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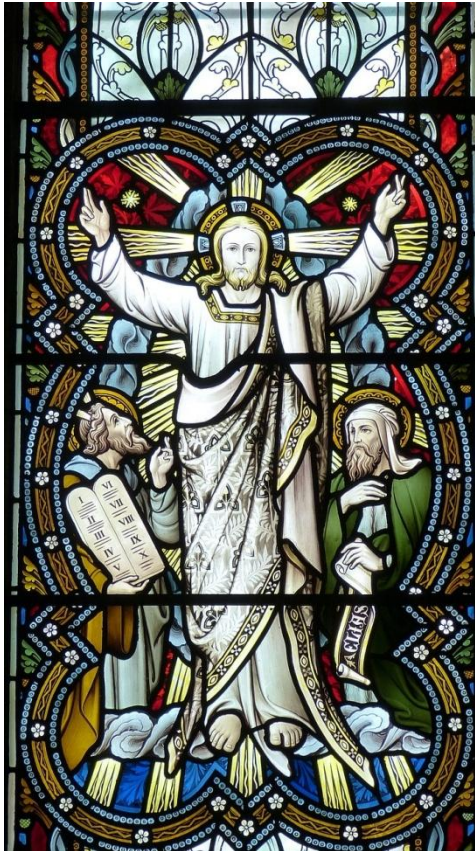
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Transfiguration Sunday

As He prayed,  
the appearance  
of His face was  
altered, and His  
robe became  
white and  
glistening.



And a voice  
came out of the  
cloud, saying,  
"This is My  
beloved Son.  
Hear Him!"

Luke 9:29,35

✠ Preparation for Worship: Read Psalm 148 (Lutheran Service Book or Pew Bible) ✠

**Greeting and prayer:** (Pastor)

**Opening Hymn: 413 O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair** *(please stand for last verse)*

## Order of Worship

Adapted from LSB Setting 4 – p. 203ff

### Invocation

*We invoke (“call upon”) the name of the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** **who made heaven and earth.**

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C** **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore we stand in awe of You.**

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

### Confession and Absolution

*We come before our Holy God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.*

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and gives them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C Amen.**

**Kyrie** *Latin for "O Lord." We approach our Lord with a cry for help in all the needs of our earthly life.*

LSB 204



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

**Gloria in Excelsis** *Latin for "Glory to God in the highest."*

LSB 204



**C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shipped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

## Salutation ("Greeting") and Prayer of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** We pray:

O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah. In the voice that came from the bright cloud You wonderfully foreshowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King in His glory and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven. We pray this through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## First Reading

*Exodus 34:29-35 (ESV)*

<sup>29</sup> When Moses came down from Mount Sinai, with the two tablets of the testimony in his hand as he came down from the mountain, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. <sup>30</sup> Aaron and all the people of Israel saw Moses, and behold, the skin of his face shone, 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 talked with them. <sup>32</sup> Afterward all the people of Israel came near, and he commanded them all that the Lord had spoken with him in Mount Sinai. <sup>33</sup> And when Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face.

<sup>34</sup> Whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would remove the veil, until he came out. And when he came out and told the people of Israel what he was commanded, <sup>35</sup> the people of Israel would see the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face was shining. And Moses would put the veil over his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Second Reading

*2 Corinthians 4:3-6 (ESV)*

**P** The second reading is from 2 Corinthians 4:3-6.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>3</sup> And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. <sup>4</sup> In 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.

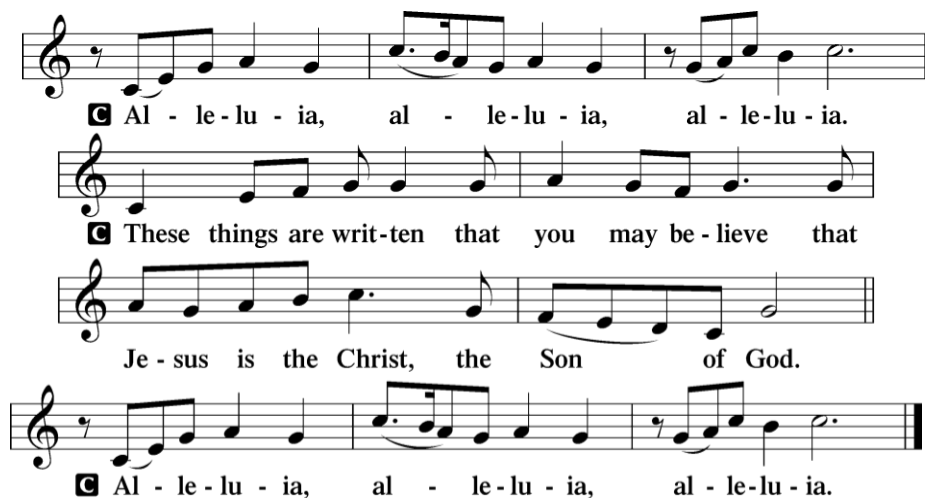
<sup>5</sup> For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup> For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## Alleluia and Verse

*When God speaks to us in His Word it is natural for us to respond. We sing "Allelujah!"—meaning, "Praise the Lord!"*



**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**C** These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**Nicene Creed** *We boldly confess what we believe.*

LSB 206

**C** **I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;**

**who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
 and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
 and was made man;  
 and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
 He suffered and was buried.  
 And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
 and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
 And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
 whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,  
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
 who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
 who spoke by the prophets.  
 And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
 I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
 and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**Hymn of the Day: "This Brightness, Lord! What Shall I Say"**

CW21 392

1 This bright - ness, Lord! What shall I say to see your  
 2 But Mo - ses and E - li - jah know the lengths to  
 3 I quick - ly learn we can - not stay; the bright - ness  
  
 face out - shine the day? No great - er gift could  
 which your love must go. What plea - sure fills your  
 gone, you lead the way, ad - vanc - ing down this

I re - ceive; I'll stay right here and nev - er leave!  
 Fa - ther's voice: "My pre - cious Son, my per - fect choice!"  
 moun - tain - side to where you'll soon be cru - ci - fied.

4 Your living Word has let me see  
 the truth behind the bloody tree,  
 what makes your face profoundly shine—  
 you made my sin no longer mine.

5 No glory lights the plains below  
 where trials rise and troubles flow,  
 and yet I know you'll help me bear  
 each blessèd cross that's waiting there.

6 I'll soon exchange this mountain sight  
 for heaven's everlasting light;  
 your brightness, Lord, will then be mine,  
 and then my face, like yours, will shine.

Text: Michael D. Schultz, b. 1963

Tune: *Southern Harmony*, New Haven, 1835, ed. William Walker; setting: David N. Johnson, 1922–1987

Alternate organ setting: Wilbur Held, 1914–2015

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## **Sermon Text: Luke 9:28-36 (NKJV)**

Now it came to pass, about eight days after these sayings, that He took Peter, John, and James and went up on the mountain to pray.<sup>29</sup> As He prayed, the appearance of His face was altered, and His robe became white and glistening.<sup>30</sup> And behold, two men talked with Him, who were Moses and Elijah,<sup>31</sup> who appeared in glory and spoke of His decease which He was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.<sup>32</sup> But Peter and those with him were heavy with sleep; and when they were fully awake, they saw His glory and the two men who stood with Him.<sup>33</sup> Then it happened, as they were parting from Him, that Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; and let us make three tabernacles: 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 fearful as they entered the cloud.<sup>35</sup> And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is My beloved Son. Hear Him!"<sup>36</sup> When the voice had ceased, Jesus was found alone. But they kept quiet, and told no one in those days any of the things they had seen.

## **Sermon Theme: It is Good for Us to be Here!**

† What important lessons and blessings does Christ's Transfiguration hold for our worship lives?

### **1. We have Seen Christ's Glory**

† In what way have we seen it?

### **2. We Believe He is God's Beloved Son**

† What further proof of this does Jesus' Transfiguration show us? (see esp. v. 29, 35)

### **3. We Hear Him**

† Think of some ways you can "hear" from Jesus through His Word more often each week.

## **Offertory**

*LSB 956*

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new  
a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way  
from Thy pres - ence; and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion;  
and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

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**Offering** *We offer our gifts to the Lord, remembering that He has first given to us that we might have to give to Him.*

**Prayer of the Church** *We bring our prayers to God.*

## Service of the Sacrament

*Now we approach the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper in which Jesus comes to bless us with His very body and blood.  
We move toward the Sacrament with prayers of thanksgiving and songs of adoration.*

### Preface

LSB 208

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** **We lift them up to the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**P** It is truly fitting, right, and spiritually beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, 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 angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

### Sanctus *Latin: "Holy."*

LSB 208



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.

*(song continues on next page →)*

Sing ho - san - na in the high - est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;

Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P** We give You thanks, O Lord our God, for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ and His cross. Give us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood. In His name we pray, as we now join in the prayer that He taught us:

## Lord's Prayer

LSB 209

- 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.**

## The Words of Institution

*The words spoken by Jesus the night He instituted the Lord's Supper, by which our Lord assured to His Church the real presence of His body and blood in the Sacrament.*

## Pax Domini ("The Peace of the Lord")

LSB 209

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C** **Amen.**

# Agnus Dei

LSB 210

Latin: "Lamb of God." Jesus is the "Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world" (John 1:29)

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

## The Distribution

- † For the distribution we will start with those who would like to partake of the Lord's Supper from the pew. After that, those who would like to come up to the altar steps will partake as directed by our ushers.

*Note to our Guests:* We are so glad you are worshiping with us this morning. The Word of God treats the Lord's Supper with great care. The Word of God considers the Lord's Supper to be a wonderful Means of Grace – a way in which Christ forgives and blesses. It is also considered an opportunity for congregations to express unity and oneness (1 Corinthians 10:16-17) – that is, to say to the world "This is what we believe!" But God's Word also warns against taking the Sacrament to our judgment (1 Corinthians 11:27-30). For these reasons our congregation asks that you fully understand our teachings before partaking. We respectfully ask that those who have joined this congregation through public confession of faith, or who are members of another congregation of the Church of the Lutheran Confession (CLC) approach the altar at the usher's direction. By following this practice we do not make any judgment on your faith. Rather we do this out of love for you, as a public confession of our unity, and out of obedience to and love for God's Word. Speak to our pastor anytime and he will be glad to provide the information you would need – and want. We look forward to communing together, Lord willing, in the future.

**Communion Hymns: 617 LSB; 619 LSB; 417 v. 1, 3-4 LSB**

# Nunc Dimittis

LSB 211

Latin: "Now Dismiss." Simeon's words after seeing the Christ Child. (Luke 2:29-32)

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All  
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the  
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;  
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is  
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -  
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

**Benediction** *The blessing given by God for the blessing of His people (Numbers 6:24-26).*

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

**Closing Hymn: "Beautiful Savior"** (please stand for last verse) (LSB 537 - alternate lyrics v. 2-3)

♪ **Beautiful Savior, King of Creation,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Truly I'd love Thee, Truly I'd serve Thee,  
Light of my soul, my Joy, my Crown.**

**Jesus, our Savior, We come to seek Thy face.  
We come to see Thee in Thy Word.  
Give us Thy blessing, Grant us forgiveness,  
Fill us, O Lord, with love and peace!**

**We praise Thee, Savior! Here in Thy presence,  
We've shared the blessings of Thy Word!  
Go with us, Jesus, Bless us and keep us,  
Until at last, we see Thee, Lord!**

**Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration,  
Now and forevermore be Thine!**

Text: v. 1, 4 - Münsterisch Gesangbuch, 1677, Münster; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823-1904; v. 2-3 - Luke Bernthal

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## **Announcements**



**Welcome!** We welcome all our visitors this morning.  
Please sign our guest book and come worship with us again soon.

Today:           **Choir Practice – 8am**  
3/2/25           **Worship w/ Communion – 9am**  
                      **Sunday School & Bible Class – 10:15am**

This Week:      Wednesday – **Ash Wednesday Worship – 6:30pm** (Lent begins)  
                      Thursday – **Board of Property – 6pm**  
                                  **Board of Education – 6:30pm**  
                      Saturday – **MLS - Round Robin Basketball Tournament** (Faith, Markesan)  
                                  ☺ **Daylight Saving Time – Turn Clocks Ahead 1 hour** ☺

Church Cleaning: Team #7 (3/1-3/7); Team #8 (3/8-3/14)

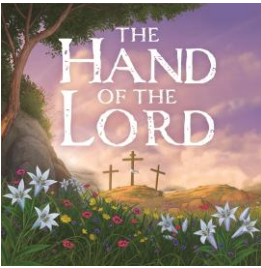
Next Sunday: **Choir – 8am**  
3/9/24 **Worship – 9am**  
**Sunday School & Bible Class – 10:15am**

**In Your Mailbox** – 2025 Messiah Directory  
Messiah Calendar – *March*



**Reminder:** Our members are encouraged to keep the last two pews reserved for families with small children. Thank you!

**Wednesday Lent Worship Begins – Ash Wednesday Worship w/ Communion (3/5) - 6:30pm**



Our Wednesday Lent series for this year is entitled, “The Hand of the Lord.” This expression is used throughout the Old Testament. However, it is precisely in the New Testament where the hand of the Lord takes on literal meaning. The One through whom all things were created took on real, literal hands in His incarnation (John 1:1–14). We have several examples throughout Scripture that speak of the way that Christ used His hands alongside His life-giving words to bring forgiveness, life, and salvation. The work of Christ’s hands helps us to see the merciful and

personal way that He has come down to us. He has given us something to grasp, even as He holds us. Our Lord has hands, real hands. Jesus has accomplished all that we need. Amazingly, He takes our manipulative, distorted, self-serving hands and restores them into useful hands for His purposes, both to literally use them in service and to make our whole lives into His instruments of witness, service, and praise.

Please make plans to join us for these special worship services that focus on our Savior who stretched out His hands on the cross to save us from our sins. Our Wednesday Lent worship vices begin this week with our Ash Wednesday communion worship service at 6:30pm. During this Lenten series we will also be having four other area CLC pastors guest preaching here at Messiah during the middle four Wednesdays of the Lenten season. (See display on bulletin board in entryway.) May our Savior bless our Lenten meditations and worship service as we look forward to once again celebrating His triumph over the grave on Easter Sunday.

**CLC Call News** – Teacher Claire Abbas of Berea Lutheran School, Inver Grove Heights, MN has **received** the call to Luther Memorial School, Fond du Lac, WI

## **CLC Grade School Basketball Tournament – Eau Claire, WI – Volunteers Needed – 3/14-3/16**

The Gradeschool Tournament in Eau Claire is in need of volunteers to help referee and run the scoreboard. Contact Steve Sydow ([steve.sydow@ilc.edu](mailto:steve.sydow@ilc.edu)) to volunteer. Share this information with anyone you think may be willing and able to help out - we rely on volunteers to make this tournament work!

- **Referees** - we only need two referees per game, but have room for three if a 3-person crew wants to do a game together, or if someone isn't quite sure and would like to try it by working with two other veterans.
- **Scoreboard/Clock** - if you're willing to help with this but aren't sure how to run it, sign up and let Steve Sydow know. He will make sure someone experienced is there to provide training and help you.
- **Scorebook** - once again the **home** team for each game is to provide the bookkeeper. If you'd like to help out in this way, let your team's coach know.

Any questions - contact me at [steve.sydow@ilc.edu](mailto:steve.sydow@ilc.edu).

**Pastoral “Get to Know Each Other” Visits / Pastor Luke’s Contact Info** – I am continuing to make “face to face” visits with our members. These include a short devotion and some time to get to know each other. Wherever is most convenient and comfortable for you will work just fine for me (my office, your home, a coffee shop, etc.). Feel free to contact me via email, text, or phone call if you know of a day and time that will work for you. If I don’t hear from you, rest assured, I will be contacting you! I look forward to meeting you all and getting to know each other better soon! In Christ, Pastor Luke

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## Bible Readings:

3/2	Ex. 34:29-35 Psalm 50 2 Cor. 3:12-4:6 Mark 9:2-9
3/3	Gen. 46:1-25 Psalm 60 Matt. 27:1-14
3/4	Gen. 46:26-47:12 Psalm 61 Matt. 27:15-31
3/5	Joel 2:12-19 Psalm 51 2 Cor. 5:20-6:10 Matt. 6:1-6
3/6	Gen. 47:12-31 Psalm 62 Matt. 27:32-56
3/7	Gen. 48 Psalm 63 Matt. 27:57-66
3/8	Gen. 49:1-28 Psalm 64 Matt. 28



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## March Ushers

Mike Cutler  
Ethan Gurgel  
Bryon Nelson Sr.

### March Slideshow

James Schaser

## Cleaning Team 3/8-3/14

Team 8  
K/B Ackerman  
C. Reim  
A. Albrecht  
J/A Bailey

## Fruits of Faith

### Last Week:

### To Date:

Budgetary Offerings:	\$4,396.61	\$257,179.96
Budgetary Needs:	\$8,571.29	\$291,423.86
Over (Under) Budget:	(\$4,174.68)	(\$34,243.90)
Kinship:	\$60.00	\$2,961.96
MDF:	\$60.00	\$1,330.00
ILCSAF:	\$100.00	\$1,080.00
CDSIF:	\$300.00	\$3,310.00

**Attendance Last Sun. (2/23): 108**

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