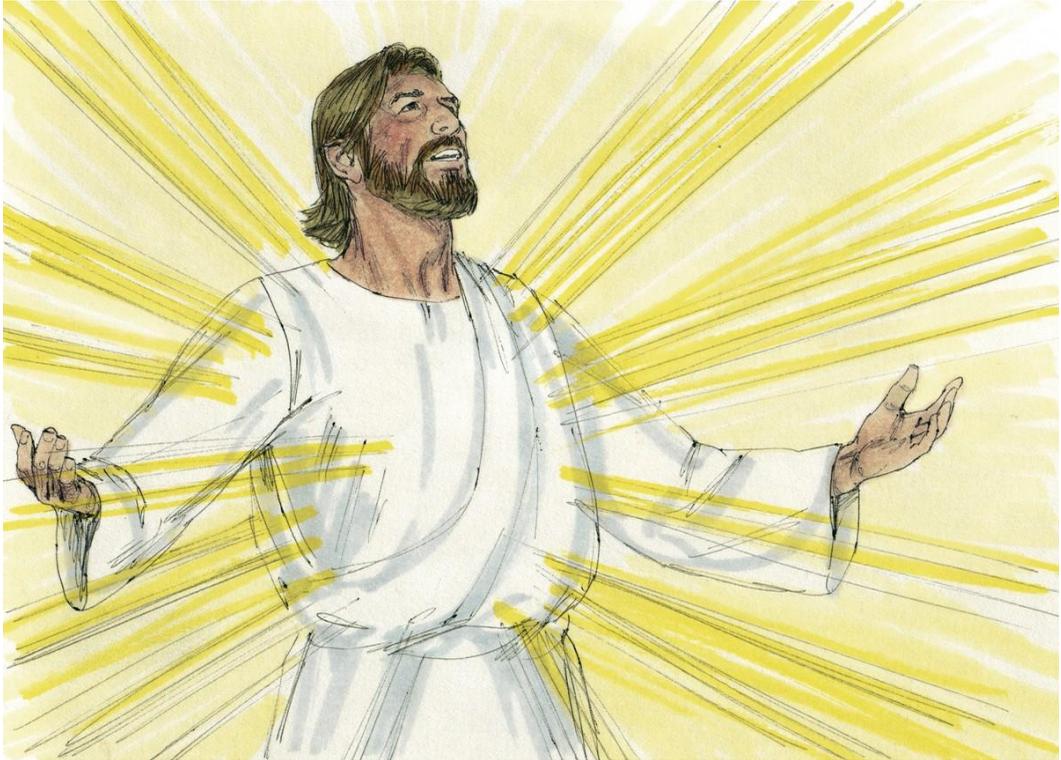


Worship to the Glory of God

Sunday, March 2, 2014

8 & 11 am



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Saturday Worship & Praise: 5 pm
(Communion 1st Saturday of month)

Sunday Worship: 8 & 11 am
(Communion: 1st & 3rd Sun. @ 8 am
2nd & 4th Sun. @ 11 am)

Sunday School &
Adult Bible Classes: 9:30 am

website: faithnpr.org

TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

March 2, 2014 – 8am & 11am

The Pre-service Music

The Chimes

The Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn (see screen for words) *“Lift Up Your Eyes”* **all rise for verse 4**
tune: “Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”

The Invocation (please rise)

Pastor: In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

People: Lord, how good it is that we are here! If you wish, I will make three shelters here.

Pastor: If anyone wishes to be a follower of mine, he must leave self behind; he must take up his cross and come with me.

People: Lord, how good it is that we are here! If you wish, I will make three shelters here.

Pastor: Whoever seeks to save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

People: Lord, how good it is that we are here! If you wish, I will make three shelters here.

Pastor: Foxes have their holes and birds their roosts; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.

People: Lord, how good it is that we are here! If you wish, I will make three shelters here.

Pastor: Look, I send you out like sheep among wolves; be wary as serpents, innocent as doves.

People: Lord, how good it is that we are here! If you wish, I will make three shelters here.

Pastor: Our eyes are fixed not on the things that are seen, but on the things that are unseen, for what is seen passes away; what is unseen is eternal.

People: Lord, how good it is that we are here! If you wish, I will make three shelters here.

Pastor: Forgetting what is behind me and reaching out for that which lies ahead, I press towards the goal to win the prize which is God’s call to the life above in Christ Jesus.

People: **Lord, how good it is that we are here! If you wish, I will make three shelters here.**

Pastor: *And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one save Jesus only. Amen.*

The Confession and Absolution

Pastor: *If we examine our lives in all honesty by God's perfect commandments, we find only sin and uncleanness.*

People: **Yes, Dear Lord, we have sinned against You in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**

Pastor: *We have not loved you, Lord, with our whole heart, or our neighbors as ourselves.*

People: **Lord, have mercy on us. Not because of ourselves, but because of your dear Son, Jesus Christ. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us to walk in Your ways.**

Pastor: *The mercy of God says that Jesus died for you! Because of Him, all your sin is forgiven. If we believe in Jesus, we are God's children.*

People: **Dear Lord, begin Your good work in us again today. Amen.**

The Kyrie (spoken)

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Pastor: *In peace let us pray to the Lord.*

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: *For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.*

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: *For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.*

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: *For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.*

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: *Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.*

People: **Amen.**

✠ **Hymn for Lent** (sung)

"Farewell to Alleluia" tune: "Jerusalem the Golden" 672

1 Farewell to "Alleluia!"
Exalted word of praise,
Which now in faith we forfeit
Throughout these forty days
While ashes of contrition
Our true repentance prove
Till Easter's Alleluias
The veil once more remove.

2 Lord, sanctify the silence
With which we contemplate
Your boundless love for sinners
Your sacrifice so great,
And grant us hope and patience
That, when the fast is gone,
New songs of "Alleluia!"
May greet your Easter dawn!

The Prayer for Today

Pastor: *The Lord be with you.*

People: **And also with you.** (spoken)

Pastor: *Let us pray... "O God, by the leading of a star You made known your only-begotten Son to the Gentiles. Lead us, who know You by faith, to enjoy in heaven the fullness of Your divine presence; through the same Jesus Christ, Our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever."*

People: **Amen.**

✠ *Please be seated*

The Old Testament Reading

Exodus 24:8-18

⁸And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, "Behold the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words." ⁹Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, ¹⁰and they saw the God of Israel. There was under his feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. ¹¹And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank. ¹²The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and wait there, that I may give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." ¹³So Moses rose with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. ¹⁴And he said to the elders, "Wait here for us until we return to you. And behold, Aaron and Hur are with you. Whoever has a dispute, let him go to them." ¹⁵Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶The glory of the LORD dwelt

on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. And on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud. ¹⁷Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. ¹⁸Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God. (spoken)

The New Testament Reading

2 Peter 1:16-21

¹⁶For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased," ¹⁸we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. ¹⁹And we have something more sure, the prophetic word, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, ²⁰knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. ²¹For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God. (spoken)

✠ *In honor of Christ and His sacrifice on the Cross, we rise to sing:*

All Sing:

"Drawn to the Cross"

560 v 1

Drawn to the cross, which Thou hast blessed
With healing gifts for souls distressed,
To find in Thee my life, my rest,
Christ crucified, I come.

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 17:1-9

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 17th chapter.

All: Glory to you, O Lord. (spoken)

¹And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. ²And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. ³And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴And Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." ⁵He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." ⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear." ⁸And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. ⁹And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead."

Pastor: This is The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to You, O Christ. (spoken)

The Greeting *(please turn to someone next to you, or in front, or behind you)*

✠ *Please be seated*

The Sermon Hymn (see screen for words)

"Jesus take us to the Mountain"
tune: "Open Now the Gates of Beauty"

The Sermon

"It's Good to be Here"

Matthew 17:4
*Rev. Gilbert Kuehn,
Vacancy Pastor*

✠ *Please rise for*

The Nicene Creed (8:00 am)

(back of hymnal)

The Apostles' Creed (11:00 am)

(back of hymnal)

The Gathering of the Offerings *(Please be seated)*

✠ *As the offerings are brought forward the congregation rises to sing:*

1 Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
 Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
 Oh . . .
 Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
 Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

2 Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?
 Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?
 Oh . . .
 Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
 Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?

The Prayers (The Pastor will end each petition with *“Lord, in your mercy ...”* and the congregation will respond with **“hear our prayer.”**)

Lord’s Prayer

8:00 am service continues

11:00 am service concludes on page 9

✠ **THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT** ✠

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you. (spoken)

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord. (spoken)

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

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise. (spoken)

Pastor: It is indeed right and helpful that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, this Lenten season we honor your name. Amen.

The Words of Institution

Pastor: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: And also with you. (spoken)

**All Sing: Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

An appropriate personal prayer before receiving the Sacrament can be found on the page opposite the inside cover of the hymnal.

"White grape juice is available; as well as gluten-free wafers"

- ✠ Faith's statement of faith regarding communion is printed on the reverse side of the Fellowship Card.
- ✠ Those who desire to commune are invited to follow the ushers' instructions.
- ✠ Receive the bread from the elder either on the tongue or in the hand. Receive the wine either in the individual or the common cup. If you prefer the individual cup, take one from the proffered tray, place the empty cup in the basin as you return. If you prefer the common cup or chalice, please assist the serving pastor by guiding the cup to control the flow. Please return to your seat by the side aisle.
- ✠ Anyone having difficulty walking to the front of the church may sit in the front pew on the lectern side.
- ✠ Non-confirmed children will be received at the altar rail for a special blessing.

The Hymn sung during the Distribution

"A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth" **438**

✠ *please rise for*

Post-Communion Canticle (sung)

"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" **449 v 1**

O sacred Head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down,
Now scornfully surrounded with thorns, Thine only crown.
O sacred Head, what glory, what bliss, till now was Thine!
Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call Thee mine.

Post-Communion Prayer**166**

Pastor: We give thanks to You, Almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this helpful 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.

People: Amen.

8:00 am & 11:00 am worship concludes with**The Benediction****The Proclamation**

Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Closing Hymn (all rise)*“O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair”***413**

tune: “On Jordan’s Bank”

The Post-service Music**Those Serving Today:****Presiding Minister:** Rev. Gilbert Kuehn

	8 am service	11 am service
Assisting Elder:	Tim Burkee	
Duty Elder:	Larry Roach	Lamar Miller
Acolyte:	Jessi Smith	Brittany Morrison
Altar Care:	Cathy Hurff & Freda Steinke	Sandi Leenhouts & Rose Wegner
Lay Reader:	Yvonne Burkee	Neil Finkenstadt
Audio Assistant:	Jonathan Tinker	Bob Behnke
Video Assistant:	Mike Meutzel	John Schaerffer
Ushers:	Norm Braun, Adele Burke, Kathy Hoback & Barb Goodhue	Neil Finkenstadt, Kenny Korchak, Joe Dubey & Marion Malmgren
Altar flowers	Given by Elly McCarthy in honor of the marriage of her son Jesse to Kristin Gonzalez on March 1, 2014.	

Our Purpose

The love of Christ compels us to reach out and make disciples who seek the lost, strengthen the weak, and serve those in need while giving glory to God.

Stewardship Sentence: “During Lent, we see Christ’s sacrifice on the cross. Consider your offering to the Lord as your thankful response.”

This Week’s Opportunities to Seek, to Strengthen, and to Serve

Monday, March 3 rd	9:00 am	Food Pantry
	7:00 pm	Board of Christian Education Meeting
Tuesday, March 4 th	9:00 am	Willing Workers / GSH
	7:00 pm	“To Live is Christ” Bible Study – week 7
	7:00 pm	Study of St. John the Apostle
Wednesday, March 5 th	9:00 am	Food Pantry
	10:00 am	Ash Wednesday Service w/communion
	11:00 am	Ladies Guild Executive Committee Meeting
	1:00 pm	Ladies Guild Program / Learn Your Function
	6:30 pm	Lenten Dinner
Thursday, March 6 th	7:15 pm	Ash Wednesday Service w/communion
	6:30 pm	Narcotics Anonymous / GSH
	7:00 pm	Worship & Praise Rehearsal
Friday, March 7 th	9:00 am	Food Pantry
Saturday, March 8 th	3:00 pm	Worship & Praise Rehearsal
	5:00 pm	Worship & Praise Service
Sunday, March 9 th	2:00 am	Don’t forget to “SPRING AHEAD”
	8:00 am	Worship
Blood Pressure Checks	8:45-10:45	Faith Family Fellowship / Altar Guild
	9:30 am	SS / Youth / Adult Bible Studies
	11:00 am	Worship w/Holy Communion

Food Pantry Item of the Month

Peanut Butter

A Measure of Our Devotion

February 22 & 23, 2014	
Worship Attendance 2014 (Saturday/8 am/11 am)	38/86/128
Worship Attendance 2013 (Saturday/8 am/11 am)	44/74/93
Sunday Communion 2014	100
Sunday Communion 2013	62
SS / Youth / Confirmation	35
Adult Sunday School and Mid-week Studies	48
Receipts for February 22 & 23, 2014	\$3,677.95

ANNOUNCEMENTS: are due to Carole by noon on Tuesday.

- **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS AT 2:00 AM SATURDAY MARCH 8TH.**
Remember to **set your clocks ahead 1 hour** before you go to bed, or you'll be late for church.
- **ASH WEDNESDAY** We will have two identical Ash Wednesday Communion Services in the church sanctuary at 10am and also 7:15pm. There will also be a Lenten Fellowship Dinner served in the CLC starting at 6:30pm. The imposition of ashes will be available for those who wish to participate.
- **PRAYERS OF THE PASSION:** is our Lenten Wednesday theme. Consider the prayers of the Passion: prayers offered up, either by Christ or to him, as he made his fateful way to the cross...and beyond. Consider the prayers of the Passion, even these two thousand years later. For they speak to us...even today.
- **OUR CALL TO PASTOR WEEKS** is awaiting his decision. Please pray for the Holy Spirit to direct him to answer in the affirmative.
- **BIBLE STUDIES OFFERED:** We currently have several studies to choose from on Sunday mornings, and Tuesday evenings. Which one will you choose?
- **SPECIAL LENTEN DEVOTION BOOKLETS** are in your mailbox today. Take yours home and use it these 40 days of Lent.
- **PARTNERS FOR LENT** volunteers are reminded to follow through with their assigned responsibilities during these days of Lent.

- **COME ONE! COME ALL! TO FAITH'S FAMILY FELLOWSHIP COFFEE TIME** next Sunday, March 9th in Narthex II from 8:45 am until 10:45 am. We'll have the coffee, juice and goodies ... you bring the friends! It's ALL FREE and ALL ages are welcome! Sponsored by, and our thanks to the Altar Guild, Choir and Handbell Members.
- **BIBLE BUCKS NEEDS YOUR HELP:** The Sunday School has a wonderful program set up for the kids called BIBLE BUCKS! The children earn Bible Bucks by doing various things such as coming to Sunday School; reciting their Bible verses, the Lord's Prayer, the Creeds; or answering questions about the Bible. With the Bible Bucks earned, the children can purchase items for themselves, or gifts for Birthdays, Christmas, Valentine's Day, Easter, or other special occasions. Why do we need your help? The store is in need of money to purchase items for the children to buy. Any donation would be greatly appreciated. This is a wonderful program that the children love, let's keep it going! If you have any questions, or want to learn more about the Bible Bucks store, please contact Kathy Butler.
- **THE C. S. LEWIS SOCIETY** invites everyone interested in a Reasonable Faith in an Uncertain World to come and hear the famous atheist turned Christian and bestselling author, Lee Strobel, speak on Friday, March 21st beginning at 7 pm at the Calvary Baptist Church in Clearwater. Mr. Strobel was the former award winning legal reporter for the Chicago Tribune whose wife's conversion led to his investigation of the claims of Christianity. He started out attempting to prove her in error and ended up writing "The Case for Christ," the "Case for Faith," and "The Case for a Creator." He currently serves as a professor of Christian thought. The 2 day conference includes other speakers. Tickets are \$30.00 in advance and \$35.00 at the door. If you have questions contact Phyllis Miller at 727-847-0959 or phyalama@tampabay.rr.com.
- **DO YOU HAVE A MISSION PROJECT** or idea that would help our community? Need money to get your mission project started? The Pasco County Chapter 30749 of Thrivent Financial for Lutheran funding is available NOW for the FIRST QUARTER of 2014. Care Abounds in Communities applications for funds can be submitted NOW. Contact Rose Ann Verheyen, Barbara Hahn or Kathy Butler for the applications. So easy, and so rewarding.