Christ Hamilton United Lutheran Church
419 Bossardsville Road
Stroudsburg, PA

Celebrating Transfiguration of Our Lord **February 14, 2021**

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This is my Son, the Beloved;
listen to him

Welcome to Christ Hamilton! Worship is much different now. Thank you for joining with us in worship in whatever manner you can. If you are at home you can find a print copy of this service available on our website at www.christhamilton.org. Please print a copy of this bulletin so you might follow along with the video of our service if worshipping at home: share in the responses, sing the hymns, and pray the prayers.

Know that we are praying for you, our community, nation and world as we wander the wilderness this virus has caused us to walk together. Call us and connect with us whenever you need. Office hours are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Visit us on our website: christhamilton.org and check out our Facebook page.

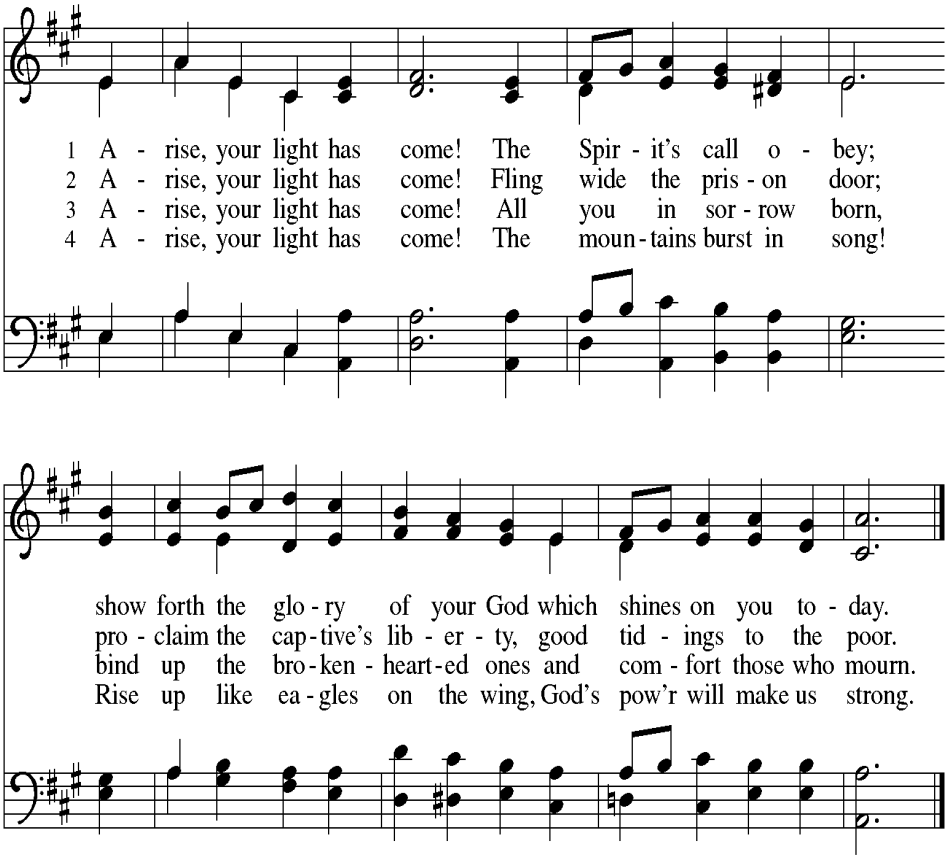
Today's service: *The Sundays after Epiphany began with Jesus' baptism and end with three disciples' vision of his transfiguration. In Mark's story of Jesus' baptism, apparently only Jesus sees the Spirit descending and hears the words from heaven. But now Jesus' three closest friends hear the same words 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 glory in Jesus has enlightened us through baptism and shines in us also for others to see.*

Altar flowers are given in honor of our granddaughter Lenora's birthday, by Jim and Sue Butz.

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS & WELCOME

Arise, Your Light Has Come!

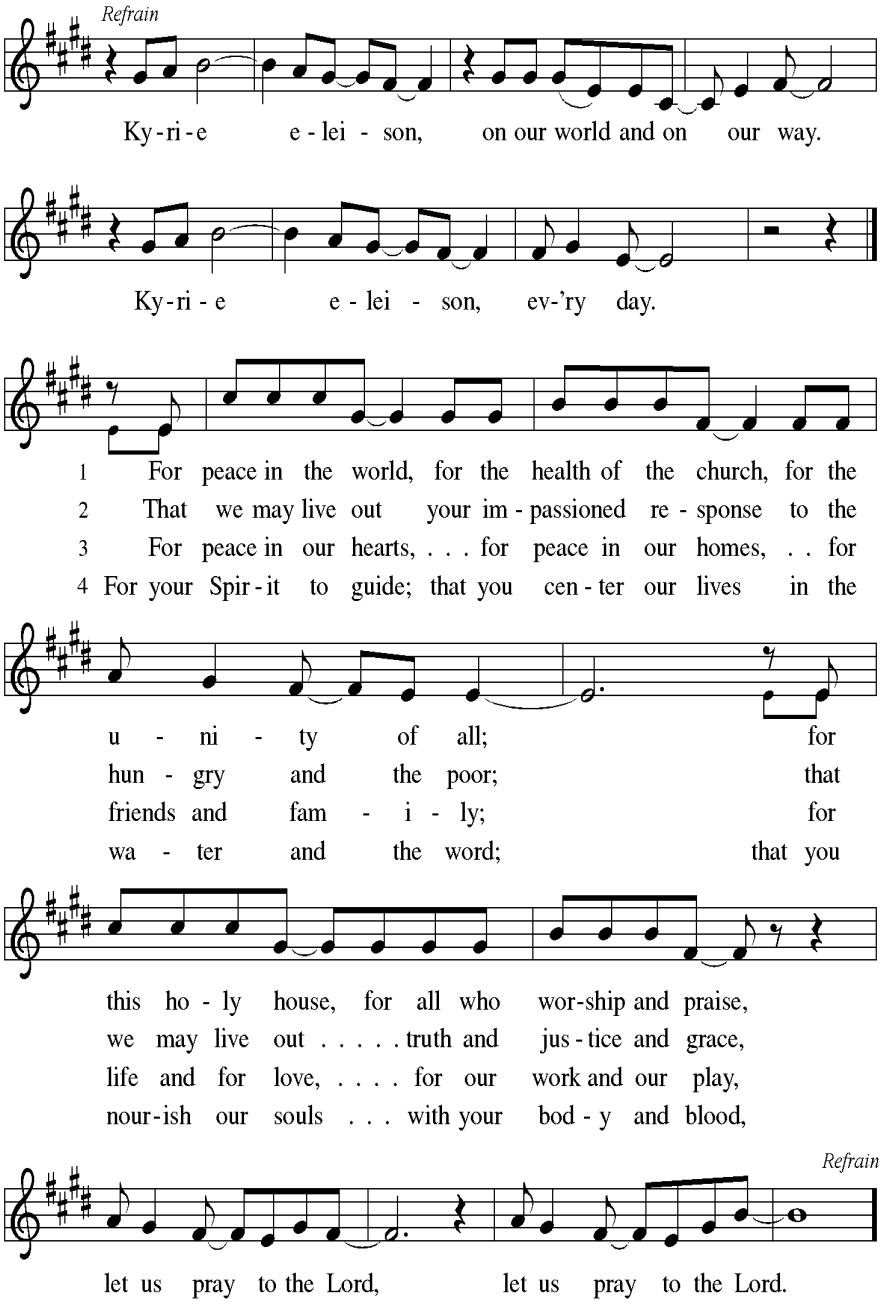


GREETING

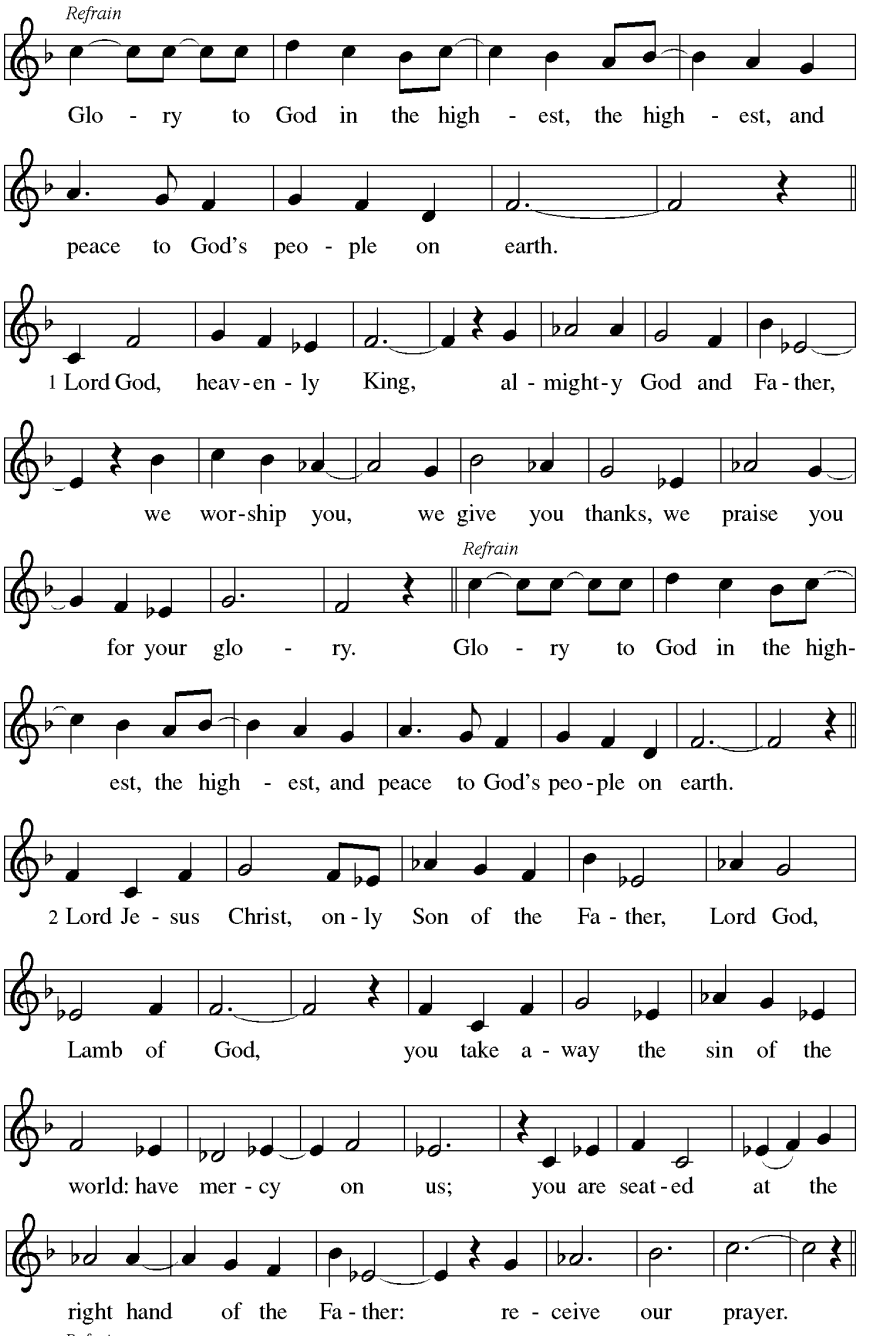
Minister: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

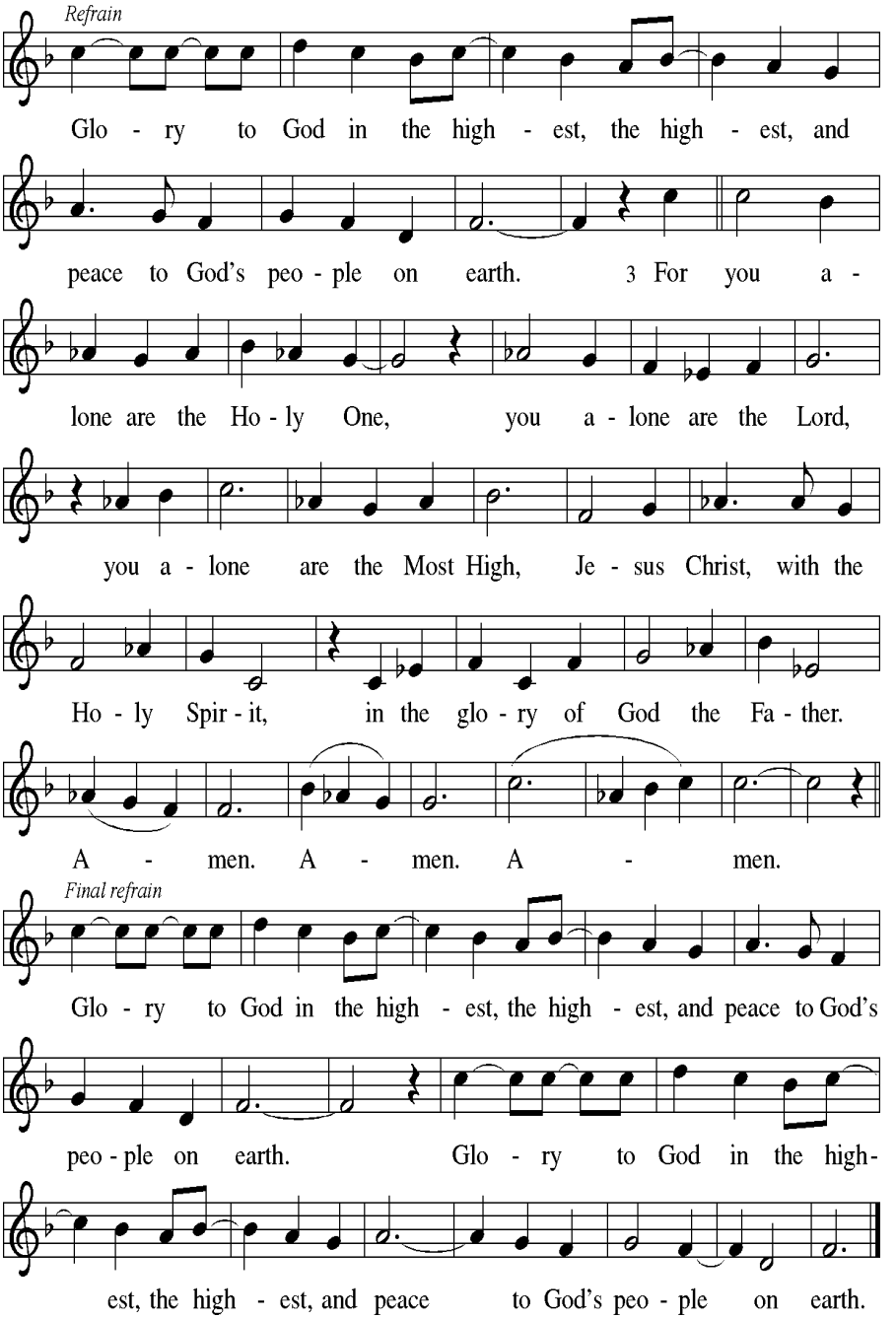
All: **And also with you.**

KYRIE


Refrain
Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.
Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.
1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
2 That we may live out your im-passioned re-sponse to the
3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the
u-ni-ty of all; for
hun-gry and the poor; that
friends and fam-i-ly; for
wa-ter and the word; that you
this ho-ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out . . . . . truth and jus-tice and grace,
life and for love, ... for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod-y and blood,
Refrain
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

HYMN OF PRAISE




Refrain
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and
peace to God's peo - ple on earth. 3 For you a -
lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.
A - men. A - men. A - men.
Final refrain
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and peace to God's
peo - ple on earth. Glo - ry to God in the high-
est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Minister: 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.

All: Amen.

FIRST READING **2 KINGS 2:1-12**

Reader: A reading from the 2nd chapter of Second Kings.

[1]Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. [2]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. [3]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."

[4]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. [5]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."

[6]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. [7]Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. [8]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.

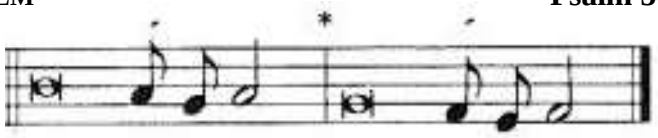
[9]When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you."

Elisha said, “Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.” [10]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.” [11]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. [12]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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Sung responsively.

PSALM **Psalm 50:1-6**



Cantor: The mighty one, God the | Lord, has spoken;
calling the earth from the rising of the sun | to its setting.
All: Out of Zion, perfect | in its beauty,
God shines | forth in glory.

Cantor: Our God will come and will | not keep silence;
with a consuming flame before, and round about a | raging storm.
All: God calls the heavens and the earth | from above
to witness the judgment | of the people.

Cantor: “Gather before me my | loyal followers,
those who have made a covenant with me and sealed | it with sacrifice.”
All: The heavens declare the rightness | of God’s cause,
for it is God | who is judge.

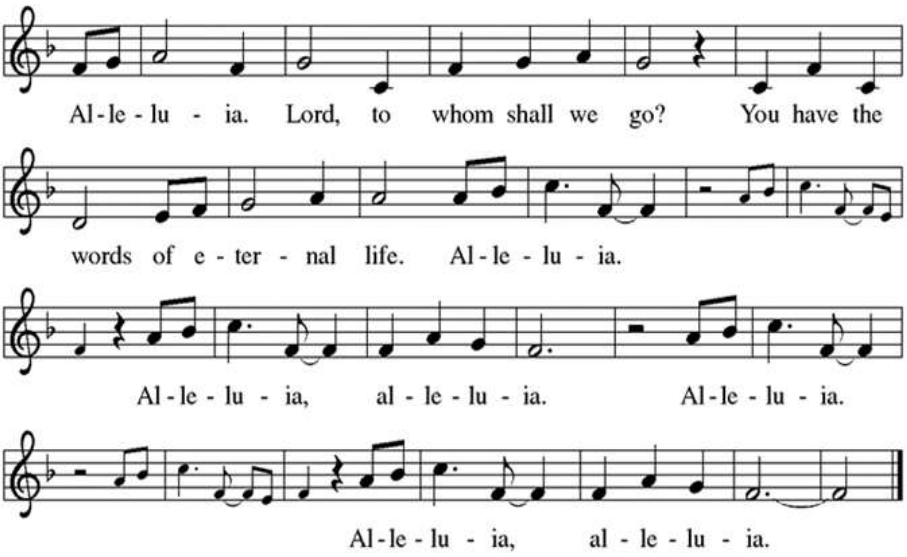
SECOND READING **2 CORINTHIANS 4:3-6**

Reader: A reading from the 4th chapter of Second Corinthians.

[3]Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. [4]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. [5]For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. [6]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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL **Mark 9:2-9**

Minister: The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 9th chapter.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

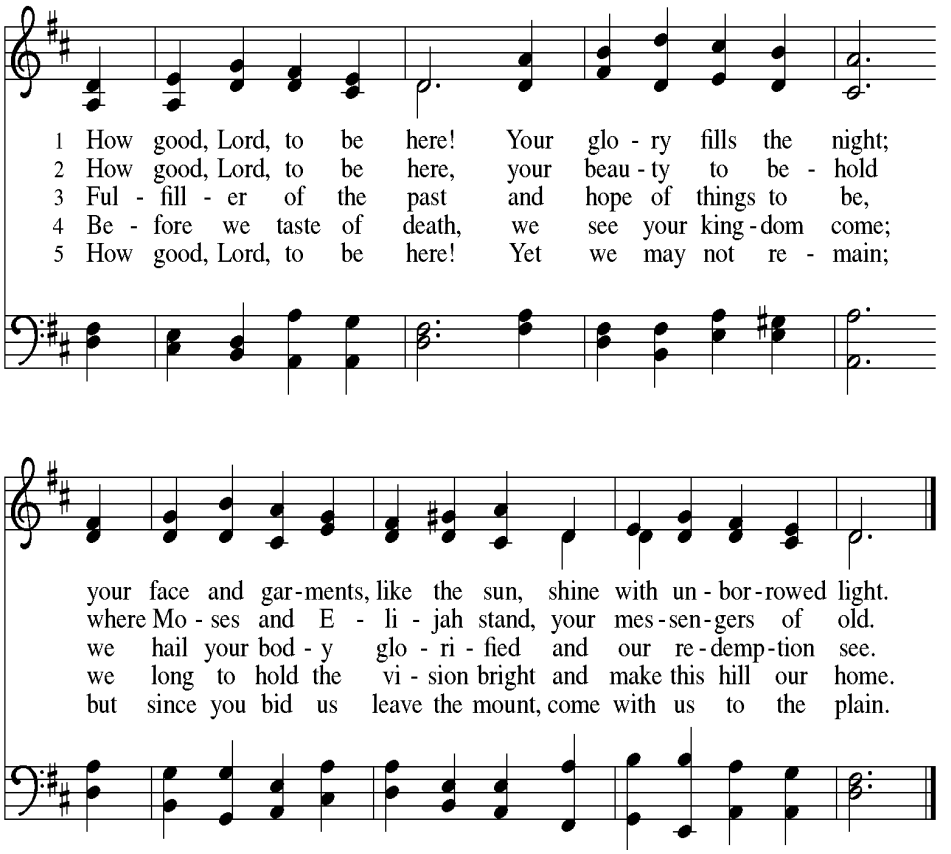
2 Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and
led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was
transfigured before them, 3 and his clothes became dazzling white, such
as no one on earth could bleach them. 4 And there appeared to them
Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. 5 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." 6 He did not know
what to say, for they were terrified. 7 Then a cloud overshadowed them,
and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved;
listen to him!" 8 Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one
with them anymore, but only Jesus.

9 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.

Minister: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

How Good, Lord, to Be Here!



Installation of Lay Professional Staff

Council Representative: After prayerful deliberation, we of Christ Hamilton United Lutheran Church have appointed Megan Cameron to the serve as Director of Youth and Christian Education ministries.

Minister: Our Lord Jesus, who came among us as a servant, calls us to faith and a life of loving service to our neighbor. You come among us as one invited to render a particular service, a gift from God to inspire us to love and good works.

Megan in the presence of this assembly will you commit yourself to this new trust and responsibility, in the confidence that it comes from God?

Megan: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Minister: Will you carry out this ministry in accordance with the holy scriptures and with the confessions of the Lutheran church and in harmony with the constitutions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America?

Megan: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Minister: Will you be diligent in your study of the holy scriptures and faithful in your use of the means of grace and in prayer?

Megan: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Minister: Trusting in God's care, will you seek to grow in love for those you serve, strive for excellence in your skills, and adorn the gospel of Jesus Christ with a godly life?

Megan: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Minister: Almighty God, who has given you the will to do these things, graciously give you the strength and compassion to perform them.

All: Amen.

Minister: People of God, will you receive Megan into this ministry as one sent to serve in the church of Jesus Christ?

All: We will, and we ask God to help us.

Will you pray for her, help and honor her for her work's sake, and in all things strive to live together in the peace and unity of Christ?

All: We will, and we ask God to help us.

Minister: Megan I now declare you installed as Director of Christian Education and Youth at Christ Hamilton. Almighty God bless you, and direct your days and your deeds in peace, that you may be a faithful servant of Christ.

All: Amen.

The congregation may respond with horn acclamation!

APOSTLE'S CREED

Minister: Let us confess our faith together.

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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

Assisting Minister: Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need. . . . For the gospel proclaimed in word and deed, for communities of faith far and near, and for all who show the face of Christ throughout the world, let us pray. **All: Have mercy, O God.**

For creation: sun, moon and stars; life forming in the dark earth and ocean deep; mountains, clouds and storms, and creatures seen and unseen, and for the Holy Spirit's guidance in our stewardship of God's creation, let us pray. **All: Have mercy, O God.**

For those responsible for safety and protection: for emergency responders and security guards, attorneys and advocates, civil servants and leaders of governments, that they witness to mercy and justice throughout the world, let us pray. **All: Have mercy, O God.**

For all who suffer this day especially those we raise to you now . . . . , that Christ our healer transform sickness into health, loneliness into companionship, bereavement into consolation, and suffering into peace, let us pray. **All: Have mercy, O God.**

For companions on life's journey in this worshiping community, for loved ones who cannot be with us this day, and for guidance during struggles we face, that God's glory is revealed around and among us, let us pray. **All: Have mercy, O God.**

In thanksgiving for the faithful departed who now rest from their earthly pilgrimage that their lives of service and prayer inspire us in our living, let us pray. **All: Have mercy, O God.**

Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior. **All: Amen.**

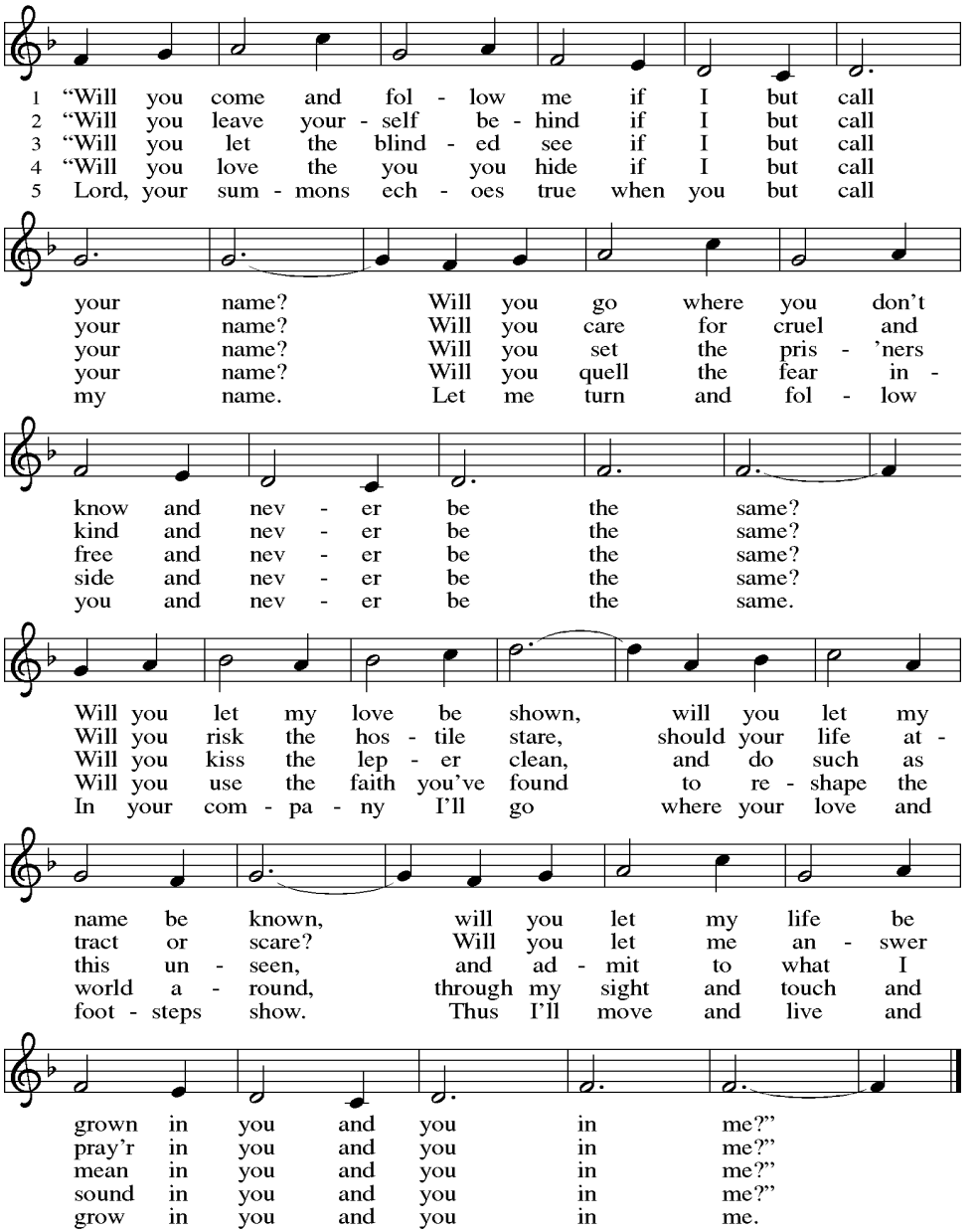
If you have not done so and would like to leave an offering please do so at this time or as you exit the service in the bins provided.

Offering

Offertory **v. 1, 5 only**

Will You Come and Follow Me

The Summons



OFFERTORY PRAYER

Assisting Minister: Let us pray. . . . O God,

All: Receive these gifts as you receive us:
with arms open wide.
Nourish us anew in your tender care,
and empower us in faithful service
to tend to others with this same love,
through Jesus Christ, our saving grace. Amen

Great Thanksgiving

Minister: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Minister: 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.

Lord's Prayer

Minister: We share in the prayer Jesus taught us.

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

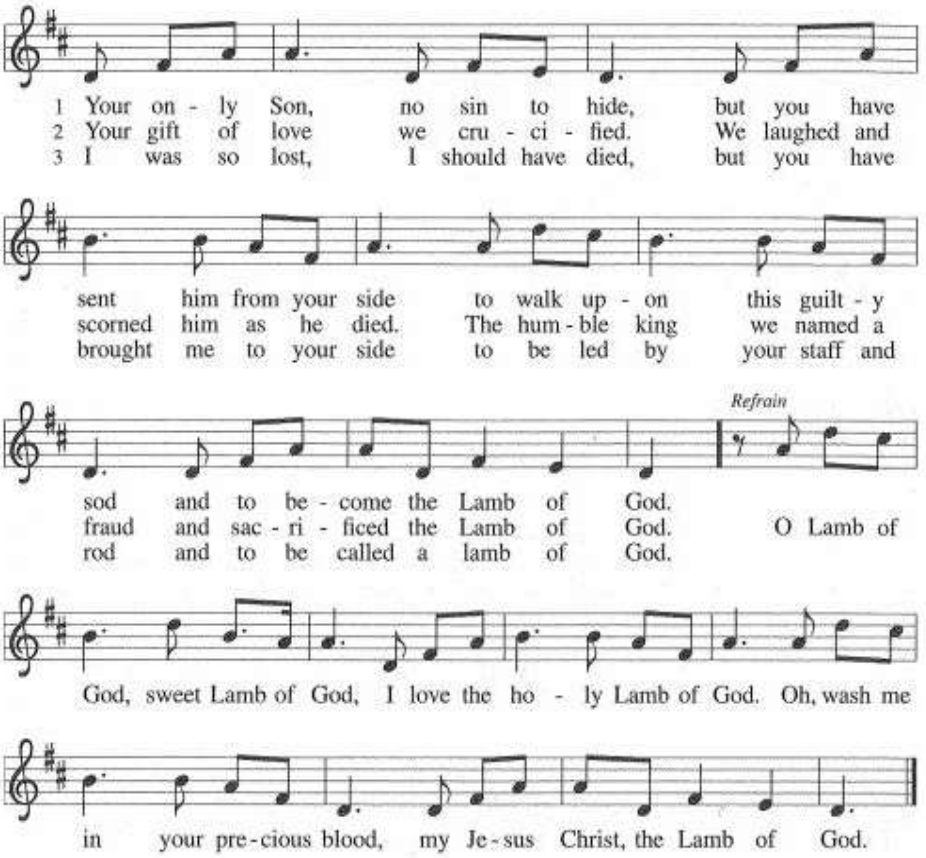
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen

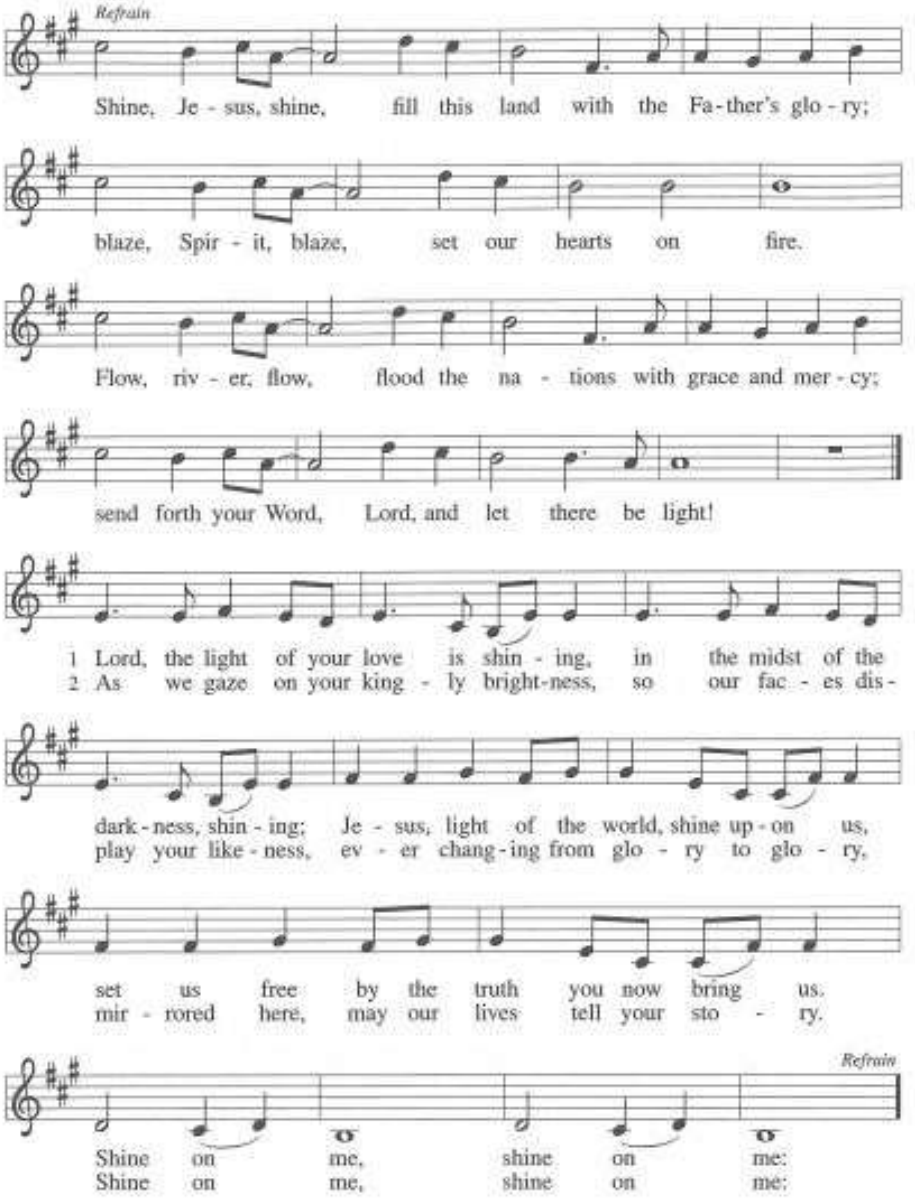
Communion

We invite all baptized Christians to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion. Ushers will bring the prepackaged wafer and grape juice to you. Please indicate how many will be taking communion to the usher and hold out the plate and the usher will place the containers on it. ***Please open the packet – <u>but do not take the wafer or juice until</u> the pastor has indicated*** *in order that we might commune together.*

Lamb of God


1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, but you have
2 Your gift of love we cru - ci - fied. We laughed and
3 I was so lost, I should have died, but you have
sent him from your side to walk up - on this guilt - y
scorned him as he died. The hum - ble king we named a
brought me to your side to be led by your staff and
Refrain
sod and to be - come the Lamb of God.
fraud and sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God. O Lamb of
rod and to be called a lamb of God.
God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God. Oh, wash me
in your pre - cious blood, my Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

Shine Jesus Shine



After all have returned to their places.

COMMUNION BLESSING

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

All: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Assisting Minister: Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever.

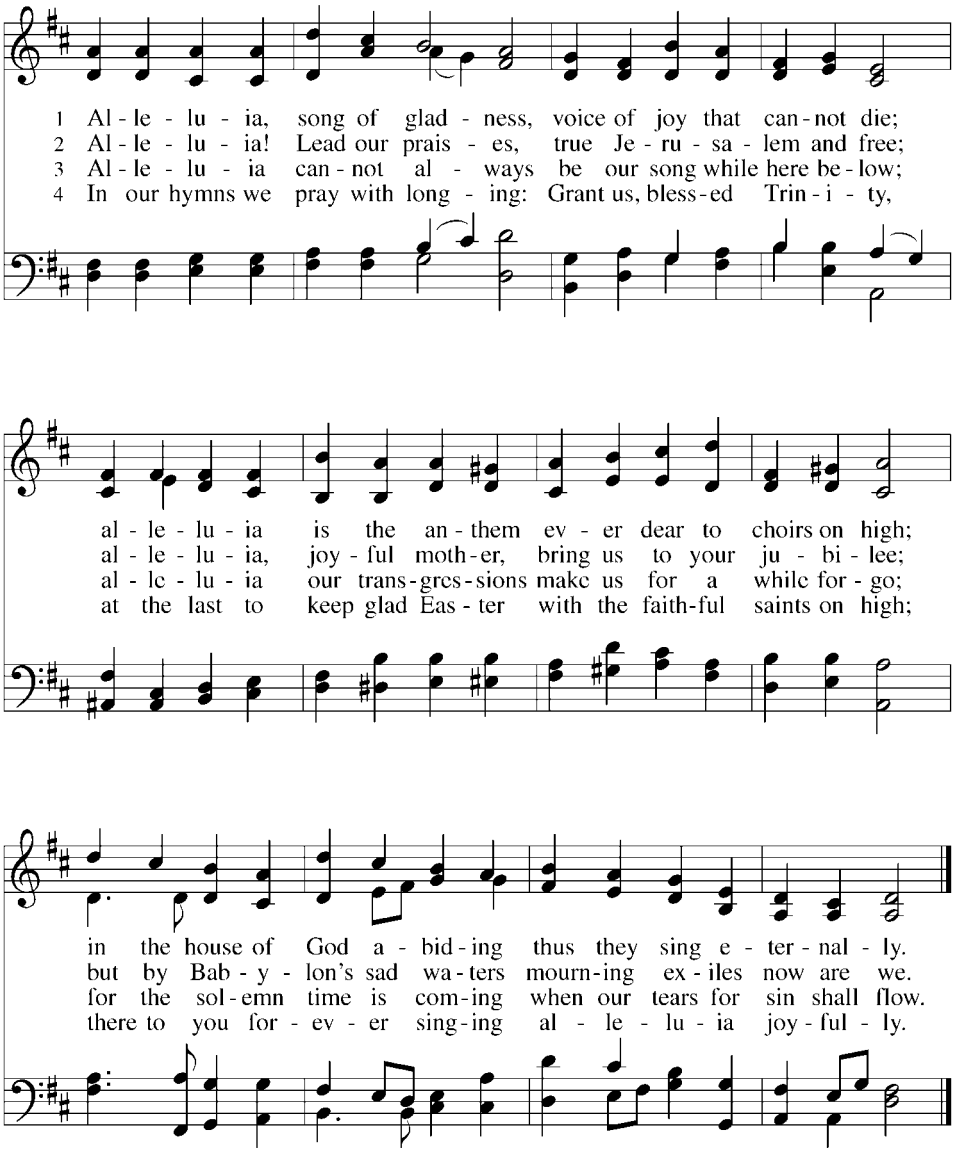
All: Amen.

BLESSING

Pastor: God the creator strengthen you;
Jesus the beloved fill you;
and the Holy Spirit the comforter ☩ keep you in peace.

All: Amen.

Alleluia, Song of Gladness



Dismissal:

Assisting Minister: Go in peace. Stay for the meeting and be the light of Christ.

All: We will.

POSTLUDE

Worship Leaders

Minister	Rev. Steven C. Claycomb
Keyboard	Gail Haydt
Announcements	Dan Courtright
Assistant Minister	Ann Super
Reader:	Megan Cameron
Cantor:	Ann Super

Please Remember in Prayer: Gary Kapostas, Sandy Haney, Henry McCool and Ruth Ann Helriegel and the family of Joseph DeSanguine.

Welcome! We would like to welcome Megan Cameron, our new Christian Education and Youth Director here at Christ Hamilton. Megan's current office hours are 9-2pm on Fridays and 8:30-12:30pm on Sundays. You can email her at chulcced@gmail.com.

January Operating Numbers

Jan Operating Income= $ 20,369

Jan Operating expense= $ 24,114

Net Deficit = $ 3,745

PVEN Current Needs

Food Pantry

-Canned Pasta
-Soup
-stuffing
-baked beans

Clothing Closet

-baby clothes 0-3m or 3-6m
-baby wipes
-onesies
-sleep & play outfits
-blankets
-swaddlers
-hooded towels
-washcloths
-booties

SAVE-THE-DATES!!!

Ash Wednesday Feb. 17th
12:00pm, 7:00pm
In the Lighthouse

Community Meal
February, 21st from 4:30-5:15pm
Take-Out, in front of Lighthouse

Lenten Evening Services 7pm
2/24, 3/3, 3/10, 3/17, 3/24
In the Lighthouse