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Sunday, February 19, 2023
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.

- 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: #95 "How Good, Lord, to Be Here"

Text: Joseph a. Robinson (1858-1933)



1 How good, Lord, to be here! Your glo - ry
2 How good, Lord, to be here Your beau - ty
3 Ful - fill - er of the past, Prom - ise of
4 Be - fore we taste of death, We see your
5 How good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may



fills the night; Your face and gar - ments, like
to be - hold, Where Mo - ses and E - li -
things to be, We hail your bod - y glo -
king - dom come; We long to hold the vi -
not re - main; But since you bid us leave



the sun, Shine with un - bor - rowed light.
jah stand, Your mes - sen - gers of old.
ri - fied And our re - demp - tion see.
sion bright And make this hill our home.
the mount, Come with us to the plain.

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.



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 24:12, 15-18

¹² The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and wait there, that I may give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." ¹⁵ Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the

cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶ The glory of the LORD dwelt on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. And on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud. ¹⁷ Now 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. ¹⁸ Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 148 The choir will sing “Sing to the Lord.”

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Sing to the Lord. Heaven and earth rejoice.
Hear, O Israel, the Lord is a mighty God
All heaven and earth rejoice and sing.

SECOND LESSON: 2 Peter 1:16-21

¹⁶ For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷ For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased,” ¹⁸ we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. ¹⁹ And we have something more sure, the prophetic word, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your

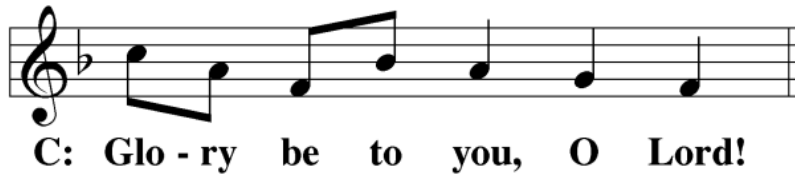
hearts, ²⁰ knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. ²¹ For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

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: Matthew 17:1-9

17 And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. ² And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. ³ And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴ And Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." ⁵ He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." ⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces

and were terrified. ⁷ But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Rise, and have no fear.” ⁸ And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

⁹ And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, “Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead.”



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: “Jesus on the Mountain Peak”

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Jesus on the mountain peak stands alone in glory blazing;

Let us, if we dare to speak, join the saints and angels praising. Alleluia!

Trembling at his feet we saw Moses and Elijah speaking.

All the prophets and the law shout through them their joyful greeting.

Alleluia!

Swift the cloud of glory came:
God proclaiming in its thunder Jesus as the Son by name!
Nations, cry aloud in wonder: Alleluia!

This is God's beloved Son! Law and prophets sing before Him,
First and last and only One. All creation shall adore Him! Alleluia!

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

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Down from the Mount of Glory



1 Down from the mount of glo - ry Came Je - sus
 2 Trans - fig - ured, Christ, the low - ly, Stood ra - diant
 3 Yet mark this glo - ry hid - den! See him the
 4 Strange how his jour - ney end - ed! In love that
 5 Then hail the dou - ble glo - ry Of Je - sus



Christ, our Lord. Re - call the won - drous sto - ry,
 in the light, Light found in God - head sole - ly,
 mount de - scend And, by the Fa - ther bid - den,
 is his fame Our Lord a - gain as - cend - ed
 Christ, our Lord, And let the won - drous sto - ry



Rich gem in sa - cred Word. A - gain your faith will
 For hu - man eyes too bright. Then came a voice from
 His will - ing foot - steps bend To seek hu - mil - i -
 A mount—the hill of shame. Up - on the cross he
 Full peace and joy af - ford! The ho - ly mount ac -



view him In dou - ble glo - ry here; The great - er
 heav - en, Con - firmed what here we see; The words "my
 a - tion In deep - est depths of woe, To suf - fer
 prof - fered Him - self to ag - o - ny; His ho - ly
 claims him The maj - es - ty di - vine; Mount Cal - va -

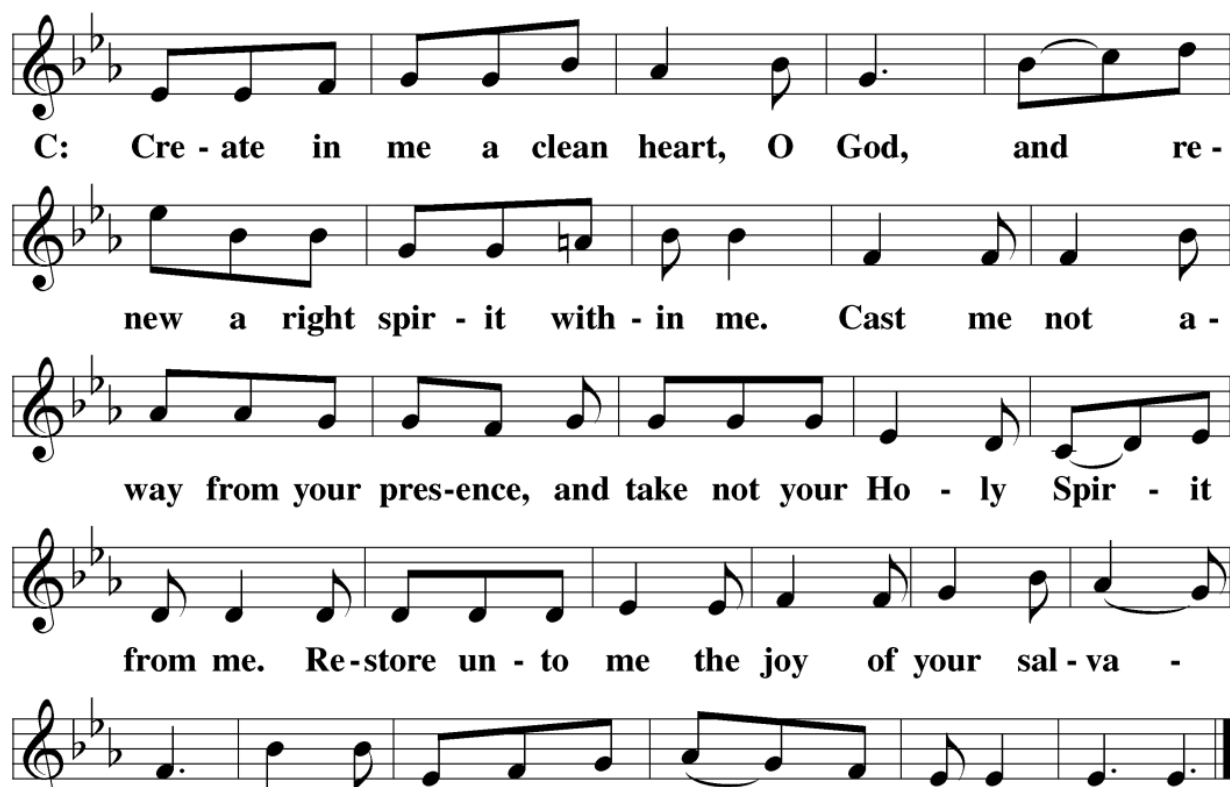


hom - age due him Will in your life ap - pear.
 Son" were giv - en To seal his de - i - ty.
 deg - ra - da - tion No mind can probe or know.
 soul he of - fered To set the guilt - y free.
 ry pro - claims him Re - deem - er—yours and mine.

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 Tune: ICH FREU MICH IN DEM HERREN (76 76 D) Bartholomäus Helder, 1585–1635.

STAND

PSALM 51 RESPONSE *(page 20)*



The musical notation is written on five staves in a single system. The key signature has three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is written in a soprano or alto clef. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The lyrics are: "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."

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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH FOR THE EPIPHANY SEASON AND TRANSFIGURATION

M: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God and Mary's son, in the fullness of time you came into our world to save us from sin and death.

C: You ushered in the day of grace so long foretold.

M: Beloved Son of the Father, revered by the Magi, baptized by John, you came preaching and teaching, healing and comforting, forgiving and encouraging:

C: You brought the light of life to those walking in darkness, and the joy of salvation to those doomed to death.

M: Prince of peace, shine like a beacon for us and the people of our world. Let the good news of salvation be heard in the remotest corners of the earth. Open our own lips to speak your name to those around us who still live without faith or hope:

C: Arouse us and our missionaries to flood the world with the light of your gospel.

M: Lord of the Church, let your peace rule our hearts that we may use our gifts to serve you and each other in willing gratitude and joy. Watch over our loved ones near and far, that they may remember your love and rejoice in your salvation. Strengthen the faith of the sick and the disheartened. Give hope to those in despair and comfort those who mourn:

C: Be gracious to all and lead us to reflect your love in everything we say and do.

M: O Lord, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember this day the glorious manifestation of Your Son's divinity on the Mount of Transfiguration. Teach us to listen to Jesus and ever fix our eyes on Him and His innocent suffering and death for our forgiveness. By Your grace and mercy, strengthen us to remain faithful in all circumstances of trial, temptation and persecution. Preserve us to the end, that we

may die a blessed death believing in Your beloved Son with whom You are well pleased, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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

**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

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

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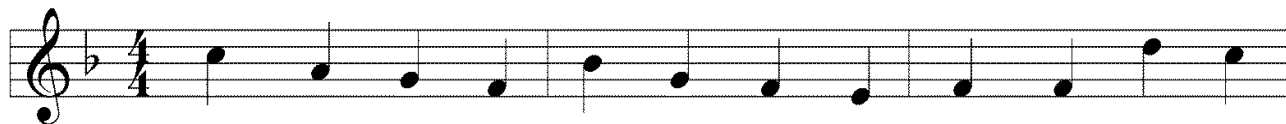
#712 “Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain” (See next page)

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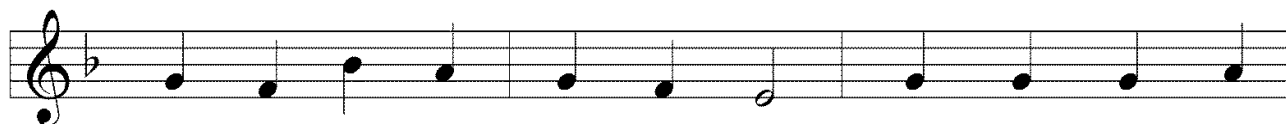
Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain



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!"

The hymn writer reminds us that the glimpse of glory seen in Jesus' transfiguration foreshadows the ultimate glory of Christ displayed at Calvary, hidden under the cross.

THANKSGIVING (page 24)

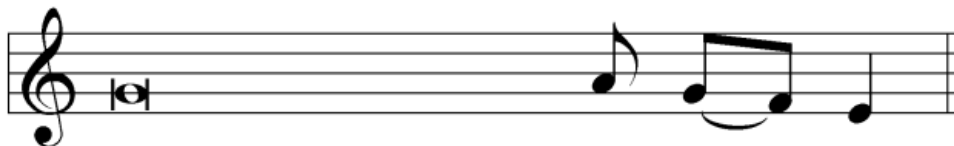
STAND

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.



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.



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."

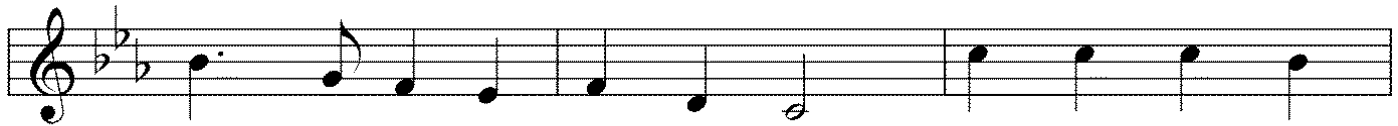
Now for a time we say farewell to *alleluia*. We do this to prepare ourselves for the quieter days of Lent. The *alleluias* will return on Easter dawn as we gather to shout our praise to the risen Lord.



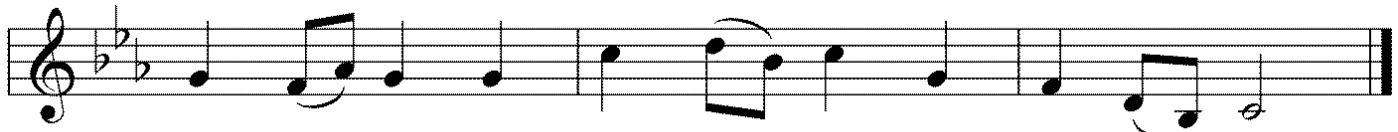
1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of tri-umph, sound of joy that
2 Al - le - lu - ia we are sing - ing, voic - ing hymns in
3 Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways be our song while
4 May our hymns be filled with long - ing—hear us, Ho - ly



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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OFFICIANTS:

Preacher and Celebrant: Pastor Paul Schaefer

Communion Assistant: Steve Wendland

Organist: Mrs. Jan Jacobi; Choir: Senior Choir

THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S

- Today - 9:30 AM Divine Service
 - 10:45 AM Sunday School and Adult Bible Class
 - 2:00 PM HVL Conference of Congregations Meeting
- Monday - Pastor/Teacher Conference at Zion, Monroe
- Tuesday - Pastor Conference at Zion, Monroe
- Wednesday - 9:30 AM Online Bible Class
 - 6:00 PM Lenten Meal, hosted by the Board of Stewardship and Education
 - 7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Divine Service
- Thursday - 7:00 PM Senior Choir rehearsal
- Sunday - 9:30 AM Divine Service
 - 10:45 AM Sunday School and Adult Bible Class

Serving on Altar Guild – Ash Wednesday: Sarah Shmyr;
February 26: Joy Schaefer

Ushering – Ash Wednesday: Team 4; February 26: Team 1

Altar Flowers were donated to the glory of God

Lenten Meals before our Wednesday Lenten services will commence on Ash Wednesday, February 22 at 6:00 PM. Please consider volunteering to host one of these meals. There is a signup sheet in the narthex. The Board of Education and Stewardship will be hosting the Ash Wednesday meal.

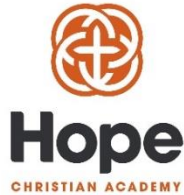


2023 LENTEN SERIES: Repent and Turn to Jesus

DATE	SERVICE THEME	SERMON TEXT	OFFICIANT
February 22	Repent: And Turn to Jesus and Not to Yourself	Luke 18:9-14	Pastor Schaefer
March 1	Repent: Turn to Jesus; Do Not Turn Away	Matthew 27:1-5	Pastor Frey
March 8	Repent: Turn to Jesus; He Holds the Key to Heaven	Luke 23:35-43	Pastor Schroeder
March 15	Repent: Turn to Jesus; He Longs to Forgive You	Luke 23:32-34	Pastor Schaefer
March 22	Repent: Turn to Jesus; He Changes Your Life	Luke 7:44-50	Pastor Frey
March 29	Repent: Turn to Jesus When You Face Temptation	Mark 14:32-38	Pastor Schroeder
Maundy Thursday	Repent: Turn to Jesus and Receive a Special Assurance of Your Forgiveness	1 Corinthians 11:23-28	Pastor Schaefer
Good Friday	Repent: Turn to Jesus; He and He Alone Finished Your Salvation	John 19:17-30	Pastor Schaefer
Easter Sunday	Repent: Turn to Jesus for Resurrection and Life	Luke 24:1-8	Pastor Schaefer

Huron Valley Lutheran High School - New Name - Same Mission

Our name will officially change to Hope Christian Academy this summer, but you will begin seeing the new name and logo on all our promotional materials and web presence.



HVL New Website: We will be launching our new website www.HopeHawks.org, this month. Our old website URL (hvlhs.org) will redirect to the new website. Our social media handles are changing as well, but those who currently follow us on Facebook and Instagram will not need to do anything differently to continue following the new Hope Christian Academy pages. Please let us know if you have any questions.

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

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