

† *Wherever you are in your spiritual journey, you are welcome here. We invite you to journey with us as we explore the life of faith together. At First Lutheran all are welcome in every aspect of our congregational life. We believe that worship is central to our life together. God empowers us to live out our purpose which is to share his word and the promise of salvation.*



**THE LAST SUNDAY
AFTER EPIPHANY
TRANSFIGURATION
OF OUR LORD**

**Sunday, March 3, 2019
GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER**

Witnesses to the glory of God in the face of Jesus will be unable to avoid reflecting 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 the glory of the Lord in the word and in the supper and who are being “transformed into the same image” by the Spirit of God.

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENT

INSTALLATION of COUNCIL and COMMITTEE MEMBERS

OPENING HYMN No. 532 “Gather Us In” (vs. 1,3,4)

CONFESSION OF SIN

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, +one God, the Lord of Israel who creates and forms us, who redeems us and calls us, who unites us and sends us.

C: Amen.

P: Gathered in God’s presence, let us confess our sin.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Mighty and loving God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We seek our own way. We divide the body of Christ. In your mercy, cleanse us and heal us. Let the words of our mouths, the thoughts of our hearts, and everything that we do be filled with faith, hope, and love. Amen.

P: Hear the voice of Jesus: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me to proclaim release to the captives.” In the name of +Jesus Christ, I proclaim to you that your sins are forgiven and you are released. The joy of the Lord is your strength, and the gifts of the Holy Spirit are yours forever. **C: Amen.**

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

C: Holy God, 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.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

HEARING GOD'S WORD

FIRST LESSON Exodus 34:29-35

29Moses 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. 30When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. 31But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. 32Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. 33When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; 34but 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, 35the 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.

Here ends the first lesson.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 99

The Lord is king; let the people tremble. The Lord is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.

C: The Lord, great in Zion, is high above all peoples.

Let them confess God's name, which is great and awesome; God is the Holy One.

C: O mighty king, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord and fall down before God's footstool; God is the Holy One.

C: Moses and Aaron among your priests, and Samuel among those who call upon your name, O Lord, they called upon you, and you answered them,

you spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; they kept your testimonies and the decree that you gave them.

C: O Lord our God, you answered them indeed; you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds.

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord and worship upon God's holy hill; for the Lord our God is the Holy One.

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

12Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, 13not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. 14But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside.

15Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; 16but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. 17Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

18And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit

4:1Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this

ministry, we do not lose heart. 2We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God’s word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

Here ends the second lesson.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Page 188

C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL Luke 9:28-36

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke the ninth chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

28Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. 29And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. 30Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. 31They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. 32Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. 33Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah”—not knowing what he said. 34While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. 35Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!” 36When 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. [37On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. 38Just then a man from the crowd shouted, “Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. 39Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. 40I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not.” 41Jesus answered, “You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here.” 42While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. 43aAnd all were astounded at the greatness of God.]

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Pastor Joyce Tollefson Capp

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

HYMN OF THE DAY No. 715 “Christ, Be Our Light” (vs. 1,2,3,5)

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P: Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

RECEIVING OF OUR MORNING OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN No. 801 “Change My Heart, O God”

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Let us pray.

C: God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING/WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

LORD’S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Come to the table. Feast on God’s abundant life for you.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

COMMUNION HYMNS 471, 465, 522

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Let us pray.

C: We thank you, O God, that you have fed us at the banqueting table with bread and wine beyond compare, the very life of Christ for us. Send your Spirit with us now, that we may set the captive free, use your gifts to build one another up, and in everything reflect your glory revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GOD’S PEOPLE SENT FORTH

SENDING HYMN No. 677 “This Little Light of Mine”

DISMISSAL:

P: Go in peace. Christ is your light.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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WELCOME! Great to have you here! Thank you for choosing to worship with us here today. We practice open Communion at First Lutheran. If you believe that Christ is truly present in the bread and wine, his body and blood shed for you, you are welcome to our table. Apple juice is available upon request.

THE WORSHIP RADIO BROADCAST today is sponsored in honor of Max Taubert’s 12th birthday by his family.

Ministers.....	Members of First Lutheran Church
Pastor	Rev. Joyce Tollefson Capp
Reader.....	Dennis Peterson
Organist	Paul Henriksen
Acolytes	Chase Wilson & Max Taubert
Ushers.....	Steve Werner, Doug Kaffar, Scott Rudie, Scott Crawford
Sound	Mark Zinnel & Neil Johnson
Communion Assistant	Chris Hollingsworth

† **Continuing Prayer Concerns:** Deb Smith, Darline Dalin, Dan Wagner and Barb Benz as they deal with health issues, Sarah & Harold Meyer’s daughter, Crystal, as she undergoes cancer treatment, Sarah Meyer’s sister, Mary, Nancy Finzen’s sister-in-law, Sandy, as she recovers from a car accident and the family of Shirley Van Beek on the passing of Shirley.

- ❖ Assisted listening devices are available from the ushers.
- ☎ PLEASE remember to turn off Cell Phones and Pagers during worship.

THIS WEEKS’ SCHEDULE — March 3, 2019

TODAY	
9:30am - Worship/Holy Communion/Installation of 2019 Council & Committee Members	9:45am - Sunday school
10:30am - Council and Committee members meeting	
10:30am - Coffee Fellowship	
2:00pm - Shetek Conference Assembly @ Salem Lutheran - Jackson, Mn	
4:30pm - Movie “Paul - the Apostle of Christ”	
WEDNESDAY - ASH Wednesday	
4:30pm - Adult Ed mtg.	
5:30pm - Lenten Supper	
6:30pm - Lenten Worship	
7:15pm - Property Management mtg.	
NEXT SUNDAY	
9:30am - Worship	9:45am - Sunday school
10:30am - Coffee Fellowship	

Stewardship Quote:

“God looks at the heart, not the hand-the giver, not the gift.”



2019 March Campaign Food Shelf

Between Feb 25 & April 7, 2019, 300 food shelves around the state come together with congregations, businesses, community groups & others to restock food shelves to help feed our neighbors. All local donations



will remain in Pipestone. **Thank you for your support of the ‘Noisy Offering’ that was collected for the Pipestone County Food Shelf. The total amount given was \$51.00.**



Wishing Bill Kunz a happy 80th birthday today. You can visit Bill or send him a card at the VA Home in Luverne.

2018 February Offering

Operating	\$ 17,800.00
Mortgage Principle	\$ 4,400.00
Income Needed	\$ 22,200.00
Weekly Offering - Feb 3	\$ 4,058.08
Weekly Offering - Feb 10	\$ 1,392.62
Weekly Offering - Feb 17	\$ 4,723.00
Weekly Offering - Feb 24	\$ 2,044.00
Monthly Offering	\$ 12,217.70
Other Income	\$ 1,740.00
Total	\$ 13,957.70

2019 Pipestone Area Kindergarten Roundup

will be held on Friday, March 8th at the Brown Elementary School. If you've not been contacted or not received registration papers & your child will be 5 yrs old on or before Sept. 1st, 2019, please contact Lori at Brown school between 8:30am - 3:00pm Mon- Fri. @ 825-6756 ext. 4202. Please leave a message if no one answers.



Lenten Suppers

Once again suppers will be served for 6-weeks during Lent services beginning March 6th. The schedule for the Suppers has been changed. Suppers this year will be served from 5:30 to 6:15 prior to the weekly Lent Worship service. A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex for individuals or groups that would like to prepare and serve the weekly suppers. Cost of the Lenten Suppers will remain the same as past years: Children 4-years and younger – **Free**, Individual - **\$5.00** & Family of 3 or more- **\$15.00**. Proceeds to go towards 2019 Youth Mission Trip.

Rescheduled Movie Night

Sponsored by Adult Education Comm.

Date/Time: TODAY at 4:30

Location: First Lutheran Fireside Room

Schedule: 4:30- Movie "PAUL, Apostle of Christ" (2018) 6:15- Supper-Pizza & discussion.

Recommended Readings: Paul (N. T. Wright), The Apostle, A Life of Paul (John Polluck) Pastor Joyce said "This looks intriguing. I think it might be more like a novel but based on facts, etc." and Paul The Apostle: Missionary, Martyr, Theologian (Robert Picirilli)

