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# March 2, 2025 Transfiguration of Our Lord

Witnesses to the glory of God in the face of Jesus reflect that glory in the world. It was true for Moses. It was doubtless true for Peter, James, and John. We pray that it will be true of all of us who see God's glory in the word and in the supper and who are being "transformed into the same image" by God's Spirit.

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**Prelude**: "The Light of the World is Jesus" – Arr. Mark Hayes

#### **GATHERING**

P: The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

#### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

#### (Stand if you are able)

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity,  $\oplus$  one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

#### C: Amen.

- P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.
- P: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

#### C: Amen.



#### Gathering Hymn: ELW 511

# Thy Strong Word



- 5 Give us lips to sing thy glory, tongues thy mercy to proclaim, throats that shout the hope that fills us, mouths to speak thy holy name.
  Alleluia! Alleluia!
  May the light which thou dost send fill our songs with alleluias, alleluias without end!
- 6 God the Father, light-creator, to thee laud and honor be.
  To thee, Light of Light begotten, praise be sung eternally.
  Holy Spirit, light-revealer, glory, glory be to thee.
  Mortals, angels, now and ever praise the holy Trinity!

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P: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God and the community of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

# C: And also with you

Kyrie- Congregation sings response "Lord, have mercy."



### **CANTICLE OF PRAISE**





# Prayer of the Day

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Holy God, mighty and immortal, you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. Transform us into the likeness of your Son, who renewed our humanity so that we may share in his divinity, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

(Please be Seated)

# First Reading-Exodus 34:29-35

Moses' face shone with the reflected glory of God after he received the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai. The sight caused the Israelites to be afraid, so Moses wore a veil to mask the radiance of God's glory, taking it off when he spoke directly with God.

# L: A reading from the thirty-fourth chapter of Exodus

<sup>29</sup> Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. <sup>30</sup> When Aaron and all the Israelites saw

Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. <sup>31</sup> But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. <sup>32</sup> Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. <sup>33</sup> When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; <sup>34</sup> but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, <sup>35</sup> the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

#### Psalm: Psalm 99

- L: <sup>1</sup>The Lord is king; let the people tremble. The Lord is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.
- C: <sup>2</sup>The Lord, great in Zion, is high above all peoples.
- L: <sup>3</sup> Let them confess God's name, which is great and awesome; God is the Holy One.
- C: <sup>4</sup>O mighty king, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.
- L: <sup>5</sup> Proclaim the greatness of the Lord and fall down before God's footstool; God is the Holy One.
- C: <sup>6</sup> Moses and Aaron among your priests, and Samuel among those who call upon your name, O Lord, they called upon you, and you answered them,
- L: <sup>7</sup> you spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; they kept your testimonies and the decree <sup>|</sup> that you gave them.
- C: <sup>8</sup>O Lord our God, you answered them indeed; you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds.
- L: <sup>9</sup> Proclaim the greatness of the Lord and worship upon God's holy hill; for the Lord our God is the Holy One.

# Second Reading -2 Corinthians 3:12--4:2

In his debates with the Corinthians, Paul contrasts the glory of Moses with the glory of Christ. The Israelites could not see Moses' face because of the veil. But in Christ we see the unveiled glory of God and are transformed into Christ's likeness.

L: A reading from the third and fourth chapters of 2 Corinthians.

<sup>12</sup> Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, <sup>13</sup> not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. <sup>14</sup> But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. <sup>15</sup> Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their

minds; <sup>16</sup> but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. <sup>17</sup> Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. <sup>18</sup> And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

<sup>4:1</sup> Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. <sup>2</sup> We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

#### **Gospel Acclamation:**



# The Gospel: Luke 9:28-36

The conversation about Jesus' suffering and death is enclosed in a dazzling foreshadowing of the resurrection. God affirms Jesus' identity, the disciples are stunned speechless, and Jesus resumes his mission with a demonstration of his power over evil.

P: The holy gospel according to Luke, the nineth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: <sup>28</sup> Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. <sup>29</sup> And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. <sup>30</sup> Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. <sup>31</sup> They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. <sup>32</sup> Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. <sup>33</sup> Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"—not knowing what he said. <sup>34</sup> While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. <sup>35</sup> Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" <sup>36</sup> When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

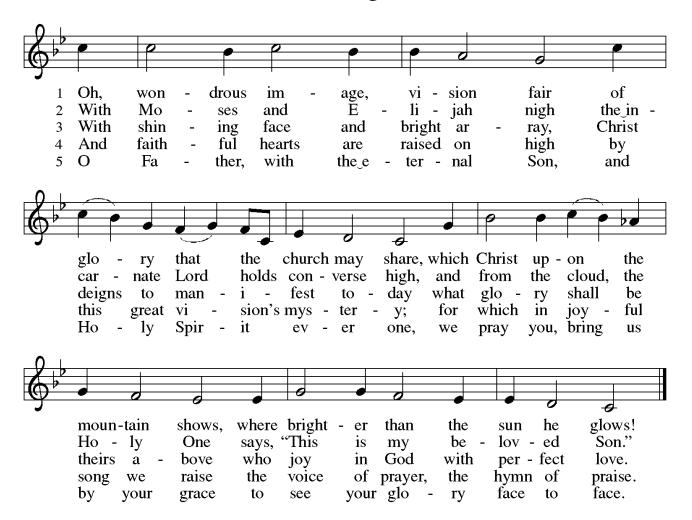
P: The gospel of the Lord.

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.

# **Apostle's Creed**

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

The pastor will read the first and last prayer, those in the congregation are invited to read the other prayer aloud as they feel called. The congregation may turn and face the aisle.

P: With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Transfiguring God, through the glory of your presence, you transform us. Move the church from complacency to boldness in sharing the good news with others. God of grace,

#### C: Hear our prayer.

We pray for your creation. As seasons change, give patience and skill to all who tend to animals giving birth. Grant nourishing weather for the growing of crops. God of grace,

# C: Hear our prayer.

We pray for all in leadership, especially for those who lead states, counties, and town councils. Give them wisdom to protect local resources so that all will flourish both now and in the years to come. God of grace,

# C: Hear our prayer.

Bring your healing grace to those who feel distant from you. Speak comfort to those who need your words of mercy. We pray for those close to our communities and in our hearts (*especially*). God of grace,

# C: Hear our prayer.

God of our past, present, and future, lead us into new beginnings, trusting in the promise of new life in Christ. Accompany congregations needing to close, and give courage to congregations starting new ministries. God of grace,

### C: Hear our prayer.

Renewing God, the saints who have gone before us witnessed to the ways you transform your church and people (*especially John Wesley and Charles Wesley, renewers of the church*). We give thanks for their example and pray we carry it forward. God of grace,

# C: Hear our prayer.

#### Here other intercessions may be offered.

P: We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.

#### C: Amen.

# **Sharing of the Peace**

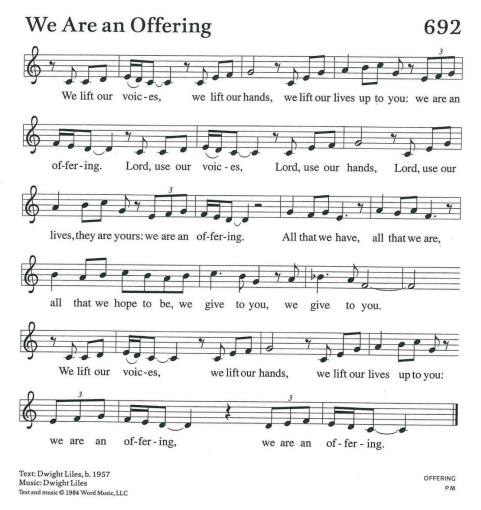
P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

#### **OFFERING**

Choir Anthem: "High Upon a Mountain"

#### PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS



# **Offering Prayer**

P: God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always.

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.

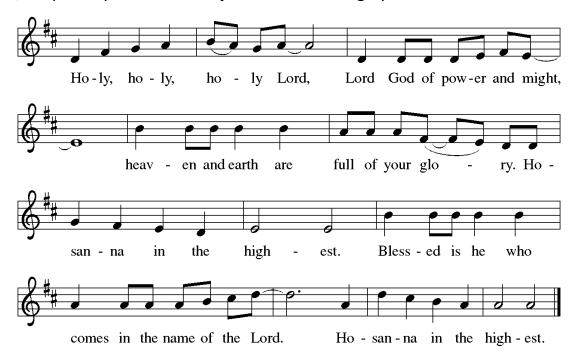
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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 on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of

everlasting life. 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:



#### **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE** (said by Pastor)

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

# C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the

forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

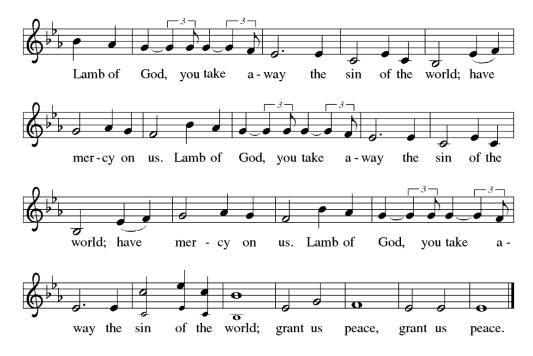
C: Amen.

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: The joy of the Lord is our strength. Come, eat this meal of gladness.

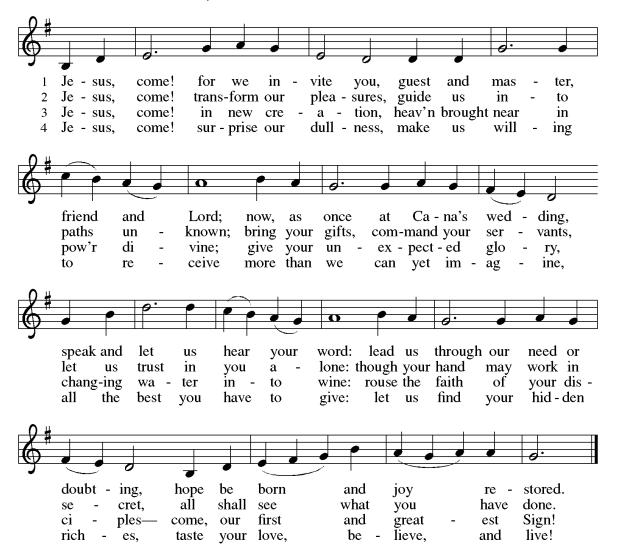


**Distribution of Bread & Fruits of the Vine** (please follow usher)



#### **SONG DURING COMMUNION: ELW 312**

# Jesus, Come! For We Invite You



Text: Christopher Idle, b. 1938

Music: UNION SEMINARY, Harold Friedell, 1905-1958

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# **Prayer after Communion**

- P: Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray,
- 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: The Spirit of the triune God  $\oplus$  bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love.
- C: Amen

# Sending Song: ELW 318

# Alleluia, Song of Gladness



Text: Latin hymn, 11th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt. Music: PRAISE, MY SOUL, John Goss, 1800–1880

#### **DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Live in hope.

C: Thanks be to God.

#### Postlude:

Our Outreach envelopes for March will be given to Lutheran Disaster Relief.

Don't forget, Please stay after the service today for some fellowship time and a discussion on how we can take care of our own mental health!



For Healing of those in our

#### Congregation:

David Antoni; Esther Crouse; Joe Hlavaty; George Kreitz; Paul McGinn; Cheryl Mesko; Joanne Ziegenfuss

#### For Healing of Friends and Family:

Frank Allebach; Phyllis Allebach; Bob Benoure; Jason Bigley; Stephen Bizon; Clay Butler; Doris Calverley; Deb Carmichael; Jane Carr; Peggy Coleman; Stephanie Courtney; David

Davis; Nancy Edelen; Carol and Leon Errico; Gabriella Froehlich; Barbara Foster; Debbie Gardner; Candie Gimbar; Baree Lee Goodman; Jason Gourley; Rev. Bradley Gow; Penni Griffith; Andrew Hales; Krista Heyer; Penny Houck; Bill Hunt; Lois James & family; Martine King; Tim Koplin; Mary Lily; Jim McAnally; Charleigh McCade; Letitia McCrea; Connor McDevitt; Patrick McNaulty; Stacy Mechum; Nancy Morris; Sue Odor; Lucia Otero; Leslie Patience; Jennifer Phelps; Lisa Ridge; Connie Rugen; Tammy Sassman; Paul Sauter; Laurel Sheetz; Holly Snyder; Donna Storm; Russ Trauger; Joe V.; Kelly Walsh; Jacqueline Ward; Dean Erika Wesch; Henry Wong; Wayne Yeisley; Barbara Yob.

#### For those who are Homebound:

James Altemose; Cleo Eck; Jayne Miller.

#### For families and friends grieving the loss of:

Fred Foerster; Norma Fox ;Kenneth Hager; Frank Mammana; Silas Rodenbach; Bart Shaw; Ed Xander and Bobby Ziegenfuss

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: <a href="mailto:joanmammana@icloud.com">joanmammana@icloud.com</a>

<u>ANNOUNCEMENTS</u>					
MARCH	BIRTHDAYS	ANNIVERSARIES	BAPTISMS		
2	Michael Altemus				
4	Amanda Harrison				
6	Gladys Nicholas (91)				
7	Kenneth Crouse				
8			Karen Bolesta		

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES				
Sunday, March 2	9:15 AM	Adult Sunday school in the library.		
Transfiguration of Our Lord	10:00 AM	Communion Worship		
		Confirmation Class @ St. Lukes Ferndale		
Monday, March 3	1:00 PM- 3:00	Admin Office Hours		
,,	PM			
Tuesday, March 4	5:00 -7:00 PM	Mardi Gras At St Luke Ferndale		
	6:00-7:30 PM	Shrove Tuesday Covered Dish at Durham		
Wednesday, March 5	10:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Office Hours		
	10:00 AM	Mid-Week Choir Rehearsal		
	12:30 PM	Ash Wednesday Spoken Service at Durham		
	3:00 PM	St Lukes Ferndale Ash Wednesday Service		
	7:00 PM	Ash Wednesday Communion Service		
Thursday, March 6	10:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Office Hours		
Thursday March 6, cont'd	12:00 PM	Chat & Chew with Pr. Jim		
	1:00 - 3:00 PM	Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's		
	7:00 PM	General PALM meeting@ St.Peter's Riegelsville		
	<u>UPCOMING</u>	<u>ACTIVITIES</u>		
Sunday, March 9	9:15 AM	Adult Sunday school in the library		
First Sunday in Lent	10:00 AM	Communion Worship		
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME	2:00-4:00PM	Upper Bucks Conference Annual Assembly		
		at St Peters Hilltown		
Monday, March 10	1:00 PM- 3:00 PM	Admin Office Hours		
Tuesday, March 11	7:00 PM	Council Meeting		
Wednesday, March 12	10:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Office Hours		
	10:00 AM	Mid-Week Choir Rehearsal		
	1:30 PM	Christian Education Meeting		
	6:00-7:30PM	Lenten Soup Supper St. Peters Riegelsville		
Thursday, March 13	10:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Office hours		
	12:00 PM	Chat & Chew with Pr. Jim		
	1:00 - 3:00 PM	Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's		
Friday, March 14	10:00 AM	WELCA Meeting		
Sunday, March 16	9:15 AM	Adult Sunday School in Library		
Second Sunday in Lent	10:00 AM	Communion Worship		
	5:00PM-7:00PM	Confirmation Class @ St Peters Riegelsville		
Monday, March 17	1:00 PM- 3:00 PM	Admin Office Hours		
Tuesday, March 18	7:00 PM	Vacation Bible School Planning Meeting @Trinitiy		
Wednesday, March 19	10:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Office Hours		
	10:00 AM	Mid-Week Choir Rehearsal		
	6:00-7:30PM	Lenten Soup Supper at ELC Durham		
Thursday, March 20	10:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Office hours		
	12:00 PM	Chat & Chew with Pr. Jim		
	1:00 - 3:00 PM	Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's		

#### **Worship Assistants**

Preacher	Rev. James Heckman	
Organist/Choir Director	Carolyn Williams	
Altar Guild	Miriam Anderson and Nancy Moskella	
Greeter(s)	O'Brien Family	
Acolyte	Oaklee Wagner	
Lector	Joe H'lavaty	
Head / Communion Usher		
Council Communion	Dealers' choice	
Counting Team	Becky Praster, Cathy Mueller and Dave Sauter	
Technology & Livestreaming	Ken Anderson	
Administrative	Kathryn Wagner	
Custodian	Dianna Streletz	



#### ALL ARE WELCOME

# 12:30PM

Evangelical Lutheran Church of Durham 821 Durham Rd, Durham PA 18039

# 3:00 PM

Ash Wednesday Service St. Luke Lutheran Church 470 Church Hill Rd. Ferndale, PA 18921

# 6:00 PM

Soup Supper Followed by 7:30 PM SERVICE

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church

305 Delaware Rd. Riegelsville, PA 18077

# 7:00 PM

Ash Wednesday Service Evangelical Lutheran Church of Burham 821 Durham Rd, Durham PA 18039





Food bank requests: Spaghetti , pancake mix, 15oz cans of Chicken Noodle and Cream of Mushroom soup, Stewed tomatoes and whole tomatoes

Any Donations are appreciated! Helen and Miriam dropped off 103.6lbs of food to the Lord's Pantry and 95.8 lbs. to Project Easton last week! Thank you and keep up the good work!