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Transfiguration Of Our Lord March 6, 2011 – 10:30 a.m.

*Please Stand as **YOU** Are Able

PEOPLE TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER TODAY

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PREPARATION

CHIMES: CALL TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

[A Time for Meditation and Prayer]

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTRODUCTION

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.

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.

* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who spread out the heavens and the earth, who gives light and breath to the nations, who makes all things new.

C Amen

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

Silence is kept for reflection

P Holy and healing God,

**C we confess that we have fallen short of the life you desire for us. We choose our priorities over your commandments. We divide the body of Christ. The earth groans under our demands. Have mercy, O God. Restore us and all things to health, that we may do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you.
Amen**

P Hear the voice from heaven: "You are my own, my beloved." You belong to Christ, and through the power of the cross + your sins are all forgiven. God is faithful and will strengthen you, that your light may shine before others, that you may be God's holy people in the world.

C Amen

SERVICE

* ENTRANCE HYMN "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

* GREETING

P The grace of God in Christ Jesus, poured out in every gift of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

C And also with you.

* KYRIE (**C - sung**)

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C Amen

* HYMN OF PRAISE (I & II Choir **C – Congregation**)

C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

I Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.

C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

II Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and strength, and hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his.

C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

I Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion:

Bless-ing, hon-or, glo-ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

II For the Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia.

C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

* SALUTATION AND RESPONSE (sung)

P *The Lord be with you*

C **And also with you.**

* PRAYER OF THE DAY (spoken in unison)

P *Let us pray...*

C **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**

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.

FIRST READING: Exodus 24:12-18

The First Lesson is from the 24th chapter of Exodus.

THE LESSON READS:

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 to them."

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.

Lector: Here ends the reading.

PSALM: Psalm 2 (Intoned by choir)

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 | yoke," they say; "let us cast off their | bonds from us."

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

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

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

⁷Let me announce the decree | of the LORD, who said to me, "You are my son; this day have I be- | gotten you.

⁸Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for | your inheritance and the ends of the earth for

l your possession.

⁹You shall crush them with an l iron rod and shatter them like a l piece of pottery."

¹⁰And now, you l kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers l of the earth.

¹¹Submit to the l LORD with fear, and with trembling l bow in worship;

¹²lest the LORD be angry, and you perish in a sudden l blaze of wrath. Happy are all who take ref- l uge in God!

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.

SECOND READING: 2 Peter 1:16-21

The Second Lesson is from the 1st chapter of 2 Peter.

THE LESSON READS:

¹⁶We 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.

Lector: Here ends the reading.

* THE APPOINTED VERSE

Alleluia. You are the fairest of the sons of men; grace is poured upon your lips.

Alleluia. (Ps. 45:2)

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.

* GOSPEL: Matthew 17:1-9

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 17th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord. (sung)

THE GOSPEL READS:

Jesus 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."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ. (sung)

SERMON

Andrea Cameron

* HYMN OF THE DAY "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

* NICENE CREED (all)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen

* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P As God's beloved children, let us pray that the light of Christ shine on the nations, the church, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

P Grant to those who worship on this holy day a glimpse of your glory, that we might see your presence in all the gifts of daily life. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Reveal yourself to us in the splendor of mountains and clouds, sunshine and rain, that our praise may lead us to care tenderly for your creation. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Give to the leaders of nations a vision of the world at peace, that they work together for the good of all the people of the earth. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Draw near to all those living with fear or anxiety, grief or illness (especially all of our shut-ins [both at home and in nursing homes], Avonel and Rick Waller, Paul Woltman, Bob Cameron, JoAnna Cameron, Fay McCormick, Dorothy Patterson, Ruth Crist, Sue Collins, Helen Coder, Helen Knox, Linda Rhine, Jesse Kint, Steve Bahorik, Joe Tusing, Dave Rickenbaugh, Mel Love, Deb Esborn, Tammy Page, George and Mary Lorraine Hazard and family, and the Treaster family), that your morning star may dawn in their hearts. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Feed this assembly with your word and holy meal, that we may be transfigured to be the body of Christ for the world. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P Unite our prayers with those of all your saints until, with them, we behold your majesty and praise your unending glory. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Receive our prayers and hopes, God of mercy and justice, for we pray in the name of Christ, the light of the world.

C Amen.

* SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Congregational sharing: **"Peace be with you."**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

[Please pass the Friendship Pad down your pew for all to sign and then back to the center aisle so everyone has the opportunity to read the names. We request that our guests also give us their home address. Thank you].

ANTHEM

"I Am A C" and "The B-I-B-L-E"

Junior Choir

* SUNG OFFERTORY ('vineyards')

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer now. Grace our ta-ble with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

* OFFERING PRAYER

P Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever.

C Amen

MEAL

* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (sung responsively)

P *The Lord be with you.*

C **And al-so with you.**

P *Lift up your hearts.*

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

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

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

* PREFACE

P *It is indeed right and salutary ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:*

C **Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow'r and might: Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na. Ho-san-na. 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.**

* EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P O God most mighty, O God most merciful, O God our rock and our salvation, hear us as we praise, call us to your table, grant us your life.

When the earth was a formless void, you formed order and beauty. When Abraham and Sarah were barren, you sent them a child. When the Israelites were enslaved, you led them to freedom. Ruth faced starvation, David fought Goliath, and the psalmists cried out for healing, and full of compassion, you granted the people your life.

You entered our sorrows in Jesus our brother. He was born among the poor, he lived under oppression, he wept over the city. With infinite love, he granted the people your life.

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 his death, we cry out Amen. [**Amen.**] Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen. [**Amen.**] Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead Amen. [**Amen.**]

O God, you are Breath: send your Spirit on this meal. O God, you are Bread: feed us with yourself. O God, you are Wine: warm our hearts and make us one. O God, you are Fire: transform us with hope.

O God most majestic, O God most motherly, O God our strength and our song, you show us a vision of a tree of life with fruits for all and leaves that heal the nations. Grant us such life, the life of the Father to the Son, the life of the Spirit of our risen Savior, life in you, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

(Sung) Through him, with him, in him, in the u-ni-ty of the Ho-ly Spir-it, all hon-or and glo-ry is yours, al-might-y Fa-ther, now and for-ev-er. A-men.

* THE LORD'S PRAYER ['trespasses'] **(all)**

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

* INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Come to the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

* LAMB OF GOD **(sung)**

Lamb of God, you take a – way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a – way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION

["AT CHANCEL RAIL" – come forward by the aisle on your right; take a communion cup from the table by the front pew. Stand around the chancel rail to partake and return by the aisle to the left of your seat].

* COMMUNION BLESSING

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

C Amen

* POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE **(sung)**

C Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done. Let all who seek the Lord re – joice and proud-ly bear his name. He re-calls his prom-is – es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le – lu – ia. Al-le-lu – ia.

* PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Ever-faithful God, you have taken us again into your arms and nourished us as your dear children. Lead us and guide us, that we may share our bread and your healing light with those who hunger and thirst, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

* THE SENDING AND BLESSING OF COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

P As we go into the world serving the ministry of Christ, may those who will extend this meal to the homebound take from the Lord's Table what we have received here today; the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ and his promise of forgiveness. In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

* BLESSING

P God the Father, the Majestic Glory; God the Son, the Morning Star; and God the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, bless you and + grant you peace.

C A-men, A-men, A-men (sung)

* CLOSING HYMN

"Beautiful Savior"

* DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Share the good news.

C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

NEXT WEEK'S LECTOR – Sam Leister

NEXT WEEK'S ALTAR GUILD – Linda Leister

WELCOME

IF YOU WISH TO USE OR FOLLOW THE LITURGY MUSIC as we proceed through the service today, please use the gold portfolios placed on top of the sound control system. In addition, headsets are available in the narthex for our sound enhancement system for the hearing impaired.

VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME to worship at Messiah. We invite you to register your visit not only in the Friendship Pads, but also in the guest book provided in the narthex. If you are seeking a church home, please speak to the pastor. Our fellowship in Jesus Christ is open and extended to all persons who confess His Lordship over all life. Thank you for worshiping with us. We invite you to return. Visitors are invited to commune with us if they are baptized and, if with us in our faith, they trust Jesus' promise of the presence of the Body and Blood of Christ.

WE INVITE EVERYONE (members and visitors) worshiping with us today to sign the Friendship Pads during the Organ Offertory. If you are a visitor, please be sure to include your address when signing. Please also place a check mark in the box (beside your name) if you are communing today and have not as yet given us a record of your participation in the sacrament during this quarter. (A new quarter begins in January, April, July, and October). The pads are found on the aisle seat of each pew in the nave, and in each section of the Adult Sunday School Room.

THIS MORNING WE ARE LED IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICE by Andrea Cameron, Authorized Lay Worship Leader of the Upper Susquehanna Synod. Authorized Lay Worship Leader persons have received extensive training so as to provide worship leadership and preaching, and also have been authorized by the Bishop of the Synod to preside at the Lord's Table in specific situations. This is a ministry of the ELCA recognizing the mission need of the church for today and the future. We welcome Andrea as our worship leader this morning and pray God's blessing on her as she ministers to us this morning.

PRAYER REQUESTS will be placed in the weekly bulletin for one month. If you wish to have someone included in the prayer list for more than one month, please call the church office.

THE DEADLINE FOR ALL ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE SUNDAY BULLETIN IS THURSDAY NOON.

DIAL-A-PRAYER (436-2100) IS AVAILABLE 24 HOURS DAILY!

JUST A THOUGHT – John Winthrop (1588 – 1649), Governor of Massachusetts Bay Colony:
“Now I grew full of zeal (Which outranne my knowledge and carried mee sometimes
beyond my calling) and very liberal to any good work.

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – Volunteers are needed to submit the weekly Messiah Herald article for the newspaper. There are currently four individuals who submit the article each week. Each person is responsible for 3 months of the year. It can be completed at home on a computer and submitted to The Times and Juniata Sentinel via email: thetimes@nmax.net and csmith@juniata-sentinel.com. Coverage is needed for the months of February, June and October. Anyone who is interested can call the church office at 436-6213.

THE PROPERTY COMMITTEE will meet on Monday, March 28, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. in the Choir Room.

What: Children & Youth Committee “Game Night” (all children are invited to attend)

When: Saturday, March 12, 2011 from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Where: Messiah Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall

Questions: contact Tina Hazard

**Please bring your favorite board games and a snack to share with friends.

Hope to see you there!

KITCHEN HOUSECLEANING – All of the church kitchen cupboards, refrigerator, stove etc. were recently housecleaned with many hours of outside help at no cost to the church. The non-member workers were compensated for their hours by several Messiah members.

CHILDREN'S TABLE – A white homemade children's table was recently donated to the DeLauter Center. The table hadn't been used and has been in storage for many years. The Center was grateful for the donation and will put the table to good use.

THE 2011 CAMPING BROCHURES and registration forms for Camp Mt. Luther are available in the church office or on our church website under the “publications” tab. Any young people planning to attend one of the church camps this summer are asked to get their registrations in before April 15th for the early discount.

A GOSPEL CONCERT to benefit Juniata Agape Ministries (JAM House) will be held on Saturday, April 16, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. at Messiah. Mark your calendars and watch upcoming bulletins for more details.

EASTER LILIES to decorate the church on Easter Sunday, may be placed in memory or in honor of someone or to the Glory of God. Cost will be \$10.00 for a plant with 4 to 6 blooms. You may call the church office at 436-6213 to place your order.

PHONE BOOK – If anyone has a recent (not current) Harrisburg phone directory they could donate to the church office, it would be greatly appreciated.

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE UNTO THE LORD! Messiah's adult choir is in need of singers!! If you can sing in the shower, if you can sing in the car, if you can sing yourself to sleep at night, please consider joining the choir! If you can only sing on certain Sundays or for certain other services, or can join us for an entire "season," such as the Easter season, please consider joining the choir! We meet each Wednesday evening in the Alice Rearick Room from 7:00 to 8:00 PM. If you are interested and would like to enjoy the music, fun, and fellowship the choir brings to Messiah, please talk to any choir member, with our director, Andrea Cameron, or just show up for rehearsal on Wednesday evening! We look forward to hearing from you—literally!

WOMEN OF THE ELCA

MESSIAH WOMEN OF THE ELCA continuously collect new bath-size bars of soap (4 oz. to 5 oz., preferably Ivory or unscented Dove) as an on-going project for Lutheran World Relief. Please place soap in the basket on the blue table in the Sunday School Room.

LOVE PROJECTS FOR FAR AND NEAR – We are taught in Matthew 25:31-46 that we are to show our love by caring for those who are in need.

The "Far" project is Health Kits for Lutheran World Relief.

The in-gathering for March is nail clippers with attached nail file or metal nail files (no emery boards). We will also continue to collect hand towels 15 or 16 inches wide and 23 or 25 inches in length and wash cloths in dark colors. As of Sunday, we have 26 towels and 26 wash clothes. Please place your gifts of love on the blue table in the Sunday School room.

The "Near" project is items for the Ronald McDonald House at Geisinger Medical Center, Danville.

The Upper Susquehanna Women of the ELCA Convention is July 23, 2011 at Camp Mt. Luther. There is always an opportunity for a love project in-gathering of material items. From the list of needs for the Ronald McDonald House, we have chosen to gather anti-bacterial hand soap, laundry detergent, socks of all sizes and **TRAVEL-SIZE (SMALL) PERSONAL CARE TOILETRIES**. Please place these gifts of love on the blue table in the Sunday School room.

MESSIAH WOMEN OF THE ELCA will meet on Thursday, March 10, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Area with Claire Mummah as devotional leader and Margaret Guss as hostess.

COMMUNITY

FOOD PANTRY needs for March: Any non-perishable foods, toilet paper, facial tissues, and paper towels. Donations of cash and Weis or Schlegels's gift cards will also be gladly accepted.

LENTEN FISH DINNERS (all-you-can-eat) will be held every Friday beginning March 4th through April 15th, 2011 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at St. Jude's Catholic Church, Mifflintown. Cost will be \$10.00 for adults, \$6.00 for kids 6—12 years old, and kids 5 and under FREE. Sponsored by St. Jude's Knights of Columbus.

WOMEN'S COMMUNITY LENTEN TEA will be held on Wednesday, March 9 at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, beginning with tea at 9:30 p.m. and the lesson at 10:00 a.m. Bible Study is on the book "Uphill Faith."

COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES, sponsored by the Twin-Boro Ministerium, will begin on Ash Wednesday, March 9, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at Trinity Methodist Church. Preacher will be Pastor James Wooster. Theme: Forty Days of Lent (John 5:34-44).

MIFFLINTOWN MEN'S PRAYER MEETING AND BREAKFAST will begin on Saturday, March 12, 2011 at 7:00 a.m. at The Stop. The speaker will be Russell Gobeille of Beward Pharmacy.

THE AMERICAN RED CROSS is holding a blood drive at the following location:

Monday, March 21st
Emmanuel Lutheran Church
1:00 to 7:00 p.m.
19 N. Mill Street, Thompsontown

The need for blood never diminishes because blood is a perishable medicine. Individuals who are in general good health, are age 17 or older, and weigh at least 110 pounds are eligible to donate blood. Most people can safely donate every 56 days. Individuals should bring their Red Cross donor cards, photo ID, or two other forms of identification to the donor site. Thank you for helping to save lives.

NURSE'S NOTES – Have you ever wondered about.....those cricket-like, buzzing, or swooshing noises you hear in the background? According to Dr. Cristina Cabrera-Muffly of the Cleveland Clinic, it's probably tinnitus, or ringing in your ears, caused by partial hearing loss. Certain medications (such as aspirin or some antibiotics), allergies, or wax build-up may be the culprit. There is no cure for tinnitus caused by partial hearing loss. See your doctor if the ringing is in only one ear or is accompanied by dizziness, balance problems or facial weakness. It could be a sign of something more serious.

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

- Today:** -Transfiguration of Our Lord.
-9:15 a.m., Sunday School.
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion.
-March 2—March 10, Pastor Esborn on vacation.
- Monday:** -8 p.m., AA meeting.
- Tuesday:** -9 a.m., "The Needlers" in Fellowship Hall.
- Wednesday:** -Ash Wednesday.
-9:30 a.m., Women's Lenten Tea at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church.
-7 p.m., Community Ash Wednesday Service at Trinity Methodist Church.
-7 p.m., Choir rehearsal.
- Thursday:** -7 p.m., WELCA meeting in Youth Area.
- Friday:** -7 p.m., Square Dancing in Fellowship Hall.
- Saturday:** -7 a.m., Men's Prayer Breakfast at The Stop.
-6:30—8:00 p.m., Youth "Game Night" in Fellowship Hall.
-Turn clocks ahead tonight!
- Sunday:** -First Sunday of Lent.
-9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Catechetical Class.
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Jr. Church.
-2 p.m., Worship Service at Brookline.

