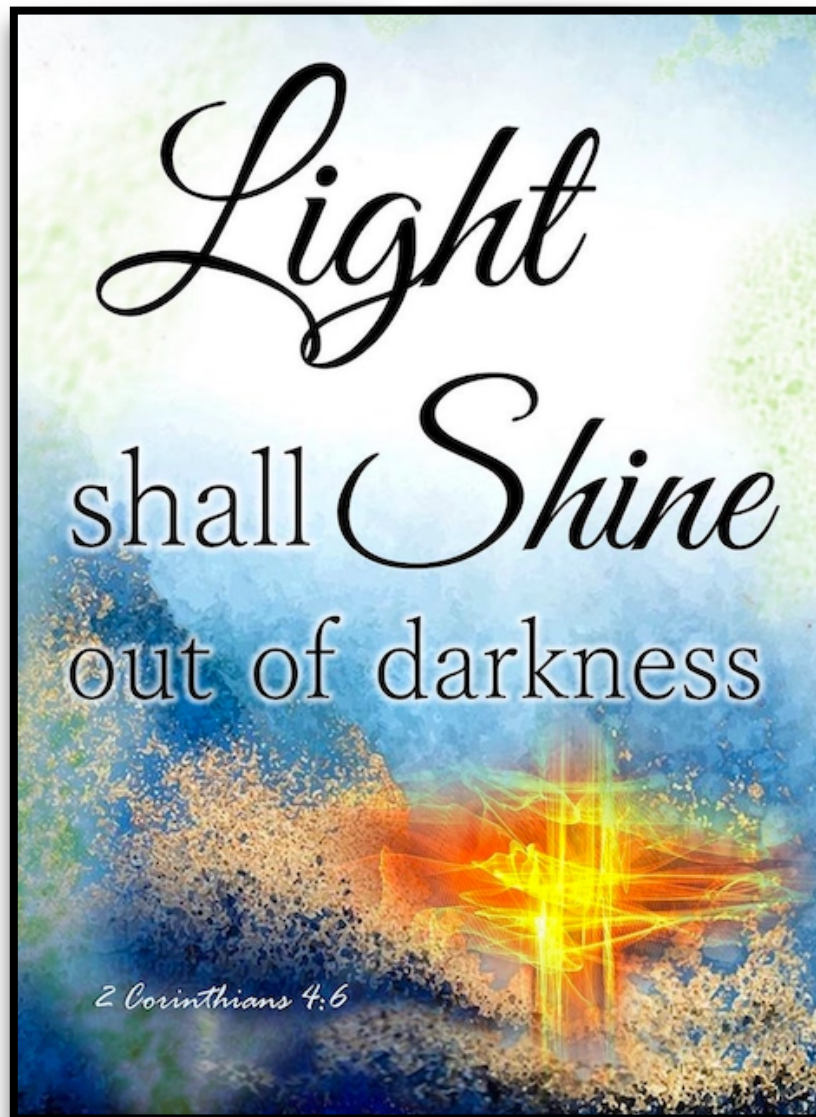


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– Church of the Lutheran Confession –
Lakewood, Colorado



Transfiguration Sunday
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Order of Worship: Service of the Word

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

Serving Us at God's House Today

Organist: Ruth Greening – Ushers: Wayne and Joshua Ruegge

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 36 (pew bible, p.498)
- ◆ The Hymns: 527, 414, 537, 873
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: Exodus 34:29-35, Luke 9:28-39
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: From Psalm 148
- ◆ Confession of Faith: Apostles' Creed (liturgy insert, p.15)

Sermon Text – 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

***Bless Us, Lord, With Eyes of Faith to Behold
the Beauty of Your Gospel***

1. Make it shine brightly in our hearts always.
2. Keep the god of this age from ever veiling it from our view.

- ◆ Offering of Thankful Hearts
- ◆ Prayer & Lord's Prayer
- ◆ Benediction & Closing Hymn (873)

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Large print bulletins are available on the shelf by
the tract rack or by request from an usher.

Today's Scriptures

First Lesson – Exodus 34:29-35

29 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. 30 When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, his face was radiant, and they were afraid to come near him. 31 But Moses called to them; so Aaron and all the leaders of the community came back to him, and he spoke to them. 32 Afterward all the Israelites came near him, and he gave them all the commands the LORD had given him on Mount Sinai. 33 When Moses finished speaking to them, he put a veil over his face. 34 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, 35 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 148

P Praise the LORD from the heavens:

C Praise him in the heights above.

P Praise him, all his angels:

C Praise him, all his heavenly hosts.

P Praise him, sun and moon:

C Praise him, all you shining stars.

P Praise the LORD from the earth:

C Lightning and hail, stormy winds that do his bidding.

P You mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars:

C Wild animals and all cattle, small creatures and flying birds.

P Kings of the earth and all rulers on earth:

C Young men and maidens, old men and children.

P Let them praise the name of the LORD:

C For his splendor is above the earth and the heavens.

Second Lesson – Luke 9:28-39

28 About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray. 29 As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. 30 Two men, Moses and Elijah, 31 appeared in glorious splendor, talking with Jesus. They spoke about his departure, which he was about to bring to fulfillment at Jerusalem. 32 Peter and his companions were very sleepy, but when they became fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. 33 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.) 34 While he was speaking, a cloud appeared and enveloped them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. 35 A voice came from the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him." 36 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.

Sermon Text – 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

3 And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. 4 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. 5 For we do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus’ sake. 6 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.

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A Cordial Greeting and Warm Welcome to our Guests. We are pleased to have you worshipping with us today and invite you to come often. Please take a few moments to sign our guest book. If you have no church home in the community and are seeking a fellowship in which you might worship and serve your Lord, we invite you to speak with the Pastor who will be happy to call on you to share our confession and mission with you.

This Week at St. Paul

Sun (2/27)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School & Bible Class
Wed (3/2)	7:00 pm	Ash Wednesday Lenten Service
Sun (3/6)	9:30 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	10:45 am	Sunday School & Bible Class

New in Your Mailbox Today: St. Paul 2022 Directory
Updated St. Paul Constitution

Our Current Sunday Adult Bible Study Topic is Lesson 15 *“The Lord’s Supper,”* from the 20-lesson course *“Learn from Me.”* In Lesson 15 we’ve been examining Jesus’ words of institution of the Sacrament, reviewing the three differing views that various church groups have regarding the Lord’s Supper, considering the kind of attitude God favors in those who come to Him in the Lord’s Supper, three questions you may ask yourself to see whether you are ready to receive the Sacrament, and more. Up next: Lesson 16 on *“Prayer.”* All are invited to participate in the blessings of Bible Class, recalling Jesus’ words: *“Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls” (Matthew 11:28-29).*

Time Change Alert: Daylight savings time begins in two weeks, on Sunday, March 13

Our Midweek Lenten Service Schedule is set to begin this Wednesday, March 2. Our theme this year is *“Meditating On Our Lord’s Passion Through Hymns.”* As is our custom we will observe a pulpit exchange with Redeemer, Cheyenne and Prince of Peace, Loveland. Conducting the service this week: Pastor Benjamin Libby. Service times are 7:00 pm for each service beginning March 2 through April 6. See below for more information.

Mid-Week Lenten Services 2022



Meditating On Our Lord’s Passion Through Hymns

- #439 – O, Dearest Jesus (Pastor Libby)
- #438 – A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth (Pastor Wheaton)
- #450 – O Sacred Head, Now Wounded (Pastor Schuetze)
- #453 – Upon the Cross Extended (Pastor Libby)
- #451 – Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted (Pastor Wheaton)
- #420 – Christ, the Life of All the Living (Pastor Schuetze)



Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

February 28 – March 5

Mon Exodus 34:29-35 God chose a simple way to impress Moses and His people with His holiness, and Moses' sun-shiny face did the job. Whenever Moses and God met person-to-person ("face-to-face") inside the tabernacle, the veil was off, but when he came outside, Moses used the veil as a shield to protect the eyesight of his congregation. That's symbolic; stay tuned.

Tues Luke 9:28-36 Jesus outshined Moses in more ways than one, for He is God incarnate. On this occasion His deity shone like sunshine, and God's heavenly heroes Moses and Elijah honored Him also. That was already more than Peter could fathom, and it was even more stupefying to hear the voice of Almighty God directing them to listen up when Jesus had something to say. [Jesus is still with us in His Word, and we are staying attuned to His voice.]

Wed 2 Corinthians 3:7-18 Moses administered God's Law, glorious in its own way. Contrariwise, God's grace in Christ Jesus is more glorious. Those who face God via Moses are dazzled by the Law and blind to Jesus, the Messiah revealed in God's Old Testament. After his conversion Paul dumped soul-servitude to the Law (which is a lost cause) and instead devoted his life to serving the gospel, God's glorious answer to sin. We bask in that glory.

Thurs 2 Samuel 12:1-13 Who dared confront King David with his sins—and hope to survive? A man of God with enough love to run the risk, apparently. David was already feeling rotten (Ps. 32:3-4; Ps. 38:1-8) about his sins, so via pastor Nathan, God touched him gently. Now, what caused David to explode (5)? Well, he did so because he was Law-oriented, as a king and judge is apt to be. It took him a while to digest God's mercy, which he needed all along.

Fri Luke 8:9-14 Did Jesus avoid confrontation? Nope. He loved people enough to face them with the truth about themselves. God can humble the self-righteous/proud sinner—so that He can embrace the repentant sinner. It's a good parable, but where do we fit? Sometimes we are proud of ourselves, and sometimes we are ashamed of ourselves. Lord Jesus, help us!

Sat 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2 God determined to end the war with humanity—and declare truce—so that humans can trash their battle gear and face God without fear of reprisal or punishment. It takes some convincing, of course, and God's good-will ambassadors do their best to get the message across. The real crux is to convince wary ex-enemies that the treaty is authentic, on the grounds that it has been signed in Jesus' blood (20-21). God has been gracious enough to save you and me and our neighbors all across the globe, declaring an end to the warfare and assurance of peace with our Creator. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!