

St. Paul's Epistle – February 2021

The Hands of the Savior

As we move to the conclusion of the Epiphany season with the celebration of The Transfiguration of Our Lord on Sunday, February 14th, we will enter the season of Lent on Wednesday, February 17th. For our midweek devotions this year, in lieu of having in-person Wednesday evening services and soup suppers, we will have a series on “The Hands of the Savior,” considering:

Ash Wednesday (2/17)

Hands That Invite – Matthew 11:28-30

Midweek Lent 2 (2/24)

Hands That Heal – John 9:6-7

Midweek Lent 3 (3/3)

Hands That Provide – Matthew 14:19-20

Midweek Lent 4 (3/10)

Hands That Pray – Matthew 26:36-45

Midweek Lent 5 (3/17)

Hands That Resurrect – Matthew 9:19, 23-25

Midweek Lent 6 (3/24)

Hands That Protect – Matthew 14:28

These weekly devotions will be recorded (if possible) on Wednesday morning each week and made available on our Facebook page. If you are not a Facebook subscriber, you may still view these devotions as you can click “not now” when asked to sign in or join. The devotions can also be accessed through our website: stpaulslutheranauburncalifornia.org. The devotions will also be sent out to members using their email address. If we you don't have your email address, we will send you a hard copy of the devotion in the mail, and also do so for those who let us know they would like to receive it that way.

May our gracious Lord bless us always, but especially during Lent as we remember the real reason Jesus came to earth which was to save us from our sins, which caused Him to have to suffer and die for our sins so that we might be “redeemed, restored, forgiven through Jesus' precious blood, and made heirs of our home with Him in heaven.” As a result we can't but help praising our pardoning God!

Pastor Pajanski

Worship Notes

February brings us to a pivotal time in our church year calendar. We complete our observance of the Epiphany season, witness the Transfiguration of our Lord and begin our Lenten journey in four short weeks.

Sunday, February 7th is the Fifth Sunday after Epiphany and we hear in Mark 1:29-39 about "The Work of Preaching". Our readings are from Isaiah 40:21-31 and 1 Corinthians 9:16-27. The Hymns include LSB #828, "Awake My Soul, and with the Sun"; #398, "Hail to the Lord's Anointed"; and, #551, "When to Our World the Savior Came". The Liturgy is Matins.

Sunday, February 14th we observe **The Transfiguration of Our Lord**. Our theme is found in the Sermon, titled "He Was Transfigured". The text for the sermon is from the Gospel reading, Mark 9: 2-9. The Old Testament lesson is 2 Kings 2:1-12 followed by the Epistle, 2 Corinthians 3:12-13 and 4:1-6. Our worship format is Divine Service Four and the Hymns include LSB #873, " Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies"; #415, "Jesus on the Mountain Peak"; and, #414, "Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here."

**Jesus on the mountain peak Stands alone in glory blazing;
Let us, if we dare to speak, Join the saints and angels praising. Al-le-lu-ia!**

**This is God's beloved Son! Law and prophets sing before Him,
First and Last and only One, All creation shall adore Him! Al-le-lu-ia!** (LSB 415 v. 1&4)

Sunday, February 21st is the **First Sunday in Lent**. Mark 1:9-15 provides the text for the Sermon titled, "Jesus Endures Temptation". We will also hear from Genesis 22:1-18 and James 1:12-18 in our readings. The hymns will include LSB #424 "O Christ You Walked the Road"; #657, "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"; and, #418, "O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days". The Liturgy is Divine Service One.

Sunday, February 28th is the **Second Sunday in Lent** and we hear "Jesus Is the Christ" in the Sermon based on Mark 8:27-38. We turn to Genesis 17:1-7 and 15-16 for the Old Testament lesson and Romans 5:1-11 for the Epistle. Hymns include LSB #936, "Sing Praise to the God of Israel"; #688, " Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spake"; and, #611, "Chief of Sinners though I Be". The service format is taken from Divine Service Three.

Lent will also include special Mid-Week Virtual devotions. Please watch your email, check the church website and Facebook.

Joining with you in praise of our Lord, our Light and our merciful Savior,

Karen Broach, Worship Committee Member

February Mission of the Month - Lutheran Hour Ministries

At Lutheran Hour Ministries, we want to be you partner in calling back the lost and hurting-back to the church; back to forgiveness and grace; back to God and His word. We have made it our mission to encourage and support you as you respond to God's call to action. While you may know us because of our flagship radio ministry, "The Lutheran Hour", we invite you to take advantage of everything that Lutheran Hour Ministries offers for discipleship and outreach; evangelism training events and resources; opportunities for hands-on international outreach; resource media and materials for men's ministry; mission resources for children and schools; and much more.

If you would like to give a gift please use your offering envelope which states on it "Designated gift for February". You may also give an earmarked gift to "Lutheran Hour Ministries". [Note: Please make any checks out to "St. Paul Lutheran Church"-Thanks!]

