

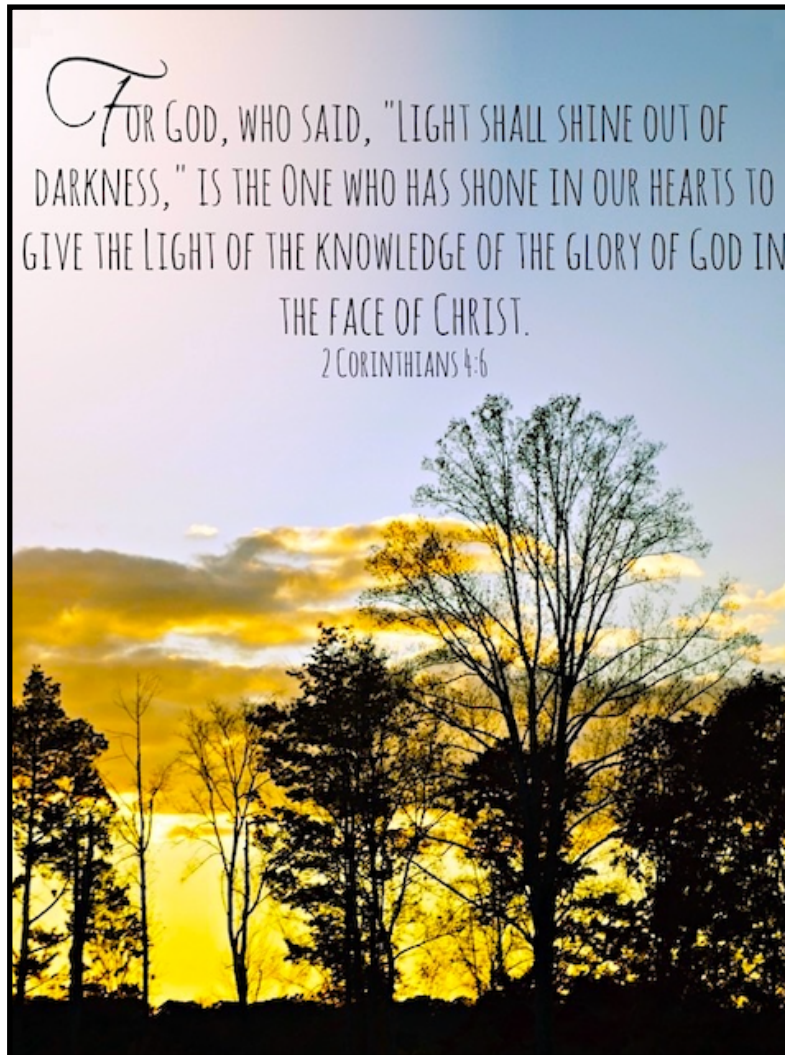
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Last Sunday after Epiphany (The Transfiguration of Our Lord)
March 2, 2025

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 and 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, as well as the continent of Africa, India, and neighboring nations. All our churches confess that the Bible is the inspired and unerring Word of God. We invite our Guests to record their visit by signing the Guestbook and to come and worship with us again.

Today's Order of Worship is "Divine Worship Setting 1," as printed in the liturgy pamphlet distributed by the ushers. The service is based on pages 12-21 in *Worship Supplement 2000* (tan hymnal). Please leave your copy of the liturgy pamphlet in the pew after the service concludes or drop it into the designated box in the foyer so that it may be used in future services. Thank you.



Serving Us Today
Organist Suzannah Miller
Ushers Mike Sprengeler, John Sprengeler

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 27 (pew bible, page 493)
- ◆ Today's Hymns: 902, 573, 622 (1-6), 414
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: Exodus 34:29-35, Luke 9:28-36
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: Psalm 148

Sermon



Text – 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Theme – *"The Light of the Gospel Is (Still) Shining Bright!"*

1. In a world steeped in murky darkness.
2. From the pages of Holy Scripture.
3. Into the hearts of Christ believers.

The Scripture Lessons, Psalm of the Day, and Sermon Text are printed on the following pages.

Today's Scriptures

First Lesson – Exodus 34:29-35

The Shining Face of Moses

29 Now it was so, when Moses came down from Mount Sinai (and the two tablets of the Testimony were in Moses' hand when he came down from the mountain), that Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone while he talked with Him. 30 So when Aaron and all the children of Israel saw Moses, behold, the skin of his face shone, and they were afraid to come near him. 31 Then Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the rulers of the congregation returned to him; and Moses talked with them. 32 Afterward all the children of Israel came near, and he gave them as commandments all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. 33 And when Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face. 34 But whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with Him, he would take the veil off until he came out; and he would come out and speak to the children of Israel whatever he had been commanded. 35 And whenever the children of Israel saw the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face shone, then Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with Him.

Psalm of the Day – Psalm 148

Praise to the Lord from Creation

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 stars of light!


P Praise the LORD from the earth:

C Fire and hail, snow and clouds, stormy wind, fulfilling His word.
P Mountains and all hills; fruitful trees and all cedars:
C Beasts and all cattle; creeping things and flying fowl.
P Kings of the earth and all peoples:
C Both young men and maidens; old men and children.
P Let them praise the name of the LORD:
C For His glory is above the earth and heaven.

 **Second Lesson – Luke 9:28-36**

Jesus Transfigured on the Mountain

28 Now it came to pass, about eight days after these sayings, that He took Peter, John, and James and went up on the mountain to pray. 29 As He prayed, the appearance of His face was altered, and His robe became white and glistening. 30 And behold, two men talked with Him, who were Moses and Elijah, 31 who appeared in glory and spoke of His decease which He was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. 32 But Peter and those with him were heavy with sleep; and when they were fully awake, they saw His glory and the two men who stood with Him. 33 Then it happened, as they were parting from Him, that Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good for us to be here; and let us make three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah”—not knowing what he said. 34 While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were fearful as they entered the cloud. 35 And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is My beloved Son. Hear Him!” 36 When the voice had ceased, Jesus was found alone. But they kept quiet, and told no one in those days any of the things they had seen.

 **Sermon Text – 2 Corinthians 4:3-6**

*The Light of the Gospel: Hidden from Unbelievers,
Shined by God into the Hearts of Believers*

3 But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, 4 whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them. 5 For we do not preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord, and ourselves your bondservants for Jesus' sake. 6 For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

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This Week at St. Paul

Today (3/2)	9:30 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	10:45 am	Sunday School & Bible Class
Wed	7:00 pm	Ash Wednesday Worship (<i>see note below</i>)
Sun (3/9)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School & Bible Class

Extended Calendar

- Palm Sunday brunch served by men: Sunday, April 13, 10:45 am
- Maundy Thursday Communion Service: Thursday, April, 17, 7:00 pm
- Good Friday Worship: Friday, April 18, 7:00 pm
- Easter Sunday Worship: Sunday, April 20, 9:30 am
- Annual Front Range Mission Festival Service: Sunday, May 4, 3:00 pm, hosted this year by Prince of Peace Lutheran in Loveland. Guest speaker: Pastor David Reim of Vernon, British Columbia, Canada

A Funeral Service in memory of Cindy Albrecht, member of Prince of Peace, Loveland (who was called home to heaven on February 8) will be conducted at Prince of Peace this Saturday, March 8, at 11:00 am. A meal will be served after the service to which all are invited.

Our Midweek Lenten Service Schedule will begin this Wednesday, March 5. This year's Lenten theme is *"The Scriptures Were Fulfilled."* Each service we will focus our attention on a prophecy of the Old Testament that was fulfilled in the Passion of Christ, verifying that God's Word is true and that Christ is the world's true Savior. Service time: 7:00 pm. We will observe the customary pulpit exchange with our sister CLC congregations of the Front Range: Redeemer, Cheyenne and Prince of Peace, Loveland. (Two services will be conducted by a lay minister, due to the Loveland pastoral vacancy.) Here are the service details:

"The Scriptures Were Fulfilled"



Mar 5	In Christ's Capture in Gethsemane	Matthew 26:55-56	Lay Minister
Mar 12	In His Being Numbered With Sinners	Mark 15:25-28	Pastor Libby
Mar 19	In Judas' Betrayal	Luke 22:21-22	Pastor Schuetze
Mar 26	In the Scorn Christ Endured from Bystanders	Matthew 27:39-44	Lay Minister
Apr 2	In the Manner of Christ's Death	John 19:30-37	Pastor Libby
Apr 9	In the Cruelty Shown by the Soldiers	Matthew 27:34-35	Pastor Schuetze

March Birthday Blessings To ...

Dennis Roberson, Mar 7	Norman Ross, Mar 18
Carly Mess, Mar 15	Lance Clark, Mar 25

Available from the Tract Rack: Extra copies of the St. Paul 2025 Directory (distributed last Sunday). Help yourself.

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

March 3-8

Mon John 8:12-16 Jesus declares Himself the “Light of the World,” giving His followers the “light of life.” When Pharisees object to His testimony, He points out that the heavenly Father who sent Him backs Him up.

Tues Romans 10:8-13 It is believing in Christ that brings the status of “righteous,” not our keeping the law. This is true of Jew and non-Jew alike. “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved” (v13).

Wed Romans 10:14-18 It is the Lord who sends His preachers to proclaim the good news and cause the light to shine on the earth. Faith comes from hearing the message through the word of Christ (v17).

Thurs Genesis 50:15-22 Joseph’s brothers fear his reprisals after their father has died, but Joseph has forgiven them and has seen how God turned their evil into good and ended up blessing many people.

Fri Nahum 1:15 – 2:1-13 Nahum prophesied judgment upon Nineveh and the Assyrians. This meant good news to Judah and total devastation to the Assyrians who thought they could defy the Lord.

Sat 1 John 1:5-10 God is light. Sin is darkness. To claim fellowship with God and remain in darkness is to lie, but the blood of Jesus Christ, God’s Son, cleanses us from all sin (v7).