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ORDER OF WORSHIP: SERVICE OF THE WORD

(printed on liturgy insert inside front cover of maroon hymnal)

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 2 (pew bible, p.481)
- ◆ The Hymns: 869, 527, 414, 924
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: 2 Kings 2:1-12, 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: From Psalm 148

Sermon Text – Mark 9:2-9

JESUS WAS TRANSFIGURED TO PREPARE HIM FOR HIS PASSION

1. He received the confirmation of Old Testament witnesses.
2. He endured the misunderstanding of earthly disciples.
3. He welcomed the approval of His heavenly Father.

- ◆ Presentation of the Offering
- ◆ Altar Prayer & Lord's Prayer
- ◆ Benediction & Closing Hymn (924)

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Large print bulletins are available on the shelf by
the tract rack or by request from an usher.

You may contribute an offering for God's kingdom work by
putting it in the collection plate located by the back pew.
There will be no offering collection during the service.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURES

First Lesson – 2 Kings 2:1-12

1 When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven in a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. 2 Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; the LORD has sent me to Bethel." But Elisha said, "As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. 3 The company of the prophets at Bethel came out to Elisha and asked, "Do you know that the LORD is going to take your master from you today?" "Yes, I know," Elisha replied, "but do not speak of it." 4 Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here, Elisha; the LORD has sent me to Jericho." And he replied, "As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you." So they went to Jericho. 5 The company of the prophets at Jericho went up to Elisha and asked him, "Do you know that the LORD is going to take your master from you today?" "Yes, I know," he replied, "but do not speak of it." 6 Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." And he replied, "As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you." So the two of them walked on. 7 Fifty men of the company of the prophets went and stood at a distance, facing the place where Elijah and Elisha had stopped at the Jordan. 8 Elijah took his cloak, rolled it up and struck the water with it. The water divided to the right and to the left, and the two of them crossed over on dry ground. 9 When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me, what can I do for you before I am taken from you?" "Let me inherit a double portion of your spirit," Elisha replied. 10 "You have asked a difficult thing," Elijah said, "yet if you see me when I am taken from you, it will be yours—otherwise not." 11 As they were walking along and talking together, suddenly a chariot of fire and horses of fire appeared and separated the two of them, and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind. 12 Elisha saw this and cried out, "My father! My father! The chariots and horsemen of Israel!" And Elisha saw him no more.

Psalm of the Day – From Psalm 148

- P Praise the LORD from the heavens:
C Praise him in the heights above.
P Praise him, all his angels:
C Praise him, all his heavenly hosts.
P Praise him, sun and moon:
C Praise him, all you shining stars.
P Praise the LORD from the earth, lightning and hail:
C Snow and clouds, stormy winds that do his bidding.
P You mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars:
C Wild animals and all cattle, small creatures and flying birds.
P Kings of the earth and all rulers on earth:
C Young men and maidens, old men and children.
P Let them praise the name of the LORD:
C For his splendor is above the earth and the heavens.

Second Lesson – 2 Corinthians 3:12–4:2

3:12 Therefore, since we have such a hope, we are very bold. 13 We are not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face to keep the Israelites from gazing at it while the radiance was fading away. 14 But their minds were made dull, for to this day the same veil remains when the old covenant is read. It has not been removed, because only in Christ is it taken away. 15 Even to this day when Moses is read, a veil covers their hearts. 16 But whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. 17 Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. 18 And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit. 4:1 Therefore, since through God's mercy we have this ministry, we do not lose heart. 2 Rather, we have renounced secret and shameful ways; we do not use deception, nor do we distort the word of God. On the contrary, by setting forth the truth plainly we commend ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.

Sermon Text – Mark 9:2-9

2 After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them. 3 His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. 4 And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus. 5 Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." 6 (He did not know what to say, they were so frightened.) 7 Then a cloud appeared and enveloped them, and a voice came from the cloud: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!" 8 Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus. 9 As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus gave them orders not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

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A WARM WELCOME IN CHRIST TO OUR WORSHIP GUESTS. We're glad for the opportunity to share with you the Gospel of forgiveness through Jesus! Please introduce yourself to the pastor and sign our guest book. We invite you to come worship with us again. If you would like to know more about St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church and our national organization, the Church of the Lutheran Confession, please speak with the pastor. He would be happy to call on you to share our confession and mission with you.

SERVING US AT GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

Organist: Carly Meyer

Ushers: Wayne & Josh Ruegge

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL

Today (2/14) 9:30 am Worship Service
10:45 am Sunday School (The First Disciples, NT 9)
10:45 am Bible Class
Wed 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Worship
Sun (2/21) 9:30 am Worship Service
10:45 am Sunday School (Palm Sunday, NT 30)
10:45 am Bible Class

IN OUR PRAYERS: The family and friends of Ed Trapp, a brother of Jim Trapp and Kathy Soucek, who was called to his eternal rest early Friday morning. He had been living in Missouri with his wife Carol. He was a member of Faith Lutheran Church in Manchester (West St. Louis). Many years ago he had been a member of St. Luke's of Denver which merged with St. James of Golden to become St. Paul in 1993. He had been dealing for some time with a heart ailment. We thank the Lord for His grace in removing Ed from the troubles of this life and taking him into the joys of heaven with his Savior. A memorial service is planned for February 26 at Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI where Ed had formerly been a member and had served as congregational president. Sympathies can be mailed to: Carol Trapp, 931 Annabrook Park Dr, O'Fallon, MO 63366. *"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints."* *Psalm 116:15.*

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES: The first of six midweek Lenten services will be held at St. Paul this Wednesday, February 17, at 7:00 pm. Our theme this year is ***LENTEN TRUTHS PROCLAIMED BY JESUS' ENEMIES*** (see poster in the entry for details). This week's thought for meditation is: *"Jesus Suffered for Sin, the Just for the Unjust"* (a truth proclaimed by Pilate's wife). Sermon text: Matthew 27:19.



Lent

AVAILABLE BY THE TRACT RACK: Hard copies of the latest issue of the "CLC Mission Opportunities Prayer List" for February (received last week from our Visiting Missionary, Pastor Todd Ohlmann). Help yourself to a copy ... remembering ... and rejoicing to know: *"The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much"* (James 5:16).

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR HOME DEVOTIONS
FEBRUARY 15-20

Mon 2 Kings 2:1-12 Elijah was leaving Canaan along the route of Israel's entry; Gilgal, Bethel, and Jericho lay within a few hours' walk through this revered territory (1-4). Elisha wanted to stay close to Elijah before he left this world behind (no stopover in the cemetery), whereas Elijah wasn't so sure God wanted his departure to be a spectator event. Even so, God allowed Elisha to not only see Elijah's ascension but also to walk in his footsteps (12).

Tues Mark 9:2-9 Three disciples were eye-witnesses of His Transfiguration—which was the point of Jesus taking them along; besides, they would also hear the Father say, "*This is my beloved Son; so listen up!*" Now, what were Moses and Elijah doing there? Luke tells us that they conversed with Jesus about the decease/death which He was about to accomplish in Jerusalem, God's method to deliver human souls from punishment.

Ash Wednesday 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2 Which is the more important thought in these verses? 1) God pleading with sinners to surrender? 2) Jesus being the sin-bearing Substitute for us sinners? 3) God crediting righteousness to us sinners in/because of Jesus? 4) God pleading with sinners to appropriate His grace before it's too late? Well, everything is tied together in one big bundle of God's love for sinners – from beginning to end. Praise our gracious God!

Thurs Isaiah 59:12-20 Once-a-year repentance isn't enough, nor is once per week—simply because our transgressions *multiply 24/7*, and we know it (12). (Details in vv. 13-15.) So God decided to end the debacle, using His own Son to *establish His own righteousness* (16-17), and thereby set things right for all humanity (18-19). To be more specific, the *Redeemer will come to Zion*—which means that Jesus will come to God's repentant people (20).

Fri Luke 18:9-14 Humility and repentance are precious in God's sight, and while a self-righteous fraud will humiliate others in order to make himself feel superior, God humbles us in order to elevate us to Himself. So the sinful pride and sanctimony of the Pharisee needed to be brought down, whereas the repentant IRS officer was already being elevated by God's loving hand.

Sat Acts 21:15-25 The Apostle Paul packed his on-board luggage and headed for Jerusalem—where Christians received him gladly (11-18). However, they wanted clarification about Paul's practice in matters of sanctification (19-22). So they put Paul to the test—to demonstrate that he did not disregard the ceremonial law in his own religious life (23-24). It was a different matter with gentile converts: Paul's practice was approved—that gentile converts were under no obligation to observe Jewish customs, but they should stay clear of idolatry, not offend Jewish sensitivities, and avoid sex sins (25). Stay tuned.