

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH - (MISSOURI SYNOD)

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Church Office Hours (Mon-Fri): 9am-1pm Email: stpaulwa@hickorytech.net

Mission Statement

"Empowered by God's Word, we joyfully share the Love of Jesus with all people."

Vision Statement

"We will be a vibrant, welcoming church serving the needs of our members, community,

and missions by partnering with other churches and organizations while preaching and

teaching the inspired Word of God and our Savior Jesus Christ."

SUNDAY MORNINGS (SEPTEMBER - MAY)

- ⊕ Divine Service w/Holy Communion:
 - 9:00 a.m. (also Facebook Live; and Radio 1170 AM/106.3 FM)
- ⊕ Sunday School: 10:15 am and Adult Bible Study: 10:30 a.m.

Pastor: Michael J. Grannis Mobile Phone: 952-686-3046 Email: revgrannis@gmail.com

- Nursery available: For families with small children, there is a designated room in the basement (down the hall, on the right, from the old Parish Hall). You will find a changing table, crib, a few books and toys. Please feel free to use anytime during the worship service.
- Radio Broadcast: Today's broadcast (KOWZ 1170 AM or 106.3 FM) is dedicated to the glory of God.
- Lutheran Hour: The Lutheran Hour can be heard on radio stations WCCO 830AM, Sunday, 6:05 AM; and KDHL920 AM, Faribault, Sunday, 6:00 PM.
- **Sunday School:** We will meet every Sunday at 10:15am in the Parish Hall for snacks, and then go downstairs for music and a lesson.
 - WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE! If you are a visitor, we look forward to visiting with you today and in the near future. Please write your name, address, and phone number in our visitor's book located at the back of church at the visitor's desk. We invite you to fellowship, coffee & treats following the worship service. Adult Bible Study begins at 10:30 a.m. with Sunday School at 10:15 a.m.
 - Individual or Family Pastoral Care: Please remember that Private devotion and Holy Communion are available for individuals or couples that are homebound, at greater risk for COVID, or in times of emergency. Call the church office at 507-835-2647 to schedule an appointment when needed.
 - Radio Broadcast: Today's broadcast (KOWZ 1170 AM or 106.3 FM) is dedicated to the glory of God and is in loving memory of Dallas Lemmen sponsored by Lori Lemmen and family.
 - Any guest wishing to receive communion here at St Paul Lutheran Church, please speak with the Pastor or the Elder on duty prior to the church service. Thank you.
- Preparing for Holy Communion, please refer to the section in the bulletin "Service of the Sacrament".
- Live Streaming on Facebook for the 9:00 worship service for your convenience.
- **Pork chop dinner ticket sales begin** Sunday February 11th, 18th, and on Ash Wednesday. Diner is on Sunday March 3rd at 11am. ONLY 175 tickets will be sold.
- The Handicap Entrance construction will resume soon, anyone wishing to contribute to this
 project should write Handicap Entrance on their envelopes. Thank you
- ALL MISION TRIP ATTENDEE'S: If you are planning on going on the mission trip 2024, please remember that your \$150 needs to be turned in by February 1st. IF you fail to do so and have not contacted Mark to make arrangements, your name will be taken off of the list. Remaining balance of \$150 due by May 1st.
- Our Cotta Guild supports missions near and far through the collection of our Mites for Mission donations. These mission projects are voted on at our Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) national and district conventions by the delegates. Thank you for your support of

The Son of God, Christ Jesus, Makes Us a New Creation

The Face of Jesus Christ Manifests the Light of the Knowledge of the Glory of God

It was "a hard thing" that Elisha asked, but by his persistence he was able to see the prophet Elijah being taken "by a whirlwind into heaven." Although "chariots of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them," Elisha received Elijah's cloak and a "double portion" of his spirit for preaching the Lord's Word (2 Kings 2:9–11). It was a hard thing, too, for Israel to see Moses and come near to him, when "the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God" (Ex. 34:29–30). Therefore, after "he commanded them all that the LORD had spoken with him in Mount Sinai," Moses "put a veil over his face" (Ex. 34:32–33). Only the Word of the Gospel lifts the veil, and "only through Christ is it taken away" (2 Cor. 3:14). Thus are we able to behold "the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ," who is "the image of God" (2 Cor. 4:4–6). For the Law and the prophets are all fulfilled in Him. Therefore, "listen to him," and fix your sights on "Jesus only" (Mark 9:7–8).

Hymn of Invocation: To Your Temple, Lord, I Come

LSB 981 sts. 1-3

Confession and Absolution: Divine Service Setting Two

LSB 167

Introit

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



P 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!

C The LORD is great in | Zion;*

he is exalted over all the | peoples.

Let them praise your great and | awesome name!*

Ho- | ly is he!

P 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!*

Ho- ly is he!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- ginning,*

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!

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 170

Salutation and Collect of the Day

LSB 172

Old Testament Reading

2 Kings 2:1–12

The Old Testament Reading is from 2 Kings, chapter 2.

When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ²And Elijah said to Elisha, "Please stay here, for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. ³And the sons of the prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take away your master from over you?" And he said, "Yes, I know it; keep quiet." ⁴Elijah said to him, "Elisha, please stay here, for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. 5The sons of the prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take away your master from over you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know it; keep quiet." 6Then Elijah said to him, "Please stay here, for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. ⁷Fifty men of the sons of the prophets also went and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. 8Then Elijah took his cloak and rolled it up and struck the water, and the water was parted to the one side and to the other, till the two of them could go over on dry ground. ⁹When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Ask what I shall do for you, before I am taken from you." And Elisha said, "Please let there be a double portion of your spirit on me." 10 And he said, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it shall be so for you, but if you do not see me, it shall not be so." 11 And as they still went on and talked, behold, chariots of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them. And Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. 12 And Elisha saw it and he cried, "My father, my father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" And he saw him no more.

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

Gradual

Psalm 117:1-2a; 96:8



- Praise the LORD, all | nations!*
 Extol him, all | peoples!
- For great is his steadfast | love toward us,*
 and the faithfulness of the LORD endures for- | ever.
 Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due his name;*
 bring an offering, and come in- | to his courts!

Epistle

The Epistle is from 2 Corinthians, chapter 3.

¹²Since we have such a hope, we are very bold, ¹³not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face so that the Israelites might not gaze at the outcome of what was being brought to an end. ¹⁴But their minds were hardened. For to this day, when they read the old covenant, that same veil remains unlifted, because only through Christ is it taken away. 15Yes, to this day whenever Moses is read a veil lies over their hearts. 16But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. ¹⁷Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit. ¹Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. ²But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. ³And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled only to those who are perishing. 4In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

This is the Word of the Lord. A

C Thanks be to God.

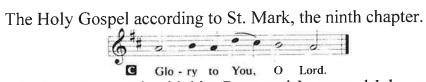
LSB 173 Alleluia and Verse

Alleluia. You are the most handsome of the sons of men; P

grace is poured upon your lips. Alleluia. C

Mark 9:2-9 Holy Gospel

P



²After six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³ and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. ⁵And Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." ⁶For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is my beloved Son; listen to him." 8And suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them but Jesus only. 9And as they were coming down the mountain, he charged them to tell no one what they had seen, until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. P



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Offering/Offertory	LSB 176
Prayer of the Church	

Service of the Sacrament

Preparing for Holy Communion: To assist in a time of preparation, prayers are located in the front cover and on pages 329-330 of your hymnal. For anyone with alcohol concerns, diluted cups are located in the center of the tray. Gluten free communion wafers are available upon request.

The Lord's Supper

- We believe, teach, and confess in accordance with Holy Scripture that the Lord's Supper is a precious gift from God, in which Christ gives us His true body and blood, in, with, and under the bread and wine, for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith.
- The Bible teaches that this sacrament may also be spiritually harmful when misused, (For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes. Therefore, whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. For this reason, many are weak and sick among you, and many sleep. 1 Corinthians 11:26-30)
- The Lord's Supper is a testimony of the unity in faith. We ask that only those who have been instructed and who are in fellowship with the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod come with a contrite and joyful heart to the Lord's Table. (Acts 2:42 And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers)
- Any guest wishing to receive communion here at St. Paul Lutheran Church, please speak with the Pastor or the Elder on duty, prior to the church service. Thank you

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Hymn: Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face	LSB 631
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LSB 981 sts. 4-7

Hymn to Depart: To Your Temple, Lord, I Come

- our Mites for Missions on the second Sunday of each month. Your donations may be placed in the mites' boxes located at the church entrances on February 11.
- If anyone wants to send a card to **Pastor Zimmer**, call the church office for his address. He is settling in with his daughter and son-in-law and would enjoy hearing from you.
- Women's Bible Study plans to meet Wednesdays, Feb. 7 and Feb. 21, 9:30-10:45 in the old basement parish hall. All women are welcome to join us. We watch a video of a Bible lesson, read it in the Bible, and discuss what we learned.
- Camp Omega is holding a fundraising event "Camp Omega Plunge". Check out bulletin board for more details.

OUR PRAYERS:

Called Home: Millie Gerlach, Helen Boese

Cancer Treatment: Debbie Pehrson

Hospitalized:

Prayer for Comfort at the end of life: Anita Hildebrandt, Lucille Gregor

Treatment and continued recovery: Gary Ross

Prayer for continued recovery and healing and Thanksgiving: Jacob Williams, Bonnie Ross,

Kirsten Tharp, Randy Gehring, Stan Stiernagle, Giles Zimmer,

Medical Procedure: Karen Thompson

Illness: Cindy Kuschel, Glenda Pooley (sister of Gary Paulson), Beverly Schroeder

Treatment: Terry George, Dixie Flitter, Tim Andree

Those who are sick and/or in need and wish to remain unnamed.

All the service men & women who are serving in the military: Gavin Doering, Jacob Lemmen,

Aaron & Sarah Lenz, Jason Paschall, David Reinsbach, John Thompson

Waseca Circuit Missionaries: Rev. Edward Naumann & Rev. Dr. Stephen Oliver (Taiwan) & John Wolff (Kenya)

Please contact the church office if you wish to speak with Pastor Grannis and Aimee will be happy to put you on his calendar during his office hours. Thank you

LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS:

Worship Attendance on:

nday February 4th, 2024: 98 Bible Study: 18 Sunday School: 19

neral Fund (in person & Direct Deposit): \$3,793.95 Handicap Entrance Fund:

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dio Broadcast: Organ Fund: \$20.00 Other:

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE: February 11th - February 18th, 2024

Sunday (11th):

9:00 a.m. Divine Service w/ Holy Communion (Facebook Live and Radio 1170 AM/106.3 FM)

10:15 am Coffee hour and Adult Bible Study and Sunday School

Monday (12th):

10am

Prayer Team

Tuesday (13th):

1pm Quilters

*** Newsletter Articles Due****

Wednesday (14th): ASH WEDNESDAY

3:30p- 5:00p 6th, 7th, 8th grade Confirmation

4:30p – 5:45p Lenten Supper {Mission Team: Stuffed Pasta, Salad Garlic toast}

6:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service

7:00 pm

Senior Choir and Contemp. Ensemble

Thursday (15th):

6 am

Bible Breakfast @ Jonnie Beans

Friday (16th):

Saturday (17th):

Sunday (18th):

9:00 a.m. Divine Service w/Communion (Facebook Live and Radio 1170 AM/106.3 FM)

10:15 a.m. Coffee hour and Adult Bible Study and Sunday School

SERVING THE LORD IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICE:

THIS WEEK: February 11th, 2024:

NEXT WEEK: February 18th:

DRGANIST: Cindy Wood

ORGANIST: Cindy Wood

ACOLYTE: Owen Arndt

ACOLYTE: Nalyce Quillen

ELDER/DEACON: Joe Schumacher/Jim Wyffels **ELDER/DEACON**: Joe Schumacher/Jim Wyffels **RADIO MONITOR:** Ron Wood

RADIO MONITOR: Kathy Flogstad

FACEBOOK: Cindy Gilmore

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Ash Wednesday February 14th, 2024:

ORGANIST: Cindy Wood **ACOLYTE**: Mason Precher

ELDER/DEACON: Joe Schumacher/Jim Wyffels

FACEBOOK: Geri Kuschel

ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONT.)

- Caring for Brothers and Sisters in Christ: Please remember to send your "Brother" or "Sister" a card along with a Bible verse of encouragement, and pray for him/her.
- Mark your calendar!!! The Higher Things attendee's will be having a Garage Sale fundraiser Friday May 10th and Saturday May 11th. If you are doing some spring cleaning during this nice weather and want to donate it to this cause, please bring items to the church office. We will start collecting items as soon as Feb 19th, 2024. Thanks for your support of our youth.
- Upstairs Bathroom Renovations began this past Friday (2/9), these bathrooms will be out of service for 2 weeks. Please use bathrooms downstairs.
- Lenten Service and meal schedules:
 - Ash Wednesday Feb. 14th
 - Meal from 4:30 to 5:45 hosted by the Youth Mission trip team
 - Menu: Stuffed shells, salad, garlic toast, dessert
 - Service at 6pm
 - Wednesday Feb. 21st
 - Meal from 4:30 to 5:45 hosted by Cotta Guild
 - Menu: Roast beef sandwiches, sloppy joes, salad, bars and coffee
 - Service at 6pm
 - Wednesday Feb. 28th
 - Meal from 4:30 to 5:45 hosted by Board of Ed (Proceeds go to shoebox postage)
 - Menu: Chili and Hot dog bar, chips and cake
 - Service at 6pm
 - Wednesday Mar. 6th
 - Meal from 4:30 to 5:45 hosted by Higher Things
 - Menu: TBD
 - Service at 6pm



What is "The Transfiguration of our Lord"?

Have you ever wondered what Jesus might look like in His glory? The Bible gives us a glimpse in the story of Jesus' transfiguration (pronounced trans-fig-yer-A-shun) in Matthew 17. The word "transfigure" means "to change form or appearance." Scripture tells us that Jesus led Peter, James and John up a high mountain. When they got up there, Jesus' appearance changed right before their eyes. His face became as bright as the sun, and His clothes became as white as light.

Why didn't Jesus always appear like this while He was on earth?

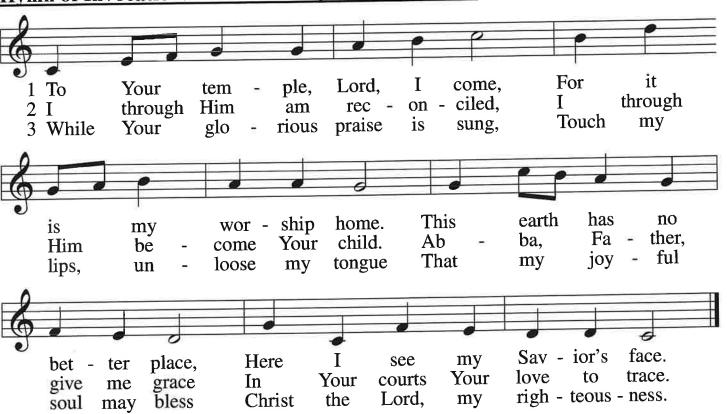
If Jesus would have been on earth in His state of glory, He wouldn't have been able to take our place under the Law and then they wouldn't have crucified Him. It was very important for Jesus to die on the cross as a man to pay for our sins. We too will see Jesus as He is in glory on the Last Day! Until then, we see Him: as our crucified and risen Savior revealed to us in the Word and Sacraments!



Parents: Read the story of Jesus' transfiguration in Matt. 17:1–13 with your children. Remind them that we will see Him in glory when we die just as the disciples saw Him on the mountain!





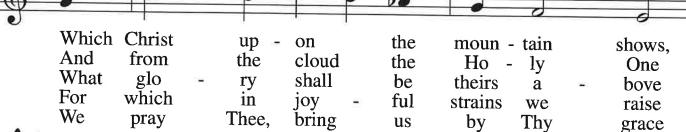


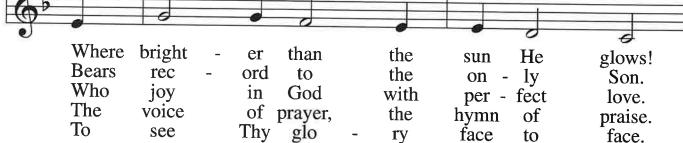
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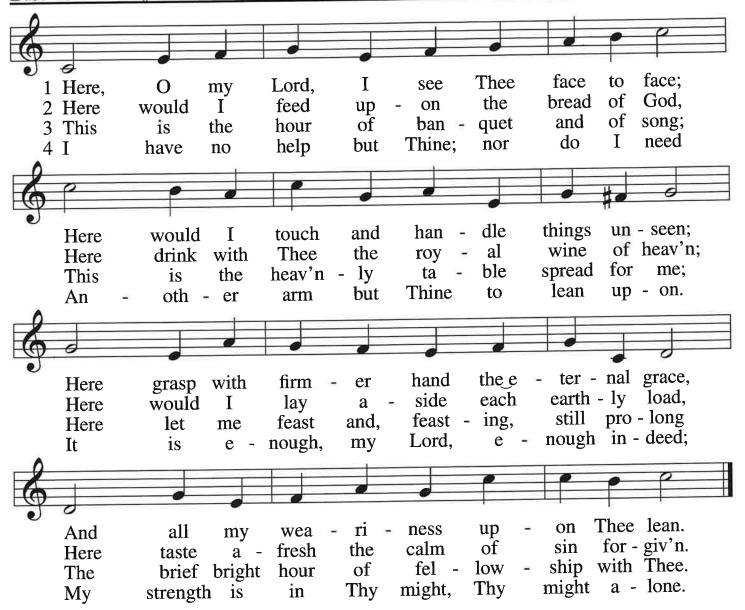
Distribution Hymn: 'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here



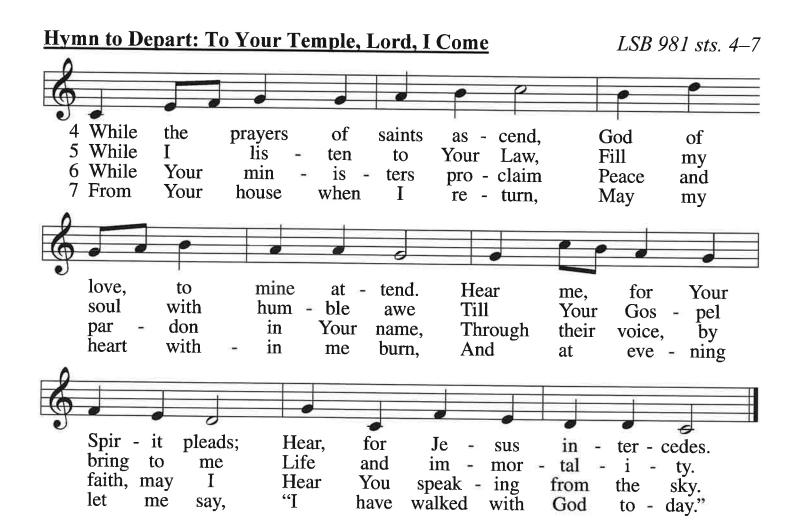
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- Mine is the sin, but Thine the righteousness;
 Mine is the guilt, but Thine the cleansing blood;
 Here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace:
 Thy blood, Thy righteousness, O Lord my God.
- Too soon we rise; the vessels disappear;
 The feast, though not the love, is past and gone;
 The bread and wine remove, but Thou art here;
 Nearer than ever; still my shield and sun.
- Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,
 Yet, passing, points to that glad feast above,
 Giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy,
 The Lamb's great marriage feast of bliss and love.



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