

The Transfiguration of our Lord

Sunday, February 7, 2016

SERVICE NOTES:

- Please note the Psalm of the day is Psalm 148. The Choir and Congregation will sing "Praise the Lord, All the Earth".
- 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.
- Also mark page 24 so that you are prepared for the close of the liturgy.
- ***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.

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THE DIVINE SERVICE (p.15) - The Service of Preparation

THE HYMN – #95 "How Good, Lord, to Be Here" (Public Domain)

THE INVOCATION

M: In the name of the Father and of the (†) Son and of the Holy Spirit

C: Amen

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God the 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.

GLORY BE TO GOD

Gloria

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you (sung)**

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: **Amen**

(Be Seated)

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The Service of the Word

FIRST READING – Exodus 34:29-35

When Moses came down from Mount Sinai with the two tablets of the Testimony in his hands, he was not aware that his face was radiant because he had spoken with the LORD. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, his face was radiant, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; so Aaron and all the leaders of the community came back to him, and he spoke to them. Afterward all the Israelites came near him, and he gave them all the commands the LORD had given him on Mount Sinai. When Moses finished speaking to them, he put a veil over his face. But whenever he entered the LORD's presence to speak with him, he removed the veil until he came out. And when he came out and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, they saw that his face was radiant. Then Moses would put the veil back over his face until he went in to speak with the LORD.

PSALM OF THE DAY – Psalm 148

Congregation and choir sings "Praise the Lord, All the Earth"

(The choir will sing the refrain the first time; then the congregation will join the choir after each verse.)

SECOND READING – 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

VERSE OF THE DAY – Alleluia! A voice came from the cloud: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him." Alleluia!

Glory be to you, oh Lord

THE HOLY GOSPEL – Luke 9:28-36

About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray. As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. Two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendor, talking with Jesus. They spoke about his departure, which he was about to bring to fulfillment at Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were very sleepy, but when they became fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As the men were leaving Jesus, Peter said to him, "Master, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." (He did not know what he was saying.) While he was speaking, a cloud appeared and enveloped them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. A voice came from the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him." When the voice had spoken, they found that Jesus was alone. The disciples kept this to themselves, and told no one at that time what they had seen.

Praise be to you, oh 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.

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”

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THE SERMON

Create in me

(Be Seated)

OFFERING

(Stand)

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE 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.

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The Service of Holy Communion

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up 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

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 my (†) blood of the new testament, 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.

C: **Amen**

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

Agnus Dei

(Be Seated)

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

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

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#712 "Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain"

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THANKSGIVING

(Stand)

SONG OF SIMEON

Nunc Dimittis

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

C: **And his mercy endures forever.**

M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **AMEN**

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: Amen

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."

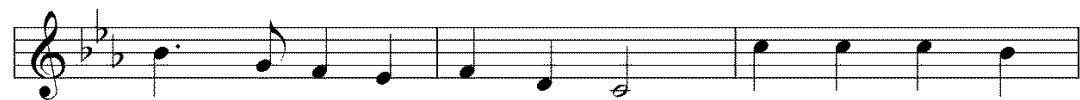
Now, for a time we say farewell to *alleluia*. We do this to prepare ourselves for the quieter days of Lent. The *alleluias* will return on Easter dawn as we gather to shout our praise to the risen Lord.



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



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!

OFFICIANTS:

Preacher & Celebrant: Pastor Paul Schaefer
Communion Assistants: Ron Bude and Scott Beckerman
Organist: Mrs. Jan Jacobi
Choir: Senior Choir

THIS WEEK AT St. PETER'S

Today	- 9:30 AM	Divine Service
	- 10:45 AM	Sunday School/Bible Class
	- 11:45 AM	Youth Group
Wednesday	- 8:05 AM	Chapel
	- 9:00 AM	Bible Class
	- 6:15 PM	Ash Wednesday Meal
	- 7:00 PM	Ash Wednesday Divine Service
Thursday	- 6:30 PM	Handbells
	- 7:00 PM	Senior Choir
Sunday	- 9:30 AM	Divine Service
	- 10:45 AM	Sunday School/Bible Class

Next "Focus: Future" Meeting – Sunday, February 21, 11:30 AM

SERVING NEXT WEEK -

Altar Guild:	Ash Wednesday: Kim Pappenfuss
	Sunday, February 14: Barbara Cutler
Ushering:	Ash Wednesday: Team #1
	Sunday: Team #2

BACK PEWS – Please keep the back two pews for parents with young children.

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

YOUTH GROUP -- Calling all adults interested in helping out with the Youth Group! We are hoping to form a "leadership core" of people (young adults, parents of Youth Groupers, and other interested members) to help plan and coordinate activities for Youth Group. It would not need to be a big time commitment--help with one or as many events as you can. This is a great opportunity for us to integrate our youth into the life and service of the St. Peter's. If you have questions or want to be involved, please contact Eryn Smith to let her know: erynns@umich.edu or [248-912-7185](tel:248-912-7185). or Pastor Schaefer peschaef5@gmail.com or 734-658-5735. Thank you!

HVL –

- ✓ **Divine Calls** - Pastor Schaewe has received a call from Faith Lutheran in Sussex, WI as an associate pastor with emphasis on Christian Education, Family Life and Christian Leadership. Pastor Schaewe welcomes your prayers and comments. The HVL Board of Regents met and extended a Divine Call to Mr. Neil Schlieve to teach history courses at HVL beginning in the 2016-2017 school year. Mr. Schlieve is 41 years old, married and has two children ages 14 and 12. He is currently teaching at Calvary Lutheran School in Thiensville, WI. Please keep HVL and Mr. Schlieve in your prayers.
- ✓ **Calling ALL 8th graders and incoming students!** - HVL has officially opened up its online registration process. Parents of incoming 9th grade students are invited to access the registration link at our website, HVLHS.org, and under the “Admissions” tab select “Apply Now.” Students who register now will receive the early registration fee price. In addition, *HVL Freshmen & New Student Registration and Open House Night* for the coming 2016-2017 school year will be Tuesday, February 23, from 3:00-7:00 in the HVL Music Room. On this night, we can help you get started with the online registration, answer questions about tuition and register your student for classes at this time. Visitors that night will also have the opportunity to take in a Hawks Basketball game (5:30/7:00 game times) and have a free slice of pizza.
- ✓ **Conference of Congregations** - There will be a meeting of the Huron Valley Lutheran High School Conference of Congregations on Sunday, February 21, beginning at 2:00 PM. HVL delegates, pastors and male teachers are encouraged to attend. The main item of business will be the presentation of the 2016-2017 preliminary budget. Delegates who are not able to attend are asked to inform the HVL office by calling [734.525.0160](tel:734.525.0160) or by emailing us at mail@HVLHS.org.

LENTEN WORSHIP & MEALS --

Ash Wednesday Divine Service, February 10, 7:00 PM

Pastor Schaefer Preaching

Ash Wednesday Meal (Sloppy Joes, Salad & Dessert)

@ 6:00 Served by the Youth Group (Sign-Up Sheet located in the Narthex)

Lenten Vespers Schedule

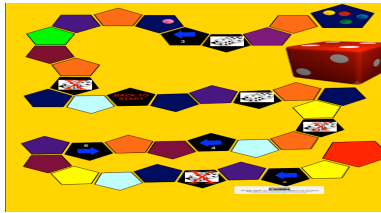
Theme: In the Upper Room

February 17	Lenten Vespers “Lord, Why Can’t I Follow You Now”	John 13:31-38	Pastor James Frey
February 24	Lenten Vespers “How Can We Know the Way?”	John 14:1-6	Pastor Thomas Schroeder
March 2	Lenten Vespers “One of You Will Betray Me	John 13:18-30	Pastor Paul Schaefer
March 9	Lenten Vespers “Why Do You Show Yourself to Us and Not to the World?”	John 14:15-27	Pastor James Frey
March 16	Lenten Vespers “Wash Me, Lord”	John 13:1-17	Pastor Paul Schaefer

Chili/Game Night

St. Peter's Board of Stewardship
is hosting a
Chili/Game Night
on
Saturday, February 20th @ 6:00 PM

All are invited for a night of fellowship.



Please Bring:
Pot of your Favorite Chili
and
A Board Game