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The Pathlight

*Your Word Is A Lamp To My Feet
and a Light To My Path.
PS 119:105*

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The Feast of the Lord Himself

“And when a great crowd was gathering and people from town after town came to him, he said in a parable, ‘A sower went out to sow his seed.’” Luke 8:4-5

It's a strange time of year.... this year. As I write this, on Monday at 1:30 pm it is 70° outside. It seems like the right time to have a planting lesson, but the calendar tells me it's only the second week of February and.... I haven't gotten my Gurney catalog yet! PLANTING! I don't even have any seeds ready!

Why would this be an appointed reading for February? We are closer to Christmas than planting season. It's strange. Strange until you realize what Jesus is explaining. Jesus isn't amping us up for the coming growing season but giving us a lesson on the Trinity. Hmmm.

In the explanation of the parable, Jesus says the agent who works faith through the Word of God is the “heavenly gardener”, the great “cultivator” of faith, the Holy Spirit, and we know He works in mysterious ways just as God's Word says. Where He works, how He works, we don't know, we can't know, until we see the fruits of faith. Just like Jesus said in the parable. The seed is planted, but the gardener doesn't know there is life from that seed until he sees the first shoot, then the ear, and then the full grain in the ear.

How does that seed/faith grow and how is it sustained! Why, the Holy Spirit plants it and then uses Holy fertilizer of course! First, there is the Word of God planted in Holy Baptism for most of us. Then through our hearing of His Word, our faith is nourished and strengthened. There is also the Lord's Supper! As the Pastor says when he places into your hands the bread and cup, “*The Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ given and shed for you for the forgiveness of your sins.*” He also says after receiving this holy food, “*The Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you to life everlasting.*” The Host of the Feast (Jesus) offers nothing less than Himself for your benefit, for your eternal good. Can anything be greater than that?

This is all the blueprint for the planting, growth, and sustaining of faith. Glory be to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit as He does all this..... for you!

Pastor Christensen

For now we see in a mirror dimly but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known. 1 Cor. 13:12

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Today’s Servants

St.Paul

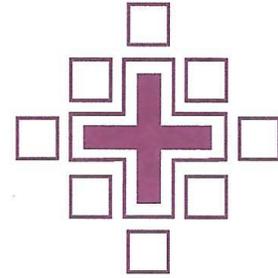
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Zion

Usher/Greeters -Mark & Shelle, Altar Guild-Jodi/Shelle, Organist-Jeanie Boehm

The Transfiguration of Our Lord

February 15, 2026



INTROIT *Ps. 99:1–5; antiphon: Ps. 99:9*

Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy | mountain;*
for the LORD our God is | holy!

The LORD reigns; let the peoples | tremble!*

He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the | earth quake!

The LORD is great in | Zion;*

he is exalted over all the | peoples.

Let them praise your great and | awesome name!*

Ho- | ly is he!

The King in his might loves | justice.*

You have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness
in | Jacob.

Exalt the LORD our God; worship at his | footstool!*

Ho- | ly is he!

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy | mountain;*

for the LORD our God is | holy!

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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.

GRADUAL *Ps. 117:1–2a; 96:8*

Praise the LORD, all | nations!*

Extol him, all | peoples!

For great is his steadfast | love toward us,*

and the faithfulness of the LORD endures for- | ever.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due his name;*

bring an offering, and come in- | to his courts!

DAILY READINGS

February 15: Job 11:1–20; John 5:19–29; **16:** Job 12:1–6, 12–15; John 5:30–47; **17:** Job 13:1–12; John 6:1–21; **18:** Gen. 1:1–19; Mark 1:1–13; **19:** Gen. 1:20–2:3; Mark 1:14–28; **20:** Gen. 2:4–25; Mark 1:29–45; **21:** Gen. 3:1–24; Mark 2:1–17.

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Old Testament Reading:
Exodus 24:8–18

⁸And 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.

Epistle: 2 Peter 1:16–21

¹⁶For 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.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 17:1–9

¹After 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.”



St. Paul

Feb.16-9:00AM-Bible Study

7:00PM-Council Meeting

Feb.18-5:00PM- Catechism

7:00PM-Ash Wednesday Service-**at Big Springs**

Servants for Ash Wednesday-Jeanie Boehm/Mark & Shelle/Jodi & Shelle

Feb.22-8:00AM-Bible Study

9:00AM-Worship Service

Servants for Worship Service-Brian Boehm/Chuck Juhl/Jeanie Boehm

Zion

Feb.18-3:30PM Midweek

7:00PM-Ash Wednesday Service-**at Big Springs**

Servants for Ash Wednesday-Jeanie Boehm/Mark & Shelle/Jodi & Shelle

Feb.22-10:00AM-Sunday School

11:00AM-Worship Service

Servants for Worship Service- Mark & Shelle/Shelle & Jodi/Jeanie Boehm

WE REJOICE IN THE GRACE OF GOD as Karsynn Elizabeth Sanabria, daughter of Forrest and Marlee Sanabria and the granddaughter of Brian and Jeanie Boehm, was given the Robe of Christ's righteous through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Friday February 6th. Welcome to the family Karsynn!

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS.....THRIVENT MEMBERS please direct your "2025 CHOICE DOLLARS" before they expire on March 31, 2026. There are two simple ways to direct these Dollars by either going to www.thriventchoice.com or calling 1-800-847-4836 and say "Choice Dollars" at automation. **REMEMBER, YOU MUST RENEW THE DISTRIBUTION OF YOUR CHOICE DOLLARS EVERY YEAR. YOUR CHOICE FOR THE PRIOR YEAR DOES NOT CARRY OVER.** Thank you for considering St. Paul Lutheran Church, Julesburg, CO when making your donation.



Church CALENDAR

MIRIAM CIRCLE will meet on Thursday, February 12, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. All women of the congregation are invited to join to attend.

Northeast Zone Spring Rally

You are invited to our circuit LHM/LLL Rally on March 1, 2026, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Amherst, Colorado. Our speaker this year is Marvin Swan. Marvin is a retired dentist in Grant, Nebraska. He served the Nebraska District LLL as president, vice president, secretary and special projects chairman. He served on the LHM Foundation for 10 years' including 5 as chairman. He served on the Lutheran Hour Speaker search committee in the past and the Nebraska District LCMS Board of Directors. Marvin is a member of Zion Lutheran in Grant, NE and enjoys helping out at the Orphan Grain Train in Julesburg. Registration is \$20.00 per person and begins at 4:00 p.m.

LLL President Dominick Anderson will be stepping down this year, and we would like your help to fill this vacancy.

A **SIGN-UP SHEET** for the Lenten Evening Meals has been posted in the Fellowship Hall. St. Paul, Julesburg, will be responsible for the meals on March 4, 11, 18, and 25. Zion, Big Springs, will host the meal on February 25 at the church in Big Springs. Your help with the meals will be greatly appreciated. Also please plan to come and enjoy the 5 evening meals.



Happy
Birthday
God bless you always

February 19-Kylie (Lanckriet) Doleshall



A Mountain of Mysteries: A Transfiguration Brain Teaser

“And he was transfigured before them...” (Mark 9:2)

The Transfiguration of Our Lord is one of those biblical moments that feels both dazzling and mysterious. Jesus goes up a mountain with three disciples. His appearance changes. Moses and Elijah show up. A cloud descends. A voice speaks. And then—just as suddenly—it’s over.

This brain teaser invites you to linger on the mountain a little longer. No hiking boots required—just a curious mind, a Bible if you want it, and a willingness to wrestle joyfully with the Word.

Part One: Who’s on the Mountain?

Below are clues describing **five figures** connected to the Transfiguration account (Mark 9:2–9; Matthew 17:1–9; Luke 9:28–36). Can you identify them?

1. **I once stood on a mountain wrapped in smoke and thunder, receiving the Law. Now I appear again on a mountain, speaking with the One who fulfills it. Who am I?**
2. **I did not die a typical death. Long ago, I encountered God not in wind, earthquake, or fire, but in sheer silence. Why might I be here now? Who am I?**
3. **I suggested building three dwellings, clearly missing the point—but my confusion didn’t stop Jesus from loving me. Who am I?**
4. **I’m known for my quiet faithfulness and for believing even when I didn’t fully understand. I was there, watching in awe. Who am I?**
5. **I am the One at the center of it all—shining, revealed, yet still on the way to the cross. Who am I?**

Part Two: Before, During, After-Match each event to whether it happened **Before (B)**, **During (D)**, or **After (A)** the Transfiguration.

- Jesus predicts His suffering and death
- A voice says, “This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!”
- The disciples are told to keep silent
- Jesus’ clothes become dazzling white
- The disciples struggle to understand resurrection

(Extra challenge: Which of these *still* describes us today?)

Part Three: Word Play on the Word-Unscramble the letters below to reveal key words connected to the Transfiguration:

1. NOUTIMAN
2. OLCGDU
3. ECIVO
4. RYLOG
5. NETSIL

Now reflect: which of these words feels most challenging in your own faith journey right now?

Part Four: Think Like a Lutheran-Answer true or false—and be ready to explain your reasoning:

1. The Transfiguration proves Jesus escaped human suffering.
2. Glory and the cross belong together.
3. God’s clearest revelation comes with complete understanding.
4. Listening to Jesus is more important than building monuments.

(Hint: check the catechism... or your own experience.)

Part Five: Coming Down the Mountain-The Transfiguration is breathtaking—but it doesn’t last. Jesus leads the disciples back down the mountain, toward ordinary life and extraordinary suffering.

Final Question (no wrong answers):

Where have you caught a glimpse of God’s glory lately—in Word, Sacrament, community, or even confusion? Because the good news is this: the same Jesus who shines on the mountain walks with us into the valley. And that transformation? It’s not just His. It’s ours, too.



Transformed by His Light

Scripture Reading:

"And He was transfigured before them, and His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became white as light." – Matthew 17:2

There's a story about a man named Carl who worked long hours at a steel mill. Every day, he came home covered in soot, tired and quiet. His young daughter would run to the door to greet him, but he would always stop her with raised hands and say, "Not yet, sweetheart. Daddy needs to wash up first."

One day, she insisted and wrapped her arms around him anyway, smearing soot across her dress. Carl sighed, then smiled and said, "You don't care how dirty I am, do you?" She looked up and simply said, "I just missed you." In that moment, Carl felt something change—not on the outside, but within. He realized how long it had been since he had let himself feel loved, just as he was.

That small moment reminds me of what happened on the mountain during the Transfiguration. Peter, James, and John saw Jesus not just as their rabbi and friend, but as the radiant Son of God. In that brilliant light, everything looked different—not because the world changed, but because they did. Their eyes were opened to see the glory that had been there all along.

Too often, we carry the "soot" of daily burdens—worry, shame, exhaustion—and we fail to notice the divine light still shining among us. The Transfiguration reminds us that Christ's glory is not something far away or hidden for special moments. It's present here and now, transforming ordinary hearts just as surely as it transformed that mountainside.

When we gather in worship, when we forgive one another, when we serve those in need, that same radiant Christ meets us. His light lifts the grime of fear and guilt and reminds us who we are: beloved, redeemed children of God. So this week, as we move through routines and responsibilities, may we pause to look up—to see the shining face of Christ in our midst. And like Carl, may we feel His transforming love that meets us just as we are... and makes us new.

Prayer:

Lord Jesus, shine Your light on our hearts. Wash away the weariness and sin that cling to us and help us see Your glory in our daily lives. Transform us by Your grace, that we might reflect Your light to others. Amen.

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