

TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD Sunday, February 19, 2023

Peace Lutheran Church, ELCA

WELCOME TO PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Whether you are joining us in-person or on-line we are blessed to have you worshipping with us today. We pray that our time of worship together further encourages and strengthens our call to discipleship.

MISSION STATEMENT

As servants of Jesus Christ, we share God's grace and mercy. We welcome and encourage all to grow with us in God's kingdom through praise, worship, and service.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One, source of our renewal, we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves.

We have not practiced your righteousness.

Our hearts have turned away from you.

For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

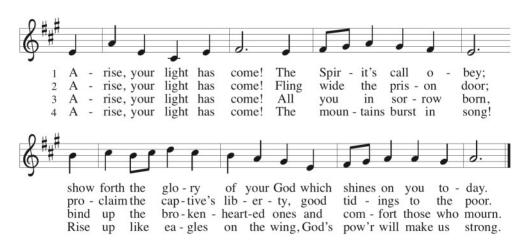
Thus says our God:
"The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare."
God's mercy makes us new.
We are forgiven in the name of + Christ our Savior.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

ARISE, YOUR LIGHT HAS COME

ELW #314



Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825-1893

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GREETING

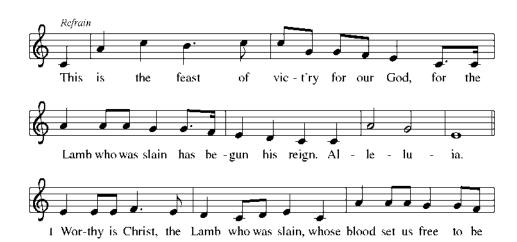
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE

THIS IS THE FEAST

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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 +

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.

¹²The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." ¹³So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. ¹⁴To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go tot hem."

¹⁵Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. ¹⁷Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. ¹⁸Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 2 READ RESPONSIVELY

¹Why are the nations [|] in an uproar?
Why do the peoples mutter [|] empty threats?

²Why 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 ^I yoke," they say; "let us cast off their ^I bonds from us."

⁴God whose throne is in heav- ¹ en is laughing; the LORD holds them ¹ in derision.

⁵Then in wrath God ^I speaks to them, and in rage fills ^I them with terror.

⁶"As for me, I have anoint- | ed my king upon Zion, my | holy mountain."

- ⁷Let me announce the decree ¹ of the LORD, who said to me, "You are my son; this day have I be- ¹ gotten you.
- ⁸Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for ¹ your inheritance and the ends of the earth for ¹ your possession.
- ⁹You shall crush them with an ¹ iron rod and shatter them like a ¹ piece of pottery."
- ¹⁰And now, you | kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers | of the earth.
- ¹¹Submit to the ^I LORD with fear, and with trembling ^I bow in worship;
- ¹²lest the LORD be angry, and you perish in a sudden ¹ blaze of wrath. Happy are all who take ref- ¹ uge in God!

SECOND READING: 2 Peter 1:16-21

A reading from 2 Peter.

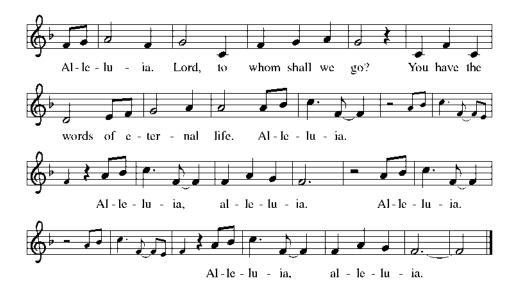
At the transfiguration, God's voice was heard, declaring Jesus to be the beloved Son. By the activity of the Holy Spirit, God's voice continues to be heard through the word of scripture.

¹⁶For 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. ¹⁷For 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." ¹⁸We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

¹⁹So 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. ²⁰First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, ²¹because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.



GOSPEL: Matthew 17:1-9

The holy gospel according to Matthew the 17th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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.

¹Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ²And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁵While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" ⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." ⁸And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

⁹As 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."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Rev. Mary E. Zupansic

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

HYMN OF THE DAY

HOW GOOD, LORD, TO BE HERE

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your face and gar-ments, like the sun, shine with un - bor-rowed light. where Mo - ses and E - li - jah stand, your mes-sen-gers of old. hail your bod - y glo - ri - fied and our re-demp-tion we see. vi - sion bright and make this hill long to hold the wc our home. since you bid us leave the mount, come with us but the plain.

Text: Joseph A. Robinson, 1858-1933, alt.

Music: POTSDAM, W. Mercer, The Church Psalter and Hymn Book, 1854

APOSTLES' CREED

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

* Prayers are offered for the church, the world, and all in need.

Merciful God. Receive our prayer.

THE SHARING OF PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

+ THE MEAL +

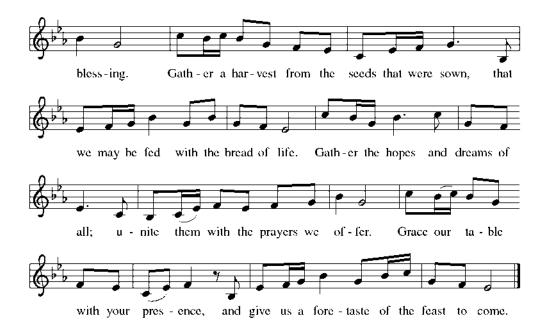
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OFFERING HYMN

LET THE VINEYARDS BE FRUITFUL

ELW #184





Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980

Music: Ronald A. Nelson, b. 1927 Text and music © 1978 Latheran Book of Wiriship, admin. Augsburg Fortness.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Liberating God,

You break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

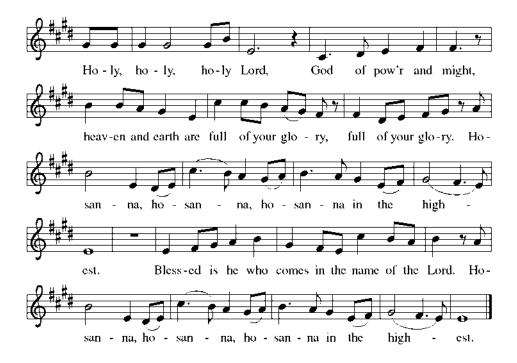
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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; who, sharing our life, lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to your own brilliant light. 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:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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 death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

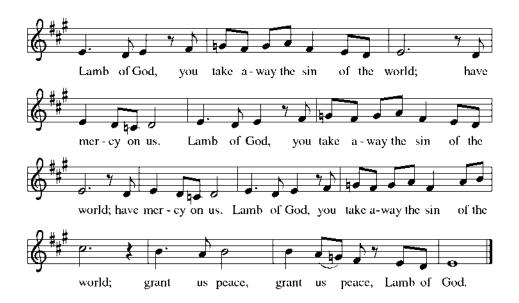
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come the table is ready. All are welcome.

Thanks be to God.

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COMMUNION SONG/HYMNS

CONTEMPORARY SONG BUILD US UP, LORD

ELW # 670

TABLE BLESSING

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

Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. Holy One,

We thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you. Amen.

BLESSING

The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod + bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always.

Amen.

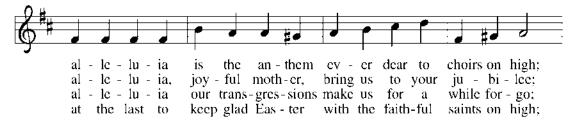
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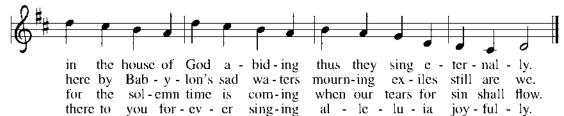
ALLELUIA, SONGS OF GLADNESS

ELW #318



- I Al-le lu ia, song of glad ness, voice of joy that can not die;
- 2 Al-le lu ia you are sound ing, true Je ru sa lem and free;
- 3 Al-le lu ia can-not al ways be our song while here be low;
- 4 In our hymns we pray with long ing: Grant us, bless-ed Trin i ty,





Text: Latin hymn, 11th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt. Music: PRAISE, MY SOUL, John Goss, 1800–1880

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

Thanks be to God.

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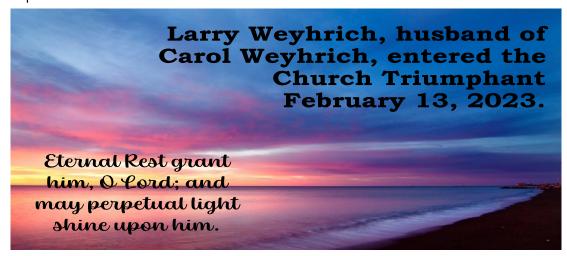
ABOUT THIS WEEKS TEXT

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 A HIGH MOUNTAIN 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. WE TURN THIS WEEK TO ASH WEDNESDAY AND OUR YEARLY BAPTISMAL JOURNEY FROM LENT TO EASTER. SOME CHURCHES PUT ASIDE THE ALLELUIA AT THE CONCLUSION OF TODAY'S LITURGY. THIS WORD OF JOY WILL BE OMITTED DURING THE PENITENTIAL SEASON OF LENT AND WILL BE SUNG AGAIN AT EASTER.

THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED FOR OUR PRAYERS:

PETE ELLERTSEN, DEBI ELLERTSEN, PAULA TONELLATO JUDY BARHOOVER, MICK BUCHLER, DALE KRUCKEBERG TOM CHRISTELL, MIKE SCADUTO, FAMILY OF LARRY WEYHRICH

If you would like to be added to the prayer list, or know someone who would like to be added to our list, please fill out a Prayer Request Card, send an email to peace.lutheran@comcast.net OR call the Office at (217)546-7646. Please note—for privacy reasons, we must have an individual's permission to add their name.



ZOOM MEETINGS/EVENTS THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, FEB. 19 IN PERSON WORSHIP/LIVESTREAM—9:30AM

SUNDAYS@6—6:00 PM VIA ZOOM

MONDAY, FEB. 20 STAMP CLUB—6:00PM

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 22 BRIEF ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE—12:15PM

LENTEN SUPPER—5:45PM

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE—6:30PM

CHOIR REHEARSAL—7:00PM

SATURDAY, FEB. 25 VISIONARY MEETING —8:30AM-3:00PM

SUNDAY, FEB. 26 IN PERSON WORSHIP/LIVESTREAM—9:30AM

ASSISTING THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 19:

PRESIDING & PREACHING: REV. MARY E. ZUPANSIC

ASSISTING MINISTER: VERN KLEEN

MUSICIAN: BRENDA PECK

USHERS: CHERYL SCHNIRRING, JOE HENKEL

FLOWERS: TO THE GLORY OF GOD

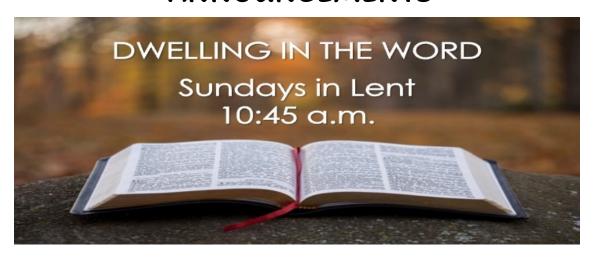
CAMERA: JANET KOCIS
POWERPOINT: LINDA RICE
FELLOWSHIP: DORIS NOBLES



WATCHERS ON THE HILL

THE HILL CALLED GOLGOTHAT WAS NOT EMPTY THAT FRIDAY. BESIDES THE CROSSES
AND THOSE DYING UPON
THEM, THERE WERE WITNESSES – WATCHERS
ON THAT ANCIENT HILL.
THIS SERIES ATTEMPTS
TO OVERHEAR THE CON-

VERSATIONS BETWEEN THOSE FIRST-CENTURY CHARACTERS – SOME HISTORICAL, SOME FICTICIOUS – AS THEY WITNESSED THE DEATH OF OUR LORD. WITH THE CROSS AS THE FOCAL POINT AND THE FINAL WORDS OF JESUS AS THE COMMON THREAD, EACH DRAMA DRAWS US INTO THE REALITY AND SIGNIFICANCE OF OUR SAVIOR'S DEATH, CELEBRATING, AT LAST, THE MIRACLE OF OUR SALVATION.



DWELLING IN THE WORD

THE EVANGELISM / FAITHFUL INNOVATIONS COMMITTEE INVITES YOU TO JOIN IN A TIME OF "DWELLING IN THE WORD" SUNDAY MORNINGS AFTER WORSHIP DURING THE SEASON OF LENT. WE WILL GATHER IN THE SANCTUARY AFTER WORSHIP (APPROX. 10:45), WE'LL READ SOME SCRIPTURE AND THEN DISCUSS THE TEXT USING THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS AS OUR GUIDE – WHAT QUESTIONS DO I HAVE, WHAT CAUGHT MY ATTENTION. WHERE MIGHT THE SPIRIT BE NUDGING US THROUGH THIS TEXT.

ALTAR FLOWERS

WE ARE TAKING ORDERS FOR 2023 ALTAR FLOWERS. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SPONSOR FLOWERS IN MEMORY OF OR IN HONOR OF A PERSON OR EVENT IN THE COMING YEAR PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE. YOU CAN ALSO SIGN UP FOR FLOWERS ON OUR WEBSITE IN THE MEMBERS' SECTION. FLOWERS ARE \$35.00

STUFFED TOYS AND BLANKETS

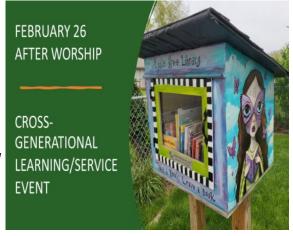
PEACE LUTHERAN IS COLLECTING STUFFED TOYS AND BLANKETS FOR THE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES AT WHITE EARTH RESERVATION IN NORTHWESTERN MINNESOTA. OUR COLLECTION IS DELIVERED TO THE RESERVATION BY HOPE FOR THE FIRST NATIONS, A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION STARTED IN SPRINGFIELD IN 1997. DONATIONS MAY BE PLACED IN THE NARTHEX.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO TIE FLEECE BLANKETS CONTACT, NORMA MCFARLAN WE HAVE BEEN GENEROUSLY DONATED ENOUGH FLEECE MATERIAL TO MAKE 8 TIED BLANKETS FOR HOPE FOR THE FIRST NATIONS. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP WITH TYING THESE BLANKETS, PLEASE CONTACT NORMA MCFARLAN AT 217-725-2439 OR SEE HER IN CHURCH. THANKS FOR YOUR HELP!

CROSS-GENERATIONAL FAITH FORMATION

JOIN US ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, FOL-LOWING THE REGULAR WORSHIP SER-VICE, FOR A CROSS-GENERATIONAL FAITH FORMATION SERVICE LEARNING OPPORTUNITY! WE WILL BE LEARNING ABOUT LITTLE FREE LIBRARIES AND HOW THEY WORK TO PROVIDE BOOKS IN OUR COMMUNITY. FEEL FREE TO BRING A FEW PREVIOUSLY LOVED BOOKS TO DONATE!

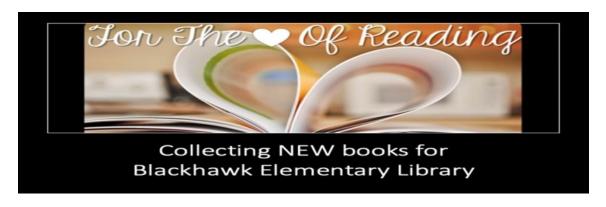




LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO PREPARE A MEAL AT RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE

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IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN VOL-UNTEERING TO PREPARE A MEAL FOR THE RESIDENTS AT OUR LO-CAL RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE, PLEASE CONTACT AMANDA KIM. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



Non-Fiction Cookbooks, World Records

Fiction (Picture Books)

Pete the Cat or Pete the Kittie by James and/or Kimberly Dean

If You Take a Mouse to School, If You Give a Moose a Muffin, If You Give a Pig a Party, If you Take a Mouse to the Movies by Laura Numeroff

Any Fly Guy by Tedd Arnold

No, David by David Shannon

Any NEW Books

Fiction (Novels- any by these Authors)

Andrew Clements Patricia Reilly Giff Any Last Kids on Earth by Max Brallier

Chris Grabenstein Dan Gutman

Lenore Look Wendy Mass

Claudia Mills Judith Viorst

13th St Mysteries by David Bowles (We have: <u>Battle of the Bad Breath Bats, Clash of the Cackling Cougars, Fire Breathing Ferret Fiasco, Shocking Shark Showdown)</u>



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