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*... his face shone
like the sun,
and his clothes became
white as light.*

MATTHEW 17:2, ESV

YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!

May this hour be a journey of the heart, a renewal of spirit, a pause in our lives as we worship the Lord our God together. If you are a guest this morning, we extend a special welcome to you and invite you to sign our guest book located in the gathering space outside of the sanctuary, also known as the narthex. Following our worship service, we invite you to share in a time of fellowship over coffee, juice, and snacks in the Fellowship Hall. If you are interested in learning more about our congregation and becoming a member, please visit with any member of the congregation or Pastor Janis Sloka, III. Thank you for celebrating the love of Jesus Christ with us at St. Paul Lutheran Church!

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME HERE!

We feel strongly that the faith formation of youth—just as any adult’s—develops through experience; because of this, we welcome youth of all ages to participate fully in worship and invite them to serve in a number of roles, such as: ushers, greeters, readers, and musicians. While we expect that children will behave as children—giggles, wiggles, and all—we also understand that sometimes they (and their parents or guardians) need a break; on those occasions, you are welcome to utilize the nursery (unstaffed) located on the north end of the narthex. Additionally, there is a playroom for children and a couch room for older youth on the west end of the Fellowship Hall. You can also find children’s bulletins and crayons on the table as you enter the main church building doors.

ABOUT OUR WORSHIP

As Lutherans, worship is connected with and central to everything we do—uniting us in celebration, engaging us in thoughtful dialogue, and helping us grow in faith. At the heart of our worship life is the presence of God through the word proclaimed and the sacraments—Holy Baptism and Holy Communion; this is because worship is—first and foremost—fundamentally about what God is doing in the world and in our lives, and then our response to God’s action. In the context of worship we find our response in the liturgy, which is a way of living God’s story. The liturgical texts that form the prayers we pray, the texts we say, and the songs we sing find their roots in both the Old and New Testaments; furthermore, these liturgical texts invite each and every one of us—not just the pastor or choir or any other worship leader—to use our voices to praise God. Through worship we are shaped to be participants in God’s life in this world.

PLEASE ASK AN USHER FOR...

- Assistance with wheelchair seating
- Assisted listening devices
- Large print bulletins
- Directions to restrooms

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Transfiguration of our Lord
February 19, 2023
Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) – Setting 10
Holy Communion

+Indicates to rise as you are able. Congregational responses are printed in **bold**.

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

Today's festival is a bridge between the Advent-Christmas-Epiphany cycle that comes to a close today and the Lent-Easter cycle that begins in several days. On a high mountain Jesus is revealed as God's beloved Son, echoing the words at his baptism. This vision of glory sustains us as Jesus faces his impending death in Jerusalem. We turn this week to Ash Wednesday and our yearly baptismal journey from Lent to Easter. Some churches put aside the alleluia at the conclusion of today's liturgy. This word of joy will be omitted during the penitential season of Lent and will be sung again at Easter.

WELCOME

+CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sins with confidence in God's promise of forgiveness.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God, **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

+GATHERING SONG

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” ELW #631

+GREETING

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

+CANTICLE OF PRAISE



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



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.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

+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.

Amen

PSALM 99 *Please read responsively by whole verse.*

1The LORD is king; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

2The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.

3Let them praise your great and awesome name. Holy is he!

4Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

5Extol the LORD our God; worship at his footstool. Holy is he!

6Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel also was among those who called on his name. They cried to the LORD, and he answered them.

7He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud; they kept his decrees, and the statutes that he gave them.

8O LORD our God, you answered them; you were a forgiving God to them, but an avenger of their wrongdoings.

9Extol the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for the LORD our God is holy.

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.

+GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Refrain

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the
dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your
church gath - ered to - day.

Text: Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957

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+GOSPEL Matthew 17:1-9

Children's Bible page 358

1 Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. 2 And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. 3 Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. 4 Then 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." 5 While 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!" 6 When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. 7 But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." 8 And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

9 As 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."

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" ELW #834*

HOLY BAPTISM

ELW page 227

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. The power of sin is put to death in this holy flood, and we are raised with Jesus Christ to new life. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and sent out in mission for the life of the world.

Parents, Sponsors and Family, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have this child baptized into Christ?

Parents, Sponsors and Family: We do.

As you bring this child to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to have her live among God's faithful people,

bring her to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in her hands the holy scriptures,
and nurture her in faith and prayer,
so that Xena Mae may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made,
and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help her grow in the Christian faith and life?

Parents, Sponsors and Family: We do.

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Xena Mae and pray for her in her new life in Christ? **People: We do.**

+The congregation stands and faces the baptismal font.

As parents, sponsors, family and members of this congregation, the family of God, I ask you to reject sin, profess your faith in Christ, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God? **We do.**

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God? **We do.**

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God? **We do.**

Pastor: With the whole church, let us confess our faith. Do you believe in God the Father?

**People: I believe in God the father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**People: 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.**

Pastor: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood, you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery in Egypt into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you. Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Xena Mae, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Pastor: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your sons and daughters new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Xena Mae with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **People: Amen.**

Pastor: Xena Mae, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever in this baptism!

Pastor: Let your light shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven!

Pastor: Let us welcome this child into God's family by singing one verse of "Jesus Loves Me"

**All: Jesus loves me this I know
For the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong.
They are weak but he is strong.
Yes! Jesus loves me.
Yes! Jesus loves me.
Yes! Jesus loves me.
The Bible tells me so. (twice)**

+PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each petition concludes: Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

+PEACE

The sharing of the peace is one of the oldest traditions in the Christian church. Far more than a sociable handshake, it is a ministry we do for each other that proclaims the promise of God's peace given to us and reconciles us to God and one another. Share the peace today with your neighbors.

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERING

Every good and perfect gift is from God. In grateful response to all of God's gifts, we offer our time, talents, and treasures. These offerings support the ministry of the church-bearing witness to the love of Christ in our community, country, and world. Your financial offerings may be placed in the plates by the sanctuary doors. You are also invited to visit www.stpaulgarrisonnd.com/giving to set up a one-time gift or regular, electronic giving. Thank you for being a part of what God is doing at St. Paul Lutheran!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPECIAL MUSIC

+GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 our thanks and praise.**

+WORDS OF INSTITUTION – SUNG WITH “BROKEN FOR ME”

Blessed are you, O God,

for you have brought forth bread from the earth. Blessed are you, O God, for you have created the fruit of the vine. In the beginning you watered the earth that man and woman might have food and drink. You gave your servant Sarah bread to strengthen her family on their journey, and wine to make them glad. You called Moses and his people out of bondage and refreshed them with food in the wilderness. And here at your table you offer us bread and wine for the journey to nourish us as daughters and sons. Blessed is our brother Jesus, Who walks with us the road of our world's suffering, And who is known to us in the breaking of the bread.

CONGREGATION SINGS

Refrain: Broken for me, broken for you; The body of Jesus broken for you.

On the night of His arrest and betrayal, Jesus took bread and having blessed it, he broke the bread and gave it to His disciples, saying “This is my body, given for you.”

CONGREGATION SINGS

***Refrain:* Broken for me, broken for you; The body of Jesus broken for you.**

***Verse:* This is my body given for you; Eat it, rememb’ring I died for you.**

In the same way He took wine, and having given thanks for it, He gave the cup to His disciples, saying, “This cup is the new covenant with God, sealed with my blood, Shed for you and for all, for the forgiveness of sins.”

CONGREGATION SINGS

***Refrain:* Broken for me, broken for you; The body of Jesus broken for you.**

***Verse:* This is my blood I shed for you; For your forgiveness, making you new.**

Take this and share it. I shall drink wine with you next in the kingdom of God.

CONGREGATION SINGS

***Refrain:* Broken for me, broken for you; The body of Jesus broken for you.**

***Verse:* Come to my table and with me dine; Eat of my bread and drink of my wine.**

***Refrain:* Broken for me, broken for you; The body of Jesus broken for you.**

+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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

This is the Lord's table. Jesus himself is the host of this meal and welcomes everyone to come and eat, to be nourished in the faith—fed, forgiven, and loved back to life for the sake of a world in need. If you wish to remain seated, we will gladly bring Holy Communion to you in your pew; please simply inform the usher. If you wish not to receive Communion, you are still invited to receive a blessing and may indicate this preference by coming forward with your hands folded.

COMMUNION

+PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy One,

we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you. **Amen.**

+OUR MISSION

What is the mission we share together?

Our mission is to GATHER as God's people; to GROW in faith, love, and service; and to GO into the community and world as disciples of Jesus.

+BLESSING

May the LORD bless you and keep you; may the LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; may the LORD look upon you with favor and give you peace. **Amen.**

+SENDING SONG

"We Are Marching in the Light" ELW #866

+DISMISSAL

Go in peace. To Love and Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Office Hours:** are from 9a.m.-12 noon all Mondays-Tuesdays-Wednesdays during February and March.
- **We welcome today into our family of God,** Xena Mae Brostowitz. Child of Courtney and Tylor Brostowitz.
- **Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 22nd.** Each night we will have free-will supper. It will be provided by Lenore's Catering. We need volunteers to set up, serve and clean up. A signup sheet is on the volunteer tables.
- **Breeze Messages:** *Are you not receiving emails from the church office? The bulletin on Friday's?* Please be in contact with Pastor Sloka and let him know.
- **Devotionals:** *"New" Christ in our Home and The Word in Season* are now available in the entry way. If you haven't tried them, they are an excellent simple daily way of having devotions.
- **St. Paul Annual Spring Supper: is on March 5th. Many will be asked to bake, serve, or work in many different areas. Signup sheets are out and available at the volunteer tables. We need a lot of help!** Please sign up for the job you feel most comfortable with and /or contribute the food items needed. We need dishwashers, dish scrapers, potato peelers, roasting turkey, potatoes and making dessert. The apple crisp recipe is at the volunteer table area. Most chairpersons are already working. Ticket prices are adults \$18, students \$5, children 5 and under are free. **Tickets are now available and will be pre-sold today and next Sunday during the Fellowship Hour.**
- **Raffle Tickets:** *the prices remain the same: \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Or a book for \$10.*
- **Fellowship Hosts:** We still need hosts for February and March.
- **"Fresh Start Kits" for Heart River Brides of Hope:** still collecting during February. There is more information on the table at the volunteer area.
- **Readers:** are needed for March. A sign-up sheet and a copy of the readings is on a table in the gathering space outside of the sanctuary.
- **Paper Products Month:** February is the month we collect Copier Paper; 8 ½ X 11 & 8 ½ X 14; Toilet Paper and tissues. Currently we need 8 ½ X 11. This collection helps to keep costs down.

- **Update our Living Wall:** People are encouraged to send updated pictures to the church to put up on the Living Wall. Bring in a picture to the office or email your picture to the church, stpaul@restel.com. Faye Seidler will then put them on the wall.
- **Live Facebook:** each week at St. Paul's. The 4 Ministers are also on FB and Instagram each week.
- **Equal Exchange:** a variety of coffee and chocolate are for sale, at cost, on a cart in the fellowship hall. This supports the small coffee farmers.
- **Get your St. Paul Gear!** Spread our mission with custom shirts! Check them out in the Fellowship Hall.

You invited to visit www.stpaulgarrisonnd.com/giving to set up a one-time gift or regular, electronic giving.

Thank you for being a part of what God is doing at St. Paul!



In Our Prayers: Don Vetter, Claryce Johnson, Steve Seidler, Bishop Craig Schweitzer, Wayne Klemisch, Travis Kolden, Heidi Smith, Betty Iglehart, Lorinda Johnson, Doug Steinmetz, Jeff Wretling, Randy Mautz, Alton Krebsbach, Terry Metz, Keith Bjornson. The family of Shelly Fuller at the death of her grandmother and the family of Vickie Fure at the death of Don Ficek.

In Thanksgiving: for our Sunday School volunteers.

Please submit prayer requests to Loree, Holly, or Pastor Janis. Those for whom prayers have been requested will remain on our prayer lists and named in worship for four weeks, unless requested otherwise.

Birthday Wishes This Week To:

Keegan Wimer	19
Ted Livesay	20
Natasha Thompson	20
Logan Melby	21
Sumers Foss	22
Allyson Youngs	22
Wendi Fure	23
Willow Sprenger	23
Shirley Rustad	24
Eli Ruud	25
Noah Sloka	25

This week at St. Paul's:

<i>Today</i>	9:45 a.m.	Worship – Baptism and Holy Communion
	10:45 a.m.	Fellowship
		Action Group #4 Meeting
	11:00 a.m.	NO Sunday School
	11:45 a.m.	Prospective Member Information Lunch
<i>Mon.</i>	9:00 a.m. -12 Noon	Office Hours
	9:00 a.m.	Quilters
<i>Tues.</i>	9:00 a.m. -12 Noon	Office Hours
	9:00 a.m.	Quilters
	10:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
<i>Wed.</i>	7:30 a.m.	9-12 Youth Breakfast Club
	9:00 a.m. -12 Noon	Office Hours
	3:00 p.m.	3-6 Sonshine Friends
	6:30 p.m.	Lent Supper
	7:15 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Service with Holy Communion
	8:00 p.m.	Confirmation student, parent and mentor meeting
<i>Thurs.</i>	10:00 p.m.	Community Bible Study at The Meadows
<i>Next Sunday</i>		
	9:45 a.m.	Worship
	10:45 a.m.	Fellowship
	11:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	2:00 p.m.	Camp of the Cross Ministries Annual Meeting

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Sunday School – 11:00 a.m.

SERVING IN THE LIFE AND MINISTRY OF OUR CHURCH

<i>Ministers</i>	The People of St. Paul Lutheran
<i>Pastor</i>	Rev. Janis Sloka, III
<i>Faith Formation Director</i>	Holly Klemisch
<i>Church Council President</i>	Keith Thelen
<i>Choir Director</i>	Lisa Haugen
<i>Treasurer</i>	Holly Klemisch
<i>Church & Financial Secretary</i>	Loree Jeffers
<i>Custodian</i>	Pam Kolden
<i>Sunday School Superintendent</i>	Lisa Maki
<i>Sweet Sounds Coordinator</i>	Loree Jeffers
<i>Missionaries</i>	Anne & Willie Langdji; Katie Narum Miyamoto
<i>Organist</i>	Kim Gehring
<i>Reader</i>	Mason Hanson
<i>Acolyte</i>	Finley Hudgens and Grant Lagge
<i>Greeters</i>	Leanna Wollschlaeger and Joan Zimmerman
<i>Ushers</i>	Larry Ellwein and Doug Gienger
<i>Door Greeter</i>	Randy Essler
<i>Communion Assistants</i>	Sharon Petrik and Bernie Ellwein
<i>Communion Setup and Cleanup</i>	Traci Ruhland
<i>Fellowship Hosts</i>	The Makis

MISSION STATEMENT

As we share the gospel of Jesus Christ, our mission is to **GATHER** as God's people; to **GROW** in faith, love and service; and to **GO** into the community and world as disciples of Jesus.