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March 2, 2025 The Transfiguration of Our Lord

Service Notes: Psalms 34, 42-43, 51, 84, 116, and 150 in the front of the hymnal will aid you in your meditation before receiving the Lord's Supper. Prayers for worship preparation are on pages 10 and 11. A form for Communion preparation is on page 156.

- Guests, please sign the guest registry in the narthex.
- If you have a prayer request or would like Pastor Schaefer to visit or call you, please talk to him (734-658-5735).

Holy Communion will be celebrated today. Our guests are kindly asked to note that it is our practice to first become a member of our communion fellowship before communing with us. Please speak to our pastor about becoming a member of our communion fellowship.

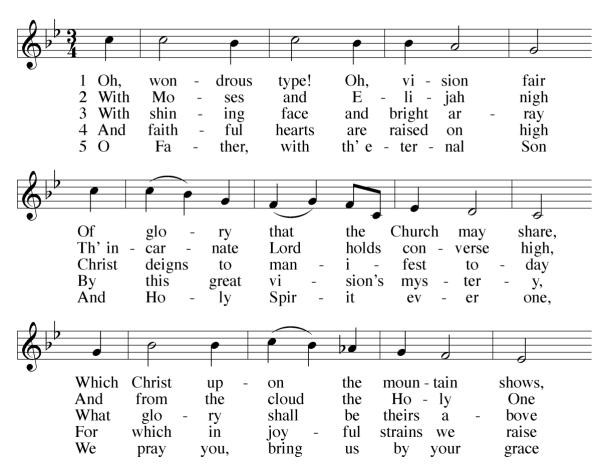
THE COMMON SERVICE (page 15)

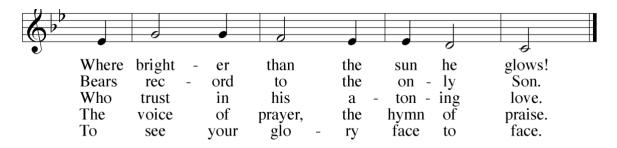
OPENING HYMN: #96 "O Wondrous Type! Oh, Vision Fair"

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TRANSFIGURATION

96 Oh, Wondrous Type! Oh, Vision Fair





Text: Latin hymn, 15th century; tr. John M. Neale, 1818–66, alt. Tune: DEO GRACIAS (LM) English melody, 15th century.

STAND

M: In the name of the Father and of (+) the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

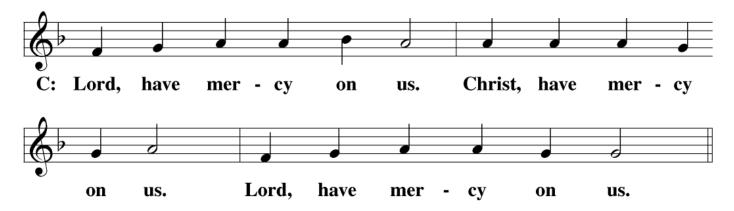


CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

LORD, HAVE MERCY (Kyrie)



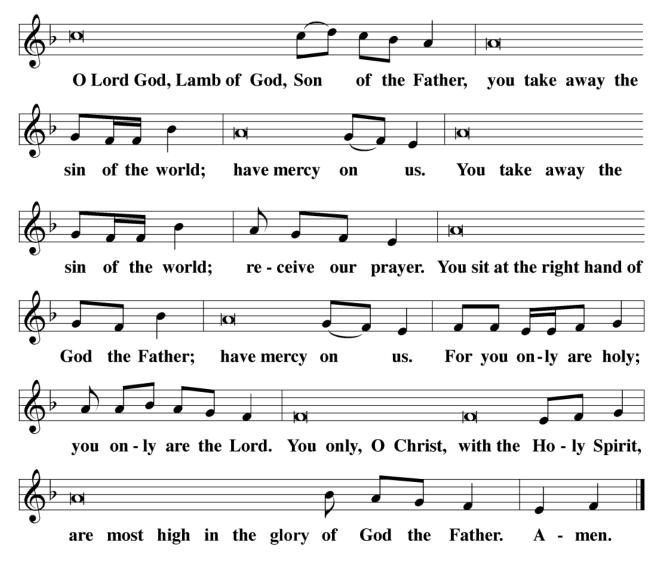
M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.



PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.





PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.



M: Let us pray.

Lord God, before the suffering and death of your one and only Son, you revealed his glory on the holy mountain. Grant that we who bear his cross on earth may behold by faith the light of his heavenly glory and so be changed into his likeness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



BE SEATED

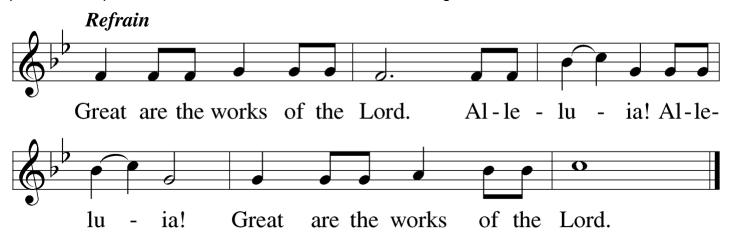


FIRST LESSON: Exodus 34:29-35

²⁹ When Moses came down from Mount Sinai, with the two tablets of the testimony in his hand as he came down from the mountain, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. ³⁰ Aaron and all the people of Israel saw Moses, and behold, the skin of his face shone, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹ But Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses talked with them. ³² Afterward all the people of Israel came near, and he commanded them all that the LORD had spoken with him in Mount Sinai. ³³ And when Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face.

³⁴ Whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would remove the veil, until he came out. And when he came out and told the people of Israel what he was commanded, ³⁵ the people of Israel would see the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face was shining. And Moses would put the veil over his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

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Why do the nations <u>conspire</u>* and the peoples <u>plot</u> in vain?

The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together against the LORD* and against his Anointed One. *Refrain*

The one enthroned in <u>heaven</u> laughs:* the Lord <u>scoffs</u> at them.

Then he rebukes them in his anger and terrifies them in his wrath, <u>say</u>ing,*
"I have installed my King on Zion, my holy hill."

I will proclaim the decree of the LORD.*
He said to me, "You are my Son;
today I have become your father."

Glory be to the Father and <u>to</u> the Son* and to the Holy <u>Spir</u>it, as it was in the beginning,* is now, and will be forever. Amen. *Refrain*

SECOND LESSON: 2 Corinthians 3:7-18

⁷ Now if the ministry of death, carved in letters on stone, came with such glory that the Israelites could not gaze at Moses; face because of its glory, which was being brought to an end, ⁸ will not the ministry of the Spirit have even more glory? ⁹ For if there was glory in the ministry of condemnation, the ministry of righteousness must far exceed it in glory. ¹⁰ Indeed, in this case, what once had glory has come to have no glory at all, because of the glory that surpasses it. ¹¹ For if what was being brought to an end came with glory, much more will what is permanent have glory.

¹² Since we have such a hope, we are very bold, ¹³ not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face so that the Israelites might not gaze at the outcome of what was being brought to an end. ¹⁴ But their minds were hardened. For to this day, when they read the old covenant, that same veil remains unlifted, because only through Christ is it taken away. ¹⁵ Yes, to this day whenever Moses is read a veil lies over their hearts. ¹⁶ But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. ¹⁷ Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸ and we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

VERSE OF THE DAY (Choir)

Alleluia! A voice came from the cloud: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him." Alleluia! (Mark 9:7b)

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



GOSPEL: Luke 9:28-36

²⁸ Now about eight days after these sayings he took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹ And as he was praying, the appearance of his face was altered, and his clothing became dazzling white. 30 And behold, two men were talking with him, Moses and Elijah, ³¹ who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. 32 Now Peter and those who were with him were heavy with sleep, but when they became fully awake they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³ And as the men were parting from him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah"—not knowing what he said. 34 As he was saying these things, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. 35 And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to him!" 36 And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and told no one in those days anything of what they had seen.

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NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,

eternally begotten of the Father,

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,

begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,

and became fully human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son is
worshiped and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life (+) of the world to come. Amen.

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GOSPEL RESPONSE: CWS#712 "Jesus, Take Us to the

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CHOIR: verses 1-4; CONGREGATION: verse 5

Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain

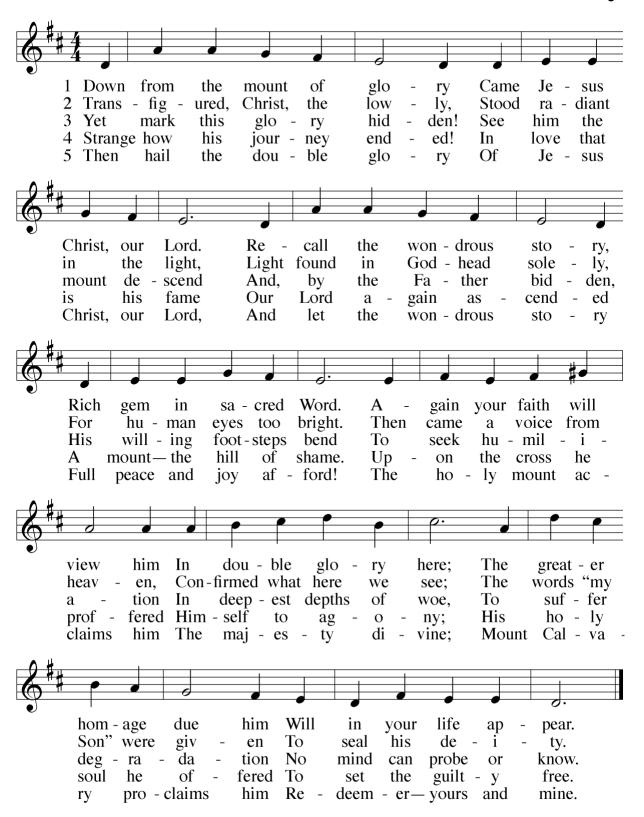


HYMN OF THE DAY: #97 "Down From the Mount of Glory"

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Down from the Mount of Glory

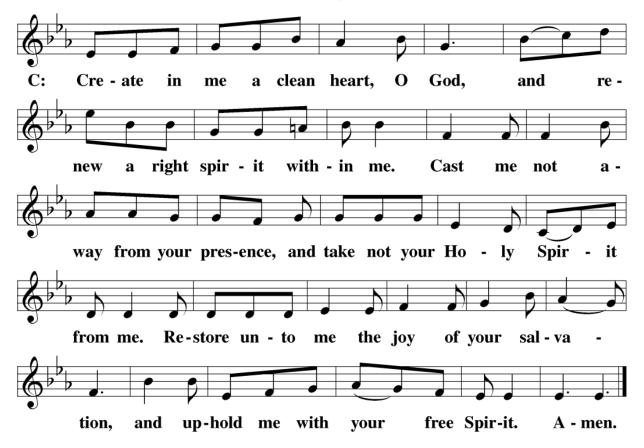


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SERMON

STAND

PSALM 51 RESPONSE (page 20)



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M: Almighty God, we praise You that You revealed Jesus to be Your beloved, incarnate Son in His transfiguration before He made His way to the cross for our salvation. We pray that You would preserve us in the faith so that we might always listen to Him alone for forgiveness and salvation and remain continually thankful that every good gift comes from You, for the sake of Your Son, crucified and risen from the dead. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

M: Heavenly Father, we give great thanks that You spoke

from the cloud to proclaim Your beloved Son and that You commanded us to "listen to him." For though we do not see Him in His incarnate form with our eyes, we know that He remains as near to us as His Word and Sacraments. Preserve us, O Lord, from the temptation to seek Jesus where He hasn't promised to be found, and instead strengthen our faith always to seek the Lord where He promises to be for us in His Means of Grace. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

M: Gracious God, we give thanks to You for Your faithfulness in revealing the hope of salvation through the ages in the work of Elijah and all of Your prophets. We commend to You those whom You have called to be Your public messengers today. Give to them an abundant portion of Your Spirit so that they might properly proclaim Your Word to all who will hear. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

M: God of our salvation, we give thanks that Your Son came down from that mountain of glorious transfiguration and continued His way to the cross. As we descend from this festive day into the season of Lent, grant us penitent hearts that soberly and truthfully confess our sinfulness and that gladly rejoice in the life and salvation that Christ has won for us by His suffering and death. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

M: Almighty God, as You revealed Your Son's divinity to be veiled in His humanity at the transfiguration, so we give thanks that His body and blood are hidden but present in

bread and wine at His Supper. Bless all who partake of this Holy Communion, that they might rejoice to receive the body and blood of the Christ for the forgiveness of their sins. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

M: With thanks for Your faithfulness to Moses, Elijah and all the saints who have gone before us, we pray, O Lord, that You would grant us repentant hearts and steadfast faith, that we may live under the cross of Christ and in Your grace until that day when we are raised from the dead to behold Your glory; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions. *Silent prayer.*

M: Finally, bring us and all your believers to the heavenly home where we will stand in the full light of your glory and with all your saints and angels sing the everlasting song of triumph. C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from (+) evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

BE SEATED

Please use this time for personal preparation or meditation before the Lord's Supper. A form to assist you is on page 156 in the front part of the hymnal.

NOTE: Please be prepared to receive the host in your outstretched hand, rather than in your mouth.

STAND



PREFACE

M: The Lord be with you.



M: Lift up your hearts.

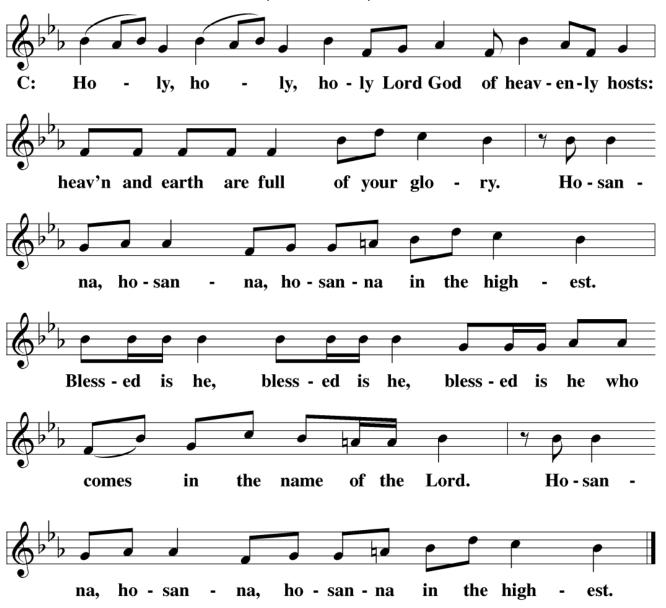


M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lived among us as a human being and revealed his glory as your only Son, full of grace and truth. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (Sanctus)



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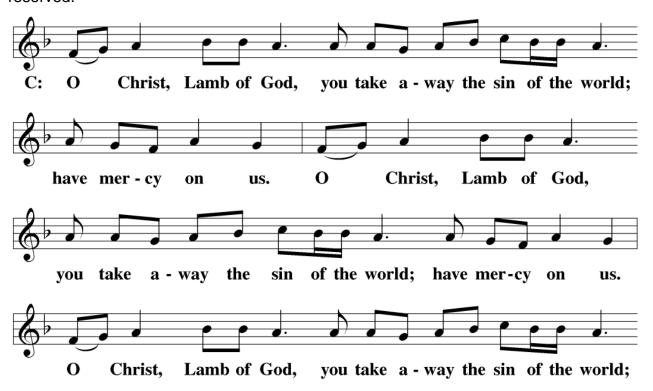
M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my (+) body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is the new testament in my (+) blood, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace (+) of the Lord be with you always.



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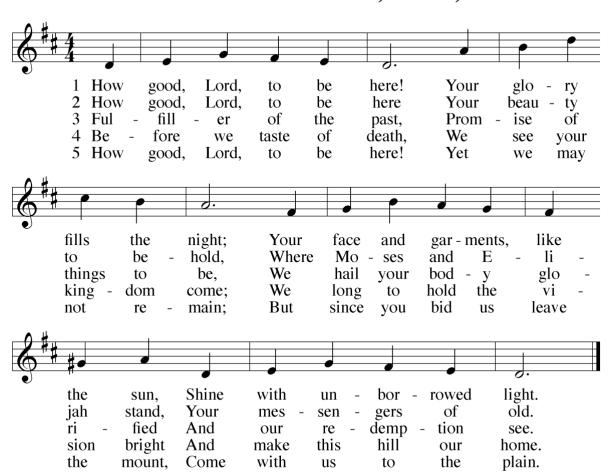
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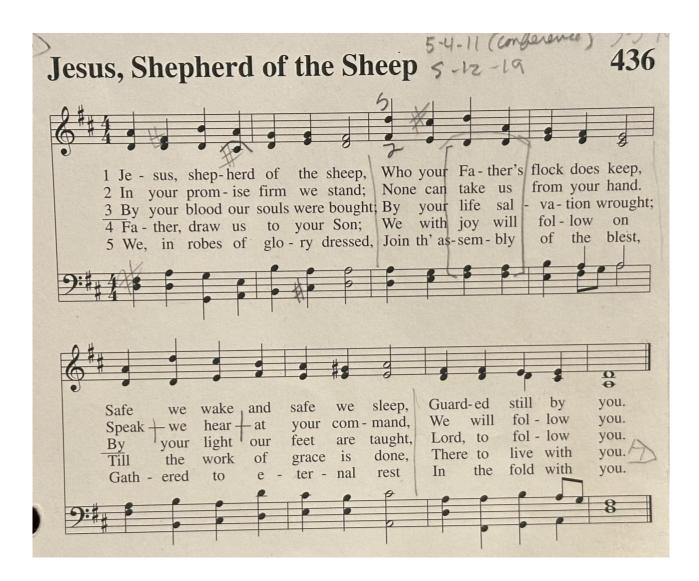


How Good, Lord, to Be Here



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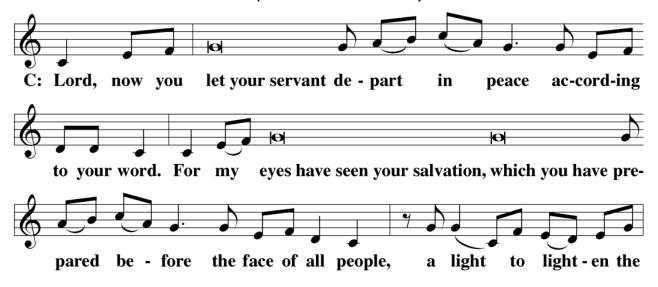
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THANKSGIVING (page 24)

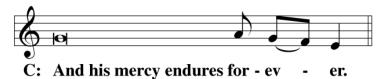
STAND

SONG OF SIMEON (Nunc Dimittis)





M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

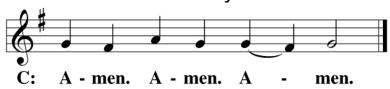


O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

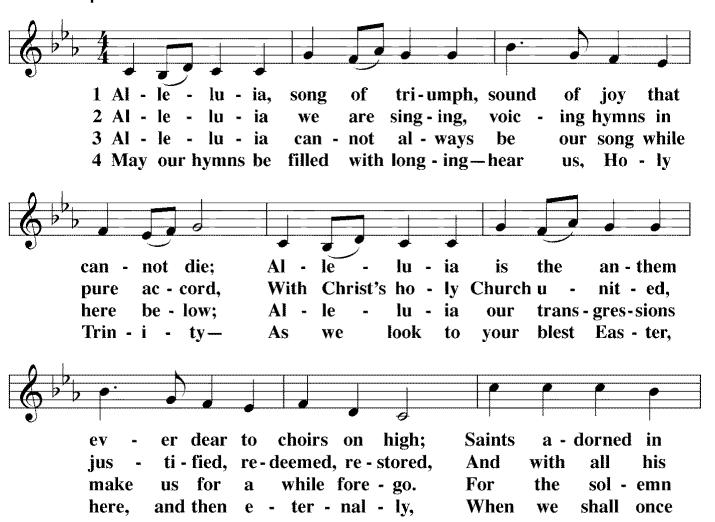


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M: Brothers and sisters in Christ, when we next gather for worship, it will be Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. On that day we will begin our solemn journey to the Savior's cross. While the joy of faith remains

undiminished throughout the year, our rejoicing during Lent is muted and quiet. For centuries, therefore, the Christian churches have omitted their most jubilant songs during this season, including the word *alleluia*, which means, "praise the Lord."

Now for a time we say farewell to *alleluia*. We do this to prepare ourselves for the quieter days of Lent. The *alleluias* will return on Easter dawn as we gather to shout our praise to the risen Lord.





OFFICIANTS:

Preacher and Celebrant: Pastor Paul Schaefer Communion Assistant: TBD; Choir: Senior Choir

THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S

Today - 9:30 AM Divine Service

~10:45 AM Call Meeting (Adult Bible Study after)

-10:45 AM Sunday School

Monday - 7:00 PM Board of Elders MeetingTuesday - 7:00 PM All Boards except Elders

- 8:00 PM Church Council Meeting

Wednesday - 9:30 Online Bible Class

- 6:00 PM Lenten Meal

- 7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Divine Service -

Reflections of Repentence

Thursday - 7:00 PM Senior Choir rehearsal

Sunday - 9:30 AM Divine Service

-10:45 AM Sunday School and Adult Bible Class

Serving Ash Weds. March 5: Altar Guild – Jan Jacobi ; Ushers: #1

Serving March 9: Altar Guild – Sarah Shmyr; Ushers: #2

Lenten Services and Meals – Lenten services will be starting this week, on March 5. Please plan on attending these services of repentance and preparation for Holy Week and Easter. We are asking various groups or families to host our traditional Lenten meals before these services. The Board of Stewardship and Education is organizing these events, and will be sponsoring the

first meal. There is a signup sheet in the narthex for those who wish to provide food. Your help will be appreciated.

2025 Evening Lenten Services: "Crucial Hours"

Date	Sermon Text	Sermon Theme	Officiant
March 5	Psalm 51:1-2	"Reflections of Repentence"	Pastor Schaefer

Our Preschool & Parent and Tot Programs are now enrolling for the 2025-2026 school year. Information is in the Narthex. Please share with family and friends! Registration is now open to everyone. Please speak with Chris Abbott or Rebecca Lohrmann if you have questions about preschool and with Carol Schwartz if you have questions about Parent and Tot. We are excited for this opportunity to share God's Word with these little ones and their families!

PASTORAL CARE & MERCY – Please remember with prayers, cards and visits those whose needs have been reported.

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