

TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

FEBRUARY 15, 2026



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PRAYER CORNER**Please pray for the following people:**

Mike Leed, Ruth Hollinger, Martha Petery, Barb Moyer, Fay Weitzel, Doug Leed, Shannon Brown, Shirley Sweigart, Molly Brown, Carl Mohler Jr., Jay Weaver, Dave Haldeman, Vivian Gehr, Tom Parrish Sr, Elaine Haldeman, Clair Miller, Skip Hutchinson, Jay Stoltzfus, Theda Raffauf, Mary Weidman, Roy Latshaw and Marty Leed & Family.

Artman Lutheran Home, Ambler: Sally Wealand

Ephrata Manor: Iris Weaver, Dorothy Hutchinson, Shirl Tobias and Pauline Sawyer

Gardens at Stevens: Pat & Nevin McQuate

Good Samaritan Hospital, Lebanon: Bonnie Weinhold

Keystone Villa: Betty Firestine & Janet Hirneisen

Luther Acres Personal Care: Judy Meckley

Neffsville Rehab & Nursing: Pauline Martin

Phoebe Berks: Nick Rampolla

Candace Stoudt, Bob Harker, Merrill Fisher, Gaile Gehman, Jimmy Vincent, Mary Stewart, Barb Charles, Lisa Wing, Bob Farr, Mary Thorn, Cheryl Nixon, Cocalico Builders of Hope (finding a house for housing program), Carol Schaeffer, Lorna Buohl, Richard Sockriter, David Taimuty, Helen Blank, William Sockriter, Doug Cody, Karen Velez, Ron Neidigh, Mary Morton, Brenda Sweigart, Nancy Bolotine, Bea Hassler (Hospice), Karen Leonhard, Mary Sanger, Andy & Brenda Gabig, Pastor Karen Larson, Brian Kerns, Mary Lou Crum, Bob Bos, Curtis Townsley, Robyn Redcay, Margaret Weller, Cynthia Peters and Priscilla (last name only).

Pray also for the grieving families of:

Mary Moore, Orvilla Oberholtzer, Lowell Haws, Mary Jane Goshert,

Ed Sieber, Nancy Leh, Darrell Buchter, Jack Poole, Sharlene Miller,

Joyce Pannebecker, Barb Mertz, Beverly Sweigart, Maggie Kiralfy,

Dale Firestone, Yvonne Walters, Larry Rabold, Zach Caflin, Bob Weaver,

Pastor Conrad Youse, Karen Krater, Vesta Reber, Jean Shober, Joyce Boyer,

Joan Wentzel, Jeff Moyer, Anna Weinhold, and Kenton Shaffer.

† WE PREPARE TO WORSHIP †

*Please stand if you are able

Ahava is playing this morning

Welcome / Announcements

Prelude: Hymn #798 *"Will You Come and Follow Me?"*

†GATHERING†

Pastor: This is the day the Lord has made.

Congregation: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

GATHERING HYMN: *"When A Star is Shining"

From "All Creation Sings" Lutheran Hymnal



1 When a star is shin-ing o - ver east - ern hills,
2 Where the world is wait-ing for an un - known day,
3 Lead us on, O Day-star, in the qui - et night;



when the air is si - lent, and the clam - or stills,
where a voice for - got - ten cries, "Pre - pare the way!"
guide us through the shad-ow with your gen - tle light;



when the night is wait-ing, and the old hopes rise,
Where an earth - ly pow-er makes the heart turn cold,
show us in a man-ger our re - demp-tion's sign;



then the time has rip - ened and the heart grows wise.
there the gifts are of - fered— in - cense, myrrh, and gold.
bring us to a morn-ing where the prom - ise shines.



*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SINS

P: In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(a brief silence is observed)

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

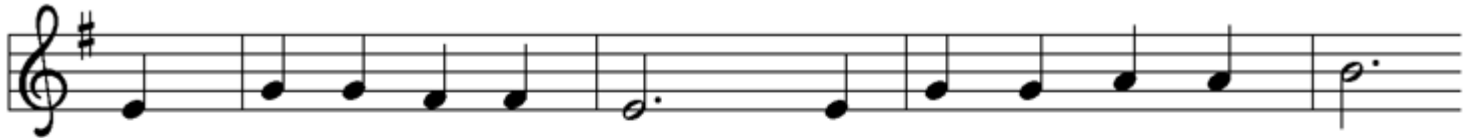
C: Amen

***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.

***THE KYRIE**



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

***THE HYMN OF PRAISE**



1 Glo - ry be to God in heav - en; peace, good - will to all the earth.



Might - y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:



*THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

† GOD’S WORD †

FIRST READING

2 PETER 1:16-21

Lay Reader (Nancy Hain): A reading from 2nd Peter the 1st chapter.

At the transfiguration, God’s voice was heard, declaring Jesus to be the beloved Son. By the activity of the Holy Spirit, God’s voice continues to be heard through the word of scripture.

¹⁶ We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷ For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.” ¹⁸ We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

¹⁹ So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the

day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. ²⁰ First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, ²¹ because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE PSALMODY

PSALM 2



You are my son; this day have I begotten you. (Ps. 2:7)

¹ Why are the nations | in an uproar?

Why do the peoples mutter | empty threats?

² **Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and the princes | plot together,**

against the Lord and against the | Lord's anointed?

³ "Let us break their | yoke," they say;

"let us cast off their | bonds from us."

⁴ **God whose throne is in heav- | en is laughing;**

the Lord holds them | in derision. R

⁵ Then in wrath God | speaks to them,

and in rage fills | them with terror.

⁶ **"As for me, I have anoint- | ed my king**

upon Zion, my | holy mountain."

⁷ Let me announce the decree | of the Lord,

who said to me, "You are my son; this day have I be- | gotten you.

⁸ **Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for | your inheritance**

and the ends of the earth for | your possession. R

⁹ You shall crush them with an | iron rod

and shatter them like a | piece of pottery."

¹⁰ **And now, you | kings, be wise;**

be warned, you rulers | of the earth.

¹¹ Submit to the | Lord with fear,
and with trembling | bow in worship;
¹² **lest the Lord be angry, and you perish in a sudden | blaze
of wrath.**

Happy are all who take ref- | uge in God! R

CHILDRENS SERMON

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

*THE HOLY GOSPEL

MATTHEW 17:1-9

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 5th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: *Shortly before he enters Jerusalem, where he will be crucified, Jesus is revealed to Peter, James, and John in a mountaintop experience of divine glory called the transfiguration.*

¹ Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John 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 bright as light. ³ Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴ Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one

for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” ⁵ While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” ⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷ But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” ⁸ And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE: *“Until The Morning Star Rises In Your Heart”*

-Pastor Tim Craven

SPECIAL MUSIC: *"He Has Done Great Things"*

Brian Johnson, Chris Tomlin, Jason Ingram, Jonas Myrinand &
Phil Wickham

***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, 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 Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

† Prayers of Intercession †

*P: As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

A brief silence.

P: Revealing God, your Spirit sustains the church. Strengthen the faithful with the revelation of Christ transfigured, that we may joyfully follow him in the way of the cross. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: Life-giving God, creation is full of your majesty. Nurture in us a deep respect for the interdependence of all life, and make us wise and vigilant stewards of your good earth. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: Peacemaking God, the nations are in turmoil. We pray for an end to violent conflict (*regions at war may be named*). Give wisdom to negotiators and sanctuary to refugees. Defend any who are in danger. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: Healing God, you desire wholeness for all people. Bring healing to any who are experiencing illness, chronic pain, or mental anguish. Comfort the dying and those who grieve (*especially*). Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: Holy God, in our worship we glimpse your glory, hear your voice, and receive assurance of your love. Inspire all who prepare, lead, and participate in worship to serve you with reverence and joy. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P: Transforming God, you bring life from death. We give thanks for the witness of those who have died in faith, and we praise you for the hope we have in Christ, our Morning Star. Merciful God,
C: receive our prayer.

P: Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior.
C: Amen

***THE PEACE**

P: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.
C: And also with you.

***OFFERING HYMN: "Christ Be Our Light"**

Refrain



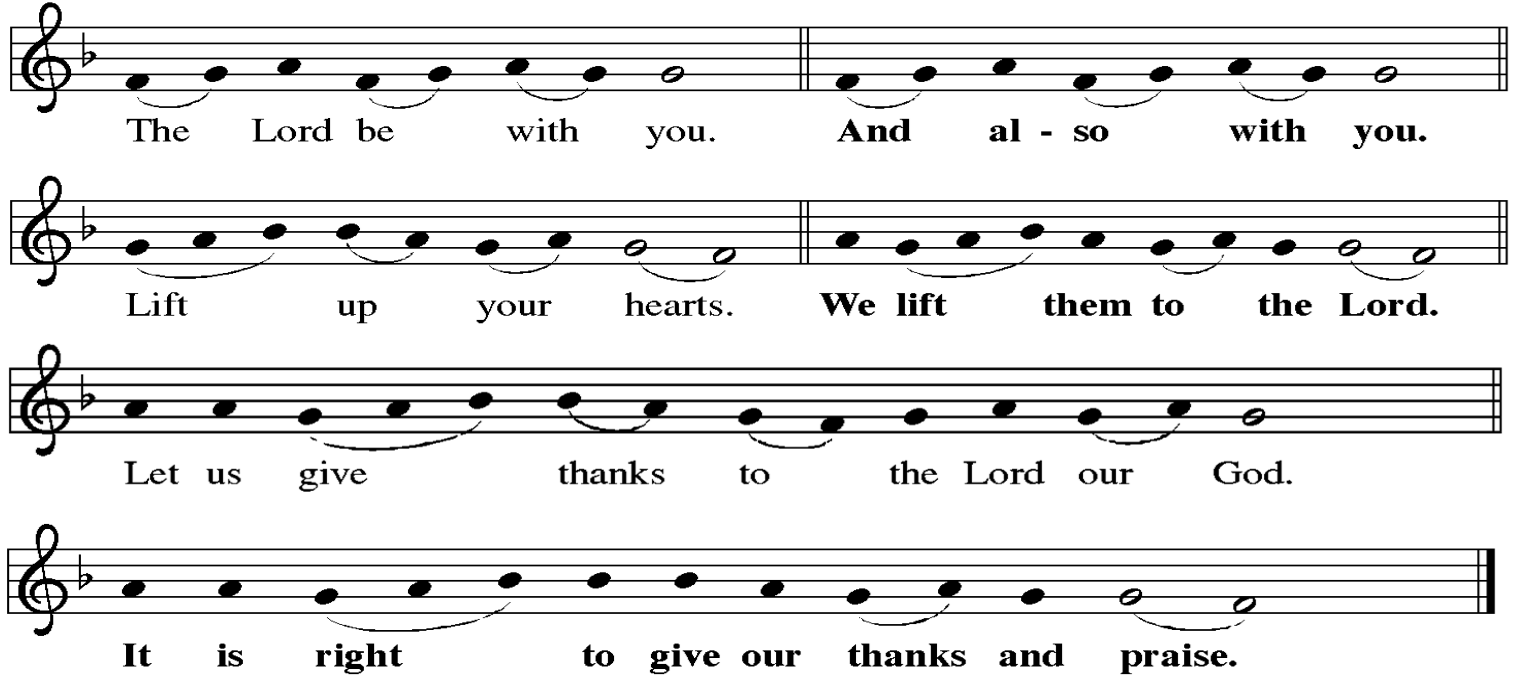
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the
dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your
church gath - ered to - day.

***OFFERING PRAYER**

P: Merciful Father,
C: We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us- our selves, our time and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of Him who offered Himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

† WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER †

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*THE PREFACE:

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy.....

We praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

*THE SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,

heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



***THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

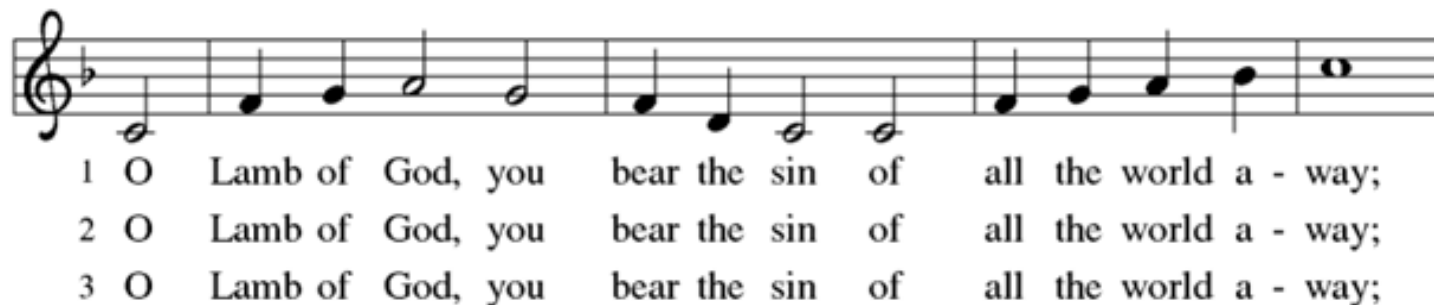
P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper he took the cup and gave thanks and gave it for all to drink saying: 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.

***TRADITIONAL 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

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE AGNUS DEI





you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

We ask parents to bring their non-communing children with them for a blessing. Pick up an empty cup. A grape juice option and gluten free communion wafers provided. If you cannot come to the Chancel, Communion will be taken to you. Please notify an Usher.

Those in the parking lot partake of Communion at this time.

During Communion

Hymn #501: *"Come with Us, O Blessed Jesus"* x2

Hymn #502: *"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"*

Hymn #779: *"Amazing Grace"*

Hymn #616: *"Jesus Remember Me"*

***POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

***Post Communion Canticle: Hymn #210:** *"Blessed Be God"*

Blessed be God, the source of all life, the word of salvation,
The spirit of mercy.

***POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

P: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

† WE LEAVE TO SERVE †

***BENEDICTION AND BLESSING**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

C: Amen Amen Amen (sung responsively)

***SENDING HYMN #815:** *"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"*

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord with joy.

C: Thanks be to God.



*The Altar Flowers and Bulletins are dedicated to the
Glory of God by the Leonhard Family
in Memory of Etta Holsinger.*

Participants in the Service:

Pastor: Timothy Craven

Church Secretary: Ashley Weinhold

Organist: Vickie Kissinger

Lay Reader: Nancy Hain

Communion Assistant: Jean Lausch

Psalmist: Pastor Tim

Videographer: John Biles

Soundboard: Joe Brubaker

Ushers: Linda Weaver, Ben Gunzenhauser and alternate Lowell Yost

| Weekly Receipts Report as of 02/12/26 | |
|--|-------------------|
| Attendance (Inside / Parking Lot) | 52 |
| Online Attendance | 166 |
| General Receipts | \$3,605.44 |

Please use our QR code to donate via PayPal.



UPCOMING AT MELLINGERS:

Scout's Spaghetti Supper on Saturday March 7th

See more information on the last page.



CHOIR PRACTICE WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY MORNING
AT 8:15AM OVER THE WINTER MONTHS.

FEBRUARY 22

For the Goat Fund; please fill out your donation
then put it in a "Goat" envelope.

If you use another envelope make sure you
write "Goat Fund" on your donation.



Lenten Cluster Services are beginning this week.

2026 Cluster Lenten Services – “Making Change”

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Location</u> | <u>Preacher</u> |
|------------------------------|---|---------------------------|
| Ash Wednesday Feb 18, 7pm | Center / St. Paul's / Swamp / Mellingers Faith United Muddy Creek Noon & 7pm | |
| Wednesday Feb 25, 7pm | Faith United, Denver | Pastor Marrisa Becklin |

Swamp Lutheran is also hosting a dinner 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm before the *Ash Wednesday Service*.

The full list is on the insert page in the February Newsletter.

There is a change to Service information:

Pastors will be preaching at their own congregation.

Date, time and location remain the same.

There are sheets on the Narthex Table.

Mellingers
Great 8 Appeal



Great 8 packets are being put together and will be distributed to everyone in the next few weeks. March's Newsletter will have more information.

Weather Statement:



In case of bad weather on a Sunday, after 7:30 AM check the church phone answering machine 717-336-8800 or Mellingers Facebook page if we have Service.



Easter Flowers for Our Easter Service

It is time to order flowers for our Easter Service on Sunday April 5th. This year, we are offering the following:

Daffodils – 6 ½ inch pot with 4-6 full size blooms for \$8.00

Tulips – 6 inch pot with 5 to 6 blooms of 1 color for \$8.00

White Lilies – 6 inch pot with 3-4 blooms for \$10.00



On the order form please list to whom you would like your flowers made in memory or in honor of. Place your form along with payment in the envelope provided and place in the Special Flowers mailbox or give to Pat Haller at church. Please make checks payable to Mellingers Lutheran Church. Proceeds benefit Mellingers Needy Fund.

Last day to order flowers is Sunday March 29.
Please pick up flowers after the service on Sunday April 5.



Order sheet is on the Narthex table.

Color and cut out these bookmarks.



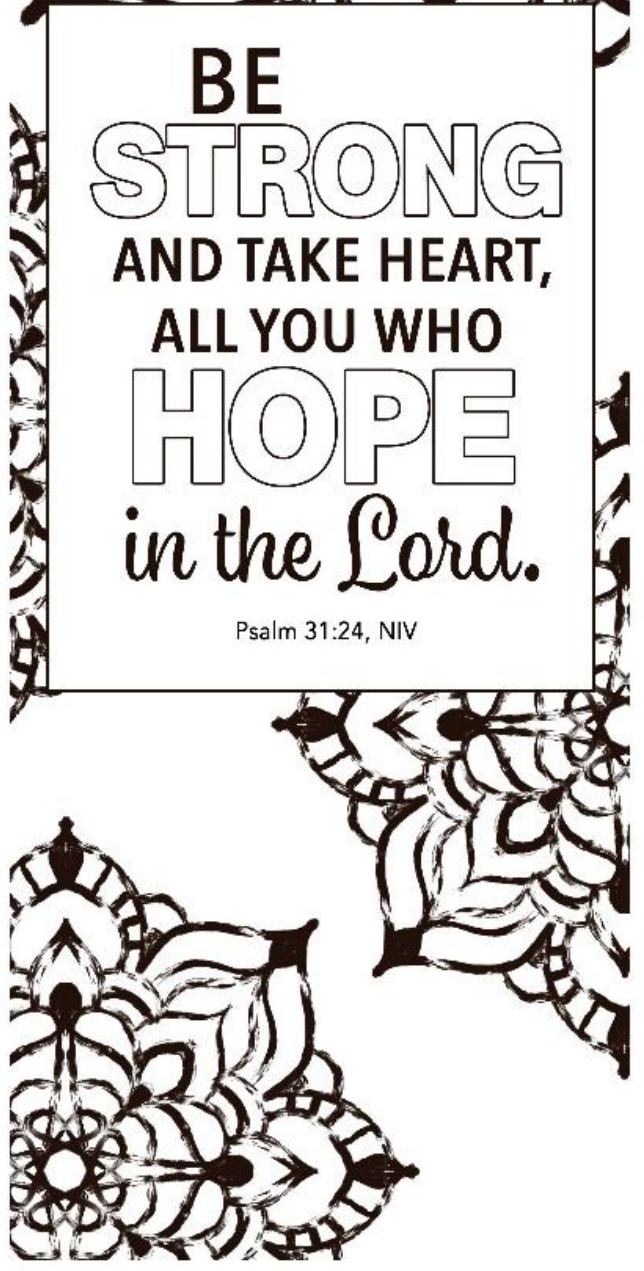
GRACIOUS
WORDS ARE A
HONEYCOMB,
sweet to the soul
AND
healing to the bones.

Proverbs 16:24, NIV



BE
STRONG
AND TAKE HEART,
ALL YOU WHO
HOPE
in the Lord.

Psalms 31:24, NIV



Boy Scout Troop 115

Spaghetti dinner

SATURDAY
MARCH 7 2026
3:00—7:00 PM

ADULTS (12 & UP): \$15
CHILDREN 5—11: \$8
CHILDREN UNDER 5: FREE

MELLINGERS LUTHERAN
CHURCH
80 GOCKLEY ROAD,
STEVENS (SCHOENECK)



Enjoy all-you-can-eat delicious spaghetti and meatballs, salad, a roll,
beverages and a FREE Dessert

Everyone is welcome! We strive to make this event enjoyable and accessible to all.

Take-Out is available

Tickets at the door.

More information: call 717-468-5333
or email Sheldon: smb115@ptd.net

Benefits Boy Scout Troop 115

