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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

During the Prayers of Intercession, you are invited to add your own prayer(s) either in speech or in silence as indicated by the line: "Other intercessions may be added here." You may wish to use this insert to write down your prayer(s) which you may then offer aloud during that time. If you wish to have your prayers added to the Prayer of the Church during the coming weeks, please remove and place this card in the offering plate.

Greetings and welcome in the name of the crucified and risen Lord Jesus. We trust that the Holy Spirit has called you to Sts. Peter and Paul Church and pray that your worship experience today will be meaningful for you and strengthen you in faith.

You are invited to sign **the guest register** at the entrance to the sanctuary or fill out **a welcome card** from a pew pocket. Please indicate whether or not you would like to be placed on our mailing list as well as your desire for a visit by the pastor or another parishioner.

Restrooms are located in a room off the entryway to the sanctuary and also across the gym on the west side of the building and on the lower level. Please ask an usher or greeter for directions. **Parents and children** are welcome to make use of the anterooms on the main level at the Woodside entrance.

Interested in membership? We would be delighted to have you join our community of faith in worship and ministry. **Please use a welcome card** from a pew in front of you. Additional information is available from pamphlet displays and tables throughout the facility. Our website may be accessed at the following address: www.stspeterandpaulriverside.org .

In addition to words, music and gestures, the liturgy includes several **periods of silence**. In our noise-filled world, we listen for the Word in the silence of our hearts. Before the liturgy begins, we are called to a time of reflection and centering.

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Adults or children not communing may come forward for a blessing. If you or a member of your family is interested in Baptism, please speak to Pastor Dennis. Join us for conversation following worship in the dining hall on the lower level.

How to use this worship folder: Hymns for the service are in the back two-thirds of *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (red book). In this bulletin: *—indicates those who are able may stand. **Bold parts** are for the participation of all.

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

February 23rd, 2020 ✙ 10:15 a.m.

Today's festival is a bridge between the Advent-Christmas-Epiphany cycle that comes to a close today and the Lent-Easter cycle that begins in several days. On the mount of transfiguration Jesus is revealed as God's beloved Son, echoing the words at his baptism. This vision of glory sustains us as Jesus faces his impending death in Jerusalem.

HOLY COMMUNION

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP, SETTING FOUR, PAGES 147-155

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

RINGING OF THE CHIMES

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND *CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father and of + the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Let us come into the light of Christ, confessing our need for God's mercy. *(A brief silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.)*

Holy and faithful God,
we so often choose our own way instead of yours. We think we can evade your commandments. We have spoken in ways that injure, strayed with our hearts, betrayed friends, and hated enemies. We have broken our promises. Search us deeply and create us anew. Lift the heavy burden of our sin and free us to follow your way of life. Amen.

“Call upon me,” says the Lord, “and I will answer.” God has come among us to loose every bond and set us free from all that weighs us down. Receive the forgiveness of all your sins in the name of + Jesus Christ, our crucified and risen Savior. **Amen.**

*CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you,
we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ,
only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

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. **Amen.**

WORD

God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING

Exodus 24:12-18

At Mount Sinai, Moses experienced the presence of God for forty days and forty nights. The "glory of the Lord" settled on the mountain, and on the seventh day God called out to Moses. On the mountain God gave Moses the stone tablets inscribed with the Ten Commandments.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

2 Peter 1:16-21

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 words of Scripture.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

ELW 172

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -

- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -

lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

The musical notation is written on three staves in G major (one sharp). The melody is a simple, joyful tune. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The first staff contains the first line of the acclamation, the second staff contains the second line, and the third staff contains the third line, which ends with a double bar line.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew
Glory to you, O Lord.

Shortly before he enters Jerusalem, where he will be crucified, Jesus is revealed to his disciples in a mountaintop experience of divine glory called the transfiguration.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Touches of Transcendence

*HYMN OF THE DAY

O God beyond All Praising

ELW 880

*CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He 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,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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

Guided by the light of Christ, who has been made known to the nations, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

God of glory and grace, you call us to wait upon your name. Give your church on earth the strength and patience to be the people you would have us be. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You created mountains and hills, caverns and valleys. Help us to be good stewards of the heights and depths of your creation. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Raise up leaders in this day with wisdom like Moses, so that all will know your peace and justice. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You provide us with mercy and love through your beloved Son. Shine the light of his love to heal the sick, feed the hungry, and comfort the grieving. Be with all who suffer, especially... . Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You raise up your children and counsel us not to be afraid. Help this community of faith to be fearless in proclaiming the gospel. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Other prayers may be offered here in speech or silence.

Holy Spirit, keep us in your care until you gather us with all the saints from every time and place in the company of our sovereign God, remembering especially... Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Radiant God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the One who has made his dwelling among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

*PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING OF GIFTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

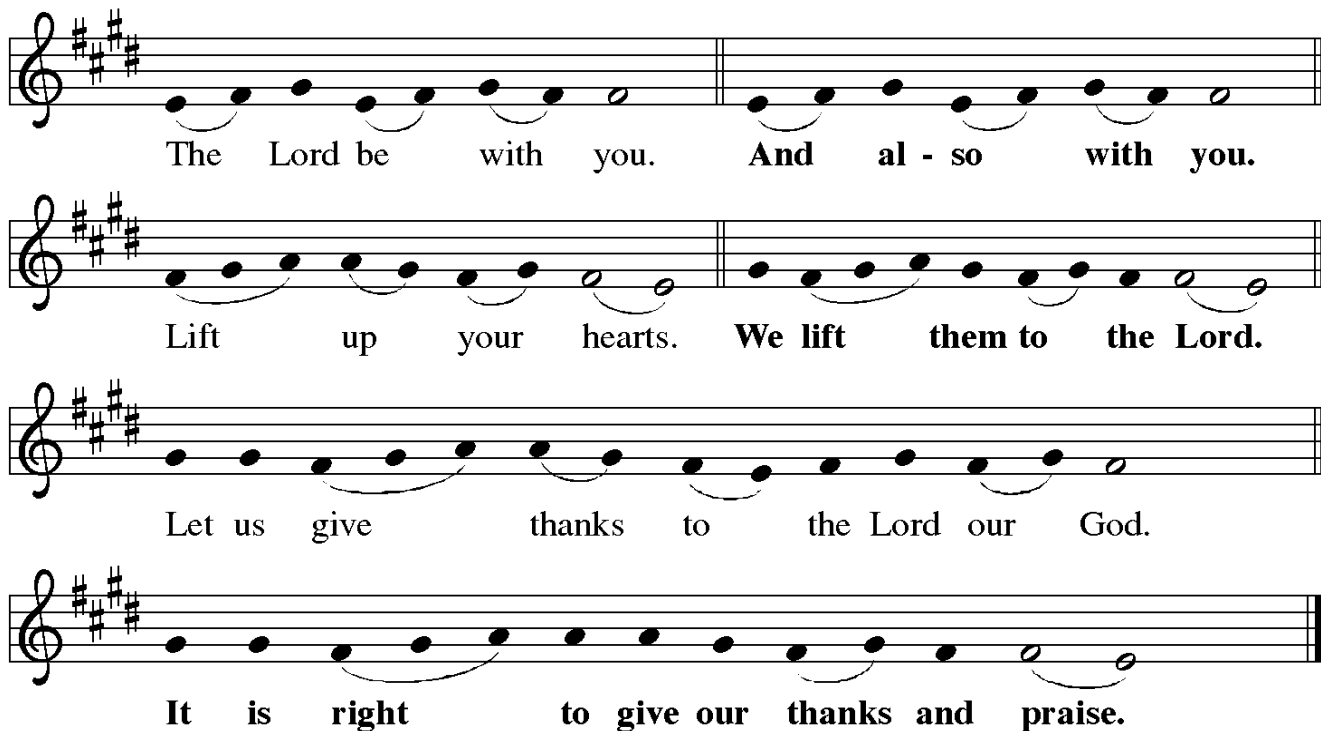
Immortal, Invisible

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.

Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the One who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

*DIALOGUE



The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words in bold. The first staff has a double bar line after the first phrase. The second staff also has a double bar line after the first phrase. The third and fourth staves do not have double bar lines.

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

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

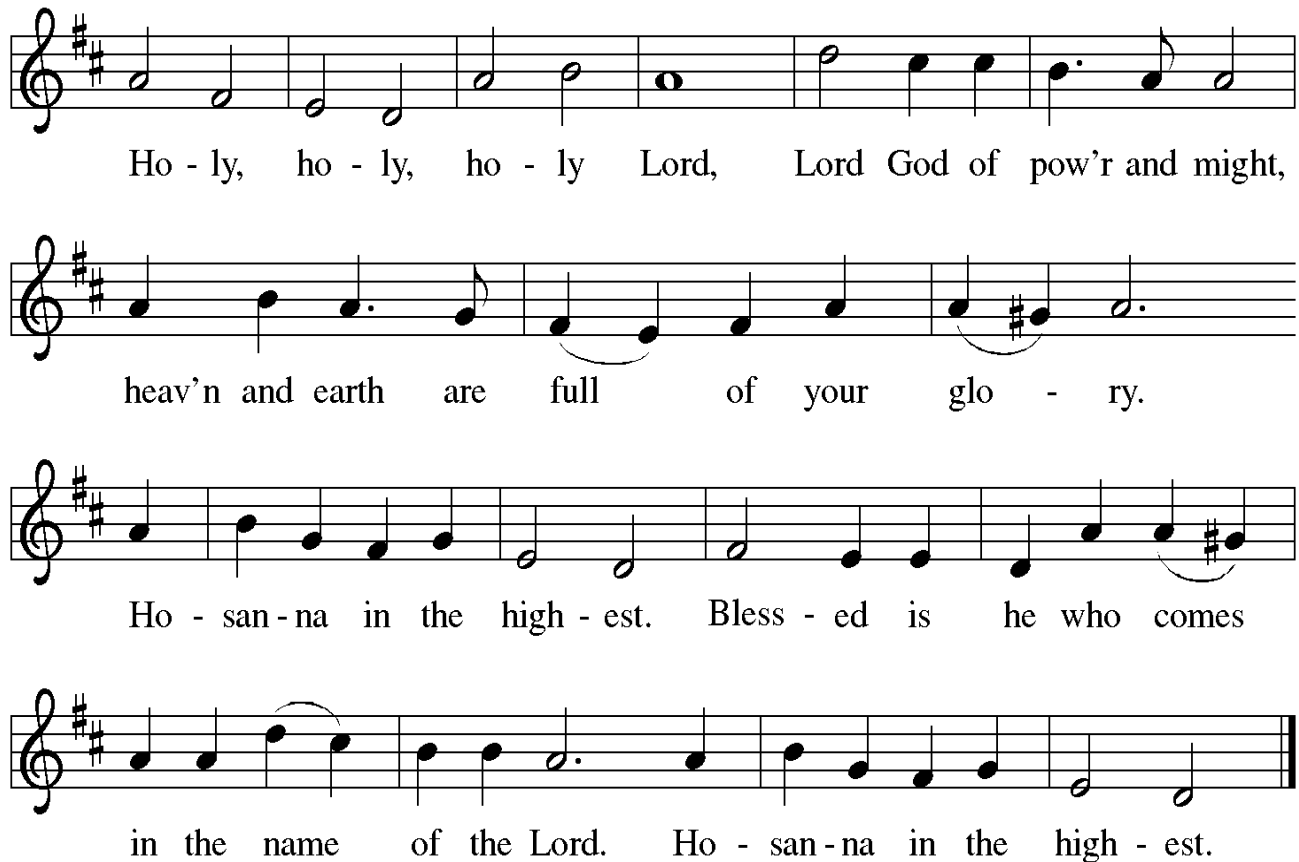
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r 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 - san - na in the high - est.

*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:
Blessed are you for the birth of creation.
Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.
Blessed are you for your promise to your people.
Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.
Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.
Blessed are you for your Son Jesus,
the Word made flesh.

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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup
we remember your Word dwelling among us,
full of grace and truth.
We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.
We look with hope for his coming. **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Holy God, we long for your Spirit.
Come among us.
Bless this meal.
May your Word take flesh in us.
Awaken your people.
Fill us with your light.
Bring the gift of peace on earth. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

**All praise and glory are yours,
Holy One of Israel,
Word of God incarnate,
Power of the Most High,
one God, now and forever.
Amen.**



*LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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

We who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread. Come. Be filled with light and life.

You are welcome to bring with you to Communion your worship books (ELWs) so that you may continue to join in singing the hymns during the distribution.

COMMUNION HYMNS

Beautiful Savior

ELW 838

O Savior, Precious Savior

ELW 820

*BLESSING

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

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

O Morning Star, fair and bright,
you have refreshed us again with heavenly food. You are our dearest treasure. Go with us now—today, tomorrow, every day—that we tell the story of your never-ending love and sing your praise both now and forever. Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

***BLESSING**

The God of glory dwell in you richly,
name you beloved,
and shine brightly on your path;
and the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

***SENDING HYMN** *Alleluia, Song of Gladness*
WITH BURIAL OF THE ALLELUIA

ELW 318

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Share the light of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Maslenitsa

CHAIKOVSKY

SERVING IN THE LITURGY

PRESIDING AND PREACHING MINISTER

Dennis Lauritsen, pastor

ASSISTING MINISTER

Vicki Michaels

PARISH MUSICIAN

David Richards

LECTORS

John Broussard and George Valek

COMMUNION MINISTER

Carrie Watkiss

ACOLYTE

Sebastian Myers

GREETERS

Larry Crachy and Karen Kubik

USHERS

Gregg Valek and John Kostelny

ALTAR CARE AND SACRISTAN

Janice Hapgood



UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS

Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna, martyr, died 156

Sunday, February 23

Because he is said to have been known by John, the author of Revelation, as well as the important early church fathers Irenaeus and Ignatius, Polycarp serves as a vital link in church history. He was burned at the stake at age 86 for refusing to renounce his faith.

Elizabeth Fedde, deaconess, died 1921

Tuesday, February 25

Born in Norway and trained there as a deaconess, Fedde was asked to come and minister to the poor and to seamen in New York City. She established the Deaconess House in Brooklyn as well as Deaconess Hospital in Minneapolis.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: 8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m., M-F.

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD, FEBRUARY 23

9:15 AM	Confirmation Class
9:30 AM	Adult Choir Rehearsal
10:15 AM	Liturgy of Holy Communion
11:30 AM	Youth Choir Rehearsal

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24

6:30 PM “Legends of the Game” Volleyball until 9:45 p.m.

SHROVE TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

7:00 PM	Overeaters Anonymous Meeting
7:00 PM	Windsome Quintet Rehearsal

ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

12 Noon	Spoken Liturgy of the Word with Imposition of Ashes
6:30 PM	Co-Dependents Anonymous Meeting
7:15 PM	Liturgy of Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes Choir Rehearsal following the Liturgy

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29

11:00 AM	Liturgy of the Resurrection and Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of Jan A. Hapgood
11:00 AM	AA Big Book Study Group Meeting
7:00 PM	AA Group Meeting

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT, MARCH 1

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***2020 offering envelopes** are still available for pick-up in the lower hallway. Please pick up envelopes for friends and relatives. Karen in the office will be glad to mail envelopes to those who cannot make arrangements for their envelope pick-up.*

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER . . .

Olga Zavodny, Elaine Haase, Sheryl Hallmann, Dot Myers, Anne Gavac, Helen Gaydusek, Karole Gaydusek, Mildred Mendel, Mary Sasuta, Mary Sordel, Bob Skudrna, Wally Kessler and Steve Podzamsky.

Carol Zitko (*church secretary at Concordia Lutheran Church, Berwyn*), **Danny Orozco** (*co-worker of Tom Michaels*), **Jacob Kavicky** (*great-grandson of the late Betty Kavicky*), **Jessica Babiari** (*niece of Vera Borysek*), **Barbara Kessler** (*sister-in-law of Wally Kessler*), **Beverly Bartlett** (*aunt of Ann Head*), **Delores Linden** (*aunt of Martin and Ann Pennino*), **Donald Neal** (*brother of Barbara Kessler*), **Marguerite Boike** (*mother-in-law of Kristine Boike*), **Sandy Rossella** (*sister-in-law of Mary Jo Meyers*), **Denise Fricano** (*friend of Charlene Patula*), **Sue Doyle** (*friend of Charlene Patula*), **Wally Bisping** (*friend of Charlene Patula*), **Pat Pileggi** (*Helen Gaydusek's co-worker*), **Joe Caruso** (*friend of Wally Kessler*), **Eric Dennison** (*friend of Wally Kessler*), **Rev. James Kuemmerle** (*Pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church, Chicago*), **John Racek** (*life-long friend of John Kostelny*), **Nicole Kisiel** (*friend of Fred Kuzel*), **Ramona Daugs** (*relative of Beverly Tarbox*), **Mary Costello** (*mother of Debbie Boor*), **Damon Cooke** (*relative of Wally Kessler*), **Dr. Craig Reckard** (*friend of Milan Oklepek*), **Gertrude Tarbox** (*mother of J.T.*), **Jim and Janie Tarbox** (*brother and sister-in-law of J.T.*), **Ralph Thompson** (*friend of Lois Mika*), **Dale Renville** (*son-in-law of Bev and Steve Podzamsky*), **Kelly Alvey** (*granddaughter of Bev and Steve Podzamsky*), **Alice Puglise** (*relative of Steve and Bev Podzamsky*), **Cpt. Kristopher Mabrigio** (*relative of Wally Kessler*), **Celia Martinez** (*mother of Rafael*), and **Mark Van Scharrel** (*former pastor at St. Peter and St. Paul, Blue Island*).

*Please let us know when people may be removed
from the prayer list and we will offer a prayer of thanksgiving for their healing!*

The flowers at the Lord's Table today are given in memory of beloved father +**Eugene Gana**+ on the anniversary of his death by remembering daughter Adrienne Gana. Flowers for the Lord's Table may be ordered by calling the church office. The price is \$20 per vase. Please make checks payable to Sts. Peter and Paul Lutheran Church. The final day for ordering flowers is Tuesday.

Our prayers and condolences are extended to the family and loved ones of +**Jan A. Hapgood**+ who passed from this life on Sunday evening, February 16th. We especially remember his wife Janice and children Jon and Laura and her husband Christopher. A Liturgy of the Resurrection and Service of Thanksgiving is being planned for next Saturday morning, February 29th, at 11 a.m. We share the grief of Jan's family but find solace and hope in the cross and resurrection of our Lord Jesus.



**The Holy Season of Lent begins
Ash Wednesday, February 26th**

Spoken Liturgy of the Word
with Imposition of Ashes
at Noon

Liturgy of Holy Communion
with Imposition of Ashes
at 7:15 p.m.

Lenten Vespers and Supper
every Wednesday in Lent, March 4th thru April 1st.
Vespers (Evening Prayer) is Sung at 7:15,
preceded by Supper at 6:30.

Lenten Food Collection

in participation with Hauser Jr. High School in Riverside on the
50th Anniversary of the students helping to fight against hunger!



**LENTEN
FOOD DRIVE**

March 1st through March 29th

Bags will be made available next Sunday, March 1st, for donations of
non-perishable and unexpired food items. Monetary donations are also welcome.

Volunteers are welcome to pack meals on **Saturday, April 4th**
for **Feed Our Community Day** between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m.

For more information or to sign-up,
please see Fred Kuzel or Jane Hinlicky Lauritsen.



**LENTEN
FOOD DRIVE**

Students are hoping to reach their goal of 15,000 non-perishable items
and raise \$15,000 for the meal packing supplies.

WHEN IT ALL COMES TOGETHER

New parents sometimes speak with wonder about what it was like to look at their child for the first time: that moment when they first held their newborn or saw their adopted child and had the sudden realization that in the face looking back at them was their destiny, and that from that moment on, their lives were going to be linked forever. The same might be said about the moment you first realize that the person sitting across the table from you is the person you want to spend the rest of your life with, or the day you show up at work and it doesn't feel like work anymore because your passion and your vocation have become one.

It's hard to find words to describe such a moment: when your past, present, and future come into focus in the face of someone or something that says to your heart, "This is it. This is what it's all about. *This* is where I'm supposed to be."

The transfiguration of Jesus is like that. It's the culmination of the time after Epiphany, as story after story, sign after sign, coalesce into a single image of who God is for us: the one revealed in the face of Jesus Christ. When we are in Christ's presence, we experience God's compassion, God's healing, God's forgiveness, and God's radical welcome. Through word and water, bread and wine, God's future breaks into our present and redeems our past. As members of his body, we become reflections of his face to the world.

In just a few days we will begin the journey of Lent. We will leave the mountaintop for the valley. But we will carry the brightness of this day with us. We will hold tightly to the promise of Jesus' baptism and our own: that we are God's beloved. Not even death can disfigure a face that's been transfigured.

<p>Current, Benevolence and Freewill Offering February 16th, 2020</p>	
<i>Weekly Budgeted Offering for 2019:</i>	\$2,597.00
<i>Offering Received for the Above Categories:</i>	\$.00
<i>Shortage:</i>	\$.00



Stairway at the Cloisters: Garden Path

AS YOU LEAVE THE HILL

(Luke 9: 28-36)

The cloud lifts. The sky revealed
again is the usual blue.
Your eyes blink against the sun,
but the vision is gone and
all is as before it was
to the dullness of everyday sight.

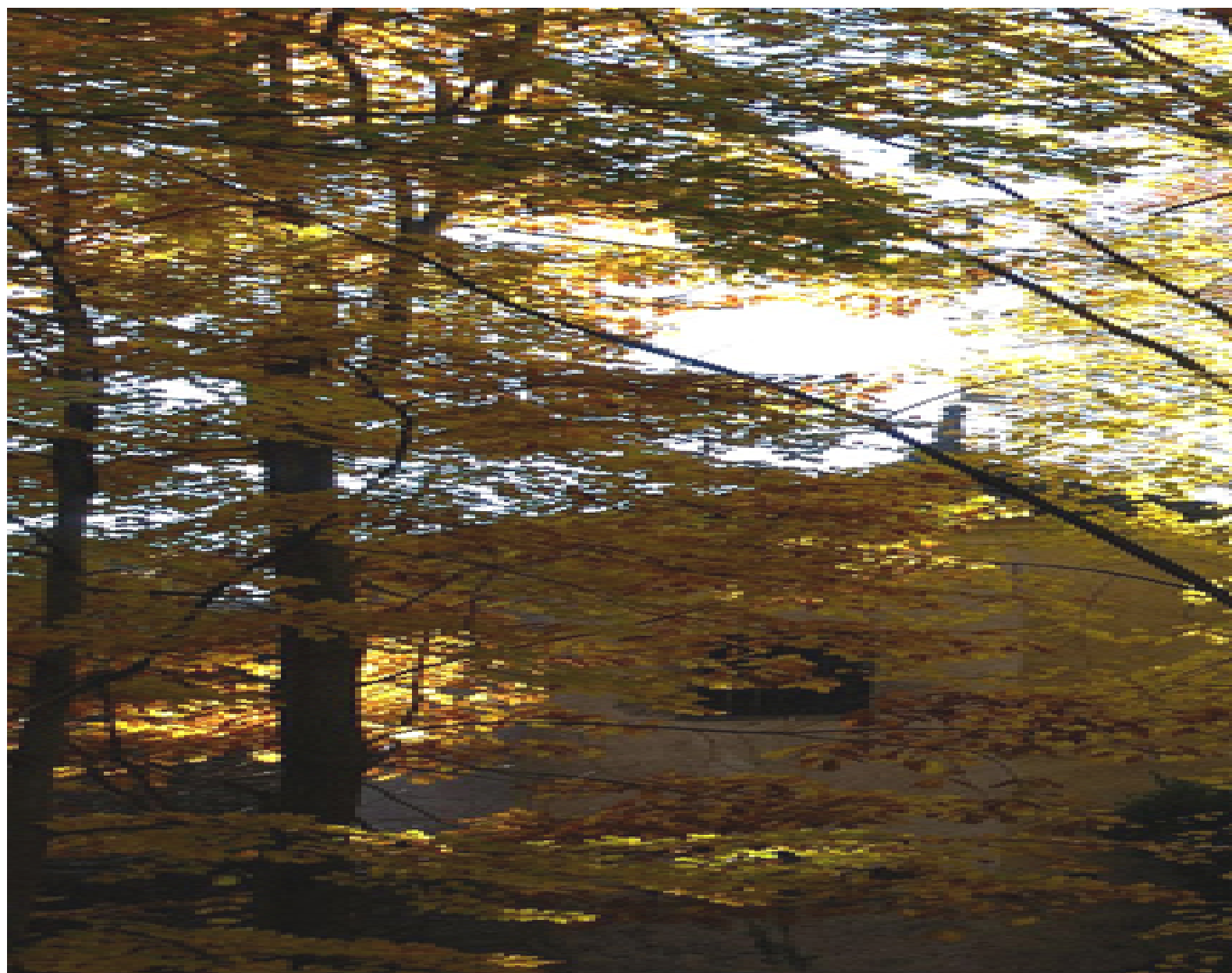
The figure that shone
is Jesus again: the sun-browned skin
and the carpenter hands
and the feet, like yours, grimed with earth.
Gone the others you thought you saw.
Silent now the voice, the words
a memory like the calm
that follows strong wind.

And already Jesus has turned
and is leading back down the hill,
down to the stone and the dust
and the sorrow and sighs
of the needy and ordinary world.

But you turn once more
as you leave the hill
because you know
that something is different,
that nothing can be quite the same,
for your eyes remember
and your ears recall
and your knees
will never forget

the kneeling in awe
and the lift of your heart
and the flight of something within you
whose wings this once unfolded
will never rest the same again.

—by lectionary poet Andrew King



The Holy Mount of Varallo Sesia