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**Transfiguration of Our Lord
Last Sunday after Epiphany**

Introduction to Worship

Today's festival is a bridge between the Advent-Christmas-Epiphany cycle that comes to a close today and the Lent-Easter cycle that begins in several days. On a high mountain Jesus is revealed as God's beloved Son, echoing the words at his baptism. This vision of glory sustains us as Jesus faces his impending death in Jerusalem. We turn this week to Ash Wednesday and our yearly baptismal journey from Lent to Easter. Some churches put aside the alleluia at the conclusion of today's liturgy. This word of joy will be omitted during the penitential season of Lent and will be sung again at Easter.

You can find the live stream at the following locations:

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Prelude “All Glory Be to God on High”

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness *[Please stand if you are able]*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Trusting in God’s mercy, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One, source of our renewal,

C: we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: Thus says our God: “The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare.”

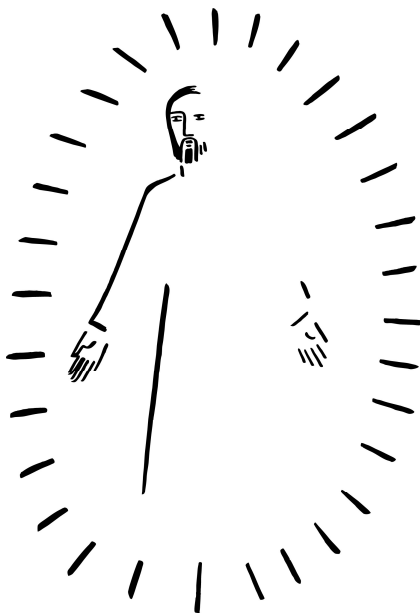
God’s mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of ☩ Christ our Savior. **C: Amen.**

Opening Hymn – *Immortal, Invisible* ELW #834

Greeting

P: Lord God, your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen



Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;

glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

I For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,
II

you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly

Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther, A - men.

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;

glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth,

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Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray. . O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

(Please be Seated)

First Reading: Exodus 24:12-18

At Mount Sinai, Moses experienced the presence of God for forty days and forty nights. The "glory of the Lord" settled on the mountain, and on the seventh day God called out to Moses. On the mountain God gave Moses the stone tablets inscribed with the ten commandments.

L: The First Reading is from the twenty-fourth chapter of Exodus

¹²The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." ¹³So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. ¹⁴To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them."

¹⁵Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out 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. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

L: The Word of the Lord. **C: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

Psalm: Psalm 2

You are my son; this day have I begotten you. (Ps. 2:7)

L: ¹Why are the nations in an uproar? Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?

C: ²Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and the princes plot together, against the Lord and against the Lord's anointed?

L: ³"Let us break their yoke," they say; "let us cast off their bonds from us."

C: ⁴God whose throne is in heaven is laughing; the Lord holds them in derision.

L: ⁵Then in wrath God speaks to them, and in rage fills them with terror.

C: ⁶"As for me, I have anointed my king upon Zion, my holy mountain."

L: ⁷Let me announce the decree of the LORD, who said to me, "You are my son; this day have I begotten you.

C: ⁸Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance and the ends of the earth for your possession.

L: ⁹You shall crush them with an iron rod and shatter them like a piece of pottery."

C: ¹⁰And now, you kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers ¹ of the earth.

L: ¹¹Submit to the LORD with fear, and with trembling bow in worship;

C: ¹²lest the LORD be angry, and you perish in a sudden blaze of wrath. Happy are all who take refuge in God!

Second Reading: 2 Peter 1:16-21

At the transfiguration, God's voice was heard, declaring Jesus to be the beloved Son. By the activity of the Holy Spirit, God's voice continues to be heard through the word of scripture.

L: The Second Reading is from the first chapter of 2 Peter

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 had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." ¹⁸We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

¹⁹So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. ²⁰First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, ²¹because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

L: The Word of the Lord. **C: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

Gospel Acclamation (Please stand)WOV 31



The Holy Gospel - Matthew 17:1-9

Shortly before he enters Jerusalem, where he will be crucified, Jesus is revealed to Peter, James, and John in a mountaintop experience of divine glory called the transfiguration.

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the seventeenth chapter:

C: GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.

¹Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John 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 dazzling white. ³Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three

dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” ⁵While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” ⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” ⁸And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

⁹As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.**

(Be seated after the gospel)

Children's Message

Sermon

Hymn – *O Wondrous Image* ELW #316

Apostles' Creed

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

Prayers of Intercession

P: Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

P: Embolden your church as it witnesses to the majesty and mercy of your Son. Equip lay preachers, deacons, and pastors. Move us to share our stories of your faithfulness and forgiveness; may our lives proclaim your greatness. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: Dwell with your whole creation, from the tallest mountain peak to the deepest valley. Bless the work of conservation organizations and protect vital habitats (*locally threatened waters or lands may be named*). Support the work of disaster relief agencies around the world. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: Guide and give wisdom to all in authority: our mayor (name) and local leaders, our governor (*name*) and state legislators, our president (*name*) and national legislators. Bring freedom and justice to all nations. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: Give shelter to those lacking safe homes. Spur communities to work for fair housing for all. Protect our neighbors whose dwellings do not keep out dangerous cold or heat; accompany with your touch those who are homebound, sick, or isolated (*especially*). Merciful God,
C: receive our prayer.

Make us eager to receive your Word in scripture. Help us recognize Jesus' voice in the needs of our neighbors; make us confident to follow the way of the cross. Merciful God,
C: receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P: Receive our thanksgiving for the holy ones who have guided us in faithfulness and gathered even the unlikely as your people. With our forebears in faith and all who have hoped in you, teach us to wait with courage until the promised day dawns. Merciful God,
C: receive our prayer.

P: We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.

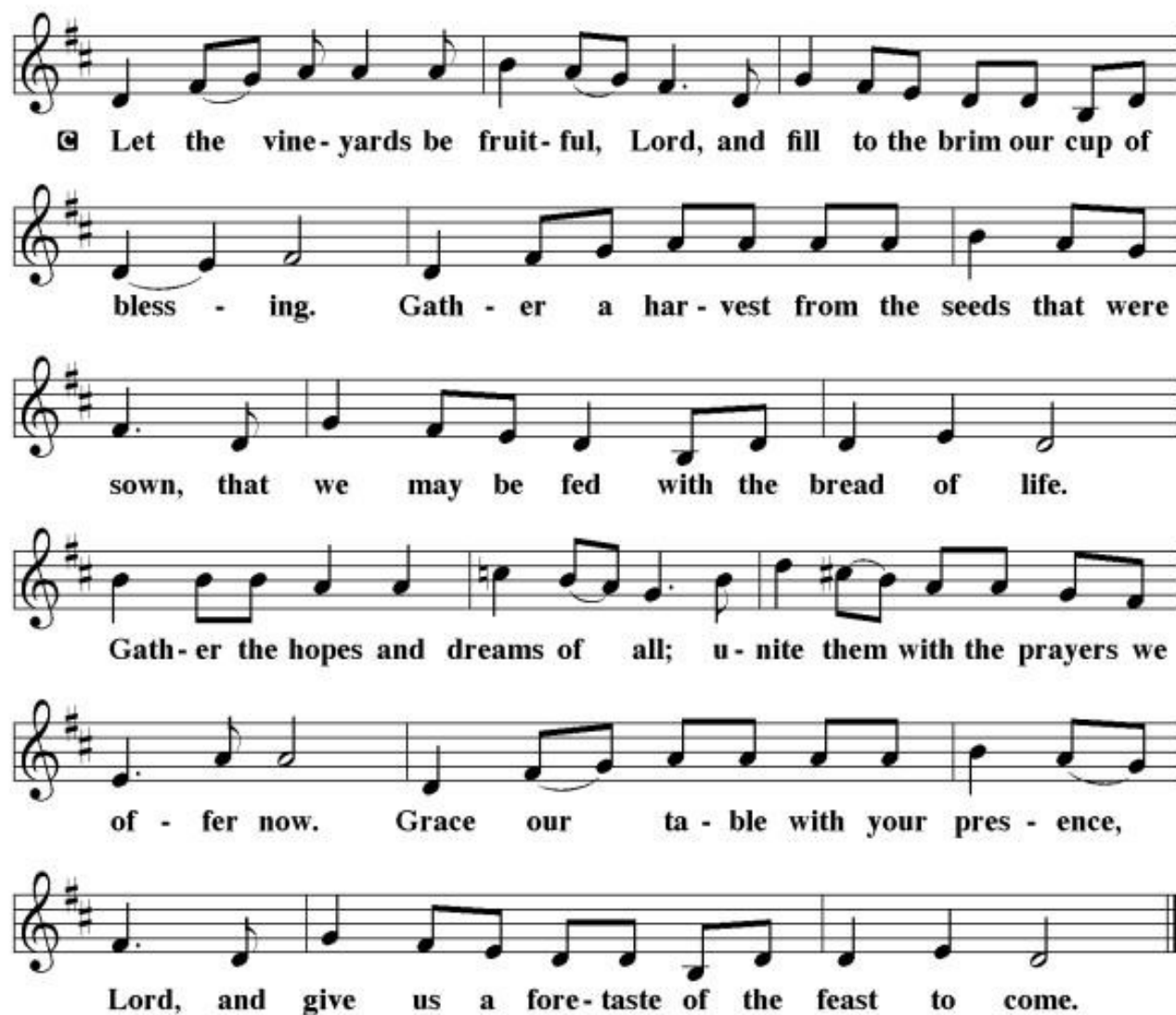
C: Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

Offertory Choir Anthem - The Lord is My Light..... RW #125

Presentation of the Gifts





Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were
sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,
Lord, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

Offertory Prayer

P: Liberating God, you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior,

C: Amen.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: AND ALSO WITH YOU

C: WE LIFT THEM TO THE LORD.

C: IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE OUR THANKS AND PRAISE.

Preface (spoken by Pastor)

“Holy, Holy, Holy Lord” WOVS 36

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est."

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
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comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Eucharistic Prayer (said by Pastor)

Lord's Prayer

P: Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

C: 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.

Invitation to Communion

P: Come and taste the joy of God.

Distribution of Bread & Fruits of the Vine (please follow ushers)

“Lamb of God” WOV 39

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on

us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Hymn during Distribution - Beautiful Savior.....ELW #838

Table Blessing (spoken by pastor – Congregation remain seated)



Post- Communion Canticle - Thankful Hearts WOV 40

The musical score is written on six staves in a single system. It begins with a treble clef and a common time signature (C). The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some phrases spanning across bar lines. The lyrics are printed below the notes, aligned with the syllables. The text is: "Thank - ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry - one what God has done. Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name. Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and lead us forth in joy with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia." The final note is a half note, indicating the end of the piece.

Thank - ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry -
one what God has done. Let all who seek the
Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.
Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and
lead us forth in joy with shouts of thanks -
giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer after Communion

P: Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you.

C: Amen.

Announcements

BURYING THE ALLELUIA

P: When Jesus came down from the mount of Transfiguration, he began to tell his disciples that he would be betrayed and crucified.

C: SOMETIMES WE LOSE OUR ALLELUIA.

P: Jesus did not enter into glory before he stretched out his arms on the hardwood of the cross.

C: SOMETIMES WE LOSE OUR ALLELUIA.

P: Jesus told his disciples, "If you want to become my followers, deny yourselves and take up your cross and follow me."

C: SOMETIMES WE MUST LET GO OF OUR ALLELUIA.

P: At Easter we will again celebrate the Resurrection and sing "Christ is risen."

C: IN GOD'S TIME, WE WILL FIND OUR ALLELUIA!

P: For the days of Lent, we discontinue singing and saying, "Alleluia."

C: SOMETIMES WE LET GO OF OUR ALLELUIA.

P: Let us pray. . . Lord Jesus, it is our joy to sing and say "Alleluia" as response to your conquering sin and death. Now, during the days of Lent we say farewell to "Alleluia" so that we may take it up anew on Easter.

P: **AMEN.**

Sending Blessing

P: The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod ✠ bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always

C: Amen.

Sending Song *Alleluia! Song of Gladness*..... ELW #318

Dismissal.

P: Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

ANNOUNCEMENTS
BAPTISMS, BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARY

	BIRTHDAYS	ANNIVERSARIES	BAPTISMS
23			Rachael Roney
25			Althea Crouse

<u>THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES</u>		
<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>
Sunday, February 19, 2023 Sunday after Epiphany	9:30 AM 10:30 AM After Church 5:00 PM-7:30 PM	Adult Forum – Current events Worship 2023 Annual Meeting Confirmation class @ Durham
Tuesday, February 21, 2023	6:30 PM	Shrove Tuesday Potluck Supper in the Fellowship Hall.
Wednesday, February 22, 2023, Ash Wednesday	1:00 PM 7:00 PM	Spoken service Regular service

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES		
<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>
Sunday February 26, 2023 First Sunday in Lent	9:30 AM 10:30 AM 5:00 PM	Adult Forum – Current events Worship Reverse Advent Calendar celebration dinner @ Trinity Pleasant Valley
Wednesday, March 1, 2023 Trinity Lutheran Church Pleasant Valley	5:30 PM 6:15 PM	Soup Supper Lenten devotions Perseverance with Endurance
Sunday, March 5, 2023 Second Sunday in Lent	9:30 AM 10:30 AM 2:00 PM	Adult Forum – Current events Worship Upper Bucks (Koinonia) Conference Annual Assembly
Wednesday, March 8, 2023 St. Peter's Riegelsville	5:30 PM 6:15 PM	Soup Supper Lenten devotions Inheritance of Faith
Sunday, March 12, 2023 Third Sunday in Lent	9:30 AM 10:30 AM	Adult Forum – Current events Worship
Wednesday, March 15, 2023 Upper Tinicum Upper Black Eddy	5:30 PM 6:15 PM	Soup Supper Lenten devotions Faithful in Prayer

Chat & Chew – Pastor Jim will be available in the church office each Thursday at Noon for Chat & Chew. Bring a bag lunch and join the conversation!

February Outreach - The offering envelopes are being collected for the Allentown Rescue Mission (allentownrescuemission.org) homeless shelter. We are also collecting soup for local food banks. You can sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex to donate an Outreach Basket. You can either buy the supplies for the basket or Helen Dungan can shop for you.

Please lift up in prayer the following:



Keep in your
PRAYERS

For Healing of those in our Congregation:

Michael Altemus; Esther Crouse; Joanne & David Antoni; Frank Erceg; Virginia Hager; George Kreitz; Joan Mammana; Paul McGinn; Cheryl Mesko; Barbara Naska; Donnie Pyne; Ed Xander; and Joanne and Bobby Ziegenfuss.

For Healing of Friends and Family:

Lynn Bailey; Ron & Kathy Ballek; Michael Barats; Anthony Beck; Aiden Benoure; Jason Bigley; Kelly Bordelon; Emma Brown; Ollie Butler; Melissa Carafa; Deb Carmichael; Stephanie Courtney; Miriam Deal; Rev. Dennis Durasoff; Nancy Edelen; Diane Ellington; Chris Fear; Fred Foerster;

Gerry Foran; Debbie Gardner; Joann Gary; Candie Gimbar; Penni Griffith; Bill Hunt; Lois James & family; Lauren Keebler; Martine King; Cecelia Kukuchka; Joan Mammana; Chelsea Marley; Jim McAnally; Sean McNulty; Sue Odor; Lucia Otero; Debra Patten; Jennifer Phelps; Tom Ross; Connie Rugen; Linda Saunders; Lani Schlegel; Debbie Schultz; David Sebring; Alex Sempt; Shawn Stadt; Donna Storm; Russ Trauger; Nancy Vetter; and Henry Wong.

For those who are Homebound:

Cleo & Ken Eck; Norma Fox;. Betty Kreitz; Phyllis Lanshe; Jayne Miller; Silas Rodenbach; and Hal Taylor.

For the grieving:

Wanda Altemose; LaDonna Gibbs; Mary Ellen Jonczyk; Lisa Pezzino; Donald Seipt; Linda Wilson

Helping in Worship

Preacher	Rev. James Heckman
Organist/Choir Director	Carolyn Williams
Acolyte	Chase Aquino
Altar	Mark Harwick & Bea von Watzdorf
Lector	Joe Hlavaty
Greeter(s)	Joe & Kathy Hlavaty
Communion Usher	Mark Harwick
Council Counting Team	Barb Naska & Becky Praster
Administration & Technology	Ken Anderson
Custodian	Dianna Streletz

LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE - MIDDLE EAST CRISIS

FEBRUARY 2023 [ELCA.org/disaster](https://elca.org/disaster)

On Feb. 6 two powerful earthquakes, one a magnitude 7.8 and the second a magnitude 7.5, hit Türkiye and significantly impacted neighboring Syria. The two quakes devastated both countries, killing thousands of people and collapsing thousands of buildings.


Lutheran Disaster Response is committed to supporting ACT Alliance and other partners in responding to the earthquakes. ACT Alliance member organizations are providing immediate aid; a comprehensive response will be coordinated as the full extent of the impact becomes clearer.

Gifts to “Middle East Crisis” will be used in full (100%) to assist those affected by the earthquakes and other disasters in the region. Together we can provide immediate and long-lasting support. Give today to support this response and others like it.

Yes, I want to help!

- Lutheran Disaster Response: Where needed most \$_____ DDG0010
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