

## Other News and Events

**BLOOD PRESSURE SUNDAY** with Nurse April is today, thirty minutes before and after the 9 a.m. service, in the Mission Action room.

**DON MARTEN** is at Spring Lake Rehab Center, 1540 Sixth Street NW, Winter Haven, FL 33881 and would love to hear from you.

**PRISCILLA CIRCLE** will meet on Monday, February 12, 7 p.m., in the church lounge. All women are invited to attend. No RSVP needed.

**KNOTTING:** Come help tie blankets for Lutheran World Relief and local nursing homes on Tuesday, February 13, at 9 a.m., in the basement. If schools close we will not knot!

**MOSAIC MINISTRIES MEAL:** We are providing food and serving a meal for 200 people in need on Sunday, February 18, from 5-7 p.m. If you can help serve or donate food please sign up online here: [tinyurl.com/MosaicMinistries](http://tinyurl.com/MosaicMinistries). Families with children are encouraged to help. Donations can be left in Bethlehem's kitchen. For questions please call Becky Buchman at 419-467-9585 or Pam Frankfather at 419-265-2109

**HOUSTON HOEDOWN DINNER FUNDRAISER** will take place on Sunday, February 25, at 11:30 a.m., in the Fellowship Hall. Proceeds will benefit the students going to the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston this summer. Tickets available for a Tex-Mex style dinner. Door prizes and games for children. Freewill donations.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN** will be singing in church on Sunday, February 25.

**BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN** volunteer sign ups are online at: [tinyurl.com/BLCWsignup](http://tinyurl.com/BLCWsignup). There are 12 open spots for 2018 that need to be filled. Instructions are on the page. Sign ups are for funerals, altar guild, altar flowers and the office window.

**COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY** is now open two Saturdays (the second and last) of every month, from 8-11 a.m. We are still open on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesdays from 11 a.m.—2 p.m.

**LOST AND FOUND** items are on a table in the Mission Action room (111). Please check to see if something is yours. There are also dishes from funerals to check over. Items will be donated after February 28.

**YOGA CLASS OPEN TO ALL** on Mondays, 7 p.m., in the church's Fellowship Hall. Cost is \$5 per person.



**SAVE THE DATE**  
49 days until Easter:  
April 1, 2018

Transfiguration of Our Lord  
February 11, 2018

2018  
Year of  
Prayer

5 week series on prayer based on  
Mark Batterson's book, The Circle Maker.

January 14: Prayer: A Listening Spirit

January 21: Dreaming Big

January 28: Praying Hard

February 4: Thinking Long

**February 11: Keep Circling**

**2018 Memory Verse:**

*Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6-7*

# Transfiguration of Our Lord

February 11, 2018

**Worship with Holy Communion Sundays at 9 a.m.**

**Faith Formation for all ages  
Sundays at 10:20 a.m.**

**MISSION STATEMENT:** Transformed by the crucified and risen Jesus we are a loving community of disciples making disciples.

**WELCOME!** We welcome you to join us in worship, growth in faith and service.

**CHILDREN** are always welcome and encouraged to participate fully in worship. If needed, a cry room is available near the east exit.

**GUESTS**, please fill out a Connection Card. You may place the card in the plate during the offering. Please also take a gift bag (at both entrances) to learn a little more about Bethlehem.

**FOR WORSHIP**, most of what you will need is in this bulletin or the weekly insert with readings and news. Pastor/leader parts are in plain typeface. Congregational parts are in **bold typeface** and indented.

**HYMNS** are indicated by number and may be found in the back part of the red hymnal.

**LARGE PRINT BULLETINS** are available from the ushers.

**FAITH FORMATION** (Sunday School):

Preschool—5th Grade and Catechism, Basement

High School—Gr.9-12, Room 209-211    Adults, Fellowship Hall

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## WORSHIPING Weekly

### ASSISTING IN WORSHIP: TODAY

**Presiding Minister**

Pastor Matt

**Preacher**

Pastor Matt

**Music**

Brian Bryant

**Reader**

Ken Finley

**Elders**

Vic Schuerman, Willie Fisher

**Deacon**

Travis Ford

**Youth Deacon**

Evan Frankfather

**Acolytes**

Emma Buchman, Austin Shiffler

**Altar Flowers**

Pat Cline, Megan Hummel

**Altar Guild**

Joanne Busdeker, Teri Hansen

**Communion Bread**

Jenny Finley

*Volunteer needed*

**Radio Broadcast**

Matt Meyer

Scott Schuerman

**Coffee Hour**

*Volunteer needed*

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**ATTENDANCE:** Worship: 121    SS: Youth: 28    Adults: 17    Teachers: 8

**ALTAR FLOWERS AND RADIO BROADCAST** are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Franklin and Henrietta Schuerman and Herman and Lucille Bresler from the John Bresler family.

## Calendar

2/11, Sun.	9 a.m.	Worship / Communion
	10:30 a.m.	Annual meeting and Celebration
2/12, Mon.	7 p.m.	Priscilla Circle
	7 p.m.	Yoga, Fellowship Hall
	7:30 p.m.	Dartball, basement
2/13, Tue.	9 a.m.	Knotting, basement
	6:30 p.m.	Parish Ed meets
2/14, Wed.	8:45 a.m.	Staff check-in
	11 a.m.	Ash Wednesday Worship at Bethlehem
	6 p.m.	Potluck at Bethlehem, Fellowship Hall
	6:15 p.m.	Bell Choir
	7 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Worship at Bethlehem
	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir
2/18, Sun.	9 a.m.	Worship / Communion
	10:30 a.m.	Faith Formation / Catechism
	2 p.m.	Faith Walk with Vicar Janelle

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**PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION** is now open for members of the congregation. Classes are for 4-year olds who meet Mon/Wed/Fri and 3-year olds who meet on Tue/Thu. Forms are available in the office or on the parent table by the preschool rooms. Questions, please call Pat Cline at 419-287-3751 or Denise Corns at 419-287-3726.

## Dismissal

What is our mission?

**Transformed by the crucified and risen Jesus we are a loving community of disciples making disciples.**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

## Postlude

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## GIVING Generously

Weekly Offerings: \$3,983      SS: \$14      Noisy: \$178

YTD: Community Food Pantry: 34 family visits

Food Vouchers (\$40 value each) to IGA given out: 34

GSF help for Utilities: 7 checks written for assistance

Snack Pack (weekend food): packed 62 bags

**ANNUAL MEETING AND CELEBRATION:** Join us after worship today, February 11, for our annual meeting and celebration. We are trying a different format this year, think... less of a business meeting and more of a **celebration** of what God is doing in our midst.

## SERVING Others

**COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY** is housed at Bethlehem. It is available Monday through Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and the last Saturday of the month from 8-11 a.m., for Eastwood community residents in need of food. Please help us stock these items in February: condensed and chunky soup, jam, jelly and paper towels. Other non-perishable items and monetary donations are gladly accepted. Please place items in the tubs in the Mission Action room (111).

**MISSION ACTION PROJECT** for February is Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief. Please see the BLCW Booklet for items to include in the kits. Completed kits can be put in the Mission Action Room (111).

**HELPING HANDS FOR HONDURAS: PACK A SUITCASE.** We are collecting medical supplies for the John Carroll University medical mission brigade for their trip to Honduras in May 2018. This month we are providing water filters at a cost of \$45. We are still collecting over the counter meds. For more information, fliers can be found in the suitcase in the hallway. Checks should be made to Bethlehem with Honduras in the memo line. Please feel free to contact Darla with any questions at dboyk@amplex.net or 419-575-0078 or Megan at maboyk@oakland.edu.

## + GATHERING +

*The Holy Spirit gathers us for worship.*

## Prelude and Announcements

### Invocation

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who stretches out the heavens, who sends light to the nations, who gives breath to us all.

**Amen.**

### Confession and Forgiveness

Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.  
*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

Loving God,

**we confess that we have turned from your way to follow our own ways. Have mercy on us. Turn us around, and forgive our sins, so we can live as your children. Amen.**

Even when we have done wrong, God makes us right. Even when we are broken, God puts us together. God's love never runs out. Your sins are forgiven, for the sake of ☩ Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

*We turn and face the cross at the back, turning as it moves forward.*

**Gathering Hymn** *Shine, Jesus, Shine* #671

### Apostolic Greeting

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

2 Corinthians 13:13

**And also with you.**

### Hymn of Praise

*Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying* #752 (sing through twice)

**Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Lord, send your Spirit in this place,  
Lord, listen to your children praying,  
send us love, send us power, send us grace.**

# + WORD +

*The Word of God, Jesus Christ, speaks to us.*

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray...

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer, a time for us to pray silently to God.*  
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. **Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## Children's Sermon

### First Reading 1 Kings 19:8-21

A reading from first Kings:

<sup>8</sup>Elijah got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. <sup>9</sup>At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there.

Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" <sup>10</sup>He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

<sup>11</sup>He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; <sup>12</sup>and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. <sup>13</sup>When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" <sup>14</sup>He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." <sup>15</sup>Then the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. <sup>16</sup>Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in

## Distribution of Holy Communion

*Holy Communion is our Lord's thanksgiving feast of victory shared among his baptized people. We believe, teach and confess that Christ is truly present in this meal...his body and blood given and shed for the forgiveness of sins. With this understanding, baptized Christians who usually commune in other Christian congregations are welcome to join us at the Lord's table. Those who are not yet communing (of any age) are invited to come forward for a blessing.*

*We receive the bread at the head of the aisle. Wine is available in individual glasses (in trays) or you may drink from the common cup. White grape juice is available in the center of each tray. If you are unable to come forward, please let an usher know and Communion will be brought to you.*

## Communion Songs *Lamb of God*

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, grant us peace.

*Beautiful Savior #838*

*Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor #475*

# + SENDING +

*The Holy Spirit sends us forth to serve in Jesus' name.*

*We stand for the blessing.*

## Blessing

**Sending Hymn** *Alleluia, Song of Gladness #318*

It is right to give our thanks and praise. S3

It is indeed right... ..and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,

heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

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. S4

**Eucharistic Prayer**

*Salvation History, Words of Institution, Prayer for the Holy Spirit*

**Lord's Prayer**

Matthew 6:9-13

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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**

*We remain standing as the bread is broken and for the invitation.*

*Spoken together in unison:*

**Reveal yourself to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, as once you revealed yourself to your apostles.**

your place. <sup>17</sup>Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. <sup>18</sup>Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

<sup>19</sup>So he set out from there, and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was plowing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. <sup>20</sup>He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." Then Elijah said to him, "Go back again; for what have I done to you?" <sup>21</sup>He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah, and became his servant.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 50:1-6**

*We begin by singing the refrain below, and then we will read the verses responsively, singing the refrain where indicated with the word **Refrain**.*

O Lord, you have the words of life; O teach me your ways.

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<sup>1</sup>The mighty one, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

<sup>2</sup>**Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.**

<sup>3</sup>Our God comes and does not keep silence, before him is a devouring fire, and a mighty tempest all around him.

*Refrain*

<sup>4</sup>**He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that he may judge his people:**

<sup>5</sup>"Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!"

<sup>6</sup>**The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge.**

*Refrain*

## Gospel Acclamation



The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Gospel** Mark 9:2-9

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

## Sermon

*The assembly is seated. Silence for reflection follows the sermon. Following time for reflection, we stand to respond in song:*

**Hymn of the Day** *Jesus on the Mountain Peak #317*

## Apostles' Creed

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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 of The People

*Each petition ends: Lord, in your mercy.*

*We respond: Hear our prayer.*

## + MEAL +

*We gather at the Table of our Lord to share his Supper.*

## Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

John 20:21

*We share a sign of peace by greeting those around us with the words "Peace be with you."*

## Offertory

*Today's loose offering will go to the general fund.*

*We stand and sing as the gifts are brought forward:*

**Offering Hymn** *Come to the Table #481 (words below)*

**Come to the table of mercy, prepared with the wine and the bread.**

**All who are hungry and thirsty, come, and your souls will be fed.**

**Come to the Lord's invitation; receive from his nail scarred hand.**

**Eat of the bread of salvation; drink of the blood of the Lamb.**

## Offering Prayer

Let us pray...

Merciful God,

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

## The Great Thanksgiving

