



First Lutheran Church

Welcome. We are excited to be worshiping together!

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Sunday, March 2, 2025 · Transfiguration Sunday



Witnesses to the glory of God in the face of Jesus reflect that glory in the world. It was true for Moses. It was doubtless true for Peter, James, and John. We pray that it will be true of all of us who see God's glory in the word and in the supper and who are being "transformed into the same image" by God's Spirit.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

GATHERING HYMN

O Word of God Incarnate

ELW #514

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. Oh, make your church, dear Savior, a lamp of burnished gold to bear before the nations
your true light, as of old; oh, teach your wand'ring pilgrims
by this their path to trace, till, clouds and darkness ended, they see you face to face.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P: Merciful God, **C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love; in your great compassion blot out our offenses. Release us from the guilt and shame we carry, and renew a right spirit within us. Teach us your ways, and uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE

King of Love

The King of Love, my Shepherd is; whose goodness faileth never.
I nothing lack if I am His and He is mine for-ev-er. And He is mine for-ev-er.

Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul He leadeth.
And where the fertile pastures grow with food celestial feedeth.

***Chorus: Never failing, Ruler of my heart. Everlast-ing, Lover of my soul.
On the mountain high or in the valley low, The King of Love, my Shepherd is.
The King of Love. my Shepherd is.***

Lost and foolish, off I strayed but yet in love, He sought me.
And on His shoulder, gently laid and home rejoicing brought me.

In death's dark veil, I fear no ill with Thee, dear Lord beside me.
Thy rod and staff, my comfort still, Thy cross before to guide me. ***Chorus***

Oh Hallelujah, Hallelujah. Oh Hallelujah, Hallelujah.

***Chorus: Never failing, Ruler of my heart. Everlasting, Lover of my soul.
On the mountain high or in the valley low, The King of Love, my Shepherd is.
Never failing, Ruler of my heart. Everlast-ing, Lover of my soul.
On the mountain high or in the valley low, The King of Love, my Shepherd is.
The King of Love. my Shepherd is.***

So through all the length of days, Thy goodness faileth never. Good Shepherd, may I sing Your praise
within Your house forever. Within Your house forever.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Holy God, **C: mighty and immortal, you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. Transform us into the likeness of your Son, who renewed our humanity so that we may share in his divinity, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

MUSICAL MESSAGE

Alleluia Ringers

FIRST READING

Exodus 34:29-35

²⁹ Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. ³⁰ When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹ But Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. ³² Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. ³³ When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face, ³⁴ but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off until he came out, and when he came out and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, ³⁵ the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining, and Moses would put the veil on his face again until he went in to speak with him.

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalms 99:1-5

R: The LORD is king; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!
C: The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples
R: Let them praise your great and awesome name. Holy is he!
C: Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.
R: Extol the LORD our God; worship at his footstool. Holy is he!
R: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word. Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred. Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL

Luke 9:28-37

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 9th Chapter. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**
²⁸ Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹ And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. ³⁰ Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. ³¹ They appeared in glory and were speaking about his exodus, which he was about to fulfill in Jerusalem. ³² Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep, but as they awoke they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³ Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us set up three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah," not realizing what he was saying. ³⁴ While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. ³⁵ Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" ³⁶ 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. ³⁷ On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him.

SERMON

Pr. Joe Skogmo

SONG OF THE DAY

Jesus Messiah

He became sin who knew no sin. That we might become His righteousness.
He humbled Himself and carried the cross. Love so amazing. Love so amazing.

**Chorus: Jesus Messiah, name above all names. Blessed Redeemer, Immanuel.
The rescue for sinners. The ransom from heaven. Jesus Messiah, Lord of all.**

His body the bread, His blood the wine. Broken and poured out, all for love.
The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn. Love so amazing, Love so amazing, Yah **Chorus**

All our hope is in You, all our hope is in You. All the glory to You, God, the light of the world.

Jesus Messiah, name above all names. Blessed Redeemer, Immanuel. The rescue for sinners. The ransom from heaven. Jesus Messiah, Lord of all. Jesus Messiah, Lord of all. The Lord of all, the Lord of all.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

Apostle's Creed

C: 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, he 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 THE PEOPLE

P: Lord in your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer**

SHARING OF PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

NOISY OFFERING

March: Becker County Food Pantry

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SONG

Holy, Holy, Holy

ELW #473

Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you.
My heart is glad to say the words: You are holy God. **(Sing 2x)**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Loving God, **C: receive this offering for the building up of your kingdom: the proclamation of your word and the loving of our neighbor. Amen.**

COMMUNION

Words of Institution

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.

Distribution

Post Communion Blessing

Post Communion Prayer

C: Gracious God, at this table you have nourished our body and soul with food and drink. As you have been food and drink for us, transform us to be food and drink for one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG

Shine, Jesus, Shine!

ELW #671

*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.
2. As we gaze on Your kingly brightness.
So our faces display Your likeness.
Ever changing from glory to glory,
Mirrored here may our lives tell Your story.
Shine on me. Shine on me.

SENDING P: Go in peace and serve the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MIDDLE SCHOOL LOCK-IN

Hey 6th-8th graders, get ready for a night to remember. Join us for an epic filled Lock-in here at FLC, with tons of activities, games, fellowship, and pizza! The lock-in will be on **March 8th/9th, from 8pm-8am.**

THEOLOGY ON TAP

Theology on Tap meets at Bucks Mill on the first & third Tuesday of each month at 7pm. Our next gathering will be on **March 5.**

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

As we continue our focus on Love Your Neighbor, we invite you to join us in the library on **Sunday, March 30 at 10:30 am** to learn how the Becker County DAC empowers adults with disabilities to thrive in the community. Executive Director Sarah Hill and VRS/Employment Specialist Brianna Johnson will share how the DAC programs provide integrated, person-centered services to assist individuals in developing and achieving goals. Learn how you can help.

WOMAN'S THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY

Are you interested in growing and sharing your faith and Christian life practices with other women? We invite you to join a small group of women in a Bible/book study **each Thursday morning from 9-10:30am** in the church library. Currently, we are studying the book *Noah Built His Ark in the Sunshine* by James W. Moore. For further information, text or call Phyllis Neuenfeldt at (218)770-4261.

LENTEN DEVOTION BOOKS

The 2025 FLC Lenten Devotional book written by you—for you is ready to be picked up! Grab your copy today!

WEDNESDAY LENTEN SERVICES

Our Wednesday Lenten service & lunch will begin on **Ash Wednesday, March 5 at 12:05pm.** And will run weekly, through April 9. A lunch will be served following the service. Cost of the lunch is a freewill donation.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

The Women of FLCW are currently hosting a drive to collect items for Health Care Kits, that will be shipped this spring & distributed to people in need. Items needed include: dark colored bath towels, bath sized soap bars (in original packaging), toothbrushes, combs, metal nail clippers. Items can be dropped off in the box outside

PIE AUCTION

The annual YMF pie auction is on Sunday **April 6.** We need people to donate pies, if you are able to donate, please sign up at the volunteer table or scan the QR code below. The proceeds of the auction will help fund the youth trip to South Dakota this summer!



EASTER FLOWERS

Spring has sprung and we are once again offering the opportunity to sponsor Easter flowers in honor/memory of your loved ones. Order forms and further information can be found on the volunteer table., or scan the QR Code.



Prayers for God's People

Brent Blake, Bill Wegscheid, Cole Woltjer, Joyce Gilbertson, Doreen Tollefson, Judie Wood, Nyah Visker, baby Thatcher Warfield, Tim Goff, and Vern

Prayers of comfort for the families of Ted Heisserer and Sue (Barrett) Wolfe

CREATION CARE NOTE

According to U.S. Climate Data, Detroit Lakes receives an average of 27.46 inches of precipitation annually. This total includes the water in our average snowfall of 44 inches.

The MN State Climatology Office annual report for Detroit Lakes in 2023 shows a precipitation total of 23.0 inches.

The annual total precipitation for 2024 for DL was 24.88 inches.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Worship Services

March 5

12:05pm &

6:00pm



There will be **no Wednesday School or Confirmation** next week, March 5.

We encourage you to attend our Ash Wednesday service.

VISITORS

Thanks for joining us!
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ON-LINE

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TELEVISION

Saturday at 9AM on Arvig Cable ch14.

