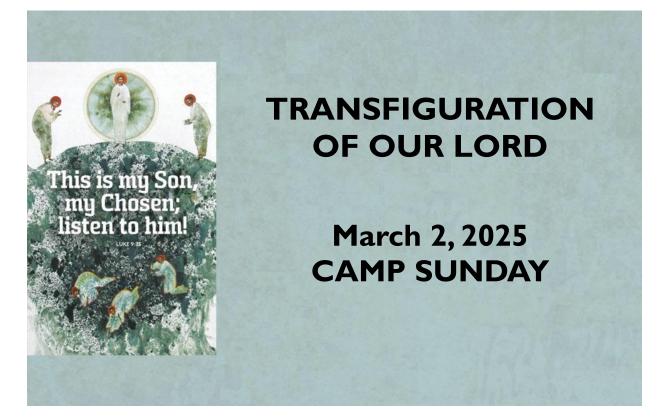
## ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH 127 YORK STREET HANOVER, PA



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## WELCOME TO ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH!

If you are seeking a faith community, exploring faith, desire to be a part of our ministries, or have questions; please feel free to speak with the pastor.

#### Our Purpose:

We are called through Christ to praise God and love generously.

### **Guiding Principles:**

As instruments of God's love, when you see us at our best you will see us:

- -Generously stewarding God's gifts of resources, time, and talents
- -Serving as God's hands & feet in ministries & missions of outreach to all
- -*Providing* for the care of God's people, both physically and spiritually
- -Growing in Faith through worship, study, and discernment
- -Praising God through music, word, and service
- -Welcoming all people into fellowship with God

## Important Worship Notes

### All liturgies are printed within this bulletin.

Children's activity bags and children's bulletins are located on the podium in the hallway on the pulpit side of the sanctuary. Children's activity bags are also located on the coat rack behind the door of the choir loft side of the sanctuary.

P: Pastor

**C:** Congregation

L: Lay Reader

A: Assisting Minister

If you are communing, please be sure to fill out a communion record card, for our church records, and place it in the offering plate. Thank you.

## + Transfiguration of our Lord + March 2, 2025 Camp Sunday

#### INTRODUCTION

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.

### THE GATHERING

#### WELCOME

#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life.

#### C Amen.

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.

God proclaims these words of assurance: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine." In + Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God.

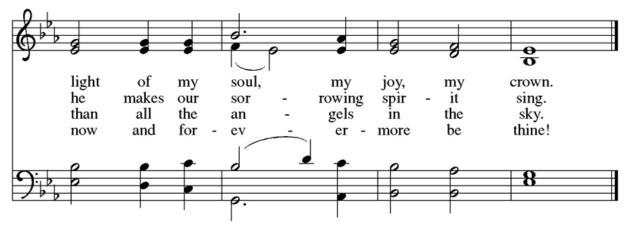
#### Amen.

**\*OPENING HYMN** 

"Beautiful Savior

Hymn 838





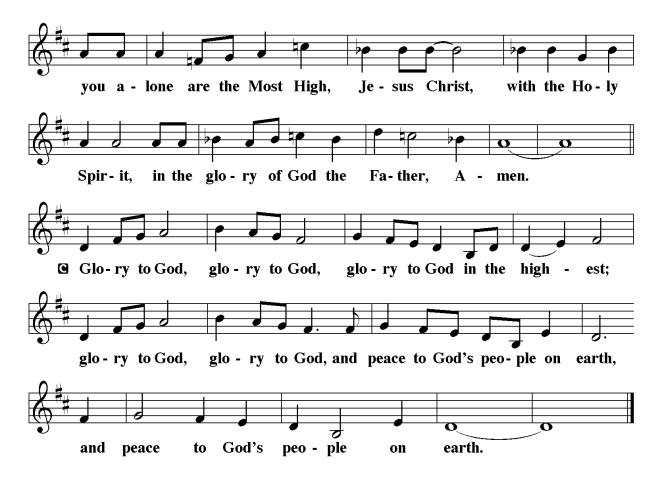
#### \*GREETING

- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C And also with you.

### **\*HYMN OF PRAISE**







#### \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P 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.

Amen.

#### THE WORD

#### 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 The First Reading according to Exodus 34:29-35

<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

C Thanks be to God.

## THE PSALM

Psalm 99

read responsively

- A <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.

<sup>3</sup>Let them confess God's name, which is great and awesome; God is the Holy One.

# <sup>4</sup>O mighty king, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

<sup>5</sup> Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and fall down before God's footstool; God is the Holy One.

<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, <sup>7</sup> you spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; they kept your testimonies and the decree that you gave them.

# <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.

<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.

- A Holy wisdom, Holy word.
- C Thanks be to God.

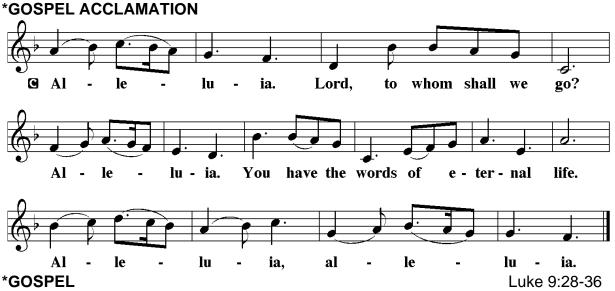
## SECOND READING

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 The Second Reading according to 2 Corinthians 3:12—4:2 <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.



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 9:28-36

# C Glory to you, O Lord.

Ρ <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.

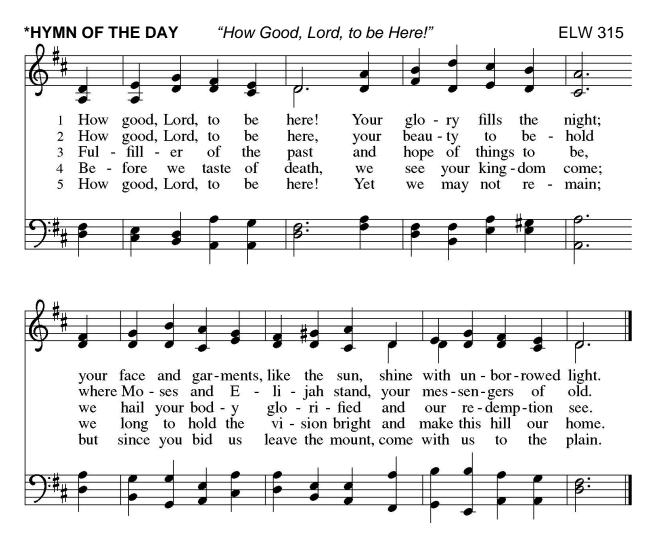
THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

Kelsey Tomlinson, Director of Camp Nawakwa

### SERMON

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#### \*APOSTLES' CREED

- A Let us affirm our faith through the words of the Apostles' Creed.
- C I believe in God, the Father almighty,
  - creator of heaven and earth.
  - I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.\*
  - On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven.
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he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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 THE PEOPLE

A 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,

## hear our prayer.

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

### 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,

### 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 (*new ministries may be named*). God of grace,

### hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

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,

### hear our prayer.

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.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

The assembly is seated.

## THE MEAL

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM** 

"Be Thou My Vision"

arr. Johnson

Adult Choir

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(Use this time to reflect on your financial and spiritual offerings to God.)

There are a number of ways of making your offerings to God during this time. One is to place your offering in our offering plates in front of the pews or to give online at <u>https://stpaulsyorkst.org/give.</u> If you prefer not to give online, you may of course mail a check to St. Paul's. If you are not able to give monetarily during this time, know that your prayers and praise are a pleasing offering to God. If you are able to give a little more during this time, please consider doing so as a way of supporting your fellow disciples who are not able to.

### \*OFFERTORY PRAYER

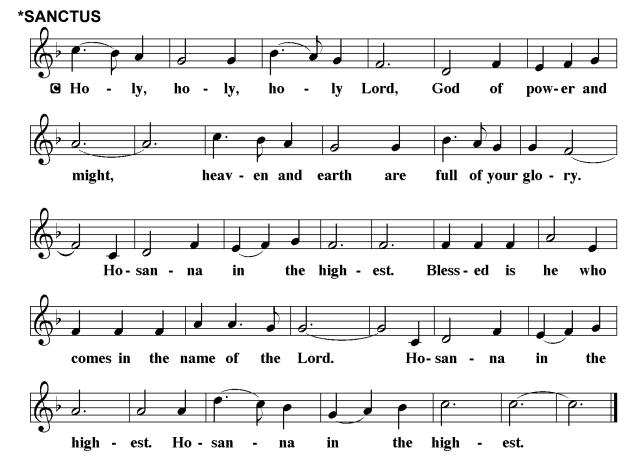
- A Let us pray. God of grace,
- C your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. Amen.

### \*DIALOGUE

- 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

P 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. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. 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**

P Blessed are you, O holy God: you are the Life and Light of all. By your powerful word you created all things. Through the prophets you called your people to be a light to the nations.

Blessed are you for Jesus, your Son. He is your Light, shining in our darkness and revealing to us your mercy and might.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his preaching and healing, his dying and rising, and his promise to come again, we await that day when all the universe will rejoice in your holy and life-giving light.

By your Spirit bless us and this meal, that, refreshed with this heavenly food, we may be light for the world, revealing the brilliance of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

### C Amen!

## \*LORD'S PRAYER

- P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...
- 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.

All are welcome to commune.

If you wish to receive communion from your seat, please let an usher know. Gluten free wafers and grape juice are also available.



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## **\*POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C Amen.

# **\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

- A 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.

# THE SENDING

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## \*BLESSING

- P May you feel God's blessing above you, below you to support you, in front of you to guide you, behind you to protect you, beside you to comfort you, and within you for strength and joy.
- C Amen.





### \*DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Live in hope.

C We are called through Christ to praise God and love generously. Thanks be to God. WE WILL!

# \*POSTLUDE

\* Stand if you are able

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	March 2 – Camp Sunday	March 9
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	Karen Mummert	Karen Mummert
Altar Committee	Amy Feeser	Amy Feeser
	Suzanne Butler	Suzanne Butler

WELCOME PASTOR DANIEL YEISER as St. Paul's Intentional Interim/Bridge Pastor. Pastor Yeiser will serve until we call a new full-time Pastor.

Pastor Yeiser has previously served two local location Lutheran congregations. From 2004 until 2018, he was the Sr. Pastor at St. Matthews and from 2022 to 2023, he was the Intentional Interim at St. David's. He has also served other Lutheran Congregations. Please welcome him to St. Paul's.

**TODAY IS CAMP SUNDAY.** We welcome Kelsey Tomlinson, Director of Camp Nawakwa. Kelsey will provide the children's sermon and the sermon today.

# JOIN US FOR COFFEE HOUR IN OUR CHURCH LOUNGE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE WORSHIP SERVICE.

**DESSERT AUCTION AND DINNER** - It was a great day to share in fellowship and support our younger brothers and sisters in their future discipleship. Thank you to everyone for helping us raise \$1900+ towards future National Youth Gatherings. This will help our current middle schoolers and upper elementary members attend the Gathering in 2027 or 2030!

**MARCH'S DESIGNATED GIVING** will go to Lutheran Disaster Response, California Wildfires.

SOMETHING'S BREWING BIBLE STUDY - Monday evenings at 7:00pm in the Lounge. Join us!

**COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED:** We know that fellowship is an important part of our faith community; that's why we hold Coffee Hour after church each Sunday. We are looking for volunteers to help keep our Coffee Hour going! There is a sign-up sheet in the lounge for folks to volunteer as coffee makers or to bring snacks. If you have questions, see Russ Kaltreider. Thank you for your help!

# SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE: Please contact Maureen Kaltreider in the church office or at <u>finance@stpaulsyorkst.org</u>

Radio–March 9, 16 & 30 (\$60 per date or any portion you desire per date) Communion Bread and Wine- March 5, 9, 16 & 30 (\$12 each date) Worship Bulletins- March 9 & 16 (\$20 each date) Eternal flame-March 9, 16 & 30 (\$10 each date)

**LENTEN BOOK STUDY:** Join us Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm in the Conference Room on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor beginning March 11 as we study the elements of the Crucifixion with the book *He Chose the Nails* by Max Lucado. The book focuses on what Jesus did for us on the Cross by getting us to look at it in a new light, and with a fuller understanding.

**ST. PAUL'S BOOK CLUB** will meet on **Wednesday**, **March 26**, **2025** at **12:30pm** in the Conference Room. The book we will be discussing is <u>Return of the Bones</u> by Belinda Vasquez Garcia. This is a thrilling journey of ancestry, love, and forgiveness. Based on the true story of 2,067 skeletons that were stolen from the Ghost Pueblo of Pesos. It was the winner of the Best Historical Fiction New Mexico/Arizona Book Awards. Peg Sennett is the Discussion Leader for this book.

RUTH'S HARVEST-- The Faith In Action Committee has selected Ruth's Harvest as their Lenten project again this year. Ruth's Harvest is a free ministry of the Hanover Area Council of Churches adopted in 2013. This outreach effort focuses on child hunger in our community, providing healthy meals and snacks to children to take home for the weekend. For some children, free and reduced breakfast and lunch at school are the only meals they have, and are left without healthy meals, and often no meals over the weekend days when school is not in session. With this program, each Friday participating students receive a bag of food for the weekend which usually includes 2 breakfast entrees, 2 lunch entrees, 3 dinner entrees, several snacks, and disposable drinks. The program requires single-serve fruit cups and vegetables, single-serve entrees, single-serve snacks, single-serve cereals, and single- serve drinks. Please bring your donations to the church and place them in the boxes found on the pulpit side of the hallway. This project will run during Lent from Sunday, March 5, 2025-Sunday, April 21, 2025. All donations will be delivered to the Ruth's Harvest drop off spot at St. Matthews Lutheran Church after Easter. Thank you for taking part in this outreach project again this year. Your generosity is always amazing.

SUN., MARCH 2	8:30 am 9:30 am ng Worship	CAMP SUNDAY Radio Broadcast - 95.3 FM & 1280 AM Worship Service – Transfiguration of our Lord Children's Choir rehearsal – Children's Music Room Followed by Faith Formation Coffee Hour - Lounge Daily Discipleship class – Nursery room (1 <sup>st</sup> floor) Adult Choir II rehearsal - Choir Loft in the Sanctuary
MON., MARCH 3	6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Girl Scout Groups – 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor (no Daisies) Something's Brewing Bible Study – Lounge
TUES., MARCH 4	10:30 am	LIU #12 – Fellowship Hall
WED., MARCH 5	7:00 pm	Ash Wednesday service with Imposition of Ashes
THUR., MARCH 6	6:00 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Bellchoir rehearsal – Balcony of the Sanctuary Cub Scouts – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor Boy Scout Troop 102 – Youth Room & Gym Adult Choir I rehearsal – Choir Loft in the Sanctuary
FRI., MARCH 7	3:00 pm 4:00 pm	Grocery Ministry prep – Gym Private Use – Fellowship Hall
SAT., MARCH 8 TURN YOUF	9:00 am 5:00 pm 6:15 pm <b>R CLOCKS</b>	Grocery Ministry – Boy Sout Troop 102 Saturday Evening Worship Service) Narcotics Anonymous – Fellowship Hall FORWARD ONE HOUR BEFORE RETIRING
SUN., MARCH 9	8:30 am 9:30 am	Radio Broadcast - 95.3 FM & 1280 AM Worship Service – 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent
Immediately following Worship		Children's Choir rehearsal – Children's Music Room Followed by Faith Formation Coffee Hour - Lounge Daily Discipleship class – Nursery room (1 <sup>st</sup> floor) Adult Choir II rehearsal - Choir Loft in the Sanctuary