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**A WARM WELCOME TO ALL** who are worshiping with us today! We hope that the service will be a joy and blessing to you.

**P** We begin this service IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER:

**C** O Mighty God, you once revealed yourself to your people on Mt. Sinai, in fire and thunder and cloud, as you gave your Ten Commandments;

**P** AND OF THE SON:

**C** O Jesus, our Lord and God, you made your divine power manifest by changing water into wine, healing the sick, and teaching the people with power and authority;

**P** AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT:

**C** O Divine Spirit, when Jesus was baptized, you came upon Him in the form of a dove. Come upon us now, in the speaking of your Word.  
AMEN!

**OPENING SONG:** "All Hail the Power of Jesus"

**LBW 328**

### **WE CONFESS**

**P** Let us confess our sin and griefs, and hear the comfort of the Lord.

**C** If you revealed only your power and your law to us, O Lord, we would be undone. Like the Israelites who trembled with fear at Mt. Sinai, and like the disciple Peter, who upon seeing your Power over nature, cried out, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!", we too would be reduced to fear and trembling, guilt and hopelessness. We confess that we have not and cannot live up to your righteous and good laws, and that we cannot stand before your almighty power.

### **WE HEAR THE GOOD NEWS OF SALVATION**

**P** Jesus reveals himself to us most completely, not through laws, commandments, and displays of awesome power, but through lowliness and humility. He came to John the Baptist to be baptized,

though he didn't need to at all. By doing so, he showed that he is not ashamed to be associated with sinners. Indeed, he loves sinners, and wants to come into their lives and be their friend. Jesus loves us sinners. In His name, I declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins. The peace of the Lord be with you always!

**C** And also with you!

## **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY** *(read in unison with Pastor Tom)*

God of majesty, through Jesus' transfiguration you reveal him as your beloved Son. Keep us faithful in the promise that through the cross and the empty tomb we are joint heirs with Christ and will one day enjoy the fullness of your glory for eternity; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## **FIRST READING**

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

<sup>1</sup>Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho. And the Lord showed him all the land, Gilead as far as Dan, <sup>2</sup>all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the western sea, <sup>3</sup>the Negeb, and the Plain, that is, the Valley of Jericho the city of palm trees, as far as Zoar. <sup>4</sup>And the Lord said to him, "This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, 'I will give it to your offspring.' I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not go over there." <sup>5</sup>So Moses the servant of the Lord died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the Lord, <sup>6</sup>and he buried him in the valley in the land of Moab opposite Beth-peor; but no one knows the place of his burial to this day. <sup>7</sup>Moses was 120 years old when he died. His eye was undimmed, and his vigor unabated. <sup>8</sup>And the people of Israel wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days. Then the days of weeping and mourning for Moses were ended. <sup>9</sup>And Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands on him. So the people of Israel obeyed him and did as the Lord had commanded Moses. <sup>10</sup>And there has not arisen a prophet since in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face, <sup>11</sup>none like him for all the signs and the wonders that the Lord sent him to do in the land of Egypt, to Pharaoh and to all his servants and to all his land, <sup>12</sup>and for all

the mighty power and all the great deeds of terror that Moses did in the sight of all Israel.

P The Word of the Lord    C Thanks be to God

**PSALM 99** (*Read responsively by half verse*)

p. 262-263

**SECOND READING**

Hebrews 3:1-6

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, holy brothers, you who share in a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession, <sup>2</sup>who was faithful to him who appointed him, just as Moses also was faithful in all God's house. <sup>3</sup>For Jesus has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses — as much more glory as the builder of a house has more honor than the house itself. <sup>4</sup>(For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.) <sup>5</sup>Now Moses was faithful in all God's house as a servant, to testify to the things that were to be spoken later, <sup>6</sup>but Christ is faithful over God's house as a son. And we are his house, if indeed we hold fast our confidence and our boasting in our hope.

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**GOSPEL**

Luke 9:28-36

<sup>28</sup>Now about eight days after these sayings {Jesus} took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. <sup>29</sup>And as he was praying, the appearance of his face was altered, and his clothing became dazzling white. <sup>30</sup>And behold, two men were talking with him, Moses and Elijah, <sup>31</sup>who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. <sup>32</sup>Now Peter and those who were with him were heavy with sleep, but when they became fully awake they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. <sup>33</sup>And as the men were parting from him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah" — not knowing what he said. <sup>34</sup>As he was saying these things, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. <sup>35</sup>And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to him!" <sup>36</sup>And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and told no one in those days anything of what they had seen.

P The Gospel of the Lord    C Thanks be to God

# SERMON: "HEAR THE TRUE LIGHT"

**SONG:** "I, the Lord of Sea and Sky" **WOV 752**  
**STATEMENT OF FAITH:** Apostles' Creed LBW p.85  
**THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH** LBW p.85

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** LBW p.91

## OFFERING

## CLOSING RESPONSIVE READING

Based on the Song of Simeon, also known as the "Nunc Dimittis" (Luke 2:29-32)

**P** Lord, now you dismiss your servants in peace.

**C** Now, Lord, knowing your promises, we can depart in peace; and one day, we can depart this world in peace.

**P** Our eyes have seen God's salvation!

**C** "Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord!" We have seen Christ, with the eyes of faith.

**P** He has prepared His salvation in the sight of every people.

**C** By a star, God led Gentiles from the east to His infant son. His salvation is for all people – not just for some.

**P** God's Son is the light of the world, revealing Him to all nations.

**C** May we too be the light of the world, as Christ has called us.

**P** He is the glory of God's people Israel.

**C** We thank God for His chosen people, and for His Messiah, Jesus Christ. And we thank Him for making us, and all who believe in Jesus, His chosen people!

**P** Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

**C** As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. AMEN.

## THE BENEDICTION

**CLOSING SONG:** "Shine, Jesus, Shine" **WOV 651**

**P** Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

**C** Thanks be to God!

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Attendance Last Saturday, 2/19:23

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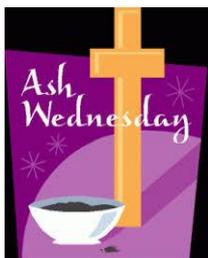
**Offering Counters:** Angie Springborn & Ashley Boyer

Attendance Sunday, 2/20:43



### **BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT**

Theodore Joseph Boehmer, son of Mark Boehmer and Annelise Daab, was born on Sunday, Feb. 20. He weighed 8lb. 12oz and is 19” long. Big brothers are twins – Landon and Nolan, who are 14.



### **ASH WEDNESDAY COMMUNION SERVICE WITH IMPOSITION OF ASHES**

Ash Wednesday Communion service will on March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30pm.

### **LENTEN SCHEDULE**

This Lenten schedule runs each Wednesday, March 9 through April 6.

**5:45pm – Lenten Supper**

**6:30pm –Lenten Vespers Service**

## ***GOD’S MERCY***

This year’s mid-week Lenten theme will be **God’s Mercy**

3/2	Mercy in Ashes	3/23	Mercy in Betrayal
3/9	Mercy in Temptation	3/30	Mercy in Relationships
3/16	Mercy in Suffering	4/6	Mercy in Service

### **LENTEN SUPPER**

Date	Hosts	(meal served)
3/9	Chef Mielke & Bauer	Soup
3/16	Church Council	Chili
3/23	Sunday School	Sloppy Joe’s
3/30	Wittwer’s	Italian Beef
4/6	Men	Pork Chops

Confirmation class will continue to be on Thursdays at 5:30pm.



### **PERSONAL CARE KITS**

Personal Care items are being collected until **March 6<sup>th</sup>, which is next week.**

We are always in need of BATH TOWELS, dark colors please.

ONE light-weight bath-size towel

TWO or three bath-size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping

ONE sturdy comb, remove packaging

ONE metal nail clippers (attached file optional), remove packaging

ONE adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging\*

### **BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS!!**

Wyatt Mielke 2/26/14

Kailey Haberkamp 2/28/2011

☺ Peggy Wince 2/29 (leap day birthday)

Joshua Beach 3/1/2001

Vickie Aves 3/1

Brayden Loomis 3/2/16

Larry Fry 3/3

Cindy Stoll 3/4

Onie Luepkes 3/5

### **ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS!!**

Stephen & June May

2/27/74

Vernon & Jane Johnson

3/7/64

Sunday, 2/27: Join us after service for coffee in Fellowship Hall!

Monday 2/28: Clothes Closet open, 12-1:30pm.

Tuesday 3/1: Worship & Music Team Mtg, 9:30am.

Food Pantry Set-up, 9:30-11am; dist., 12-2pm.

Wednesday 3/2: Ash Wednesday Communion Service with Imposition of ashes, 6:30pm.

Thursday: 3/3: Food Truck delivery, 8am.

Confirmation Class, 5:30pm.

Saturday 3/5: Communion Service, 5:30pm.

Sunday 3/6: Communion Service; Sunday School, 9am.



Please keep in your daily prayers all people in need, including:

- Sally Coyle, Bob's mom will be having a heart valve replacement surgery on March 1st.
- Lisa Coyle will be having an atrial ablation on March 16th. This will hopefully curtail, the atrial fibrillation (heart flutters), that she is having.
- Jim Sheehan is now at St. Anthony's hospital.
- Jason Gorski, Dan & Janelle Pahnke's nephew is fighting cancer.
- Pray for pregnant women and the babies they are carrying, especially Abby (Pahnke) Bohn and Jamie Wittwer (Tim & Dianna's daughter-in-law).
- All those who are not able to worship with us because they are in health care facilities or homebound: Betty Paulsen, Ina Koehler, Nancy Bakanas and George Vodden.
- All those who are suffering physical or mental illness, and their families, caregivers, and medical teams.
- Our church and its activities, and all Christian churches.
- Situation in Ukraine and Russia and all effected by it.
- All elected leaders, police officers, first responders, and military personnel, that they hear and receive God's guidance and protection.
- Persecuted Christians throughout the world.
- All NALC churches that are searching for a Pastor.
- The NALC, NALS, the Great Rivers Mission District, all Christian churches, and our partners in SC and PA.

### **Lessons for Next Week**

Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Psalm 91:1-13; Romans 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13