

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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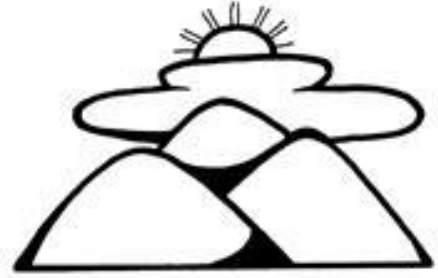
February 14, 2021

Transfiguration of Our Lord

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering Hymn #857 Lord I Lift Your Name on High

**Lord I lift Your name on high;
Lord I love to sing Your praises.
I'm so glad You're in my life,
I'm so glad You came to save us.
You came from heaven to earth to show the way,
From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay,
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;
Lord I lift Your name on high.**



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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.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, the resplendent light of your truth shines from the mountaintop into our hearts. Transfigure us by your beloved Son, and illumine the world with your image, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

First Lesson: 2 Corinthians 4:3-5

A Reading from 2 Corinthians.

And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In 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. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia. This is my Son, my Chosen, listen to him! *Alleluia.*

Holy Gospel: Mark 9:2-9

The Gospel from Mark.

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Gospel of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: "A glimpse.... Just a glimpse of eternity"

Hymn #315 How Good to Be Here (Verses 1, 4 & 5)

**How good, Lord, to be here!
Your glory fills the night;
your face and garments, like the sun,
shine with unborrowed light.**

**Before we taste of death,
we see your kingdom come;
we long to hold the vision bright
and make this hill our home.**

**How good, Lord, to be here!
Yet we may not remain;
but since you bid us leave the mount,
come with us to the plain.**

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Prayers of the Church

Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

For the gospel proclaimed in word and deed, for communities of faith far and near, and for all who show the face of Christ throughout the world, let us pray. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For creation: sun, moon and stars; life forming in the dark earth and ocean deep; mountains, clouds and storms, and creatures seen and unseen, and for the Holy Spirit's guidance in our stewardship of God's creation, let us pray. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For those responsible for safety and protection: for emergency responders and security guards, attorneys and advocates, civil servants and leaders of governments, that they witness to mercy and justice throughout the world, let us pray. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For those who suffer this day especially those whose names we speak aloud (*pause for quiet prayer*), in our hearts (*again pause...*) and those whose names fill the list of ongoing prayer concerns of this community of faith; that Christ our healer transform sickness into health, loneliness into companionship, bereavement into consolation, and suffering into peace, let us pray. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For companions on life's journey in this worshiping community, for loved ones who cannot be near us this day, and for guidance during struggles we face, that God's glory is revealed around and among us, let us pray. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In thanksgiving for the faithful departed who now rest from their earthly pilgrimage, that their lives of service and prayer inspire us in our living, let us pray. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

The Blessing

Sending Hymn #671 Shine Jesus Shine

Shine, Jesus, shine,
Fill this land with the Father's glory;
Blaze, Spirit, blaze,
Set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow,
Flood the nations with grace and mercy;
Send forth your word,
Lord, and let there be light!

Lord, the light of your love is shining,
In the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us,
Set us free by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on me, shine on me:
Shine, Jesus, shine,
Fill this land with the Father's glory;
Blaze, Spirit, blaze,
Set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow,
Flood the nations with grace and mercy;
Send forth your word,
Lord, and let there be light!

As we gaze on your kingly brightness,
So our faces display your likeness,
Ever changing from glory to glory,
Mirrored here, may our lives tell your story.
Shine on me, shine on me:
Shine, Jesus, shine,
Fill this land with the Father's glory;
Blaze, Spirit, blaze,
Set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow,
Flood the nations with grace and mercy;
Send forth your word,
Lord, and let there be light!

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Sending

We Welcome All Our Visitors and Friends to Our Worship Service Today

To all of you, we extend an invitation to return often, your presence is a blessing to us; we hope that soon we will be able to worship together again. Do come and be with us. If you are interested in becoming a member, please see or call Pastor Carl. All are welcomed to the Lord's Table for Holy Communion or to receive a blessing.



Please keep the following individuals in your prayers

Members: Mark, Calvin, Hazel, Jen, Maidie, Vivian, Colton, Bud, Carolyn & John, Carliana, Shriver, Andy, Hannah, Denise, Glenys, Matthew, Nadine, Peter, Moore family, Neuheisel family, Gene, Katie, and all homebound members.

Family & Friends: Jerry, Bernie & Chris, Nunan Family, Mike, Darlene, Frank, Erin, Clyde, Kary, Jim & Barbara, Kevin, Jack & Elinor, Liz, Heidi, Peggy, Laura, Bruce & Jamie, Karen, Caroline, Sonia, Addison, Ashlee, Maverick, Pat, Wade, hose facing job loss, and those in broken relationships.

CHURCH NEWS

TODAY, SUNDAY, February 14th - Transfiguration of Our Lord

Virtual Worship via [SPC YouTube Channel](#)

2nd Offering – NESAP

Easter Lily Orders are being taken – see flyer below, - mail in by March 7th

Coffee & Conversation at 10:00am

Confirmation Class will be held by Zoom at 7:00pm

TUESDAY, February 16th - Shrove Tuesday

Church Council via Zoom at 7:00pm

WEDNESDAY, February 17th - Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday Virtual Worship via [SPC YouTube Channel](#)

SUNDAY, February 21st – First Sunday in Lent

Virtual Worship via [SPC YouTube Channel](#)

Sunday School via Zoom at 10:30am

[Mar-Lu-Ridge Virtual Bishops' Reception Reservation](#). Reception starts 5pm.

Confirmation Class will be held by Zoom at 7:00pm

Sunday, March 7th

Easter Lily Orders are Due – please see attached flyer



WEDNESDAY, February 17th - Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday Virtual Worship via [SPC YouTube Channel](#)

WEDNESDAY, February 24th, 7:00pm

Lent Bible Study (Zoom) Mark 14:3-6, 8

A Woman anoints Jesus at house of Simon the Leper & the disciples react.

WEDNESDAY, March 3rd, 7:00pm

Lent Bible Study (Zoom) Mark 14:10-11

Judas goes to betray Jesus.

WEDNESDAY, March 10th, 7:00pm

Lent Bible Study (Zoom) Mark 14:13-15 and 14:22-24

Jesus seems to know where they will find Room for Passover,

Last Supper & Communion.

WEDNESDAY, March 17th, 7:00pm

in Lent Bible Study (Zoom) Mark 14:32, 44-46

In Gethsemane they laid hands on Him.

WEDNESDAY, March 24th, 7:00pm

Lent Bible Study (Lent) Mar 24 Mark 14:55-56, 61-64

High priests ask... "Why do we still need witnesses?"

OFFERING

[Donate online via Tithe.ly](#)

[2nd Offering - NESAP](#)

Send offering by mail:

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ATTENDANCE

Online Video Attendance

February 7th - 42 views



SUNDAY, March 28th

Palm Sunday

April 1st Maundy Thursday

Virtual Service Last Supper & Gethsemane - John's account

April 2nd Good Friday

Mark 15:1-2, 6, 8

At the Praetorian Pilate asks, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus replies, "You say so."

SUNDAY, April 4th

Easter Sunday

YOUTH FUNRAISER



Gertrude Hawk Fundraiser for Gathering Youth

The Gathering Youth* are selling Gertrude Hawk Chocolates for Easter. Our fundraising has been non-existent because of COVID.

Sales run through February 22nd and delivery will be the week of March 22nd.

There are multiple ordering & delivery options:

- Order online and have delivered to St Paul's (free delivery)
- Order online and have order delivered to your home (Shipping fees apply)
- Order online and have the order delivered as a gift to someone (Shipping fees apply)
- Order using paper order form (free delivery)

The link to our online ordering:

https://fundraising.gertrudehawkchocolates.com/fundraisingproducts/index/index/organization_id/118409/seller_id/1

If you would like a catalog and paper order form please contact Sandy Baber and she will get one to you.



* **ELCA Youth Gathering** - Every three years, 30,000 high school youth and their adult leaders from across the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America gather for a week of faith formation known as the ELCA Youth Gathering. Through days spent in interactive learning, worship, Bible study, service and fellowship, young people grow in faith and are challenged and inspired to live their faith in their daily lives. *St Paul's has at least 10 youth eligible for the 2022 Gathering.*

SUNDAY SCHOOL LENTEN PROJECT

This year the Sunday school is asking everyone to help us with our Lenten project.

We are hoping to deliver hard boiled, decorated Easter eggs to needy families in our community.

Those interested will need to boil and dye/ decorate 1 dozen eggs (or more if you want), and get them to the church. Place the decorated eggs in their original carton, and put the date boiled on the carton. You may also include your family name if desired.



Delivery dates to the church will be Saturday March 27th from 11am - 1pm, and Sunday March 28th from 2p – 4pm. Please contact Susan Fleming for more information or to arrange egg pickup if you are unable to get them to the church.



Let us start to think ahead to Easter!

Please indicate the number of lilies, make check payable to St. Paul's Lutheran Church and mail checks to the church (15773 Dover Rd, Upperco MD 21155) by

March 7th – Thank you!

_____ 4-6 bloom Lily (\$10.50) - total price _____

In honor of _____

In memory of _____

Given by _____

Please print and fill out the form or
write on a piece of paper the number of lilies you would like, your memorial and who it
is given by then
mail to the church with your check by March 7th.

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Attn: Easter Lily Order

If you have any questions, please contact Jayme Folfas
or the church office at office@stpaulsupperco.org.