

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

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WELCOME to all who are visiting today! Our greatest desire is to share that wonderful message of forgiveness and eternal salvation for all in Jesus' name. We pray you will be drawn closer to Christ today as the Holy Spirit nurtures us through God's Word. Please, take home any of the material found on the tables in the entrance, and we hope you will join us every week for worship in Jesus' name.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC + WELCOME

HYMN: "In You Is Gladness" LW #442

1. In you is gladness, Amid all sadness, Jesus, sunshine of my heart. By you are given, The gifts of heaven, You the true Redeemer are. Our souls are waking; Our bonds are breaking. Who trusts you surely, Has built securely, And stands forever. Alleluia! Our hearts are pining, To see your shining, Dying or living, To you are cleaving, Now and forever. Alleluia!
2. If he is ours, We fear no powers, Not of earth or sin or death. He sees and blesses, In worst distresses; He can change them with a breath. Wherefore the story, Tell of his glory, With hearts and voices; All heav'n rejoices, In him forever. Alleluia! We shout for gladness, Win over sadness, Love him and praise him, And still shall raise him, Glad hymns forever. Alleluia!

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INVOCATION

CONFESSION OF SIN:

P. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C. BUT IF WE CONFESS OUR SINS, GOD, WHO IS FAITHFUL AND JUST, WILL FORGIVE OUR SINS AND CLEANSE US FROM ALL UNRIGHTEOUSNESS.

P. Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C. MOST MERCIFUL GOD, WE CONFESS THAT WE ARE BY NATURE SINFUL AND UNCLEAN. WE HAVE SINNED AGAINST YOU IN THOUGHT, WORD, AND DEED, BY WHAT WE HAVE DONE AND BY WHAT WE HAVE LEFT UNDONE. WE HAVE NOT LOVED YOU WITH OUR WHOLE HEART; WE HAVE NOT LOVED OUR NEIGHBORS AS OURSELVES. WE JUSTLY DESERVE YOUR PRESENT AND ETERNAL PUNISHMENT. FOR THE SAKE OF YOUR SON, JESUS CHRIST, HAVE MERCY ON US. FORGIVE US, RENEW US, AND LEAD US, SO THAT WE MAY DELIGHT IN YOUR WILL AND WALK IN YOUR WAYS TO THE GLORY OF YOUR HOLY NAME. AMEN.

ABSOLUTION

HYMN: #15 "From All that Dwell below the Skies" (8:00)

Anthem: Worthy of the Lord – Adult Choir (10:30am)

PRAYER

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Exodus 24:12, 15-18

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." 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.

EPISTLE READING: 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.

RESPONSE: (*Sung, LW 164*)

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL READING: 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.”

SONG: “Blessed Assurance”

(Let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith. Hebrews 10:22)

1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine; O what a foretaste of glory divine; Heir of salvation,
purchase of God, born of His Spirit, washed in His blood. **(Chorus)**

Chorus: This is my story; this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story; this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long.

2. Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending bring from above, echoes of mercy, whispers of love. **(Chorus)**

3. Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest;
Watching and waiting, looking above, filled with His goodness, lost in His love. **(Chorus)**

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SERMON: Psalm 2:6-11 “Living in the Tension”

*(A sermon outline with the Scripture reading is printed on the back of the bulletin to aid your
meditation on God’s Word)*

THE OFFERING + RITE OF FELLOWSHIP *(Please sign book at end of pew)*

Anthem: “What a Friend” – Adult Choir (10:30am)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:

P. Exalt the Lord our God and worship at His holy mountain.

C. FOR THE LORD OUR GOD IS HOLY, THE LORD REIGNS!

P. Lord Jesus, on this day in which we celebrate Your Transfiguration,

C. WE PRAY THE GLORY YOU REVEALED THERE AND ON THE CROSS AND IN
THE EMPTY TOMB, WOULD BE PROCLAIMED BOLDLY TO THE WORLD.

P. Help all who believe in You the world over, to shine with the brightness of Your love.

C. BLESS OUR WITNESS IN YOUR NAME, AND THE WORK OF PASTORS,
TEACHERS, AND OTHERS WHO SERVE IN YOUR CHURCH.

P. Give us sure confidence in Your words of Truth,

C. THAT WE HEAR THEM, HOLD ON TO THEM, BELIEVE THEM, PUT THEM INTO
PRACTICE IN OUR LIVES, AND SHARE THEM WITH OTHERS.

P. We remember the many who are grieving or sick, especially... *(Special prayer
requests)*...Lord, as we lift them up before you,

C. SUSTAIN THEM AND HEAL THEM IN ACCORDANCE WITH YOUR GOOD AND
GRACIOUS WILL.

P. For the nations and peoples of the world, for our own government and all our leaders,

C. THAT FREEDOM, JUSTICE, AND PEACE MAY REIGN IN OUR DAY. LORD, IN
YOUR MERCY, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

P. As we seek to serve You Lord,

C. FILL US WITH YOUR HOLY SPIRIT THAT WE WOULD OBEY YOUR
COMMANDMENTS IN LOVE, AND USE ALL OF OUR TIME, TALENTS, AND
TREASURES TO THE GLORY OF YOUR MAGNIFICENT NAME.

P. Recalling Moses, Elijah, and many others who have gone before us standing firm in the
faith,

C. HELP US NOT TO WAVER IN OUR FAITH, BUT REMAIN STEADY AND STRONG.

P. Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,

C. TRUSTING IN YOUR MERCY, THROUGH YOUR SON, JESUS CHRIST, OUR
LORD. AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN OF ADORATION: *(Sung, LW p. 170)*

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow’r and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

HYMN OF ASSURANCE: *(Sung, LW p. 172)*

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take
away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the
world; grant us peace.

THOSE DESIRING COMMUNION: *The Bible teaches under the bread and wine of Communion Jesus gives His real body and blood to assure us of forgiveness. (Mt 26:26-28) It also teaches in receiving this meal together, we are by that act professing a unity of faith with the church at whose altar we commune. (1 Cor 10: 16-21) While Communion is meant as a blessing, we can however misuse it to our harm. Those who eat without repentance or recognizing the presence of Jesus' body and blood sin against the Lord. (1 Cor 11:27-29). Also, when fellowship at this meal is practiced with others who hold beliefs contrary to God's Word, the church is weakened and the truth God tells us to guard is compromised. (Ro 16:17, 2 Thess 3:14) In an effort to avoid these sins and follow God's Word, before communing anyone we first seek to teach them about Christ's meal, and have them make a public profession of their agreement with us in the faith. As a matter of loving spiritual care then, not judgment, we invite to commune with us today confirmed members in good standing of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, or the American Association of Lutheran Churches (AALC) who have received instruction, and by current membership in one of these sister churches confess a unity of faith with us here at St. Paul's.*

NON-ALCOHOLIC COMMUNION WINE: *Out of consideration for those who have difficulty with alcohol a few glasses in the center ring of each Communion tray contain non-alcoholic white wine.*

COMMUNION HYMN: #388 “Just As I Am”

DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

HYMN OF THANKS: *(Sung, LW p. 173)*

Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev'ryone what he has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name. He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

BLESSING

HYMN: #341 “Crown Him with Many Crowns”

SILENT PRAYER + ANNOUNCEMENTS + POSTLUDE

PRAISE BAND SCHEDULE FOR MONTH OF FEBRUARY:
February 10th and 24th – 10:30 Service

Psalm 2:6-11

"Living in the Tension"

6 “I have installed my King on Zion, my holy hill.” 7 I will proclaim the decree of the LORD: He said to me, “You are my Son; today I have become your Father. 8 Ask of me, and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession. 9 You will rule them with an iron scepter; you will dash them to pieces like pottery.” 10 Therefore, you kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth. 11 Serve the LORD with fear and rejoice with trembling.

1. What was being fulfilled as the disciples beheld Jesus glory at his transfiguration?
 - A.
 - B.
2. What two important things should we remember when it comes to serving God?
3. How does Jesus draw service out from us?
4. Why don't we have to be afraid of God?
5. How does godly fear help us in our Christian life?
6. Why do we have reason to rejoice?
7. What makes us tremble as we rejoice?
8. What's the cause of that unique tension we live with as Christians?