

# St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church (LCMS)

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## The Transfiguration of Our Lord

February 19, 2023



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Please pray for Roger Blum, Joyce Kenitzer, Miles Eisenbeisz, Barbara Dahme, Gladys Felix, Harry and Fern Preston, Sheyenne Seely, Janet Smith, Andrew & Cindy Ruenzel, Courtney Frohling, Dawn Dohn, Lorelei Hartung, Baelyn Schwab, Pam Dutenhoffer, Karen Johnson, Chet Lane, Sally Kushman, David Mammenga, Ella Jaaska, Dan Lingor, Viril Layton, Cody Bahn, and LaVonne Helmer.

**Please inform the Pastors** or the church office when you or a loved one is hospitalized.

**Gathering God's Flock:** Beginning February 19 and every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month from 2-3:00 pm we are going out to make inactive calls. Pastor Bobby and I have been doing this, but we need your help to reach more people! We simply want to welcome members who have not been in church for a while back to receive all the many blessings God gives to us in His services. Groups can be husbands and wives, entire families, or just two to three people that want to help. Reach out to either pastor if you have questions and hope to see you there!  
Pastor Smith

**The Lenten season begins Feb. 22, 2023** with Ash Wednesday services at 12:15pm and 6:15pm. Lent services will be held every Wednesday Feb. 22 thru March 29<sup>th</sup>. "Promised Treasures" is the theme for Lent. Just as Moses wandered through the wilderness for forty days, God's creation now wanders as we wait to be brought to our eternal promised land in heaven. Devotional booklets are available at each Narthex. A soup and sandwich meal will be available after the 12:15 service and prior to the 6:15 pm service.

**Vocal Choir and Bell Choir** will begin this coming Tuesday, February 21st. The Vocal choir will meet at 6:45 pm and the Bell Choir will start at 7:30 pm. Anyone interested in participating in one or both of the groups is welcomed!

**A donation** has been given to St. Paul's in memory of Terry Mages from Randy, Amanda and Laura Mages.

**Thrivent Choice Dollars** – Reminder for those members who have Thrivent Choice Dollars, that you need to allocate those dollars by the end of March.

**A donation** has been given to St. Paul's in memory of Jim Lickfelt.

**The Lighthouse Preschool** is now accepting registrations for the 2023-24 school year. Please call 725-1855 for more information or pick up an application in the South Narthex

**Romans Bible Study: Wednesdays, from 7-8 pm.** Join us for a study on an epistle that Martin Luther calls the “most important piece of the New Testament.” The book of Romans is full of the gospel in its purity. Let us go together to this fountain of salvation and drink deeply. Bring your Bibles and your thirst! This study will be led by DCE Michael Leapley and we will study 1 chapter per week.

**Usher Training** – There will be an usher training session on Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> between services for anyone needing a refresher course or new to ushering.

**Organist: Sunday** – Cyrece Kono **Wednesday** – Judah Bobby

**MAIN STREET LIVING – February 26, 2023** KDLT (NBC) This the Life – **10:00 AM** – “Which Way Grows the Vine” **10:30 AM – Worship** – Rev. Micah Bauer presents a message titled “Be Gone, Satan!” based on Matthew 4:1-11. For more information go to the web site: [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com)

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR – February 26, 2023** “It Begins with Who I Am” Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dean Nadasdy. The Lutheran Hour can be heard on KAWZ 88.1 at 9:00 am or Bismarck radio station KFYR at 7:30 am on Sundays.

**Offering: February 12, 2023** - \$17,171.79

Sunday School - \$12.00 Missions -\$20.00 Coffee - \$98.09

**Amount to meet Budget:** \$13,615.00 per week

**Sunday Attendance – February 12, 2023:**

**8:00am** – 94 Communed - 82 **10:45am** – 122 Communed - 78

**Wed** - ?? Communed - ??

**Bible Study:** Sunday - 61 Wed: 6am – 6

5:15pm – 5 7:00pm - 13

**Please sign the fellowship booklet** for attendance.

**THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S: (Feb. 19 – Feb. 26)**

- Sun 8:00 am      Worship Service**  
9:30 am Bible Study, Coffee and donuts  
9:30 am Sunday School  
**10:45 am      Worship Service**  
2:00 pm Gathering God's Flock
- Mon 7:00 pm      Church Council Meeting**
- Tue 6:45 pm      Choir Practice**  
7:30 pm      Bell Choir Practice
- Wed 6:00 am      Men's Bible Study**  
10:45 am      Pastor Smith Bible Study  
**12:15 pm      Ash Wednesday Worship Service**  
12:45 pm      Soup and Sandwich  
5:15 pm      Women's Bible Study – Zoom  
5:15 pm      Soup and Sandwich  
**6:15 pm      Ash Wednesday Worship Service**  
7:00 pm      Confirmation  
7:00 pm      Romans Bible Study
- Thur 9:00 am      Quilting**
- Sun 8:00 am      Worship Service**  
9:30 am Bible Study, Coffee and Donuts  
9:30 am Sunday School  
**10:45 am      Worship Service**  
5-7:00 pm      Youth Group Meeting

**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!**

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

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

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

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 Amen.**

**Old Testament Reading** *Exodus 24:8–18*

<sup>8</sup>And 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.”

<sup>9</sup>Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the

elders of Israel went up, <sup>10</sup>and 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. <sup>11</sup>And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank.

<sup>12</sup>The 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.”

<sup>13</sup>So Moses rose with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. <sup>14</sup>And 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.”

<sup>15</sup>Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. <sup>16</sup>The 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. <sup>17</sup>Now 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. <sup>18</sup>Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

### **Gradual** *Psalm 117:1–2a; 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*

<sup>16</sup>For 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. <sup>17</sup>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,” <sup>18</sup>we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. <sup>19</sup>And 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, <sup>20</sup>knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone’s own interpretation. <sup>21</sup>For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Holy Gospel *Matthew 17:1–9*

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

**C** **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>After six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. <sup>2</sup>And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. <sup>3</sup>And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. <sup>4</sup>And 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.” <sup>5</sup>He 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.” <sup>6</sup>When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. <sup>7</sup>But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Rise, and have no

fear.”<sup>8</sup>And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

<sup>9</sup>And 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.

**C** **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

## Catechetical Review

### The Close of the Commandments

*P: What does God say about all these commandments?*

**C: He says: “I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love Me and keep My commandments.” (Exodus 20:5–6)**

*P: What does this mean?*

**C: God threatens to punish all who break these commandments. Therefore, we should fear His wrath and not do anything against them. But He promises grace and every blessing to all who keep these commandments. Therefore, we should also love and trust in Him and gladly do what He commands.**