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“Growing and Engaging in **RELATIONSHIPS** with Christ, his Church, and our Community.”

*Welcome to Faith Ev. Lutheran Church. We pray that your faith in the living Lord Jesus may be nourished and strengthened through God's Holy Word.*

*This worship service is being live-streamed and recorded.*



February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
*Last Sunday of Epiphany*  
*Transfiguration*  
**Matthew 17:1-9**  
God's Glory: You Don't  
Want to Miss It!!

# The Season of Epiphany

*After his lowly birth at Christmas, the season of Epiphany reveals Jesus as the Almighty Son of God. Throughout this season we will see him baptized, called the Lamb of God, the Light of the world, the Wisdom of God revealed to us. Finally, at his transfiguration, we will behold a brief glimpse of his glory!*

*Special thanks to Julie Fugle, our organist this morning!*

**Opening Hymn:** 97 vs. 1-3 Down From the Mount of Glory

**Order of Service:** Special Transfiguration

# GOD'S WORD

## OLD TESTAMENT READING: Exodus 24:9-18

*Oh, that God would come down to us – he did! The wisdom and mystery of God are all revealed in Christ!*

<sup>9</sup>Moses and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and the seventy elders of Israel went up <sup>10</sup>and saw the God of Israel. Under his feet was something like a pavement made of lapis lazuli, as bright blue as the sky. <sup>11</sup>But God did not raise his hand against these leaders of the Israelites; they saw God, and they ate and drank.

<sup>12</sup>The LORD said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain and stay here, and I will give you the tablets of stone with the law and commandments I have written for their instruction.”

<sup>13</sup>Then Moses set out with Joshua his aide, and Moses went up on the mountain of God. <sup>14</sup>He said to the elders, “Wait here for us until we come back to you. Aaron and Hur are with you, and anyone involved in a dispute can go to them.”

<sup>15</sup>When Moses went up on the mountain, the cloud covered it, <sup>16</sup>and the glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai. For six days the cloud covered the mountain, and on the seventh day the LORD called to Moses from within the cloud. <sup>17</sup>To the Israelites the glory of the LORD looked like a consuming fire on top of the mountain. <sup>18</sup>Then Moses entered the cloud as he went on up the mountain. And he stayed on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

**VERSE OF THE DAY:** Choir singing New Hymnal 385  
Christ Begins

## NEW TESTAMENT READING: 2 Peter 1:16-21

*In his Sermon on the Mount, Jesus teaches wisdom far greater than the worldly wisdom of the Pharisees. God's people are guided by truth and love.*

<sup>16</sup>For we did not follow cleverly devised stories when we told you about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in power, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. <sup>17</sup>He received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.” <sup>18</sup>We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain.

<sup>19</sup>We also have the prophetic message as something completely reliable, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. <sup>20</sup>Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet’s own interpretation of things. <sup>21</sup>For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

**Bible Study Text today!**  
*Bring your bulletin to Bible Study in the fellowship hall following worship.*

## Hymn of the Day:

### New Hymnal 392 This Brightness, Lord! What Shall I Say

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1 This bright - ness, Lord! What shall I say to see your  
2 But Mo - ses and E - li - jah know the lengths to  
3 I quick - ly learn we can - not stay; the bright - ness  
4 Your liv - ing Word has let me see the truth be -



face out - shine the day? No great - er gift could  
which your love must go. What plea - sure fills your  
gone, you lead the way, ad - vanc - ing down this  
hind the blood - y tree, what makes your face pro -



I re - ceive; I'll stay right here and nev - er leave!  
Fa - ther's voice: "My pre - cious Son, my per - fect choice!"  
moun - tain - side to where you'll soon be cru - ci - fied.  
found - ly shine— you made my sin no long - er mine.

- 5 No glory lights the plains below  
where trials rise and troubles flow,  
and yet I know you'll help me bear  
each blessèd cross that's waiting there.
- 6 I'll soon exchange this mountain sight  
for heaven's everlasting light;  
your brightness, Lord, will then be mine,  
and then my face, like yours, will shine.

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## SERMON TEXT & GOSPEL READING: Matthew 17:1-9

*Who knows the wisdom and mystery of God? His people do!*

<sup>1</sup>After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. <sup>2</sup>There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. <sup>3</sup>Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus.

<sup>4</sup>Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.”

<sup>5</sup>While he was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!”

<sup>6</sup>When the disciples heard this, they fell facedown to the ground, terrified. <sup>7</sup>But Jesus came and touched them. “Get up,” he said. “Don’t be afraid.” <sup>8</sup>When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus.

<sup>9</sup>As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus instructed them, “Don’t tell anyone what you have seen, until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

### Matthew 17:1-9

Sermon: God’s Glory: You Don’t  
Want to Miss It!!

### Transfiguration



**Offering Hymn Verse:** 369 vs. 1 & 3 Beautiful Savior  
**Communion Hymn:** 241 Alleluia! Let Praises Ring  
**Closing Hymn:** 95 How Good Lord to Be Here

# WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

## Gaunitz Family

We are the Gaunitz Family. We moved to Prior Lake in August of 2021. Before that we lived in Prescott, WI for 17 years. Greg & Jesalyn are both originally from Minnesota.

Josie is in 8th grade at Hidden Oaks and her favorite subject is choir. She has also taken piano lessons since 2018. She is the only human child in the family. The other "child" is a one -year -old miniature dachshund named Stan.

Greg has worked for Entrust in Shakopee for 13 years. He is a production supervisor. Jesalyn has worked as an outpatient medical coder for Allina Health for 15 years, and she works from home. They will celebrate their 20th wedding anniversary in May.

As a family we enjoy watching movies, playing card & board games, and spending time with extended family. For 18 years we enjoyed summers at Jesalyn's parent's lake cabin near Mankato, MN. It was sold last summer so we will have to find some other warm weather adventures this year. We are looking forward to getting to know more people in the congregation!



## Kelly & Vicki Nielsen

God brought our paths together in 2020. We were married in August of 2022 and are so excited to walk this journey together. We currently live in New Prague. Kelly was born in Georgia and has lived in many places. He has one son. Vicki was born and raised in Wisconsin. She raised her son and daughter in the Montgomery area with her late husband. She has five grandchildren ages 3-15. Kelly is a long-time heavy equipment operator – just an adult boy playing in the sandbox! Vicki is retired. We love spending time with our kids and grandkids. For fun, we enjoy bowling, playing cards, movies, Kelly is a gaming nerd! We are very excited to become members at Faith Lutheran. We look forward to getting to know you! God bless you all!



# FAITH ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023



## Upcoming Events, Meetings & Classes

- **Bible Study & Sunday School:** Following worship today
- **Ash Wednesday:** February 22<sup>nd</sup> 5:30pm Dinner, 6:30pm Worship
- **Bingo & Pizza:** February 25<sup>th</sup>, 4-7pm
- **Jason Gray Concert:** Friday, March 10th at 7:30 pm, Living Hope Church



## What's in The Sign-Up Corner:

- After Service Refreshments
- New Creations Volunteer Registration
- Care for Shut-ins
- Pizza and Bingo

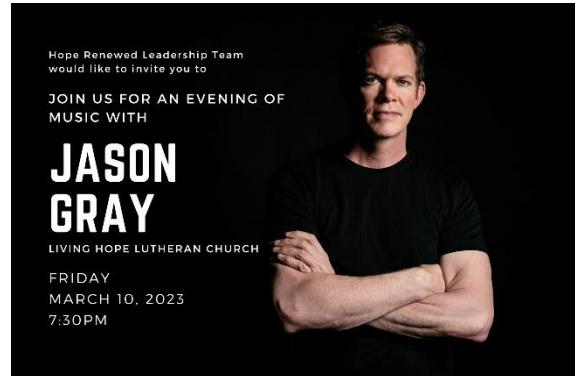
## Trash/Recycling

New Creations has allowed us to use their trash and recycling in an effort to collaborate resources. If you are not aware, the dumpsters are located in the shed on the Northwest side of their building. Please feel free to bring any church trash/recycling to these bins. If there are large items or abnormally large volumes of refuse for any reason, we should be contacting New Creations prior to throwing in their dumpster to avoid over charges. Please be aware that recycling cannot be put in a garbage bag and needs to be dumped without any bag.

## Living Hope Lutheran's Jason Gray Concert

Please join Living Hope for an evening of music with Jason Gray on Friday, March 10th at 7:30 pm. Dessert and refreshments will be served following the concert. ALL proceeds will benefit Hope Renewed Thrift Store.

VIP ticket holders will have the opportunity to meet Jason prior to concert from 5:45pm-6:30pm, ask questions and get a picture taken with him. He'll play a few songs and talk about them. They also get first choice of seats before the doors open to general admission ticket holders. A total of 30 VIP tickets are available on a first come, first served basis! Buy tickets for \$20-\$40 at [BLLH.org](http://BLLH.org) or talk to Pastor for more info.



## Winter/Spring Bible Study



Midweek Bible Study at Faith! Six-week study: "The Bible on Government and Politics" Pastor Schmiel and Staff Minister Gibson. Thursdays at 10am February 23rd through March 30th. Join us in person at church or live on Zoom! See you there!

## Sanctuary Remodel

The Remodel Committee had another meeting with Groth Design on February 8th. This meeting was largely following up from the site visit completed last month, and ensuring that Groth understands our desires and needs for this project. Progress is slowly being made, and we appear on pace to provide a plan to the congregation in May. The next meeting will be "virtual" and take place on March 16th at 6 pm. Anyone is encouraged to join in, please contact Brian James at [jame0167@gmail.com](mailto:jame0167@gmail.com) or 612-505-6958 with any questions.



## Lenten Dinners

Don't forget, starting on Ash Wednesday (February 22<sup>nd</sup>) our Lenten Dinners will be taking place at 5:30pm. before the midweek service which starts at 6:30pm. Hope to see you there!

## Save The Date!

Save the date - Bingo & pizza on February 25<sup>th</sup> from 4-7 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Please use the sign-up list in the narthex so we can figure out the food.



## Breeze Reminder

**breeze** Reminder that you can view the online church directory through your Breeze account! Here you can update your contact information, change your family photo and also access online giving. If you need assistance setting up or accessing your account, please let Haley Scott know at [hwolf2193@gmail.com](mailto:hwolf2193@gmail.com).

## RaiseRight (formerly SCRIP)

The next RaiseRight order will be placed TODAY, February 19<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, please reach out to Sandy Dorry via text or call at 612-481-2530.



## LAF Puzzle Exchange

The Ladies At Faith will be having a free puzzle exchange the second Monday of each month. The next event is **Monday, March 12<sup>th</sup>** from **11:00am to 3:00pm**.



## Happy Birthday!

Wish a Happy Birthday to members here at Faith!

**Birthdays in FEBRUARY:** **1<sup>st</sup>:** Emmett Korolewski **3<sup>rd</sup>:** Chris Haack  
**9<sup>th</sup>:** Kari Nelson **15<sup>th</sup>:** Matthew Bihner & Kenzie Zutter **16<sup>th</sup>:**  
Corinne Orlenko **21<sup>st</sup>:** Carol Scott **26<sup>th</sup>:** Mitch Hopkins **28<sup>th</sup>:**  
Nathan Schmiel



*Don't see your birthday on here, but it is supposed to be? Reach out to Haley Scott or Ruth Westman to have it updated in our system!*

Stewardship Update: “Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart; as a steward working for the Lord, not for people.” Colossians 3:23

**Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup> Attendance:** 62

**Weekly Offering Goal:** \$3,500.00 **Last Week:** 3,375.22

**Monthly Offering Goal:** \$15,200 **January:** \$16,429.13

### SERVANTS AT FAITH: FEBRUARY

**ELDERS:** Brian James & Mike Nelson

**USHERS:** Team #1 for February, Team#2 for March

**ALTAR GUILD:** Shirley Chenard and Lyn DeLorme Verke

**COUNTERS:** Ruth Westman & Howard Busse

### Church Council

**Church President & Interim Treasurer:** Rick Barringer **Vice President:** Frank

**Roberts Elders:** Mike Nelson & Brian James **Council Secretary:** Nick Strehler

**Trustees:** Craig Stodola

### Heads of Boards & Committees:

**Staff Minister:** Ric Gibson **Church Administrators:** Haley Scott & Ruth Westman

**Head Ushers:** Jared Verke & Bob Gross **LAF:** Paula Riddle **Altar Guild:** Paula Riddle

**Fellowship Committee:** Frank Roberts, Becky Ott, Evie Pforr; **Counters:** Ruth Westman

& Howard Busse; **Sunday School:** Laura Gross & Kari Nelson **SCRIP:** Sandy Dorry

**Live Stream:** Brian James & Lyn Verke

### Usher Teams:

**Team #1 Jared Verke** – Kevin Cole, Dennis Pforr, Ron Martinson, Jon Nielsen, Ben Scott, Tom Wirtz

**Team #2 Bob Gross** – Rollin Fahning, Mike Kinsley, Greg Ott, Howard Busse, Dave Schultz, Bruce Zutter

### Upcoming Live Stream Schedule:

2/19 Tom W.

3/8 Tom W. (Wednesday)

2/22 Tom W

3/12 Rachel H.

2/26 Rachel H.

3/15 Brian J. (Wednesday)

3/1 Brain J. (Wednesday)

3/19 Tom W.

3/5 Tom W.

3/22 Tom W. (Wednesday)

## UPCOMING WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### **Season of Lent**

Midweek Lenten Dinners 5:30pm, Worship 6:30pm

Midweek Worship Theme: **“His Final Steps”**

Sunday Worship Theme: **“Contrast”**

- Ash Weds, Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> Pastor Schmiel, “His Final Steps Led to a Fig Tree” Mark 11
- Sunday, Feb 26<sup>th</sup> “Contrast: Adam and Christ” Romans 5
- Weds, March 1<sup>st</sup> Pastor Roloff, “His Final Steps Led to His Father’s House” Matthew 21
- Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup> “Contrast: Works and Faith” Romans 4
- Weds, March 8<sup>th</sup> Pastor Gorzalski, “His Final Steps led to a Tomb” John 11
- Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup> “Contrast: Darkness and Light” Ephesians 5
- Weds, March 15<sup>th</sup> Pastor Olson, “His Final Steps Led to a Dinner Celebration” John 12
- Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup> “Contrast: Old and New Self” Romans 8
- Weds, March 22<sup>nd</sup> Pastor Stelljes, “His Final Steps Led to Some Greeks” John 12
- Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup> “Contrast: Death and Life” Romans 8
- Weds, March 29<sup>th</sup> Pastor Wiedmann, “His Final Steps Led to His Enemies” Luke 20

### **Holy Week**

- Palm Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> “Contrast: Exultation and Humiliation” Philippians 2
- Maundy Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm, “His Final Steps Led to the Upper Room” Mark 14
- Good Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm “His Final Steps: Calvary’s Mournful Mountain Climb”
- Easter Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup> Sunrise Worship 7am, “Contrast: Dead and Raised” Colossians 3
- Easter Breakfast 8am
- Easter Worship 9am, “His FIRST Steps Led Outside His Tomb!” John 20



February 2023

## Sermon Discussion

**1 Corinthians 2:6-16**  
*(bulletin p. 4)*

### "Wisdom Revealed: A Mystery"



1. Verse 6, "...the wisdom of this age..." What are some examples of the wisdom of the world?
2. According to verse 8, in what ways is Jesus' crucifixion the greatest example of humanity's lack of wisdom?
3. Personal question: Do you sometimes fail to appreciate how absolutely astounding it is that you have God's Word in your hands, and that the Holy Spirit has given you the very wisdom of God to trust in Jesus?
4. Verse 15 is difficult. How would you put that verse in your own words?
5. Verse 16: "But we have the mind of Christ." In what ways can you apply this beautiful truth to your life?

**The Minnesota District Workshop** is open to all WELS members who are looking for personal inspiration or new ministry ideas.

**Location:** West Lutheran High School

**Date:** February 25, 2023

**Cost:** The cost per person is \$30 if you register before February 1. After that it goes up to \$35. (Cost includes lunch and snacks.)

**Schedule:**

- 9:00-9:30 Check in
- 9:30-10:15 – Worship & hymn sing
- 10:30-12:00 – Keynote
- 12:00-1:00 – Onsite lunch
- 1:00-3:00 – Workshops
- 3:15 – Closing devotion



## WORKSHOP

**Keynote Presentation:**  
**Pastor Donn Dobberstein**  
will be sharing the latest trends and strategies that he is observing as the **WELS Director of Discipleship**.

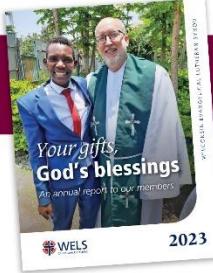
## Workshops

Participants will select **one** of the following breakout workshops for the afternoon:

- **Do No Harm, by Pastor Edward Frey.** Our culture is currently engaged in a discussion regarding emerging treatment for gender dysphoria. The questions for Christians is this: how do we help without causing harm?
- **Legal Issues You Need to Know to Protect Your School's Ministry, by Sam Nelson.** Sam will be presenting on pressing legal issues in today's world that Christian schools need to be aware of and proactively address.
- **Understanding and Standing with Gen Z, by Cameron Schroeder.** Cameron, a Gen Z'er himself and a student at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, will offer new ways to find the key to our teens' hearts.
- **Friendship Sunday, Every Sunday, By Pastor Dan Schmidt.** Dan will share his journey of transforming an established church to be a place where everyone feels like they belong every Sunday.
- **New Technologies for the Visually Impaired, by Larry Povinelli.** The latest advances in technology can assist you in helping your members stay connected and provide an opportunity to reach your local community.
- **Small Groups, by Pastor Matt Ewart.** In this workshop, participants will talk about the various roles that small groups can play in churches of any size.

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