

February 15, 2026
Transfiguration Sunday
Communion
10:15 AM

+ GATHERING +
The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

WELCOME AND GREETING

PRELUDE Overture, from "Baroques" - Seth Bingham

LIGHTING OF THE TRINITY CANDLE

St. John's is a community that is
Ignited by Spirit, Growing in Love.
We begin our worship in the name of the Father,
the Son and the Holy Spirit.
Amen

GATHERING HYMN ELW 838 Beautiful Savior

CONFSSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the Creator of heaven and earth, the Word who spoke life into being, the Wind stirring the waters. **Amen.**

Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

Mighty God, lover of justice,
you call us to life in community, but we have served our own interests at the expense of our neighbors. We have sown deceit where honesty was needed. We say the right words, but our hearts are far from you. Turn us to seek your face. Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ, that we may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God.
Amen.

The former things have passed away, and new things God now declares: Like a spring of water that never fails, God covers you in the righteousness of Christ, and forgives your sin in \pm Jesus' name. May the Spirit give you strength to live for others, and bless you with the gift of peace.
Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.**

+ WORD +
God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Exodus 24:12-18

At the conclusion of the reading:

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: II Peter 1:16-21

At the conclusion of the reading:

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION - same as last week

GOSPEL: Matthew 17:1-9

At the beginning of the reading:

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

At the conclusion of the reading:

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

The Rev. Rick Summy,
Program Director Love Revolution

HYMN OF THE DAY

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each petition will end:

Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior. **Amen.**

+ MEAL +
God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

Ring in Triumph - Krug
Handbell Choir

OFFERTORY - same as last week

OFFERING PRAYER

God of majesty, no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

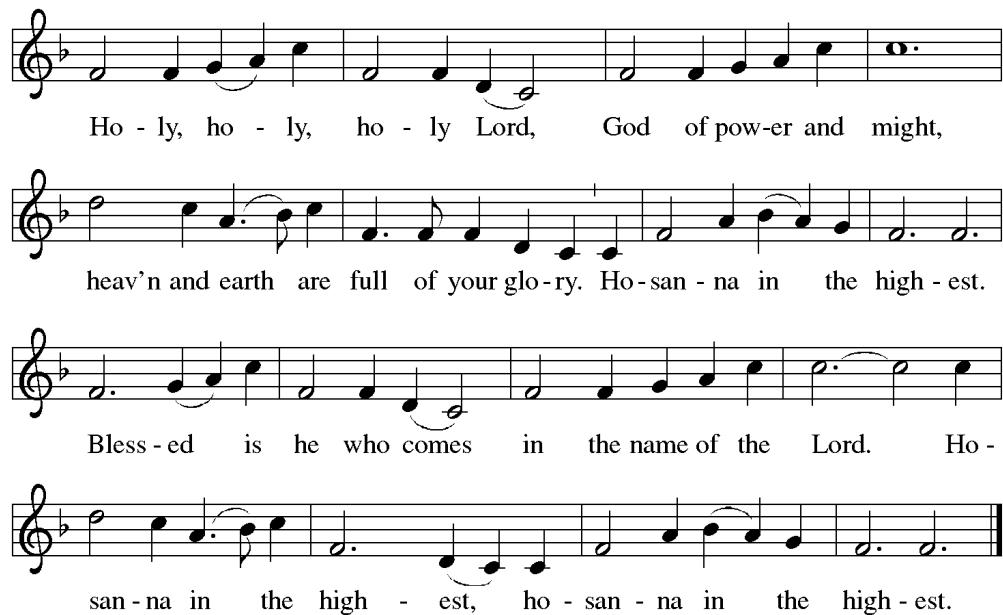
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

LAMB OF GOD



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

you suf - fered death our lives to save: have mer - cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer - cy now, we pray.
e - ter - nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

COMMUNION INSTRUCTIONS - intinction from the floor

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

ELW 793 Be Thou My Vision

TABLE BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Radiant God, we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. In the sacrament of his body and blood you have drawn us to your heart. Send us from this table with delight, that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love, and bear witness to all we have seen and heard, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

+ SENDING +
God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

May the triune God,
who has put a new song in your mouth
and tuned your heart for praise
bless you now and forever.

Amen

SENDING SONG ELW 318 Alleluia, Song of Gladness

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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PRAYER LIST

Please continue to keep the following people connected to our congregation in your prayers: Bob Moran, Leonard Gibeon, David Mounts, Ed & Billie Schanely, Steve Keyser, Andrew Breuninger, Renee Fels, Rebecca Jellen, Richard Ditzler, Joy Miller, Alyson Harvey, Audrey Sell, Marie Wolfe, Erik Ockenlaender, Mary Eberle, Brandon Blanchard, Gladys Kazalonis, Elizabeth Brossett and family, John Moore, Paige Seasock, Tanner Antalosky, Bob Schanely, Will Morgan and Richard Mitchell.

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, Feb. 16	Office Closed
	7pm Great Songs of Faith Choir rehearsal
Wednesday, Feb. 18	4-5:30pm Drive Thru Ashes
Thursday, Feb. 19	10am Card Crew
Saturday, Feb. 21	9:30am Book Club at Friedens UCC
Sunday, February 22	8am Worship
	9am Sunday School
	10:15 Worship

St. John's and Friedens Book Club Saturday, February 21st at 9:30am at Friedens UCC. Coffee and Breakfast will be served. We will be discussing the novel *The Stranger in the Lifeboat* by Mitch Albom..

Lenten Prayer Partners

Lenten Prayer Partners return for 2026! Prayer is just one of the faith practices encouraged throughout our lives as Christians, but it is a practice that is lifted up specifically in the readings we hear on Ash Wednesday, the official beginning of the Lenten season. While devotional resources will be provided in the weeks leading up to Ash Wednesday, a prayer partner is another way to faithfully engage in the practice of prayer during the Lenten season.

This year, there are two ways you can express your interest in having a Lenten prayer partner:

1. You can sign up by emailing Pastor Becky at pastorbecky74@gmail.com
2. You can sign up on the bulletin board outside Pastor Becky's office.

Sign ups will run thru the first Sunday in Lent, February 22nd. After worship on the 22nd, Pastor Becky will put all the names that have signed up into a bowl and pick partners. Pastor Becky will then communicate who your prayer partner is by email or phone on Monday, February 23.

Ash Wednesday **February 18, 2026**

*Return to the Lord your God,
for he is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love,
and relenting from punishment. - Joel 2:13*

Multiple opportunities will be offered to worship and receive the imposition of ashes on Ash Wednesday.

11 AM Worship with Imposition of Ashes
at New Goshenhoppen UCC, East Greenville
Preacher: Pastor Nick Pence

7 PM Worship with Imposition of Ashes and Communion
at Friedens UCC, Sumneytown
Preacher: Pastor David Williams

Drive-Thru Imposition of Ashes Available:

- 6:00-9:00 AM – parking lot at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Red Hill
- 8:00-9:00 AM - St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Pennsburg
- 3:00-5:30 PM – parking lot at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Red Hill
- 4:00-5:30 PM – in the front circle at St. John's Lutheran Church, Sumneytown

Sunday Morning Coffee Bar is BACK! Join us at the coffee bar at the back entrance for coffee, hot tea, breakfast treats and conversation starting at 8:30AM.

Volunteers are needed to cover the coffee bar each week - which means set up, bring treats to share and clean up. The sign up sheet is available outside Pastor Becky's office - please sign up to help!

First Communion Workshop Saturday, March 21 9:30-11:30 AM

Any 2nd-5th grade student who has not received communion is welcome to attend this spring's first communion workshop. A parent/grandparent must attend the workshop with each student.

Students who attend will receive their first communion on Sunday, March 29 at the 10:15 AM service - a luncheon with cake will be held after worship to celebrate with our first communion recipients. Sign up link on Monday's weekly email or contact Pastor Becky.

RISE Against Hunger NEW DATE is March 22nd. The new sign up will be available in the next weekly email.

College student addresses are being collected as we anticipate sending care packages this winter. If you have a college student in your household, please share his/her mailing address with us! Send in your student's address to the church office, email stj.stown@verizon.net!





Soup & Study – Lent 2026

A Different Way to Journey Through Lent

Where Faith Finds Color

Mondays in Lent | 5:30–7:00 p.m.

Begins Monday, February 23, 2026

St. John's Lutheran Church, Sumneytown

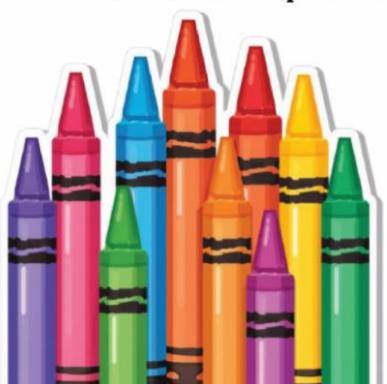
We'll share a simple meal, meaningful conversation, and time to reflect together using Coloring Lent. This group invites us to talk and color side by side, creating space for reflection, discussion, and quiet moments along the way. The book will also serve as a personal devotional guide throughout Lent, from Ash Wednesday to Easter.

Book: Coloring Lent: An Adult Coloring Book for the Journey to Resurrection

Books are available for \$10

from Pastor Becky, St. John's (pastorbecky74@gmail.com)

or Pastor Stephanie, Friedens (pastor.friedensucc@gmail.com)



**Please bring your own coloring supplies to the Monday gatherings:
crayons, markers,
or colored pencils.**

**No artistic experience needed.
All are welcome.**

NEW DATE!

PLEASE JOIN THE HEAVENLY HELPERS
FOR A

SPAGHETTI DINNER ROOF FUNDRAISER

FREE ENTRY - DONATIONS
WELCOME

SATURDAY | 5:00 - 7:00
FEB. 28TH | PM



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Reminders:



Parking by the Ramp Entrance -
reserved for handicapped &
those with accessibility concerns.

Please leave these spots open
for folks who need them!



The elevator does work!
If you need assistance to get from the back entrance
to the sanctuary, please ask for elevator assistance.



Worshipping on Zoom and
missing the worship service slides?
An order for worship can be found online
or emailed to you each week -
let Vikki know in the office.



Need to drop something off at church?
Call before you drive over - office hours are
relatively consistent but do change occasionally.
Make sure someone is there before you drive over!