



**February 19, 2023**

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## The Transfiguration of Our Lord

Prelude

Ringling of the Bells

### Opening Hymn #414 'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here

#### Confession and Absolution

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**who made heaven and earth.**

If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?  
**But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ,

and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## Introit

*Psalm 99:1–5; antiphon: v. 9*

Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain;  
for the LORD our God is holy!

The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble!

He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the | earth quake!

The LORD is great in Zion;

he is exalted over all the peoples.

Let them praise your great and awesome name!

Holy is he!

The King in his might loves justice.

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

Exalt the LORD our God; worship at his footstool!

Holy is he!

**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.**

Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain;  
for the LORD our God is holy!

## Kyrie



☐ Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

## Gloria in Excelsis



1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
 2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
 3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!  
 O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
 For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shipped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
 You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.  
 Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—  
 In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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. **Amen.**

## Hand Bell Choir “Jerusalem the Golden”

### Readings from Holy Scripture

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

**Epistle Reading: 2 Peter 1:16–21**

### Alleluia and Verse



☐ Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



☐ These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



☐ Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### Gospel Reading: Matthew 17:1–9

### Nicene Creed

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God,**

**Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.**

### **Hymn of the Day #537 Beautiful Savior**

**Sermon           “Leave the Mountaintop”**

**11am Choir**

### **Prayer of the Church**

After each petition “Lord, in your mercy” please respond with, **“hear our prayer”**

**Offering**

### **Service of the Sacrament**

#### **Preface**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

## It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

As the glory of Your presence once filled Your ancient temple, so in the incarnation of Your Son, Jesus Christ, You manifested the fullness of Your glory in human flesh.

We give You thanks that in His most Holy Supper You reveal Your glory to us. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood so that we may one day behold Your glory face to face.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

## **Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

## **The Words of Our Lord**

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the

new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

## Pax Domini

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **Amen.**

## Agnus Dei

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
 2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
 You take the sin of the world a - way;  
 You take the sin of the world a - way;  
 O Je - sus Christ, true us, Lamb of God,  
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
 And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

## Distribution Hymns

#700 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

#680 Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise

#413 O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair

## Nunc Dimittis

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
 2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All



part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the

glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;

A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is

to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -

peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

## Post-Communion Collect

Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## Benediction

**Closing Hymn #417 Alleluia, Song of Gladness**

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## **Information for February 19, 2023      Attendance 2/12/2023 – 109**

### **THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES:**

**Today:** 8:30am Worship Service w/ Communion  
 10:00am Adult Sunday School  
                   Children's Sunday School  
 11:00am Worship Service w/ Communion  
 6:00 pm Choir Practice  
 Tues.           5:30 pm Women's Bible Study  
 Wed.           6:00 pm Youth & confirmation  
                   6:30 pm Hand Bell Practice  
                   6:30 pm Mid-week Bible Study  
                   7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service  
 Thurs.       6:30 pm Men's Bible Study

### **Upcoming Events**

**Feb. 26   Council Meeting**

**Finance Committee Ann & Chuck Heidel 2/19, Joe & Peggy Hamby 2/22**

**Communion Ware for February Barbara Heidel & Peggy Hamby, Acolyte 2/19  
 Marshall Lively, Derika Hall , Brystol Caddell, Jericho Winters 2/26.**

**Military Prayer List:** Isaac Monroe

**Lutheran Hour "It Begins with Who I Am" Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dean Nadasdy The desert is a place of testing. The desert places of our lives are like that, too. (Matthew 4:1-11) The Lutheran Hour can be heard on 97.5 FM at 7am and WECO-FM 101.3 at 9:00am Sunday or on the web at:[www.lutheranhour.org](http://www.lutheranhour.org).**

**Birthdays for February: Grace Seavers 2/23, Minnie Taylor 2/24, David Hamby 2/25. Happy Birthday to All!!!!**

**The youth still have nuts available at \$10 per bag**

For those who have Thrivent Financial products, Thrivent will donate some of their “Choice Dollars” funds to certain non-profit organizations – like St. Paul Lutheran Church and St. Paul Lutheran Pre-School based on your direction. To direct your allocated portion of “Choice Dollars”, call 1-800-847-4836 and when asked say “Choice Dollars”. They will ask for your birth date to pull up your information and ask you for the organization you wish to direct your “Choice Dollars”.

A Women's Bible Study Group is starting at St. Paul! There will be an introduction meeting on Tuesday, February 21st at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The Bible Study will begin on Tuesday, March 7th at 5:30 p.m. and will be every week on Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. All ladies of the congregation are welcome!

There are still several Pictorial Directories that need to be picked up. You may pick up anytime during the week in the church office.

**We would ask that the coffee pot be left plugged up and not turned off in the fellowship hall.**

**Last call to purchase 175<sup>th</sup> memorabilia located in the fellowship hall. Prices are marked and all proceeds go to the Historical Room. Thank you!**

**Historical Room** The Historical room is looking to collect past confirmation photos! Do you have a picture of your class? If so, please consider sending a copy to the church office for display and to be kept for St. Paul Church records. You may also email to [stpauluthrn@highland.net](mailto:stpauluthrn@highland.net) Please indicate year confirmed. We will display all photos received, if possible, by Palm Sunday for viewing.  
**Confirmation Classes Through the Years!**



### **Altar Flower Fund and Dedication**

Members wishing to purchase flowers in memory or honor of someone for Birthday or Anniversary may contact the church office at 423-346-3554 for further information. To donate to the church's flower fund please make a check payable to St. Paul Lutheran Church and in **memo line write Donation for Flower Fund**. All donations are greatly appreciated. Thank you!

On **March 1, 2023** the first Lent supper will be served and hosted by LWML **Social Group # 2**. Members of Group are : Minnie Taylor , Angie Jones, Tanuja Dagley, Margaret Cooper, Kathy Taylor, Danielle Bivens, Jessica Bivens, Mary Lou Solock, Alyssa Cole, Kathy Bonifacius, Susie Kreis, Carla LaRue, Kim Kennedy, Margaret Messer, Stacey Aslinger, Mindy Jones, Marie Sexton, Lisa Pierce, Stacey Heidel, Sue Nerger, Mary Lou Kreis and Patsy Aslinger. Ladies will be contacted for food items needed to bring.

**On March 8th.** LWML **Social Group #3** will host the Lent meal. Members are:Linda Taylor, Nellie Fisher, Tressie Caddell, Kimberly Childs, Amber Taylor, Summer Evans, Regina Davis, Patty Williams, Mary Ann McPeters, Betty Longmire, Deloris Heidel, Leah Wilson, Jeanne Hamby, Darlene Jones, Missy Stephens, Sara Seavers, Autumn Anderson, Ida Mae Hamby, Donna Melhorn, Nicole Caddell and Nancy Green. Ladies will be contacted for food items needed to bring.



Family Devotions for the Week of  
February 19<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>

Sunday: Read John 6:41-59 (Transfiguration Day)

Monday: Read Psalm 16 and John 6:60-71

Tuesday: Read Psalm 84 and John 7:1-13

Wednesday: Read Psalm 136 and Mark 1:1-13 (Ash Wednesday)

Thursday: Read Psalm 8 and Mark 1:14-28

Friday: Read Psalm 9 and Mark 1:29-45

Saturday: Read Psalm 12 and Mark 2:1-17