

Transfiguration of Our Lord

February 27, 2022 | 8:00 & 10:30 AM



Everyone is welcome. As people of God, St. John's welcomes all regardless of age, economic status, ethnic background, gender, physical or mental ability, race or sexual orientation. We affirm that in Christ "there is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female." (Galatians 3:28) This is Christ's church, and Christ has bid you come.

Guests are welcome. We are pleased you are worshiping with us today. So that we may be in contact with you, we invite you to sign the guest book in the narthex. Our programs are open to all and you are invited to participate. We hope you will worship with us again soon.

Children are welcome. We encourage them to attend worship with their parents—even their noise and restlessness are surely a delight to God. Children's bulletins are available from the ushers and a professionally staffed nursery is available from 7:45 AM to 11:45 AM. Follow the signs or ask any member for directions.

To assist you during worship: Large print worship bulletins are available from the ushers. If you are unable to come forward for communion, please inform an usher and the pastors will be happy to commune you at your pew.

Offerings: St. John's is a tithing church. We dedicate a percentage of our offerings to the mission of the wider church through the NJ Synod of the ELCA and to many other mission partners. We are able to support these ministries because of your offerings and tithes.

Assisted Listening: To access assisted listening, Connect to the StJohnsALS WiFi network. Download the free WaveCast app to your phone. Tap ST_JOHNS_ALS to connect. Please use your own headphones to listen. Individual wired devices coming soon!





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We're delighted you're worshiping with us. As part of our ongoing outreach, your voice and your image may be videographed and photographed and used by St. John's for ministry purposes. For any questions or concerns, contact the church office.

Prayer Before Worship

Holy God, present in our midst yet beyond all comprehension, by your light, we see light; by your healing, we are made whole; by your mercy, we know your greatness. Turn your gaze upon our weakness and show us the way of your love that we may live with unveiled faces, through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

From Feasting on the Word Worship Companion, Year C, Vol. 1

Gathering

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

PRELUDE Partita on Alleluia, Song of Gladness

By Robert Hobby

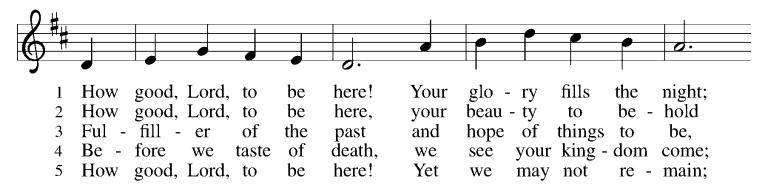
WELCOME

Please stand.

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

GATHERING HYMN ELW 315 How Good, Lord, to Be Here!





your face and gar-ments, like the sun, shine with un - bor-rowed light. where Mo - ses and E - li - jah stand, your mes-sen-gers old. glo - ri - fied hail your bod - y and our re-demp-tion we see. vi - sion bright and make this hill long to hold the we our home. leave the mount, come with us since you bid but us the plain.

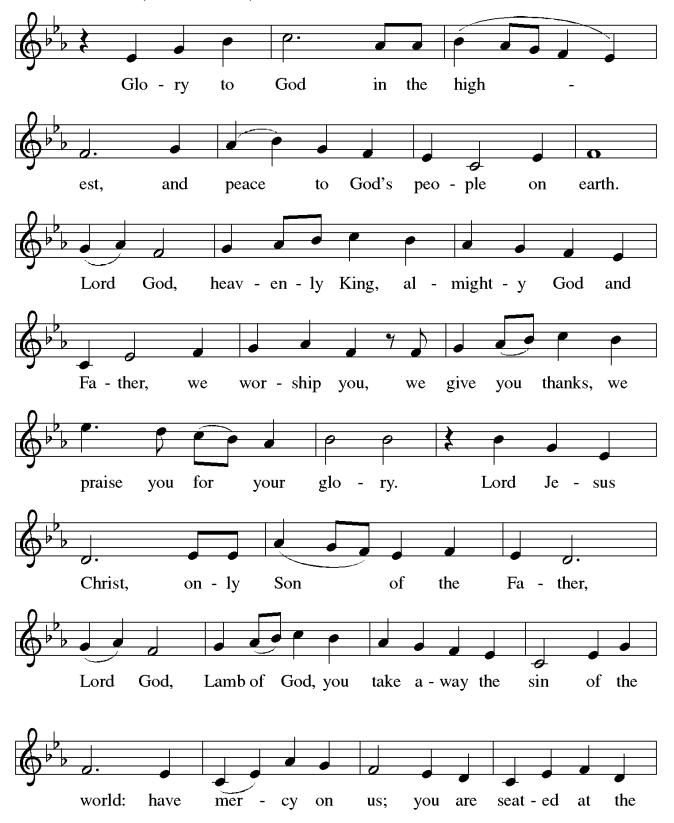
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Music: POTSDAM, W. Mercer, The Church Psalter and Hymn Book, 1854

APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

HYMN OF PRAISE (10:30 ONLY)





PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Holy God, mighty and immortal, you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. Transform us into the likeness of your Son, who renewed our humanity so that we may share in his divinity, Jesus Christ our 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.

Please be seated.

FIRST READING Exodus 34:29–35

²⁹Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. ³⁰When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. ³²Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. ³³When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; ³⁴but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, ³⁵the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

The reader concludes: The word of the Lord. The assembly responds: Thanks be to God.



PSALM 99 (10:30 ONLY)

Refrain sung first by cantor, thereafter by all. Light verses sung by cantor. Bold verses sung by all.



¹The LORD is king; let the [|] people tremble.

The LORD is enthroned upon the cherubim; let ¹ the earth shake.

²The LORD, | great in Zion,

is high a- bove all peoples.

³Let them confess God's name, which is ¹ great and awesome; God is the ¹ Holy One.

⁴O mighty king, lover of justice, you have es- | tablished equity; you have executed justice and righteous- | ness in Jacob. R

⁵Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and fall down be- | fore God's footstool; God is the | Holy One.

⁶Moses and Aaron among your priests,

and Samuel among those who call upon your | name, O LORD, they called upon you, and you | answered them,

⁷you spoke to them out of the pil- ¹ lar of cloud;

they kept your testimonies and the decree | that you gave them.

⁸O LORD our God, you answered | them indeed;

you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their | evil deeds.

⁹Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and worship upon God's holy hill;

for the LORD our God is the | Holy One. *R*

SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 3:12--4:2

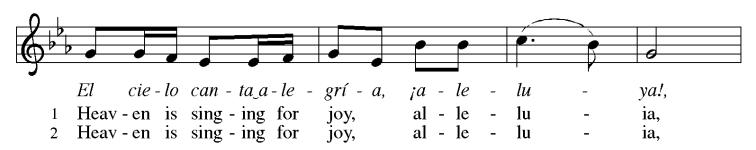
¹²Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, ¹³not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. ¹⁴But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. ¹⁵Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; ¹⁶but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. ¹⁷Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

^{4:1}Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. ²We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

The reader concludes: The word of the Lord. The assembly responds: Thanks be to God.



GOSPEL PROCESSION ELW 664 Heaven Is Singing for Joy





glo - ria de da y la mí - a bri - lla Dios. por-que en tu vi la in your life mine is shin - ing the glo - ry of God. for and mine u - nite for life and in the love of our God. your





Text: Pablo Sosa, b. 1933 Music: ALEGRÍA, Pablo Sosa Text and music © Pablo Sosa.

GOSPEL Luke 9:28–36

The Holy Gospel according to Luke. Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁸Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³⁰Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. ³¹They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³²Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"—not knowing what he said. ³⁴While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. ³⁵Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" ³⁶When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

The gospel is proclaimed, concluding: The gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

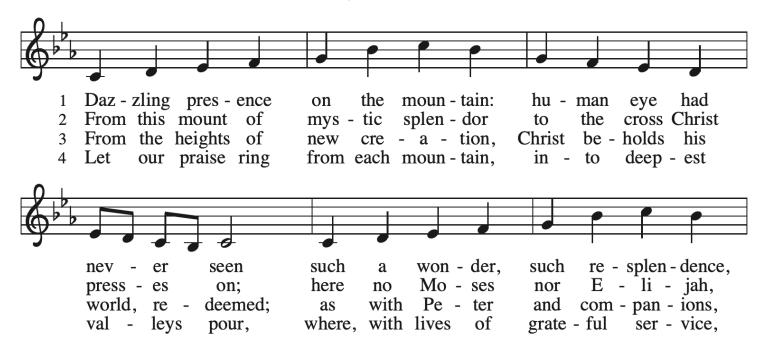
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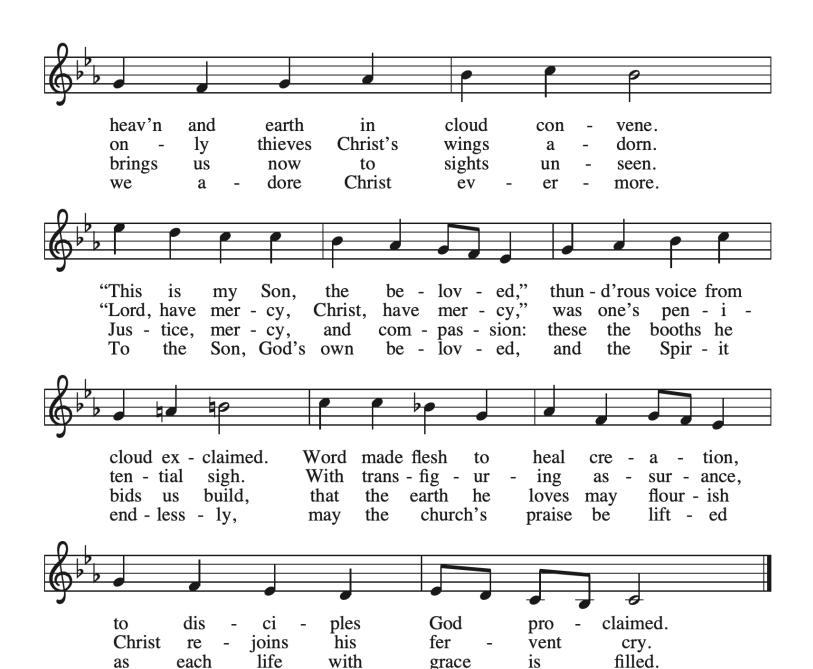
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON The Rev. Blake A. Scalet

Please stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY ACS 917 Dazzling Presence on the Mountain





Text: Paul E. Hoffman, b. 1956 Music: WAVERLY, Karen E. Black, b. 1960 Text and music © 2015 Augsburg Fortress

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APOSTLES' CREED

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:

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 INTERCESSION

God of mercy, hear our prayer.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.

Please be seated.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MISSION

GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

We present monetary, food, and other offerings for God's mission and this congregation's ministry. Both visitors and members alike may use the pew envelope to make a contribution. If you would like to make a one-time or recurring electronic contribution, or want information about mailing checks, you may visit www.stjohnssummit.org/giving or scan this code.



OFFERING MUSIC

8:00 "Beautiful Savior"

Arr. by Becki Slagle Mayo

10:30 "This Is My Beloved Son"

By Knut Nystedt

Linda Clark, soloist

He was still speaking, when lo, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said:

"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased. Hear ye him."

Please stand.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is sure. Word and water, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Receive the gifts we bring, and nourish us to proclaim your abiding love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song. Amen.

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

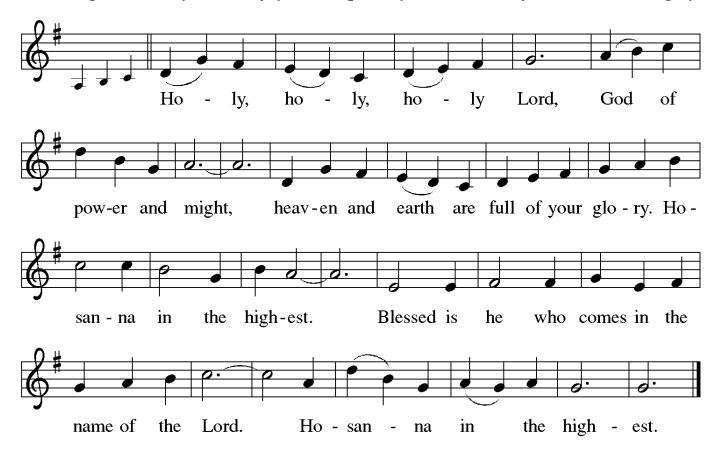
GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

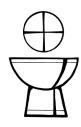


EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.



Please be seated.

RECEPTION OF COMMUNION

If you wish to receive communion, please approach the pastor one at a time.

The pastor will place a wafer in your open hands. Please indicate if you need a gluten free wafer.

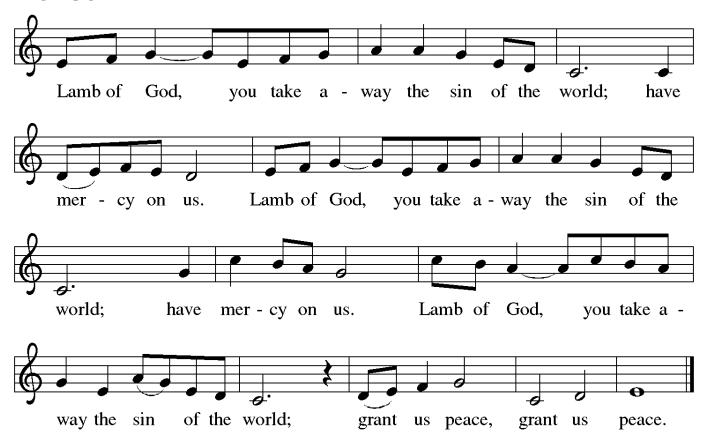
The assisting minister serves the wine/grape juice in pre-filled individual cups.

You may pick up your personal cup, being careful to only touch that cup.

Step aside and drink the wine, placing the used cup in the return tray.

All baptized Christians are welcome at the Lord's table. If you do not wish to commune, you may come forward for a blessing.

LAMB OF GOD



COMMUNION HYMN ELW 834 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise (10:30 ONLY)



of

Text: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1824-1908, alt. Music: ST. DENIO, Welsh traditional

COMMUNION HYMN ELW 838 Beautiful Savior (10:30 ONLY)

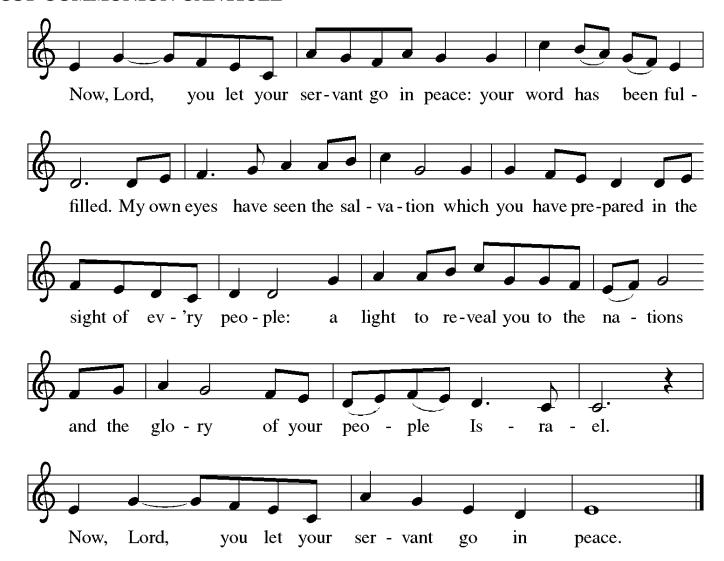


Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904 Music: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, 19th cent. Please stand.

BLESSING

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

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. We thank you, O God, that you have strengthened our hearts through this feast of life and salvation. Shine the light of Christ on our path, that we may do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you, now and forever. Amen.

Sending

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

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. Amen.

SENDING HYMN ELW 318 Alleluia, Song of Gladness



- 1 Al-le-lu-ia, song of glad-ness, voice of joy that can-not die;
- 2 Al-le-lu-ia you are sound-ing, true Je-ru-sa-lem and free
- 3 Al-le-lu-ia can-not al-ways be our song while here be-low;
- 4 In our hymns we pray with long ing: Grant us, bless-ed Trin i ty,



al - le - lu - ia the an - them ev - er dear to choirs on high; is al - le - lu - ia, joy - ful moth-er, bring us ju - bi - lee; to your al - le - lu - ia our trans-gres-sions make us while for - go; for a the last to keep glad Eas - ter with the faith-ful saints on high;



the house of God a - bid-ing in thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly. still are here by Bab - y - lon's sad wa - ters mourn-ing ex - iles sol-emn time is for the com-ing when our tears for sin shall flow. joy - ful - lv. there to you for - ev - er sing-ing al - le - lu - ia

Text: Latin hymn, 11th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.

Music: PRAISE, MY SOUL, John Goss, 1800-1880

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Jubilation on Lauda Anima

By Alice Jordan

February 27, 2022

Please welcome our guest organist today, Lisa Wichman.

Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Alana & Rick Coble in honor of Julia Coble's birthday.

We are in dire need of Worship Assistants! We need Altar Guild volunteers, Greeters, Counters, Readers, Ushers and Livestream Crew members. MANY hands are needed to offer the worship services and events that we do. Please email Pastor Blake or Bev Kaczmarski.

Additional Counters Needed: The time commitment is about one hour every other month after the 10:30 service. No prior experience required. Please contact Linda Mesenbrink.

Want to join our Social Justice/Social Ministry Committee? Visit St. John's YouTube Channel for recent interviews with leaders of some of our partner organizations, Bridges Outreach and Family Promise of Union County. Hear how St. John's work has helped our community.

Ash Wednesday services will be this Wednesday, March 2 at 12:00 PM and 7:30 PM.

Two different Lenten Devotionals are now available!

Lenten Intergenerational Faith Formation activities begin on **March 6 at 9:00 AM** in Hinman Hall. All are welcome!

Boxes of Cereal for Loaves & Fishes: A traditional Lenten discipline is to give to those in need. We have been asked to collect boxed cereal for Loaves and Fishes. There are six Sundays from Ash Wednesday to Palm Sunday, and we ask everyone to bring at least one box of cereal each week of Lent. Can we collect **300+ boxes**?

Funeral Service for Norma Engelhardt, March 4 at 11:00 AM: Masks are required. The service will also be livestreamed for those who are unable to attend in person.

Let Us Build a House–Bethlehem Build: Our partner congregation, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, New Orleans, is building new affordable housing rentals on their property in partnership with Tulane University. Our Council has challenged St. John's to raise \$22,500, or 10% of the needed funds to make this project possible during Lent. Give online or by check payable to St. John's with "Bethlehem Build" in the memo line.

Fun WALK/RUN with Lutheran Social Ministries of NJ on March 26 to fill food pantries across New Jersey. The Fun Walk/Run will be at the South County Mountain Recreation Complex across from the Turtle Back Zoo in West Orange. Visit the LSMNJ website to register.

African American Museum Tour/Mask & Wig Club Tour, April 2: As part of the Jehu Jones Bishop's Challenge, visit two museums in Philadelphia, the African American Museum and the Mask & Wig Club, originally built by the Rev. Jehu Jones as the first African American Lutheran Church in the U.S. Cost is \$25 for bus and museum ticket. Lunch is on your own. If traveling on your own you will still need to sign up for your museum ticket (\$9). Register by March 25 (see weekly email for link).

Cross Roads Upcoming Events: Youth Retreats for Elementary, Middle and High School students, Summer camp registration now open, and summer staff opportunities are all available. Visit crossroadsretreat.com for information on all the great programs being offered.

