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ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH-STRASBURG ILLINOIS

March 2, 2025

The Transfiguration of our Lord

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Greeter	Dennis & Kenna Wirth		

THIS WEEK WITH THE LORD

SUN.	8:30 AM	Worship Service
	9:30 AM	SS, Alpha, W.L.S., H.S., College+
	10:30 AM	Worship Service @ Grace
	5:30 PM	Worship Service @ Grace
	6:30 PM	LYF @ Trinity
	6:30 PM	Bible Trivia
TUE.	9:00 AM	Morning Bible Study
WED.	8:30 AM	Chair Yoga
	10:30 AM	Lent Service @ Grace
	6:30 PM	Lent Service @ St. Paul
	7-8 PM	WDS
THURS.	1:30 PM	Ladies Aid
SUN.	8:30 AM	Communion Service
	9:30 AM	SS, Alpha, W.L.S., H.S., College+
	10:30 AM	Worship Service @ Grace
	5:30 PM	Worship Service @ Grace
	6:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal

February 23 8:30: 114 Year Ago: 103 Sunday School: 38

Welcome Welcome to worship, as we celebrate the Transfiguration of Our Lord. May God's grace nurture and strengthen you today. *If you are a visitor, we invite you to worship with us again and to please sign our guestbook.*

New Bible Class The new Bible Class at Grace for St. Paul's and Grace members will be on Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM. We will be studying the Book of Jude. Coffee will be available.

Really? You won't believe this, but Virginia Vogel will turn 90 on March 9. If you would like to send Virginia a card, her address is: 14 Woolery Dr, Neoga IL 62447.

Pals Spaghetti Dinner The annual Pals spaghetti dinner will be at Trinity Lutheran School, Sunday, March 2nd, 11 am-12:30 pm. Menu includes Spaghetti with meat sauce, Breadsticks Lettuce salad, Dessert, coffee and lemonade. Carryouts available! Free will donations accepted.

FOR THE LORD'S WORK

<u>CURRENT OFFERINGS</u>	<u>\$ TO MEET YEARLY BUDGET</u>	<u>\$ RECEIVED</u>	<u>\$ DIFFERENCE</u>
Feb 23	\$ 3,971.00	\$ 5,787.00	\$ 1,816.00
year-to-date	\$ 31,768.00	\$ 24,981.00	\$ -6,787.00
<u>Synod-Offerings</u>			
Feb 23	\$ 481.00	\$ 1,135.00	\$ 654.00
year-to-date	\$ 3,848.00	\$ 3,185.00	\$ -663.00
TRINITY GOAL-\$10,000		Total to Date	\$645.00
Building \$720 Sem. Student \$395 Trinity \$90 Cemetery \$10 LYF \$25			
Lutheran Care Center \$200 Rev. Alex Gordon \$50 Cradle Roll \$200			
		Feb 20	\$ 3,285.00
		Feb 23	\$5,327.00

- 3/11 9:00 AM Morning Bible Study
- 7:00 PM LFL @ John & Sharon Beldon's
- 3/12 8:30 AM Chair Yoga
- 10:30 AM Lent Service @ Grace
- 2:30 PM Social Hall Communion
- 6:30 PM Lent Service @ St. Paul
- 7-8 PM WDS
- 3/13 8:30 AM Blanket making

- Lenten Series** - Good News from the Beginning: The Gospel in Genesis
- Ash Wednesday** March 5 The Good News of a Savior Who Covers Our Sin, Genesis 3:1-13, 21
- Lenten Midweek 2:** March 12 The Good News of a Savior Who Conquers Evil, Genesis 3:14-15
- Lenten Midweek 3:** March 19 The Good News of a Savior Who Gives Us a New Beginning, Genesis 6
- Lenten Midweek 4:** March 26 The Good News of a Savior Who Gives Himself in Our Place, Genesis 22:1-18
- Lenten Midweek 5:** April 2 The Good News of a Savior Who Unites Heaven and Earth, Genesis 28:10-22
- Lenten Midweek 6:** April 9 The Good News of a Savior Who Brings Good from Evil, Genesis 50:15-21

Lenten Services are at 10:30AM at Grace and 6:30PM at St. Paul's.

Communion Cards Please make sure you are filling out communion cards on communion Sunday's so that your attendance can be recorded. Thank you!



ANNIVERSARIES

3-Wayne & Connie Wirth
4-Darrell & Laurie Wirth

BIRTHDAYS

2-Zach Shelton
3-Wayne Wirth; Dixie Stremming
4-Gary Kull
5-Otis Rincker
6-Adrienne Bushue; Nick Esslinger;
Jaxon* Doehring
7-Sharon Rincker; Cassie Schultheis;
Jillian* Merriman; Greta* York
8-Bryson Batson; Roger Kull;
Kieffer Reel

HOUSEHOLDS OF THE WEEK

Randy Stremming, Richard & Cathy Stremming, Robert Stremming, Sharon Stremming, Shirley Stremming, Doris & Augie Supan, Margaret Swank, Chris & Karla Tabbert, Joshua Tabbert, Mary Tabbert, Matthew Tabbert, Shalyn & Jacob Tabbert,

Recorded Services

Website: stpaul-strasburg.com

YouTube: St. Paul's Lutheran Church Strasburg Illinois

Facebook: St. Paul's Lutheran Church

PRAYER

Dianna Gibson	Anna Schlechte
Nick Hanfland	Kendall Fulk
Frances York	Wayne Wirth
Robert Pfeiffer	Ronda Schlechte
Margaret Swank	Nick Oller
Beulah Ulmer	Clay Tabbert
Karla Tabbert	

LIMITED MOBILITY

Rose Schlechte- StoneBridge
Robert Stremming
Imogene Lading – Villas of Holly Brook
Bill Orr
Rosemary Sporleder-Brookstone
Mattoon
Mildred Rincker – Heartland, Neoga
Doris Stremming – Willowbrook,
Effingham
Margaret Swank – Willowbrook
Effingham

FRIENDS & FAMILY **(non-members)**

Cody Chasteen (Sue's nephew; ATV Accident)
Ken Daily (Karen Pfeiffer's father) stroke
Zona Doty (Health)
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)

Adopted Seminary Students 2024-25 **4TH Year Student**

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St. Louis, MO 63105
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2nd Year Student

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2024-25 Vicar assignment at
Concordia
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Joshua Gerken (Wife Rachel, son Callan)
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The Transfiguration of our Lord – Setting Three

LSB 414

'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here

- 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.

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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 84:1–2, 9, 11; antiphon: v. 4

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

Deuteronomy 34:1–12

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Hebrews 3:1–6

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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.**

The Gospel is Read

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

Apostles' Creed

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

Children's Message

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.

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Sermon Hebrews 3:1-6 "God's House"

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 Dear heavenly Father, on the Mount of Transfiguration, Jesus revealed His light and glory to Peter, James, and John. Embolden us to proclaim Christ's light and glory to the ends of the earth. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord, Peter, James, and John heard Your voice on the mountaintop. Help us to heed Your voice and Your Word that comes to us in the Scriptures. Strengthen us to listen to Your voice rather than the voice the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord, comfort all those who are suffering in grief, [*especially . . .*]. Console them with the hope of the resurrection to eternal peace and life. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord, Peter reminds us that no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but all prophets are carried along by the Holy Spirit. Send Your Spirit to call, gather, enlighten, sanctify, and keep Your people. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord, You have shined the light of Christ on the world. Help us reflect Your light to those who are experiencing the darkness of the world. Bring community to the lonely, stability to those in transition, and safety to all those who have suffered abuse. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord, look with favor upon all who are sick, injured, and recovering, [*especially* . . .]. Have mercy upon them and heal them according to Your good and gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord, we commend all of these things to Your infinite mercies, which are new every morning. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

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.**

Salutation

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.***

Lift High the Cross

ref Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

1 Come, Christians, follow where our Captain trod,
Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. Refrain

2 Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
The hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine. Refrain

3 All newborn soldiers of the Crucified
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died. Refrain

4 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
As Thou hast promised, draw us all to Thee. Refrain

5 Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. Refrain

6 So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory! Refrain

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Next Week's Readings – Deuteronomy 26:1-11, Romans 10:8b-13, Luke 4:1-13

This Week's Memory Verse – Hebrews 3:6 "but 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"

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