

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

“Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here”

(LSB 414)

INVOCATION

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

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?
C **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

- C** Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. 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** ✠

INTROIT

Ps. 84:1-2, 9, 11; (antiphon: Ps. 84:4)

P Blessed are those who dwell in your house,
ever singing your praise!

C How lovely is your dwelling place,
O LORD of hosts!

P My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.

C Behold our shield, O God;
look on the face of your anointed!

P For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor.
No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly.

C 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.

P Blessed are those who dwell in your house,
ever singing your praise!

KYRIE



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

GLORIA

"O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair"

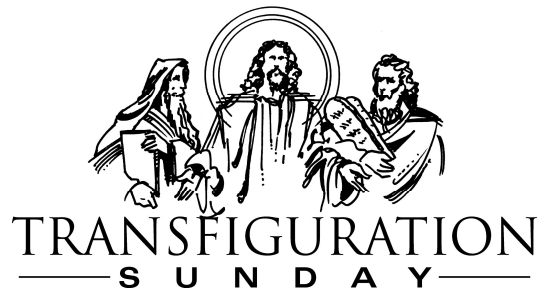
(LSB 413)

Verses 1, 3, 5

O wond-rous type! O vision fair
Of glo-ry that the Church may share,
Which Christ up-on the moun-tain shows,
Where bright-er than the sun He glows!

With shin-ing face and bright ar-ray
Christ deigns to man-i-fest to-day
What glo-ry shall be theirs a-bove
Who joy in God with per-fect love.

O Fa-ther, with the e-ter-nal Son
And Ho-ly Spir-it ev-er one,
We pray Thee, bring us by Thy grace
To see Thy Glo-ry face to face.



SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C 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 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 *Deuteronomy 34:1–12* (The Promised Land is seen as an incomparable inheritance—sworn to the lineage of faithful prophets and their sons. By God’s design, however, Moses is denied entrance and is laid to rest.)

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

“Shine On Me” (Michael W. Smith)
Women’s Ensemble

EPISTLE *Hebrews 3:1–6* (As Moses was faithful, we witness and inherit all the revealed truths of Jesus, the very Son of God, who is the hope of our house, here in this place.)

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA and VERSE



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

C These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 9:28–36* (Revered prophets and famed disciples witness the vision of Jesus' glory.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the ninth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

After the reading:

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON HYMN "Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory" (LSB 416)

SERMON "We are His House" (*Hebrews 3:6*)
Pastor Brad Urbach

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

OFFERING

We gather our tithes and gifts of love

OFFERTORY



C Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

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.



Heavenly Father, in prayer Your Son, Jesus, revealed His glory to Peter, James and John. Grant that we, also gathered in prayer, would see Him by faith and receive from Him the redemption He has accomplished for us. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Almighty God, You bestow honor and favor on all who dwell in Your house and withhold no good thing from them. Give us faith in Your promises, that we who worship You here may come to dwell in Your heavenly house. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Gracious Lord, as You appointed Moses of old to lead Your people, so You sent Your Son, Jesus, to found and lead Your Church. Sustain us from age to age and grant us teachers of righteousness to guide us in the days to come. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Holy Father, by the blood of Your Christ, He has purified His Bride, the Church. Strengthen her and give her unity of doctrine and piety. Bless this holy house, that those who enter here may do so in faith, reverence and fear of You. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Lord, all authority is given by You and our times are in Your hands. Give wisdom to our president and those in public office, that they may govern according to Your good will. Bless the work of this congregation to reach the lost of this city. Grant favorable weather and an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and prosper all honorable vocations, businesses and industries. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Most merciful God, as we follow the way of Your apostles into Your presence, You join our prayers to the ceaseless petitions of Your dear Son. Hear us for the sake of the troubled, the sick and the dying [*especially* _____]. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P O Lord, we praise You, for we are fearfully and wonderfully made. Give us ears to hear Your voice speaking through Your Word, holy lips to receive Christ's blessed Sacrament with repentance and faith, and holy awe at Your glory granted to us in the Means of Grace. 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 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.

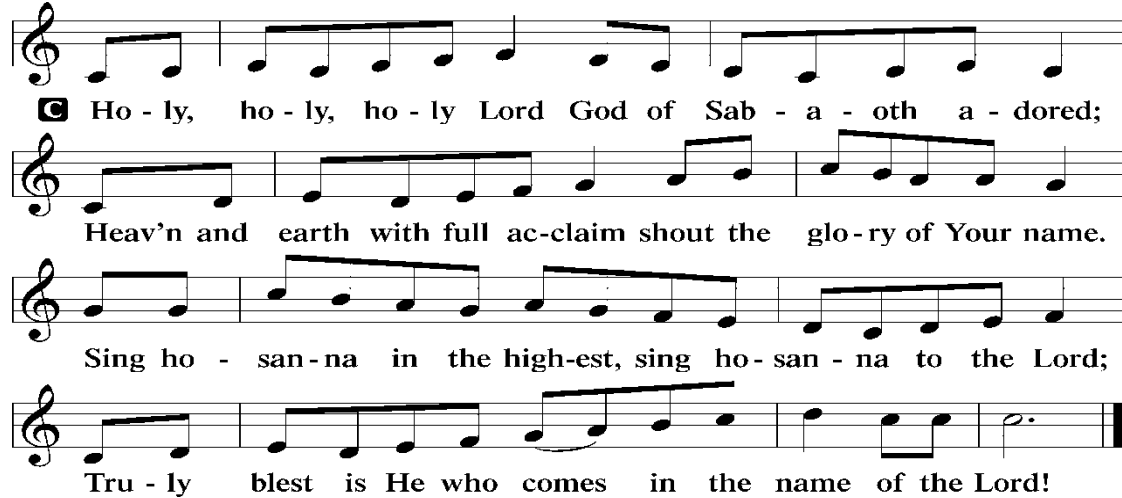
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P 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:

SANCTUS



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

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.

AGNUS DEI

C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

(Please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face" (LSB 631)

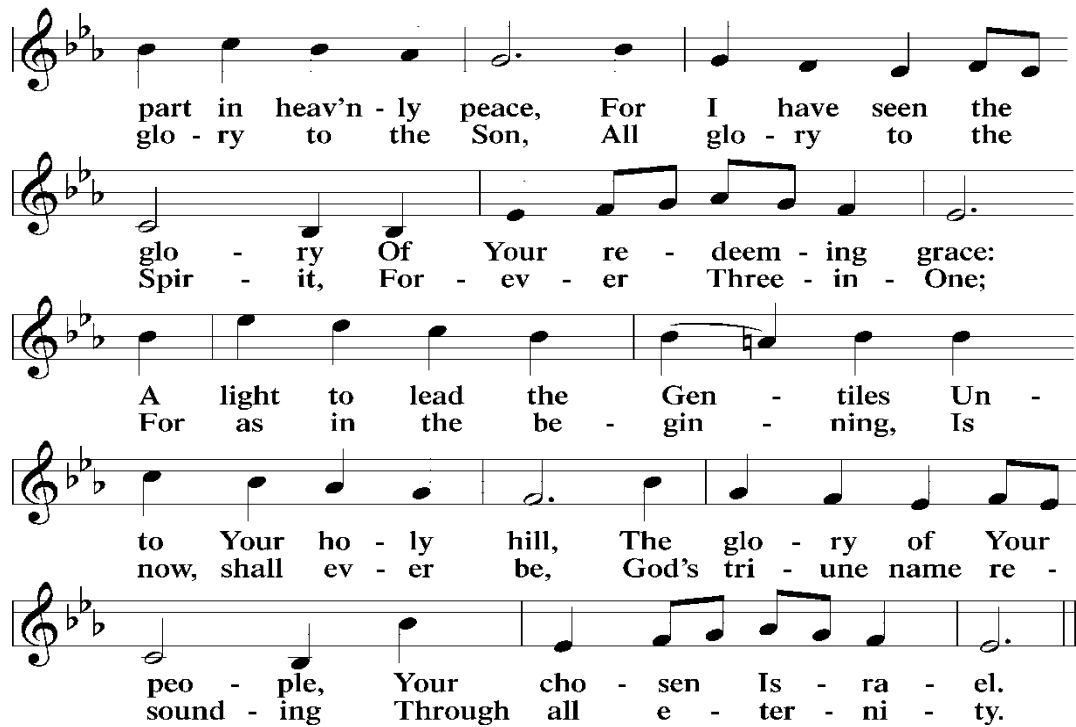
"Thine the Amen, Thine the praise" (LSB 680)



(Please stand)

NUNC DIMITTIS

C 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All



part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P 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.

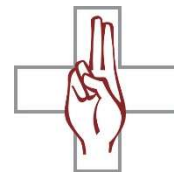
BENEDICAMUS *and* BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24–26

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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.





FAREWELL TO ALLELUIA

Luke 9:36

Pastor: During the closing hymn we will take down the Alleluia banner. During the season of Lent, which begins this Wednesday, we refrain from singing our joyful “alleluias” and the Gloria until they are restored at 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 Beloved heirs of God’s glory—sinners and saints, sons and daughters—see God’s promised revelation in Jesus’ transfigured glory! All believing patriarchs, prophets, disciples, leaders, teachers, and confessors experience the tragic result of sin. Yet we are all invited into the light of Jesus! Our journeys, despite mistrust and faithlessness, are enveloped in God’s forgiveness. The sinless Son of God appears before sinful Moses, Elijah, Peter, James, and John on the mountain together! A revelation like no other! This pivotal moment of glory compels us to anticipate the journey of the “gory,” the pending crimes against Jesus: the cross, the

mockery, the crucifixion. Death is coming! Soon, the church’s alleluias will be hushed.

O God, as witnesses of the Transfiguration, let us with confidence take up our crosses and follow Jesus alone. Prayer of the Day

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

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. Brad Urbach, our Visitation Pastor. Rev. Sam Handschke is our Liturgist.

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.



STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Wed. Feb. 19, Att. Not recorded, Offering \$10.00; Sun., Feb. 23, Att. 300; General Fund \$9,332.33; Sunday School \$2.42; Building Fund \$300.00; Love Fund \$100.00; Contingency Fund \$100.00; Broadcasts \$60.00 Forever Young \$75.00; Mexico Mission \$75.00; Organ Fund \$50.00; Men's Breakfast Fundraiser (Lobby Sofas) \$1,366.00; Motor Coach Usage (Community Bible) \$4,200.00; Sound System \$500.00; Motor Coach Maintenance \$50.00.

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!



March is Faith Lutheran's month to collect items for the Pierre-Ft. Pierre Food Pantry.

Faith Lutheran is one of the biggest supporters of the Pierre-Ft. Pierre Food Pantry. Here are some of the items in particular need currently – including a few new items. You can sort your items in the labeled flats in the Narthex – or just leave your donation on the table and we'll sort it for you!

FOOD: flour, sugar, pancake mix (just add water variety), instant oatmeal, canned soups, rice and pasta sides, beef stew, canned chili, canned pasta meals, jelly, saltine crackers,

cans of spaghetti sauce, spaghetti noodles, elbow macaroni, boxed Velveeta-type cheese (shelf-stable, non-refrigerated), cooking oil, boxes and cans of milk (shelf-stable, unrefrigerated), Hamburger and Tuna Helper, tuna, and canned chicken.

NON-FOOD NEEDS: toilet paper, paper towels, trash bags, baby shampoo, baby body wash, body wash, shampoo and conditioner, floor cleaners, cleaning sprays, scrubbing sponges, dish soap, dryer sheets, deodorant and lotion.

FINANCIAL DONATIONS: checks may be left in the church office or placed in the offering. Make your check payable to **PARS**. Write “Ardis Townsend Challenge” on the memo line. This will allow the Food Pantry to count your donation toward a 1% financial match made by local financial institutions during March and April.

Sewers wanted! LWML will continue with our Little Dresses project through the end of April. Sewers are needed to sew up the dresses! Dresses can be found on the table in Narthex area. Instructions are in the packets. Let your imaginations run wild! We will continue to meet alternating Monday nights at 6:30 pm and Thursday afternoons at 1:30 pm to assemble kits for sewing. Anyone is welcome to come and join in the fun! Thank you!



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 2025 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.

Lenten Devotionals Our Lenten devotionals, The Hand of the Lord, are on a table in the Narthex/Living Room area. They begin on Ash Wednesday, which is this coming Wednesday, so you may want to pick one up today so you are ready to begin on Wednesday.

Forever Young Ash Wednesday Chicken Dinner We will have our Ash Wednesday Chicken Dinner **this Wednesday**, March 5 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!



Lenten Meal Ash Wednesday and following Wednesdays during Lent at 5:30 pm.



LWML News...

LWML will hold its next meeting on Monday, March 10th at 7:00 pm. It will be a regular meeting. We will be holding our annual Prayer Partner Exchange. This year we will be exchanging angels.

If you cannot make it to the meeting but wish to participate in the Prayer Partner Exchange, please contact Kristy Deal at 605-280-7004.



We would like to give a big **THANK YOU** to the Kenefick-Aschoff family for the purchase of a warming oven and sheet pans for the kitchen. What a wonderful addition to the facility! This can be used for funeral luncheons, congregation meals, County Fair and many more events. We truly appreciate your generosity! LWML and Faith Lutheran Church family

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

10:00 AM - “A Friend in Deed” - The Christian's duty to forgive.

10:30 AM - Rev. Norman Wacker, pastor at Mount Calvary and Bethlehem Lutheran Churches in Sundance and Moorcroft, WY, presents a message titled “Listen to Him!” The sermon is based on Luke 9:28-36. This program is interpreted and closed captioned for the deaf and hard of hearing. For more information

visit: www.mainstreetliving.com

Life Quotes “God sent His Son to save us, not because we asked, but because He loves us. God wants you to call on Him, not because He needs the information, and not just because He wants to rescue you from distress. He wants to rescue you for a new life, for a life of trusting that He wants to hear from you, of living with His Word inside you, a life responding with God’s love to others in their distress, even before they call.” *Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, The Lutheran Hour – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Faith Lutheran Youth

Bible Bowl 2025 We received word from the South Dakota LCMS district on the 2025 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 29, 2025.** Registration can be done via mail or email. If by email, please send a digital copy of the form or type out the information in an email to revmring@gmail.com.



LCMS Youth Gathering The LCMS Youth Gathering will be July 19-23, 2025, in New Orleans, Louisiana. LCMS youth and adult leaders will visit the city under the theme Endure based on Hebrews 12:1-3. Held every three years, LCMS Youth Gatherings provide young people an opportunity to learn more about Jesus Christ, the Christian faith and their Lutheran identity. During the five-days of the Gathering youth spend time together in worship, God’s Word, prayer, song and service. This event is organized by LCMS Youth Ministry in Saint Louis, Missouri.



Camp Minneboji It's freezing today - but a great time to think about summer and the upcoming 2025 Camp Minneboji. Camp Minneboji 2025 will take place from June 15–21. It is a Lutheran camp for students in grades 4–9, primarily from South Dakota and southwestern Minnesota. "Hidden and Revealed" is the theme for Camp Minneboji 2025! This camp for 4th-8th graders is very popular and spots fill quickly! Take the time now to reserve a spot for your child(ren). Check out the Camp Minneboji website for more details.

This Week at Faith Lutheran

Today: Mar. 2

8:30 am Communion
9:30 am First Sunday Fellowship
9:45 am Sunday School/*Luke* Study
11:00 am Worship
2-5:00 pm Softball
5:00 pm Board of Parish Fellowship
6:00 pm Board of Elders

Mon: Mar. 3

7:00 pm Men's Club

Tues: Mar. 4

8:00 am Staff Devotions
10:30 am Women's Bible Study
6-9 pm Softball

Wed: Mar. 5 Ash Wednesday

11:00 am Lenten Worship
12:00 pm Forever Young Chicken Meal
5:30 pm Lenten Meal

6:00 pm Midweek/Catechism

6:00 pm *Luke* Bible Study

6:00 pm *Jeremiah/Lamentations* Study

6:30 pm *Jesus* Bible Study (in homes)

7:00 pm Lenten Worship

8:00 pm LYF

Thurs: Mar. 6

8:00 am Staff Devotions

6:00-8:00 pm MOPS

Sun: Mar. 9 Lent 1

8:30 am Worship

9:45 am Sunday School/*Luke* Study

11:00 am Communion

11:00 am Board of Missions/Evang.

2-5:00 pm Softball



Ash Wednesday is this coming Wednesday

Lenten Worship services are at

11:00 am and 7:00 pm

Please join us as we begin our Lenten journey