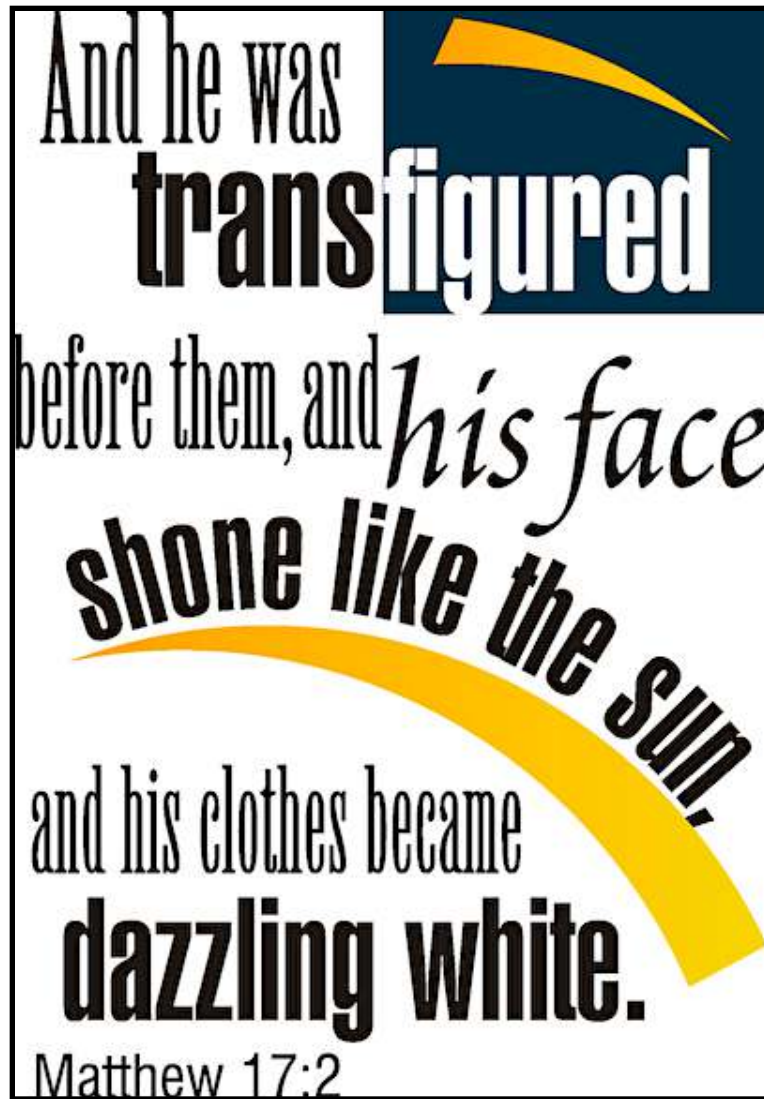


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– CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION –
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ORDER OF WORSHIP: SERVICE OF WORD & SACRAMENT

(printed on liturgy insert inside front cover of maroon hymnal)

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 148 (pew bible, p.559)
- ◆ The Hymns: 906, 413, 414, 554
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: Exodus 34:29-35, 2 Corinthians 4:3-6
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: From Psalm 104
- ◆ Confession of Faith: The Nicene Creed *(last page of liturgy insert)*

Sermon Text – Luke 9:28-36

IT IS GOOD FOR US TO BE WITH CHRIST

1. Now through His Word.
2. Forever in the glory of heaven.

- ◆ Offering of Our Hearts and Gifts
- ◆ Prayer & the Lord's Prayer
- ◆ Communion Liturgy (liturgy insert, pp.17-21)
- ◆ Benediction & Closing Hymn (554)

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A Warm Welcome in Christ to our Worship Guests. We're glad for the opportunity to share with you the Gospel of forgiveness through Jesus! Please introduce yourself to the pastor and sign our guest book. We invite you to come worship with us again. If you would like to know more about St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church and our national organization, the Church of the Lutheran Confession, please speak with the pastor. He would be happy to call on you to share our confession and mission with you.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURES

First Lesson – Exodus 34:29-35

When Moses came down from Mount Sinai with the two tablets of the Testimony in his hands, he was not aware that his face was radiant because he had spoken with the LORD. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, his face was radiant, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; so Aaron and all the leaders of the community came back to him, and he spoke to them. Afterward all the Israelites came near him, and he gave them all the commands the Lord had given him on Mount Sinai. When Moses finished speaking to them, he put a veil over his face. But whenever he entered the LORD'S presence to speak with him, he removed the veil until he came out. And when he came out and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, they saw that his face was radiant. Then Moses would put the veil back over his face until he went in to speak with the LORD.

Psalm of the Day – From Psalm 104

P Praise the LORD, O my soul. O LORD my God, you are very great:

C You are clothed with splendor and majesty.

P He wraps himself in light as with a garment:

C He stretches out the heavens like a tent.

P He makes winds his messengers:

C Flames of fire his servants.

P He set the earth on its foundations:

C It can never be moved.

P You covered it with the deep as with a garment:

C The waters stood above the mountains.

P But at your rebuke the waters fled;

C At the sound of your thunder they took to flight;

P You set a boundary they cannot cross:

C Never again will they cover the earth.

P I will sing to the LORD all my life:

C I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

P May my meditation be pleasing to him:

C As I rejoice in the LORD.

P But may sinners vanish from the earth and the wicked be no more:

C Praise the LORD, O my soul.

Second Lesson – 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

Sermon Text – Luke 9:28-36

About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray. As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. Two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendor, talking with Jesus. They spoke about his departure, which he was about to bring to fulfillment at Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were very sleepy, but when they became fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As the men were leaving Jesus, Peter said to him, "Master, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." (He did not know what he was saying.) While he was speaking, a cloud appeared and enveloped them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. A voice came from the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him." When the voice had spoken, they found that Jesus was alone. The disciples kept this to themselves, and told no one at that time what they had seen.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today (3/3)	8:30 am	Elders' Meeting
	9:30 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	10:45 am	Special Voters' Meeting (<i>see note below</i>)
	11:00 am	Sunday School (The Good Samaritan, NT 25)
	11:00 am	Bible Class
Wed (3/6)	7:00 pm	Ash Wednesday Worship Service
Sun (3/10)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School (Jesus and Nicodemus, NT 10)
	10:45 am	Bible Class

SERVING US AT GOD'S HOUSE DURING MARCH

- Ushers: Ed Chiappetti, Bob Rankin
- Elder: Mike Sprengeler
- Communion Assistant: Larry Reed

EXTENDED CALENDAR

- Wed. Lenten services: March 6,20,27; April 3,10 (7 pm)
- ILC Tour Choir Concert: Wednesday, March 13 (7 pm)
- Maundy Thursday Com. Service: Thursday, April 18 (7 pm)
- Good Friday Worship: Friday, April 19 (7 pm)

UPCOMING CHOIR PRACTICES

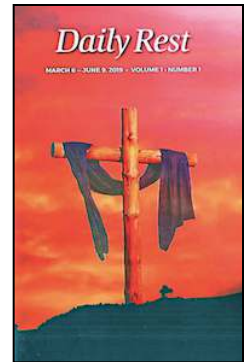
- Sunday, March 24 & 31, 8:30 am
- Sunday, April 7, 8:30 am

A SPECIAL VOTERS' MEETING will be held after today's service. The lone agenda item is to authorize the CLC's Traveling Vacation Bible School to come here this summer to distribute fliers advertising our VBS and to staff our school. All this is contingent on the availability of the TVBS to come to Denver. (The TVBS Committee will be meeting soon to consider requests from CLC churches and to plan their summer schedule.)

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES PRAYER LIST: In the tract rack. Pick up a copy. The list is long! Much to pray about ... to pray for ... to thank God for!

NEW DEVOTION BOOK

The first issue of *Daily Rest*, the CLC's new devotion book, arrived in the mail last week. This issue is provided to everyone at no charge. Paid subscriptions will begin with issue #2. The cost for a subscription (for four issues per year) is \$15.00. To subscribe, write your name on the sign-up list posted on the bulletin board in the church entry. Payments may be given to church treasurer, Wayne Ruegge, or the Pastor. Or, if you prefer, simply place your payment in the Sunday collection with the notation "devotions" written on your offering envelope.



OUR MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICE SCHEDULE begins this Wednesday at 7:00 pm. Here is the full schedule of services with themes, sermon texts, and speakers:

LANDMARKS OF JESUS' PASSION			
DATE	THEME	TEXT	SPEAKER
Mar 6	<i>The Upper Room</i> where the Passover was Celebrated	Matthew 26:17-25	J. Klatt
Mar 10 (Sunday)	<i>The Hall of Caiaphas</i> where the Savior was Condemned	Matthew 26:59-66	T. Schuetze
●●● WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13 — ILC TOUR CHOIR CONCERT, 7:00 PM ●●●			
Mar 20	<i>The Garden of Prayer</i> where God's Will was Done	Luke 22:39-42	C. Seybt
Mar 27	<i>The Way of Sorrows</i> where Jesus carried His Cross	John 19:16-17	J. Klatt
Apr 3	<i>The Seat of Judgment</i> where Justice Prevailed	John 19:12-16	C. Seybt
Apr 10	<i>The Mount Called Calvary</i> where the Savior Died	Luke 23:32-33	T. Schuetze
Apr 19 (Gd Fri)	<i>The Garden Tomb</i> where the Dead Savior Lay	John 19:31-42	T. Schuetze

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR HOME DEVOTIONS

MARCH 4-9

Mon John 8:30-36 The Holy Spirit is God's power-plant; His Word is the wiring; Jesus connects wire to sinner and throws the switch (30). We want to stay connected, for we need light all the time (31-32). If the light goes out, we become victims of Satan's night-time raiding parties. Lord, help us!

Tues John 10:1-30 These folks understood sheep ranching (1-5), but they needed help to get the spiritual point (6). Jesus laid out the contrast between the shepherd who owned the sheep (Himself) and the flunkies who hired out as temps (Pharisees). Against a winter background (22), Jesus spelled out His qualifications as the Good Shepherd: He never deserts His sheep but leads them to eternal life—which has always been the Father's goal (29-30).

Ash Wednesday: John 11:1-44 Jesus stayed away until Lazarus was dead and buried. Why? To prove that resurrecting the dead was no problem for Him. Thomas' worry that Jesus would endanger Himself (16), and the sisters' fret that Jesus had ignored their need caused Jesus some pain (33,38). Though they were long-sighted about resurrection on Judgment Day, they were short-sighted about Jesus. Do we need to re-learn these basics (41-44)?

Thurs John 14 Since Thomas was hazy about Jesus' Lenten journey, Jesus set him straight (6-7). Philip was slow to connect Jesus with the Father, so Jesus clarified (9-11) and down-loaded His prayer program besides (12-14). Jude was puzzled about mission outreach (22), so Jesus emphasized the value of prep time at home (23-24). Bottom line: "I'm going to delegate My Holy Spirit to teach you, calm you, and protect you (26-31)." (Are we so different from Thomas, Philip, and Jude?)

Fri John 17 We are still learners, and as we eavesdrop on Jesus' Maundy Thursday prayer, we learn that He had three concerns. First, He prayed for His own success (1-5)—which is our success, actually; then for His disciples' safety, integrity, and sanctification (6-19); and finally for the sanctification of all believers forever after—which includes you and me (20-26). God, help us persevere in Your Word (17) and in sharing Your love with everyone (20-26)!

Sat John 18:28-40 Jesus did not expect a fair trial either by Jewish or Roman law (24-35), for His case was beyond both. Since sinful humans fall short of the glory of God, God capitulated, stipulating that someone, sometime, somewhere, would honor Him with undivided love and live an unblemished life with unsullied love for others. Nobody but Jesus could fill the bill. So by His obedience and self-sacrifice, Jesus brings humans into His kingdom (36-37), and He retains His dominion in ours (38). We shall praise Him forever for taking up our cause and justifying us before God. Hallelujah and Amen!

CHOIR CONCERT COMING SOON TO ST. PAUL

The Immanuel Lutheran College Tour Choir will present a concert of sacred music at St. Paul on Wednesday, March 13, at 7:00 pm. Posters advertising this event are on the shelf under the tract rack. Take one or more for sharing with friends and neighbors, or posting at a location near where you live. Housing will be needed for the members of the choir. A sign-up list for this is posted on the bulletin board.



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PSALM 100

- ◆ Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.
- ◆ Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.
- ◆ Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.
- ◆ Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.
- ◆ For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.