

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Grace, mercy, and peace to you from God our Father in and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

"When they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only." Matthew 17:8

In our day, it seems that we have bought into the idea that our life has to mean something on a grand scale so that our name is remembered. We are inspired by those who come from nothing to change the world in some way. Our children are taught that they need to have a high self-esteem.

Yet when we look at the people who have served God, they have one thing in common. They saw themselves as nothing, as nobodies. They didn't ask us to remember their name. They didn't say pray to me. They didn't say build me a monument. They said praise God. They preached that they wanted to know nothing except Christ crucified. They claimed to be unworthy to die in the same way that Christ did. They said they were unworthy to untie the sandals of Christ.

These people also had in common that they were trying to tell people not about what they had accomplished in God's service, rather what Christ had accomplished for all people. They wanted people to see Jesus only.

We have been drawn by the Father. We have been rescued by the Son. The Holy Spirit has worked in us that we might be saved by grace through faith for Jesus' sake.

Those of us who live through the late 70s will never forget the "Miracle on Ice", when the United States Olympic hockey team defeated the Soviet's hockey team.

One lesson coach Herb Brooks had to teach his players was that the name on the front of the jersey (USA) was more important than the name on the back of the jersey.

As another Winter Olympic Games begins, and in this season of Epiphany, let us bring the light of Christ to a world that needs to see Jesus, and make him our focus until the whole world hears.

Are you ready to be counted as a nobody, so everyone can see Jesus only?

SDG,

Pastor

I would encourage you to take the opportunity to listen to the song "Nobody" by the contemporary Christian band, Casting Crowns.

If you have a prayer need or praise to share, please contact Pastor Babbitts at pastor@yourpeace.org or Amy Betts in the church office anytime at 570-703-0607.

News of Lutheran Education!

Working in partnership with God's people to raise up a new generation of faithful Christian men and women!

The Lutheran Academy February Fundraiser Pancake Breakfast Kits 2022!

Each kit will include the ingredients and some special little extras to make your Valentine's Day weekend special.

Each kit will include:

Pancake mix, blueberries, chocolate chips, sprinkles, and syrup . . . plus chocolate covered strawberries.

Each **Standard kit** is only \$10 (serves 2)

Each **Family kit** is only \$20 (serves 4-6)



Pick up at Peace Lutheran Church (2506 N Main Ave, Scranton) on Saturday, February 12th from 10am-noon.

Delivery of kits is also available on a first come, first serve basis. To book a delivery, purchase your kit(s) and request delivery by Sunday, February 6th.



For more information, or to purchase your Pancake Breakfast Kits, **call** the academy office at 570-507-9108. Tickets can also be purchased via our **Facebook** event, and our **website** www.thelutheranacademyscranton.org/support.

Please help spread the word!

There is also an order sheet at the back of church to reserve your kits!

Thank you for your support of all the great things happening at The Lutheran Academy!

Lutheran Schools Week 2022



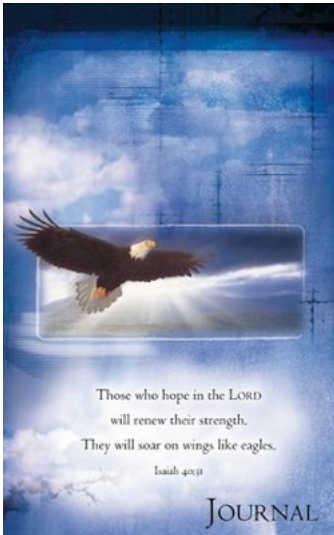
Lutheran Schools Week will be observed at The Lutheran Academy on February 14-18th. Each day a pastor or guest will present a devotion and a time of prayer surrounding the week-long theme of "In All Things". We are thrilled to have guest speakers from the Eastern District of the LCMS joining us virtually that week. We will hear a devotion from both the Superintendent of Lutheran Schools, Kathy Frethold and the President of the Eastern District, Rev Dr. Chris Wicher!

The National Lutheran Schools Week theme, "In All Things," takes us to the theme text of Colossians 1:15-20 and the good news that Christ is "In All Things." Christ is the Creator of all things; He is before all things; He holds together all things; He reconciles all things to Himself.

The Lutheran Academy offers open enrollment, which means as long as a spot is available in a classroom, a family can apply at any time during the year. Please continue to spread the word of our school.

Pray without ceasing - I Thes. 5:17

Remember to ask: "How can I pray for you?"



Over the past many months we have taken time to challenge ourselves through world view questions. If you have persevered through these questions it is hoped that you learned something new about yourself. You may have identified inconsistencies between what you believe and what you profess. At some point in future we will revisit these questions in the newsletter. But for the time being, I hope that we will continue to wrestle with these questions that we may come both as individuals

and as a congregation to see the world in a way that is consistent with what we say we believe. May God continue to help us grow in our lives of discipleship.

(The questions asked were inspired by questions on the website of the New Jersey District of The LCMS written by Rev. Dr. Anthony Steinbronn, author of a book on worldview.)

They saw his glory



The coloring page in the newsletter each month can be turned in and we will send them to the residents at The Gardens at Greenridge where our beloved Audrey Russell lives.

**The Transfiguration
of Our Lord
February 27, 2022**

+ HYMN OF THE MONTH: **O Morning Star How Fair and Bright #395**

Philip Nicolai was a Lutheran pastor who lived from 1556 to 1608. During his life he would have to flee the Roman Catholic Spaniards and battle the Calvinists over whether Christ was truly present in the elements of the Lord Supper. He was highly respected and considered a pillar of the Lutheran Church. Philip was known for his zeal to maintain the purity of Lutheranism.

Among the hymns he wrote is "O Morning Star how Fair and Bright." Words in our hymnal are regarded as a loose translation.

The hymn points to the light of Christ. Nicolai reminds us that before the foundations of the world the Father knew that it would be necessary to send Jesus to die for us. Thus our incarnate God and Savior has become our dearest treasure. We know that when our days on this earth are done, the author reminds us, Jesus is our "end and our beginning." The one who is with us at the end of the life here and the one we begin eternity with when our eyes open in Heaven. May Christ so enlightened our hearts and minds throughout our lives that we may rest in the hope of the Resurrection by looking upon one whose presence shown bright at the Transfiguration.

FEBRUARY

Birthdays

Charlotte Hafich	7
Elizabeth Kramer	8
Kerry Hackenberg	26
Lori Harsche	27

Baptism Birthdays

Tina Bernardi	10
Alexis Cherney	

On behalf of the US Air Force Heritage of America Band, Peace Lutheran Church is formally invited to attend an exciting, free symphonic wind band concert.

WHAT: USAF Heritage of America Band
WHEN: SUNDAY, February 13th 2022, 2PM
WHERE: Scranton Cultural Center at the Masonic Temple
420 N Washington Street, Scranton, PA 18503
The show is FREE and open to the public.

More information and ticket registration:
<https://www.scrantonculturalcenter.org/index.php/shows/full-event-calendar/>



Scout Sunday is the primary date to recognize the contributions of young people and adults to Scouting, and is an observance of the significance of religion in Scouting.

We welcome scouts to Peace Lutheran Church on Sunday, February 6th during the 10:30am worship service. Our hope is that in addition to being recognized and blessed, that some will assist with the service as readers and ushers.

Life at Peace

Soup Fellowship- Rescheduled!

Come join us on **Sunday, February 27th at Noon** for a soup potluck. Everyone is invited to bring the soup they make best and share as we spend some time in fellowship! Maybe you have a soup you haven't tried but would love to. Maybe you want to bring bread or crackers, or a dessert. There is no cost, all you need to bring is a good appetite!

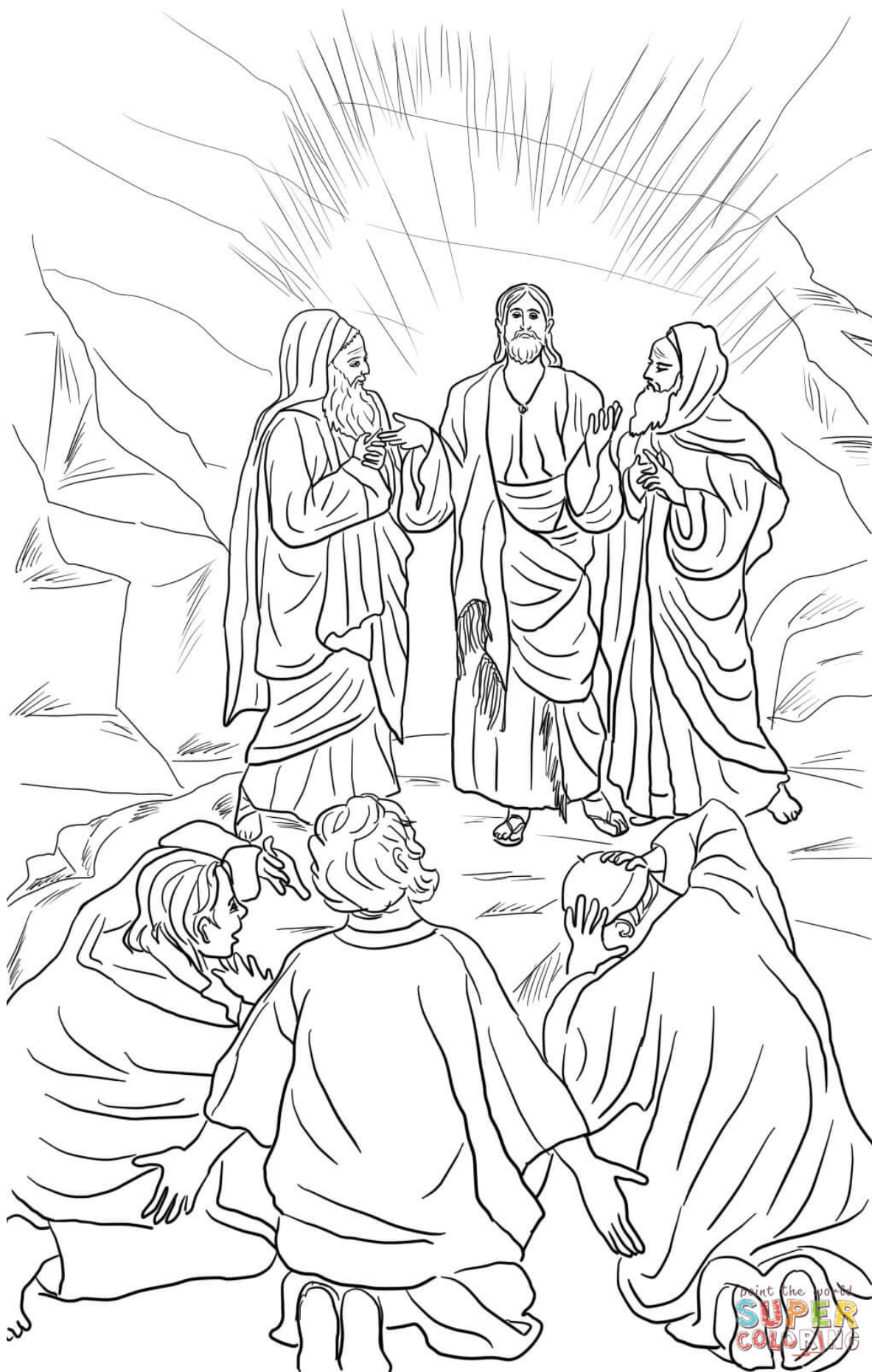


Join us for a mid-day service on
Ash Wednesday 2022

Wednesday, March 2nd
10:30am

Peace Lutheran Church

God Bless You! From your friend _____ at Peace Lutheran Church.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Ascension Lutheran Church, Huntsville, AL	2 Rev. Warren J Ruland, Christ Lutheran Church Albertville, AL	3 Rev. Anthony Robinson Sr, Christ Lutheran Church, AL	4 Christ our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Hartsville, AL	5 Rev. Charles Schaum, Christ the King Lutheran Church, Tuscumbia, AL
6 Rev. James Endrihs, Christ the King Lutheran Church, Enterprise, AL	7 Rev. Benjamin Stallworth, Sr, Concordia Lutheran Church, Fairhope, AL	8 Rev. Anthony Robinson Senior, Epiphany Lutheran Church, Arlington, AL	9 Faith Lutheran Church, Prichard, AL	10 Faith Lutheran Church, Madison, AL	11 First Lutheran Church, Florala, AL	12 Rev. David Moerbe, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Gardendale, AL
13 Rev. Russ Gibson, Grace Lutheran Church, Huntsville, AL	14 Rev. Wayne Miller, Grace Lutheran Church, Mobile, AL	15 Rev. Calvin Luttinen, Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Mobile, AL	16 Rev. Meredith Jackson, Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Camden, AL	17 Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Tuscaloosa, AL	18 Hope Lutheran Church, Kings Landing, AL	19 Rev. Steven Washington, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Vredenburgh, AL
20 Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit, Attalla, AL	21 Messiah Church-a Lutheran mission, Prattville, AL	22 Rev. Jimmy McCants, Mount Calvary Lutheran Church, Mobile, AL	23 Rev. Christopher Biernacki, Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Florence, AL	24 Rev. David Witt, Our Savior Lutheran Church, Mobile, AL	25 Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Fort Payne, AL	26 Rev. Chad Ingle, Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Ozark, AL
27 Rev. William Parsons III, Redeemer Lutheran Church Fairhope, AL	28 Rev. Deral Rollings, St. Jude by the Sea Lutheran Church, Gulf Shores, AL	PRAYER CALENDAR Pastors & Churches in Alabama				

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5 5:00pm Worship with Holy Communion
6 SCOUT SUNDAY 8:15am Worship Service with communion 9:30 - Sunday School 10:30am - Worship Service with communion	7	8	9	10	11	12 10-noon TLA Pancake Kit Fundraiser Pick up 5:00pm Worship with Holy Communion
13 8:15am Worship Service 9:30 - Sunday School 10:30am - Worship Service	14 /----- VALENTINE'S DAY	15 ----- <i>National Lutheran Schools Week Observation</i> ----- /	16	17 6:30pm -Council Meeting	18	19 5:00pm Worship with Holy Communion
20 8:15am Worship Service with communion 9:30 - Sunday School 10:30am - Worship Service with communion	21 PRESIDENT'S DAY	22	23	24 4pm -TLA Board Meeting	25	26 5:00pm Worship with Holy Communion
27 8:15am Worship Service 9:30 - Sunday School 10:30am - Worship Service Noon - Soup Fellowship	28					