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Affiliated with CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION <u>HTTP://stpaulclcaustin.wordpress.com</u> <u>www.CLClutheran.org</u> <u>www.ilc.edu/home.htm</u> <u>PRE-SERVICE PRAYER</u>: Heavenly Father, most holy God, we who come before you today confessing our sins, seeking Your grace in Christ Jesus for the pardon and peace. By Your Holy Spirit working through the gospel we hear this morning create clean hearts within us, and renew in us steadfast spirits, that we may know the joy of Your salvation and the peace and assurance of Your presence. Guided by Your Holy Spirit lead us to confess Your name before the world that sinners may know the path to repentance and life that is found in Your Son, Jesus Christ. It is in His name we pray. Amen.

## THE ORDER OF SERVICE: p. 5 (38:1-3)

### HYMNS: 359; 135; 719; 53:1-3

## THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 25:1-9

The Transfiguration assures us that the joy and hope of salvation which Isaiah encourages is not misplaced. Our God has done wonderful things. He has defeated our most powerful enemy. He has swallowed up death forever. He has wiped away our tears, and taken away the rebuke of our sin. We look to Jesus and say, "Behold this is our God, ... We will be glad and rejoice in His salvation." (v.9)

## THE GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 17:1-9

Right in front of Peter, James, and John, Jesus was changed. His appearance became as white as light, as brilliant as the sun. Moses and Elijah, who had long ago left this earthly pilgrimage appeared with Jesus, talking with Him. What a wondrous sight to behold; what an incredible encouragement also for Jesus who was about to enter His passion that He might be shown the fruits of His labors and sufferings! Then the voice of the Father declared an absolute endorsement of Jesus' and Jesus' Word.

## THE SERMON: 2 Peter 1:16-21

Theme: Jesus' Transfiguration Affirms the Truth of Our Salvation I. Eyewitness Testimony Affirming the Truth about Jesus March 2, 2014

Transfiguration Sunday

II. The Endorsement of God the Father

III. A Demonstration of the Truth of the Word

#### CALENDAR

TODAY: Sunday school and Bible Class will follow the service.

<u>WEDNESDAY</u>: Ash Wednesday Lenten meditation with **Holy Communion** begins at 7:00 p.m. (soup and sandwich supper precedes the service with serving beginning at 6:00.) The Theme for this year's Lenten meditations is: "*Remarkable Incidents in Jesus' Passion*." This Ash Wednesday our test is Luke 22:39-44, Theme Incident: *An Angel Appears and Strengthens Him*.

THURSDAY: Catechism class in Lake Mills at 4:30.

<u>NEXT SUNDAY:</u> Worship at 9:30. Sunday school and Bible Class will follow the service. Sermon text: Matthew 11:20-24.

### FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

<u>March 15<sup>th</sup></u>: Immanuel Lutheran college tour choir concert at St. Paul's beginning at 1:00. Sunday school children will be singing a song with the choir! Parents make sure you have the music.

<u>March 28-30</u>: **CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S RETREAT** at the Riverport Inn & Suites in Winona, MN, sponsored by Immanuel Lutheran Church of Mankato. Brochures can be found on the table in the narthex.

### SERVING TODAY

<u>Organist:</u> Denise Barthels <u>Ushers:</u> Preston Johnson, Ken Nickson, Arnie Ottjes, Joe Ubl <u>Cleaning:</u> Eichstadt

### OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: February 23 Worship – 35, Sunday school - 6. Bible Class – 13.

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,083.00	Other Offerings / Memorials
Offerings Received	1,159.00	
Needed for Year:	8,640.00	
Received for Year:	6,494.00	

IMMANUEL COLLEGE TOUR CHOIR CONCERT: This year the tour route for Immanuel Lutheran College choir goes right through Austin. We therefore have the opportunity for the choir to present a sacred concert here at St. Paul's on **Saturday March 15<sup>th</sup>**, at 1:00 p.m. **Our Sunday school children will be singing a song with the choir!** We will be feeding the choir lunch and serving refreshments after the concert. The Ladies Aid will be taking care of the lunch we are hoping that members would be willing to bring bars and cookies to serve following the concert. Extra's will be packed up and sent along on the bus for the choir members. They will need to be on the road by 2:30 p.m. to make the long drive to Kansas City, MO.

SPECIAL CHOIR OFFERING: The expenses of the Immanuel College tour choir are met by the gifts and offerings received from the congregations where they present their concerts. Offerings for the choir will be received at the concert, but if there are others who cannot be present and are willing to help the choir, designated offerings for the choir may also be included in today's and next Sunday's offering.

<u>CLC NEWS</u>: Pastor Mark Gurath of Soiux Falls, SD has resigned from the pastoral ministry for health reasons. (the stress of the pastoral ministry is not a good fit for his ongoing heart condition.) Mrs. Lila Brown of Faith Lutheran School has resigned from teaching call effective the end of this school year. Mrs. Collette Krause has been called to fill this vacancy.

# Camp Koyquin 2014

Who: CLC members and friends entering grades 5 – 12! What: A week of fun and fellowship! When: June 22 - 28, 2014! Where: Camp JIM facilities, Pillager, MN. Why: Build relationships, study God's Word, meet some mentors, be a mentor, fellowship and fun! How: By bus, plane, or car! See the website below for more information. How much: Camp tuition is \$150 per camper if registered by May 31st. Registration opens March 15, 2014! Register soon - the camp fills up fast! Register online: www.clclutheran.net/koyquin. For more details, check out the website! Or contact one of the directors: Tom Naumann (thomasjnaumann@gmail.com 920-266-5387) Jess Ohlmann or (jessicaohlmann3@yahoo.com 402-322-1027).