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February 11, 2024 Transfiguration of Our Lord



Introduction to Worship

The Sundays after Epiphany began with Jesus' baptism and end with three disciples' vision of his transfiguration. In Mark's story of Jesus' baptism, apparently only Jesus sees the Spirit descending and hears the words from heaven. But now Jesus' three closest friends hear the same words naming him God's Beloved. As believers, Paul writes, we are enabled to see the God-light in Jesus' face, because the same God who created light in the first place has shone in our hearts to give us that vision. The light of God's glory in Jesus has enlightened us through baptism and shines in us also for others to see.

You can find the live stream at the following locations: <u>www.youtube.com/@DurhamLutheran</u>

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Prelude: O Love, That Will Not Let Me Go - Homer Whitford

Confession and Forgiveness (Stand if you are able)

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

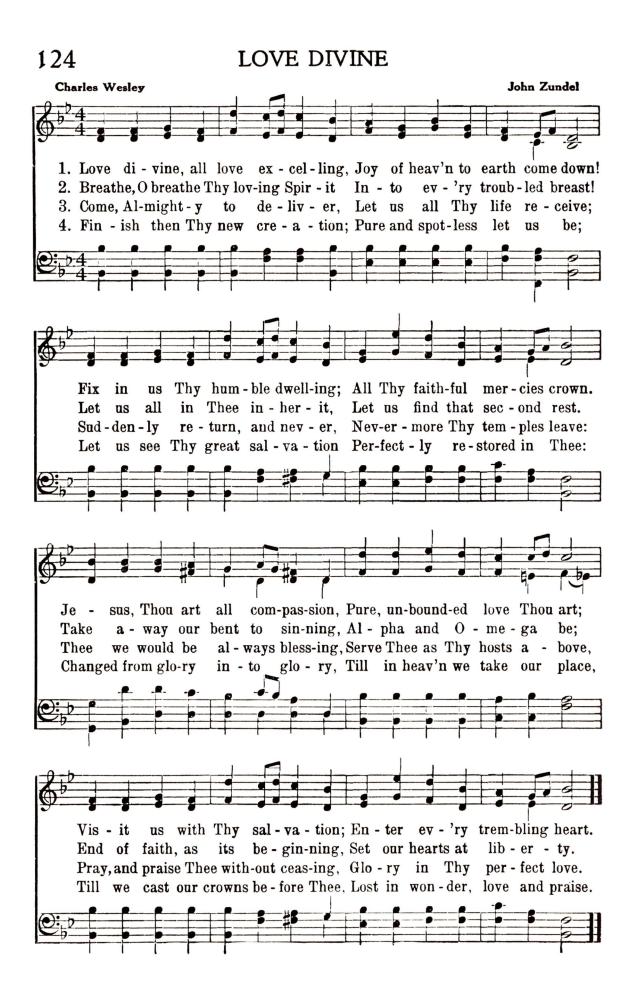
- P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, creator of darkness and light, word of truth, wind sweeping over the waters.
- C: Amen.
- P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

- P: God, our rock and refuge,
- C: we pour out our hearts before you. We have known you but have not always loved you. We have wounded one another and sinned against you. We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit dwelling in each of us. Remember your covenant. Renew your creation. Restore us, that we might proclaim your good news to all. Amen.
- C: Amen.



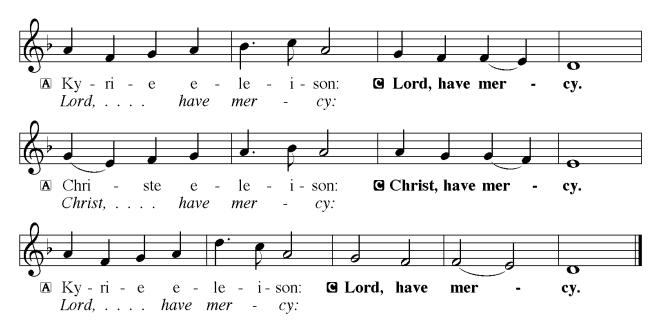
Entrance Hymn: CS 124



GREETING

- P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C: And also with you.

Kyrie:









Prayer of the Day

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Almighty God, the resplendent light of your truth shines from the mountaintop into our hearts. Transfigure us by your beloved Son, and illumine the world with your image, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

First Reading – 2 Kings 2:1-12

Today's reading centers on the transfer of power and authority from the prophet Elijah to Elisha. Their travels, which retrace the path of Joshua back to Moab (the place where Moses died) and the parting of the waters, demonstrate that Elisha and Elijah are legitimate successors of the great prophet Moses.

L: A reading from the second chapter of 2 Kings:

¹Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ²Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. ³The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent."

⁴Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. ⁵The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent."

⁶Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. ⁷Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

⁹When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." ¹⁰He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." ¹¹As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. ¹²Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

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

Psalm: Psalm 50:1-6

- L: ¹The mighty one, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
- C: ²Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.
- L: ³Our God comes and does not keep silence, before him is a devouring fire, and a mighty tempest all around him.

C: ⁴He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that he may judge his people:

L: ⁵"Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!"

C: ⁶The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

The spotlight of Christian ministry is not on the people who carry out ministry but on the Lord Jesus Christ. Just as God made light shine at creation, God makes the light of Jesus Christ shine in our lives through Christian ministry.

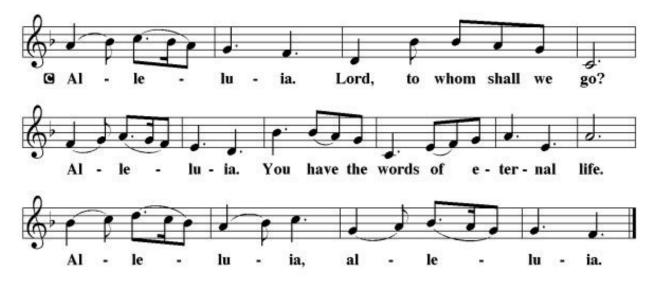
A reading from the fourth chapter of 2 Corinthians:

³Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as LORD and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. ⁶For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: THANKS BE TO GOD.

Gospel Acclamation (Please stand if you are able)



The Gospel – Mark 9:2-9

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark the ninth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord

²Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to

Mark's gospel presents the transfiguration as a preview of what would become apparent to Jesus' followers after he rose from the dead. Confused disciples are given a vision of God's glory manifest in the beloved Son.

them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁶He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" ⁸Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

⁹As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

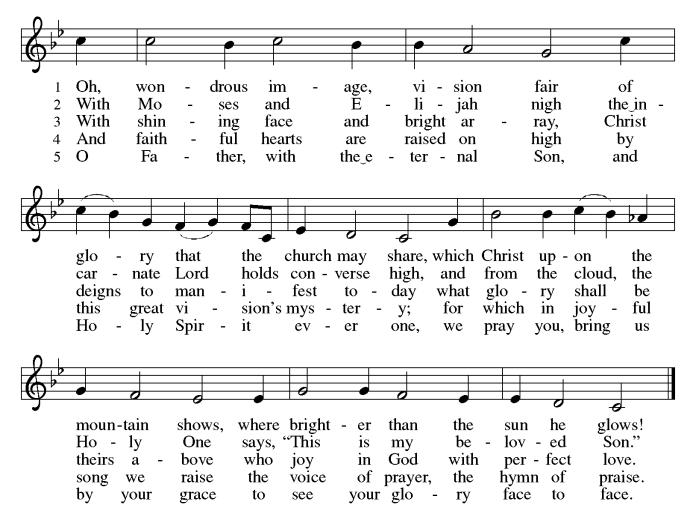
P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you. O Christ.

Children's Sermon / Sermon (please be seated)

Hymn of the Day: ELW 316

Oh, Wondrous Image, Vision Fair



Text: Sarum, 15th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt. Music: DEO GRACIAS, English ballad, 15th cent.

Creed

I trust and love God who is:

- Creator of everything
- Jesus, son of God
 - \circ Was crucified.
 - $\circ~$ On the Third day he rose to save us from our sins.
 - \circ When we die, we are with God.
- Holy Spirit gives us the ability to believe in God.
- ***** For more information, please see the Bible.

(This translation written by this year's Confirmation Class on 12/10/23)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

- P: We pray for the church, that the transformational power of God enters the hearts of all people. May its leaders serve as examples of your grace and healing across time and space. God of grace,
- C: receive our prayer.
- P: We pray for the creation, that we will humbly observe the swirl of wind and the heat of the bright sun. Teach us to honor all you have made and to care for the animals, plants, air, and bodies of water of this planet. God of grace,
- C: receive our prayer.
- P: We pray for those charged with leadership, lawmaking, and governance of our towns, states, and countries, that they will strive for goodness and justice all the days of their lives and callings. God of grace,
- C: receive our prayer.
- P We pray for any who are sick and suffering (especially). Guide us to offer hospitality, shelter, friendship, and care to any in need. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

- P We pray for this congregation and its ministry in the wider community. May we share the transforming beauty and love of God in ways that honor the dignity of all whom we encounter. God of grace,
- **C:** receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

- P: Trusting that all the saints, prophets, and those who die in faith are held in your care, we remember in thanksgiving those who have died (especially). Grant us your gift of salvation as we await your coming again in glory. God of grace,
- C: receive our prayer.
- P: Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.
- C: Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

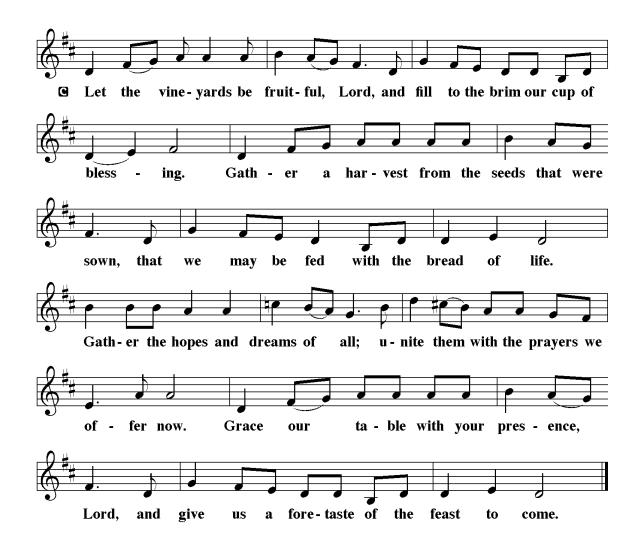
P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

OFFERING

Choir Anthem: I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light (WOV 649)

Presentation of the Gifts



Offering Prayer

- P: Blessed are you, Holy One, for all good things come from you. In bread and cup you open heaven to us. Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek and follow your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray.
- C: Amen.

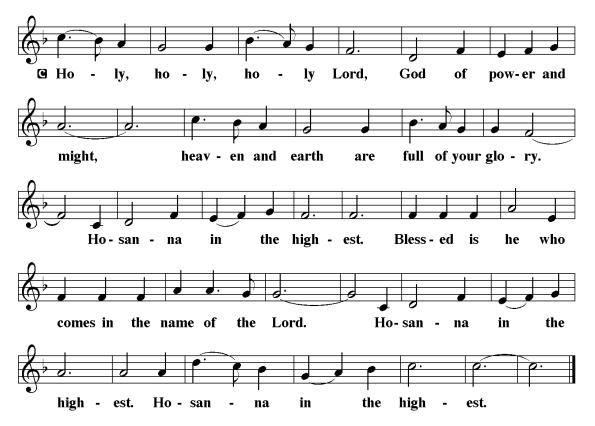
THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

- P: The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.
- P: Lift up your hearts.
- C: We lift them to the Lord.
- P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface:

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who, sharing our life, lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to your own brilliant light. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

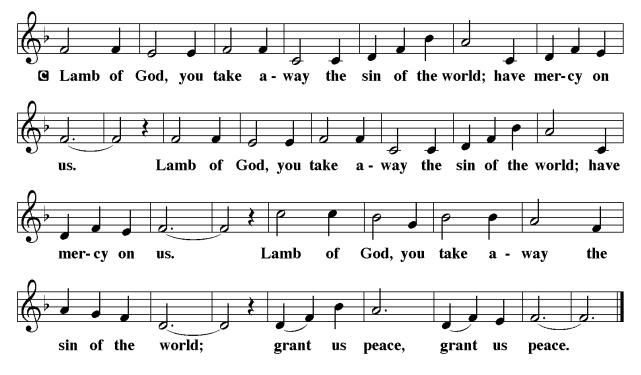


Eucharistic Prayer (said by Pastor)

- 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: At Jesus' table, heaven and earth are joined as one. Come and see.

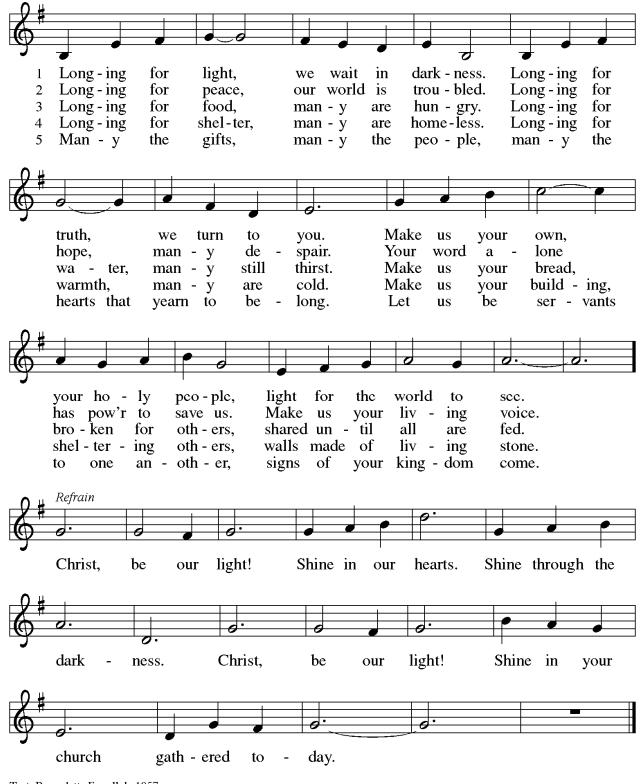


Distribution of Bread & Fruits of the Vine (please follow ushers)



Hymn during Communion: ELW 715

Christ, Be Our Light



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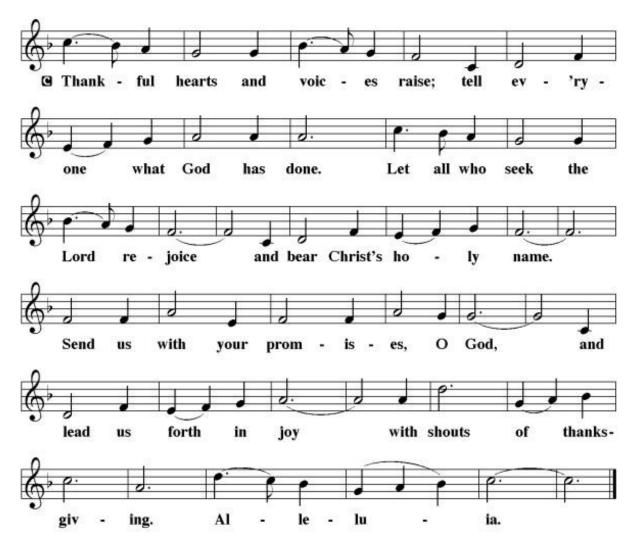
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Prayer after Communion

P: Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever.

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.

BLESSING

- P: God who names you, Christ who claims you, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you, + bless you and remain with you always.
- C: Amen.



SENDING SONG: ELW 866

We Are Marching in the Light of God



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Dismissal

P: Go in peace. You are God's beloved.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling - Gordon Young

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	BIRTHDAYS		ANNIVERSARIES		BAPTISMS
12	Steven Streletz				
13	13 Miriam Anderson				
15	Norma Fox				
16	Kathy Haney				
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Sunday, February 11 10:00				Communion Worship	
Transfiguration of Our Lord					-
Monday, February 12		7:00 PM		Council Meeting	
Tuesday, February 13		6:00 PM		Shrove Tuesday Potluck dinner in the	
				Fellowship hall.	
Wednesday, February 14		10:00 AM - 2:00 PM		Office Hours	
		11:00 AM - 11:15 PM		Care -A-Lot Visit	
		12:00 PM		Chat & Chew with Pr. Jim	
		12:30 PM		Ash Wednesday afternoon service	
		7:00 PM		Ash Wednesday evening service	
Thursday, February 15		10:00 AM - 11:00 PM		Choir rehearsal	
		11:00 AM - 1:00 PM		Office hours	
			1 - 3:00 PM		e Study @ Hlavaty's
Friday, February 16		9:00 AM		Making soup	
		12:00 PM		Pot-Luck Lunch	
		3:00 – 7:00 PM		Soup Sale	
		UP	COMING ACTI	VITIES	
Sunday, February 18		10:00 AM		Communion Worship	
First Sunday in Lent		5:30 PM		Confirmation Class @ Durham	
Wednesday, February 21		10:00 AM - 2:00 PM		Office Hours	
		11:00 AM - 11:15 PM		Care -A-Lot Visit	
		12:00 PM		Chat & Chew with Pr. Jim	
					lweek Gathering
				Change of Season @ Evangelical, Durham	
		6:00 PM		Soup Supper	
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Thursday, February 22		10:00 AM - 11:00 PM		Choir rehearsal Office hours	
		11:00 AM - 1:00 PM		Uffice hou	rs

	1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's	
	7:00 PM	UB Conference Exec Comm.	
Sunday, February 25	10:00 AM	Communion Worship	
Second Sunday in Lent	After Worship	Annual Congregational Meeting (Snow Date March 3)	
Wednesday, February 28	10:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Office Hours	
	11:00 AM - 11:15 PM	Care -A-Lot Visit	
	12:00 PM	Chat & Chew with Pr. Jim	
		PALM Midweek Gathering	
		Change of Habit @ St. Peter's,	
	6:00 PM	Riegelsville	
	6:45 PM	Soup Supper	
		Devotion	
Thursday, February 29	10:00 AM - 11:00 PM	Choir rehearsal	
	11:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Office hours	
	1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's	



For Healing of those in our Congregation:

Joanne & David Antoni; Brian Ashmore; Frank Erceg; Kenneth Hager; George Kreitz; Paul McGinn; Cheryl Mesko; Wes Simmons; Ed Xander; Joanne and Bobby Ziegenfuss.

For Healing of Friends and Family:

Frank Allebach; Lynn Bailey; Ron & Kathy Ballek; Bob Benoure; Jason Bigley; Deb Carmichael; Jane Carr; Peggy Coleman; Stephanie Courtney; Nancy Edelen; Diane Ellington; Leon Errico; Fred Foerster; Gerry Foran; Gabriella Froehlich; Debbie Gardner; Cindy Gilligan; Candie Gimbar; Baree Lee Goodman; Penni Griffith; Bill Hunt; Lois James & family; Martine King; Sue Kiry; Jim McAnally; Letitia McCrea; Sue Odor; Cindy Oswald; Lucia Otero; Jennifer Phelps; Connie Rugen; Paul Sauter; Debbie Schultz; David Sebring; Laura Sheetz; Shawn Stadt; Kay Stokes; Donna Storm; Russ Trauger; Kelly Walsh; Jacqueline Ward; Regina Ward; Henry Wong; Rostam Wong Chaffin and Scotty Yurconis.

For those who are Homebound:

Cleo & Ken Eck; Norma Fox; Phyllis Lanshe; Frank Mammana; Jayne Miller; and Silas Rodenbach.

For families and friends grieving the loss of:

Ronald Fox, Rev. Dennis Durasoff; Jean Pratt

If you want to add or remove someone from the prayer list, please contact Joan Mammana either by phone (610-258-5717 or 610-417-6553) or by email at:

PrayerChain@durhamlutheran.org

ALLENTOWNRESCUEMISSION FEBRUARY OUTREACH - The February outreach envelope will go to the Allentown rescue Mission.



Diaper Shower - PALM is collecting disposable baby diapers for Pr. Rich Bergen and his wife who is expecting a baby this month. Bring them to the church and we will deliver what we collect at the end of the month.

Preacher	Rev. James Heckman				
Organist / Choir Director	Carolyn Williams				
Altar Guild	Kris Simmons, Linda Sauter				
Greeter(s)	David Sauter				
Acolyte					
Lector	Mary Crouse				
Head / Communion Usher	Mark Harwick				
Council Counting Team	Karen Beerer & Cathy Mueller				
Administration & Technology	Ken Anderson				
Custodian	Dianna Streletz				

Worship



Save the date! The Annual Congregational meeting is in two weeks, after church on February 25, 2024. Hope to see you there!