February 2020

Our winter weather of late has been more the norm than what we had in December. It is a bit colder, and the snow and ice have now come. Not that we didn’t expect it, because ice and snow are what the winter brings. If you are like me, you long for that which we can also expect, and that is spring. We all hope for the melting away of the snow and look forward to the warm and beautiful spring that is just around the corner.

But we must wait.

That is how we as Christians live too. We, at times, receive the joys and blessings of this life, and at other times, we languish in the trials and tribulations the world can bring. We see the beautiful sunshine that is Christ’s forgiveness and also live in the dark and dampness of our sinful condition. Just as we know for sure that a better day and the warmness of spring will soon be here, we can also rest in the reality that all of Christ’s blessings are ours as well.

13 In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, 14 who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory” (Ephesians 1:13-14).

While we wait for spring to arrive, remember the mark of Christ placed upon you as His child in Holy Baptism, as one redeemed by Christ and sealed with His Holy Spirit. We wait for Him and His blessed second coming where He will gather all who believe in Him to our eternal home.

God Bless,
Pastor Tkac
February 2020 Acolyte and Reader Schedule

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February Elders: Rick Heinz Bob Poe

February Altar Guild: Sue Dobson / Sue Regentin

Heavenly Appearance

Our omnipresent God shows up in some unexpected places. People have "miraculously" seen Jesus’ face on everything from junk food to a rusty water tank. We don’t know what Jesus looked like, of course, but Scripture indicates his appearance was rather ordinary: “He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him” (Isaiah 53:2, NIV).

On one occasion, however, Jesus’ face was majestically transformed. At his Transfiguration, observed by many churches on the Sunday before Lent, Jesus’ “face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light” (Matthew 17:2, ESV). Some disciples witnessed Jesus’ glory — which will be ours, thanks to his death and resurrection. As 1 John 3:2 (NIV) promises: “When Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.”
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**1**
- 9:00 am Men’s Breakfast Study
- 6:30 pm Worship / Holy Communion

**2**
- 2 The Purification of Mary and The Presentation of our Lord
- 9:30 am Sunday School for all
- 10:30 am Worship / Holy Communion

**3**
- 6:30-8 Youth Grade 6-12
- 7:00 pm Monthly Prayer Meeting Psalm 84

**4**
- 2:00 pm Adult Bible Study

**5**
- 6:30 pm Worship / Holy Communion

**6**
- 2:00 pm Adult Bible Study

**7**
- 6:30 pm Worship

**8**
- NO LIFE WITH GOD YOUTH CLASS

**9**
- Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany
- 9:30 am Sunday School for all
- 10:30 am Worship

**10**
- 6:30-8 Youth Grade 6-12
- 8:1-30 pm Pastors’ Conference/Faith, Highland
- 7:00 pm Peace Parish Guild Meets
- 7:00 pm Elders Meet

**11**
- 2:00 pm Adult Bible Study

**12**
- 6:30 pm Worship / Holy Communion

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- 2:00 pm Adult Bible Study

**14**
- 6:30 pm Worship / Holy Communion

**15**
- 6:30 pm Worship

**16**
- Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany
- 9:30 am Sunday School for all
- 10:30 am Worship / Holy Communion

**17**
- NO LIFE WITH GOD YOUTH CLASS

**18**
- 2:00 pm Adult Bible Study

**19**
- 6:30-8 Youth Grade 6-12

**20**
- 2:00 pm Adult Bible Study

**21**
- 6:30 pm Worship

**22**
- 6:30 pm Worship

**23**
- 23rd Sunday after the Epiphany
- 9:30 am Sunday School for all
- 10:30 am Worship

**24**
- 6:30-8 Youth Grade 6-12

**25**
- 2:00 pm Adult Bible Study

**26**
- Ash Wednesday Lent Begins
- 7:00 pm Worship / Holy Communion

**27**
- 6:30 pm Worship / Holy Communion

**28**
- 6:30 pm Worship / Holy Communion

**29**
- 6:30 pm Worship / Holy Communion

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**I have come to do your will, my God.**

Hebrews 10:7, NIV

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**LENT BEGINS**

**ASH WEDNESDAY**

**FEBRUARY 26, 2020**
Men’s Breakfast Bible Study

We invite all men to join us for our Men's Breakfast Bible Study here at Peace on Saturday, February 1, at 9:00 a.m. We will begin with breakfast prepared by Rick Heinz and follow with Bible study taught by Pastor Tkac. Come and be built up in the faith that leads to life eternal as the Holy Spirit works within you.

Monthly Prayer Meeting

Our monthly Prayer Meeting is Tuesday, February 4, at 7:00 p.m. We will focus and reflect on Psalm 111. Join us and bring your requests, needs, and desires through prayer to the One who will answer in the time and way He knows best.

Thank You

I want to thank those who served on the Altar Guild for their dedicated work in preparing the Lord's Altar for worship. I also wish to thank those who donated flowers to beautify His Altar. Your services and generosity in adorning God’s house are genuinely appreciated. — Erika Hoffmann

Actions Speak Loudly

Do not waste time bothering whether you “love” your neighbor; act as if you did. As soon as we do this, we find one of the great secrets. When you are behaving as if you loved someone, you will presently come to love him.

~ C. S. Lewis, Mere Christianity

The Bulletin Board

- Youth Life with God for grades 6-12 will meet from 6:30—8 p.m. on February 3, 10, and 24 (there will be no class on February 17). We will begin with Bible class time, and we will follow with games. Join us for some learning and fun. Please feel free to bring a friend.

- The Adult Bible Study class will meet on Thursday at 2:00 p.m. on February 6, 13, 20, and 27. Join us! The Holy Spirit will build up your faith!

- The Pastors’ Circuit Meeting will be held at Faith Lutheran, Highland on Tuesday, February 11, from 8:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Pastor Tkac will provide the study on the Smalcald Articles.

- Peace Parish Service Guild meets at 7:00 p.m. on February 11.

- The Elders’ meeting is at 7:00 p.m. on February 11

- Sunday, February 16 is the Newsletter deadline.

Lent Begins on Ash Wednesday, February 26

The period of the Church Year, where the physical world awakens from the death of winter, and the Christian awakens to newness of life in Christ is called Lent. Like no other period in the Church Year, it invites us to reflect in repentance as we prepare for the resurrection of our Lord on Easter Day. During Lent, we ponder the sufferings and death of Jesus for all. We stand confidently on His Word. We draw from it life and hope in Christ who conquered sin, death, and the devil by His resurrection for all who will believe on His name. Please join us through our Lenten journey. The Lord will bless you!

Jesus, I Will Ponder Now  ~  LSB #440 (Text and music: Public domain)

“Jesus, I will ponder now / On Your holy Passion; With Your Spirit me endow / For such meditation. Grant that I in love and faith / May the image cherish Of Your suffering, pain, and death / That I may not perish.”

Lenten Worship Schedule

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We are providing a light dinner beginning at 6:00 p.m. before worship. A $3.00 donation will help cover the cost. Be sure to sign up each week on the sheet provided, so we know how much to prepare.