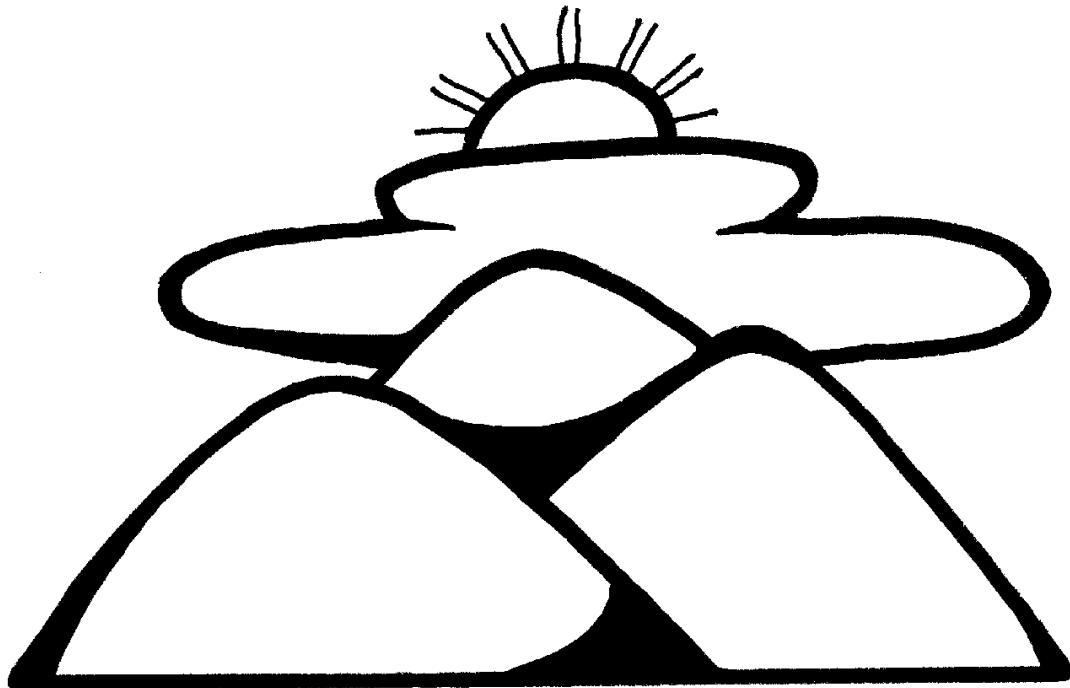




Service of Holy Communion

Sunday, February 15, 2026 + 9:30am

Transfiguration of Our Lord



Today's festival is a bridge between the Advent-Christmas-Epiphany cycle that comes to a close today and the Lent-Easter cycle that begins in several days. On a high mountain Jesus is revealed as God's beloved Son, echoing the words at his baptism. This vision of glory sustains us as Jesus faces his impending death in Jerusalem. We turn this week to Ash Wednesday and our yearly baptismal journey from Lent to Easter.



WELCOME to worship! Living in God's Amazing Grace, we envision Faith Lutheran Church as a diverse beacon of hope, healing, and reconciliation in a broken world. Faith Lutheran aspires to be a public church, empowering parishioners to become God's servants in Christ's commission to share the Gospel message of good news to the poor, healing to the sick and broken, and justice to the oppressed. We aspire to be a transformational church and meet the changing needs of sacramental worship, congregational nurture, and ministries of peace, mercy, and justice as called by the Holy Spirit.

MISSION: As disciples in Christ, we are called to incarnate the gracious, healing, and reconciling presence of God through sacramental worship, congregational nurture, and ministries of peace, mercy, and justice for all Creation.

WORSHIP is the heartbeat that feeds our life together as a community. In the **GATHERING**, we participate in God's radical welcome extended to all people. In the **WORD**, we hear and ponder stories that have nurtured and shaped our faith. We share a **MEAL** that makes God present to us at a table wide enough for everyone to find a place. And in **SENDING** we go into the world to love and serve God by loving and serving our neighbors and Creation.

GOD LANGUAGE: Believing that no one name or description of God is ever complete, Faith Lutheran practices using many words and images to describe the Holy One who exists beyond human language. In our worship we try to balance images that are human and ecological, gendered and non-gendered, hierarchical and egalitarian. We encourage you to notice how different images affect your experience of worship and invite you to choose language that both liberates and challenges you.



We gather on the unceded ancestral lands of the šn̄p̄əšqʷáwšəxʷ (P'Squosa) people, who are still here. We are grateful for their stewardship and care for this land.



Faith Lutheran Church is a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Founded in 1909, this church has been a spiritual home to residents of the Wenatchee River Valley for over 115 years.



As a Reconciling in Christ congregation, we strive to provide a safe and healing environment where people of any race, sexual orientation, gender identity, or socio-economic status can be nourished in their journey of faith.



We practice an Open Communion, which means all are welcome at the Lord's Supper, including non-Lutherans and small children. There are small individual cups with red wine as well as clear grape juice in each tray.



Children are always welcome in worship at Faith Lutheran. Feel free to wiggle, make noise, or play in worship as needed.



Postures are a way we engage the body in worship. These movements (sitting, standing, making the sign of the cross, shaking hands during peace) are optional. You may engage as you are comfortable and able.



Two single-stall restrooms are available in the separate Fellowship Hall building located next to the sanctuary.

If there is something that we can do to make worship more accessible to you, please let us know by talking to or emailing Pastor Aaron (pastor@faithleavenworth.org).

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

WELCOME + PRELUDE

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

*...we bless you, O God, for the waters of the earth:
We bless you, O God, for the waters of the earth....*

*...we honor you, O God, for the waters that you send:
We honor you, O God, for the waters that you send....*

*...we glorify you, O God, for the waters of baptism:
We glorify you, O God, for the waters of baptism....*

*...to you comes the worship of all your people,
To you comes the worship of all your people,
Now and forever, amen.
Now and forever, amen.*

GATHERING SONG Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (Red Book 631)

GREETING + PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

O God, in the transfiguration of your Beloved you confirmed the mysteries of the faith. Bring us into your luminous glory, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING

Exodus 24:12-18

At Mount Sinai, Moses experienced the presence of God for forty days and forty nights. The “glory of the Lord” settled on the mountain, and on the seventh day God called out to Moses. On the mountain God gave Moses the stone tablets inscribed with the ten commandments.

The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the mountain of God. To the elders Moses had said, "Wait here for us, until we come back to you. Look, Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them." Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day God called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the Israelites. Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALMODY

Psalm 2

Why are the nations | in an uproar?

Why do the peoples mutter | empty threats?

*Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and the princes | plot together,
against the Lord and against the | Lord's anointed?*

"Let us break their yoke," they say;

"let us cast off their bonds from us."

God whose throne is in heav- | en is laughing;

the Lord holds them | in derision.

Then in wrath God | speaks to them,

and in rage fills | them with terror.

“As for me, I have anoint- | ed my king

upon Zion, my | holy mountain.”

Let me announce the decree | of the Lord,

who said to me, “You are my son; this day have I be- | gotten you.

Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for | your inheritance

and the ends of the earth for | your possession.

You shall crush them with an | iron rod

and shatter them like a | piece of pottery.”

And now, you | kings, be wise;

be warned, you rulers | of the earth.

Submit to the | Lord with fear,

and with trembling | bow in worship;

lest the Lord be angry, and you perish in a sudden | blaze of wrath.

Happy are all who take ref- | uge in God!

SECOND READING

2 Peter 1:16-21

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For Jesus received honor and glory from God, the Father, when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.” We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with Jesus on the holy mountain. So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

At the transfiguration, God’s voice was heard, declaring Jesus to be the beloved Son. By the activity of the Holy Spirit, God’s voice continues to be heard through the word of scripture.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

The alleluia may be sung once before the gospel reading and once after. All may stand to greet the gospel.

Shortly before he enters Jerusalem, where he will be crucified, Jesus is revealed to Peter, James, and John in a mountaintop experience of divine glory called the transfiguration.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah (Red Book 172)

GOSPEL

Matthew 17:1-9

The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And Jesus was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” While Peter was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him!” When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son-of-Man has been raised from the dead.”

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

SERMON

Pastor Aaron Musser

By the text writer: “I love the contradictions of the moment—radiance and cloud; divinity and humanity; the climb to the heights, followed by the descent to the depths; steady, stoic Jesus and bumbling Peter. Even Moses and Elijah are extraordinary for the contradictions they represent—yes, they surely evoke the Law and the Prophets. But Moses the liberator was also a murderer; Elijah, the fiery prophet was also a fearful runaway. This hymn tries to sing not just the pageantry of the Transfiguration, but the paradox, too.”

SERMON SONG

God, Who Dwells in Light and Darkness

**God, who dwells in light and darkness, God, who guides through fire and cloud,
God, who speaks through law and prophet, God, whose voice is hushed and loud—
You have led us to the mountain, there to see beyond our sight;
Now you lead us to the valleys—through the shadows with your light.**

**Christ, who shines in light that dazzles, Christ, whose skin is dark and brown,
Christ, who guides us to the summit, Christ, who leads us safely down—
You have known the heights of heaven, yet you dwell among us here;
Christ of mountain and of manger, set us free from pride and fear.**

*God of lofty and of lowly, God of night and God of day,
 God of doubter and disciple, God who guides us all the way —
 In this world of clouds and shadows, grant us moments of clear sight;
 In this world of lies and hatred, let your truth and love shine bright.*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

You, O God, are supreme and holy. You create our world and give us life. Your purpose overarches everything we do. You have always been with us. You are God.

You, O God, are infinitely generous, good beyond all measure. You came to us before we came to you. You have revealed and proved your love for us in Jesus Christ, who lived and died and rose again. You are with us now. You are God.

You, O God, are Holy Spirit. You empower us to be your gospel in the world. You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.

You are our God. We worship you.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*As each petition ends with God of grace,
 The assembly may respond receive our prayer.*

SHARING OF THE PEACE

La paz de Cristo
 sea siempre con ustedes.
Y también contigo.

The peace of Christ
 be with you always.
And also with you.

After sharing the words of peace in Spanish or English, you are invited to share a greeting of peace with others. You might offer a wave, handshake, or bow. Take care to observe one another's personal boundaries.

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.

Community announcements and music may accompany or follow the gathering of the offering.



This QR code can be used to make a contribution to Faith Lutheran Church online.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING + ANNOUNCEMENTS

As the Grains of Wheat (Red Book 465)

OFFERING PRAYER

God of majesty, **no eye has seen, no ear has heard** what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near, **Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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...
...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho-ly are you, God of pow-er and might;

We join the angelic chorus in their song of praise, along with all creation and the church across time and space.

Heav-en and earth are filled with your glo - ry. Ho - san-na in the high - est! Bless-ed is the One who comes in your name. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

Blessed are you, O holy God...

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Mother/Father/Creator
in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come.
Your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

Madre/Padre/Creador nuestra/o
que estás en el cielo,
santificado sea tu nombre.
Venga tu reino.
Hágase tu voluntad,
en la tierra como en el cielo.
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.
Perdona nuestras ofensas
como también nosotros perdonamos
a los que nos ofenden.
No nos dejes caer en tentación
y líbranos del mal.
Porque tuyo es el reino, tuyo es el poder
y tuya es la gloria,
ahora y siempre. Amén.

The Lord's Prayer may be recited in these or other translations/forms. Consider using words for God that inspire or challenge you.

COMMUNION

Lamb of God

Lambof God, Lambof God, Lambof God, Lambof God, you take a - way the sin of the world; you break the chains of ha - red and fear; you are the way of jus - tice and peace; you are the way of mer - cy and love;

We practice an open communion which means that you don't need to be a member of our church, or believe a certain thing, or be a certain age in order to come. Everyone is welcome at the table, which is set by God.

have mer-cyonus, mer-cyonus, mer-cy on us.

Lambof God, you take a-way the sin of the world:

grant us peae, grant us peace, grant us peace.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Radiant God, **we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. Send us from this table with delight, that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love, and bear witness to all we have seen and heard, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

May the triune God,
who has put a new song in your mouth
and tuned your heart for praise
☩ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Jesus, the Light of the World

Rise up! Shine! Your light has come.

Light from light, Your bright with grace;

Shine on us, O glo - rious Christ,

Je - sus, the light of the world.

Glo - ry dawns on ev - 'ry - one.
Glo - ry shi - ning from each face.
Lu - min - ous, your peo - ple rise.

Je - sus, the light of the world. We'll

walk in the light, beau - ti - ful light,

come where the dew-drops of mer - cy are bright.

Shine all a-round us by day and by night,

Je - sus, the light of the world.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

Thanks be to God.

You are warmly invited to join us for coffee hour in the fellowship hall after worship.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, February 15	9:30am-10:30am	Service of Holy Communion
	7:00pm-7:45pm	Song Circle
Monday, February 16	6:00pm	Immigration/Race Justice Group Meeting
Tuesday, February 17	5:30pm-7:30pm	Mardi Gras Celebration
Wednesday, February 18	7:00pm-8:00pm	Ash Wednesday Service
Sunday, February 22	9:30am-10:30am	Service of Holy Communion
	7:00pm-7:45pm	Song Circle
Wednesday, February 25	6:00pm-7:00pm	Lenten Soup Supper
	7:00pm-7:45pm	Evening Prayer — Mountain Vespers
Thursday, February 26	6:00pm-8:00pm	FLC Council Meeting
Sunday, March 1	9:30am-10:30am	Service of Holy Communion
	7:00pm-7:45pm	Song Circle

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Happenings emails (Fridays)
which includes a note from the
pastor, announcements, and
community prayer requests.