

**Wednesday, February 26, 2025**  
**Transfiguration Week**  
**Waiting for the Kingdom and**  
**the Life to Come**



## **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**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**OPENING SONG: ACS 1037 "Christ, Our Peace" x3 \***

**CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

**NICENE CREED (Part 7)**

**We look forward to the resurrection of the dead,  
and to life in the age to come. Amen.**

**READING** (see next page)

**SERMON**

**SONG: "The Kingdom of God" x3**

**The kingdom of God is justice and peace  
and joy in the Holy Spirit  
Come, Lord, and open in us  
the gates of your Kingdom.**

**PRAYERS**

**OFFERING**

**COMMUNION**

**BENEDICTION**

**SENDING SONG: ELW 538 "The Lord Now Sends Us Forth" x2 \***

**DISMISSAL**

## READING

### **Gospel Reading:** *Luke 9:28-36*

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 6th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord!**

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah”—not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!” When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

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

## BRINGING IT HOME

This section provides guidance on how to discuss a passage from the Revised Common Lectionary for the week as a family! The devotions for this week are for Exodus 34:29-35

### **Prayer**

God of glowing transformation, in the beginning, you said, “Let there be light.” With dazzling rays, your light sparked warmth and life. It fractures into rainbows, photosynthesizes into energy, and dances with darkness to cast playful shadows. May your illuminating light shine forever. Amen.

## Reflection Questions

- This scripture passage paints a very vivid picture. Vivid means to have a clear image come to mind. What words and images stand out to you?
- This is the season after the Epiphany when we focus on God's revelation in the world. How does God reveal Godself to Moses in this story? How does it impact Moses?
- Share a time when you were so excited that it showed on your face. What did it feel like? What did it look like?
- Moses' face was transformed when he spent time with God. Transform means taking what is there and creating something new out of it. Describe what it might feel like to spend time with God, seeing God's glory and light as Moses did. How might it transform us?
- Having been transformed by God's light, Moses shared God's light with his community. How can we share light with others that transforms our communities?

## Did you know?

Did you know tiny electrons are moving at the atomic level?

**Look up the science behind how objects shine because of electron movement at the atomic level and what causes things to be shiny. Discuss how even small movements can have a big impact.**



**micro PRACTICE**

**Objects shine because of electron movement at the atomic level! Inside the atoms of shiny things, electrons are moving and grooving.**

**Let shiny things remind you to take a moment to ask yourself how you are doing inside your own body.**

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## **Guiding Activity**

When Moses encounters God on Mt. Sinai, his whole face is transformed, and it's shining for all the people to see. When we experience big feelings, we often feel them in our bodies and in our minds. It can show on our faces and, sometimes, even in how we move our bodies. Invite the children in your life to listen as you name a big emotion aloud; then, invite them to show with their faces and bodies what the emotion feels like (see suggested emotions below). After a few examples, encourage the children to take turns suggesting additional emotions to express. This activity reminds us that how we move, speak, and act can show others the love and light of God shining within us. Discuss how we can show God's love and light with our voices, bodies, and actions. As we express our emotions outwardly, it's a great reminder that we can choose to express God's love and light in some way every day.

## **Examples of big emotions:**

- Excitement
- Happiness
- Fear
- Relief
- Sadness
- Anger
- Love
- Sympathy



Thank you for your offering of **\$13,498.28** for the week of **February 23!**

**Altar Flowers** for the week are provided by Lara Loritz, in memory of Harold Loritz. **Thank you!**

Come to our next **All Comers' Choir Rehearsals on Sunday, March 2 and Sunday, March 23.** All singers (any skill level!) are invited to come to one rehearsal at 7:30am, and then perform during the Offertory at the 8:30am service and the prelude at the 11am service that day.

**K-5 Students:** join Camp of the Cross for a **Camp Fun Day at Trinity Lutheran Church on Saturday, March 1 from 10am-2pm.**

Registration Link: <https://form.jotform.com/250085955740158>

Join us next week for the 29th Annual **Camp of the Cross Potato/Chili Feed Fundraiser**, hosted by Men of Faith, on **Wednesday, March 5 at 5pm.** Faith Lutheran has long been involved with Camp of the Cross, whether financially, through volunteer work, or our average of 6-7 yearly attendees and members working as counselors. This fundraiser is a great opportunity to support an important ministry partner of Faith Lutheran with your **free-will offering**, while enjoying fellowship and a meal together. Speaking of opportunities, please check the **two sign-up sheets in the Gathering area (to provide bars and chili)** as another method to help out.

Lent is next week! Join us **starting March 5**, Ash Wednesday, for a **12:05pm service** along with our 7pm service, as well as a **Soup Lunch at 11:15am, each Wednesday of Lent.** Look on the back counter for **sign-ups to bring bread and bars** for our soup lunches!

Join us **starting Sunday March 9th (Sundays at 9:45am)** or **starting Wednesday, March 19th (Wednesdays at 10am and 6pm)** for our **Lent book study.** We will read and discuss Rev. Danielle Shroyer's book *Original Blessing*, which invites us to consider the possibility that we are more precious to God than we ever imagined. The study will run for 8 weeks, skipping Holy Week and Easter Sunday. **Books are available** in Caitlin McCleary's office.

Our **Lent devotional** from our theme this year, "All We Need," is now available! Look on the table next to the Coffee Hour area to pick up your free copy!

Please join Connie and Dwight Barden as they celebrate the **marriage of Adam and Britany Barden!** They will be hosting an **open house next Sunday, March 9th, from 1pm-4pm in the Fellowship Hall** downstairs.

Don't forget to **direct your Thrivent Choice Dollars!** Individuals with certain types of accounts can direct money, donated by Thrivent, to specific non-profits in the area. The **deadline to direct your Dollars is Monday, March 31st.** Make sure to log-in to the online portal, or talk to your Thrivent representative, to select any non-profits you would like to support. In the past, we have used Thrivent Choice Dollars to fund devotionals and Bible Study materials, speakers and special events at Faith Lutheran. Thank you for supporting non-profits!

For the month of February, we are **honoring our Quilting group at Faith Lutheran!** Each year, our quilters make and send 130 quilts to Lutheran World Relief, as well as 30-40 quilts for local causes, such as members in need, recognizing staff, and donations to local non-profits. The group meets every Tuesday morning at 9am if you are interested in joining. **Thank you** for all you do for our community and the world!

# MISSION Focus



## **FEBRUARY: BIO GIRLS**

BIO Girls aims to improve the self-esteem of adolescent girls through service to others and self-empowerment, using a life-skills curriculum and small-group mentoring. The BIO Girls program at FLC also helps girls train for a 5k in May. They are currently seeking monetary donations to help with scholarships, supplies for classes, and items for their finale event! Checks can be made out to BIO GIRLS, with Bismarck FLC BIO Girls in the memo line, and mailed to BIO Girls, 4225 38th St S, Suite 202, Fargo, ND, 58104. Thank you for your generosity!

*Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. - 1 Timothy 4:12*

## CALENDAR

### Thursday, February 27

6:00 Knit/Crochet Group

### Friday, February 28

8:00 NA

### Saturday, March 1

10:00 Camp Fun Day (Trinity Lutheran)

12:00 Serving the Banquet (Dream Center)

### Sunday, March 2

7:30 All Comers' Choir Rehearsal

8:30 Worship

9:45 Church School

11:00 Worship

4:00 Cub Scouts

### Monday, March 3

7:00 AA

### Tuesday, March 4

9:00 Quilting

2:00 Crafts

5:15 BIO Girls

7:00 Scouts

### Wednesday, March 5

#### **Ash Wednesday**

11:15 Soup Lunch

12:05 Worship

4:30 8th/9th Confirmation

5:00 Potato/Chili Feed

5:30 Handbells

6:00 Church School

7:00 Worship

**Message: Pastor Derek Harkins**

**Liturgy: Pastor Sylvia Bull**

**Music: Vicki Martel**