

# **St Paul Ev. Lutheran Church-Blue Point**

## **Transfiguration Sunday February 23, 2020**

**Welcome to St Paul Ev. Lutheran Church!!**

**Prayer before the Service**-O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah. In the voice that came from the bright cloud You wonderfully foreshowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King in His glory and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

**Opening Hymn .....414**  
**Order of Service-Matins.....pg 219**  
**Psalm 2 (responsively whole verse by whole verse)**

### **Old Testament Lesson-Exodus 24:8-18**

And Moses took the blood, sprinkled it on the people, and said, “This is the blood of the covenant which the LORD has made with you according to all these words.”

Then Moses went up, also Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel, and they saw the God of Israel. And there was under His feet as it were a paved work of sapphire stone, and it was like the very heavens in its clarity. But on the nobles of the children of Israel He did not lay His hand. So they saw God, and they ate and drank.

Then the LORD said to Moses, “Come up to Me on the mountain and be there; and I will give you tablets of stone, and the law and commandments which I have written, that you may teach them.”

So Moses arose with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up to the mountain of God. And he said to the elders, “Wait here for us until we come back to you. Indeed, Aaron and Hur are with you. If any man has a difficulty, let him go to them.” Then Moses went up into the mountain, and a cloud covered the mountain.

Now the glory of the LORD rested on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. And on the seventh day He called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud. The sight of the glory of the LORD was like a consuming fire on the top of the mountain in the eyes of the children of Israel. So Moses went into the midst of the cloud and went up into the mountain. And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

**Epistle Lesson-2 Peter 1:16-21**

For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty. For He received from God the Father honor and glory when such a voice came to Him from the Excellent Glory: “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.” And we heard this voice which came from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain.

And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts; knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.

**Gospel Lesson-Matthew 17:1-9**

Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, led them up on a high mountain by themselves; and He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him. Then Peter answered and said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if You wish, let us make here three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.”

While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and suddenly a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!” And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their faces and were greatly afraid. But Jesus came and touched them and said, “Arise, and do not be afraid.” When they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

Now as they came down from the mountain, Jesus commanded them, saying, “Tell the vision to no one until the Son of Man is risen from the dead.”

**Hymn.....400**

## Sermon

**Text: Matthew 17; 2 Peter 1**

**Theme: This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased,  
Hear Him!**

**I. For this One did not come to sustain the murderousness of  
this fallen world**

**II. Rather, Jesus came to rescue us from sin and death**

**III. His Word comes to bring life and immortality to light!**

**Canticle-Te Deum.....pg**

## Prayers

## Benediction

**Closing Hymn.....417**

**Lenten Midweek Services** will begin this coming Wednesday Evening, February 26 at 7 PM. The theme will be **Walking with Paul to the Cross and Beyond**. The lessons will be the Epistle lessons from the previous Sunday.

**LYF will be serving dinner** on Ash Wednesday from 5:30-7 PM, before service. Come out for dinner! LFY will also be serving at Culvers on March 8th from 5-7 PM.

**Immanuel, Altamont, Lutheran Church Youth Group** is hosting a benefit spaghetti meal to be served from 6:00-7:30 PM in the Parish Hall of Immanuel Lutheran Church on Tuesday, February 25th. It is offered for free-will donation. 100% of proceeds benefit the Altamont Ministerial Alliance Community Assistance Fund.

**ALIS Auction tickets** are available from the church office. \$25 per ticket.

**You are invited to the 18th Annual Grilled Pork Dinner** at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Altamont, on Sunday, March 1, from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Prices are: Pork Loin Dinner: \$10; Porkburger Dinner: \$6; Hot Dog Meal \$5; Children ages 4 and under eat FREE. Meal includes: whole pork loin, pork burger or hot dog; baked beans /green beans; baked potato/chips; coleslaw; applesauce; pie/dessert; dinner roll; drinks. Come and enjoy good food and fellowship with friends!

**The Bible calls us** to “give to Caesar what is Caesar’s and to give to God what is God’s” and to “submit to authorities.” But what is Caesar’s and what is God’s? How and when do we submit to authorities? Join us on Saturday, March 7 at the Central Illinois District LLL Annual Meeting at Christ Lutheran Church, Normal, IL featuring Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz, Executive Director of Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty (LCRL) will provide instruction and inspiration in how we can exercise our temporal liberties in service to God’s eternal liberty, the Gospel of Jesus so that all might hear and believe. Also learn about LHM resources for you and your congregation. Free will offering will be taken to support LCRL ministry efforts. Day care will be provided. Registration fee is \$15.00 which include refreshments and a catered lunch. Register today – check your church mailbox for registration information to mail to or call Deloris

Blessman, annual meeting registrar. For more information you can contact Norbert Soltwedel, CID LLL District President by phone at (217)868-2833 or by email soltk@frontiernet.net. Registration is due by March 2, 2020.

**Ladies Aid** is collecting CPH children's books, eg, Archbooks for a mission project for the children of our congregation. Please put any donations into the box in the coatroom labeled "book drive." Any questions contact Lydia Holste.

**St Paul Lutheran Church, Shobonier, is hosting their Annual Dinner** on Sunday, March 8th from 11 AM- 1 PM. Service BBQ Pork, Hot Dogs, German Potato salad, etc. \$10/meal adult, \$5/meal child.

**Thrivent Dollar decisions** are due soon. If you have not made your choices, (eg Blue Point or ALIS), please call your agent or log in online.

**A Church Security seminar** is being sponsored by the Men's Club on Tuesday, March 3rd at 7 PM. Dan Strauch, a certified instructor, will lead a 2 hour program entitled **Critical Violent Incident**. If you are interested in attending talk to a men's club member or Gary Wachtel so that we can have enough resources and refreshments. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

**Benefit for Janet Pike (Schroeder)** will take place on March 14, 11AM to Close at the Country Haven Event Center. See the bulletin board for details.

**Prayers-For Pam Rowlee**, who has been hospitalized; for Shirley Wachtel as she recovers from surgery; for Karen Vollmer as she continues to recover from cancer treatment; For Reverend Timothy Landskroener, who will be installed at Immanuel, Augsburg this afternoon;

### **This Week at St Paul**

Sunday:Adult Instruction 11:30 AM	
Landskroener Installation 4 PM	Daniel 10-12
Monday:	Hosea 1-3
Tuesday:	Hosea 4-6
Wednesday: Pastor ALIS Chapel 8:20 AM	
Bible Class 10 AM	
Catechism 5:45 PM;	
LYF Dinner 5:30 PM	
Ash Wednesday Service 7 PM	Hosea 7-9
Thursday: Greek Study 10 AM	
LCC Chapel 2 PM	Hosea 10-12
Friday:	Hosea 13-14
Saturday: Catechism 9 AM	Joel 1-2

### **Those participating-**

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