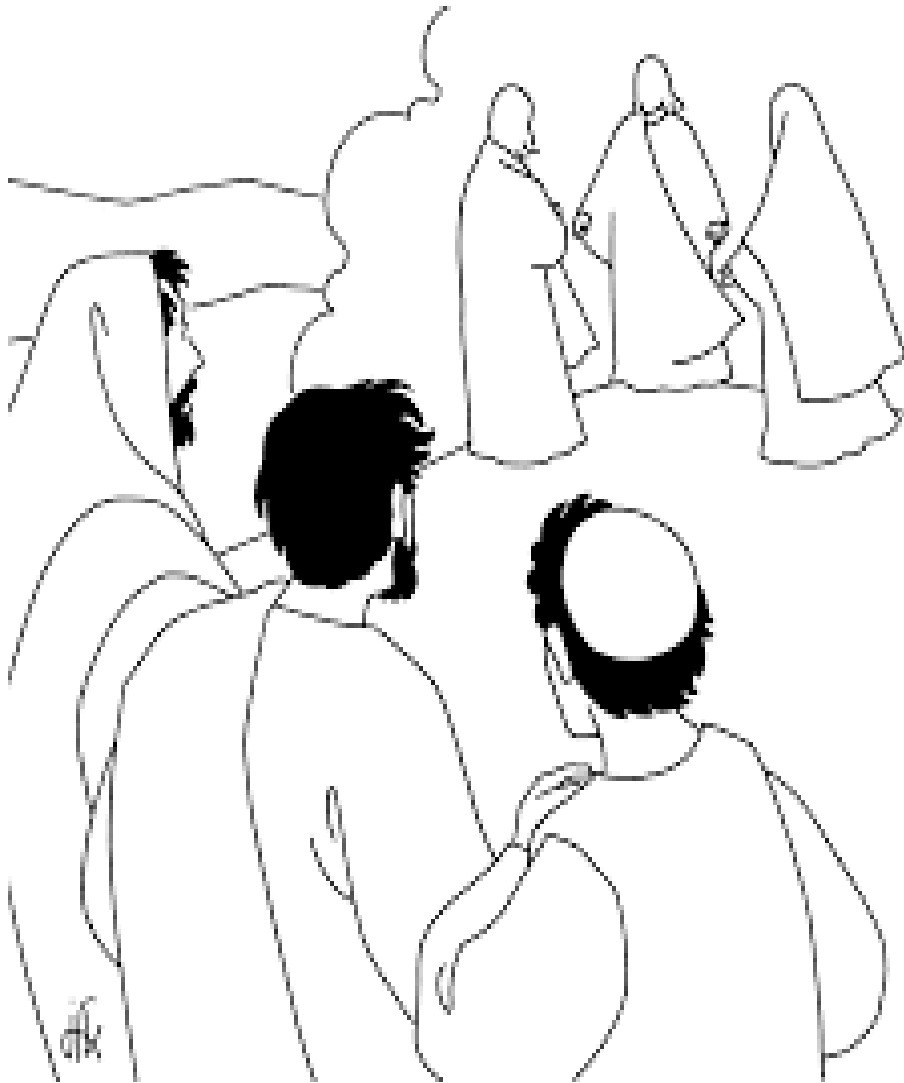


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The Transfiguration of Our Lord

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.

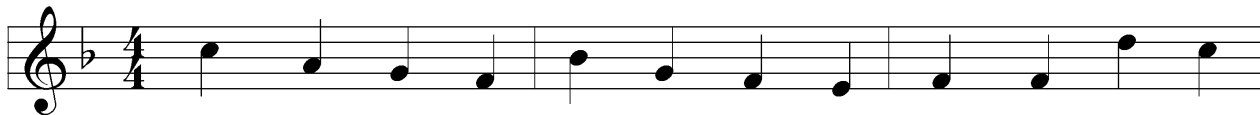
THE COMMON SERVICE (page 15)

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

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Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain



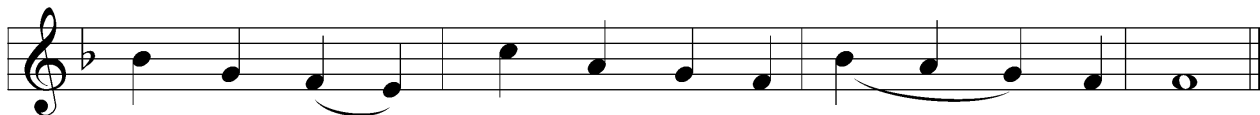
1 Je - sus, take us to the moun - tain Where, with Pe - ter,
 2 What do you want us to see there That your close com -
 3 What do you want us to hear there That your dear dis -
 4 Take us to that oth - er moun - tain Where we see you
 5 We who have be - held your glo - ry, Ris - en and as -



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*)

C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

The musical notation consists of two staves. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the text, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The notes are simple, with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat).

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.

C: A - men.

The musical notation consists of a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The notes are simple, with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat).

PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.



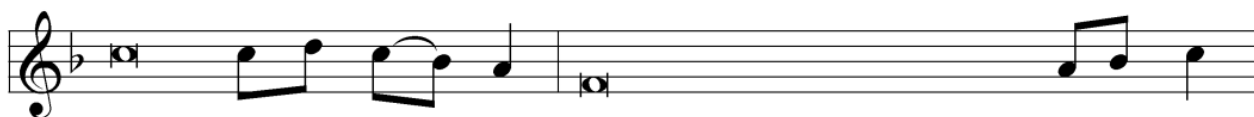
C: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



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: 2 Kings 2:1-12a

Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ² And Elijah said to Elisha, "Please 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. ³ And the sons of the prophets

who were in Bethel came out to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take away your master from over you?" And he said, "Yes, I know it; keep quiet."

⁴ Elijah said to him, "Elisha, please 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. ⁵ The sons of the prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take away your master from over you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know it; keep quiet."

⁶ Then Elijah said to him, "Please 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. ⁷ Fifty men of the sons of the prophets also went and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸ Then Elijah took his cloak and rolled it up and struck the water, and the water was parted to the one side and to the other, till the two of them could go over on dry ground.

⁹ When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Ask what I shall do for you, before I am taken from you." And Elisha said, "Please let there be a double portion of your spirit on me." ¹⁰ And he said, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it shall be so for you, but if you do not see me, it shall not be so." ¹¹ And as they still went on and talked, behold, chariots of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them. And Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. ¹² And Elisha saw it and he cried, "My father, my father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" And he saw him no more.

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 148

The choir will sing “Praise the Lord! O Heavens, Adore Him”

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Praise the Lord! O heavens, adore him.

Praise him, angels, in the height.

Sun and moon, rejoice before him.

Praise him, shining stars of light.

Praise the Lord, for he has spoken;

Worlds his mighty voice obeyed.

Laws which never shall be broken

For their guidance he has made.

Praise the Lord, for he is faithful;

Never shall his promise fail.

God has made his saints victorious;

Sin and death shall not prevail.

Praise the God of our salvation.

Hosts on high his power proclaim.

Heaven and earth, and all creation,

Laud and magnify his name!

Praise the Lord! O heavens, adore him.

Praise him, angels, in the height.

Sun and moon, rejoice before him.

Praise him, shining stars of light.

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Laud and magnify his name!

SECOND LESSON: 2 Corinthians 3:12 – 4:2

¹² Since we have such a hope, we are very bold, ¹³ not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face so that the Israelites might not gaze at the outcome of what was being brought to an end. ¹⁴ But their minds were hardened. For to

this day, when they read the old covenant, that same veil remains unlifted, because only through Christ is it taken away. ¹⁵ Yes, to this day whenever Moses is read a veil lies over their hearts. ¹⁶ But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. ¹⁷ Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸ And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

4 Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. ² But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God.

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: Mark 9:2-9

² And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³ and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴ And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. ⁵ And Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah.” ⁶ For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷ And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, “This is my beloved Son; listen to him.” ⁸ And suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them but Jesus only.

⁹ And as they were coming down the mountain, he charged them to tell no one what they had seen, until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.



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: “This is My Beloved Son”

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Long, long ago, the prophets spoke to ancient generations.
But in these days, God shows His ways, and through the Son He’s spoken.
The Son is in God’s likeness, in glory and in brightness, in high authority.

You are my Son, beloved one, you are my first begotten.
The heavens you made, your hand has laid the very earth’s foundation.
The Son is in God’s likeness, in glory and in brightness, in high authority.
The Son, your sins has lightened,
He sits upon the right hand of power and majesty.
The first begotten One, this is my high and holy Son.

On earth one day, John, Peter, James followed Him up a mountain.
Before their eyes, His face would shine with light as bright as morning.
His garments shone and brightened.
The disciples were so frightened, their faces on the ground.
A bright cloud overwhelmed them.
A voice came forth to tell them,
“Now listen to this one, for this is my beloved Son!”

You are my Son, beloved one, you are my first begotten.
The heavens you made, your hand has laid the very earth’s foundation.
The Son is in God’s likeness, in glory and in brightness, in high authority.
The Son, your sins has lightened,
He sits upon the right hand of power and majesty.
For this is my beloved Son. This is my Son.

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

C: 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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 HYMNS:

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

#96 "Oh, Wondrous Type! Oh, Vision Fair"

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."

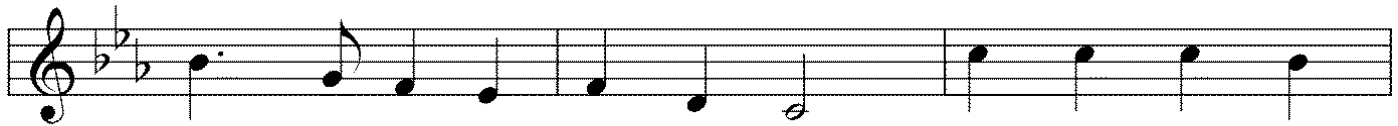
Now for a time we say farewell to *alleluia*. We do this to prepare ourselves for the quieter days of Lent. The *alleluias* will return on Easter dawn as we gather to shout our praise to the risen Lord.



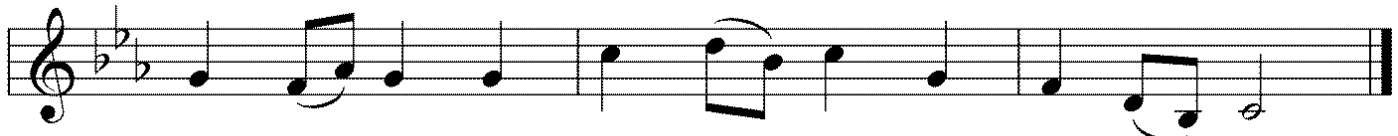
1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of tri-umph, sound of joy that
2 Al - le - lu - ia we are sing - ing, voic - ing hymns in
3 Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways be our song while
4 May our hymns be filled with long - ing—hear us, Ho - ly



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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Organist: Mrs. Jan Jacobi; Choir: Senior Choir

THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S

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| Today | - 9:30 AM Divine Service - 10:45 AM Conference Serving Meeting (see below) - 6:00 PM Bible Series at Good Shepherd, Novi |
| Wednesday | - 9:00 AM Bible Class - 6:00 to 6:45 PM Lenten Meal - 7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Divine Service |
| Thursday | - 7:00 PM Senior Choir rehearsal |
| Saturday | - 9:00 AM Youth Catechism |
| Sunday | - 9:30 AM Divine Service - 10:45 AM Sunday School and Adult Bible Class |

Reminder: Ash Wednesday Divine Service, February 14 at 7:00 PM

Serving next week:

Altar Guild – Barb Helmke

Ushering – Team 3

MEETING TODAY FOLLOWING CHURCH!

St. Peter's is hosting the Southeast Michigan Pastor Teacher Conference on February 19th and 20th. This is a big task! We will need many helpers. We will be serving two breakfasts, two lunches, a dinner, and a fellowship time. There were two SignUp Genius' which came to you in emails: one to volunteer to help, the other to donate food. Praise the Lord that all the food has been arranged. We still need people to help serve the meals. We also need Nesco-style roasters, if you have one we can borrow, please contact Pastor or Dick Cording. Please consider how you can contribute to this important service opportunity.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4aa8a72ba0f49-pastor>

Thanks, Pastor Schaefer and Richard Cording

Thank You - The Family of Hazel Wendland would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, help with funeral meal and words of sympathy on her recent passing. We rejoice that she is now in heaven with our Lord, her husband, parents, children and their spouses, and a granddaughter.

Lenten Schedule of Wednesday Services

| Date | Sermon Text | Sermon Theme | Celebrant |
|-------------|--------------------|---|------------------|
| February 14 | Hebrews 1:1-3 | Jesus is Our Great High Priest | Pastor Schaefer |
| February 21 | Hebrews 5:7-9 | Jesus is Our Perfect High Priest | Pastor Frey |
| February 28 | Hebrews 4:14-16 | Jesus is Our Compassionate High Priest | Pastor Schroeder |
| March 7 | Hebrews 10:5-12 | Jesus is Our Self-Sacrificing High Priest | Pastor Frey |
| March 14 | Hebrews 10:19-25 | Jesus Our Great High Priest Makes Us Priests | Pastor Schroeder |
| March 21 | Hebrews 13:10-16 | Jesus Our Great High Priest Serves at a Great Altar | Pastor Purdue |

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

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