

✠ St. Paul's Lutheran Church ✠
Kenesaw, NE

Pastor Paul S. Duffy

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Bible Class/Sunday School 9:00am

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Divine Service 10:00am

TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

February 7, 2016

AS WE GATHER

Today we go to the mountain top with Jesus. With Peter, James, and John we look at the face of Jesus revealed in all His glory. With them we see God face to face and see the light of His salvation. It is a light that penetrates the darkness of the sinful world that we live in, and the sin that so often darkens our lives. We pray that this glimpse of His light and glory will carry us faithfully through the darkness of the valley to the glory that awaits us.

+ PREPARATION +

ENTRANCE HYMN p. 578 (vv. 1-3) "Thy Strong Word"

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: This is the message we have heard from Him and declare to you: God is light; in Him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with Him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth. But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, His Son, purifies us from all sin.

People: If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

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Pastor: Brothers and sisters in Christ, the light of God has come into our world. Through Jesus Christ, God has revealed His glory to us, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, we have been claimed by God to be His children. Yet we have not lived as God's children ought to live.

People: All of us have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

(Silence for personal reflection and confession)

Pastor: Most merciful God,

People: we are not worthy to be called Your children. So often we have chosen to live in the darkness of sin rather than to reflect Your glory in our lives. Have mercy on us, kind Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ.

Pastor: The good news is that before we were even aware of our sin and need for forgiveness, God sent His only Son into this world made dark by sin. He came among us as one of us, lived the perfect sinless life in our place, and died for us on the cross that we deserved. By His death, the penalty for our sins was paid, and in His glorious resurrection we are assured of the gift of new life. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

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Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace that passes all human understanding, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the glory of Christ to be revealed to us, and for His light to shine through us, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For all who gather in this place for worship and prayer, and for the true unity of the Church in all the world, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

People: Amen.

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HYMN OF PRAISE p. 414 (vv. 1-3) "Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here"

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. Glorious God, on the mountaintop You revealed Your glory through Jesus Christ to His disciples. Grant, we pray, that we may also glimpse Your glory, that our faith may be strengthened and that we may live in the sure expectation of living with You in Your glory eternally; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns in glory with You and the Holy Spirit, God forever.

People: Amen.

+ WORD +

OLD TESTAMENT Deuteronomy 34:1-12

EPISTLE 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

GOSPEL Luke 9:28-36

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the ninth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

(The Gospel is read.)

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY p. 537 "Beautiful Savior"

SERMON

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord;

People: Lord, have mercy.

OFFERING AND MUSICAL OFFERING

+ SACRAMENT +

PREFACE

Pastor: Brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus, our Lord appeared to His disciples face to face on the mountain of transfiguration and they saw His glory and light. We too meet Him face to face in this blessed Sacrament, as He comes to us in His very body and blood. Lift up your hearts, therefore, and prepare to receive Him as He comes to us in, with, and under the bread and wine, to unite us with Himself. The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

People: It is right and proper to do so.

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, blessed are You. While we were yet in our sins, You sent Your chosen One, Your beloved Son, into our world as one of us. As He revealed His glory to the disciples on the mountain, so also You reveal Your glory to us in the bread, wine, water, and Word. In His death and resurrection He provided the gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation. Prepare us to receive Him in true faith as He comes to us in His very body and blood. We join our hearts and voices with all who have gone before us in the faith, with all believers still to come, and with all the host of heaven to praise You:

People: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory!

LORD'S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PEACE

Pastor: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: Amen.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN p. 631 "Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face"

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. We give thanks to You, Lord Jesus, for coming among us through Your Word, for bringing light to our lives, and for feeding us with Your very body and blood. Strengthen our faith, encourage us to be faithful witnesses, empower us to do acts of love and service in Your name. To You be all glory and honor, for You live and rule with the Father and the Holy Spirit in glory now and forever. **People: Amen.**

BENEDICTION

HYMN p. 578 (vv. 4-6) "Thy Strong Word"



St. Paul's Mission Calendar

- Today** 9:00 AM Sunday School & Bible Class
- ✦ 10:00 AM Communion Worship (common cup)
- Mon.** 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study
- 7:00 PM Women's Bible Study-"Fatal Distractions"
- Wed.** 10AM-2PM OGT Sort & Pack Day
- 3:30 PM Midweek
- 5:30PM - 7 PM Ladies Aid Soup/Dessert Supper
- 6:30 PM Confirmation
- 7:30 PM Ash Wednesday Service
- Choir & Fellowship League following
- Thurs.** 9AM-2PM Pastors' Conference - Trinity, Blue Hill
- Tues. - Thurs.** Preschool

LYF will not meet Sunday, Feb. 7th. Our next meeting is Sunday, February 21st at 7:00 PM. Plan to attend and bring a friend.

Lent Begins February 10th with our traditional **Ash Wednesday Service and Imposition of the Ashes at 7:30 pm**. The Ladies Aid Soup and Dessert Supper will precede the service 5:30 - 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Free-will offering will be used to fund mission projects of the Ladies Aid.

March Newsletter Deadline: Monday, February 15th to be in mailboxes Sunday, Feb. 28th. Please place any news items, articles, volunteer lists, etc. on the desk in the work room. *Take note*, Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday and Confirmation, Sun., March 20th. Thanks for your help in keeping everyone informed of coming events.

Orphan Grain Train Sort and Pack Day: Wed., Feb. 10th. Pool rides at church 9:15 AM, work 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. If questions, contact Bev Nixon.

☪ Luke 9:36 "And when the voice had spoken. Jesus was found alone." Moses and Elijah point to Jesus, speak about Jesus and His sacrifice and then they are happy to fade into the background. They know that what we need is Jesus. With our eyes focused on Him and Him alone the rest of our lives come into focus. He is primary, all else secondary. When that order is right in our lives, things fall into place. Or as Jesus Himself said, "Seek first the kingdom of God and all things will be added unto you". www.lcms.org

Kenesaw Midget Football Annual Super Bowl Soup Lunch
February 7th
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Kenesaw Fire Hall



RFKC/TRAC 4th Annual Chili Cook-Off
February 7th 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Adams County Fairgrounds

Come Eat, Compete or Give to the Silent Auction
Adults: \$7; Children 5-11: \$4; Children under 4: Free
To enter the cook-off call Joni at 308-380-7502

Don Schmidt Soup & Pie Benefit, Sun., Feb 7th 2016 4:30-7:00 PM
Soup & pie to be served at the Red Cloud Community Center. Funds raised will be used to help Don with medical expenses and medications. Sponsored by Thrivent Little Blue River Chapter.

Please remember these people in your prayers -

Pastor Paul Duffy and family

Birthdays:

- Feb. 7 Olivia Ehly; Virginia Short
- 9 Bernice Peterson
- 11 Georgianna Klusman; Ann Utter
- 12 Glen Kuehn; Whitney (Rockefeller) Grauberger

In the Service: Austin Applegate, Alec Applegate, Trevor Stickels, Julian Tucker, Hannah Panwitz, Danielle Burr, Darren Woodside

Missionaries: Pastor John Reehl, Russia and the Baltics
Rev. Brian and Amanda Gauthier, Panama

Our Expression of Love

January 31, 2016	Attendance 129	
Current Envelope		\$1,265.00
Current Plate		121.75
Lutheran Witness		50.00
Church Scholarship Fund		25.00
Special Missions		<u>125.00</u>
Total		\$1,586.75

A "Life Quote" . . .

"Should there be a line that determines when humans have value? Some say it's at viability. . . When there's a heartbeat. . . At birth, Some even argue that the ability to reason should be a dividing line, which would make killing infants okay, too. These lines we draw are so arbitrary, meaningless; ; Human beings are valuable because we are human beings. And it's as plain and simple as that." *Micaiah Bilger, Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation* www.lutheransforlife.org



About the Cover: To hear the voice of God the Father announce "This is My Son, My Chosen One" would be an overwhelming and stunning event in anyone's life. The disciples who were with Jesus on the Mount of Transfiguration witnessed just that. In Holy Scripture, we, too, witness the Father's words that Jesus is His Chosen One for our salvation. And in those words, we find great joy and hope for our lives.



This is My Son, My Chosen One

Luke 9:35

