

*For when He received honor and glory
from God the Father, and the voice was
borne to Him by the Majestic
Glory, "This is My beloved Son, with
whom I am well pleased,"*

2 Peter 1:17



Transfiguration SUNDAY

We were witnesses of His majesty.

2 Peter 1:16b

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Transfiguration Sunday brings the Epiphany season to a close. It capstones the revelation that Jesus is the Son of God from eternity. That serves as transition from Epiphany to Lent. Epiphany manifested the glory of Christ; Lent will be a penitential season calling us to repentance and faith. Faith looks to its only hope: Jesus Christ alone. Confidence in this is grounded in the demonstration that Jesus reveals His divine nature through His human nature on the mountain.

The Lord's Supper is a very special privilege God gives to His people. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because the Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive this sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an elder.

OUR OFFERINGS TO THE LORD FROM HIS BLESSINGS TO US. Offerings remind us of the blessings God has given us and are an opportunity to thank Him for what He has done in our lives. Please place your offerings in our Offering Box located in front of the water fountains in the narthex of the church. You may also choose “e-tithing” by having a weekly deposit to St Paul’s from your bank account. If you have questions on e-tithing, please contact the Church Office.

Children Leaving the Sanctuary: This is a matter of caring concern for your child, or the young child that you are responsible for, age 13 or younger. The Board of Lay Ministry asks that if your child needs to leave the sanctuary during the worship service, you as a parent or responsible adult will need to escort them to and from the sanctuary. Thank you

God's Word tells us that children are a blessing from the Lord – Psalm 127:3. We welcome children and all the joy and little chatter that comes with them. If for any reason you need to take your little one out, there is a Nursery (Cry Room) available for use during our worship service. It is located just outside the sanctuary.

Opening Hymn 413 "O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair"

✠ CONFESSIO AND ABSOLUTIO ✠

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. *(Matthew 28:19b)*

C Amen.

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.

(Hebrews 10:22)

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth. *(Psalm 124:8)*

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

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin. *(Psalm 32:5)*

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. *(John 20:19-23)*

C Amen.

Adult Choir "Arise, O God, and Shine"

1. Arise, O God, and shine in all Thy saving might
And prosper each design to spread Thy glorious light;
Let healing streams of mercy flow
That all the earth Thy may know.
2. Bring distant nations near to sing Thy glorious praise;
Let every people hear and learn Thy holy ways.
Reign, mighty God, assert Thy cause,
And govern by Thy righteous laws.

3. Put forth Thy glorious pow'r that Gentiles all may see
 And earth present her store in converts born to Thee.
 God our own God, His church will bless
 And fill the world with righteousness.
4. To God, the only wise, the one immortal King,
 Let alleluias rise from ev'ry living thing;
 Let all that breathe, on ev'ry coast,
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

Introit

Psalm 99:1-5; antiphon: v. 9

P Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at His holy mountain;

C **for the LORD our God is holy!**

P The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble!

C **He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!**

P The LORD is great in Zion;

C **He is exalted over all the peoples.**

P Let them praise Your great and awesome name!

C **Holy is He!**

P The King in His might loves justice.

C **You have established equity; You have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.**

P Exalt the LORD our God; worship at His footstool!

C **Holy is He!**

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at His holy mountain;

C **for the LORD our God is holy!**

Kyrie ~ *Lord, Have Mercy* (Mark 10:47)

LSB 186



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



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

Gloria in Excelsis ~ *Glory to God in the Highest*

LSB 187

(Luke 2:24; John 1:29)



Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



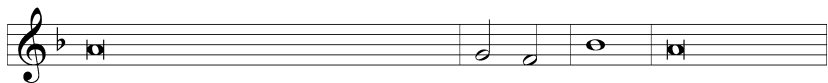
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.



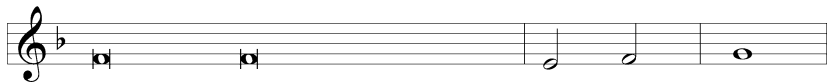
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.



Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,



art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you. (*1 Timothy 4:22*)



C And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray.

O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah. In the voice that came from the bright cloud You wonderfully foreshowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King in His glory and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 24:8-18

⁸And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, "Behold the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words."

⁹Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, ¹⁰and they saw the God of Israel. There was under His feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. ¹¹And He did not lay His hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank.

¹²The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to Me on the mountain and wait there, that I may give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." ¹³So Moses rose with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. ¹⁴And he said to the elders, "Wait here for us until we return to you. And behold, Aaron and Hur are with you. Whoever has a dispute, let him go to them."

¹⁵Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶The glory of the LORD dwelt on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. And on the seventh day He called to Moses out of the midst 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. And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

- P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Psalm 117:1-2a; Psalm 96:8

- P** Praise the LORD, all nations!
- C** **Extol Him, all peoples!**
- P** For great is His steadfast love toward us,
- C** **and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.**
- P** Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name;
- C** **bring an offering, and come into His courts!**

Epistle

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 were eyewitnesses of His majesty. ¹⁷For when He received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to Him by the Majestic Glory, "This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased," ¹⁸we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with Him on the holy mountain. ¹⁹And we have something more sure, the prophetic word, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, ²⁰knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. ²¹For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

- P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia

LSB 190




C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 17:1–9

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the seventeenth chapter.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

¹After six days Jesus took with Him Peter and James, and John his brother, 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 white as light. ³And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with Him. ⁴And Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If You wish, I will make three tents here, one for You and one for Moses and one for Elijah." ⁵He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to Him." ⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear." ⁸And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

⁹And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



G Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

G I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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 400 "Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning"

Sermon Text

2 Peter 1:16-21

Sermon “Made Even More Certain”

1. The prophecies anticipated _____ .
2. Doubting old Adam is never convinced _____ .
3. Now that the Son of Man has been raised from the dead, Peter can tell of what _____ .

Hymn 414 “Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here”

Prayers

Lord’s Prayer *(Matthew 6:9-13)*

LSB 179

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.**

Benediction *(Numbers 6:24-26)*

LSB 202

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ☩ give you peace.



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

Closing Hymn 417 “Alleluia, Song of Gladness”

The flowers that adorn the altar today are given in praise and thanksgiving for Shirley Lakins’ birthday. To our Father in heaven be all the glory for His grace and many blessings.

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Calendar of Events

TODAY:.....February 19, 2023

Sunday School & Bible Classes..... 8:30 am

Worship Service..... 9:30 am

7th Grade PUBLIC School Confirmation After Church

Adult Basketball..... 2:00 pm-4:00 pm

Bell Choir Rehearsal 5:00 pm

Adult Choir Rehearsal..... 6:00 pm

MON:.....NO SCHOOL.....

Board Meetings 7:00 pm

TUES:

Board of Lay Ministry Meeting 6:30 pm

School Board Meeting 6:30 pm

WED: ASH WEDNESDAY

Men's Bible Study Breakfast 6:30 am

Preschool/Day School Chapel..... 11:00 am

Chili & Cornbread Lenten Meal 6:00 pm

Lenten Worship Service..... 7:00 pm

THURS:

Ladies Bible Study 9:30 am

FRI:

SAT:

Women in God's Word Bible Study 11:00 am-12:30 pm

NEXT SUNDAY:February 26, 2023

Sunday School & Bible Classes..... 8:30 am

Worship Service with communion..... 9:30 am

7th Grade PUBLIC School Confirmation After Church

Bell Choir Rehearsal 5:00 pm

Adult Choir Rehearsal..... 6:00 pm

GOD's Word & All Women ~ Join us on Saturdays at 11:00 am in the Jerusalem room. We will pray and then read God's Word out loud in community. Don't worry, you don't have to read out loud if you only want to listen. There is no Bible study booklet, just bring your favorite Bible. If you don't have one, we have extras available. If you need a Bible we will get you one. God's Word is powerful and able to change our lives, thoughts, words, and actions. For more information contact Kelly Sienicki.

CHRISTIAN MEN - AWAKE! If you're at least 18 years of age, wake up on Wednesday morning every other week and join in a Bible Study at the Bremen Hospital cafeteria conference room at 6:30 A.M.. Enter the cafeteria area entrance on the south side patio to the left of the main entrance portico (presently the covid testing drive-thru). The cafeteria has an excellent breakfast menu and we enjoy our study with discussion and fellowship until 7:30 A.M. Bible study is a means of strengthening our understanding of God's plan for us and strengthening our faith, which we all can use in the daily challenges we face. Bring your Bible and join us as we study, eat and fellowship! The dates we will meet in 2023 are as follows: 2/22, 3/8, 3/22, 4/5, 4.19, 5/3, 5/17, 5/31, 6/14, 6/28, 7/12, 7/26, 8/9, 8/23, 9/6, 9/20, 10/4, 10/18, 11/1, 11/15, 11/29, 12/13, 12/27
If you have questions, please contact Dave Burcham or Tom Coxey.

The Hospitality Committee needs your help! On March 8th this group will be creating the next round of dinners for our shut-ins of the church and community. They need cans of fruit (your choice), potatoes, sweet potatoes, carrots, and breadcrumbs. There is a table in the narthex for these items labeled Hospitality Committee. If you would like to help prepare the meals, please call Sandy Schooler at 574-292-9279. Prayerfully consider this opportunity to serve.

Check out the library cart in the narthex today! This week's selections include a number of biographies and autobiographies of notables such as George HW Bush, Billy Graham, Tony Dungy, the apostle Paul and, of course, Martin Luther. There's also titles based on popular movies like War Room and Fireproof. Don't miss devotional classics like Each New Day by Corrie ten Boom and I'm Glad You Told Me What I Don't Wanna Hear by Barbara Johnson. Check it out, so you can check it out!

The 2023 Plymouth Legacy of Life Banquet will be held Tuesday, April 4, 2023 at the Christos Banquet Center in Plymouth. Keynote speaker will be Mike Fichter, CEO of Indiana Right to Life. Mike is an outstanding speaker and strong proponent of the pro-life cause. Jim and Linda Tinkey will host a table for St. Paul's members and would love to have you join them. Tickets are \$ 25 payable to RTL of NCI. Doors open at 6 pm. Dinner at 6:30 pm. See Jim or Linda to reserve a spot at their table or for any further details.

YOUTH NEWS

THANK YOU! On behalf of our Youth Board and St. Paul's Youth, thank you to everyone who supported us through the Super Bowl Subs that were prepared this past Sunday. As a result of your generous financial support, we collected nearly \$1,600. Of that amount, 10% will go to Epiphany Lutheran Church in Jackson, MS with the balance to be set aside for future Youth Gatherings and other opportunities. To God be the glory!

SCHOOL CORNER

Reading Challenge Month is almost over! Students have been reading and accumulating points for personal and school goals, with chances to earn prizes every week. They have received awards like extra recess, snacks from the concession stand, and are working towards an extra pizza lunch. They are also working towards a school-wide reward for March.

We are planning the spring musical already! If you can help with props, scenery, sound, or especially recording, please let me know. Rehearsals for the students start in March.

Also, coming up is the Preschool/Kindergarten Round-Up on March 21st, 5:00-7:00pm. If you know anyone looking for a Christian-based education, please encourage them to contact us and attend the Round-Up. YOU are our best advertisements!

Thank you for your generosity in giving back to our teachers and taking ornaments from the Teacher Giving Trees! They have been very excited to receive their "gifts"! If you would still have items to donate, please bring them to the school office.

Donations to the SGO are year-round!

You can find several (easy) ways to donate at www.lutheranSGO.org/Donate. Donations can be given through a check, IRA, stocks, Donor Advised Funds, PayPal, credit card, and **NOW electronic giving!** Benefits to you are a 50% state tax credit for your donation and eligibility for a tax deduction. **We have provided scholarships for 27 students!** These scholarships make a big difference for our families.

We also continue to take donations to St. Paul's tuition assistance fund. Checks for tuition assistance can be made out to the church.

PTL is sponsoring a Hacienda fundraiser at the Plymouth Hacienda this Tuesday, February 21, 2023. This time there are separate coupons for meals and gift cards. You can use either a paper copy of the coupons or a picture of them. If you cannot make the fundraiser night and would like a gift card, please contact Eric Thornton (574) 248-5007 and he will make sure to gather your information and money to get a gift card for you. For your convenience a copy of each gift card is printed below.



Group: St. Paul's Lutheran School
 Date: 2-21-2023
 Location: Plymouth

You must receive your token from your organization prior to your event. Distribution of this token on Hacienda property will disqualify the organization from receiving any proceeds.

Don't have time to eat out? Pick up a Hacienda gift card or Fiesta-To Go order. They count towards the fundraiser.

Restaurant phone number: (574)-941-2022

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