



us in praying for: Adrienne, Alyson & Jarrett, Harry & Shelly, Ben, Betty, Bill, Bob, Bonnie Cliffe, ton, Brett, Brian, Carl, Cedric, Cindy, Claudine, Debi, Denise, Dennis, Devin, Don, Donna, Doug, ly, Ethel, Gale & Tom Miller, Gary, Gavin, George, e, Harriet, Heather, Heidi, Ian, Inez, Iris, Jaleena, et, Janice, Jeff, Jessica, Jimmy, Joyce, Joyce r family, Judy, Kathy Mears, Kelli, Kennedy, Kevin, s, Lucas, Marion, Marjean, Mary, Nancy, Nikko, y A., Robin, Roger, Sam, Sara, Sarah, Scott alom, Sharon, Shelly, Shirley, Stephanie, Sue, Ted, Teresa, Terri, Terry, Tim, Todd, Tom, nce, Vicki, Viola, Zach, and all service men & homeless & unemployed, our shut-ins, our dents, and those in the military & their families, eeps them safe in His loving care.

**ITAS COLLECTION DRIVE has ended.
anks to everyone for their donations.**

March 5 - April 9

Easter Empty Basket Food Drive

Your donations of canned goods will be donated to Old Stone Church in Rockton.

*Karen Murr & Patti Dunaway, Social Ministry
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20 – Mike Murphy
26 – Bailey Binder
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Faith Lutheran Church

Faithfully Growing, Welcoming, and Caring th

Sunday, February 26, 2017

Transfiguration of Our Lord ~ 9:30

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

C: **Amen.**

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, your Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. (A brief silence.) Most merciful God,

C: **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought and deed, by what we have done and by what we have not done. We have not loved you with our whole hearts, we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us, O 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 Father. Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As your servant and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and in the authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

HYMN

Alleluia, Song of Gladness



- lu - ia, song of glad - ness, voice of joy that can - not die;
 - lu - ia you are sound - ing, true Je - ru - sa - lem and free;
 - lu - ia can - not al - ways be our song while here be - low;
 our hymns we pray with long - ing: Grant us, bless - ed Trin - i - ty,



- lu - ia is the an - them ev - er dear to choirs on high;
 - lu - ia, joy - ful moth - er, bring us to your ju - bi - lee;
 - lu - ia our trans - gres - sions make us for a while for - go;
 the last to keep glad Eas - ter with the faith - ful saints on high;



the house of God a - bid - ing thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly.
 by Bab - y - lon's sad wa - ters mourn - ing ex - iles still are we.
 the sol - emn time is com - ing when our tears for sin shall flow.
 to you for - ev - er sing - ing al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly.

of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the
 presence of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Prayer with you.

EXPLANATION

This festival is a bridge between the Advent-Christmas-
 Epiphany cycle that comes to a close today and the Lent-
 Easter cycle that begins in several days. On the mount of
 Calvary Jesus is revealed as God's beloved Son,
 and the words at his baptism. This vision of glory
 leads us as Jesus faces his impending death in Jerusalem.
 From this week to Ash Wednesday and our yearly
 Lenten journey from Lent to Easter. Some churches put
 the alleluia at the conclusion of today's liturgy. This
 joy will be omitted during the penitential season of
 Lent and will be sung again at Easter.



**Ash Wednesday is March 8
 Service is at 7pm**

Our weekly Lenten schedule begins the following week on Wednesday. For 5 weeks, each Wednesday begins with a Simple Supper at 6pm followed by worship at 7pm. The focus this year is "Standing at the Cross" with a focus on the witness of Martin Luther.

we stand with Luther at the foot of the cross each week we contemplate the ways in which we stand firm in our faith as followers of Christ during this holy season.

We will also include "Issues of the Reformation" in our Lenten schedule. This is the historic 500th anniversary of this world-changing movement. Five hundred years ago, Martin Luther led off the Protestant Reformation, which contributed to the birth of our modern age.

Each Wednesday's Simple Supper will include a 10-minute portion of a one-hour special filmed in Europe, *Rick Steves' Luther and the Reformation*. The Reformation - even if you're not a Lutheran - is a great deal. Rick Steves tells the story of a humble man who lived a dramatic life. Rick visits key sites related to the Reformation (including Erfurt, Wittenberg, and Rome) and explores the complicated political world of 16th-century Europe. It's an amazing story of power, rebellion, and faith that you'll never forget.

Please join us for these enjoyable and interesting services: **Wednesday, March 8, March 15, 22, and April 5.** Simple Supper at 6pm and Worship at 7pm. There is a Sign-Up Sheet on the Bulletin Board. Each Simple Supper will need 4 families to volunteer to provide 2 simple supper meal items and 2 desserts. Monthly calendars - come enjoy a simple meal, good fellowship, Reformation information, and worship service.



Worship

Faith Lutheran Church. We are so happy to have you with us today! Please join us after worship in our Fellowship Room for beverages, snacks and conversation.

Communion is by intinction. Come forward as directed by the pastor. We will give the bread with an open hand then dip it in the wine (light). If you accidentally eat the bread before dipping, please ask for another piece. You don't have to be a Lutheran or be Lutheran to take Communion. Christ is the Bread of Life - ALL baptized believers are welcomed!

As always, if you are unable to attend worship, please be sure to catch up with your **offering** the next week. Or, if you cannot, please mail it to the church office and write "offering" on the envelope and it will be included in that week's offering and seen at the designated counters for the day. Thank you for being generous to God's work here at Faith Lutheran!

Financials for Sunday, February 19, 2017 - Week 8

Attendance - 73

Offering Actual	\$1,676.00
Offering Budget	\$2,111.00
YTD Actual Offering	\$16,161.40
YTD Offering Needed	\$16,888.00
YTD Toward Roof Loan	\$565.00

Today's Worship Leaders

Guild - Carol & Roger Frey
Audio Technician - Mike Banker
Projecting Video - Helen Meier
Worshipers - Laurie and Pat Wicks
Worship - Inez Miller
Worshipers - Liz Shockley and Teresa Moffitt
Worshiper - Betty Comins
Worshiper - Nicole Blakeman
Worshipers - Mike Banker and Ray Wendell
Worshiper - Rev. Dr. Richard J. Meier

NEEDED - Please sign up!
Fellowship Treats and Readers

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. (A brief silence.)

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

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

FIRST READING: Exodus 24:12-18

A reading from Exodus, the 24th chapter.

The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, "Wait here until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you, and whoever has a dispute may go to them." Then Moses went up the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered the mountain 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 fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain, and was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

P: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**



Responsive Reading

Why do the nations in an uproar? Why do the peoples mutter and hiss?

The kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and the rulers plot together, against the LORD and against the anointed?

“Break their yoke,” they say; “let us cast off their bonds

For the throne is in heaven is laughing; the LORD holds them in derision.

For wrath God speaks to them, and in rage fills them with

“I have anointed my king upon Zion, my holy anointed.”

“I will announce the decree of the LORD, who said to me, ‘My son; this day have I begotten you.

“I will give you the nations for your inheritance and the ends of the earth for your possession.

“I will crush them with an iron rod and shatter them like a potter’s

“You kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth.

“Worship the LORD with fear, and with trembling bow in worship; **the LORD be angry, and you perish in a sudden blaze of anger. Happy are all who take refuge in God!**

READING: 2 Peter 1:16-21

In 2nd Peter, the 1st chapter.

Do not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had seen the majesty of his glory. For he received honor and glory from the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Holy Spirit, saying, “This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am

pleased. We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, when we were with him on the holy mountain. So we have the message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be diligent as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

~ COMMUNION ~

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: O Morning Star, fair and bright, you have refreshed us with heavenly food. You are our dearest treasure. Come now – today, tomorrow, every day – that we tell the world of your never-ending love and sing your praise both now and forever.

C: Amen

BLESSING

P: The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant us to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with the teaching of Jesus.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Arise, Your Light Has Come!



1 A - rise, your light has come! The Spir - it's call o -
2 A - rise, your light has come! Fling wide the pris - on
3 A - rise, your light has come! All you in sor - row
4 A - rise, your light has come! The moun - tains burst in



show forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to
pro - claim the cap - tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the
bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us

DISMISSAL

P: Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; with courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; comfort the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God, and be filled with the power of the Holy Spirit.

C: Thanks be to God.

~ VIDEO DURING OFFERTORY ~

“Open The Eyes Of My Heart” by Paul Baloche

OFFERTORY RESPONSE



thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;
thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,



we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
- ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

pray. Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by
Word you made all things: you spoke light into
ness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought
to being. For your Word of life, O God,

we give you thanks and praise.

Lord be with you.

Also with you.

your hearts.

Bring them to the Lord.

Give thanks and praise to the Lord our God.

Let us all give God thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy
kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heav-
en. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our
trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;
lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
are thine, O God, the Father, forever. Amen.

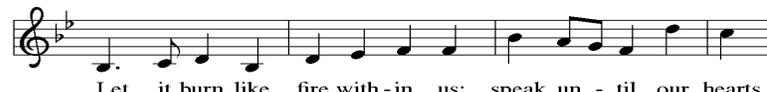
First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy
of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because
no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women
who were moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

P: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ior's



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that y

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 17:1-9

The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 17th chapter
Glory to you, O Lord.

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 dazzling white. Suddenly there ap-
peared 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,
let us build three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and
one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright
cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said
to him, "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
and said, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked
up and saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were
coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one
of this vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from
the dead."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

“From The Mountain to the Valley”

e Day

How Good, Lord, to Be Here!



How good, Lord, to be here! Your glo - ry fills the night;
How good, Lord, to be here, your beau - ty to be - hold
The will - er of the past and hope of things to be,
Before we taste of death, we see your king - dom come;
How good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not re - main;



Grace and gar - ments, like the sun, shine with un - bor - rowed light.
Mo - ses and E - li - jah stand, your mes - sen - gers of old.
Hail your bod - y glo - ri - fied and our re - demp - tion see.
Long to hold the vi - sion bright and make this hill our home.
Once you bid us leave the mount, come with us to the plain.

on, 1858–1933, alt.
Mercer, *The Church Psalter and Hymn Book*, 1854

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Called to be a light to the nations, let us pray for God's peace, and healing. (A brief silence.) God of Moses, you revealed your glory on Mount Sinai. Reveal your glory to our missionaries and campus ministries. Shine your light on their acts of caring, justice, and mercy. Lord, in your

C: hear our prayer.

P: God of Eve, you create humankind in your image. Give us a passion for your good creation. Transform our routines so that our stewardship reveals your image. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: God of David, you equip shepherds to care for your people. Where leaders rule by fear, transform their hearts with compassion and mercy. Send advocates for peace and justice for your justice in every land (*especially*). Lord, in your

C: hear our prayer.

P: God of Naomi, you care for the widow. Be with all who are in need. Connect children in foster care with loving families. Comfort refugees. Heal the sick and strengthen caretakers. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: God of Zechariah, you invite us to worship. Teach us to praise your praise in all places and in all circumstances. Enable us to proclaim the joy of your faithfulness with our whole hearts. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: God of Lazarus, you resurrect the dead. Deepen our faith in the resurrection promise. Grant us peace as we grasp what it means to die and live in you. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Receive these prayers in the name of Christ, the light of the world, who is one with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.