St. Paul's Lutheran Church Transfiguration February 19, 2023

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELLS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

You are the treasured people of the LORD,

C a people holy to the LORD our God.

Keep the words of the LORD in your heart; teach them to your children.

C Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.

One does not live by bread alone,

C but by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.

HYMN OF PRAISE (four measures introduction)



☑ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



I Lord God, heav-en - ly king, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

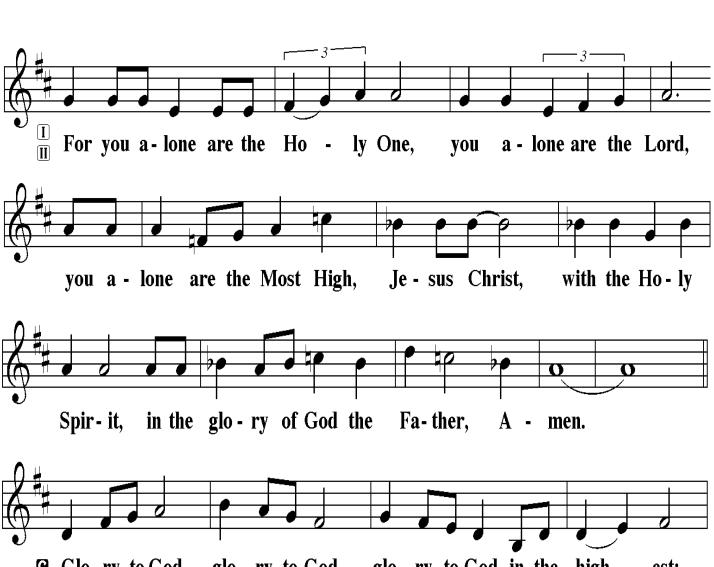


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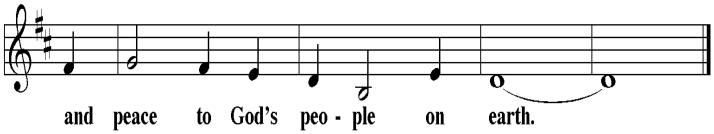


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GREETINGS

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

FIRST READING: Exodus 24:12-18

¹²The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." ¹³So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. ¹⁴To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you

again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them." ¹⁵Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. ¹⁷Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. ¹⁸Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 2

(Refrain: You are my son; this day have I begotten you.)

¹Why are the nations in an uproar? Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?

C ²Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and the princes plot together, against the LORD and against the LORD's anointed?

³"Let us break their yoke," they say; "let us cast off their bonds from us."

C ⁴God whose throne is in heaven is laughing; the LORD holds them in derision. (*Refrain*)

⁵Then in wrath God speaks to them, and in rage fills them with terror.

C 6"As for me, I have anointed my king upon Zion, my holy mountain."

⁷Let me announce the decree of the LORD, who said to me, "You are my son; this day have I begotten you.

C ⁸Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance and the ends of the earth for your possession. (*Refrain*)

⁹You shall crush them with an iron rod and shatter them like a piece of pottery."

C ¹⁰And now, you kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth.

¹¹Submit to the LORD with fear, and with trembling bow in worship;

C ¹²lest the LORD be angry, and you perish in a sudden blaze of wrath. Happy are all who take refuge in God! (*Refrain*)

(Refrain: You are my son; this day have I begotten you.)

SECOND READING: 2 Peter 1:16-21

¹⁶For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." 18We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. 19So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. ²⁰First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, ²¹because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (two measures introduction)



GOSPEL: Matthew 17:1-9

C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ²And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for

Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁵While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" ⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." ⁸And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. ⁹As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON *Jeff Schmitt*

HYMN OF THE DAY LBW 80 Oh, Wondrous Type! Oh, Vision Fair

APOSTLES' CREED

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

Embolden your church as it witnesses to the majesty and mercy of your Son. Equip lay preachers, deacons,

and pastors. Move us to share our stories of your faithfulness and forgiveness; may our lives proclaim your greatness. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

Dwell with your whole creation, from the tallest mountain peak to the deepest valley. Bless the work of conservation organizations and protect vital habitats. Support the work of disaster relief agencies around the world. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

Guide and give wisdom to all in authority: our mayor and local leaders, our governor and state legislators, our president and national legislators. Bring freedom and justice to all nations. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

Give shelter to those lacking safe homes. Spur communities to work for fair housing for all. Protect our neighbors whose dwellings do not keep out dangerous cold or heat; accompany with your touch those who are homebound, sick, or isolated. (We pray especially for Greg Begle, Keith Freyberger, Don Fuhrman, Eugene Keller, Stacey Himsel-Matelic, Dennis

Neukam, Sue Neukam, Kayden Parker, Steve Rothgerber, Annette Schepers, Calvin Seitz, Jr., Gerald Vonderheide and all those we name before you either silently or aloud.) Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

We pray that you guide the military serving to protect us. Grant them safety and wisdom to carry out their assigned duties. (We pray especially for Austin Breitwieser, Luke Himsel, Joshua Hoffman, Nathan Humbert and Cooper Uebelhor). Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

Make us eager to receive your Word in scripture. Help us recognize Jesus' voice in the needs of our neighbors; make us confident to follow the way of the cross. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

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Receive our thanksgiving for the holy ones who have guided us in faithfulness and gathered even the unlikely as your people. With our forebears in faith and all who have hoped in you, teach us to wait with courage until the promised day dawns. Merciful God,

We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified. **C Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

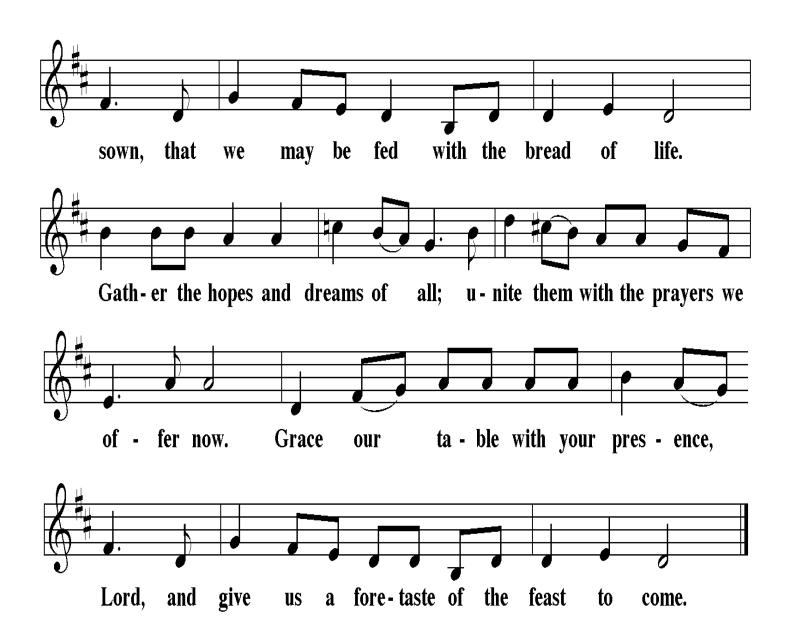
OFFERTORY "Where Still Waters Flow" Chancel Choir

OFFERTORY RESPONSE



• Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of





OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Liberating God, you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior, Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

BLESSING

The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod + bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN LBW 89 "How Good, Lord, to Be Here!

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE FOR YOUR SERVICE TODAY:

Greeters: Jared & Talia Myrick

Comm. Asst: Sandy Schnaus **Video:** Geoff Stallwood

Organist: Kaia Holt

Lay Reader: Doug Wiseman Audio: Bryan Buchta

Acolytes: Adalie Kalb & Lilly Lottes

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 150 SS:

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF Feb. 19th - Feb. 26th, 2023

Sun. Feb. 19 th	8:00 AM 9:00 AM	Chancel Choir Practice Sunday Worship Service (No Communion)
Wed. Feb. 22 nd	5:30 PM 6:30 PM	Lenten Meal Ash Wednesday Service
Thurs. Feb. 23 rd	1:00 PM	Blanket Tacking
Sun. Feb. 26 th	8:00 AM 9:00 AM	Chancel Choir Practice Sunday Worship Service

<u>Mission Statement:</u> Worship Boldly, Empower for Discipleship, Cultivate Spiritual Maturity, Strengthen Community, Serve.

ST. PAUL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Parents/Grandparents!!! Please update the church office with your college student's name and address Our evangelism team likes to keep in touch with them and send them goodies.

WELCA will be making ham salad March 6th & 7th with pick-up on the 7th and 8th. There is a volunteer sheet on the welcome center desk for anyone interested in helping.

Any high school senior who is a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church may apply for the \$500 Scholarship which is sponsored by Glenn & Marie Neukam. Applications are available on the welcome center desk and should be turned into the church office. **Deadline for scholarship applications will be March 26th.**



St. Paul's 175th Anniversary Update – February 8, 2023

During Lent our celebration will take a low-key approach in honor of the somber season leading to Easter. While we will not have Heritage Sunday events in March or April, we will continue to publish stories from members. Of course, we invite you to share your St. Paul's story by connecting with Mary Bauer. Thank you to all who have already reached out.

We have had several inquiries about getting copies of the wonderful historical message delivered in January by Martha Church and Jeff Schmitt. While we plan on updating the archives with our history over the last 25 years, we are working to make the January notes available in the near future to anyone desiring them.

Speaking of the last quarter century, the SP175 Team is seeking someone to help prepare, organize, and assemble our history since our 150th Anniversary celebration in 1998. Much of the documentation is readily available and more will be added this year. We simply need a person or persons to bring it all together. We are grateful to have received a private financial gift to be used towards this effort. Contact Terry Seitz if you could be of assistance.

Finally, we have committed to having a unit in the Ireland St. Patrick's Day Parade on Sunday, March 19. It will again be a walking unit and the parade route is relatively short. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Welcome Center.

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Help spread God's love this Lent by donating items for Lutheran World Relief personal care kits. The kits will reach some of the poorest parts of the world. Collection will begin on Ash Wednesday, February 22nd through March 29th. There will be a container placed in the welcome center.

HERE'S OUR COLLECTION SCHEDULE:

WEEK 1 Bars of Soap

(2-3 bars, 4 to 5 oz.. any brand,

in original wrapping)



WEEK 2

Bath Towels (light-weight, maximum 52" x 27". dark color

recommended)



WEEK 5

WEEK 4

Combs

Nail Clippers (metal, attached

file optional)



(adult size. in original packaging)



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

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Do you have fond memories of attending Sunday School as a child at St Paul's?

Were you a teacher who helped our children learn about the love of God thru Bible stories, songs, crafts and games?

Please share your experiences with our children and lead them in a lesson on your favorite Bible story.

In conjunction with our Anniversary year celebration, we are offering the opportunity to lead Sunday School on the last Sunday of the month.

We are currently planning a lesson on Zacchaeus for Sunday January 29th and The Creation Story on Sunday February 26th both led by JoAn Breitwieser. JoAn has approximately 15 years of experience as a former Sunday School teacher. We will be learning some songs with motions from our Sunday School history as well as a Bible story and a fun craft activity.

Please consider helping out on those Sundays. All hands young and old are welcome, or just come and spend some time with us! Bring your children, your grandchildren or even your neighbor's children ©

Contact JoAn Breitwieser, Lori Werner or Stephanie Stemle if you are interested in leading a Sunday.

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ALL PROCEEDS GO TO PARK IMPROVEMENTS

Please be sure to pick-up your 2023 offering envelopes and 2022 end of year giving statements.

There is a table set-up in the welcome area with the envelopes and the wooden box with statements. If you cannot find a box or statement with your name, please advise Jenny Begle in the church office at (812)695-3061 or email at:

secretaryst.paul@frontier.com

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