

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The First Reading

Exodus 34:29-35

²⁹ Moses 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. ³⁰ When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹ But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. ³² Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. ³³ When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; ³⁴ but 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, ³⁵ the 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.

The Word of the Lord, **C: Thanks be to God**

Psalm 99 will be led by the cantor. The congregation joins in on the refrain.

Refrain: **Great is the Lord in Zion;**

He is exalted over all the nations.

1. The Lord God reigns, let the nations tremble;
He sits enthroned between the cherubim.
Let the earth shake;
Let them praise your great and awesome name, O Lord. **R:**
2. The king is mighty; he loves justice; you have established equity.
In Jacob you have done what is just and right;
Exalt the Lord our God. **R:**
3. Moses and Aaron were his priests; Samuel called on his name.
They called on him and he answered them;
He spoke from the pillar of cloud. **R:**
4. The Lord our God is a forgiving God,
Though he punished their misdeeds.
So exalt the Lord and worship him, for the Lord our God is holy. **R:**

The Second Reading

2 Corinthians 3:12—4:2

¹² Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, ¹³ not 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. ¹⁴ But 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. ¹⁵ Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; ¹⁶ but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. ¹⁷ Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸ And 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 Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. ² We 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.

The Word of the Lord, **C: Thanks be God**

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

"Alleluia"

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

The Holy Gospel

Luke 9:28-36

Gospel Response C: Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁸ Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹ And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³⁰ Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. ³¹ They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³² Now 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. ³³ Just 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. ³⁴ While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. ³⁵ Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" ³⁶ When 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.

Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ!

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 2019

ASSISTING MINISTER: Thom Cipro

LECTOR: Jen McMurray

GREETERS: Thom and Colleen Cipro

USHERS: Jeff and Marcy Miller

BELL RINGER: David Williamson

CRY ROOM: Located downstairs in the youth room. Also available are coloring books and crayons on the last pew in a green basket.

CALENDAR

TODAY 10:00 Sunday School

WEDNESDAY 7:00 Ash Wednesday Service



CONTINUED PRAYER: Shonna Ash, Tom Brosenitsch, Cynthia sister of Bev Brosenitsch diagnosed with breast cancer, Karen Campell, Jenny, Judy Hart, Adrienne Haegg, Tina Lawson, William Loveridge, Tom Wilson.

[The complete prayer list is in the March newsletter.]

ATTENDANCE and OFFERING LAST SUNDAY: 41 - \$1455.00

FOOD CUPBOARD – MARCH

Jars or cans of Sloppy Joe mix.

THANK YOU

To Pastor Frank Kantz for filling in for Pastor Bev today.

THANK YOU

To everyone who helped with the soup dinner last Thursday evening.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Join us on Wednesday, March 6, 7:00 PM for our Ash Wednesday service of Holy Communion and imposition of ashes.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE AT ZION LUTHERAN

If you are planning on attending the 11:00 AM service at Zion Lutheran please call Chris Trimble at 724-496-3263. The worship service will have imposition of ashes and communion with a lunch afterwards.

LOST AND FOUND

Necklace was found between Strobel Hall and the Church on Sunday, February 10. Please see Colleen Cipro if you think it may belong to you or if you know of someone who has lost a necklace recently.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

We are still in need for someone to volunteer as our Sunday School Superintendent. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please see Linda Flora.

2019 FLOWER CHART

Is now up in the narthex. Please consider providing flowers for the Altar in the coming year.

MIDWEEK LENTEN TAIZE SERVICE

We will be joining with Zion Lutheran for a midweek Lenten service beginning on Wednesday, March 13. At Zion Lutheran we will have a soup dinner at 6:15 followed by a 30 minute Taizé service from the *Seeds of Trust, Reflecting on the Bible in Silence and Song* and will be focusing on Hope. At St. Paul's we will have a soup dinner at 6:15 followed by a discussion on Hope led by either Pastor Bev or John Bulger. We will need volunteers to provide a crockpot of soup on the Wednesdays that we are hosting the service [March 20 and April 3]. A sign up sheet is in the narthex.

ONE VOICE FOR CHRIST

Please note that the 3:00 performance today at Saint Sebastian Parish is a full worship service with the One Voice For Christ choir presenting a few of their hymns. Their first full performance will be tonight 7:00 PM at the Memorial Park Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 800 Peeples Road, Allison, Park 15101. It would be wonderful if we could get a group from the church to go either tonight or the March 31, 2:00 PM, performance at the Fairmount Presbyterian Church, 2535 Fairmount Church Road, Sewickley.

ZELIENOPLE-HARMONY COMMUNITY BAND CONCERT

The Community Band will present its annual Spring concert on Sunday, March 31st, at 2:00 PM. Trumpeter Wendell Banyay (Pastor Bev's brother) will perform a solo with the band, and the featured group will be a woodwind ensemble from the high school, under the direction of Sara Snyder. The concert will be held in the auditorium at Seneca Valley Intermediate High School, and admission is free, though donations are welcome!

VISITORS

If you are a visitor, please fill out one of the welcome cards in the pew racks. Also, please feel free to take home a monthly newsletter. We welcome all visitors and invite you to make our church your church.