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Empowered by God, we are instruments of the Holy Spirit's passion to grow in our faith, support each other with a sense of belonging, and by sharing Jesus' love by being good neighbors in the community.

Guided by the Spirit, we share the love of Jesus and walk with our community.

## ***Sunday, February 14, 2021 Transfiguration of Our Lord***

Happy Valentine's Day! Today we gather to conclude the Epiphany season with The Transfiguration of our Lord festival Sunday! This day in the church always precedes the beginning of Lent/Ash Wednesday. This Sunday, the Transfiguration is the second time we have recorded Scripture of God speaking.

At the Baptism of our Lord Sunday, back in January, we heard God speak over Jesus after the Lord is baptized. God said: "You are my Son, my beloved, with whom I am well pleased." (Mark 1:11). Today Jesus has gone up on a mountaintop (think more like a large hill) and goes with Peter, James and John.

At this place Jesus is "transfigured" or is "glowing" (another way to see it) and Peter wants to build three tents to stay there and enjoy the mountain top experience. At this point we hear God speak over the Lord: "This is my Son, whom I love, listen to Him." (Mark 9:7).

They all have this mountain top experience and then the Bible reports there was a great crowd waiting for them. They had to come down the mountain and into the valley where people were waiting for them. This is our task as well. We come off of the "mountain top" of worship and celebrate God's love into the "valley" of everyday life. People are waiting for us, they need to know they are loved by God, they are forgiven, and peace is within reach. Let's go into the Lenten season open to how God will "transfigure" us and change us, and lift us, and wash us in baptismal grace. Let's listen to God's Words to us: "This is my son/daughter, whom I love and I am well pleased with, listen to them!"

### **INTRODUCTION**

The Sundays after Epiphany began with Jesus' baptism and end with three disciples' vision of his transfiguration. In Mark's story of Jesus' baptism, apparently only Jesus sees the Spirit descending and hears the words from heaven. But now Jesus' three closest friends hear the same words naming him God's Beloved. As believers, Paul writes, we are enabled to see the God-light in Jesus' face, because the same God who created light in the first place has shone in our hearts to give us that vision. The light of God's glory in Jesus has enlightened us through baptism and shines in us also for others to see.

Verses 1 & 6

Thy Strong Word



1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; at thy  
 2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, dark as  
 3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us righ - teous; bright with  
 4 From the cross thy wis - dom shin - ing break - eth



speak - ing it was done. For cre - at - ed light we  
 night and deep as death, broke the light of thy sal -  
 thine own ho - li - ness, glo - rious now, we press toward  
 forth in con - qu'ring might; from the cross for - ev - er



thank thee, while thine or - dered sea - sons run.  
 va - tion, breathed thine own life - breath - ing breath.  
 glo - ry, and our lives our hopes con - fess.  
 beam - eth all thy bright re - deem - ing light.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise to thee who light dost send!



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!

5 Give us lips to sing thy glory,  
 tongues thy mercy to proclaim,  
 throats that shout the hope that fills us,  
 mouths to speak thy holy name.  
 Alleluia! Alleluia!  
 May the light which thou dost send  
 fill our songs with alleluias,  
 alleluias without end!

6 God the Father, light-creator,  
 to thee laud and honor be.  
 To thee, Light of Light begotten,  
 praise be sung eternally.  
 Holy Spirit, light-revealer,  
 glory, glory be to thee.  
 Mortals, angels, now and ever  
 praise the holy Trinity!

Text: Martin H. Franzmann, 1907-1976  
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## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, whose voice is upon the waters, whose mercy is poured out upon all people, whose goodness cascades over all creation.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of God.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy God, you search us and know us. You are acquainted with all our ways. We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin—our own sins and the broken systems that bind us. We turn inward, failing to follow your outward way of love. We distrust those who are not like us. We exploit the earth and its resources and fail to consider generations to come. Forgive us, gracious God, for all we have done and left undone. Even before the words are on our tongues, you know them; receive them in your divine mercy.

**Amen.**

How vast is God's grace! Through the power and promise of ✚ Christ Jesus, our sins are washed away and we are claimed as God's own beloved. Indeed, we are forgiven. In the wake of God's forgiveness, we are called to be the beloved community living out Christ's justice and the Spirit's reconciling peace.

**Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty God, the resplendent light of your truth shines from the mountaintop into our hearts. Transfigure us by your beloved Son, and illumine the world with your image, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## WORD

### First Reading: 2 Kings 2:1-12

*Today's reading centers on the transfer of power and authority from the prophet Elijah to Elisha. Their travels, which retrace the path of Joshua back to Moab (the place where Moses died) and the parting of the waters, demonstrate that Elisha and Elijah are legitimate successors of the great prophet Moses.*

1 Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. 2 Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. 3 The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent."

4 Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. 5 The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent."

6 Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. 7 Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. 8 Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

9 When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." 10 He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." 11 As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. 12 Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

The word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm: Psalm 50:1-6**

*Out of Zion, perfect in beauty, God shines forth in glory. (Ps. 50:2)*

- 1 The mighty one, God the Lord, has spoken;  
calling the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
- 2 Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty,  
God shines forth in glory.
- 3 Our God will come and will not keep silence;  
with a consuming flame before, and round about a raging storm.
- 4 God calls the heavens and the earth from above  
to witness the judgment of the people.
- 5 "Gather before me my loyal followers,  
those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice."
- 6 The heavens declare the rightness of God's cause,  
for it is God who is judge.

### **Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6**

*The spotlight of Christian ministry is not on the people who carry out ministry but on the Lord Jesus Christ. Just as God made light shine at creation, God makes the light of Jesus Christ shine in our lives through Christian ministry.*

3 Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. 4 In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. 5 For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. 6 For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel: Mark 9:2-9**

*Mark's gospel presents the transfiguration as a preview of what would become apparent to Jesus' followers after he rose from the dead. Confused disciples are given a vision of God's glory manifest in the beloved Son.*

2 Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, 3 and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. 4 And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. 5 Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." 6 He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. 7 Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" 8 Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

9 As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

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



## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

### **SERMON**

In 1995 I was invited by members of my church to attend a Via de Cristo weekend. I had never heard of it and wasn't sure it was for me, so I declined. That was in the spring of that year, that fall I attended a Via de Cristo weekend.

The Via de Cristo is a 3 day retreat weekend (like many others you may have heard of: Emmaus Walk, Great Banquet, or Kairos). It was held in northern Indiana and it was a great weekend of wonderful fellowship with men I came to love. There were talks on the Christian life, great worship and singing and wonderful food. I loved the weekend and considered this a "mountaintop experience."

All of us have these experiences of what we might consider mountaintop experiences. These are moments of exhilarating joy and happiness and love. These can be all types of experiences, not necessarily Christian retreat weekends. We love the mountain top and really want to stay there if we can. This would be like Peter who wanted to stay on the mountain and build three tents to stay there. But there is much valley work to be done. As Jesus said elsewhere “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few.” (Luke 10:2)

Mountain top experiences, in the Christian life, are times of feeling really close to God. Times when we feel enlightened, changed, and maybe even believe we hear the voice of God. We can, when we quiet down enough to be still and know that God is God. (Psalm 46:10).

Today we are celebrating the Transfiguration of our Lord Sunday, the last Sunday in our Epiphany season. This now leads us into Lent, our 40 day period before Easter. We sometimes decide to give up something for Lent, or maybe add something this year? We might add time of prayer, Bible reading, giving a little extra, and serving others. It's God's call upon all of us.

Epiphany has shown us the ministry of Jesus and now we join the Lord on a journey to the Cross, ultimately His death. Lent begins Wednesday, the 17th and then leads us to the ultimate mountain top: Easter!

After my VDC weekend, I began to sense a call from God into the ministry. And my home pastor, Joe Freeman from Christ the Savior in Fishers, was an encouragement to help. The church offered to help with tuition and books and away I went ever ready to experience more of God.

As the story concludes they hear God's voice affirming Jesus: “This is my Son, the beloved (or the one I love), listen to Him!” God is telling us to listen to Jesus as he walks his way to the Cross. We listen for the Lord today as we prepare mind, body and spirit for our Lenten journey.

They head back down the mountain into the valley, the story says, where a great crowd of people wait to be healed. Isn't that the same for us? Whether you have a spiritual retreat weekend, or just the mini mountain top of worshipping Jesus, people need our love, acceptance, forgiveness, and love.

Encouragement also comes today from our Second Lesson from Second Corinthians: “Let light shine out of the darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ!” (2 Cor. 4:6)

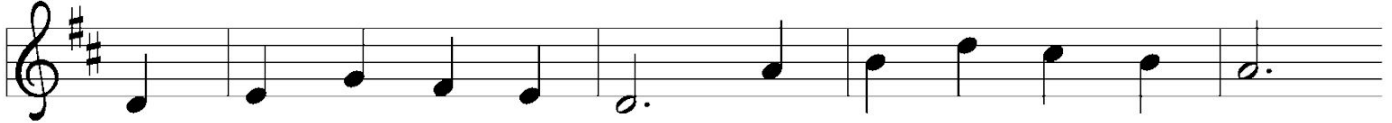
Let us go forward into the valley of daily living to offer our lights to others, to forgive, love and care for each other. Our valley journey takes us right into the season of Lent as God has called us forward. One thing I learned on my Via de Cristo weekend: God does not call the equipped, God equips the called!”

Amen.

Pastor Doug Givan

## Verses 1&amp; 5

## How Good, Lord, to Be Here!



- 1 How good, Lord, to be here! Your glo - ry fills the night;  
 2 How good, Lord, to be here, your beau - ty to be - hold  
 3 Ful - fill - er of the past and hope of things to be,  
 4 Be - fore we taste of death, we see your king - dom come;  
 5 How good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not re - main;



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

Text: Joseph A. Robinson, 1858–1933, alt.

Music: POTSDAM, W. Mercer, *The Church Psalter and Hymn Book*, 1854

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**We believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**We 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.**

**We 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**

Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

*A brief silence.*

For the gospel proclaimed in word and deed, for communities of faith far and near, and for all who show the face of Christ throughout the world, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For creation: sun, moon and stars; life forming in the dark earth and ocean deep; mountains, clouds and storms, and creatures seen and unseen, and for the Holy Spirit's guidance in our stewardship of God's creation, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For those responsible for safety and protection: for emergency responders and security guards, attorneys and advocates, civil servants and leaders of governments, that they witness to mercy and justice throughout the world, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For all who suffer this day (*especially*), that Christ our healer transform sickness into health, loneliness into companionship, bereavement into consolation, and suffering into peace, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**



For companions on life's journey in this worshiping community, for loved ones who cannot be with us this day, and for guidance during struggles we face, that God's glory is revealed around and among us, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

In thanksgiving for the faithful departed who now rest from their earthly pilgrimage (especially missionaries Cyril and Methodius), that their lives of service and prayer inspire us in our living, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

## OFFERING

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Faithful members and friends of Faith and St. Andrews, we thank you for your continued financial support during our time of physical separation.	
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## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

O God, receive these gifts as you receive us: like a mother receives her child, with arms open wide. Nourish us anew in your tender care, and empower us in faithful service to tend to others with this same love, through Jesus Christ, our saving grace.

**Amen.**

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name.

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.

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life: Blessed are you for the birth of creation. Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light. Blessed are you for your promise to your people. Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams. Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will. Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

**Come, Lord Jesus.**

Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal.

May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **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 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.**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Beloved: here is bread; here is wine. Here is Jesus.  
Come and be fed.

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Let us pray.

Christ Jesus, at this table we have feasted on your very life and are strengthened for our journey. Send us forth from this banquet nourished in body and in spirit to proclaim your good news and serve others in your name.

**Amen.**

## **Announcements**

## **POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

God the creator strengthen you; Jesus the beloved fill you; and the Holy Spirit the comforter ✝ keep you in peace.

**Amen.**

## **SENDING**

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Verses 1 &amp; 4

## Alleluia, Song of Gladness



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



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



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

Text: Latin hymn, 11th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.  
 Music: PRAISE, MY SOUL, John Goss, 1800–1880

## Faith's Calendar

- **Sunday, February 14**
  - 9am Transfiguration of Our Lord Virtual Worship
  - 11am Annual Congregational Meeting Via Zoom
  - 7pm Faith Formation & Holy Communion via Zoom
- **Wednesday, February 17**
  - 11am - 12pm Imposition of Ashes (Drive-thru at Faith)
  - 7pm Virtual Ash Wednesday Service
- **Saturday, February 20**
  - 9-11am Food Pantry
- **Sunday, February 21**
  - 9am 1st Sunday in Lent Virtual Worship
  - 11am Sunday Fellowship via Zoom
  - 7pm Faith Formation & Holy Communion via Zoom
- **Monday, February 22 - Sunday, February 28** Pastor Doug is on Vacation

## Faith Lutheran's Announcements

### Annual Meeting - TODAY at 11am via Zoom

Our Annual Congregational Meeting is TODAY at 11am via Zoom. Please check your email for the zoom link and to download a copy of the Annual report for review.

### In Person Worship Suspended

Faith Lutheran will remain virtual through the end of February and we joyfully anticipate in-person worship to resume Sunday, March 7. Your dedicated council will continue to monitor the situation and update you as necessary. Please keep your pastor and council members in your prayers as they continue to navigate through these next few weeks and months.

### Adult Faith Formation

This Sunday evening we will finish up our study on the Book of Romans! Each of these studies stand alone so don't worry if you haven't been to one - you are always welcome!! Read chapters 15 & 16 and join us at 7pm via Zoom!

Diving into God's word continues to bring us closer to Him and we can never learn "too much", so stay tuned for our next topic!!!

### Ash Wednesday

Although we won't be meeting in-person for Ash Wednesday we will continue with the traditional Imposition of Ashes. Pastor Doug will be at Faith from 11am - 12pm to mark you with the sign of the cross with ashes. This will be done drive-thru style with all safety precautions in place. Then join him "LIVE" on Facebook at 7pm for our Ash Wednesday Worship Service. "Remember...you are dust and to dust you shall return."

### Food Pantry

Next Saturday, February 20th we will hold our monthly Food Pantry from 9am - 11am. God uses our hands to serve our neighbors, please consider lending YOUR hands this Saturday! We praise God for his continued provisions for this ministry!

## Read and study God's Word for the coming Sunday!

For next week February 21st: First Sunday in Lent

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Genesis 9:8-17

Psalm: Psalm 25:1-10

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22

Gospel: Mark 1:9-15

## Faith Lutheran Prayer Wall

It is written in Philippians 4:6, that we are not to be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving we are to present our requests to God.

You don't have to be a "Prayer Warrior" to pray.

### Please pray for your brothers and sisters in Christ?

**Our Homebound Members:** Flora Christiansen and Martha Siemers

**Continued Prayers:** Gil Sams for continued healing from open heart surgery. Muncy Family for Chuck and Julie's continued Covid-19 recovery, the loss of Chuck's brother, as well as, the loss of Julie's mom, Joan. Christina Burgan (daughter of Joyce and Gil Sams), Lou Ann Funk, Carolyn Moench, Jodi Draper, Vince Draper, Sara Curry, Sam Muncy, Tim Schults (brother of Karen Anderson), Dan Weaver (father of Dee Dee Kochersperger), Dave Lee's Mother, Jackie, and his brother and sister-in-law for health concerns, Unknown needs to all who are troubled in mind, body, and spirit.

**Students:** Amy Westwick (Paramedic School), Douglas Perez, Maddie Anderson, Matthew Benning, Lauren Basicker, All students navigating their "new normals"

**Military Service Members:** Corporal (JJ) James, All Service Men and Women fighting for our freedoms

### Current Events:

Continued Covid-19 struggles

Wildfires across our country

Peace for our troubled world

Those affected by Hurricanes

\*\*Pastor invites us all to consider a donation to Lutheran World Relief at [www.lwr.org](http://www.lwr.org)

### Leadership and Local Organizations:

ELCA Bishop Elizabeth Eaton

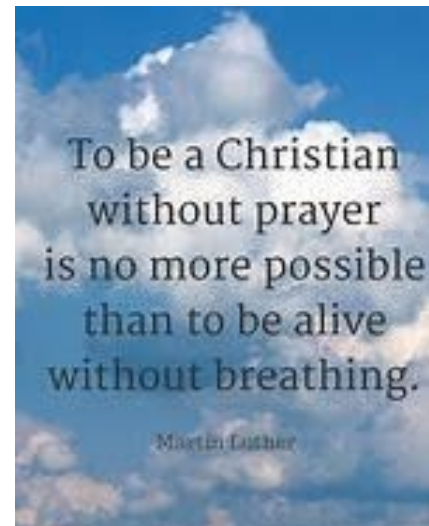
I-K Synod Bishop Bill Gafkjen

Lutheran Child and Family Services

Family Promise

Sheltering Wings

Faith's Food Pantry



As a family of Faith, we want to pray and celebrate WITH you. Please submit your requests to Sheilah at the office by phone 317.272.1022 or by email at [flc.avon@att.net](mailto:flc.avon@att.net).

If you would like to add details to your petitions you are welcome to do so but you do NOT have to.

## St. Andrew's Prayer Lists

### Families on the Prayer List

Mrs. Jeannie Hermerding

Mr. and Mrs. Happy Hill (Karen)

Ms. Erica Hochstetler

Ms. Kathryn Hollman

### Additional Prayers for Recent, Current, or Upcoming Medical Care:

Bonnie Beebe, friend of Pat Tumey,  
Denise Goodman, friend of Jill Smith,  
Christine Robertson, great niece of MJ Lynch

### Those with Ongoing Special Need of Prayer:

Jerid Edwards, great nephew of MJ Lynch    Ruth Tingle    David Tryon, son of Mary

### Remember to Pray for Nursing Home Residents and Shut-Ins:

Lynn Bigelow    Thelma Jones    Penny Kalk    Martha Larson  
Norma Petraits    David Royer    David Schmalz    The Harrison

### Remember to Pray for those Serving in our Armed Forces:

Michael Joseph

Jerry Shake

### St. Andrew's Calendar

- **Sunday, February 14** Transfiguration of Our Lord Virtual Worship on FB & Website 9am  
Zoom Fellowship 10am  
Emailed Virtual Worship 11am  
Zoom Holy Communion and Adult Faith Formation 7pm
- **Monday, February 15** Newsletter Items Due to Kelli
- **Tuesday, February 16** Zoom Staff Meeting 1pm  
Zoom FBS 7-8:30pm
- **Wednesday, February 17** Imposition of Ashes Drive Thru 1-2pm  
Laundry & Friends 4:30-6:30pm  
Zoom Fellowship 6pm  
Ash Wednesday Virtual Service 7pm
- **Thursday, February 18** Zoom Council Meeting 6pm
- **Sunday, February 21** 1st Sunday in Lent Worship (Check email for updates)  
Zoom Fellowship 10am  
Emailed Virtual Worship 11am  
Zoom Holy Communion and Adult Faith Formation 7pm
- **Tuesday, February 23** Zoom Staff Meeting 1pm  
Zoom FBS 7-8:30pm
- **Wednesday, February 24** Zoom Fellowship 6pm  
Wednesday Lenten Virtual Worship 7pm
- **Sunday, February 28** 2nd Sunday in Lent Worship (Check email for updates)  
Zoom Fellowship 10am  
Emailed Virtual Worship 11am

Zoom Holy Communion and Adult Faith Formation 7pm  
**St. Andrew's Announcements**

### **Wednesday Lenten Fellowship**

Join us each Wednesday through Lent at 6pm for supper and fellowship on Zoom. We cannot be together for our traditional soup suppers, so we will gather virtually to have supper and fellowship before the virtual worship service at 7pm. Watch email for more details.

### **In Person vs Virtual Worship**

*Starting the week of February 15th*, the decision to hold worship in-person will be determined by **Marion County's color-coded level** which is updated every **Wednesday at noon**, assigning each county in the state a status of yellow, orange, or red.

- When Marion County achieves a designation of "**yellow**" in-person worship will resume the following Sunday immediately following.
- The church will continue holding in-person worship, unless Marion County is listed as "**red**" at which time worship will return to virtual-only starting with the Sunday immediately following.
- Anytime the **status of worship changes, you will receive an email** from Kelli. Those who do not receive email communications will be **contacted via phone**.
- When we are able to return to in-person worship, it will be important to continue under the same guidelines that we have followed during Covid.

The color code map is located on the [Indiana State Department of Health's COVID-19 dashboard](https://www.coronavirus.in.gov/2393.htm) (<https://www.coronavirus.in.gov/2393.htm>) about mid-way down the page.

### **Offering Envelopes**

If you have not received your pledge envelopes for 2021, please call MJ to determine the best way to get them to you! Thank you!

### **Communion Kits**

Home communion kits are available! If you were not able to pick these up, please call the church office and we will make sure you get them to use during our worship services.

### **Remember:**

- Office Hours 10-4, T-W-TH
- Midweek Moment Wednesdays 12pm.
- Wednesday Lenten fellowship at 6pm on Zoom.
- Ash Wednesday February 17 Virtual Service 7pm.

### **Read and study God's Word for the coming Sunday!**

For next week February 21:

*1st Sunday in Lent*

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Genesis 9:8-17

Psalm: Psalm 25:1-10

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22

Gospel: Mark 1:9-15