

GLORY REVEALED:WHEN IT IS MOST HIDDEN, IT IS MOST ON DISPLAY.

Transfiguration Sunday

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH | Bangor, WI

February 27, 2022

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

In the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ, we welcome you to St. Paul's. We especially welcome our guests who have joined us today. We pray that your soul will be strengthened by the good news of God's forgiveness through Jesus.

PRAYER IN PREPARATION FOR TODAY'S WORSHIP

Lord Jesus, as I prepare for Lent, show me your all-surpassing glory. Remind me today that your glory far outshines the glory of the world, of my sin, and of my own righteousness. Help me look once again in amazement, along with the disciples who witnessed the display of your glory on the Mount of Transfiguration, so that I may appreciate the fact all the more that you hid this glory for my sake, to accomplish my salvation. In your name I pray. Amen.

FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

Children's activity sheets are available near the entrance to the sanctuary. The church basement is also available with a live feed of the worship service along with a Kids' Corner for parents with children to utilize during the service if needed.

THANK OFFERING

You may leave your offering in the plate in the lobby. The QR code to the right will provide the link to our online giving option. If you're visiting with us today you are welcome to give an offering, but don't feel compelled by guilt or embarrassment to do so. God wants all offerings to be made freely and with joy.



SERVICE OF THE WORD

The Service of the Word offers the congregation a form of worship that focuses on the proclamation of God's Word. Believers respond to this divine gift with prayer, praise, and thanksgiving.

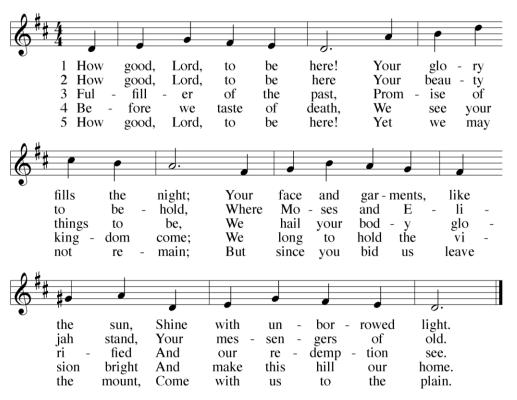
CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Let Me Learn of Jesus

(10:00 am)

OPENING HYMN

How Good, Lord, to Be Here | 95



please stand

INVOCATION

M: The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

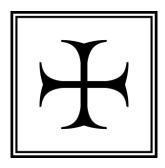
CONFESSION

- M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.
- C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

ABSOLUTION

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.

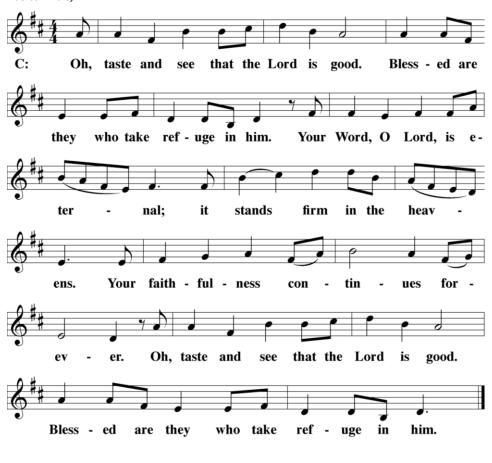


Prayer and Praise

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

OH, TASTE AND SEE

(short musical intro)





PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Lord God, before the suffering and death of your one and only Son, you revealed his glory on the holy mountain. Grant that we who bear his cross on earth may behold by faith the light of his heavenly glory and so be changed into his likeness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



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The Word

FIRST LESSON Exodus 34:29-35

²⁹When Moses came down from Mount Sinai, with the two tablets of the Testimony in his hand as he came down from the mountain, Moses did not realize that the skin of his face was shining because he had been speaking with the LORD. ³⁰When Aaron and all the people of Israel saw Moses, they were amazed that the skin of his face was shining, so they were afraid to come close to him. ³¹Moses called to them, so Aaron and all the rulers of the community returned to him, and Moses spoke to them. ³²Afterward, all the people of Israel came close to him, and he gave them all of the commands that the LORD had spoken to him on Mount Sinai. ³³When Moses was finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face. ³⁴But whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off until he came out again. Then he would come out and tell the people of Israel what he had been commanded. ³⁵Whenever the people of Israel saw Moses' face, they would see that the skin of Moses' face was shining. Then Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with the LORD again.





Praise the LORD from the <u>heavens</u>,* praise him in the <u>heights</u> above.

Praise him, all his <u>angels</u>,* praise him, all his <u>heavenly</u> hosts.

Praise him, <u>sun</u> and moon,* praise him, all you <u>shin</u>ing stars.

Refrain

Praise the LORD <u>from</u> the earth,* lightning and hail, stormy winds that do his <u>bid</u>ding,

you mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all <u>ce</u>dars,* wild animals and all cattle, small creatures and <u>fly</u>ing birds,

kings of the earth and all rul<u>ers</u> on earth,* young men and maidens, old men and <u>chil</u>dren.

Let them praise the name of the LORD,* for his splendor is above the earth and the heavens.

Glory be to the Father and <u>to</u> the Son* and to the Holy <u>Spir</u>it, as it was in the beg<u>in</u>ning,* is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Refrain

SECOND LESSON 2 Corinthians 3:7-18

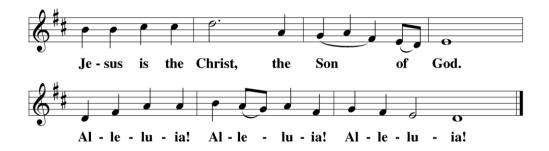
⁷If the ministry that brought death (which was engraved in letters on stone) came with glory, so that the Israelites could not look directly at the face of Moses because of the glory of his face (though it was fading), ⁸how will the ministry of the spirit not be much more glorious? ⁹For if the ministry that brought condemnation has glory, the ministry that brought righteousness has even more glory. ¹⁰In fact, in this case, what was glorious is no longer very glorious, because of the greater glory of that which surpasses it. ¹¹Indeed, if what is fading away was glorious, how much more glorious is that which is permanent!

¹²Therefore, since we have this kind of hope, we act with great boldness. ¹³We are not like Moses, who put a veil over his face, so that the Israelites could not continue to look at the end of the radiance, as it was fading away. ¹⁴In spite of this, their minds were hardened. Yes, up to the present day, the same veil remains when the Old Testament is read. It has not been removed because it is taken away only in Christ. ¹⁵Instead, to this day, whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their hearts. ¹⁶But whenever someone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. ¹⁷Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸But all of us who reflect the Lord's glory with an unveiled face are being transformed into his own image, from one degree of glory to another. This too is from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

VERSE OF THE DAYMark 9:7b

Alleluia. A voice came from the cloud: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him." Alleluia.





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GOSPEL Luke 9:28-36

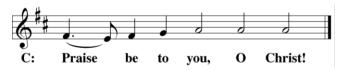
²⁸About eight days after he said these words, Jesus took Peter, John, and James and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹While he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothing became dazzling white. ³⁰Just then, two men, Moses and Elijah, were talking with him! ³¹They appeared in glory and were talking about his departure, which he was going to bring to fulfillment in Jerusalem.

³²Peter and those with him were weighed down with sleep, but when they were completely awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him.

³³As the men were leaving Jesus, Peter said to him, "Master, it is good for us to be here. Let's make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not realize what he was saying.

³⁴While he was saying these things, a cloud came and overshadowed them. They were afraid as they went into the cloud. ³⁵Then a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!" ³⁶After the voice had spoken, they found Jesus alone. They kept this secret and told no one in those days any of the things they had seen.

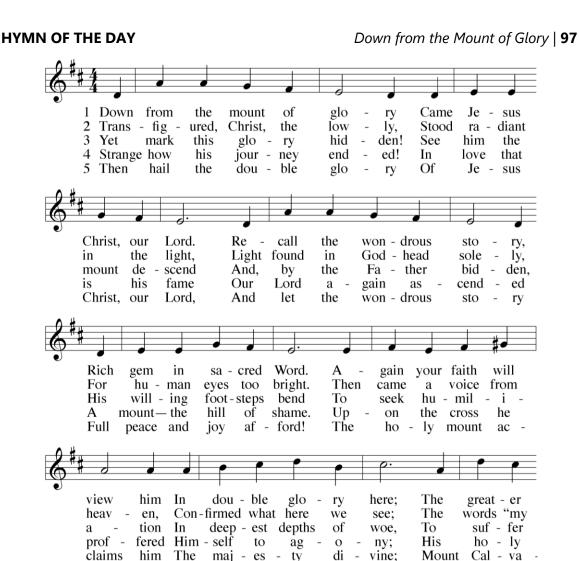
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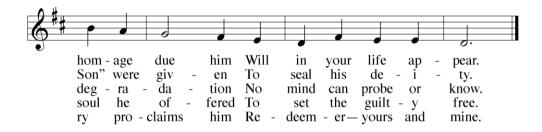


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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Children who are in grade four and younger may come forward and sit on the front step for the children's devotion. Older children, parents, or other family members may come forward to encourage the younger children's participation.





SERMON Exodus 34:29-35

The Better Light

please stand

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

be seated

OFFERING

"I know, my God, that you test the heart, and you take pleasure in uprightness. In the uprightness of my heart I have freely offered all these things. Now with joy I see your people, who are present here to bring the offering freely to you" (1 Chronicles 29:17).

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- M: We praise you, O Father, for the precious gift of your Son and for his glorious transfiguration on the holy mountain. Give us the firm resolve to listen to your Son, the eager readiness to believe his promises, and the joyful willingness to heed his commandments.
- C: By the sign of Moses and Elijah, show us that blessed are the dead who die in faith, for they shall be "changed from glory into glory."
- M: O God and Father, let your Holy Spirit find a dwelling place in our poor bodies and transform our weak, sinful lives into the radiance of goodness, purity, and righteousness.
- C: Transform our minds, our understanding, and our judgments to reflect the mind of Christ.
- M: Take our sickness and pain, our disappointments and despair, our sorrows and mourning, our pride and anger, our selfishness and envy, our hate and fear: take all these, O Father, and transform them by the healing touch of Jesus into noble impulses, pure motives, kind thoughts, constructive deeds, high courage, and true faith.
- C: Remind us daily of what the glory of Christ can do.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

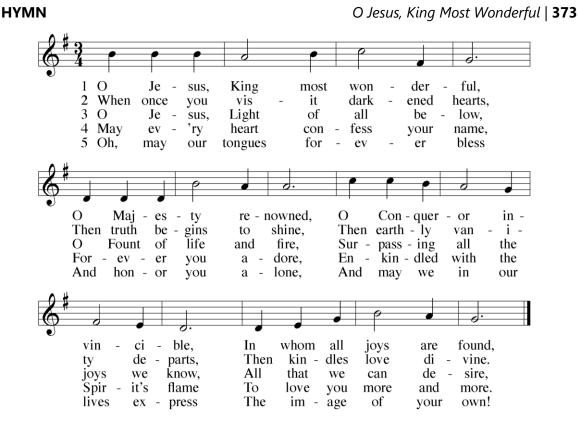
M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

- M: Look on your Church, O Lord, here and in every place, and grant that we and all who bear the name of Christ may daily offer up to you the acceptable sacrifices of repentance, thanksgiving, and loving obedience. Hear our prayer, and by your mercy grant our petitions for Christ's sake.
- C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.



PRAYER

M: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



BLESSING

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

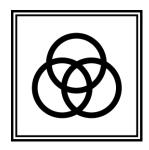
The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.



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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GRACE BUILDING (BIBLE STUDY) CONTINUES

Sunday School and Bible Study: *God's beloved Son was baptized and tempted for us.* Midweek Bible Study (Tues., 7pm; Wed. 9am): *The Book of Zechariah*

PRINCIPAL CALL EXTENDED

We have extended a divine call to Mr. Jacob Zimmermann to serve as our principal and grades 7-8 teacher beginning in the 2022-23 school year. Please keep Mr. Zimmermann and his family in your prayers as he deliberates the best place the Lord can work through him for the gospel. If you'd like to contact Mr. Zimmermann and discuss our ministry here at St. Paul's, you can call him at 414-659-6106.

LENTEN SERVICES

Lent begins this Wednesday, March 2, with our Ash Wednesday service. During Lent we'll be having one midweek Lenten service each week on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm. The theme for this year's midweek services is The Crucial Hours. The series ponders key words and moments from the account of Jesus' passion that demonstrate the thorough completeness of his saving work for us, the breadth and depth of his love for us, and the strength of his union with us.



ANOTHER DAY FOR CHURCH DIRECTORY PHOTOS

If you missed your chance to have your church directory photos taken, there's still a chance! The photographers will be back on Tuesday, March 15, for another day of photos. To schedule your photography appointment online, simply go to **www.ucdir.com**, click on "Photography Appointment Scheduling Login" on the right side, enter **wi163** in the Church Code field and enter **photos** in the Church Password field. Follow the prompts to schedule your family's appointment time. If you have six or more in your family please use two consecutive time slots. The online scheduling option is available Monday through Friday. Please call Shelly Lafky (608-797-4167) if you need assistance in scheduling. Pictures will take place in the church basement. Everyone who is photographed will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait and a directory.

WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE VAN

If you know of a wheelchair accessible van that the Bakkens can borrow or rent, please contact either Pastor Groth or Irene Bakken at 608-344-1378.

CONNECTION CARDS REMINDER

Just a friendly reminder about when and how to fill out the Connection Cards. Please fill them out at *all* worship services and hand them to the ushers as they usher you out at the end of worship. Please also make sure to include your last name on the front and first names on the back for communion (otherwise we have no idea).



CHURCH EMAIL NEWS

Just a reminder that you can sign up for our church news via email here: https://www.stpaulsbangor.com/email-list/.

2021 ANNUAL REPORTS

The 2021 St. Paul's Annual Report has been printed and is ready to pick up in the narthex.

ONLINE OFFERINGS

Did you know that St. Paul's offers an online giving option for your weekly offerings? All ways of giving offerings are good, but online giving can be a helpful way to prioritize your godly use of God's blessings and ensure regular giving to the Lord. It can also be helpful from a church bookkeeping perspective. If you'd like to set up online giving, visit the following URL (also linked in the QR code to the right): https://www.stpaulsbangor.com/church/offerings/.



ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORTS

You can find your 2021 individual financial report in a plastic bin in the church basement. The statements are organized by offering number. It has been discovered that some of these reports are not accurate. If your 2021 donation total is not accurate, please immediately contact our treasurer, Dylan Blount. We will immediately correct the report.

GOFUNDME FOR LUTHER STUDENT

David Chase, a freshman at Luther, was recently diagnosed with a tennis ball size tumor in the middle left of his brain. A GoFundMe account (a site that facilitates charitable giving) has been established to help the family with expenses. If you'd like to contribute and read more about this, please go to the web address below. Please keep David and his family in your prayers!

https://gofund.me/a85f1181

GRIEF SUPPORT

If you, or someone you know is grieving, you are welcome to our next Grief Support meeting at St. John's in Barre Mills on Tuesday, March 1, at 7:00 pm. Our topic for discussion is "Coping With My Emotions." Please come for comfort from God's Word and encouragement from God's people.

GOOD STEWARD HELP NEEDED

Good Steward resale shop is in need of volunteers for Thursdays. They would also very much appreciate donations of men's clothing.

ENDOWMENT GIFT

A gift of \$1,000 has been given to the St. Paul's School Endowment Fund in memory of Eileen Arndt.

OFFERING SUMMARY (includes online and memorials to Gen Fund)

2022 Weekly Budget: \$10,069.73 Budget to Date: \$80,557.84 Received 2/20: \$5,479.99 Rec'd to Date: \$68,828.44

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

Live Stream Peak Live Viewers: 33

Sunday Bible Study: 32 Sunday School: 7

Tues./Wed. Bible Study: --

CALENDAR

TODAY	8:00 am 9:10 am 9:15 am 10:00 am	Worship Sunday School Bible Study Worship
MONDAY	5:00 pm	Bible Information Class
TUESDAY	7:00 pm	Bible Study
WEDNESDAY	9:00 am 5:00 pm 7:00 pm 8:00 pm	Bible Study (same as Tues.) Public School Catechism Class Ash Wednesday Service with Communion Ed. Committee and Council Meeting
THURSDAY	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
NEXT SUNDAY	8:00 am 9:10 am 9:15 am 10:00 am	Worship with Communion Sunday School Bible Study Worship with Communion

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Presiding Minister Accompanist

Pastor Brock Groth Harriet Langrehr

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