



The Transfiguration of Our Lord
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DIVINE SERVICE

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Lutheran Service Book

God Manifests His Glory in the Body of Christ Jesus, Transfigured for Us by His Cross

The Transfiguration confirms “the prophetic word ... to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place” (2 Peter 1:19). The divine glory of Jesus is manifested in the word of His apostles, who were “eyewitnesses of his majesty” (2 Peter 1:16). “He was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun” (Matt. 17:2). Moses and Elijah witnessed the fulfillment of the Old Testament in this Lord Jesus, and the Father testified concerning Him: “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased” (Matt. 17:5). By His own blood, shed on the cross, Jesus makes and seals the new covenant with us. Hence, “the appearance of the glory of the LORD” is no longer “like a devouring fire” (Ex. 24:17), but it is graciously revealed in His own body. As “Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel” went up the mountain with Moses and “beheld God, and ate and drank” (Ex. 24:9, 11), we also behold the Lord our God in Christ Jesus, and we abide with Him as we eat and drink His body and blood at the altar.

Ringing of the Bells

Welcome

Confession and Absolution

414 'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Exhortation

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- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins

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- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Absolution

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- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 99:1–5; antiphon: v. 9

- P** Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain;
C **for the LORD our God is holy!**
P The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble!
C **He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!**
P The LORD is great in Zion;
C **he is exalted over all the peoples.**
P Let them praise your great and awesome name!
C **Holy is he!**
P The King in his might loves justice.
C **You have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.**
P Exalt the LORD our God; worship at his footstool!
C **Holy is he!**
C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**
P Exalt the Lord our God, and worship at his holy mountain;
C **for the Lord our God is holy!**

Kyrie

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- A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



- C** Lord, have mer - cy.

- A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



- C** Lord, have mer - cy.

- A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



C A - men.

This Is the Feast

LSB 155




C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 — Wor- thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 5 For the Lamb — who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah. In the voice that came from the bright cloud You wonderfully foreshowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King in His glory and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Old Testament Reading*Exodus 24:8–18*

A The Old Testament Reading for The Transfiguration of Our Lord is from the twenty-fourth chapter of Exodus the Second Book of Moses.

⁸And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, "Behold the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words."

⁹Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, ¹⁰and they saw the God of Israel. There was under his feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. ¹¹And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank.

¹²The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and wait there, that I may give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." ¹³So Moses rose with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. ¹⁴And he said to the elders, "Wait here for us until we return to you. And behold, Aaron and Hur are with you. Whoever has a dispute, let him go to them."

¹⁵Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶The glory of the LORD dwelt on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. And on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud. ¹⁷Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. ¹⁸Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle*2 Peter 1:16–21*

A The Second Reading is from the first chapter of the Second Epistle of Peter.

¹⁶For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷For when he received honor and glory

from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased," ¹⁸we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. ¹⁹And we have something more sure, the prophetic word, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, ²⁰knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. ²¹For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

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C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 17:1-9

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the seventeenth chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹After six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. ²And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. ³And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴And Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for

you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." ⁵He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." ⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear." ⁸And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

⁹And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

413 O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair

Sung to the tune LSB 405 To Jordan's River Came Our Lord

Sermon

Stand

Apostles' Creed

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C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Sit

Gathering of Tithes & Offerings

If you are submitting a prayer request on a prayer card, kindly hand it directly to the usher. Do not place it into the offering plate.

Stand

955 Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, And fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were
sown, That we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the
hopes and the dreams of all; U - nite them with the prayers we
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with Your pres - ence, and
give us A fore - taste of the feast to come.

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Prayer of the Church

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- P** ... Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



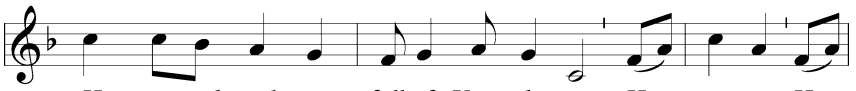
C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface (Full)

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who at His transfiguration revealed His glory to His disciples that they might be strengthened to proclaim His cross and resurrection and with all the faithful look forward to the glory of life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus*LSB 161*

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



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -

san-na. 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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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P 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.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg 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. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. 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.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C **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**

The Words of Our Lord

P 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 $\cdot\ddot{\text{T}}$ 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 $\cdot\ddot{\text{T}}$ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

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P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C A - - men.

Agnus Dei

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C 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.

Sit

Distribution of Christ's Body and Blood

Members of other Christian denominations who are present may come forward to receive a blessing from the Pastor during the distribution. It is

requested that you cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you desire this blessing.

Silent Prayer Before Communing: Dear Savior, at your gracious invitation, I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Silent Prayer After Communing: Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament. I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace the forgiveness of sins unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

620 Jesus Comes Today with Healing

873 Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

Stand

The Communion Dismissal

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart † in peace.

C Amen.

Thank the Lord

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C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



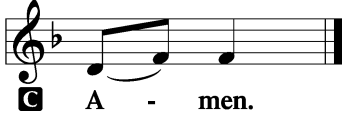
He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Benediction

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P 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.



Bury the Alleluia

417 Alleluia, Song of Gladness

Silent Prayer

Announcements

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BURY THE Alleluia

This coming Wednesday is observed as Ash Wednesday beginning the penitential season of Lent. That penitential nature is displayed in a number of different ways. One of these is to refrain using the word "Alleluia" in our worship and in our hymns. The expression of joy and happiness is reserved for Easter Sunday when we come together to shout "Alleluia! He is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia"

Many congregations have a variety of ways of calling attention to the fact that the Alleluia is missing. One common way is to have a big bold "Alleluia Banner" on display in the sanctuary throughout the Epiphany season and then hide it in some way during Lent. That hiding is done on this particular Sunday which we observe today, the Sunday of the Transfiguration. Some congregations drape the Alleluia banner in black. Some take it down and hide it elsewhere. Some even place the banner into a wooden box and then dig a hole in the church lawn to literally bury the banner and then dig it up again on Easter. This action brings to mind the serious tone of Lent as we remember the suffering, passion, and death of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

At St. Paul, we provide a way for you to personally bury the Alleluia. As the final hymn is sung, which is entitled "Alleluia, Song of Gladness," the ushers will distribute to you an Alleluia card. We ask that you hide this somewhere, perhaps in your wallet or in your purse, somewhere where you will not see it during the Lenten Season. However we do ask that you remember it is buried and in your prayers and meditation you still speak the words on the back side of the card: "The Lord Be Praised!"



The Glad Spirit St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church

February 19, 2023

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

ST. PAUL'S FAMILY

Cindy Eastman
Jeanna Farris and Family
Rich Fowler
Kristen Geiger and Family
Steven Gercken

BIRTHDAYS

Brandi Baker, 2/24

BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES

Micci Orth, 2/19
Laura Schassburger, 2/23
Hope Krieger, 2/24
Travis Middleton, 2/25

SPECIAL CONCERNS

Released from Rehab this past week – Shirley Wahl from Symphony Crown Point.

In Rehab this past week –Russ Budde at the Villa, South Holland.

Pray for Diane Akers, Janice Abel, Violet Andersen, Sondra Budde, Jay Carey, Judy Diekleman, Violet Rich, Dolly Tagenhorst, Dorothy Van Mynen, Warren Van Mynen, Gene Wiltjer.

Serving in the Military – Austin Brandy, David Capodagli, James Fluechtling, Nathan Lopez, and Robert Wisely.

Serving as First Responders – David Allen, Dave Bloom, Nathan Conway, Brianne Giba, Melanie Hudson, Brian Orth, Dana Tatgenhorst, Taylor VanDommelen and Dan Zander.

NEWS UPDATE

The eternal light for this week and the bulletin for today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Debbie Bloom by her family.

Next Sunday bring a loaf of bread for the “Coffee And...” In our gospel reading we will hear words from Jesus about bread. In our time of fellowship after the service, we will celebrate and rejoice in His words by breaking bread together. Let’s not have everyone bring white bread however; bring wheat, rye, multigrain, raisin, pumpernickel, etc. Let's see how creative we can get. French toast, biscuits, sweet breads, sandwiches, strata, bread pudding. If you have a bread machine, make one of the more interesting recipes you have tried. Bring also one of your favorite jams, jellies, or spreads.

Don’t Forget about Ash Wednesday, Wednesday, February 22. Soup & Salad Potluck at 6:00. Worship service at 7:00 with Imposition of Ashes.

The need for food and the basic necessities of life continue throughout the year, and with your continued support, St. Paul’s will continue to try and provide help to all whose needs have come to our attention. We continue to ask for your help and support in this New Year, please include your donations in with you offering and mark your envelope Social Ministry. Thank you for the continued support of this important ministry!



St. Paul Book Club will meet Wednesday March 8, to review *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot. We usually meet at 10am on the second Wednesday of the month and always welcome new members. Book Club is now in person and thru FB chat. Please let Deb know in advance so she can link you in.

You Are Invited to participate in a Voice of Care Respite and Companion Care workshop on March 11, 2023, hosted by the LCMS Lutheran Churches of Beecher and made possible by a grant from The Lutheran Women’s Missionary League Northern Illinois District. The workshop, Set to Serve: Respite and Companion Care, will be offered from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Zion Lutheran Church in Beecher and will equip participants with the necessary techniques and skills for safe, effective caregiving and the confidence to offer respite and relief to families of people with special needs. Register by March 8. Suggested free will donation is \$5. Participant guide and lunch are provided. Register or learn more at voiceofcare.org

Christ For You this week on KFUE.org: We begin Lent with an Organ Recital and Worship Service on Ash Wednesday (2/22 at 11:00 a.m. CT), study John 9-10 on Sharper Iron's "The Word Became Flesh" (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), and study 2 Timothy 1-4 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or the KFUE Radio app!

Solid, Serious, Substantive... Issues, Etc. is a radio-talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's topics include: The Season of Lent, The Hymn "From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee," The Movie "Living," Witnessing to Homosexuals and more. You can listen on-demand at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

Word of Hope offers free and confidential counseling to women and men struggling with an abortion experience. If you would like more information on how Word of Hope can help you or someone you love, visit our website at www.word-of-hope.org. You can be healed.

We'd love to see you in worship. Our worship services are every Sunday at 8:45 AM. If you are unable to attend it can be viewed on Facebook live at <https://www.facebook.com/splcms/videos>. A previous recording is also available. Bulletins for the services are available for viewing or download on our website at <https://www.splcms.org/worship>.

"When God tells us He knew us before we were born in our mother's womb, we can hardly say life doesn't begin at fertilization. When God tells our days are numbered and He will decide when our life is over, we can hardly ask for our life to be taken prematurely rather than dying a natural death. As you ponder God's Word and stand up For Life, your witness will have remarkable power and you, only you, will be impactful in your response. So, even if you are going it alone, you can and should contribute to the message For Life, and God will bless your efforts." Virginia Flo, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

GOD'S PEOPLE IN ACTION



ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS

February 12th Attendance 23, 21 Communed

BASKET	\$35.00	Weekly Missions	\$20.00
Envelopes	1,065.00	Luth. Church Charity	10.00
General Fund	30.00	Church Maint	10.00
		Social Ministry	60.00
Budgeted Total	1,130.00	Non-budgeted Total	\$100.00
Offering Needed	1,640.00		
Short	\$-510.00		



THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Today	8:45 am	Worship Service
	9:45 am	Coffee &...
	10:00 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Bible Discussion
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday	6:00 pm	Soup & Salad Potluck
	7:00 pm	Worship Service
Thursday		
Friday		
Saturday		
Sunday	8:45 am	Worship Service
	9:45 am	Coffee &...
	10:00 am	Sunday School

SERVANT SCHEDULE

	Sun, Feb 19, 8:45 AM	Sun, Feb 26, 8:45 AM
Pastor	Pastor Dobberstein	Pastor Fluechtling
Usher	Dave Bloom	Aaron Schassburger
Lay Reader	Bill Sommer	Diana Carr

DONATIONS



FOOD PANTRY



GENERAL FUND