

And he was
transfigured



before them, and *his face*
shone like the sun.



and his clothes became
dazzling white.

Matthew 17:2

St. Paul Lutheran Church and School

Bonduel, Wisconsin
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The Transfiguration of Our Lord

Welcome to the House of the Lord

Jesus' Transfiguration is almost unimaginable. Matthew adds one detail to the account not mentioned by the other Gospel writers, that God spoke "when he (Peter) was still speaking." The Transfiguration event – Jesus becoming white and God revealing Moses and Elijah in glory with Jesus – is stunning and important, and Matthew's extra point speaks to us too. Today's sermon title is "Please, Lord, Interrupt Me!"



Opening Hymn 941 *We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God* (1, 4)

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Psalmody — Psalm 2:6–12

As for me, I have set my King
 on Zion, my holy hill.

I will tell of the decree:

The LORD said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you.

Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,

and the ends of the earth your possession.

You shall break them with a rod of iron

and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."

Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth.

Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling.

Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled.

Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

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.

Old Testament Reading — Exodus 24:8–18

And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, “Behold the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words.”

⁹Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, ¹⁰and they saw the God of Israel. There was under his feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. ¹¹And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank.

¹²The LORD said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain and wait there, that I may give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” ¹³So Moses rose with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. ¹⁴And he said to the elders, “Wait here for us until we return to you. And behold, Aaron and Hur are with you. Whoever has a dispute, let him go to them.”

¹⁵Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶The glory of the LORD dwelt 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. ¹⁷Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. ¹⁸Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading —2 Peter 1:16–21

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased,” ¹⁸we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. ¹⁹And we have something more sure, the prophetic word, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, ²⁰knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone’s own interpretation. ²¹For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel

The Holy Gospel according St. Matthew the seventeenth chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. ²And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. ³And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴And Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah.” ⁵He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.” ⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Rise, and have no fear.” ⁸And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. ⁹And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, “Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed **page 158 or back cover of hymnal**

Hymn **414** *‘Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here*

Sermon **Please, Lord, Interrupt Me!** *(Matthew 17:1–9)*

Offering *Please complete the friendship register found at the end of the pew.*

Prayer of the Church

The Service of the Sacrament **page 160**

Holy Communion . . . Our practice of close communion is the Biblical and historic practice of the Christian church. It is prompted by love, both for God's Word and for His people since it seeks to prevent spiritual damage to those who do not recognize the true body and blood of Christ in, with, and under the bread and wine in this Holy Supper (1 Cor. 11:29). Furthermore, it does not deny that members of other denominations are Christians. Rather, it bows the knee to the Bible's deep concern for doctrinal truth (Romans 16:17) and the Bible's witness that the Lord's Supper is the highest expression of fellowship and doctrinal unity (Acts 2:42). For this reason, guests who are not members of a sister LCMS congregation are asked to speak to our pastor before communing.

Distribution Hymns **628** **851** **631 (1–4)** **583**

Post-Communion Canticle **page 164**

Closing Hymn **631** *Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face (5-7)*



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Serving the Lord in Worship

Pastors Rev. Timothy J. Shoup Rev. Mark R. Palmer
Organist Mrs. Lorraine Doell
Music Sunday–Adult Choir
Violinist Sunday – Ayden Dunst
Acolytes Paige Rank Juliana Jacobs Jayla Reinke

Prayers

In Need of Healing . . . *Bob Buettner, Gabe Delzer, Kathy Ebert, Shirley Kieckhafer, Gregory Kopitske, Jr., Carl Kosbab, Judy Manthei, Donna Seefeldt, Brittany Slack, Jeff Sporisky, and Wallace Zernicke.*



We Pray For . . . the family of *William (Bill) Schulz*, who was called to his eternal home on Saturday, February 15 and given Christian burial at St. Paul on Wednesday, February 19.

Altar Flowers . . . are placed to the glory of God in loving memory of *Eleanor Klosterman*, by Ray and Karen Banaszynski.

A floral arrangement . . . has been placed to God's glory in memory of *John Shest*.

Announcements

Are you good on the phone? . . . Are you caring? Would you like all members at St. Paul Lutheran to stay strongly connected to their church? If you said yes then consider being one of our Staying-In-Touch callers who make a few calls each month. Attend our next meeting **this Tuesday**, February 25, at 6:30pm in the fellowship hall. If you have any questions call Pastor Palmer at 715-853-5225.

55+ Group . . . will meet **this Tuesday**, February 25, at noon beginning with a potluck lunch in the fellowship hall. For the program we will play Bunco. There will be prizes.

The Ladies Aid Annual Ash Wednesday Chili Dinner . . . will be served **this Wednesday**, February 26, 11:00am – 7:00pm in the fellowship hall. The menu will include chili, toasted cheese sandwiches, bars, and beverages. Prices: Adult – \$8.00; Children ages 6 through 10 – \$4.00; and children 5 or under are free. Ash Wednesday services will be held at 10:00am, 11:30am, and 7:00pm. Proceeds will help support Christian education at Wolf River Lutheran High School.



Ash Wednesday and Lent Worship . . . Our Lenten Worship Series will have the theme, "Eyes on Jesus". A rotation of area circuit pastors will share messages with the titles: Misguiding Eyes, Murderous Eyes, Sleepy Eyes, Denying Eyes, Betraying Eyes, and Worldly Eyes. Join us at 10:00am and 7:00pm each week starting Wednesday, February 26.

Sunday School . . . Attendance last week was 23. Join us today as we learn about Jesus blessing the children. Jesus is our friend. He loves us, and He blesses us, too! Our 4th–6th graders will discuss more about friendship. Real friends really listen like God listens to us.

4th Grade Art . . . The artwork in the display case in the narthex is from St. Paul 4th graders from this school year. Enjoy the artistic skills of our children.

<i>Attended/Communed – February 15/16, 2020</i>			
Saturday	2/15	7:00pm	109/ 86
Sunday	2/16	8:00am	189/160
Sunday	2/16	10:15am	<u>203/138</u>
Total			501/384

Hope in Him 2020–2022					
3-year special offering					
As of January, 2020					
	Mortgage	School Repair	WRLHS	Missions	Total
Pledged	\$173,361	\$73,681	\$42,282	\$10,992	\$300,315
Received	\$15,718	\$3,841	\$1,189	\$484	\$21,232

Please--Please! . . . All eligible Thrivent members, please call Thrivent at 800–847–4836 or go on-line at thrivent.com/choice to designate your Choice Dollars. The Thrivent office is open Monday through Friday 7:00am – 6:00pm. Your designated dollars are such a gift to St. Paul Lutheran Church and School.

Voucher Applications . . . Parents may start to apply for a voucher for the 2020–21 school year by using the following link. Contact the school if you are not able to get your questions answered with this link. [://dpi.wi.gov/sms/choice-programs/student-applications](http://dpi.wi.gov/sms/choice-programs/student-applications). If your child attended St. Paul during the 2019–20 school year with a voucher, you will have to apply again for a voucher in the 2020–21 school year. Previous voucher holders will get precedence over new applicants. The number of available vouchers to be distributed is based on 5% of the school enrollment in the school district in which you live. For the Bonduel School District that means 40 vouchers will be available. If you think you might qualify, please check the information provided using the above link, and if you still are not sure, ask in the office, or just apply and it will be determined later. The window to apply is February 3 – April 16, 2020.

Teacher openings for the 2020–21

St. Paul regrets that Ms. Caitlin Ferch (Preschool/4K) and Ms. Candis Zills (3rd grade teacher) will be leaving St. Paul at the end of the 2019–20 school year. We wish them both well as they move on to the next chapter in their lives. It has been a pleasure having them on our faculty.

This means that St. Paul is looking to fill two teaching positions for the 2020–21 school year. The Concordia University system has been contacted for names of synodically trained teachers. However, you may know people who would be interested. If so, please forward their name and contact information to Mr. Gerry Schmidt at gschmidt@stpaulbonduel.com or call 715–758–8532.

Qualifications would include:

- Be a committed follower of Jesus Christ.
- Embrace the mission and core values of St. Paul Lutheran School.
- Be able to integrate a Biblical Christian view in all subjects and aspects of the curriculum
- Possess a Bachelor's Degree from an accredited college or university.
- Demonstrate knowledge of developmentally appropriate practices.
- Possess strong written and communication skills
- Possess experience in Early Child Education.
- Be a strong, collaborative leader with a solid work ethic, possessing a passion for teaching children.
- Other requirements may include a teaching certificate, and/or CPR certification

The Lutheran Hour . . . "Singled-Out but Not Alone" (Exodus 3-4)

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Something needs to be done and it falls to you to do it. You might feel alone-but you're not alone. Tune in next Sunday at 7:30am on WTCH/960 AM, at 10:00am on WRVM/102.7 FM, or go to lutheranhour.org.

Online Giving. . . Online giving is available for St. Paul Lutheran Church and School on the website at stpaulbonduel.com. Click the Online Giving icon on the home page.



Mobile users may download the app by going to the App Store or Google Play and search for "GivePlus Church" to download for free.

If questions, call the office at 715–758–8532.

Psalm 23

What do you want? This Psalm's author writes, "The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want." What does he mean? And did you know that he could hurl a 75-mph fastball, no, not with a baseball, with a rock? He was a shepherd. He used baseball-sized stones and his sling to protect his flock. He was a man's man – a leader, warrior, forgiven sinner, and follower of the LORD. Dads, have your children seen you hold a Bible? What if they heard you say, "I'll be back in about an hour. I'm going to church to meet with Pastor Shoup to talk about King David and Psalm 23." I know what they would say, "Wow! Hey Mom! Did you hear what Dad is going to do?" Moms, you can come too, of course. Pick a time. Bring a friend. Let's take God's Word to heart. Each session is forty-five minutes, once a week, for five weeks. That's it. (I am adding one more time slot to pick from – for men – 6:30am Thursday mornings.) Come on, let's start getting after it! 😊

A Five-week Class in March
based on
The Lord's My Shepherd (LSB 710)

Bring your copy of *Praise & Honor: Hymn-Inspired Devotions*.

Select your preferred time-slot.

- Sunday mornings 9:15 - 10:00am (between services)
- Monday evenings 6:15 - 7:00pm
- Tuesday evenings 6:15 - 7:00pm
- MEN'S CLASS Thursday mornings 6:30am – 7:15
- Thursday afternoons 2:15 - 3:00pm

Please sign up in the church entry, or call the school office - 715-758-8532

Thank You . . . to all the people who attended WRLHS's spaghetti dinner this past weekend. Also thank you to those who provided items for the bake sale and to those who purchased items at the bake sale. Because of your support, WRLHS had another very successful fundraiser.

WRLHS Trivia Event . . . Join in the fun! Wolf River Lutheran High School will host its 7th Annual Trivia Event on Sunday, March 15 at the school. Sign-in will begin at 12:30pm, and the event will start at 1:30pm. Prizes will be given for best "Let's Go to the Movies" attire and best decorated table. Trivia events are informal, fun competitions where teams battle to see who has the greatest knowledge of trivia. Teams may have up to eight adults. Free drinks, popcorn, and babysitting will be provided. There will also be a silent auction to help defray the cost of extra-curricular events held at school. Participants are encouraged to bring a snack item to share at your table. You don't have to have a full team to sign up. The cost is \$10 per person in advance or \$12 at the door, you could sponsor a whole table of 8 in advance for \$70, or you could be a sponsor and have your business advertised during the event! The deadline for advance tickets and table reservations is Friday, February 28. After that the price will go up to \$80 a table. Please call the WRLHS office at 715-745-2400, or email @wrlhs.org to reserve your spot.

Camp Luther News . . . Keweenaw Base Camp -- "Bring a Friend"

Bring a friend to KBC this summer and if either of you has never been to KBC before you'll each receive \$75.00 off of your registration! That's right - \$75.00 off of your registration and your friend's registration! Visit www.keweenawbasecamp.com/summer-camps-1 to learn more.

Acolyte Schedule Next Week

February 26	Allison Zernicke	Kaiden Thornborrow
February 29	Olivia Deneys	
March 1	Griffin Uelmen	Madysun Marohl

SCRIP Schedule Next Week

February 29	Patti Herrmann	
March 1	Patti Rosin	Peggy Buchholz

EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday	2/23	8:00am Worship—Holy Communion 9:00am Fellowship (P.T.L) 9:15am Sunday School 9:15am Bible Study 9:15am Bible Bowl Practice 10:15am Worship—Holy Communion
Monday	2/24	7:30am Strong Bones
Tuesday	2/25	7:00am Bible Study 8:00am Quilting 12:00pm 55+ Potluck Luncheon 6:00pm Bell Choir 6:30pm Staying-In-Touch Callers 7:05pm Choir (church balcony)
Wednesday	2/26	<i>ASH WEDNESDAY</i> 10:00am Worship—Holy Communion 11:30am Worship—Holy Communion 11:00am – 7:00pm Ladies Aid Chili Dinner 1:30pm Meadowview 4:00pm–6:00pm Food Pantry 5:00pm Grades 7 & 8 Confirmation Class 6:00pm Grades 5 & 6 Confirmation Class 7:00pm Worship—Holy Communion
Thursday	2/27	
Friday	2/28	7:30am Strong Bones
Saturday	2/29	7:00pm Worship—Holy Communion
Sunday	3/1	8:00am Worship—Holy Communion 9:00am Fellowship (Parish Fellowship #2) 9:15am Sunday School 9:15am Bible Study – Psalm 23 9:15am Bible Bowl Practice 10:15am Worship—Holy Communion



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