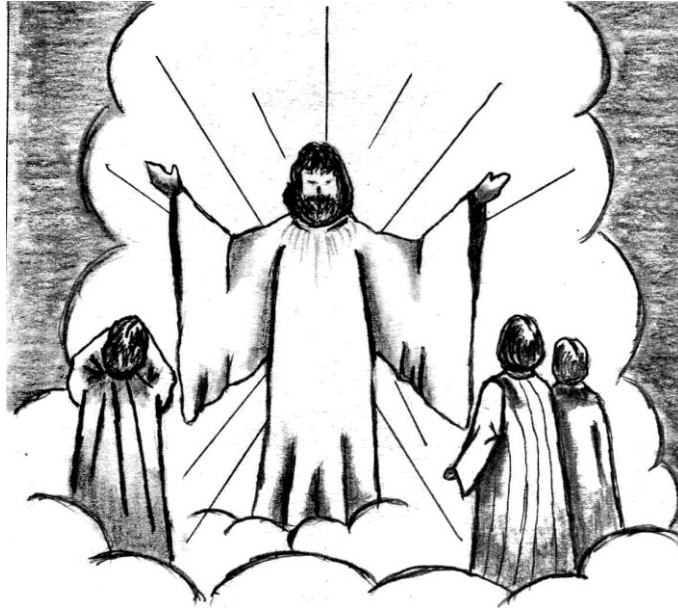


THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

March 2nd, 2025



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TODAY'S INTRODUCTION: Witnesses to the glory of God in the face of Jesus reflect that glory in the world. It was true for Moses. It was doubtless true for Peter, James, and John. We pray that it will be true of all of us who see God's glory in the word and in the supper and who are being "transformed into the same image" by God's Spirit.

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THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

March 2, 2025 – 10:00 a.m.

*Please Stand as **YOU** Are Able

PREPARATION

CHIMES

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

[Please use the prelude as a quiet time to prepare yourself for worship.]

* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life.

C Amen.

P Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Merciful God,

C you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.

P God proclaims these words of assurance: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine." In + Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God.

C Amen.

GATHERING

- * GATHERING HYMN *“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”* #229 Green Hymnal

- * GREETING
 - P The boundless grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the wisdom of God, and the light 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.**

- * CANTICLE OF PRAISE (In Unison)
 - This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**
 - Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.**
 - This is the feast of victory for our god. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**
 - Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his.**
 - This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**
 - Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:**
 - Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**
 - This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**
 - For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.**
 - This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

- * SALUTATION AND RESPONSE (spoken)
 - P The Lord be with you.
 - C And also with you.**

- * PRAYER OF THE DAY (In Unison)
 - P Let us pray...
 - C Holy God, mighty and immortal, you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. Transform us into the likeness of your Son, who renewed our humanity so that we may share in his divinity, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

WORD

Moses' face shone with the reflected glory of God after he received the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai. The sight caused the Israelites to be afraid, so Moses wore a veil to mask the radiance of God's glory, taking it off when he spoke directly with God.

FIRST READING.....Exodus 34:29-35

²⁹Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. ³⁰When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. ³²Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. ³³When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; ³⁴but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, ³⁵the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

L: Here ends the reading.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM:.....Psalm 99 (*responsively*)

¹The LORD is king; let the people tremble. The LORD is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.

²The LORD, great in Zion, is high above all peoples.

³Let them confess God's name, which is great and awesome; God is the Holy One.

⁴O mighty king, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

⁵Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and fall down before God's footstool; God is the Holy One.

⁶Moses and Aaron among your priests, and Samuel among those who call upon your name, O LORD, they called upon you, and you answered them,

⁷you spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; they kept your testimonies and the decree that you gave them.

⁸O LORD our God, you answered them indeed; you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds.

⁹Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and worship upon God's holy hill; for the LORD our God is the Holy One.

In his debates with the Corinthians, Paul contrasts the glory of Moses with the glory of Christ. The Israelites could not see Moses' face because of the veil. But in Christ we see the unveiled glory of God and are transformed into Christ's likeness.

SECOND READING.....2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

¹²Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, ¹³not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. ¹⁴But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. ¹⁵Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; ¹⁶but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. ¹⁷Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

^{4:1}Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. ²We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

L: Here ends the reading.

C: Thanks be to God.

*** GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (In Unison)**

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.
Alleluia.**

The conversation about Jesus' suffering and death is enclosed in a dazzling foreshadowing of the resurrection. God affirms Jesus' identity, the disciples are stunned speechless, and Jesus resumes his mission with a demonstration of his power over evil.

*** GOSPEL.....Luke 9:28-36 [37-43a]**

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 9th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord. (sung)

²⁸Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³⁰Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. ³¹They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³²Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"—not knowing what he said. ³⁴While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. ³⁵Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen listen to him!" ³⁶When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

[³⁷On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. ³⁸Just then a man from the crowd shouted, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. ³⁹Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. ⁴⁰I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not." ⁴¹Jesus answered, "You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here." ⁴²While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the

unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. ⁴³And all were astounded at the greatness of God.]

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.** (sung)

SERMON

Bishop Craig Miller

CHILDREN'S SERMON

* HYMN OF THE DAY

"Beautiful Savior"

#518 Green Hymnal

* NICENE CREED (In Unison)

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 THE INTERCESSION

P God of grace,

C **receive our prayer.**

* PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

(The congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord from their pews at whatever level of physical contact with which they are comfortable).

OFFERING PRESENTATION

* **SUNG OFFERTORY ('vineyards')**

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, Lord, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

* **OFFERING PRAYER**

P God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always.

C Amen.

MEAL

* **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

P The Lord be with you.

C And also 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 (C – sung)**

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

C Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

* **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

P We give you thanks, Father, through Jesus Christ, your beloved Son, whom you sent in this end of the ages to save and redeem us and to proclaim to us your will.

He is the one who, handed over to a death he freely accepted, in order to destroy death, to break the bonds of the evil one, to crush hell underfoot, to give light to the righteous, to establish his covenant, and to show forth the resurrection, taking bread and giving thanks to you, said: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

In the same way 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.

Send your Spirit upon these gifts of your church; gather into one all who share this bread and wine; fill us with your Holy Spirit to establish our faith in truth, that we may praise and glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ; through whom all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, both now and forever.

C Amen.

* **THE LORD'S PRAYER (In Unison)**

**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.**

(If you desire, you may take a gluten free wafer located on the oak pedestal on the step in the front of the chancel).

* **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P The joy of the Lord is our strength. Come, eat this meal of gladness.

* **LAMB OF GOD (sung)**

C Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION

["At the Chancel Rail" – come forward by the CENTER aisle; take a communion cup from the table by the front pew. Approach the altar to partake, then move to the chancel rail to pray. Then, return to your seat using the left or right SIDE aisle]. (Fellowship cups are available for those who wish to remain in their seat for communion).

* **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 everyone what he has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name. He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia.

* **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

P Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray.
C Amen.

SENDING

* **BLESSING**

P The Spirit of the triune God + bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love.
C Amen, Amen, Amen. (sung)

* SENDING HYMN

“Lift Every Voice and Sing”

#562 Green Hymnal

* DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Live in hope.

C **Thanks be to God.**

* POSTLUDE

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NEXT WEEK’S LECTOR – Bob St. Clair

NEXT WEEK’S ACOLYTES – Thea Beward & Nick Reed

NEXT WEEK’S COMMUNION/OFFERING PRESENTERS – Sofia, Stella & Gabby Reed

NEXT WEEK’S ALTAR GUILD – Sandy Pines & Michelle Stoner (2/17/25 – 3/9/25)

MARCH COLLECTION COUNTERS:

Today: Ron & Christie Yorks

9: Clint Miller & Nick Beward

16: Marylou Hazard & Jean Berry

23: Tammy Brackbill & Mary Grimm

30: Don & Barb Geedey

WELCOME TO ALL!

VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME to worship at Messiah. We invite you to register your visit 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 worshipping with us.

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.

THIS MORNING WE ARE LED IN WORSHIP by Bishop Craig Miller. We welcome him and pray God’s blessing on him as he ministers to us this morning.

JUST A THOUGHT – Blaise Pascal, French mathematician, physicist, inventor, writer and Catholic philosopher: What reason have atheists for saying that we cannot rise again?...is it more difficult to come into being than to return to it?

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

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

PRAYER CHAIN – If you wish to be included on the email recipient list for the Messiah Prayer Chain, please send an email to Pastor Leister at mlcsleister@gmail.com.

PRAYER REQUESTS will be placed in the Sunday bulletin for **one month**. If you wish to have someone included in the prayer list for an additional month, please contact the church office at 436-6213 or mlchurchoffice@gmail.com. If you have anyone who is a “last minute” addition after the bulletin has been printed on Fridays, please fill out an orange prayer card in the pew and lay it on the stand where the gluten free wafers are placed PRIOR to the morning worship service.

PLEASE NOTIFY THE CHURCH OFFICE for any change in addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, or for any requests for building usage. There are a lot of activities and some coordination is needed so events are not “overbooked” in any specific areas of the church (this also applies to church groups who meet in the church). Please contact the office at 436-6213 or email mlchurchoffice@gmail.com for any changes or requests.

IF ANYONE HAS ANY NEEDS OR CONCERNS, please contact Pastor Sam Leister. If you or someone you know is ill or hospitalized, please let Pastor Leister know. He can be reached at 717-436-8589 (home), or 717-348-1020 (cell), or email at mlcsleister@gmail.com.

WEIS AND GIANT GIFT CARDS are available to purchase from the Disciples Class. This is a very important outreach ministry that helps neighbors in need in our own community. We thank each and every one for continued support of this very worthwhile project.

IF YOU ARE IN NEED OF PASTORAL SERVICES while Pastor Sam is recuperating from surgery, please contact Pastor Rick Adams. He may be reached through his cell number at 717-253-0235.

THE MARCH 2025 “MESSIAH HERALD” is now available online. Hard copies are available in the church office, Adult Sunday School Room, Kitchenette, and Fellowship Hall. If you want something placed in the Messiah Herald, please contact BOTH the church office at mlchurchoffice@gmail.com and Bob St. Clair at stclairb@embarqmail.com prior to the newsletter deadline, which is listed on the calendar in the newsletter, or online at mlcmiffintown.org. Also, if anyone would like to add or remove names from our email list, please let Bob know as well.

FEBRUARY’S “MISSION OF THE MONTH” at Messiah will be for Camp Mount Luther. The monies will be sent from Messiah directly to Camp Mount Luther to continue assisting in their youth ministries. In addition to your generosity, the PPC allocated funds to match congregational donations up to \$1,000.00. This is just one way in which we can continue to extend our mission in Christ’s love beyond the walls of our church building.

SUMMER CAMP 2025

Kate Swailes will be serving as our congregation’s camperson for Camp Mount Luther again this year. This year’s summer camp season will begin on June 15th and will run until August 4th. There are programs for all ages from elementary to senior high, and for adults and families. If you’re looking for a place where your child can grow in faith and have fun doing it, Camp Mount Luther is that place. If you have any questions about camp, you can contact Kate or the camp office at 570-922-1587 or cml@campmountluther.org. The camp brochures are available on the Camp Mount Luther site <https://www.campmountluther.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/2025-Camp-Brochure.pdf> and camp brochures will be mailed to campers who attended camp in the past. Brochures and schedules are also available on the table in the Adult Sunday School Room. Submit your camp registration online at **Camp Mount Luther Summer Camp Registration** and provide the \$50 payment to Kate Swailes or church treasurer Jen Hutchinson. The remaining portion of the cost of camp will be covered by various fundraising events, donations, etc.

CAMP MOUNT LUTHER SUNDAY & TEMPLE TALK: The Upper Susquehanna Synod Council has designated Transfiguration Sunday each year as “Mount Luther Sunday” to help promote outdoor ministries in the synod. Members of USS congregations are encouraged to celebrate outdoor ministries on March 2, 2025. However at Messiah we are celebrating on **Sunday, Marth 9th** as Chad Hershberger, Executive Director of Camp Mount Luther and Director of Communications for the Upper Susquehanna Synod, will be visiting us. Chad will be speaking during the morning worship service about summer plans for Camp Mount Luther as well as progress on the new bathhouse and projected completion. Mount Luther is an extension of our ministry together and we hope all congregations will join in celebrating outdoor ministries by offering financial support, keeping the camp staff in prayer, and by participating in the numerous events and activities this ministry offers.

REMINDER: Please have all information to be placed in the newsletter to **Bob** at stclairb@embarqmail.com or the **church office** at mlchurchoffice@gmail.com by the deadlines which are listed monthly in the newsletter.

SYNOD ASSEMBLY DELEGATES ARE NEEDED – Two members of Messiah are needed to attend the annual Synod Assembly in June 2025 at Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove. Synod delegates should also plan on attending the Juniata Valley Conference Assembly (date to be announced). If you are interested in serving, please contact Pastor Leister or the church office.

IF YOU HAVE ANY NEWS OR UPCOMING EVENTS, please contact Sheree Goss at 717-436-9613 or email her at msgoss@gmail.com.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Tuesday – 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Thursday – 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Friday – 12:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

WOMEN OF THE ELCA

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS are being collected for Shelter Service, Inc. in Lewistown:

- Laundry Detergent --Shaving Cream
- Clorox --Shampoo
- Dryer Sheets --Deodorant
- Dish Soap --Body Wash

Please place items in the Adult Sunday School Room in the container provided.

THE NEXT WELCA MEETING will be held on Thursday, March 13th at 1:00 p.m. in the Youth Area. Cindy Van Gavree will provide devotions.

WOMEN OF THE ELCA PURPOSE STATEMENT

As a community of women created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world.

COMMUNITY

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FOR MARCH

ALL NON-PERISHABLE FOODS ESPECIALLY CANNED BEETS & CEREAL,
TOILET PAPER, PAPER PRODUCTS & CLEANING SUPPLIES.

ALSO, CASH/CHECK DONATIONS & LOCAL STORE GIFT CARDS ARE ALWAYS APPRECIATED.

2025 PORT ROYAL MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFASTS will be held on Saturday mornings during lent at 7:00 a.m. at Port Royal Community Building. Locations and speakers will be:

March 8	Rev. Charles McKee	Mexico Full Gospel Church
March 15	Rev. William McNeal	Brown's Global Methodist Church
March 22	Rev. Chad Weaver	Lost Creek Mennonite Church
March 29	Rev. Caleb Burd	South Baptist Church
April 5	Rev. Nathaniel Mowery	Oakland Mills Methodist Church
April 12	Rev. Frank Swartz	New Beginning Community Church
April 19	Rev. Ron Shupe	River Church

2025 WOMEN'S COMMUNITY LENTEN TEAS will be held each Wednesday during Lent. Social time begins at 9:30 a.m. with light refreshments, followed by Bible Study at 10:00 a.m.

March 5	Messiah Lutheran Church
March 12	St. Jude's Catholic Church
March 19	Trinity Methodist Church
March 26	?
April 2	St. Stephen's Lutheran Church
April 9	Aldersgate Methodist Church

2025 WEST JUNIATA COUNTY MINISTERIUM LENTEN WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Ash Wednesday, March 5 – **7:00 p.m.**.....St. Stephen's Lutheran Church
Hymn Source: "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days" – **Speaker:** Dist. Sup. Leigy

Wednesday, March 12 – **7:00 p.m.**.....Aldersgate Methodist Church
Hymn Source: "Lamb of God" – **Speaker:** Pastor Rick Adams

Wednesday, March 19 – **7:00 p.m.**.....Messiah Lutheran Church
Hymn Source: "What Wondrous Love Is This" – **Speaker:** Pastor Mindy Petrovcic

Wednesday, March 26 – **7:00 p.m.**.....St. Stephen's Lutheran Church
Hymn Source: "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" – **Speaker:** Pastor Sam Leister

Wednesday, April 2 – **7:00 p.m.**.....Westminster Presbyterian Church
Hymn Source: "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross" – **Speaker:** Pastor Crystal Baumgardner

Wednesday, April 9 – **7:00 p.m.**.....Messiah Lutheran Church
Hymn Source: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" – **Speaker:** Pastor Nancy McClure

Wednesday, April 16 – **7:00 p.m.**.....Grace Methodist Church (Mexico)
Hymn Source: "In the Hour of Trial" – **Speaker:** Pastor Sam Leister

Maundy Thursday Breakfast, April 17 – **7:00 a.m.**.....Messiah Lutheran Church
Speaker: Pastor Sam Leister

Maundy Thursday, April 17 – **7:00 p.m.**.....Trinity Methodist Church (Mifflin)
Hymn Source: TBA – **Speaker:** Bishop Craig Miller

Good Friday Tenebrae, April 18 – **7:00 p.m.**.....Messiah Lutheran Church
Hymn Source: "Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed" – **Speaker:** Pastor Rick Adams

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

- Today:** -10:00 a.m., Worship/Communion.
- Monday:** -6:30 p.m., The Knitters in Junior Church Room.
-7:00 p.m. AA in Youth Area.
- Wednesday:** -9:00 a.m., “The Needlers” in Fellowship Hall.
-9:30 a.m., Women’s Lenten Tea at Messiah.
-7:00 p.m., Ash Wednesday Service at St. Stephen’s Lutheran Church.
- Saturday:** -7:00 a.m., Men’s Lenten Prayer Breakfast at Port Royal Community Building.
- Sunday:** -10:00 a.m., Worship/Communion.

PRAYER LIST

Pastor Sam	Mark Harvey	Dave Reed
Joedy Arnold	Bill Heck	Jan Reisinger
Linda Bahorik	John (Pat) Henry	Diane Rowles
Melissa Bargo	Sawyer Henry	Greysley Rowles
Jeremy Barnes	Nox Hepburn	Kelley Rusenko
Ryan Barr	Nancy Howell	Arlene Shearer
Donna Barton	Annie Ingle	Lowell Shearer
Bill Book	Guy Kerstetter	Gail Sherman
Linda Brouse	Jesse Kint	Althea Smith
Jim Burdge	Andi McDanel	Jennifer Smith
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- Ona Stoner – William Penn Nursing Home, 163 Summit Dr., Lewistown, PA 17044