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ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH-STRASBURG ILLINOIS

February 11 2024

The Transfiguration of our Lord

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THIS WEEK WITH THE LORD

SUN. 8:30 AM Com
munion Service
9:30 AM SS, Alpha, W.L.S., H.S. College
5:30 PM Worship Service @ Grace

TUE. 9:00 AM Bible Study

WED. 8:00 AM **Guide/Bulletin**
8:30 AM Chair Yoga
10:30 AM Lent Service @ Grace
2:30 PM Social Hall Communion
6:30 PM Lent Service @ St. Paul's
6:30-7:30PM WDS

SUN. 8:30 AM Worship Service
9:30 AM SS, Alph, W.L.S., H.S., College+
5:30 PM Worship Service @ Grace

Feb 4 8:30: 134 Year Ago: 131 Sunday School: 44

Welcome Welcome to worship [on this Transfiguration Sunday]. May we always follow God's call to listen to his beloved Son. *If you are a visitor, we invite you to worship with us again and to please sign our guestbook.*

Basket Binga The Stew-Stras Post Prom committee will be hosting a Basket Binga at St. Paul's on Sunday, February 25th at 2:00 p.m. Drinks and snacks will be available for purchase.

Windsor Harvest Picnic Will be hosting their annual "Soup-er" Bowl Luncheon the Windsor Community Center from 10:30-1:00 on Sunday, February 11th.

Lutheran Witness The February edition of the Lutheran Witness is available in the narthex.

FOR THE LORD'S WORK

<u>CURRENT OFFERINGS</u>	<u>\$ TO MEET YEARLY BUDGET</u>	<u>\$ RECEIVED</u>	<u>\$ DIFFERENCE</u>
Feb 4	\$ 3,750.00	\$3,156.00	\$ -594.00
year-to-date	\$ 18,750.00	\$14,065.00	\$-4,685.00
<u>Synod-Offerings</u>			
Feb 4	\$ 481.00	\$ 420.00	\$ -61.00
year-to-date	\$ 2,405.00	\$1,425.00	\$ -980.00
TRINITY GOAL-\$10,000		Total to Date	\$670.00
Building \$725 Sem Student \$125 Trinity \$225 Cemetery \$100			
Sunday School \$200 Lutheran Hour \$40 LYF \$25			

Feb 4 \$4,231.00
Feb 5 \$785.00 (ACH)

02/20 9:00 AM Bible Study
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal
02/21 8:30 AM Chair Yoga
10:30 AM Lenten Service @ Grace
6:30 PM Lenten Service @ St. Paul
6:30-7:30 WDS
02/22 8:30 AM Blanket Making

SHOE BOXES We are starting out the new year preparing for our shipment of shoe boxes later in the year by collecting soap and wash cloths for the month of January and February. Ivory soap is a good brand to donate because it floats in the streams and rivers where some people have to do their laundry. Just put donations in the box in the narthex. Thank you for your support.

Free Lent Devotion Booklet Have you picked up your free copy of **Be Gracious To Me** available in the narthex? The Evangelism Committees invites you to take a copy of this devotional booklet. The short readings correlate with Pastor Whybrew's Lenten sermons. **Be Gracious To Me** is based on Psalm 41. Readings begin this Wednesday, February 14 and Easter Sunday, March 31. Even if you are unable to attend Lenten services on Wednesdays, these daily devotions will be a blessing to you and your family. Get your copy today!

Choir The choir is in need of singers! Won't you consider blending your voice with ours as we sing praises to God? Please come to any choir rehearsal and we will help you get started! For questions, contact Choir Director Karen Rentfro at 217-644-3260.



ANNIVERSARIES

14-Will* & Kathy Eckstein
Tanner & Caroline* Bowers
17-Jake & Allison McIlwain

BIRTHDAYS

11-Cathy Reel
12-Norma Huddleston;
Gary Wirth; Diane Jack;
Grant* Merriman
13-Kathy Manhart; Max Kull;
Michelle Knop
15-Debra Richards
17-Peyton Long;

HOUSEHOLDS OF THE WEEK

Barry & Courtney Wittenberg, John & Judy Wittenberg, Dustin & Karen York, Francis York,

Recorded Services

Website: stpaul-strasburg.com
YouTube: St. Paul's Lutheran Church
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Facebook: St. Paul's Lutheran Church

PRAYER

Dianna Gibson	Melba Storm
Anna Schlechte	Nick Hanfland
Frances York	Kendall Fulk
Mary Rincker	Robert Pfeiffer
Wayne Wirth	Margaret Swank

LIMITED MOBILITY

Rose Schlechte- StoneBridge
Robert Stremming
Noma Huddleston - Lakeland
Healthcare Center
Imogene Lading – Villas of Holly Brook
Bill Orr
Rosemary Sporleder-Brookstone
Mattoon
Mildred Rincker – Heartland, Neoga
Doris Stremming – Lutheran Care
Center
Melba Storm- Heartland Senior Living
Margaret Swank – Willowbrook
Effingham

FRIENDS & FAMILY
(non-members)

Walker Warden (cancer)
Christie Dust (Howard & Kay's
daughter) (Primary Progressive
Multiple Sclerosis)
Laikyn Bauer (Digeorge syndrome)
Matt Durbin
Ivan Crutcher (cancer, Karen Rentfro's
uncle)

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Transfiguration Sunday – Setting Three

Hymn of Invocation

'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here

LSB 414

- 1 'Tis good, Lord, to be here! Thy glory fills the night;
Thy face and garments, like the sun, Shine with unborrowed light.
- 2 'Tis good, Lord, to be here, Thy beauty to behold
Where Moses and Elijah stand, Thy messengers of old.
- 3 Fulfiller of the past And hope of things to be,
We hail Thy body glorified And our redemption see.
- 4 Before we taste of death, We see Thy kingdom come;
We long to hold the vision bright And make this hill our home.
- 5 'Tis good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not remain;
But since Thou bidst us leave the mount, Come with us to the plain.

Text: Joseph A. Robinson, 1858–1933, alt. Text: Public domain

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 T 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.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Introit

Psalm 99:1–5; antiphon: v. 9

C ***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.***

Kyrie

LSB 186

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

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187

C ***Glory be to God on high: 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.***

Old Testament Reading

2 Kings 2:1–12

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

2 Corinthians 3:12–13; 4:1–6

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia

LSB 190

C ***Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.***

Holy Gospel

Mark 9:2–9

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

C ***Glory be to Thee, O Lord.***

The Gospel is Read

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.

Hymn of the Day

O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair

LSB 413

1 O wondrous type! O vision fair Of glory that the Church may share,
Which Christ upon the mountain shows, Where brighter than the sun He glows!

2 With Moses and Elijah nigh The incarnate Lord holds converse high;
And from the cloud the Holy One Bears record to the only Son.

3 With shining face and bright array Christ deigns to manifest today
What glory shall be theirs above Who joy in God with perfect love.

4 And faithful hearts are raised on high By this great vision's mystery,
For which in joyful strains we raise The voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.

D 5 O Father, with the eternal Son And Holy Spirit ever one,
We pray Thee, bring us by Thy grace To see Thy glory face to face.

Text: Sarum Breviary, 1495, Salisbury; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-66, alt. Text: Public domain

Sermon Mark 9:2-9 "Listen to Him"

Offertory

LSB 192

- C ***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.***

Prayer of the Church

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For those who are called and ordained to serve in Christ's stead and by His command, that their preaching and teaching would flow from the right understanding that all Holy Scripture testifies of Christ and all that He has done, and continues to do, for our eternal salvation, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the Lord's flock here at _____ Lutheran Church, that we would be granted faithfulness, humility and patience in our various vocations, striving to love God and neighbor in all that we say and do, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For families, that parents would teach the faith to their children and that the forgiveness of sins would be proclaimed in all households; and for all expectant mothers, that they and their babies would be kept safe and healthy throughout their pregnancies, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For all those who have been placed in authority over us, that they would serve with integrity and honor, having the welfare of all in mind; and for our country, that division, conflict and strife would give way to unity, peace and quietness, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For those who are in need, [*especially* _____,] that God would grant them relief and comfort through the promise of sharing in eternal glory with Christ, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the baptized, that we would heed our heavenly Father's admonition to listen to His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, as He speaks to us through His Holy Word and Sacraments; and that we would, by grace through faith, behold Him in His glory as He continues to tabernacle among us, delivering forgiveness, life and salvation through the same, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Lord God, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember on this day the glorious manifestation of Your Son's divinity on the Mount of Transfiguration. Teach us to listen to Jesus and ever fix our eyes on Him and His innocent suffering and death for our forgiveness. By Your grace and mercy, strengthen us to remain faithful in all circumstances of trial, temptation and persecution. Preserve us to the end, that we may die a blessed death believing in Your beloved Son with whom You are well pleased; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

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 that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who at His transfiguration revealed His glory to His disciples that they might be strengthened to proclaim His cross and resurrection and with all the faithful look forward to the glory of life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and

with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, 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 196

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

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.***

Distribution

Beautiful Savior

LSB 537

1 Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love Thee, Truly I'd serve Thee,
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

- 2 Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands, Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
 Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
 He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.
- 3 Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight, Bright the sparkling stars on high;
 Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
 Than all the angels in the sky.
- 4 Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man!
 Glory and honor, Praise, adoration
 Now and forevermore be Thine!

Text: Münsterisch Gesangbuch, 1677, Münster; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904 Text: Public domain

Built on the Rock

LSB 645

- 1 Built on the Rock the Church shall stand Even when steeples are falling.
 Crumbled have spires in ev'ry land; Bells still are chiming and calling,
 Calling the young and old to rest, But above all the souls distressed,
 Longing for rest everlasting.
- 2 Surely in temples made with hands God, the Most High, is not dwelling;
 High above earth His temple stands, All earthly temples excelling.
 Yet He who dwells in heav'n above Chooses to live with us in love,
 Making our bodies His temple.
- 3 We are God's house of living stones, Built for His own habitation.
 He through baptismal grace us owns Heirs of His wondrous salvation.
 Were we but two His name to tell, Yet He would deign with us to dwell
 With all His grace and His favor.
- 4 Here stands the font before our eyes, Telling how God has received us.
 The altar recalls Christ's sacrifice And what His Supper here gives us.
 Here sound the Scriptures that proclaim Christ yesterday, today, the same,
 And evermore, our Redeemer.
- 5 Grant, then, O God, Your will be done, That, when the church bells are ringing,
 Many in saving faith may come Where Christ His message is bringing:

"I know My own; My own know Me. You, not the world, My face shall see.
My peace I leave with you. Amen."

Text: Nikolai Fredrik Severin Grundtvig, 1783–1872, abr.; tr. Carl Döving, 1867–1937, alt. Text: Public domain

The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord

LSB 634

- 1 The death of Jesus Christ, our Lord, We celebrate with one accord;
It is our comfort in distress, Our heart's sweet joy and happiness.
- 2 He blotted out with His own blood The judgment that against us stood;
For us He full atonement made, And all our debt He fully paid.
- 3 That this forever true shall be He gives a solemn guarantee:
In this His holy Supper here We taste His love so sweet, so near.
- 4 His Word proclaims and we believe That in this Supper we receive
His very body, as He said, His very blood for sinners shed.
- 5 We dare not ask how this can be, But simply hold the mystery
And trust this word where life begins: "Given and shed for all your sins."
- 6 They who this word do not believe This food unworthily receive,
Salvation here will never find—May we this warning keep in mind!
- 7 But blest is each believing guest Who in these promises finds rest;
For Jesus shall in love remain With all who here His grace obtain.
- 8 Help us sincerely to believe That we may worthily receive
Your Supper and in You find rest. Amen! They who believe are blest.

Text (sts. 1–4, 6–8): Haquin Spegel, 1645–1714; (sts. 1–4, 6–8): tr. Olof Olsson, 1841–1900, alt.; (st. 5): composite Text: Public domain

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

P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

C ***and His mercy endureth forever.***

P 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

P 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 T give you peace.

C ***Amen, amen, amen.***

Recessional Hymn

O Blessed Light, O Trinity

LSB 890

1 O blessed Light, O Trinity,
O everlasting Unity:
As now the fiery sun departs,
Send forth Your light into our hearts.

2 To You our morning song of praise,
To You our evening prayer we raise;
We praise Your light in ev'ry age,
The glory of our pilgrimage.

D 3 All glory be to God above
And to the Son, the Prince of love,
And to the Spirit, One in Three!
We praise You, blessed Trinity.

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Next Sunday's Readings – Genesis 22:1-18, James 1:12-18, Mark 1:9-15

This Sunday's Memory Verse – Mark 9:7 ⁷“And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, “This is my beloved Son; listen to him.””

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