

# Transfiguration Sunday Sunday, February 11, 2024 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 disciples 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.

### **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**PRELUDE** — "Bread of the World", (Eucharistic Hymn by John S. H. Hodges), MarkDavis, arr., © 2003 Lorenz Publishing Co.Organist — Brenda Peck

#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, creator of darkness and light, word of truth, wind sweeping over the waters. Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

God, our rock and refuge, we pour out our hearts before you. We have known you but have not always loved you. We have wounded one another and sinned against you. We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit dwelling in each of us.

Remember your covenant. Renew your creation. Restore us, that we might proclaim your good news to all. Amen. The voice of the Lord is upon the waters. God has spoken: The time of grace is now. In Jesus, the reign of God has come near. By the authority of ⊕ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are God's beloved. Amen.

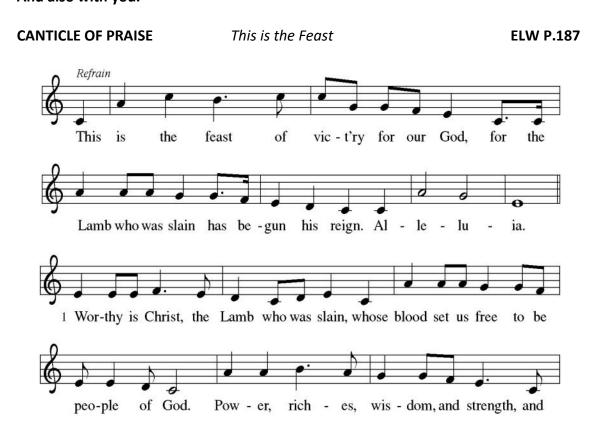




Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788 Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

#### 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.** 





#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

#### Amen.

#### + WORD +

#### FIRST READING: 2 Kings 2:1-12

Today's reading centers on the transfer of power and authority from the prophet Elijah to Elisha. Their travels, which retrace the path of Joshua back to Moab (the place where Moses died) and the parting of the waters, demonstrate that Elisha and Elijah are legitimate successors of the great prophet Moses.

<sup>1</sup>Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. <sup>2</sup>Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. <sup>3</sup>The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent."

<sup>4</sup>Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. <sup>5</sup>The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent."

<sup>6</sup>Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. <sup>7</sup>Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. <sup>8</sup>Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

<sup>9</sup>When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." <sup>10</sup>He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." <sup>11</sup>As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. <sup>12</sup>Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

Word of God. Word of life. Thanks be to God.

#### PSALM: Psalm 50:1-6 Read Responsively

<sup>1</sup>The mighty one, God the LORD, has spoken;

calling the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

- <sup>2</sup>Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty,
  - God shines forth in glory.

<sup>3</sup>Our God will come and will not keep silence;

with a consuming flame before, and round about a raging storm.

### <sup>4</sup>God calls the heavens and the earth from above

- to witness the judgment of the people.
- <sup>5</sup>"Gather before me my loyal followers,

those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice."

<sup>6</sup>The heavens declare the rightness of God's cause, for it is God who is judge.

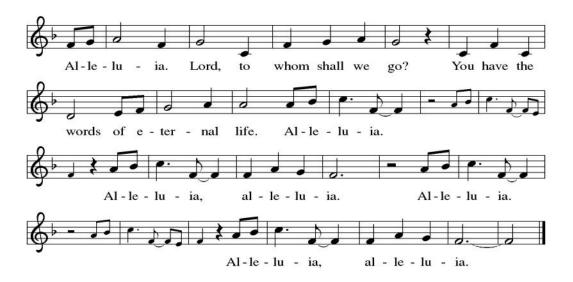
#### SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

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.

<sup>3</sup>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 we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup>For 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.

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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#### GOSPEL: Mark 9:2-9

The holy gospel according to St. Mark the 9th chapter. Glory 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.

<sup>2</sup>Six 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, <sup>3</sup>and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. <sup>4</sup>And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. <sup>5</sup>Then 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." <sup>6</sup>He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. <sup>7</sup>Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" <sup>8</sup>Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

<sup>9</sup>As 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.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.** 

#### SERMON

#### **PASTOR MARY E. ZUPANSIC**

#### MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

HYMN OF THE DAY How Good, Lord, to Be Here! ELW #843 How good, Lord, to here! Your glo - ry fills the night: be 1 How good, Lord, to be here, beau - ty be - hold 2 your to 3 Ful - fill - er of the hope of things to be. past and 4 Be - fore we taste of death. your king - dom come; we see 5 How good, Lord, to be here! Yet may not re - main: we 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 our re-demp-tion we and see. vi - sion bright and make this hill long to hold the we our home. leave the mount, come with us since you bid us but to the plain.

Text: Joseph A. Robinson, 1858–1933, alt. Music: POTSDAM, W. Mercer, *The Church Psalter and Hymn Book*, 1854

#### APOSTLE'S 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

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

God of Grace, receive our prayer.

#### THE SHARING OF PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.

#### CHOIR ANTHEM — High Upon a Mountain

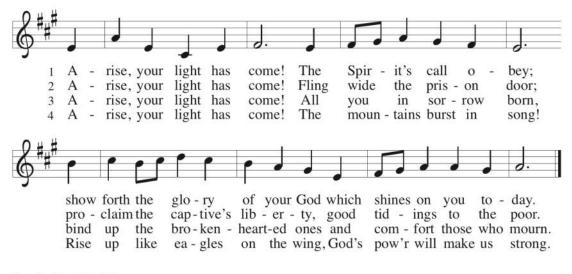
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#### + THE MEAL +

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**OFFERING HYMN** 



Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

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

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#### **OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray. Blessed are you, Holy One, for all good things come from you. In bread and cup you open heaven to us. Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek and follow your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

#### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

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

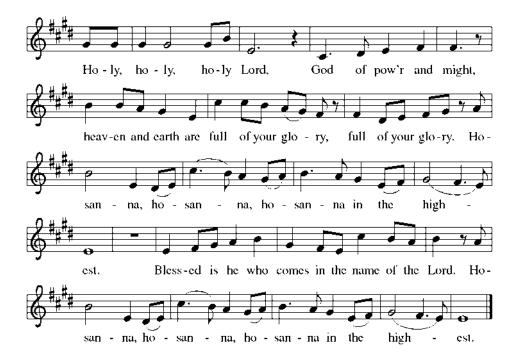
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise. It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who, sharing our life, lived among us to 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

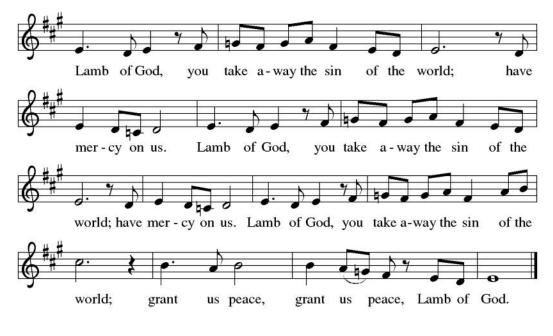
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.For thine is the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

#### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

At Jesus' table, heaven and earth are joined as one. Come and see.

#### LAMB OF GOD

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**COMMUNION SONG/HYMNS** Gifted Response Christ, Be Our Light Video Song ELW **#715** 

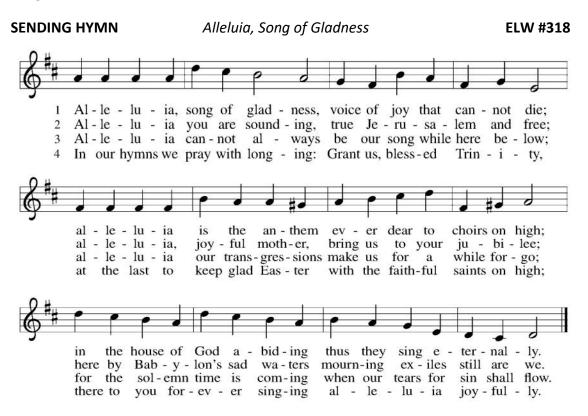
#### TABLE BLESSING

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

#### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever. Amen.

#### BLESSING



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

#### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are God's beloved. Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE** — "With Joy and Reverence", Beatrice A. Miller, © 1993 LorenzPublishing Co.Organist — Brenda Peck

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## ABOUT THIS WEEK'S TEXT

THE SUNDAYS AFTER EPIPHANY BEGAN WITH JESUS' BAPTISM AND END WITH THREE DISCIPLES' VISION OF HIS TRANSFIGURATION. IN MARK'S STORY OF JESUS' BAPTISM, APPARENTLY ONLY JESUS SEES THE SPIRIT DESCENDING AND HEARS THE WORDS FROM HEAVEN. BUT NOW JESUS' THREE CLOSEST FRIENDS HEAR THE SAME WORDS NAMING HIM GOD'S BELOVED. AS BELIEVERS, PAUL WRITES, WE ARE ENABLED TO SEE THE GOD-LIGHT IN JESUS' FACE, BECAUSE THE SAME GOD WHO CREATED LIGHT IN THE FIRST PLACE HAS SHONE IN OUR HEARTS TO GIVE US THAT VISION. THE LIGHT OF GOD'S GLO-RY IN JESUS HAS ENLIGHTENED US THROUGH BAPTISM AND SHINES IN US ALSO FOR OTHERS TO SEE.

## THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED FOR OUR PRAYERS:

PETE ELLERTSEN, DEBI ELLERTSEN, PAULA TONELLATO, NORM KOEFOED, IVY KOEFOED, RON WEBER, GENE WALKER, BILL SPINDEL, NANCY KIEL, RAY STROH, PAT SHAFER, VALERIE SPURGEON, DIANE CHRISTELL

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.

## ASSISTING THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 11:

PRESIDING AND PREACHING: PASTOR MARY E. ZUPANSIC ASSISTING: LOIS MOORMAN USHERS: CHERYL SCHNIRRING, LIBBY LETTERLY CAMERA: AMANDA KIM POWERPOINT: CARTER KIM MUSICIAN: BRENDA PECK REFRESHMENTS: DORIS NOBLES FLOWERS: JANET KOCIS — IN MEMORY OF HER MOTHER'S AND GRANDMOTHER'S BIRTHDAYS

### **ZOOM MEETINGS/EVENTS THIS WEEK**

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11	IN PERSON WORSHIP/LIVESTREAM — 9:30AM
	FAMILY ACTIVITY—SOUPER BOWL OF CARING
	(NOISY OFFERING TO SUPPORT GRACE FOOD PANTRY)
	ASSISTING MINISTER AND ACOLYTE TRAINING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12	QUILTERS — 6:00PM
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14	ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE — 6:30PM
	CHOIR PRACTICE — 7:00PM
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18	IN PERSON WORSHIP/LIVESTREAM — 9:30AM
	FAITH FORMATION — 10:45AM
	ASSISTING MINISTER AND ACOLYTE TRAINING

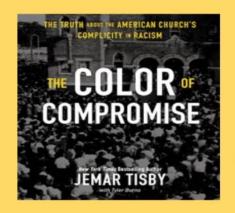
ASSISTING MINISTER & ACOLYTE TRAINING

AFTER WORSHIP Sunday, Feb 11 Sunday, Feb 18



All persons interested in continuing to serve as Assisting Minister and Acolytes are encouraged to attend one of the training sessions on either February 11th or 18th. Youth in middle school thru high school should plan to attend one of the sessions.

If you have never served as Assisting Minister and would like to be trained for this ministry, please speak with Pastor Mary.



## Sundays@6 Adult Faith Formation

Begins February 4 6 to 7 p.m.

For details, contact Debi and Pete Ellertsen edmund.ellertsen85@gmail.com 217-793-2587





# JANUARY 7 – FEBRUARY 11

2 cans of soup per week! ALL PROCEEDS SUPPORT GRACE FOOD PANTRY



# **GROWING IN BAPTISMAL GRACE**

During the season of Lent all are invited to Dinner Church on Wednesday evenings. Dinner church is a type of worship that involves fellowship, a meal, scripture, discussion, and Holy Communion. Pope Francis has said, "Lent is a time of grace, a time to convert and live out our baptism fully." Each week we will consider a facet of Baptism. There will be opportunity to discuss the significance of this sacrament as well as a hands-on activity each week. Join us as we dive deeper into our baptisms and learn how we can live out our baptisms more fully!

Worship/Meal begins at 5:30p.m. February 21, 28, March 6, 13, 20

### **KLEENEX FOR KIDS**



Collecting throughout February and March for Blackhawk and the Early Learning Center SEE NYCU FOR MORE INFO

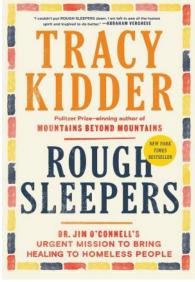


PRAYER IS SUCH A VITAL PART OF OUR WORSHIP. PLEASE CONTINUE TO TAKE A NAME FROM THE BOWL IN THE BACK OF THE SANCTUARY AND BE PRAYING FOR THAT PERSON THROUGHOUT THE WEEK.



If you would like a visit from **Pastor Mary** or you have a pastoral emergency, please call Pastor on her **cell phone** at **920.671.4338.** 





Rough Sleepers: Dr. Jim O'Connell's Urgent Mission to Bring Healing to Homeless People by Tracy Kidder.

In <u>Rough Sleepers</u>, Tracy Kidder tells the story of Dr. Jim O'Connell, a gifted man who organized a community of care for a city's homeless population, including those who sleep on the streets - the "rough sleepers". Tracy Kidder spent five years following Dr. O'Connell and his colleagues as they worked with thousands of homeless patients in Boston, some of whom we meet in this book. We travel with O'Connell as he navigates the city streets at night offering medical care, socks, soup, empathy, humor, and friendship to some of the city's most endangered citizens.

The following 16 books were added in January 2024.

#### ADULT NON-FICTION:

Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents by Isabel Wilkerson.

<u>Becoming Kin: An Indigenous Call to Unforgetting the Past and Reimagining Our Fu-</u> <u>ture</u> by Patty Krawec.

<u>Entering the Passion of Jesus: A Beginner's Guide to Holy Week</u> by Amy-Jill Levine. Jesus the Refugee: Ancient Injustice and Modern Solidarity by D. Glenn Butner Jr. Learning Humility: A Year of Searching for a Vanishing Virtue by Richard J. Foster. White Evangelical Racism: The Politics of Morality in America by Anthea D. Butler.

#### **BOOKS CONT:**

<u>Prophetic Lament: A Call for Justice in Troubled Times</u> by Soong-Chan Rah. <u>Parenting Forward: How to Raise Children with Justice, Mercy and Kindness</u> by Cindy Wang Brandt. <u>Rough Sleepers: Dr. Jim O'Connell's Urgent Mission to Bring Healing to Homeless Peo-</u> ple by Tracy Kidder.

#### ADULT FICTION:

<u>The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store</u> by James McBride. <u>The Lost Bookshop</u> by Evie Woods. <u>The Book of Longings</u> by Sue Monk Kidd.

#### PICTURE BOOKS:

<u>I Am Love: A Book of Compassion</u> by Susan Verde. <u>The Wonderful Things You Will Be</u> by Emily Winfield Martin. <u>Acorn Was a Little Wild</u> by Jen Arena. <u>Llama Llama Loves to Read</u> by Anna Dewdney

#### **SIGN UP FOR REFRESHMENTS!**

This is for our Fellowship Time after Worship each Sunday. Contact Linda Rice 217-494-2658 or <u>lrice10650@gmail.com</u> or sign up in the Narthex.



We still need sponsors for March 3 and there are still several dates for July – December.



### ALTAR FLOWERS

Sponsors needed for 2024! Sign up in the Narthex, or call Yvonne in the church office to pick your date! \$35.00 217-546-7646 SEVERAL DATES STILL AVAILABLE

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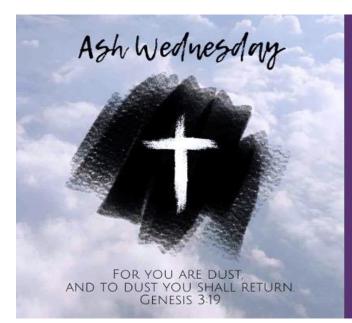


- OATMEAL, CEREAL AND PANCAKE MIX
- PASTA SAUCE IN PLASTIC CONTAINERS
- PASTA
- PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY IN PLASTIC CONTAINERS
- BROTH
- INSTANT POTATOES
- CRACKERS
- SOUPS
- TUNA IN A POUCH INSTEAD OF A CAN
- NOODLE SIDES
- STUFFING MIX
- CEREAL BARS, GRANOLA BARS, TRAIL MIX AND NUTS
- COFFEE
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## **FEBRUARY 14**

SIMPLE SERVICE WITH IMPOSITION OF ASHES AT 12:15 P.M.

FULL SERVICE WITH HOLY COMMUNION AND IMPOSITION OF ASHES AT 6:30 P.M.