

Peace Lutheran Church

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Mission Statement

To help all people know, believe and follow Jesus Christ

Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.

Welcome to Peace Lutheran Church!

Whether you're a first time visitor or a long-time member, we welcome you to worship this morning! If you are visiting, we look forward to meeting you and hope you will join us again, soon. We would appreciate your signing our guestbook before you leave.

Some Helpful Information

Please Feel Free To Sit At Anytime During The Worship Service: During the worship services at Peace Lutheran there are many times when the people stand. Sometimes the standing can be quite lengthy. We do not want to place any undue burden on anyone worshipping with us. Therefore, please feel free to sit whenever you desire. Thank you and Christ's blessings.

Restrooms – A restroom is located to the right just as you leave the sanctuary and enter the entrance hall. Restrooms for men and women are also located at the top of the stairs in the Parish Hall. Go into the lounge, turn right and continue up the stairs.

Fellowship and Refreshments – Immediately following worship, coffee and other refreshments and treats are served in Luther Lounge (the lounge just off the entrance hall). Come relax with us and enjoy the company as we will certainly enjoy your company.

Holy Communion — At Peace Lutheran we celebrate Holy Communion on the second and fourth Sunday of each month. Holy Communion is a very special meal for the children of God in Christ. All who have been baptized and believe in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior and all those who hunger and thirst for Christ's forgiveness and God's strength for living, are invited to join in Holy Communion. **Grape juice** (instead of wine) is available in the individual glasses in the middle of the tray. The wine is red; the grape juice is white. Pastor blesses any of the children who are brought to the communion rail. Any adults who come to the rail and desire a blessing but not communion may cross their arms and pastor will bless them.

Please join us again next week!

Seventh Sunday After The Epiphany February 24, 2019

As We Gather

The new life in Christ we have been given is full of blessings, peace, and joy. But this new life is not without its challenges to be lived out in this world. Today we hear two of the seemingly impossible commands of our Lord: "Love your enemies" and "Judge not." Left on our own, we think enemies deserve retaliation and words of judgment. But in Christ we have been given a new heart and spirit. It was, after all, while we were yet sinners that Christ died for us. That's the same self-giving love that we now show to others because we are witnesses to the Lord's great and abundant mercy for all sinners. Having received such grace and mercy from God for ourselves, we are set free to bring that same grace and mercy to others. Thank you for worshipping at Peace Lutheran Church today!

Prayer Before Worship - O Lord Jesus, make us instruments of your peace, that where there is hatred, we may sow love, where there is injury, pardon, and where there is despair, hope. Grant, O divine master, that we may seek to console, to understand, and to love in your name, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. - Copyright © 2019 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. Reprinted by permission under Augsburg Fortress Liturgies Annual License #SAS009220.

Pre-Service Music

Ringing Of The Bell

Welcome

We Enter To Worship

(All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism. Please stand)

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who creates us and forms us,

who redeems us and calls us, who unites us and sends us.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Gathered in God's presence, let us confess our sin. - Silence is kept for

reflection. - Mighty and loving God,

All: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.

We seek our own way. We divide the body of Christ. In your mercy, cleanse us and heal us. Let the words of our mouths, the thoughts of our hearts, and everything that we do be filled with

faith, hope, and love. Amen.

Pastor: Hear the voice of Jesus: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me to

proclaim release to the captives." In the name of Jesus Christ, I proclaim to you that your sins are forgiven and you are released. The joy of the Lord is your strength, and the gifts of the Holy Spirit are

yours forever.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Let us be known as children of the Most High by sharing our love

with all as we pass the peace of Christ. - B.J. Beu, Ministry Matters Website

Entrance Hymn - Restore in Us, O God (Tune: LBW #170, please remain standing)

Restore in us, O God, the splendor of your love; renew your image in our hearts, and all our sins remove. O Spirit, wake in us the wonder of your pow'r; from fruitless fear unfurl our lives like spring-time bud and flow'r.

Bring us, O Christ, to share the fullness of your joy; baptize us in the risen life that death cannot destroy. Three personed God, fulfill the promise of your grace, that we, when all our searching ends, may see you face to face.

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First Reading - Genesis 45:3-11, 15 (Please be seated)

Many years after being sold into slavery by his jealous brothers, Joseph reveals himself to them. Now the second-in-command in Egypt, Joseph reassures his brothers that God has used their evil intentions for good, to preserve life during a devastating famine, and Joseph forgives them.

³ And Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed at his presence. 4 So Joseph said to his brothers, "Come near to me, please." And they came near. And he said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. 5 And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶ For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are yet five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷ And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. 8 So it was not you who sent me here, but God. He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. 9 Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; do not tarry. 10 You shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, and your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹ There I will provide for you, for there are yet five years of famine to come, so that you and your household, and all that you have, do not come to poverty.' . . . ¹⁵ And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them. After that his brothers talked with him.

Gradual - Psalm 117:1–2a; 96:8 (Please remain seated)

Pastor: Praise the LORD, all nations!

People: Extol Him, all peoples!

Pastor: For great is His steadfast love toward us,

People: and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.

Pastor: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name; **People:** bring an offering, and come into His courts!

Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50 (Please remain seated)

In the Apostles Creed, we speak of the "resurrection of the body and the life everlasting." Using the metaphor of a planted seed and the story of Adam, Paul preaches passionately about the mystery of following Christ's perfect life into eternity.

³⁵ But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" ³⁶ You foolish person! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. ³⁷ And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. ³⁸ But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. . . . 42 So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable. ⁴³ It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power. 44 It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body. ⁴⁵ Thus it is written, "The first man Adam became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. ⁴⁶ But it is not the spiritual that is first but the natural, and then the spiritual. ⁴⁷ The first man was from the earth, a man of dust: the second man is from heaven. ⁴⁸ As was the man of dust, so also are those who are of the dust, and as is the man of heaven, so also are those who are of heaven.⁴⁹ Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven. 50 I tell you this, brothers: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

Gospel Acclamation (Please stand)

Pastor: Alleluia. Love your enemies, and you will be children of the Most

High;

People: forgive, and you will be forgiven. Alleluia. (Luke 6:35, 37)

Gospel - Luke 6:27-38 (Please remain standing)

Jesus continues to address a crowd of his disciples. He invites his followers to shower radical love, blessing, forgiveness, generosity, and trust even to enemies and outsiders. Living in harmony with God's intent brings the reward of overflowing blessing.

²⁷ "But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸ bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you.²⁹ To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from one who takes away your cloak

do not withhold your tunic either.³⁰ Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. ³¹ And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them. ³² "If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³ And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same.³⁴ And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount. ³⁵ But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. ³⁶ Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful. ³⁷ "Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸ give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you."

Response to the Word (Luke 6, please remain standing)

Pastor: Let us be known as children of the Most High.

People: We will love our enemies, and do good to those who hate us.

Pastor: Let us be known as disciples of Christ.

People: We will bless those who curse us, and pray for those who wrong

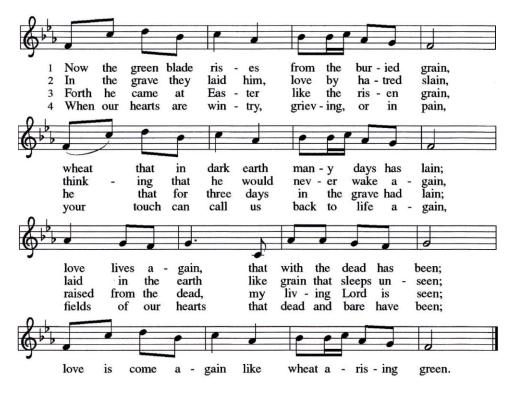
us.

Pastor: Let us be known as heirs of the Spirit.

People: We will be merciful, even as our God is merciful. - B.J. Beu, Ministry

Matters Website

Theme Hymn - Now The Green Blade Arises (LBW #178, please be seated)



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Message

Resurrection When The Unforgivable Becomes Forgivable 1 Corinthians 15:35-38

Confession Of Faith - Apostles Creed (Please stand and confess together)

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

Prayer Of The Church (Please remain standing)

Pastor: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with

all our mind, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the Holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the

world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to

faith, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common

welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us

pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous,

and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed

and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray

to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Additional prayers:

Pastor: let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray

to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Amen.

Sharing The Gifts Of God (Please be seated as the offerings for today are received)

¥ Sacrament **¥**

Communion Hymn – Today Your Mercy Calls Us (LBW #304, please remain seated)

- 1 Today your mercy calls us to wash away our sin. However great our trespass, whatever we have been, however long from mercy our hearts have turned away, your precious blood can wash us and make us clean today.
- 2 Today your gate is open, and all who enter in shall find a Father's welcome and pardon for their sin. The past shall be forgotten, a present joy be giv'n, a future grace be promised, a glorious crown in heav'n.

- 3 Today our Father calls us; his Holy Spirit waits; his blessed angels gather around the heav'nly gates. No question will be asked us, how often we have come; although we oft have wandered, it is our Father's home.
- 4 O all-embracing Mercy,
 O ever-open Door,
 what should we do without you
 when heart and eye run o'er?
 When all things seem against us,
 to drive us to despair,
 we know one gate is open,
 one ear will hear our prayer.

Text: Oswald Allen, 1816-1878, alt.

Order Of Holy Communion (Please stand)

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

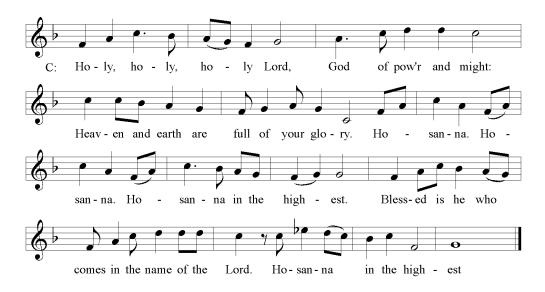
People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **People:** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in

all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who taught us to pray, "Forgive us our trespasses," adding the command "as we forgive those who trespass against us." By His words from the cross, "Father, forgive them for they do not know what they are doing," so His cross proclaims the forgiveness of sins to the whole world.

Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



Pastor:

Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. We especially thank You this day for giving us Your love and mercy in Christ, our Lord, that we bring that same love and mercy to all. We pray You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People:

Amen.

Pastor:

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My & body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." . . . In the same way also He

took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ♣ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body

and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your

kingdom and teach us to pray:

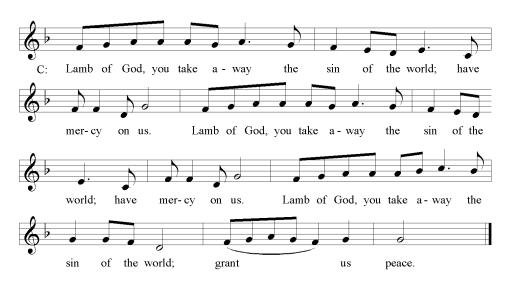
People: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy

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.

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.



Distribution (Please be seated)

Approach the altar at the usher's direction. Communion is received kneeling—the bread in your outstretched open hands, the wine in a small cup. Place empty cups in the tray carried by the acolyte or lay minister. If you wish only a blessing, just fold your hands together over your heart.

Prayer before Communion (Prayed privately before going to the altar)

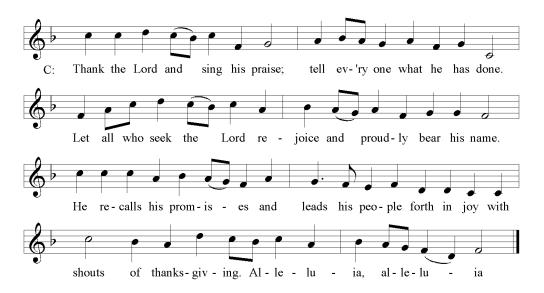
Merciful God, we do not presume to come to your table trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat and drink the body and blood of your dear Son, Jesus Christ, that we may live in him and he in us, now and forever. Amen.

Prayer After Communion (Prayed privately after returning to your seated)

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. Amen.

Blessing (Please stand)

Post Communion Canticle (Please remain standing)



Post-Communion Thanksgiving (Please remain standing)

Pastor: Let us pray. . . By participation in the body and blood of Christ, You

have blessed us to be a blessing to those around us, in the fellowship of Your Church, in our families, among our friends and even our enemies. Receive our sincere thanksgiving for Your forgiveness and Your grace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and

reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Benediction (Psalm 67:1, 6–7, please remain standing)

Pastor: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make His face to shine

upon us. God, our God, shall bless us.

People: God shall bless us; let all the ends of the earth fear Him!

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on

you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and

give you peace.

People: Amen.

Closing Hymn - Gather Your Children, Dear Savior, in Peace

(Tune: LBW #469, please remain standing)

Gather Your children, dear Savior, in peace. And draw us to You with Your passionate pleas; Still seek us and call us to come and be blessed, To find in Your arms, Lord, safety, comfort, and rest.

Knowing You, loving You, naming You Lord, We cluster around You and grow by Your Word, One day to remember these moments so rare, Of caring and closeness, just because You are there. Love be our banner, forgiveness our theme, Compassion our nature, Your vision our dream; Who knows what the Spirit of God yet can do, What joy may be tasted, or what promise come true?

Host at our table in our house and Yours, Here bind us together with love that endures; Like parents, like children, let this be our fame: That, blest, we bless many, to the praise of Your name.

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Announcements

Recessional

Serving The Lord With Gladness

Pastor: Rev. Ricky Adams

Organist: Janet Reese

Altar Guild: Mary Ann Griller and Vicki McGowan

Coffee Hour: Jackie Stoneking

Usher:

Counters: Rick Kenney and Vicki McGowan

Lay Reader: Rick Kenney

Activities This Week:

Sunday – February 24	9:30 am	Service of the Word And Sacrament
Tuesday – February 26	9:30-12: 30 pm 4:30-6:30 pm	Stage Door (PH) Cindy Levy Music Class (LL)

Wednesday – February 27	2:45 – 6:15 pm 3:30-4:30 6:00 pm	Patricia Miner (N) Cindy Levy Music Class (LL) Stage Door (PH)
Friday – March 1	9:30 – 11:00 a.m.	German Story Time
Saturday – March 2	8:30-9:30am 9:30a-12:30pm	Pilates (PH) Stage Door (PH)
Sunday – March 3	9:30 am	Service of the Word

Information About Peace Lutheran Church - If you desire to know more about Peace Lutheran Church such as teachings; affiliations, membership or other questions, please feel free to contact Pastor Adams.

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Flowers - Flowers today are given to the glory of God

Birthdays - Christ's Blessing to those celebrating birthdays this week.

Friday - Leik Wronski Saturday - Nancy Adams Lou Hexter

Refreshments - will be served in Luther Lounge and surrounding areas following worship today. Guests and members stay and meet one another again or for the first time.

New Directory – The 2019 Directory is available today. Grab one as you leave!

Ash Wednesday Worship And Soup Supper – Ash Wednesday is March 6. We hope you are able to join us for this symbolical worship service. The soup supper begins at 6:15 p.m. Worship begins at 7:00 p.m.

Daylight Savings – Daylight Saving begins Sunday, **March 10.** Remember to turn your clocks ahead one hour.

2019 District Missions Conference: Join Nancy and Pastor as they attend the 2019 CNH District's Missions Conference, "Healthy for Mission." The conference will be held on Saturday, March 16, 2018 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 1635 Chester Drive, Tracy, California. Keynote speakers for the event are John Denninger and Terry Tieman. To register, please go to www.cnh-lcms.org. Don't delay...the deadline to register is Thursday, March 7, 2019!

Flowers – If you would like to donate flowers for worship in memory of a person or observing a personal event, please contact pastor via email at pastor@plcmarin.org

Sunday Bulletins - for Peace Lutheran church are available online for use during the worship service. The link is http://bulletin.plcmarin.org

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Weekly Devotional Helps February 24, 2019 – March 2, 2019

Morning Prayer

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Evening Prayer

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Prayer For The Sick

By your power, great God, our Lord Jesus healed the sick and gave new hope to the hopeless. Though we cannot command or possess your power, we pray for those who want to be healed. Mend their wounds, soothe fevered brows, and make broken people whole again. Help us to welcome every healing as a sign that, though death is against us, you are for us, and have promised renewed and risen life in Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Scripture Readings Through The Week

Monday – February 25

Psalm 38 Genesis 33:1-17 1 Corinthians 11:2-16

Wednesday - February 27

Psalm 38 Leviticus 5:1-13 Luke 17:1-4

Tuesday - February 26

Psalm 38 1 Samuel 24:1-22 1 Corinthians 11:17-22, 27-33

Thursday - February 28

Psalm 99 Deuteronomy 9:1-5 Acts 3:11-16 Friday – March 1 Psalm 99

Deuteronomy 9:6-14 Acts 10:1-8 Saturday - March 2

Psalm 99

Deuteronomy 9:15-24

Luke 10:21-24

Scripture Readings For Next Sunday

Sunday Of The Transfiguration

Exodus 34:29-35 Psalm 99 Romans 5:1-5 Luke 9:28-36

Upcoming Commemorations

March 1 - George Herbert, hymnwriter, died 1633: An excellent scholar, Herbert served briefly in the English parliament, then became a parish priest. He was known for devoted care of his parishioners, as well as for writing poetry and hymns, including "Come, my way, my truth, my life." He died at age 40.

March 2 - John Wesley, died 1791; Charles Wesley, died 1788; renewers of the church: These brothers led a revival originally intended to remain within the Church of England, one that involved frequent communion and advocacy for the poor. Except for a brief time in America, they worked in England. Charles was also a prolific hymn writer. After their deaths, their work led to the formation of the Methodist Church.