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Last Sunday after Epiphany (The Transfiguration of Our Lord)

February 11, 2024

A Warm Welcome to Our Worship Guests. The members of St. Paul are pleased to meet you and are happy that you are here to worship with us today. We are a congregation committed without reservation to the entire truth of God's Word in the Bible. We have found joy and hope in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We have found moral guidance, a way of life, and the promise of eternal life in the Holy Scriptures. It gives us pleasure to share these blessings with you. Please sign our guest book and come worship with us again!

Find today's order of worship printed in this bulletin starting on page 2, below. Large print copies of the order of worship are on the shelf under the tract rack, or speak to an usher who will be happy to share one with you.

Pre-Service Meditation and Prayer
Psalm 119:1-8 (pew bible, page 545)

*To Your temple I draw near; Lord, I love to worship here.
Here are Sacrament and Word; here believers meet their Lord.
While I listen to Your Law, fill my soul with holy awe
Till Your Gospel brings to me life and immortality.*

*While Your ministers proclaim peace and pardon in Your name,
Through their voice, by faith, may I hear You speaking from the sky.
From Your house, when I return, may my heart within me burn,
And at evening let me say, "I have walked with God today."*

Serving Us Today
Organist Carly Mess; Ushers Mark Hartmeister, Don Claeys

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

+++ We Prepare to Meet Our Lord +++

Opening Prayer

Hymn

810 (1-3) – *O God of God, O Light of Light*

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.


C 
A - men.

Our Confession of Sins

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. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C 
Who made heav'n and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

C 
And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized will be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C 
A - men.

+++ We Praise Our Lord +++

Psalm of the Day

From Psalm 148

P Praise the LORD from the heavens:

C Praise him in the heights!

P Praise him, all his angels:

C Praise him, all his hosts!

P Praise him, sun and moon:

C Praise him, all you shining stars!

P Praise the LORD from the earth:

C Fire and hail, snow and mist, stormy wind fulfilling his word!

P Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!:

C Beasts and all livestock, creeping things and flying birds!

P Kings of the earth and all peoples:

C Young men and maidens together, old men and children!

P Let them praise the name of the LORD:

C For his majesty is above earth and heaven.

P Glory be to God!

C

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, for - ev - er - more. A - men.

Kyrie

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Congregation sings:

Hail, O Source of ev'ry blessing, Father of our human race!
Gentiles now, Your grace possessing, In Your courts obtain a place.
Grateful now we fall before You, In Your Church rejoice to live,
See Your glory and adore You, Thankful for the grace You give.

Hail, O all-inviting Savior! Gentiles now their offerings bring;
In Your temples seek Your favor, Jesus Christ, our Lord and King.
May we, body, soul, and spirit, Live devoted to Your praise,
Glorious realms of bliss inherit, Grateful anthems ever raise.
(LSB 409:1,3)

P Let us pray:



+++ Our Lord Speaks to Us in His Word +++

First Lesson – 2 Kings 2:1-12

Elijah Taken to Heaven

1 Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. 2 And Elijah said to Elisha, “Please stay here, for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel.” But Elisha said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they went down to Bethel. 3 And the sons of the prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha and said to him, “Do you know that today the LORD will take away your master from over you?” And he said, “Yes, I know it; keep quiet.” 4 Elijah said to him, “Elisha, please stay here, for the LORD has sent me to Jericho.” But he said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they came to Jericho. 5 The sons of the prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha and said to him, “Do you know that today the LORD will take away your master from over you?” And he answered, “Yes, I know it; keep quiet.” 6 Then Elijah said to him, “Please stay here, for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.” But he said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them went on. 7 Fifty men of the sons of the prophets also went and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. 8 Then Elijah took his cloak and rolled it up and struck the water, and the water was parted to the one side and to the other, till the two of them could go over on dry ground. 9 When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Ask what I shall do for you, before I am taken from you.” And Elisha said, “Please let there be a double portion of your spirit on me.” 10 And he said, “You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it shall be so for you, but if you do not see me, it shall not be so.” 11 And as they still went on and talked, behold, chariots of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them. And Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. 12 And Elisha saw it and he cried, “My father, my father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” And he saw him no more.

P Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and treasure it. Alleluia!



Second Lesson – 2 Corinthians 3:12–4:2

The Light of the Gospel Transforms Us



3:12 Since we have such a hope, we are very bold, 13 not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face so that the Israelites might not gaze at the outcome of what was being brought to an end. 14 But their minds were hardened. For to this day, when they read the old covenant, that same veil remains unlifted, because only through Christ is it taken away. 15 Yes, to this day whenever Moses is read a veil lies over their hearts. 16 But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. 17 Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. 18 And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit. 4:1 Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. 2 But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God’s word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone’s conscience in the sight of God.



Our Confession of Faith

The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. \diamond I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead. \diamond 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.

Hymn

537 – Beautiful Savior

2 And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, 3 and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them. 4 And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. 5 And Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah.” 6 For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified. 7 And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, “This is my beloved Son; listen to him.” 8 And suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them but Jesus only. And as they were coming down the mountain, he charged them to tell no one what they had seen, until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Theme – *"It Is Good, Lord, that We Are Here!"*

- 1. To witness Your glory. 2. To hear the voice of the Father.
- 3. To gain a preview of heaven.

+++ We Offer Ourselves to Our Lord +++

Offertory

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
 new a right spi - rit with-in me.
 Cast me not a-way from Your pres - ence, and
 take not Your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.
 Re-store un-to me the joy of Your sal-va-tion and up-
 hold me with Your free spir -
 it. A - men.

Offering of Thankful Hearts / Altar Prayer / Lord's Prayer

Hymn

414 – *'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here*

+++ Our Lord Blesses Us +++

Benediction

P The LORD bless you and keep you . . .



A - men, a - men, a - men.

Closing Hymn

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This Week at St. Paul

Today (2/11)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School & Bible Class
Wed	7:00 pm	Ash Wednesday Worship Service
Sun (2/18)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School & Bible Class

Our Midweek Lenten Service Schedule will begin this Wednesday. Pastor Ben Libby of Cheyenne will conduct the service. Pastor Schuetze will conduct the service at Prince of Peace in Loveland. See page 9 for more details.

A New Church Directory will be printed soon. A reminder to please inform the pastor of any updates or changes to your listing from last year's directory so they may be included in the new directory.

Call News: Teacher Matthew Thurow of Berea Lutheran School, Inver Grove Heights MN, has been called to be a professor at Immanuel Lutheran High School and College in Eau Claire. This is to fill the position of Professor Mark Kranz who is retiring at the end of this school year.

The CLC Youth Camp is in need of a head cook and cooking staff to prepare meals for the campers during the week of camp (June 9-15, 2024) on the ILC campus. Former Head Cook, April Sydow, is willing to work with the new cooks to help organize and plan in preparation for camp. If you would like to volunteer to serve in either of these roles, please contact Camp Directors Sam Radermacher or Amber Casto at youthcamp.clc@gmail.com.



Our Midweek Lenten Service Schedule will begin this Wednesday. This year's overall theme is *"The Vocabulary of the Cross."* Each service will focus the attention of worshipers on a Bible word that shows the beauty and glory of the work that Jesus, the Lamb of God, accomplished for us and all people of the world in His passion. Service time: 7:00 pm.

We will observe the customary pulpit exchange with our sister CLC congregations of the Front Range: Redeemer Lutheran, Cheyenne and Prince of Peace Lutheran, Loveland.

Here is an outline of the "words" for each service
with sermon texts and speakers:

"The Vocabulary of the Cross"

Feb 14	Redemption	Isaiah 6:5-7	Pastor Libby
Feb 21	Grace	Ephesians 2:8-9	Pastor Wheaton
Feb 28	Vicarious	Isaiah 53:6	Pastor Schuetze
Mar 6	Atonement	Isaiah 6:5-7	Pastor Libby
Mar 13	Justification	Romans 5:8-9	Pastor Wheaton
Mar 20	Reconciliation	Isaiah 53:5	Pastor Schuetze



Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

February 12-17

Mon Mark 8:27-33 Although the disciples recognize that Jesus is the Christ (v29), as He begins to prepare them for His path of suffering, their response (v32) demonstrates their continued lack of understanding.

Tues Mark 8:34-38 Jesus speaks to the crowd and to His disciples, pointing out that following Him is not about the world's idea of success, but about the cross. Yet that cross brings life!

Wed Mark 10:32-40 (Ash Wednesday) As Jesus heads to Jerusalem, He once again prepares His disciples for the suffering that lies ahead. The sons of Zebedee respond by seeking positions of honor for themselves, reflecting the human nature with which we all are born.

Thurs Mark 10:41-45 A fight for honor is brewing among the disciples. Jesus points to the suffering servant (Himself) as the proper goal among them. Whoever wants to be great will be a servant (v43), just as Jesus is.

Fri 1 Corinthians 1:18-24 The message of the cross turns upside down the world's ideas of power and wisdom. A crucified Christ — offensive to Jews and foolishness to Greeks (v23) — is the power and wisdom of God!

Sat Jeremiah 8:19-22 The prophet hears his people in captivity mourning their lack of rescue. The Lord reminds them of the reasons for their plight (their sin), and the prophet longs for God's healing hand.