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*March 3, 2019*  
*The Transfiguration of Our Lord*

## **Service Notes:**

- The following psalms in the front of the hymnal (page 64f) will aid you in your meditation before receiving the Lord's Supper: Psalms 34, 42-43, 51, 84, 116, 150. Prayers for preparation for worship are on pages 10 and 11 in the hymnal. A form for preparation for Communion is on page 156.
- Please sign the friendship registry in the pews before the service or during the offering. If you have a prayer request or would like Pastor Schaefer to visit or call you, please note your request.

**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.

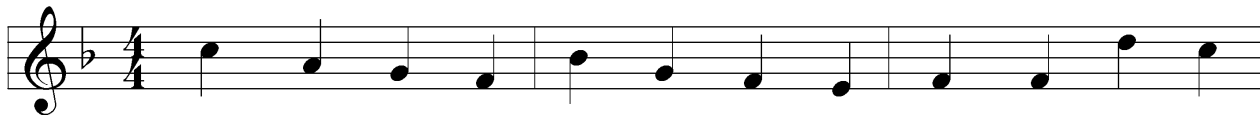
## **THE COMMON SERVICE** (page 15)

### **OPENING HYMN: #712 "Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain"**

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# Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain



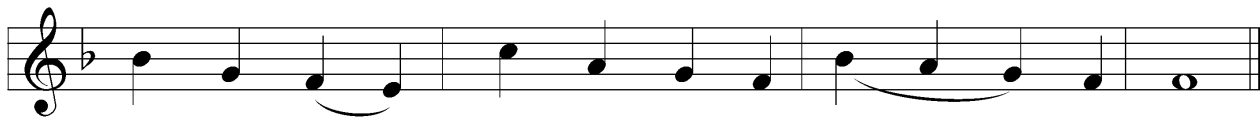
1 Je - sus, take us to the moun - tain Where, with Pe - ter,  
 2 What do you want us to see there That your close com -  
 3 What do you want us to hear there That your dear dis -  
 4 Take us to that oth - er moun - tain Where we see you  
 5 We who have be - held your glo - ry, Ris - en and as -



James, and John, We are daz - zled by your glo - ry,  
 pan - ions saw? Your di - vin - i - ty re - vealed there  
 ci - ples heard? Once a - gain the voice from heav - en  
 glo - ri - fied, Where you shout - ed, "It is fin - ished!"  
 cend - ed Lord, Can - not help but tell the sto - ry,



Light as blind - ing as the sun. There pre - pare us  
 Fills us with the self - same awe. Clothed in flesh like  
 Says of the in - car - nate Word: "Lis - ten, lis - ten,  
 Where for all the world you died. Hear the stunned cen -  
 All that we have seen and heard, Say with Pe - ter,



for the night By the vi - sion of that sight.  
 ours you go, Matched to meet our dead - liest foe.  
 ev - 'ry - one; This is my be - lov - ed Son!"  
 tu - ri - on: "Tru - ly this was God's own Son!"  
 James, and John: "You are God's be - lov - ed Son!"

## STAND

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



C: A - men.

## 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.



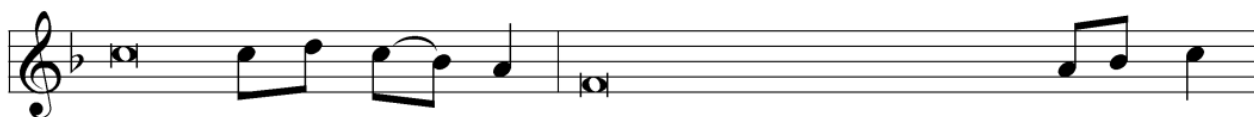
**C:** Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you,



we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



God the Fa-ther al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the



sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the



sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of



God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on-ly are holy;



you on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,



are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M:** The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so 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.



C: A - men.

**BE SEATED**



## THE WORD

### FIRST LESSON: Exodus 34:29-35

<sup>29</sup> 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. <sup>30</sup> 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.

<sup>31</sup> But Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the leaders of

the congregation returned to him, and Moses talked with them. <sup>32</sup> Afterward all the people of Israel came near, and he commanded them all that the LORD had spoken with him in Mount Sinai. <sup>33</sup> And when Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face.

<sup>34</sup> 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, <sup>35</sup> 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.

## **PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 148**

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The choir will sing the refrain the first time. Afterwards, the congregation will sing the refrain as indicated.

# Praise the Lord, All the Earth

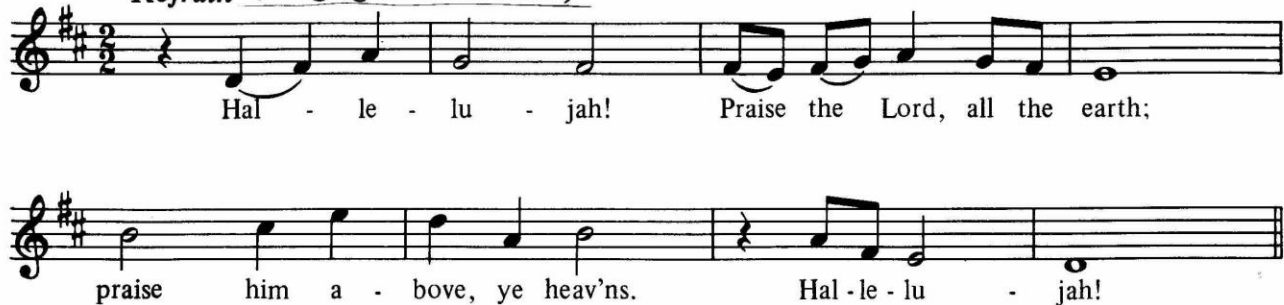
Psalm 148

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## **Refrain (Congregation and Choir)**



## **CHOIR**

Praise him, angels of his;  
praise him, all his host!  
Praise him, sun and moon;  
praise him, shining stars.  
Praise him, heaven of heavens,  
and ye waters above the heavens.

## **REFRAIN**

## **CHOIR**

Let them praise the name of the Lord;  
for he commanded and they were created.  
He made them stand fast forever and ever;  
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.

## **REFRAIN**

## **CHOIR**

Praise the Lord, all the earth,  
sea monsters, depths of the ocean,  
fire and hail, snow and fog,  
tempestuous wind, doing his will;  
mountains and hills, fruit trees and cedars;  
wild beasts and cattle, creeping things and birds;  
kings of the earth and princes and rulers;  
young men and maidens, old and young together.  
Praise the Lord, all the earth.

## **REFRAIN**

## **CHOIR**

Let them praise the name of the Lord,  
for his name only is exalted, his splendor is over earth and heav'n.  
He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal servants,  
the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Hallelujah!

## **REFRAIN**

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## **SECOND LESSON: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6**

<sup>3</sup> And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. <sup>4</sup> In 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. <sup>5</sup> For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup> For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

### **VERSE OF THE DAY** (sung by the choir)

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

### **STAND**

*After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:*



## **GOSPEL: Luke 9:28-36**

<sup>28</sup> Now about eight days after these sayings he took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. <sup>29</sup> And as he was praying, the appearance of his face was altered, and his clothing became dazzling white. <sup>30</sup> And

behold, two men were talking with him, Moses and Elijah,  
<sup>31</sup> who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure, which  
he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. <sup>32</sup> 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. <sup>33</sup> 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. <sup>34</sup> As he was  
saying these things, a cloud came and overshadowed them,  
and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. <sup>35</sup> And a  
voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is my Son, my  
Chosen One; listen to him!” <sup>36</sup> 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.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

## 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.

**BE SEATED**

## **GOSPEL RESPONSE: “Once on a Mountaintop”**

Once on a mountaintop there stood three startled men  
Who saw the veil of nature drop and heaven shine in.  
Their friend of every day, the face they knew for his,  
They saw for just a while the way he always is.

Yet we have lived and died and found of God no trace.  
“You are a God,” the prophet cried, “who hides his face.”  
The earth lies all explored; the heavens are ours to climb.  
And still no one has seen our God at any time.

And minds that learn to scan creation like a book  
Say nothing lives outside their plan, so never look.  
O Lord of hidden light, forgive us who despise  
The things which lie beyond our sight, and give us eyes.

## **HYMN OF THE DAY: #97 “Down From the Mount of Glory”**

### **SERMON**

***STAND***

## **PSALM 51 RESPONSE** (page 20)



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from your pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re-store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -  
tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it. A - men.

**BE SEATED**

**OFFERING**

**STAND**

### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH FOR THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD**

**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.**

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## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.



## THE SACRAMENT

### PREFACE

**M:** The Lord be with you.



**C:** And al - so with you.

**M:** Lift up your hearts.



**C:** We lift them up un - to the Lord.

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



**C:** It is good and right so to do.



**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*)

C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:

heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -

na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -

na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**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.



## O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD (*Agnus Dei*)

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;

have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,

you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;

grant us your peace. A - men.

**BE SEATED**

## **DISTRIBUTION**

### **DISTRIBUTION HYMN:**

**#95** "How Good, Lord, to be Here"

## **THANKSGIVING** (page 24)

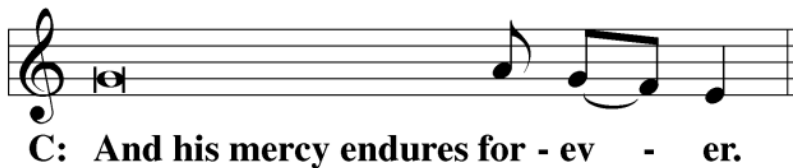
**STAND**

### **SONG OF SIMEON** (*Nunc Dimittis*)



**C:** Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing  
to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-  
pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the  
Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

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



**C:** And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

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.



**C:** A - men.

**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.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

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## FAREWELL TO ALLELUIA

**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."

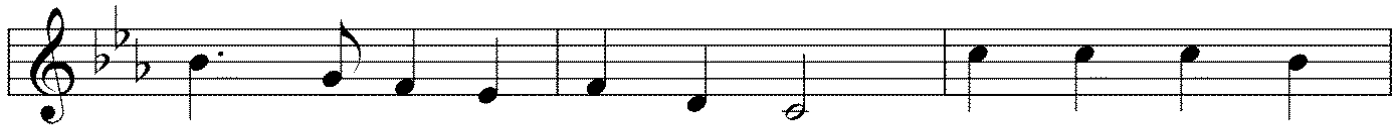
Now for a time we say farewell to *alleluia*. We do this to prepare ourselves for the quieter days of Lent. The *alleluias* will return on Easter dawn as we gather to shout our praise to the risen Lord.



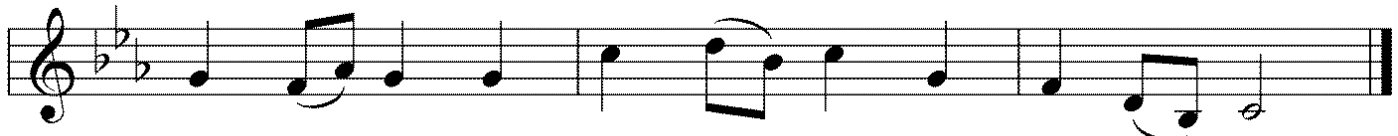
1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of tri-umph, sound of joy that  
2 Al - le - lu - ia we are sing - ing, voic - ing hymns in  
3 Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways be our song while  
4 May our hymns be filled with long - ing—hear us, Ho - ly



can - not die; Al - le - lu - ia is the an - them  
pure ac - cord, With Christ's ho - ly Church u - nit - ed,  
here be - low; Al - le - lu - ia our trans - gres - sions  
Trin - i - ty— As we look to your blest Eas - ter,



ev - er dear to choirs on high; Saints a - dorned in  
jus - ti - fied, re - deemed, re - stored, And with all his  
make us for a while fore - go. For the sol - emn  
here, and then e - ter - nal - ly, When we shall once



robes of glo - ry join the great an - gel - ic cry.  
faith - ful peo - ple raise our songs to praise the Lord.  
time is com - ing when our tears for sin must flow.  
more be sing - ing al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly!

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## THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S

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| Today     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 9:30 AM Divine Service</li> <li>- 10:45 AM Sunday School and Adult Bible Class</li> <li>- 3:30 to 5:00 PM St. Peter's Preschool Open House</li> </ul>   |
| Monday    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 6:00 PM Youth Catechism</li> <li>- 7:00 PM Leasing Committee Meeting</li> </ul>   |
| Tuesday   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 10:00 AM Martin Luther College Choir Concert at Huron Valley Lutheran High School</li> <li>- 7:00 PM Board Meetings: Stewardship/Education, Trustees</li> <li>- 8:00 PM Church Council Meeting</li> </ul> |
| Wednesday | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 8:30 AM Bible Class</li> <li>- 6:00 to 6:45 PM Lenten Meal</li> <li>- 7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Divine Service</li> </ul>   |
| Thursday  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 7:00 PM Senior Choir rehearsal</li> </ul>   |
| Sunday    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 9:30 AM Divine Service</li> <li>- 10:45 AM Sunday School and Adult Bible Class</li> <li>- 6:00 PM Good Shepherd Novi Lecture Series</li> </ul>  |

**Reminder: Ash Wednesday Divine Service, March 6 at 7:00 PM with a Lenten meal at 6:00 PM hosted by the Board of Stewardship and Education.**

### **Serving next week (March 10):**

Altar Guild – Joy Schaefer

Ushering – Team 2

### Lenten Schedule of Wednesday Services Theme: "Three Words of Truth"

Date	Sermon Text	Sermon Theme	Celebrant
March 6 Ash Wednesday	Matthew 26:20-25	Is It I?	Pastor Schaefer
March 13	Matthew 26:35-41	Watch and Pray	Pastor Frey
March 20	John 13:31-35	Love One Another	Pastor Schroeder
March 27	John 18:3-9	I Am He	Pastor Schaefer
April 3	John 18:33-40	What is Truth?	Pastor Frey
April 10	John 19:14-18	Take Him Away!	Pastor Schroeder

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

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