

**Transfiguration (March 2nd, 2025)
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Opening Hymn: 414 'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.
- P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**
- P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**
- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,
C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**
- P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

Introit

Blessèd are those who dwell | in your house,*
ever sing- | ing your praise!

How lovely is your | dwelling place,*

O | LORD of hosts!

My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts | of the LORD;*
my heart and flesh sing for joy to the | living God.

Behold our shield, | O God;*

look on the face of your a- | nointed!

For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and | honor.*

No good thing does he withhold from those who walk up- | rightly.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Blessèd are those who dwell | in your house,*
ever sing- | ing your praise!

Kyrie

LSB 186

- C** Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187

- P** Glory be to God on high:
- C** and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And with thy spirit.
- P** Let us pray.
O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah. In the voice that came from the bright cloud You wonderfully foreshowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King in His glory and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 34:1–12

¹Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho. And the LORD showed him all the land, Gilead as far as Dan, ²all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the western sea, ³the Negeb, and the Plain, that is, the Valley of Jericho the city of palm trees, as far as Zoar. ⁴And the LORD said to him, "This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, 'I will give it to your offspring.' I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not go over there." ⁵So Moses the servant of the LORD died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the LORD, ⁶and he buried him in the valley in the land of Moab opposite Beth-peor; but no one knows the place of his burial to this day. ⁷Moses was 120 years old when he

died. His eye was undimmed, and his vigor unabated. ⁸And the people of Israel wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days. Then the days of weeping and mourning for Moses were ended. ⁹And Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands on him. So the people of Israel obeyed him and did as the LORD had commanded Moses. ¹⁰And there has not arisen a prophet since in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face, ¹¹none like him for all the signs and the wonders that the LORD sent him to do in the land of Egypt, to Pharaoh and to all his servants and to all his land, ¹²and for all the mighty power and all the great deeds of terror that Moses did in the sight of all Israel.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

¹The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble!

He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

²**The LORD is great in Zion;**

he is exalted over all the peoples.

³Let them praise your great and awesome name!

Holy is he!

⁴**The King in his might loves justice.**

You have established equity;

you have executed justice

and righteousness in Jacob.

⁵Exalt the LORD our God;

worship at his footstool!

Holy is he!

⁶**Moses and Aaron were among his priests,**

Samuel also was among those who called upon his name.

They called to the LORD, and he answered them.

⁷In the pillar of the cloud he spoke to them;

they kept his testimonies

and the statute that he gave them.

⁸**O LORD our God, you answered them;**

you were a forgiving God to them,

but an avenger of their wrongdoings.

⁹Exalt the LORD our God,

and worship at his holy mountain;

for the LORD our God is holy!

Epistle

Hebrews 3:1–6

¹Therefore, holy brothers, you who share in a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession, ²who was faithful to him who appointed him, just as Moses also was faithful in all God's house. ³For Jesus has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses—as much more glory as the builder of a house has more honor than the house itself. ⁴(For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.) ⁵Now Moses was

faithful in all God's house as a servant, to testify to the things that were to be spoken later,
⁶but Christ is faithful over God's house as a son. And we are his house if indeed we hold fast
our confidence and our boasting in our hope.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia

LSB 190

C Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 9:28–36

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the ninth chapter.

C Glory be to Thee, 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 as he was praying, the appearance of his face was altered, and his clothing became dazzling white. ³⁰And behold, two men were talking with him, Moses and Elijah, ³¹who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³²Now Peter and those who were with him were heavy with sleep, but when they became fully awake they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³And as the men were parting from him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah"—not knowing what he said. ³⁴As he was saying these things, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. ³⁵And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to him!" ³⁶And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and told no one in those days anything of what they had seen.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;

**who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

Sit

Hymn of the Day: 413 O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair

Sermon

Stand

Offertory

LSB 192

**☞ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit.
Amen.**

Sit

Offering

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Almighty and eternal God, worthy to be held in reverence by all people everywhere, we give You humble and sincere thanks for the innumerable blessings that You have bestowed on us without any merit or worthiness on our part.

We praise You especially for preserving for us Your saving Word and the holy Sacraments. Grant and preserve to Your holy Church throughout the world purity of doctrine and provide faithful pastors to preach Your Word with power. Help all who hear the Word

rightly to understand and truly to believe it. Send laborers into Your harvest and open the door of faith to those who do not know You. In mercy, bring to repentance the enemies of Your Church, and grant them amendment of life. Protect and defend Your Church in all tribulation and danger. Strengthen us and all fellow Christians to set our hope fully on the grace revealed in Christ and help us to fight the good fight of faith that in the end we may receive the salvation of our souls.

Bestow Your grace on all nations of the earth. Bless especially our country, its inhabitants, and all who are in authority. Let Your glory dwell in our land that mercy and truth, righteousness and peace may abound in all places. We commend to You the care of our schools so that our children may grow in useful knowledge and Christian virtue and thus bring forth wholesome fruits of life.

Graciously defend us from all calamity by fire and water, from war and pestilence, from scarcity and famine, and from every other evil. Protect and prosper all who labor in their rightful callings, and let all useful arts flourish among us. Be the God and Father of the lonely and the forsaken, the helper of the sick and needy, the comforter of the distressed and those who sorrow, including:

Kay Brown (Sister of Dave and Lynn Matthews)

Lynn and Lori Matthews

Troy Stults (Son of Andy and Brenda Wolf)

Eldora Fuelling

Cheryl Caffee

Shelly Gerke (Wife of Troy Gerke)

Jim Thieme

Glen Deatrack for healing from a fall

Keith and Suzy Scherer

Susan Gerke (Sister of Steve and Jim Fuelling)

Harriet DeLong (Wife of Dan DeLong)

Accept, we implore You, our bodies and souls, our hearts and minds, our talents and powers, together with the offerings we bring before You as our humble service.

Grant Your Holy Spirit to those who come to the Lord's Table this day that they may receive the body and blood of Jesus Christ in sincere repentance and firm faith and to their abundant blessing.

As we are strangers and pilgrims on earth, help us by true faith and a godly life to prepare for the world to come, doing the work You have given us to do while it is day, before the night comes when no one can work. And when our last hour comes, support us by Your power, and receive us into Your heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Preface

LSB 194

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

C It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 195

C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Lord's Prayer

LSB 162

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C 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.

The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

LSB 197

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

LSB 198

- C** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

Sit

Distribution

487 Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain
680 Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise
918 Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer

Stand

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199

- C** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people,
a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Thanksgiving

LSB 200

- A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C and His mercy endureth forever.
A Let us pray.
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C Amen.
P The Lord be with you.
C And with thy spirit.

Benedicamus

LSB 202

- A** Bless we the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

LSB 202

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.
- C** Amen, amen, amen.

Hymn to Depart: 585 Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide

In His Service Today:

Preacher: The Rev. Leonard Tanksley

Organist: Mrs. Jackie Sanderson

Deacons: Joe Werling (Head), Dan DeLong, Mitch Billington, Nathan Scherer

Elders: Fred D. Fuelling (Head), Steve Fuelling, Matt Braun, Rodney Busick

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Offerings: February 23rd- Unavailable will be included next week

NOTE: Needed each week to meet the ministry needs of St. Peter: \$5,700.00.

You may also donate your offerings online by scanning the QR code with your phone.



Happy 80th Birthday Blessings to Judy Witte!

SEMINARY FOOD CO-OP THEME for MARCH - "DINNER": During the month of March we will be collecting items for "Dinner". Items will be delivered to the Seminary the first of April. Some suggestions are but not limited to: Spaghetti & Alfredo sauce, pasta, noodles, canned meat & fruits, sloppy joe sauce, canned tomatoes, boxed meals, rice, macaroni & cheese, taco meals, chili mixes & beans. Other items that are always in demand are breakfast cereal (excluding Chex) & tomato products. All your donations are greatly appreciated by the Seminary & are a great benefit to the students and their families. Items can be placed in the gray and white bag at Church. **Thank you for all your donations.**

A very heartfelt Thank You to our organists/musicians/choirs for their music that glorifies God. It is wonderful to hear this beautiful music in our Church. A lot of time is put in to prepare for this praise and the refurbishing of the organ was well worth it also. Thank you to our musicians.

A "**BIG THANK YOU**" to ALL who have helped with the funeral meals we've served, especially in the past several months. We couldn't have done it without all of your help, whether you donated food, gave money, helped with prepping and serving, setting up and taking down. We greatly appreciate your giving. If you made food and haven't picked up your bowl/pan, it is either on the table in the back of Church or on the counter in the kitchen. Kris and Karen

Lenten Soup Suppers: Wednesday March 5th (Ash Wednesday) is the beginning of Lent. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex to volunteer to provide supper before one of the evening midweek Lenten services. Volunteers in the past have provided either one or two kinds of soup, crackers and or bread, and a light dessert such as cookies, brownies, etc. Church will provide tableware (bowls, plates, cutlery, napkins) and bottled water.

Save the Date: SPI will be having another Rummage Sale this year, Friday June 6th & Saturday June 7th with proceeds going towards redoing the gym floor . As spring cleaning begins please keep the SPI Rummage Sale in mind to donate your gently used clothing, shoes, household, toys, and books to. A donation box will be in the church basement soon.

Zion Lutheran Church- Friedheim: Soup and Sandwich Dinner with Craft, Bake and Custom Dessert Boxes Sale, on Sunday, March 9, 2025 from 10:30am-1:30pm. The dinner will be held at our Dahling Family Life Center, located behind the church building at 10653 North 550 West, Decatur, Indiana. Dine-in or carryout service available. Our menu will include homemade chicken noodle, chili, and ham & bean soups, pulled pork, chicken patties, and hot dog sandwiches, a variety of homemade salads and desserts and drinks. The Joyful Voices Choir and Instrumentalists directed by Allison Ulmer will be featured from 11:30am-12:30pm during the meal service. Free-Will donations will be accepted that day, and proceeds will go towards the Wyneken Fund.

Let the games begin! The Wyneken Association is excited to host a Euchre Tournament at Friedheim's Family Life Center, March 8th. Doors open at 6 pm, tournament play begins at 6:30 pm. \$25 per player. Spectators welcome and free, adults only please. Wanting to advertise your business? We are looking for event (\$500) and table (\$150) sponsors, player spots included with both options! All proceeds go toward the parking lot project. Please reach out to Joe Gormann to register (260)706-0999.

CHURCH CALENDAR WEEK OF March 2nd

TODAY	9:00 am	Divine Service w/Holy Communion
WEDNESDAY	10:00 am	Bible Study
	5:30 pm	Soup Supper
	7:00 pm	Ash Wednesday Service
THURSDAY	9:00 am	Ladies Aid Quilting
SUNDAY	9:00 am	Divine Service

Job Opening: The Indiana District LCMS has a full-time opening for the position of Education Administrative Assistant. We are searching for a friendly, organized, and versatile individual who can work on a variety of tasks involving the Lutheran schools and educators of Indiana and Northern Kentucky. Qualifications include but are not limited to a servant attitude, effective communication skills, clerical skills, strong technical skills, self-motivation, a willingness to learn, and an eye for details. The position supports and facilitates the work of the District President and the District Education Executive in caring for the teachers, school administrators, and commissioned workers of the District, especially by managing the day-to-day office routines and coordinating communication between the Synod and workers, the schools and the state. All resumes should be submitted as soon as possible, as interviews will begin as these resumes are received. Interested individuals should submit their information either by email at lisa.slack@in.lcms.org or by USPS mail to:

Indiana District - LCMS

Attn: Lisa Slack

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Job Opening: New Hope Lutheran Church in Ossian, Indiana is looking for a preschool teacher for our 3-4-year-old program. We are looking for a grounded high energy teacher, let's face it, you need to be able to keep up with and ahead of the littles! We have also been blessed this year with more than enough children that we will be offering a morning and afternoon class. The morning class runs from 9:15am-11:45am and the afternoon class will run from 12:30pm-3:00pm. While we prefer the candidate to teach both classes, it is possible to have a teacher for each session. Our fall class starts on Tuesday, September 2, 2025. Please join our program that has been around for 30+ years, our Preschool Director and Teacher Assistants are looking forward to having you on staff! Please send your resume to Amanda Branstrator (abranstrator@yahoo.com) and/or Erik Schlemmer (ejschlemmer@yahoo.com). We look forward to hearing from you!