	Steve Foerster	Tootsie Rodgers
Jo Ann Lange	Sandy Wille	Ronnie Glenewinkel
Marcus Jahns	Harold Bogisch	Jonathan Edwards

2021 CHURCH COUNCIL

Today we welcome and install into office our new church council members for 2021: Tim Bogisch – President; Fran Braun – Vice President; Emma Jean Becker – Secretary Matt Sherwood – Treasurer; Chase White – Assistant Treasurer; Karl Boysen, Brad Flippin, Diane Ratliff, Joanne Shanafelt and Brandon Westerholm. Recording secretary is Karen Huff.

PERSONAL CARE KITS FOR LWR

Love Circle is preparing Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief. If you would like to donate to this worthy cause, please contact Nancy Wieding or Rose Mary Ermel. All items are being purchased in bulk online. Thank you, in advance, for your help!

THIS WEEK AT FAITH

(COVID safety protocols are followed at all church events)

Monday, Feb. 15	Love Circle	7:00 PM (AC)
Tuesday, Feb. 16	Men's Bible Study/Breakfast	7:30 AM (AC)
Tuesday, Feb. 16	Staff Mtg.	9:00 AM (Kit)
Tuesday, Feb. 16	Hand Bell Choir	6:00 PM (Sanc.)
Wednesday, Feb. 17	Joyful Noise	6:00 PM (choir rm.)
Wednesday, Feb. 17	FLY	6:00-8:00 PM (LEC)
Wednesday, Feb. 17	Chancel Singers	6:00 PM (Sanc.)
Wednesday, Feb. 17	Ash Wednesday Services	12:00 and 7:00 PM

AUDIO VISUAL TECH HELP NEEDED

Faith is looking for help during Sunday morning worship services. We need people who are interested in learning about running our screens/slides/sound and our Livestream. PLEASE contact Roxanne or Andrew Kuehne if you are interested! It's not as hard as you might think! YOU can do it! (We'll train you well)

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR 2021-2022

Registration for the Fall 2021-22 school year begins this month for all currently enrolled students and church members. A \$150 deposit will secure a spot for your child. Contact Sharon Stollewerk at 830-379-7074.

CHILDREN'S MUSIC

Joyful Noise is Faith's music group for our young people in ages K-8. They create joyful noises by singing and playing different musical instruments! All children are welcome to come join us! We meet in the choir room (LEC) on Wednesday evenings from 6:00-6:30.

CHRISTIAN CUPBOARD

Thank you to those of you who have been dropping off items for the Christian Cupboard. The February item is **Canned Meats (Tuna, chicken, chili etc.)**, any variety or brand. Total number of items collected as of 2/18 is 18... **HOWEVER, SOUP**er Bowl of Caring on February 7 brought in **111 cans of Soup and \$61** that we were able to take to the Christian Cupboard this week! Thank you to all that participated in this fun and worthy event!

JAM FISHING TRIP

During Sunday School on February 21st, the children will be studying the story in John 6:1-15 about the little boy who gave his lunch to Jesus. An amazing thing happened to those loaves of bread and two fish. Jesus fed thousands of people. After Sunday School, the children and their families are invited to a picnic lunch here at church to be followed by a fishing trip to the Koehler pond. If you love Jesus, like to fish, and want to join us on February 21st, please contact Andrew or Lisa.



DIRECT THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS (before March 31, 2021)

Start 2021 on a generous note! If you haven't already, you can still direct 2020 Choice Dollars® before they expire! With over 40,000 organizations to choose from, you can make an impact on the causes you care about most. Don't miss this opportunity to recommend where Thrivent gives back! Directing Choice Dollars online is fast and easy. Go to [Thrivent.com](https://www.thrivent.com), then search for "Choice Dollars." **Want to make a bigger impact?** You can also make a personal donation to any organization in the Thrivent Choice Catalog, and we cover all the processing fees. That means 100% of your donation goes right to the cause! If you have any questions about directing Choice Dollars or making a personal donation, contact our call center at 1-800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice®" at the prompt.

Due to inclement weather, no refreshments will be served following worship today.