



“THIS IS
MY
BELOVED
SON ...
LISTEN
TO HIM.”

MATTHEW 17:5, ESV

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH ELCA

309 Fourth Street Northeast
Valley City, North Dakota

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Ministers in Daily Life: People of God at Faith

Transfiguration of Our Lord February 19, 2023

9:30am worship service

WELCOME IN JESUS' NAME!

It is good to encounter Christ together. At Faith Lutheran we rise up to:

Worship Christ, Welcome All, and Serve Others because of Jesus.

A special welcome to visitors and guests! May God bless our time together as we celebrate Christ's presence in the bread and wine, the Word of God, and the community we share. Please fill out a welcome card if you have changes: address, phone number, prayer request. Break off the bottom half to place in the offering plate; keep the top as a bookmark and a reminder of worship times.

*Indicates those who are able, please stand. (ELW - Evangelical Lutheran Hymnal)

Prelude

Welcome and announcements

INVOCATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come join Jesus today on his transfiguration.

We have come this morning in hopes of being transformed by God.

Come walk with Jesus who IS The Way, The Truth and The Life.

We have come to join the journey of Jesus today.

Come all you people and join the journey of Jesus today.

*GATHERING SONG

"Come, All You People"

ELW 819

CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

Gracious Lord God, your life and death hold up a mirror to our own weakness and sin. This morning we have gathered here together as people who have messed up and turned away from you.

Forgive us, O Lord.

Gracious Lord God, we want to be your followers, but just like your first disciples we fall asleep or fall away. We deny you or betray you or abandon you. We are afraid of what taking up your cross to follow you may mean for our lives. Forgive us, O Lord.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, you have been transformed and adopted into the family of God. You are an accepted, forgiven and loved child of God.

I am an accepted, forgiven and loved child of God!

*KYRIE Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way. ELW pg. 184
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

*SONG OF PRAISE “Our God Reigns” see screen

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE READINGS (PB- Pew Bible)

Exodus 24:12-18 (PB pg. 21 - Old Testament)

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 2 (please read responsively)

2 Peter 1:16-21 (PB pg. 255 - New Testament)

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Gospel Acclamation “Take Up Your Cross” see screen

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 5th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord

Matthew 17:1-9 (PB pg. 19 - New Testament)

The Gospel of the Lord - **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON Take Up Your Cross Pastor Jamie Desai

*HYMN OF THE DAY “In Thee Is Gladness” ELW 867

*APOSTLES’ CREED ELW pg. 127

*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE—Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

*OFFERTORY **“Jesus, Come! For We Invite You” vs 2**

ELW 312

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

ELW pg. 129

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**(singing) Holy, holy, holy Lord. God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

ELW pg. 130

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

ELW pg. 134

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION - We welcome all the baptized to the meal celebrating the new life we have in Christ Jesus. Come forward as the ushers direct. Please take a cup for communion from the center boxes as you come forward. Start at the middle and fill to the sides. Gluten-free wafers are available. Young children will receive a grape and a blessing. Place your empty cups in the boxes. If you wish to refrain from communion, God knows your heart.

Communion Hymns: **“Jesus, Come! For We Invite You” vs 3,4**

ELW 312

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

ELW 815

“One Bread, One Body”

ELW 496

“You Are My All in All” (chorus)

see screen

*BLESSING

*SENDING SONG

“I Saw the Light”

see screen

*DISMISSAL Go in peace and serve the Lord. **Okay we will!**

POSTLUDE

We depart to serve the Lord