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+++ Transfiguration of Our Lord – February 19, 2023 +++

Serving Us At God's House Today

Organist: Lisa Sprengeler

Ushers: Mark Hartmeister, Ed Chiappetti

ORDER OF WORSHIP: SERVICE OF THE WORD

(printed on insert inside front cover of maroon hymnal)

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 29 (pew bible, p.494)
- ◆ The Hymns: 554, 537, 414, *291 (**back page of bulletin*)
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: Exodus 24:12-18; Matthew 17:1-9
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: From Psalm 72
- ◆ Confession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed (liturgy insert, p.15)

Sermon Text – 2 Peter 1:16-21

***Jesus Is Our Beautiful Savior!
How Do We Know?***

1. God the Father said so!
2. The Old Testament prophets said so!
3. The Spirit-inspired Scriptures say so!

- ◆ Offering of Thankful Hearts
- ◆ Prayer & Lord's Prayer
- ◆ Installation of Church Officers / Hymn 414
- ◆ Benediction / Closing Hymn (291, bulletin back page)

Today's Scriptures

First Lesson – Exodus 24:12-18

12 The LORD said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain and stay here, and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and commands I have written for their instruction.” 13 Then Moses set out with Joshua his aide, and Moses went up on the mountain of God. 14 He said to the elders, “Wait here for us until we come back to you. Aaron and Hur are with you, and anyone involved in a dispute can go to them.” 15 When Moses went up on the mountain, the cloud covered it, 16 and the glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai. For six days the cloud covered the mountain, and on the seventh day the LORD called to Moses from within the cloud. 17 To the Israelites the glory of the LORD looked like a consuming fire on top of the mountain. 18 Then Moses entered the cloud as he went on up the mountain. And he stayed on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

Psalm of the Day – From Psalm 72

P Endow the king with your justice, O God:
C **The royal son with your righteousness.**
P He will defend the afflicted among the people:
C **And save the children of the needy.**
P He will endure as long as the sun:
C **As long as the moon, through all generations.**
P He will be like rain falling on a mown field:
C **Like showers watering the earth.**
P All kings will bow down to him:
C **And all nations will serve him.**
P All nations will be blessed through him:
C **And they will call him blessed.**
P Praise be to the LORD God, who alone does marvelous deeds:
C **May the whole earth be filled with his glory.**

Second Lesson – Matthew 17:1-9

1 After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. 2 There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. 3 Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus. 4 Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.” 5 While he was still speaking, a bright cloud enveloped them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!” 6 When the disciples heard this, they fell facedown to the ground, terrified. 7 But Jesus came and touched them. “Get up,” he said. “Don’t be afraid.” 8 When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus. 9 As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus instructed them, “Don’t tell anyone what you have seen, until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

Sermon Text – 2 Peter 1:16-21

16 We did not follow cleverly invented stories when we told you about the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. 17 For he received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.” 18 We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain. 19 And we have the word of the prophets made more certain, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. 20 Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet’s own interpretation. 21 For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

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A Warm Welcome to Our Worship Guests!

It is our prayer that your faith is strengthened today by the preaching of our Lord's pure Word and by the psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs that our Scripture-based liturgy offers every week. St. Paul is a member of the Church of the Lutheran Confession (CLC). The CLC is represented by congregations throughout the United States and Canada, with affiliated churches in Africa, India, and neighboring nations. All of our churches confess the Bible to be the inspired and unerring Word of God. We invite our Guests to record their visit by signing the Guestbook and to come worship with us again.

This Week at St. Paul

Today (2/19)	9:30 am	Worship Service with installation of Church Officers
	10:45 am	Sunday School & Bible Class
Wed (2/22)	7:00 pm	Ash Wednesday Lenten Service
Sun (2/26)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School & Bible Class

Extended Calendar

- Wed. Lenten Services: Feb.22, Mar.1,8,15,22,29, 7:00 pm
- Holy Land Slide Presentation: Mar.5, 10:45 am (by Mike Sprengeler)
- Daylight Savings Time Ends: Sunday, Mar.12
- Choir Practices: March 19, 26; April 2, 16, 8:30 am
- Palm Sunday Brunch: Sunday, April 2, served by the men
- Front Range Mission Festival Service, hosted by St. Paul: Sunday, April 23, **11:00 am** (Choir: 9:30 am; Bible Class: 10:00 am, Meal: 12:00 noon). Guest speaker: Pastor David Reim of Vernon BC, Canada

Church Directory: It's that time of year to update our St. Paul Directory. Please check your 2022 Directory contact information to ensure it is current. Share with pastor any changes that need to be made. Thank you!

Synod News & Notes

- Cordelia Kuehne of North Mankato, MN passed away on February 9 at the age of 90. She was the wife of retired Professor Clifford Kuehne, who served at ILC for many years. Her victory service was held at Immanuel, Mankato, last Sunday. Correspondence may be sent to Mr. Cliff Kuehne, 212 Christensen St., North Mankato, MN 56003. We pray for the Lord's comfort to Prof. Kuehne and his family in their time of loss.

Our Midweek Lenten Service Schedule will begin on Ash Wednesday, February 22. This year's overall theme is *"Our Savior's Sorrows Foreshadowed in the Psalms."* We will observe the customary pulpit exchange with our sister CLC churches of the Front Range: Redeemer, Cheyenne and Prince of Peace, Loveland. Service time: 7:00 pm. Here is an outline of the theme for each service with psalm references and speakers.

"Our Savior's Sorrows Foreshadowed in the Psalms"



Feb.22	Psalm 38:10-12	Deserted by His Friends (Pastor Libby)
Mar.1	Psalm 41:9	Betrayed by His Enemies (Pastor Wheaton)
Mar.8	Psalm 118:22-23	Rejected by Religious Leaders (Pastor Schuetze)
Mar.15	Psalm 22:13-16	Crucified by All Sinners (Pastor Libby)
Mar.22	Psalm 69:7-12	Shamed by His People (Pastor Wheaton)
Mar.29	Psalm 69:19-21	Unpitied by His Enemies (Pastor Schuetze)

*Sweet the moments, rich in blessing,
Which before the cross we spend,
Life and health and peace possessing
From the sinner's dying Friend.*



Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions (February 20-25 '23)

Mon Mark 10:35-45 Jesus has just told His disciples for the third time that He will be mocked, condemned, crucified, and raised. Their reaction? Forget the suffering. What about special positions in His glory? He patiently teaches them that among them the greatest would serve, just as He, their Master, was serving them!

Tues 1 Corinthians 1:21-25 Paul contrasts God's wisdom with human wisdom, God's power with human power. In both cases, the difference is huge. God's foolishness (the Gospel of forgiveness in Christ) is above the highest human wisdom and God's weakness is above the greatest human strength!

Wed 1 Corinthians 1:26-31 In the Corinthians' own congregation it could be seen that neither human wisdom nor human religiousness had brought them to find salvation in Jesus Christ, but it was God who gave them wisdom, righteousness, sanctification, and redemption in Him (v30).

Thurs Jeremiah 8:4-7 What strange reaction for God's people to have! Even the migratory birds find their way back home again, but God's chosen people fall and do not get up, stray and do not return home. Truly it is only by God's power that humans repent and are returned to God.

Fri Jeremiah 8:8-9 The prophet Jeremiah also sees the contrast of which Paul spoke (1Co1:25), that the wise men are put to shame (v9). The word of the Lord, which the "wise" of this world call foolishness, is wiser than the greatest human wisdom.

Sat John 11:47-57 Another strange reaction. When the chief priests and Pharisees hear how Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead, they decide that Jesus must be killed. He is a threat to their positions. After this meeting the end of any trial He may have is a foregone conclusion. The many coming to the feast hoping to see Jesus are in stark contrast to the leaders who hope to arrest Him.

We Have a Sure Prophetic Word

1 We have a sure pro - phet - ic Word By in - spi -
 2 By pow'rs of em - pire banned and burned, By pa - gan
 3 What - e'er the Word in times of old Of fu - ture
 4 A - bid - ing, stead - fast, firm, and sure, The teach - ings

ra - tion of the Lord, And, though as - sailed on ev -
 pride re - ject - ed, spurned, The Word still stands, the Chris -
 days and deeds fore - told Is all ful - filled while a -
 of the Word en - dure. Blest all who trust this stead -

'ry hand, Je - ho - vah's Word shall ev - er stand.
 tian's trust, While haugh - ty em - pires lie in dust.
 ges roll, As traced on the pro - phet - ic scroll.
 fast Word; Their an - chor holds in Christ, the Lord.

