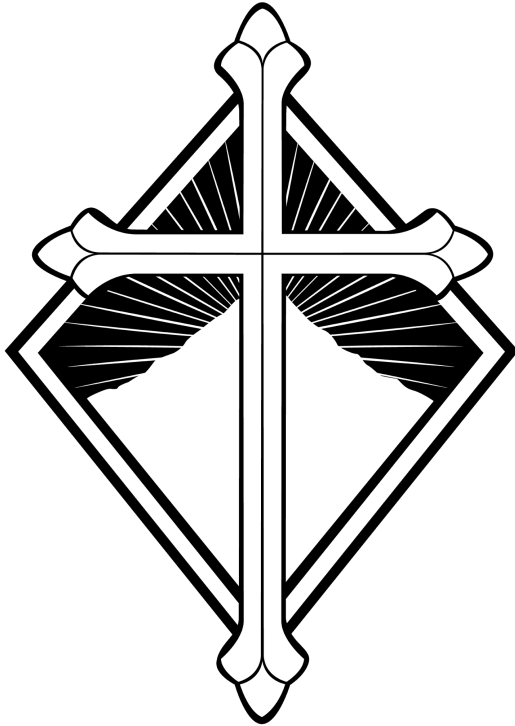


FAITH
LUTHERAN CHURCH



TRANSFIGURATION

Last Sunday After Epiphany

WELCOME!

If you are visiting us for the first time, welcome! Please see Pastor Hendrix after the service for a special Christmas gift.

WE LOVE LETTING KIDS BE WITH JESUS

Children learn the faith by watching those around them. Our service is for kids too. If we can help you in any way, let us know.

RESTROOMS & NURSERY

Restrooms are located downstairs for your convenience. We also offer a nursery wired with audio. If you need any further assistance, please feel free to ask an usher.

MASKS

If your conscience allows, and you are medically able to do so, we ask that you please wear a mask while inside. In all things, “Let us excuse [our neighbor], speak well of him, and put the best construction on everything.” (8th Commandment, Explanation)

SERVICE NOTES FOR THIS MORNING

The Lord appeared to Moses in the light of the burning bush. (Ex 3:1–14) Later Moses’ face would shine with the light of God’s glory when he came down from Mount Sinai. (Ex 34:29–35) Now Moses and Elijah appear with Him who is the Light of Light Himself on the Mount of Transfiguration. (Mt 17:1–9) Jesus’ glory as God shines with brilliant splendor in and through His human nature. By this epiphany, our Lord confirmed the prophetic word (2 Pet 1:16–21), revealing that He is the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets. He manifested His majesty as the eternal Son of the Father. And He wonderfully foreshowed our adoption as sons. (Collect) For in this event we who have been baptized into Christ’s body are given a glimpse of the glory that we will share with Him in the resurrection on the Last Day.

SERVING TODAY

Preacher:	Rev. Jeff Hendrix
Organist:	Caroline Rehborg
Altar Guild:	Joan Behr, Rob Mikkelson

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GOD’S WORD THIS WEEK

THEME

Jesus is transfigured, or glorified, giving His disciples a preview of heaven

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SERVICE OF PREPARATION



The first part of our service prepares our hearts to come before God. God forgives our sins and the theme for the day is set in the introit.

OPENING PRAYER

O Lord, our Maker, Redeemer, and Comforter, we are assembled in Your presence to hear Your holy Word. We pray You to open our hearts by Your Holy Spirit, that through the preaching of Your Word we may be taught to repent of our sins, to believe on Jesus in life and death, and to grow day by day in grace and holiness. Hear us for Christ's sake. Amen.

ENTRANCE HYMN

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty | 29

CONFESSION

P Let us bow before the Lord and confess our sins. Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against You by thought, word and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **O most merciful God, You have given Your only-begotten Son to die for us: have mercy upon us, and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You, and of Your will, and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

KYRIE [Lord, Have Mercy (Luke 18:39)]



C O God the Fa-ther in hea-ven, have mer-cy up-on



us. O God the Son, Re- deem-er of the world,

have mer-cy up-on us. O God the Ho-ly
Ghost, true Com-fort-er, have mer-cy up-on us.

ABSOLUTION

The sign of the cross may be made by all at the absolution in remembrance of their Baptism.

P Hear the holy and comforting Word of our Lord: Come unto Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. For God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Lift up your hearts! By the authority of God and of my holy office I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS *[Glory to God in the Highest (Luke 2:14)]*

P ♪ Glory be to God in the Highest

C And on earth peace, good will to-ward men.

C ♪ All glory be to God on high Who hath our race befriended!
To us no harm shall now come nigh, The strife at last is ended;
God showeth His good will to men, And peace shall dwell on earth again;
O thank Him for His goodness!

SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY

P ♪ The Lord be with you.

C And with your spir - it.

P Let us all pray: O merciful and everlasting God, heavenly Father: We thank You that You have revealed to us the glory of Your Son, and let the light of Your Gospel shine upon us: We pray that You would guide us by this light that we may walk diligently as Christians in all good works, ever be strengthened by Your grace, and conduct our lives in all godliness; through the same, Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

C  **Amen.**

SERVICE OF THE WORD



Our service builds towards the hearing of the Gospel. The lessons and even the chief hymn all reflect the theme of the Gospel.

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 61:10-11

¹⁰I will rejoice greatly in the Lord.
My soul will celebrate because of my God,
for he has clothed me in garments of salvation.
With a robe of righteousness he covered me,
like a bridegroom who wears a beautiful headdress like a priest,
and like a bride who adorns herself with her jewelry.
¹¹For as the earth produces its growth,
and as a garden causes what has been sown to sprout up,
so God the Lord will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up
in the presence of all the nations.

GRADUAL HYMN

A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth | **331 v. 10**

EPISTLE

2 Peter 1:16-21

¹⁶To be sure, we were not following cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the powerful appearance of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷For he received honor and glory from God the Father, when the voice came to him from within the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." ¹⁸We heard this voice, which came out of heaven when we were with him on the holy mountain.
¹⁹We also have the completely reliable prophetic word. You do well to pay attention to it, as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the Morning Star rises in your hearts, ²⁰since we know this above all else: No

prophecy of Scripture comes about from someone's own interpretation. ²¹In fact, no prophecy ever came by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were being carried along by the Holy Spirit.

GOSPEL

Matthew 17:1-9

Six days later Jesus took with him Peter, James, and John the brother of James; and he led them up onto a high mountain by themselves. ²There he was transfigured in front of them. His face was shining like the sun. His clothing became as white as the light. ³Just then, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Jesus.

⁴Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you want, I will make three shelters here: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

⁵While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them. Just then, a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him."

⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell face down and were terrified. ⁷Jesus approached and as he touched them, he said, "Get up, and do not be afraid."

⁸When they opened their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus alone. ⁹As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Do not tell anyone what you have seen until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

P This is the Gospel of Christ:



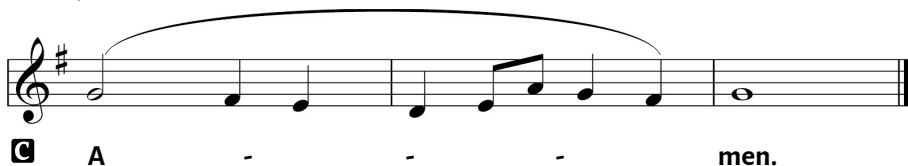
C God be prais - ed for His glad ti - dings.

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life; Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and life of the world to come.



CHIEF HYMN

How Lovely Shines the Morning Star | 167 vv. 1-4

SERMON “The Christian Home: Not a Permanent Dwelling” (Matthew 17:1-9)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Everlasting and merciful God, we beseech You in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ: **C** **To have mercy upon us and to hear our prayer.**

Pastor prays on behalf of the congregation. Each prayer ends with:

P ...Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Be merciful, O God, to all, according to Your great love in Christ Jesus, our Lord. When our final hour shall come, grant us a blessed departure from this world, and on the last day, a resurrection to Your glory.

C **Amen. Grant us Your peace, O Lord!**

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit † be with you all.

Offering: Your offering can be placed in the plate in the back, or given online. You are also encouraged to consider setting aside your first fruits to the Lord and scheduling a recurring offering at FaithLutheranOregon.com/OnlineGiving

HYMN

Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness | 328 vv. 1, 2, 5, 6

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT




The third part of our service is the second high point of the service, and what everything has been building towards. Christ actually comes to us in His Body and Blood by which He cleanses us of our sins.

PREFACE

P  The Lord be with you.




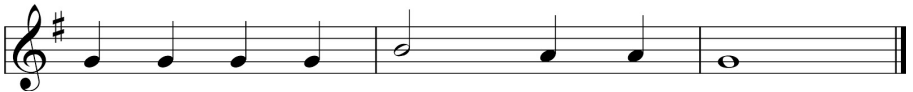
C And with your spir - it.

P  Lift up your hearts unto the Lord.




C We lift up our hearts un - to the Lord.

P  Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.



C It is good and right so to do.

P  It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God ...and now we praise You that You sent us Your only-begotten Son and that in Him, being found in fashion as a Man, You manifested the fullness of Your glory...

Therefore with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS [*Holy, Holy, Holy (Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 21:9)*]

Holy, Holy, Holy | 15 v. 3

**Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see:
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER



C Our Fa-ther, who art in hea-ven, Hal-low-ed be Thy name,

Thy king-dom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heav-en.

Give us this day our dai-ly bread; And for-give us our tres - pass - es,

as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us;

And lead us not in-to temp-ta-tion, But de-liv-er us from e-vil.

For Thine is the king-dom and the pow'r and the glo-ry

for - ev - er and ev - er. A - - - men.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples saying: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying: "Drink of it all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My blood which is shed for you and for many, for the remission of sins. This do as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

AGNUS DEI [Lamb of God (John 1:29)]

ELH pg. 55

C **O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**
O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, Grant us Your peace. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION

- *Holy Communion is limited to communicant members of our fellowship, who have properly announced themselves to the pastor beforehand.*
- *Please limit one family per side of the communion rail, or two individuals per side.*
- *To receive the host, form a cup with your hands to receive.*
- *While others commune, take this time to pray the prayers for Communion (ELH pg. 40) or read the hymn “O Lord, We Praise Thee, Bless Thee, and Adore Thee” (327).*

The sign of the cross may be made by all as you are dismissed from the Lord’s Table in peace.

HYMN OF THANKSGIVING

Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness | **328 vv. 7, 8**

COLLECT OF THANKSGIVING

P Let us give thanks and pray: We thank You, Lord God Almighty, that You have refreshed us with these Your salutary gifts; and we beseech You of Your mercy, to strengthen us through the same in faith toward You, and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

C *Amén.*

BENEDICTION

P *The Lord bless you and keep you.*

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you † and give you peace.

C *Amén. Amén. Amén.*

CLOSING HYMN

Christ Jesus Lay in Death’s Strong Bands | **343 vv. 1, 6**

Notes: As Transfiguration shows, Christ Jesus is the “Sun” that lights us. Martin Luther used this image of the Transfiguration in his great Easter hymn, based on an ancient Latin hymn.

CLOSING PRAYER

P O Lord, we render unto You our heartfelt thanks that You have taught us what You would have us believe and do. Help us, O God, by Your Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus Christ, to keep Your Word in pure hearts, that we thereby may be strengthened in faith, perfected in holiness, and comforted in life and death. Amen.

NEWS & NOTES

Today	9:00am	Transfiguration Divine Service
	10:30am	Annual Voters' Assembly
Thursday	All Day	Private Communion Available at Church <i>(Please sign up online)</i>
	3:40-5pm	Confirmation Class
Sunday	9:00am	Septuagesima Divine Service
	10:15-11am	Bible Study

BLESSING YOUR HOME

Did you know one of the services that Lutheran pastors can provide is a blessing of your home? It is appropriate that Christian homes be blessed by the Word of God and prayer. This is not a magic trick, but prayer to God asking for His blessing. Usually this happens when a family moves to a new home, following something destructive that happens in the home, or even after a renovation. It is especially appropriate in times of distress. Homes may also be blessed annually, especially in the season of Epiphany due to the connection of the visit of the Wise Men to the home of the infant Christ (Matt. 2:1-11). Can I (Pastor) come to your home this Epiphany season to bless it by the Word of God and prayer? Let me know by emailing me or calling at 608-405-9522.

BIBLE READING PLANS

"A life goal for every mature Christian should be to read the entire Holy Bible," reads an introductory paragraph from the Lutheran Study Bible. The New Year is a great time to begin reading. A bookmark with a Bible reading plan taking the Lutheran Study Bible's suggestion is available in the back. If you would like a Lutheran Study Bible, they can be purchased from Concordia Publishing House at CPH.org.

INFORMATION CLASSES

Later this month, Pastor will be beginning information classes for those interested in

learning about the basic teachings of the Bible/the Lutheran Church, or becoming members of our congregation. Do you have friends who might be interested? Please reach out to them and let them know. No pressure to join our church, just need a commitment to learn and study. Day and time TBD.

BIBLE STUDY OPTIONS

Interested in a study group? Please take the survey on our website. Studies beginning later this month.

- **Sunday Bible Study:** "The Body of Christ" – A study of 1 Corinthians.
- **Men's Study Group:** "Christ Have Mercy: How to Put Your Faith Into Action"
- **Young Adults** (college-30's): "On the Road with St. Augustine: Real World Spirituality for Restless Hearts"
- **Women's Study Group** (led by Carla): "Enough for Now: Unpacking God's Sufficiency."
- **Anyone:** "Didache [The teaching]" (an adult instruction course centered around the liturgy)

MUSIC MASTER CLASSES

Bethany Lutheran College's music department presents a series of virtual musical presentations! Our professors are experts in a variety of topics, and they want to share that expertise with you! Learn about topics such as beginning conducting, themes in music, and the very musical Bach family. All are welcome to

join in over zoom on January 25, February 8, February 22, and March 8. Presentations begin at 7:30 and are free to join! Sign up at: blc.edu/masterclass.

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

We would like to update our records to include Baptism anniversaries. Please look up your baptismal birthday and give the following information to Pastor: date, location, by whom.

BLANKETS FOR THE NEEDY

Faith has approximately 100 heavy-duty blankets from a gracious donation. We intend to give these to people in need so if you know of someone who is in need, or if you would like to take some to have on hand to give to those in need, let Pastor know.

PASTORAL CARE

Pastors are able to provide numerous invaluable services or rites. Pastor Hendrix would be happy to visit you for any of these situations:

- Holy Baptism
- Enrolling Sponsors for Baptism
- Individual Confession and Absolution
- Visiting the Sick and Distressed
- Anointing the Sick (James 5:14–15)
- Visiting those in Prison
- Communion of the Sick and Homebound
- Private Devotions
- Blessing of a Mother after Childbirth
- Holy Matrimony
- Anniversary/Affirmation of Marriage
- Commendation of the Dying
- Comforting the Bereaved
- Funerals, Committals
- Burials for Stillborn or Unbaptized Children
- Blessing of a Home
- Counseling for times of Spiritual Distress

- Ministering for Home and Family Situations
- Ministering for Times of Vocation/Employment Changes
- Ministering for Times of Celebration

PRIVATE CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Some of the services Pastor is available for is private confession and absolution, and for confidential pastoral counseling. Please feel free to make an appointment to see him if you ever wish to do so.

The *Smalcald Articles* (one of our Lutheran Confessions) state: “Because absolution or the power of the keys is also a comfort and help against sin and a bad conscience and was instituted by Christ in the gospel.. absolution should by no means be allowed to fall into disuse in the church – especially for the sake of weak consciences and for the wild young people, so that they may be examined and instructed in Christian teaching. However, the enumeration of sins ought to be a matter of choice for each individual... Because private absolution is derived from the office of the keys, we should not neglect it but value it highly, just as all the other offices of the Christian church.”)