

## Gospel: Luke 9:28-36, [37-43a]

<sup>28</sup> Now, about eight days after Peter had acknowledged Jesus as the Christ of God, Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. <sup>29</sup> And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. <sup>30</sup> Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. <sup>31</sup> They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. <sup>32</sup> Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. <sup>33</sup> Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"--not knowing what he said. <sup>34</sup> While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. <sup>35</sup> Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" <sup>36</sup> When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen. [<sup>37</sup> On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. <sup>38</sup> Just then a man from the crowd shouted, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. <sup>39</sup> Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. <sup>40</sup> I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not." <sup>41</sup> Jesus answered, "You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here." <sup>42</sup> While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. <sup>43a</sup> And all were astounded at the greatness of God.]

## Psalm 99

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is King; let the people tremble; he is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.  
<sup>2</sup> The LORD is great in Zion; he is high above all peoples. <sup>3</sup> Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; he is the Holy One. <sup>4</sup>"O mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob." <sup>5</sup> Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God and fall down before his footstool; he is the Holy One. <sup>6</sup> Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, they called upon the LORD, and he answered them. <sup>7</sup> He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them. <sup>8</sup> O LORD our God, you answered them indeed; you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds. <sup>9</sup> Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and worship him upon his holy hill; for the Lord our God is the Holy One.

## Pray for these we know to be in need of resolution, healing, support and comfort:



The Cisneros family; Ivy & John Conklin; Austin Marsh; Ewalani Odachi; Brian Kurihara; George Aspeitia; Jim Gagne; Ed Sais; Carol & Larry Sullivan; Hazel Booth; Aki Fukui; Lily Fukui; Karri Padilla; Susan and Gene Ramirez; Margarete Schwall; Millie Powell; Mai Madrigal and her family; Phil Stanton; Meher Montessori School; and all who are sick from COVID-19 in our nation and across the globe; for all businesses who are reopening to full capacity; for those who are struggling with returning to normalcy financially, emotionally, or mentally; for those who face discrimination; and for our country, our military and first responders; Bless all who prepare for and lead us in worship during this Season of Lent and all who contribute to our worship life here at St. Paul's.

## Transfiguration of Our Lord February 27, 2022

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church  
Sunday Worship: 9:30 AM**

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## Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church

We are happy to be open for worship on Sundays at 9:30 am.

LA County is requiring everyone to wear masks when gathering indoors again, regardless of vaccination status, due to the rapid spread of the Omicron variant. The Synod has reaffirmed this in all LA County congregations. So, we are once again asking everyone who comes to worship on Sundays to wear a mask and socially distance from persons outside immediate family.

If you have forgotten a mask, we do have extras, in both adult and kid sizes, in the Narthex.

**This Wednesday we enter the wilderness of Lent.** We will not be holding an Ash Wednesday service this year, but you are encouraged to visit another church for Ash Wednesday worship, participate in an online service of your choice, or begin Lent with your own devotions at home.

### News and Needs

- **Today Pr. Santoro completes a month of leading us in worship.** We thank him for the wonderful sermons & the joyful way he leads worship. We will be seeing him again on April 24th.
- **Pr. David Berkeda** will be with us beginning next Sunday, March 6th through Sunday, April 3.
- **The Lord's Supper**, our sharing of the bread and wine as Jesus invites us to do, is open to all who accept the presence of Jesus in this simple meal. Jesus comes to us with forgiveness independently of our human understanding. We continue to use pre-filled communion chalices for a sanitary, safe, and traditional communion experience. We rejoice in our opportunity to join together in praise and thanksgiving to God. Newcomers among us are invited to participate in every aspect of our worship. Any questions? Please ask.
- **Thank you to all who were able to join the Annual Congregation meeting on Feb. 23rd.** We hope you have had an opportunity to read and answer the Reflection Questions at the end of the report. The Congregation Council encourages you to: 1) Share your responses with council members. 2) Discuss one-on-one with other members. 3) Sign up to join a small group discussion after church on one of the three Sundays listed on the sign-up sheet.. A basket will be available in the Narthex to collect any written answers you are ready to provide. We, as a congregation will be focusing on next steps for St. Paul's. Your participation is a vital part of this discernment process.
- **International Women's Day** is two weeks away, on March 8. The ELCA celebrates this day by uplifting the **International Women Leaders (IWL)** program, which provides scholarships for emerging women leaders from our companion churches around the world to study at ELCA colleges and universities, ELCA seminaries and other institutions. This year, in honor of International Women's Day, all gifts to IWL will be matched up to \$5000. Please see the bulletin insert for more details.

### First Reading: Exodus 34:29-35

<sup>29</sup> Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant<sup>\*</sup> in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. <sup>30</sup> When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. <sup>31</sup> But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. <sup>32</sup> Afterwards all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. <sup>33</sup> When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; <sup>34</sup> but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded,<sup>35</sup> the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

### Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

<sup>12</sup> Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, <sup>13</sup> not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that<sup>\*</sup> was being set aside. <sup>14</sup> But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. <sup>15</sup> Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; <sup>16</sup> but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. <sup>17</sup> Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. <sup>18</sup> And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit. <sup>4</sup> Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. <sup>2</sup> We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we command ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

### Prayer of the Day

Holy God, mighty and immortal, you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. Transform us into the likeness of your Son, who renewed our humanity so that we may share in his divinity, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### A Prayer for Ukraine from Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton

O Lord, God of life, as you care for all creation, give us your peace. May our security come not from weapons, but from respect. May our strength come not from violence, but from love. May our own wealth come not from money, but from sharing.

May our path be not one of ambition, but of justice. May our victory not be one of revenge, but of forgiveness. Unarmed and confident, help us to defend the dignity of all creation. Sharing today and always the bread of solidarity and peace. Amen.

