

TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY
FEBRUARY 11, 2024



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PRAYER CORNER

Please pray for the following people:

Dorothy Hutchinson, Lynn Spotts, Kimberley Craven, Walter Goshert Jr., Jane Goshert, Dave Haldeman, Margaret Bollinger, Ruth Hollinger, Deb Zerbe, Roy Latshaw, Shirley Sweigart, Amanda Benton, Jeff Moyer, Mary Weidman, Marty Leed & Family, Fay Weitzel, Nevin & Pat McQuate, Vivian Gehr, Jay Weaver, Barb Moyer, Betty Cordes and Judy Meckley.

Brethren Village, Lititz: Beverly Sweigart Lancaster General: Bob Weaver
Ephrata Manor: Vesta Reber, Shirl Tobias, Pauline Sawyer, Joan Wentzel and Ella Felker
Legends of Lititz Home: Pauline Martin Ephrata Hospital: Sam Heiser
Keystone Villa: Harriet & Jay Stoltzfus & Betty Firestine
Somerset Rehab: Grace Wentz Phoebe Berks: Nick Rampolla
United Zion Home Lititz: Ethel Leed Pleasant View Manor: Bill Nodeen
Heartis Yardley Assisted Living, Yardley: Sally Wealand
Paramount Sr. Living, Maytown Hospice Care: Patricia Kieffer

Tom Craven, Mick Smyer, Ruth Bieler, Pastor Karen Larson, Michelle Simpson, Brian Kerns, Mary Lou Crum, Bea Hassler, Rev. Judy McKee, Meredith Palmer, Althea Hillegas, Brenda Gabig, Bob Weaver, Bob Bos, Curtis Townsley, Mary Morton, Megan Harting, Theda Raffauf, Robyn Redcay, Letitia James, Corrina Bender, Margaret Weller, Bud Bender, Donald Craven, Mike Fasnacht, Matt Thorn and Cynthia Peters.

Pray also for the grieving families of:

Clair High, Tom Dittoe, Donald Hain, Clara Ingram, Pastor Vaughn Glover, Elva Leisey, Marc Wise, Virginia Reed, Pastor Jim Miller, Cynthia Starling, Pastor Bob Kurz, Bill Cordes, Barry Weitzel and Ed Leed.

† WE PREPARE TO WORSHIP †

*Please stand if you are able

Welcome / Announcements

Temple Talk – Bob Getz – The Great Eight for Lent

- -Linda Hutchinson – Goat Project Update

Prelude: "10,000 Reasons" Matt Redman Ahava

"Jesus in the Morning" Spiritual Ahava see insert for lyrics

†GATHERING†

Pastor: This is the day the Lord has made.

Congregation: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

***GATHERING HYMN:** *"Let Us Break Bread Together"* see insert

***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**

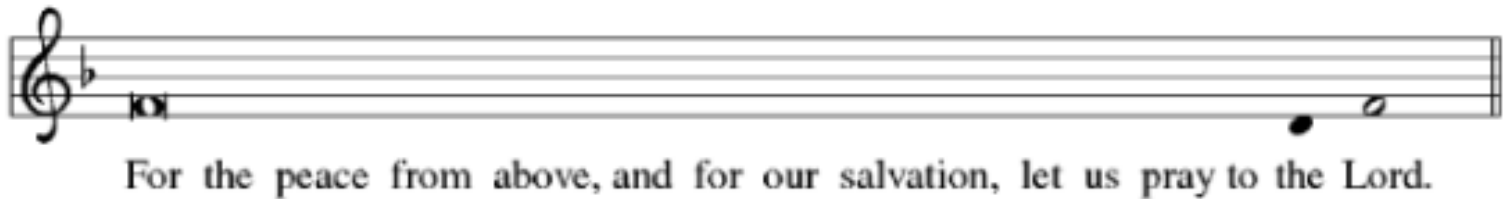
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

***THE KYRIE**



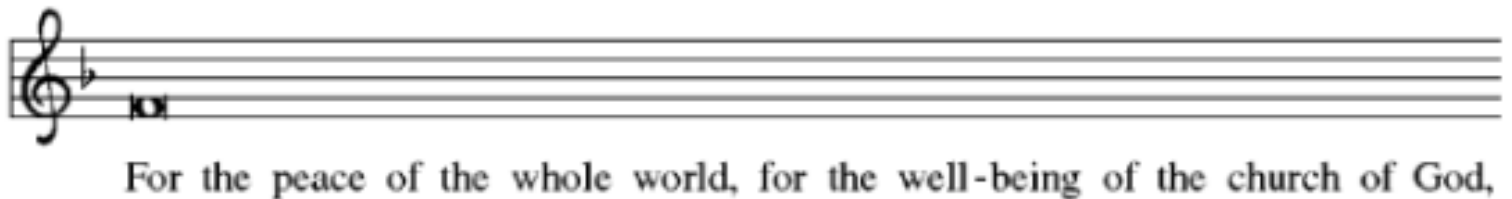
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



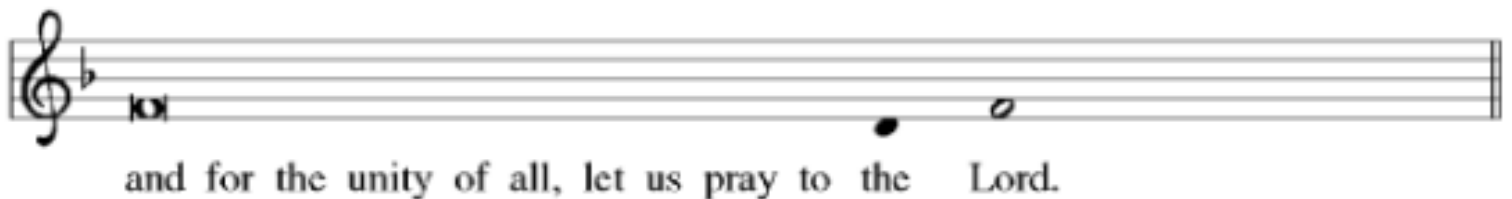
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE



A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



B Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther:



We wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:

You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.

For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,

in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men

***THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray.

Almighty God, the resplendent light of your truth shines from the mountaintop into our hearts. Transfigure us by your beloved Son, and illumine the world with your image, 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 CORINTHIANS 4:3-6

Lay Reader (Linda Netzley): A reading from 2nd Corinthians the 4th chapter.

The spotlight of Christian ministry is not on the people who carry out ministry but on the Lord Jesus Christ. Just as God made light shine at creation, God makes the light of Jesus Christ shine in our lives through Christian ministry.

³Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. ⁶For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE PSALMODY

PSALM 50:1-6



Out of Zion, perfect in beauty, God shines forth in glory. (Ps. 50:2)

¹The mighty one, God the | LORD, has spoken;
calling the earth from the rising of the sun | to its setting.

²**Out of Zion, perfect | in its beauty,
God shines | forth in glory. R**

³Our God will come and will | not keep silence;
with a consuming flame before, and round about a | raging storm.

⁴**God calls the heavens and the earth | from above
to witness the judgment | of the people.**

5“Gather before me my | loyal followers,
those who have made a covenant with me and sealed | it with
sacrifice.”

6**The heavens declare the rightness | of God’s cause,
for it is God | who is judge. R**

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

***THE HOLY GOSPEL**

MARK 9:2-9

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 9th chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

Mark’s gospel presents the transfiguration as a preview of what would become apparent to Jesus’ followers after he rose from the dead. Confused disciples are given a vision of God’s glory manifest in the beloved Son.

2Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, 3and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. 4And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. 5Then Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” 6He did not know what

to say, for they were terrified. ⁷Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, “This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!” ⁸Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

⁹As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



SERMON: *“Three Blind Minds”*

-Pastor Tim Craven

SPECIAL MUSIC : *“Goodness of God”*

-Jenn Johnson, Ed Cash, Jason Ingram, Ben Fielding and Brian Johnson

***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 catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

† Prayers of Intercession †

*P: As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

P: We pray for the church, that the transformational power of God enters the hearts of all people. May its leaders serve as examples of your grace and healing across time and space. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

P: We pray for the creation, that we will humbly observe the swirl of wind and the heat of the bright sun. Teach us to honor all you have made and to care for the animals, plants, air, and bodies of water of this planet. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

P: We pray for those charged with leadership, lawmaking, and governance of our towns, states, and countries, that they will strive for goodness and justice all the days of their lives and callings. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

P: We pray for any who are sick and suffering (*especially*). Guide us to offer hospitality, shelter, friendship, and care to any in need. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

P: We pray for this congregation and its ministry in the wider community. May we share the transforming beauty and love of God in ways that honor the dignity of all whom we encounter. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P: Trusting that all the saints, prophets, and those who die in faith are held in your care, we remember in thanksgiving those who have died (*especially*). Grant us your gift of salvation as we await your coming again in glory. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

P: Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

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 image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: '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.', and 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.' The music consists of quarter and eighth notes with various rests and phrasing slurs.

***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'r and might,
heav-en 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 who

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***THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

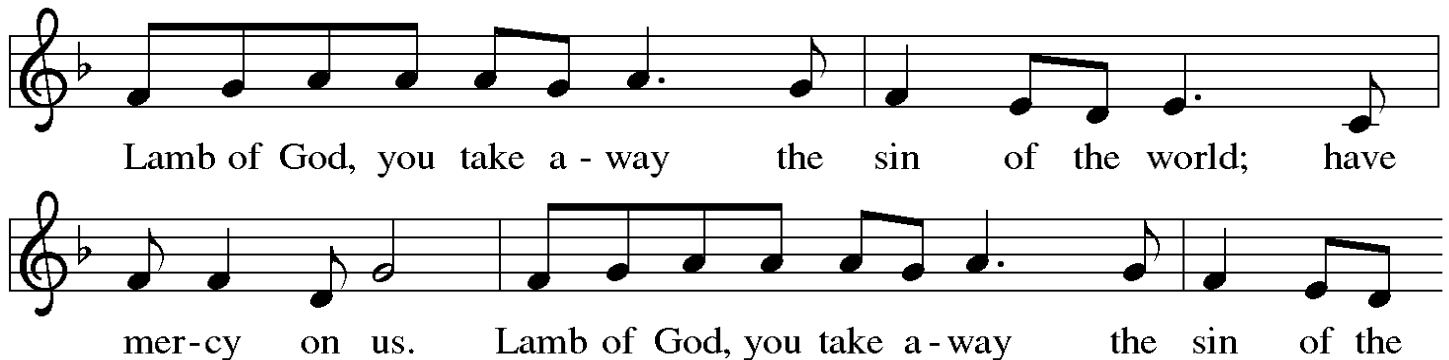
P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper he took the cup and gave thanks and gave it for all to drink saying: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



world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

All baptized Christians are Invited To Receive Holy Communion at the Communion Rail. We Ask Parents to Bring Their Non-communicating Children with Them. 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 the Pastor's Instruction.

During Communion

HYMN # 638: *“Blessed Assurance”*

HYMN # 742: *“What A Friend We Have In Jesus”*

HYMN # 616: *“Jesus Remember Me”*

***POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

***Post Communion Canticle: Hymn #210:** *“Blessed Be God”*

***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 #631: "Love Divine, All Love Excelling"**

DISMISSAL

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

C: Thanks be to God.

Participants in the Service:

Pastor: Timothy Craven

Church Secretary: Ashley Weinhold

Organist: Vickie Kissinger

Lay Reader: Linda Netzley

Communion Assistant: Lisa Reed

Psalmist: Choir

Videographer: Hayden Leonhard

Soundboard: Erin Biles

Ushers: Piper Leonhard, Kristi Leonhard, Jill Showalter and
Dave Weidman



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Weekly Receipts Report
Attendance (Inside/Parking Lot): 69/2
Online Attendance: 96
General Receipts: \$3,690.00

For the Goat Fund; please fill out your donation then put it in a “Goat” envelope or make sure you write “Goat Fund” on your donation if you use another envelope.

*Ash Wednesday Service Announcement from
Pastor Brubaker:*

The good folk at Mellingers are also invited to our Ash Wednesday Buffet Supper served between 5 and 6 pm prior to the service on February 14th.

There are copies of the Lenten Cluster services on the Narthex table. Please take one to update your calendars.



Ahava will be playing the following dates:

Wednesday March 13th for Lenten Service
Sunday March 17th