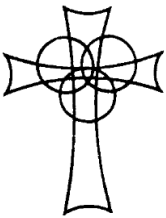




**“We were
with **HIM**
on the
HOLY
mountain.”**

2 PETER 1:18, NRSV



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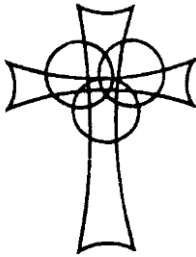
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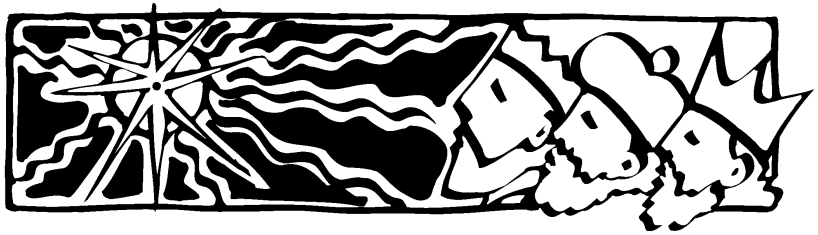
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the
Transfiguration
of our Lord



The Last Sunday after the Epiphany
FEBRUARY 19, 2023

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

The Pastor and People of Trinity Lutheran are pleased that you have come to worship our loving Lord with us today. In this Epiphany season, our Lord continues to reveal Himself to us as the Son of God who has come to redeem the world. And here in this place, through His holy Word and Sacraments, Jesus continues to show us the Father's love for us sinners.

PRAYER UPON ENTERING WORSHIP

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.

CONCERNING HOLY COMMUNION

Lutherans believe that in this Sacrament the very Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ are present in, with, and under the physical elements of bread and wine. And this Sacrament is distributed to the Baptized of the Church who believe in the Presence of Christ in the Sacrament, sincerely repent of their sins, and desire to receive God's forgiveness in this Holy Meal. Those who are present at this celebration who are baptized, have been instructed in the meaning of this Supper, and believe likewise are welcome to commune with us at this Altar today. Anyone who desires, child or adult, may come forward to receive a blessing.

Persons who have questions about what Lutherans believe or have any spiritual concerns are asked to speak with an Usher so that they can direct you to the Pastor so that you may speak with him before communing.



THE DIVINE SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

Divine Service, Setting Two
Lutheran Service Book
Page 167ff

✘ *In the Name of Jesus Christ* ✘

✘ **The Preparation** ✘

The Flute & Piano Prelude

“Allegretto” – Tommaso Albinoni

The Words of Welcome

The Congregation rises.

The Opening Hymn

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 414

“’Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here”

1 'Tis good, Lord, to be here! Thy
2 'Tis good, Lord, to be here, Thy
3 Ful - fill - er of the past And
4 Be - fore we taste of death, We
5 'Tis good, Lord, to be here! Yet

glo - ry fills the night; Thy face and gar - ments,
beau - ty to be - hold Where Mo - ses and E -
hope of things to be, We hail Thy bod - y -
see Thy king - dom come; We long to hold the
we may not re - main; But since Thou bidst us



like the sun, Shine with un - bor - rowed light.
 li - jah stand, Thy mes - sen - gers of old.
 glo - ri - fied And our re - demp - tion see.
 vi - sion bright And make this hill our home.
 leave the mount, Come with us to the plain.

Text: Joseph A. Robinson, 1858–1933, alt.

Tune: Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685–1750, adapt.

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The Invocation:

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

P In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

The Confession of Sins and Absolution:

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.

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.

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.

✘ The Service of the Word ✘

The Introit of the Day

Psalm 99:1-5; antiphon: verse 9

P Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain;
for the LORD our God is holy!

C **The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble!**
He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

P The LORD is great in Zion;
he is exalted over all the peoples.

C **Let them praise your great and awesome name!**
Holy is he!

P The King in his might loves justice.

You have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

C **Exalt the LORD our God; worship at his footstool!**
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;
for the LORD our God is holy!

The *Kyrie Eleison*

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P 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.

P 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.

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



C A - men.

The Hymn of Praise:

Gloria in Excelsis



A Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to His peo-ple on earth.



C Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and



Fa - ther: We wor - ship You, we give You thanks, we



praise You for Your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly

Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God: You
take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on
us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the
Fa-ther; re - ceive our prayer. For You a-lone are the
Ho - ly One, You a-lone are the Lord, You a-
lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,
in the glo - ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.



The 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.

The Congregation is seated.

The Old Testament Reading

Exodus 24:8-18

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.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

The Epistle

2 Peter 1:16-21

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.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

The Congregation rises.

The Gradual and Verse:

*Psalms 117:1-2a; 96:8
Psalm 45:2a*

P Praise the LORD, all nations!

Extol him, all peoples!

C **For great is his steadfast love toward us,
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.**

P Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;

C **bring an offering, and come into his courts!**

P Alleluia. You are the most handsome of the sons of men;

C **grace is poured upon your lips. Alleluia.**

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 17:1-9

With musical interlude: "This Is My Beloved Son" – The Trinity Singers

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

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

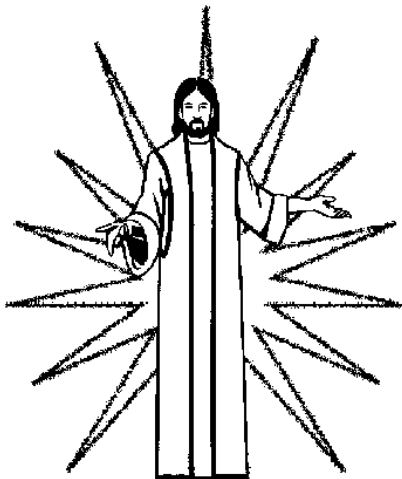
¹After six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. ²And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. ³And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. 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.**

The Congregation is seated.



The Hymn of the Day

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 415

“Jesus on the Mountain Peak”



1 Je - sus on the moun - tain peak Stands a - lone in
 2 Trem - bling at His feet we saw Mo - ses and E -
 3 Swift the cloud of glo - ry came: God pro - claim - ing
 4 This is God's be - lov - ed Son! Law and proph - ets



glo - ry blaz - ing; Let us, if we dare to speak,
 li - jah speak - ing. All the proph - ets and the law
 in its thun - der Je - sus as the Son by name!
 sing be - fore Him, First and Last and on - ly One.



Join the saints and an - gels prais - ing.
 Shout through them their joy - ful greet - ing:
 Na - tions, cry a - loud in won - der,
 All cre - a - tion shall a - dore Him!



Al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Brian Wren, 1936

Tune: Theodore A. Beck, 1929–2003, alt.

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The Sermon

The Word Made Sure

Text: 2 Peter 1:16-21

The Congregation rises.

The Nicene Creed:

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✠ of the world to come.

Amen.

The Prayer of the Church:

P People loved by God, let us bring before the throne of grace our praises and petitions for the Church, for the world, and for all those in need.

P Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, in Your Son, Your glory tabernacled in human flesh and blood to win for us eternal life. Open the eyes of all people to see the glory of God in the face of Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Glorious Lord, in Your Son's Transfiguration, You gave all people a glimpse of what is yet in store for all those who love You. Transfigure the people of Your Holy Church, that we may always reflect our Savior's glory in our lives and bear faithful witness in the world to the hope of glory that is within us. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Lover of the human race, Moses and Elijah appeared with the Savior in glory to witness that all the law and the prophets speak about Him. Grant to all pastors and servants of the Church wisdom to open the Scriptures in such a way that all may hear the voice of the Savior calling them to life. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P King of the nations, You have established all authority upon earth to be a blessing, not a burden. Remember those entrusted with civil authority in our nation and in all places and enable them to serve with wisdom and integrity. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Healer of every ill, Your healing presence brings life and peace to those who look to You in hope. Remember all who are ill, hospitalized, lonely, or afflicted by the changes and chances of life, especially as we pray for _____. Let them know Your presence, taste Your peace, and experience healing and relief according to Your gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Loving Father, Your care for us day by day gives us joy. Be with all those who rejoice in the goodness and blessing which You have brought into their lives, especially with _____. As they celebrate the blessings they have received, may their hearts be ever moved to acknowledge You as the Giver of every good and perfect gift. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Comforter of the sorrowing, Your comfort and peace alone can still the sorrows of our hearts. Grant that [_____ and] all who mourn the death of loved ones find comfort and hope in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Compassionate God, You have promised that even when we do not know what to pray for as we ought, the Holy Spirit himself intercedes for us with groaning too deep for words. Through Your Spirit, hear us as we commend to Your care _____ and all the other needs and concerns we lift to You now from the silence of our hearts... May our prayers be in accord with Your will, and grant them, we beseech You, for the sake of Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Giver of the Feast, You spread Your banquet before Your children that they might taste and see that the Lord is good. Grant repentant and believing hearts to all who come to the holy altar today, that this Sacrament may transform them from one degree of glory to another. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Immortal One, You raised Your Son from the dead by Your life-giving Spirit that He might be the Firstborn among many brothers and sisters who share in His endless life and glory. Receive our thanks for Moses and Elijah, Peter, James, and John, Matthias, Polycarp, and all who have fallen asleep in our Savior's faith and friendship. Bring us at last to behold along with them the fullness of His glory in the Age to come. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant to us, all-glorious Trinity, for You are a good God, and You love Your whole creation, and to You we give all glory, honor, and worship: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages!

C **Amen.**

The Sharing of the Peace:

P Christ will transfigure our lowly bodies so that they may be like His glorious body.
We are the body of Christ and we share His peace.
The Peace of the Lord be with you always!

C **And also with you.**

The Congregation is seated.



✠ The Service of the Sacrament ✠

The Hymn of Preparation

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 816

“From All That Dwell Below the Skies”

1 From all that dwell be - low the skies Let the Cre - a - tor's
 2 E - ter - nal are Thy mer - cies, Lord; E - ter - nal truth at -
 △ 3 All praise to God the Fa - ther be, All praise, e - ter - nal

praise a - rise; Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 tends Thy Word. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Son, to Thee. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Let the Re - deem - er's name be sung Through ev - 'ry land by
 Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore Till suns shall rise and
 Whom with the Spir - it we a - dore For - ev - er and for -

ev - 'ry tongue. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 set no more. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 ev - er - more: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text (sts. 1–2): Isaac Watts, 1674–1748; (st. 3): William W. How, 1823–97

Tune: Geistliche Kirchengesäng, 1623, Köln

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The Congregation rises.

The Preface Dialogue:

P The Lord be with you.



C And al-so with you.

P Lift up your hearts.



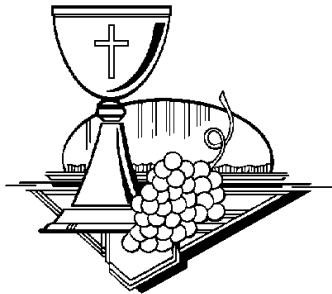
C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

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:



The *Sanctus*:

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of
 pow'r 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.

The Prayer of Thanksgiving:

- 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.
- P** 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.

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 ✠ 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.”

The Proclamation of Christ and the Lord’s Prayer:

- P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

- P** 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:

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 *Pax Domini*:

- P** The Peace of the Lord be with you always.



C A - men.

The Agnus Dei:

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, grant us peace.

The Congregation is seated.

The Distribution of Holy Communion

Holy Communion is celebrated in this place in the joyful confidence that Jesus Christ Himself comes to us to give us in bread and wine His very Body and Blood to offer to us the forgiveness of sins. All Baptized Christians who have been instructed in the meaning of this Sacrament and confess with us Christ's Real Presence in this Holy Meal are welcome to commune with us at this Altar. A fuller explanation of what Lutherans believe concerning Holy Communion may be found on page one of this worship folder.

Holy Communion is distributed to the congregation at the chancel rail. Please follow the direction of the ushers to make your way to the Altar. You may kneel or stand as you feel comfortable. The Sacrament is distributed in the following manner...Please extend your hand to the assistant to receive the Body of Christ. Christ's Blood may be received in one of three ways, using that which you feel most comfortable: 1) individual cups containing wine and white grape juice will be offered by the Pastor, 2) intinction: dipping the bread lightly into the chalice held by the Pastor, or 3) drinking from the chalice. Children and those not wishing to receive the Sacrament are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing.

Music at the Distribution:

The Trinity Singers

“The Lord Is My Light”

The Distribution Hymn

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 537

“Beautiful Savior”



1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion, Son of
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, Fair are the wood - lands, Robed in
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, Fair is the moon - light, Bright the
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions, Son of



God and Son of Man! Tru - ly I'd love Thee, Tru - ly I'd
 flow'rs of bloom - ing spring; Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is
 spar - kling stars on high; Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines
 God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, Praise, ad - o -



serve Thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
 pur - er, He makes our sor - r'wing spir - it sing.
 pur - er Than all the an - gels in the sky.
 ra - tion Now and for - ev - er - more be Thine!

Text: Münsterisch Gesangbuch, 1677, Münster; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904

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The Congregation rises.



The Post-Communion Canticle:

Thank the Lord

Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what
 He has done. Let ev - 'ry-one who seeks 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 with shouts of thanks -
 giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Post-Communion Collect:

P Let us pray.

O God the Father, the Fountain and Source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C A - men.

The Benediction:

- 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.



C A - - - men.

The Hymn to Depart

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 417

“Alleluia, Song of Gladness”

Sung as the Farewell to the Word “Alleluia” in preparation for the beginning of Lent



1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of glad - ness, Voice of joy that
 2 Al - le - lu - ia, thou re - sound - est, True Je - ru - sa -
 3 Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways Be our song while
 4 There - fore in our hymns we pray Thee, Grant us, bless - ed



can - not die; Al - le - lu - ia is the an - them
 lem and free; Al - le - lu - ia, joy - ful moth - er,
 here be - low; Al - le - lu - ia, our trans - gres - sions
 Trin - i - ty, At the last to keep Thine Eas - ter



Ev - er raised by choirs on high; In the house of
 All thy chil - dren sing with thee, But by Bab - y -
 Make us for a while for - go; For the sol - emn
 With Thy faith - ful saints on high; There to Thee for -



God a - bid - ing Thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly.
 lon's sad wa - ters Mourn - ing ex - iles now are we.
 time is com - ing When our tears for sin must flow.
 ev - er sing - ing Al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly.

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The Silent Worship

The Parish Announcements

The Postlude

“Alleluia, Song of Gladness”

✠ *To God Be All Praise and Glory!* ✠

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THOSE WHO SERVE US THIS MORNING IN WORSHIP

The Celebrant & Preacher

The Reverend Peter A. Schiebel

The Lector

The Communion Assistant

Paul Ritter

The Worship Assistant

Paul Ritter

The Choir

The Trinity Singers

The Flutist

Susan Kennedy

The Parish Musician

Skip Hall

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NOTES AND NEWS

COVID UPDATE ... The wearing of masks while in the church building remains optional, and you are free to wear or not wear them as you choose, or as your personal needs determine. We ask, in love for one another, that everyone continue to observe our “Stay Safe Rules” as posted at the church entrances. Thank you all for your continued patience and loving concern for our Trinity Family during this time.

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS ... Copies of the *Lutheran Service Book* in Large Print are available for use during worship for those who may have need of them. You may find them on the literature table at the rear of the sanctuary, and please return them there following the service.

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL MATERIALS ... for use in your homes during the coming Lenten days, were mailed to member families last week in hopes for them to arrive by Ash Wednesday. Extra copies are available in limited quantities on the literature table in the rear of the Sanctuary.

LENT BEGINS ... **this Wednesday**. We will mark the beginning of this sacred time of preparation for the celebration of Easter with the Ash Wednesday Liturgy at 7:00 PM. Our theme for these Lenten days comes from the well-known hymn, “Amazing Grace”, which marks its 250th anniversary this year. More information about our opportunities for worship and prayer together in these Lenten Days can be found in today’s bulletin following the announcements. We hope that you will join us in keeping Lent in worship, prayer, and study.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR ... The desert is a place of testing. The desert places of our lives are like that, too. Listen to the Lutheran Hour next Sunday, February 26, 2023, for this message from Lutheran Hour Guest Speaker, Rev. Dr. Dean Nadasdy, "It Begins with Who I Am", on WFAX 1220 AM or 100.7 FM at 11:00 AM and 10:00 PM, as well as at 5:00 AM and 6:00 PM on Saturdays. If you are out of the radio station’s range you may listen on line to WFAX worldwide at WFAX.com. For more information on this media ministry, or to listen to messages on demand, visit the Lutheran Hour Ministries website at lhm.org, under “Media” and “The Lutheran Hour”.

OUR PRAYER LIST ... We are pleased to have an active ministry of prayer among us, attested by the weekly “O Christ, Hear Us” page in the bulletin, inviting us all to remember these persons and needs in our prayer during worship at Trinity and in our own personal prayers during the week. We kindly ask you to also help us keep this list current and up to date by letting us know of any changes or deletions which need to be made. To do this please contact Pastor or the church office with a note that can be placed in the offering basket at church, or with an email.

ALTAR FLOWERS ... The flower chart for **2023** is now available for you to donate floral arrangements to adorn the Lord's Altar in honor of special occasions or in memory of loved ones. The chart can be found on the bulletin board in the narthex. The donation for a single arrangement is **\$35.00** (this is an increase from previous years). If you have any questions, please contact Rona by calling the church office or by email (trinity-elc-office@verizon.net).

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS ... In our weekly Prayer of the Church, the final petition is dedicated to all of the Faithful Departed who are now with the Lord and a part of the Church Triumphant. As a part of this remembrance, we recall by name the saints who are on the calendar of Feasts, Festivals, and Commemorations of our church and remembered during the current week. Some have asked for more information about these saints; so, biographies for each saint, along with a prayer and suggested Scripture readings, are now available for you on our church website.

THIS WEEK'S FAST, FEAST, AND COMMEMORATION ...

February 22 **Ash Wednesday**, *The First Day of Lent*
February 23 **Polycarp of Smyrna**, *Pastor and Martyr*
February 24 **St. Matthias**, *Apostle*

Visit <http://tlcmr.org/worship/celebrating-the-saints/> where you can learn more about the cycle of saints' days on the church calendar and find the biographies for each saint listed by month.



**Transfiguration
of the Lord**

COMPASSION CENTER NEWS... Our Compassion Center is open and is once again serving members of our community with their needs for food and clothing. Please see the full page announcement in the bulletin for more information. If you are able to volunteer during the Center's open hours, please contact Elma. Thank you all for your continued help and support and prayers.

In an effort to keep the cupboards full at the Compassion Center during this time of great need in our community we will continue to need your generous donations of food. All non-perishable foods are welcome, and especially needed items include:

Peanut Butter; Pasta; Pasta Sauce; Macaroni & Cheese; Canned Tuna and Chicken;
Canned Fruit; Soup.

There is also a need for diapers, especially sizes 4, 5, and 6.

Donations can be dropped off at the Center during Center hours. And you can also leave your donations at church, and we will make sure that it is delivered to the Compassion Center. Thank you for your loving and generous support.

Center Hours: Mondays & Tuesdays: 10 AM – 4 PM
Wednesdays: 10 AM – 2 PM

Elma Pervaiz, Coordinator, LMS Compassion Center, Hyattsville, MD
Center Phone Number: 301-277-2302, ext. 23

PREPARING FOR THE COMING WEEK ...

Ash Wednesday – The First Day of Lent: February 22, 2023

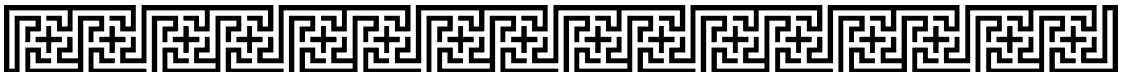
Scripture Readings: Joel 2:12-19; Psalm 51; 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10;
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

The First Sunday in Lent: February 26, 2023

Scripture Readings: Genesis 3:1-21; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11

PARISH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 19 – 26
May Be Subject to Change

Today	<i>The Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord</i>
	<i>The Last Sunday after the Epiphany</i>
	8:30 AM Adult Bible Study
	9:30 AM Worship with Holy Communion (at church in person and via Facebook Live)
	10:45 AM Trinity Singers Rehearsal
	12:00 PM EECMYM Worship (at church in person)
Monday	10:00 AM – 4:00 PM Compassion Center Open
Tuesday	9:00 AM – Noon Church Office Open
	10:00 AM Circuit 7 Professional Church Workers Meeting at Mount Olivet—DC
	10:00 AM – 4:00 PM Compassion Center Open
Wednesday	<i>Ash Wednesday – The First Day of Lent</i>
	9:00 AM – Noon Church Office Open
	10:00 AM – 2:00 PM Compassion Center Open
	7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Liturgy
Thursday	9:00 AM – Noon Church Office Open
Next Sunday	<i>The First Sunday in Lent</i>
	8:30 AM Adult Bible Study
	9:30 AM Worship with Holy Communion (at church in person and via Facebook Live)
	12:00 PM EECMYM Worship (at church in person)



CHURCH STATISTICS

Sunday, February 12, 2023 Worship Attendance: 17; Communed: 17.





The Sacred Season of Lent 2023

*Amazing grace—how sweet the sound—that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see!*

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 744:1

This year marks the 250th anniversary of the writing of what some may call “America’s Favorite Hymn”—*Amazing Grace*. What is interesting about this statement is that America can only claim half of the hymn. The tune that this text has been wedded came from a nineteenth century American collection of hymns known as the *Columbian Harmony*, published almost 50 years after the words of the hymn appeared in 1773—in England, three years before our nation’s independence.

The author of the hymn was John Newton: an Englishman, former dissolute slave ship captain, convert to Christianity, and Anglican priest. He wrote the hymn for his congregation in Olney, England where it was first sung on New Year’s Day, 1773. The text grew out of Newton’s sermon for that day on “Faith’s Review and Expectation” from the text 1 Chronicles 17:16-17, where King David says: “Who am I, O Lord God, and what is my house, that You have brought me thus far?” The hymn is very much a reflection not only of this text, but also of the life and conversion of the believer who wrote these words.

It is a hymn that is well known and loved by many believers who have also come to see themselves in these words, laying claim to the amazing love and mercy of God who gives them forgiveness, life, and salvation.

What is interesting though about this hymn is that because of the faith of its author and the faith which countless Christians have sung these words, the Source of this Amazing Grace has always been thought to be implied in the hymn, even though the words in it never directly reveal it, not even mentioning the person and work of the Savior, Jesus Christ. Perhaps it is for this reason that the folksinger, Joan Baez, who sang the song often in the 1960s, could say: “I never thought of it as a Christian song...I don’t think that anyone at the time thought of it as a religious song”.

The Season of Lent gives us the opportunity to contemplate anew not just the words of this great hymn but also to view again the very Source of the amazing grace of which we sing—the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ the Savior, the One who in mercy has shown us the grace of God to sinners like you and me, restoring to us the life which sin lost us and assuring us that we belong to our loving God both now and forever.

Join us this Lent as we see in the lives of those we meet in the pages of Scripture how God showed his amazing grace to them and changed their lives, and how our gracious God abundantly and richly does the same for us each day of our lives.



Lenten Worship at Trinity – 2023

Chronicles of God's Amazing Grace

Wednesday Evenings at 7:00 PM

Sunday Mornings at 9:30 AM

Ash Wednesday: The First Day of Lent – February 22, 2023

Divine Service with Confession and the Imposition of Ashes, and the celebration of Holy Communion

David: Grace for the Humbled – Psalm 51

The First Sunday in Lent – February 26, 2023

Divine Service of Word and Sacrament

Adam & Eve: Grace for Those Ashamed – Genesis 3:1-21

The Second Wednesday of Lent – March 1, 2023

Lenten Vespers

Isaiah: Grace for the Despairing – Isaiah 6:1-8

The Second Sunday in Lent – March 5, 2023

Divine Service of Word and Sacrament

Abraham: Grace for the Wandering – Genesis 12:1-9

The Third Wednesday of Lent – March 8, 2023

Lenten Vespers

Nicodemus: Grace for Those Seeking – John 3:1-17

The Third Sunday in Lent – March 12, 2023

Divine Service of Word and Sacrament

The Woman at the Well: Grace for the Thirsting – John 4

The Fourth Wednesday of Lent – March 15, 2023

Lenten Vespers

The Prodigal Son: Grace for the Lost – Luke 15:11-32

The Fourth Sunday in Lent – March 19, 2023

Divine Service of Word and Sacrament

The Blind Man: Grace for the Blind – John 9

The Fifth Wednesday of Lent – March 22, 2023

Lenten Vespers

Peter: Grace for the Fearful – Luke 22:54-62 & John 21:15-19

The Fifth Sunday in Lent – March 26, 2023

Divine Service of Word and Sacrament

Lazarus, Martha, & Mary: Grace for the Sorrowful – John 11

The Sixth Wednesday of Lent – March 29, 2023

Lenten Vespers

Paul: Grace for the Wretched – 1 Timothy 1:12-17

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP

The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday – April 2, 2023

The Liturgy of Palm Sunday with the Commemoration of the Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem, the Solemn Reading of the Passion according to Saint Matthew, and the celebration of Holy Communion

The Crowd: Grace for the Loveless – Matthew 27:15-26

Holy (Maundy) Thursday – April 6, 2023

The Liturgy of Maundy Thursday with Confession and Absolution, the celebration of Holy Communion on the anniversary of its institution, and the Solemn Preparation of the Church for Good Friday

A Meal of Grace – Matthew 26:17-30

Good Friday – April 7, 2023

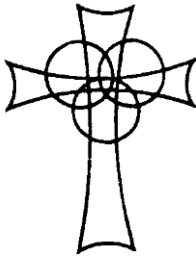
The Liturgy of Good Friday with the Adoration of the Cross, the Solemn Reading of the Passion according to Saint John, and the Solemn Prayers for the Church and the World

Coup de Grace – John 19:31-37

The Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord: Easter Day – April 9, 2023

The Festival Divine Service with Hymns, Special Music, the Renewal of Baptismal Vows, and the celebration of Holy Communion

Amazing Grace: Now and Forever – Colossians 3:1-4



✠ **O Christ, Hear Us!** ✠

Intercessions for the Week of February 19, 2023

Prayers for Continued Healing and Help

For Members of Our Trinity Family:

John, Diane, Julie & Kenny, Joseph, Diane, John Tyler, Elizabeth, Waymond, Alan, August, Clara, David, Ernie, Paul, and Angela

For Those Who Have Asked of Our Prayers:

Luke, grandson of Charlie & Jean; Betty, mother of Helen;
Susan, relative of Gus & Betty; Joe, friend of Cullen; Britnany, niece of Lynda;
Juliet, mother of Ras-I; Linda, daughter of Gus & Betty;
Dennis & Caron, former Concordia School Teachers; Jari, former Concordia Teacher;
Catelyn, step-granddaughter of Ernie; Ray, relative of Kim;
Nathan, son of Art; Helen, aunt of Judy; Bernie, friend of Trinity;
Randy, friend of Pepper; Joan, friend of Tracy; Sally, SED Staff;
Robin, daughter of Vincent & Tracy; George, friend of Dave & Joyce;
Danny, friend of Dave & Joyce; Hudson, son of Brendan; Paul III, grandson of Paul;
Debbie, cousin of Kim; Allan, cousin of Kim

All those affected by or who are in fear of the Coronavirus Outbreak.
For our Medical Community, First Responders, and other Workers who aid us in this time.

Thanksgivings and Blessings

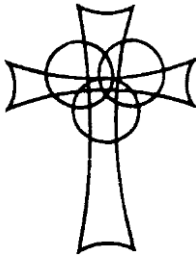
Angela Tankesley, who celebrates her birthday this week.

We Keep In Our Prayers

- ✠ Our Trinity family, our ministries, and our mission.
- ✠ Pastor Gugssa Biru and the people of the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus in Maryland.
- ✠ For the Lord to continue to move the hearts of our Trinity Members to a deeper realization of our part in His mission to the world and to be *Ablaze!* with a desire to tell the Good News about Jesus with those whom we come into contact in our lives.
- ✠ For the work of our Compassion Center, for Elma Pervaiz, our center coordinator, and for Redeemer Lutheran and the Lutheran Mission Society, our mission partners.

- ✘ Our government leaders, and for the members of our armed forces.
- ✘ For peace and justice among the residents of our nation's cities and towns where there is unrest from fear and distrust.
- ✘ For an end to racism and bigotry in our nation and world.
- ✘ For all those still affected and recovering from the effects of natural disasters.
- ✘ For our brothers and sisters in Christ who suffer persecution for the faith and Name of Jesus, even to the point of shedding their blood.
- ✘ For peace in our world, especially in those places that are affected by war, oppression, or acts of terror.
- ✘ For all those we know who are sick, who grieve, and who are in any need of prayer.





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Sunday Mornings:
Adult Bible Study – 8:30 AM
Worship with Holy Communion – 9:30 AM

Midweeks in Lent:
Lenten Vespers
Wednesday Evenings – 7:00 PM

*Worship Services are livestreamed on Facebook Live
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