

Transfiguration of Our Lord

February 14, 2021

+SERVICE OF THE WORD+

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BELL CALL TO WORSHIP

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

#700

INVOCATION

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

KYRIE

“Lord, Have Mercy”

GLORIA

“Glory to God in the Highest”

COLLECT OF THE DAY

OLD TESTAMENT READING

2 Kings 2:1-12 (ESV)

The Lord takes Elijah to heaven, marking the end of his ministry. He also gives Elijah's disciple, Elisha, the same Spirit to carry on the prophet's work.

Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. And 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. And 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." Elijah 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. The 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." Then 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. Fifty men of the sons of the prophets also went and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then 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. When 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." 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." 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. And Elisha saw it and he cried, "My father, my father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" And he saw him no more. Then he took hold of his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSIVE INTROIT

Psalm 99

L: Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at this holy | mountain;* for the LORD our God is | holy!

C: The LORD reigns; let the peoples | tremble!* He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the | earth quake!

L: The LORD is great in | Zion;* he is exalted over all the | peoples.

C: Let them praise your great and | awesome name!* Ho- | ly is he!

L: The King in his might loves | justice.* You have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in | Jacob.

C: Exalt the LORD our God; worship at his | footstool!* Ho- | ly is he!

All: 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.

L: Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at this holy | mountain;* for the LORD our God is | holy!

EPISTLE READING

2 Corinthians 3:12-13, 4:1-6 (ESV)

Paul preached the gospel with great boldness in order that many might have the veil of unbelief removed, and see the glorious light of Christ.

Since we have such a hope, we are very bold, not 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. Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. But 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. And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled only 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 what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For 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.

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

SONG

"God's Valentine"

St Paul K-2nd Grades

ALLELUIA VERSE

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GOSPEL READING

Mark 9:2-9 (ESV)

At his transfiguration, Jesus is revealed as God's beloved Son and Savior of the nations. He shines with a glory that is far superior to even the greatest prophets of the Old Testament.

L: The Holy Gospel according to St Mark the ninth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

And after 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, and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. And 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." For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified. And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is my beloved Son; listen to him." And suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them but Jesus only. And 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.

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

APOSTLES' CREED

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rachel Saunders

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Tis Good, Lord, To Be Here"

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SERMON

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"What Shall I Render to the Lord"

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer"

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER REQUESTS

Rev Charles Ramsey and Peace Lutheran Church, Waco

Rev Eddie Mekasha, missionary to Sudanese and Ethiopian Immigrants

For Our Congregation and Community:

Jenni Conell long term effects of COVID

Shelley Scheele hospitalized with a major stroke

Dealing with an illness: Jim Wiemer (brother of Diane Mooney), Stephen Ramsey, Derek Glassman, Christal Fehlhafer, Shirley Utter, Roger Rhodes, Aaron DeWaard, Amy Frye's Father Frank,

Paula Huebschman (Jamie Ramsey's mother), Mitch Peeks, Hawley Family

Bill Chessar (brother of Teresa Rathjen), Sheila Franks, Dick Greenwood, Linda Ehlers, Carole Stern (Heather Wellman's mother), Shelley Neemeyer (Sheri Hahn's sister-in-law),

Mya Noreen (Great Grand Daughter of Darlene Link)

Recovering from surgery: Collin Sansom, Duane Barth, Anna (Friend of DuAnne Deremer)

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In Response to God's Love

February 7: Total Attendance: Sunday School: 7

VOLUNTEERS:

TODAY(02-14-21) Acolyte: Riley Ziegler Lay Reader: Jeremy Gumaer Organist: Donneta Schmieding

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY (02-14)	9:00 AM	Worship online and in person
	10:30 AM	Bible Study online and in person Sunday School in person
	6:00 PM	Junior High Youth Group
	7:30 PM	Senior High Youth Group
MONDAY (02-15)	1:00 PM	Bible Study
TUESDAY (02-16)	1:30 PM	Nimble Thimbles
WEDNESDAY (02-17)	8:30 AM	Chapel with Pastor Dunbar
	3:45 PM	Midweek Class
	7:00 PM	Ash Wednesday Worship Service
THURSDAY (02-18)	-----	
FRIDAY (02-19)	6:00 AM	Men's Bible Study
SATURDAY (02-20)	-----	
SUNDAY (02-21)	9:00 AM	Worship w/Communion online and in person
	10:30 AM	Bible Study online and in person/Sunday School in person
	1:30 PM	Voters Meeting
	6:00 PM	Junior High Youth Group
	7:30 PM	Senior High Youth Group

As of 02-11-21	Amount received 02-07-21	Needed each week	Received YTD 2021	YTD Amount needed to cover 2021 budget	Difference
General Fund	\$10,361.00		\$80,558.00		
Thrivent Choice	\$0.00		\$0.00		
School Tuition	\$0.00		\$3,851.00		
Total	\$10,361.00	\$15,190.00	\$84,409.00	\$76,763.00	\$7,646.00
Building Fund	\$0.00		\$50.00	Bldg Fund**	\$46,967.00
Teacherage Fund	\$75.00		\$175.00	Teacherage Fund	\$150.00
Restricted Funds (other than bldg)	\$150.00		\$733.00		
Mekasha Mission (9/20-8/21) 5k goal	\$30.00	\$88.00	\$2,365.00	\$2,115.00	\$250.00

Current Operating Note: \$0.00 (debt limit is \$90,000) **Insurance Proceeds Received

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their prayers, cards and calls after my knee surgery. I am so grateful for my Church Family. I am looking forward to being back in church soon.

God's Blessings to All! Linda Luebbe

Lenten Devotion Booklets Available *These booklets are short daily devotions for your family to use Ash Wednesday through Easter Sunday. They are based around our worship theme, "Return to the Lord" (Joel 2:13), and are available at the Welcome Center.*

Exactly two years ago our congregation began praying for Darlene Link's great granddaughter, Mya Noreen. She was two years old when she was diagnosed with bone cancer leukemia. Mya is still in treatment for several more months. With no immunity to any germs, the covid virus has made her more of a prisoner in her home with family and caregivers. Her family (dad Richie, mom Laura, twin brother Elijah and younger brother Levi) feels the support of all the prayers given to Mya. Thank you for that. What more can you do? Donate to childhood cancer, give blood if you are able. But be grateful, give thanks and praise for your healthy children/family. A photo of the Noreens is posted on the board in the hallway. Darlene Link

THANK YOU. Many thanks to all who contributed to the special door offering which brought in \$1,080.00 for the LLL Special Projects. This will help support the various LLL projects as well as scholarships for students who are going into full time church work. St. Paul LLL

Door Offering for Lutheran Hour Ministry On Sunday, February 14th we will be collecting a door offering for Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM). They are best known for their long-running Gospel radio broadcast. But they also offer a treasure trove of free video-based bible studies and many other Gospel outreach resources. You can visit their website: www.lhm.org or radio station 95.7FM (Lincoln) on Sunday mornings at 7:30am to hear The Lutheran Hour program.

Lutheran Basics Class Pastor Dunbar will be teaching a six-week class on Lutheran teaching (based on the Small Catechism) starting on Sunday, February 21st. This class is open to anyone interested in church membership or as a refresher course for current members. We will meet in the choir room (next to the sanctuary) during the Sunday School hour.

Preschool Enrollment Time *St. Paul Preschool in Utica is now taking enrollment for the 2021-2022 school year. There will be a Preschool Open House on Saturday, February 27th from 10:00am to 11:00am for interested families to visit our classroom. The preschool is located on the east end of the school building behind the church. Children should be 3 years old by July 31, 2021 to attend preschool next year. We are excited to offer another year of social, emotional, cognitive, physical, AND spiritual learning experiences for preschoolers in and around our community! For more information please call the school at 402-534-2121 or preschool teacher, Pam Johansen, at 402-534-5138. Please share this information with friends and family who may be interested in our preschool program. We can also schedule a visit at another time. St. Paul Preschool is tuition free, but there is a \$250 yearly book and registration fee for all students who attend St. Paul School, with a maximum of \$500 per family with multiple students at St. Paul. Assistance to cover this fee is available if needed. An enrollment form and \$35 nonrefundable deposit (which will cover snack fees) must be returned to hold your child's spot for next year.*

St. Paul Lutheran School (Utica) will have Kindergarten Round-Up on Wednesday, March 3, 2021, from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. Children who are or will be 5 years old before July 31, 2021, are eligible to attend. You are also invited to attend our school chapel at 8:35. There will be special activities for the children, while the parents will have an opportunity to receive information about our program and address any questions or concerns. Letters of invitation have been sent to those names we currently have on our list. If you did not receive an invitation, or if you know someone who might be interested in this Christ-centered educational opportunity, please call the school at 534-2121 or Mrs. Luebbe's cell at 641-9383.

Arvon Engel, is turning 80 next month. Bonnie and David Engel, Becky Engel Householder would like to do a card shower for him. His birthday is February 19 th. If you would like to send a card to him, his address is:
Arvon Engel 7205 Maybeck View Peyton, CO. 80831

Arvin was a life science teacher at Centennial from 1966-1986.