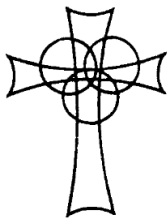


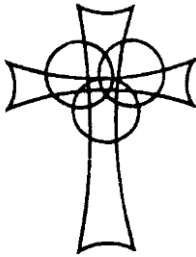
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& a Voice Came
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**"THIS IS MY SON,
WHOM I LOVE.
LISTEN TO HIM!"**
Mark 9:7

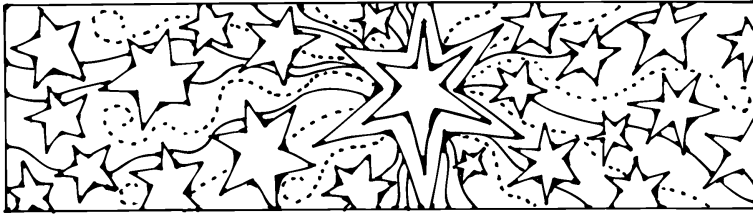


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The Last Sunday after the Epiphany
FEBRUARY 11, 2024

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

Almighty God, the resplendent light of Your truth shines from the mountaintop into our hearts. Transfigure us by Your beloved Son, and illumine the world with Your image, 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

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✠ *In the Name of Jesus Christ* ✠

✠ **The Preparation** ✠

The Prelude

“’Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here”

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.

G 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.

G A - men.

The Congregation is seated.

¹When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ²And Elijah said to Elisha, “Please stay here, for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel.” But Elisha said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they went down to Bethel. ³And the sons of the prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha and said to him, “Do you know that today the LORD will take away your master from over you?” And he said, “Yes, I know it; keep quiet.”

⁴Elijah said to him, “Elisha, please stay here, for the LORD has sent me to Jericho.” But he said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they came to Jericho. ⁵The sons of the prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha and said to him, “Do you know that today the LORD will take away your master from over you?” And he answered, “Yes, I know it; keep quiet.”

⁶Then Elijah said to him, “Please stay here, for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.” But he said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them went on. ⁷Fifty men of the sons of the prophets also went and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸Then Elijah took his cloak and rolled it up and struck the water, and the water was parted to the one side and to the other, till the two of them could go over on dry ground.

⁹When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Ask what I shall do for you, before I am taken from you.” And Elisha said, “Please let there be a double portion of your spirit on me.” ¹⁰And he said, “You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it shall be so for you, but if you do not see me, it shall not be so.” ¹¹And as they still went on and talked, behold, chariots of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them. And Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. ¹²And Elisha saw it and he cried, “My father, my father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” And he saw him no more.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

¹²Since we have such a hope, we are very bold, ¹³not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face so that the Israelites might not gaze at the outcome of what was being brought to an end. ¹⁴But their minds were hardened. For to this day, when they read the old covenant, that same veil remains unlifted, because only through Christ is it taken away. ¹⁵Yes, to this day whenever Moses is read a veil lies over their hearts. 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 we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

^{4:1}Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. ²But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. ³And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled only to those who are perishing. ⁴In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The Trinity Singers

"Three Tents"

The Congregation rises.

The Holy Gospel

Mark 9:2-9

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the ninth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²After six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. ⁵And Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." ⁶For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is my beloved Son; listen to him." ⁸And suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them but Jesus only.

⁹And as they were coming down the mountain, he charged them to tell no one what they had seen, until the Son of Man had risen 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 # 416

“Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory”



1 Swift - ly pass the clouds of glo-ry, Heav-en's voice, the daz-zling light;
 2 Glimpsed and gone the rev - e - la-tion, They shall gain and keep its truth,
 3 Lord, trans - fig - ure our per - ception With the pur - est light that shines,



Mo - ses and E - li - jah van - ish; Christ a - lone com - mands the height!
 Not by build - ing on the moun - tain An - y shrine or sa - cred booth,
 And re - cast our life's in - ten - tions To the shape of Your de - signs,



Pe - ter, James, and John fall si - lent, Turn - ing from the sum - mit's rise
 But by fol - low - ing the Sav - ior Through the val - ley to the cross
 Till we seek no oth - er glo - ry Than what lies past Cal - v'ry's hill



Down - ward toward the shad - owed val - ley Where their Lord has fixed His eyes.
 And by test - ing faith's re - sil - ience Through be - tray - al, pain, and loss.
 And our liv - ing and our dy - ing And our ris - ing by Your will.

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The Sermon

A Glimpse of Glory

Text: Mark 9:2-9

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** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
- P** Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, in Your Son Your glory tabernacled in human flesh and blood to bring to 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** Lover of the human race, Moses and Elijah appeared with the Savior in glory to witness that all the law and the prophets speak of Him. Give all pastors and servants of the Church such clarity in their teaching, that all who listen to them may hear the voice of the Savior calling them to life. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.
- P** Lord God, You have caused all believers to receive by faith the knowledge of Your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. Grant that we who know Christ may shine the light of His Gospel in the world, that by our words and deeds, many may come to see and believe in the Light along with us and be saved. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.

- P** King of the nations, You intend all authority upon the earth to be a blessing, not a burden. Remember all those entrusted with civil authority here in our nation and in every land, and enable them to serve with wisdom and integrity. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Comforter of the sorrowing, You alone can bring peace that passes understanding to aching hearts. Remember all who are ill, hospitalized, lonely, afflicted or dying, especially Your servants _____. Let them sense Your presence, taste Your peace and experience healing and relief according to Your gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** God of compassion, You gift the children of Your creating with life. When life comes to an end we commend our life back to You. Comfort all those who mourn the loss of loved ones [*especially* _____.] Enable us all to know that in life and death we rely on Your mercy and love that we may be found forever with and in You. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Provider of all good gifts, You abundantly bless Your people with all that is necessary for life on earth, as well as giving us that which gladdens our hearts. With those who rejoice we also rejoice, especially with _____. May we ever give You all thanks and praise for every blessing that You continue to shower on us. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Lover of souls, You look with compassion and love upon all of Your children. To Your fatherly care we commend all those who have asked for our prayers. Especially we remember before you _____ and all the people and concerns we name in the silence of our hearts... Hear these prayers, we beseech You, and grant them all according to Your good and gracious will. 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 You are good. Grant to all who come to Your holy altar today repentant and believing hearts, that this Sacrament may transform them from one degree of glory to another. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

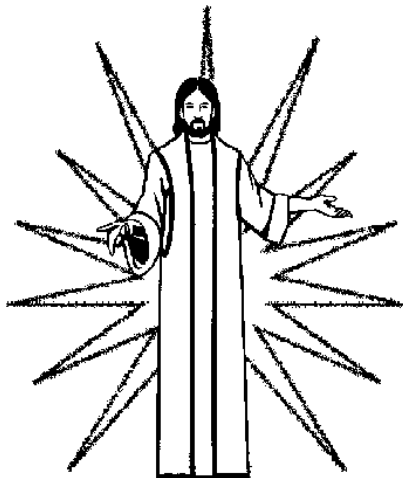
P Immortal One, You raised Your Son from the dead by Your life-giving Spirit, that He might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters who share in His endless life and glory. Receive our thanks for Moses and Elijah; Peter, James, and John; Aquila, Priscilla, and Apollos; Valentine; Philemon and Onesimus; Philipp Melanchthon; and all Your faithful who have fallen asleep in our Savior's faith and friendship. Bring us to behold with them the fullness of His glory in the age to come. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
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 # 413

“O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair”

The Congregation rises for the last stanza in honor of the Holy Trinity

1 O wondrous type! O vision fair
 2 With Moses and Elijah nigh
 3 With shining face and bright rays
 4 And faithful hearts are raised on high
 5 O Father, with the eternal Son
 Of glory that the Church may share,
 The incarnate Lord holds converse high;
 Christ deigns to manifest to day
 By this great vision's mystery,
 And Holy Spirit ever one,
 Which Christ upon the mountain shows,
 And from the cloud the Holy One
 What glory shall be theirs above
 For which in joyful strains we raise
 We pray Thee, bring us by Thy grace
 Where brighter than the sun He glows!
 Bears record to the only Son.
 Who joy in God with perfect love.
 The voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.
 To see Thy glory face to face.

Text: Sarum Breviary, 1495, Salisbury; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–66, alt.

Tune: English, 15th cent.

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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.



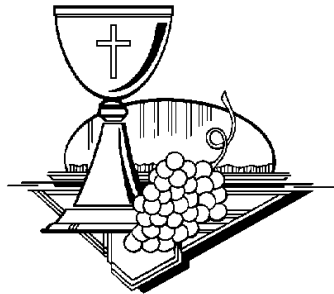
C We lift them to the Lord.

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 two ways, using that which you feel most comfortable: 1) individual cups containing wine and white grape juice will be offered by the Pastor, or 2) 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:

“Holy Ground” – The Trinity Singers

The Congregation rises.

The Post-Communion Canticle:

Thank the Lord

C 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.

Almighty God, we see Your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: as we have been fed with the Body and Blood of Your Son, grant that we who have been made partakers of His divine life may reflect that life in word and deed so that all the world may know His power to redeem and save; 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.



The Dismissal:

- P** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!
C Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!



**Transfiguration
of the Lord**

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 Lector
The Communion Assistant
The Worship Assistant
The Choir
The Parish Musician

The Reverend Peter A. Schiebel
Tracy Peele
George Kurtzweil
Paul Ritter
The Trinity Singers
Skip Hall

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NOTES AND NEWS

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 to everyone by Ash Wednesday. There are extra copies 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 is “Guided to the Cross”, inviting us to renew and refresh ourselves with the gifts won and given to us through our Savior and His life given to and for us on the cross. 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.

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 **2024** 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 now **\$45.00**, the increase owing mainly to delivery charges. If you have any questions, please contact Rona by calling the church office or by email (trinity-elc-office@verizon.net)

LUTHERAN RADIO ONLINE AND ON THE AIR FOR YOU THIS WEEK:

KFUO Radio, the broadcast voice of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, shares Christ for you anytime, anywhere on **KFUO.org** via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. Find programs on demand at kfuo.org and wherever you get your podcasts! Find us on social: @**KFUOradio** on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/kfuo), [Twitter](https://twitter.com/kfuo), and [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/kfuo).

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE.org: Hear stories about mental health, LCMS history, and the history of LCMS Black Ministry on The Coffee Hour (weekdays at 10:00 a.m. ET), continue studying Galatians 3-4 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 9:00 a.m. ET), study Deuteronomy 5-8 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 12:00 p.m. ET), and listen to an Ash Wednesday Organ Recital and Worship Service from Peace Lutheran in St. Louis, MO on February 14 at 12:00 p.m. ET. Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or the KFUE Radio app!

THE LUTHERAN HOUR ... Learn about spiritual growth in the season of Lent and dying to self in a "do-it-yourself" world. Listen to the Lutheran Hour next Sunday, February 18, 2024, for a message from Lutheran Hour Speaker, the Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, "Redeeming DIY", locally 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 online to WFAX worldwide at WFAX.com. The Lutheran Hour can also be heard online on KFUF.org on Sundays at 12:30 PM and 5:00 PM. 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".

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 COMMEMORATIONS AND FAST ...

- February 13 **Shrove Tuesday**
Aquila, Priscilla, & Apollos, New Testament Saints
- February 14 **Ash Wednesday, The First Day of Lent**
(Valentine, Martyr)
- February 15 **Philemon & Onesimus, New Testament Saints**
- February 16 **Philipp Melancthon** (birth), *Confessor and Teacher*

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.

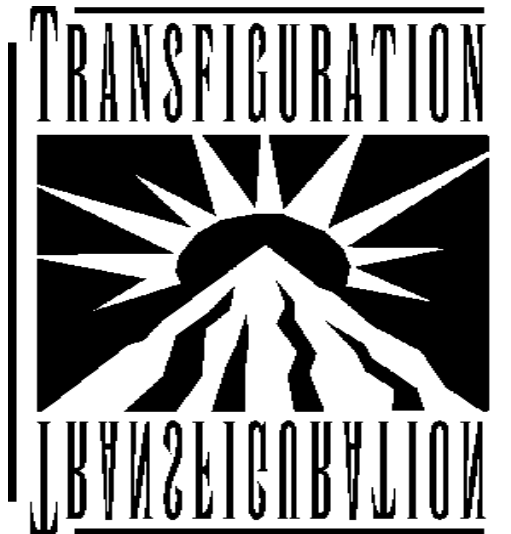


TREASURER'S NOTE ON 2023 ...

Pulling together the December 2023 financial statistics for this month's Bulletins prompted me to look back at 2023 and make a few observations that I thought I'd share:

- 1) Overall, our 2023 offerings were somewhat higher than we budgeted, but not high enough to avoid making withdrawals from our Thrivent mutual funds (our "savings"). Thankfully, we only had to withdraw \$16,000 from Thrivent in 2023, not the \$25,500 that we budgeted.
- 2) We have about \$37,000 remaining in the Thrivent funds, and our 2024 budget requires us to use almost \$20,000 of that in 2024. If we could increase our offerings by about 15%, we could avoid any withdrawals in 2024.
- 3) In 2023, offerings were especially low in March, May, and July; and somewhat low in September and November. Mekane Yesus' giving is always regular, which is a blessing! (Mekane Yesus' offerings are always included in the monthly offering statistics.)

Thank you as always for your generosity and prayers!
Michael McCoyer



COMPASSION CENTER NEWS... Our Compassion Center is open and is serving members of our community with their needs for food and clothing. 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 ongoing time of 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.

Clothing donations are also welcome. There is a need for boys' and men's clothing, especially pants.

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 they are 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

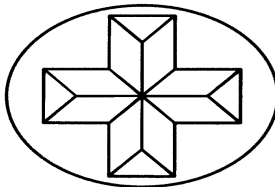
PREPARING FOR THE COMING WEEK ...

Ash Wednesday – The First Day of Lent: February 14, 2024

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 18, 2024

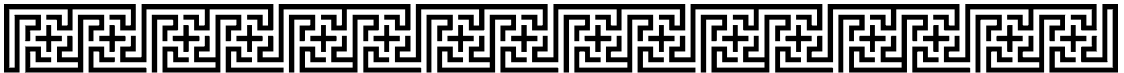
Scripture Readings: Genesis 22:1-18; James 1:12-18; Mark 1:9-15



PARISH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 11 – 18

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
Monday	12:00 PM	EECMYM Worship (at church in person)
	10:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Compassion Center Open
Tuesday	9:00 AM – Noon	Church Office Open
	9:30 AM	Circuit 7 Professional Church Workers Meeting here at Trinity
	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 4, 2024

Worship Attendance: 24; Communed: 23.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATISTICS FOR JANUARY 2024:

General Offerings received (4 Sundays): \$8,343

General Offerings needed to meet the budget: \$11,027

Withdrawal from Thrivent mutual funds in January: \$0

Remaining balance in Thrivent mutual funds (12/31/23): \$37,964*

* we probably will make a withdrawal in February.

**Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
Mount Rainier, Maryland**

**The Sacred Season of Lent
2024**



Guided to the Cross

For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of His cross.

Colossians 1:19-20

And from His fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.

John 1:16

Each year, the Season of Lent calls on Christ's followers to take a journey again to His cross. Going once more to Calvary, we follow Christ, the Lamb of God, who goes uncomplaining to offer His life for the forgiveness of our sins and to open everlasting life to us whom He redeems with His precious blood. As we behold our Lord Jesus and His sacrifice for us, we see in all of its fullness the gift of God's great love for us and for the whole world.

Looking to the Cross, we see "love so amazing, so divine". So much is wrapped up in this gift that begs us to spend time in deeper contemplation of it. As we are guided again to the cross this Lent, we come to look deeply at all of the gifts which flow to us and our lives from it: *forgiveness, hope, love, peace, trust, perseverance, grace, and new life.*

From these gifts to us out of God's fullness we have indeed received His grace and by that grace we live. Walking again with our Lord to His cross, may we be renewed in these gifts, see our lives refreshed through them, and be empowered to follow Christ and His example as we live in, with, and for Him.



Lenten Midweek Worship at Trinity 2024

Wednesday Evenings at 7:00 PM

Ash Wednesday: The First Day of Lent – February 14, 2024

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

Guided to Forgiveness – 2 Corinthians 5:20b—6:2

The Second Wednesday of Lent – February 21, 2024

Lenten Vespers

Guided to Hope – 2 Corinthians 1:10

The Third Wednesday of Lent – February 28, 2024

Lenten Vespers

Guided to Love – 1 Timothy 1:13-14

The Fourth Wednesday of Lent – March 6, 2024

Lenten Vespers

Guided to Peace – Colossians 1:19-20

The Fifth Wednesday of Lent – March 13, 2024

Lenten Vespers

Guided to Trust – 1 Timothy 1:15

The Sixth Wednesday of Lent – March 20, 2024

Lenten Vespers

Guided to Perseverance – Ephesians 6:18



The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday
March 24, 2024 – 9:30 AM

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

Exalted Humility – Philippians 2:5-11

Holy (Maundy) Thursday
March 28, 2024 – 7:00 PM

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

Guided to Service – John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Good Friday
March 29, 2024 – 7:00 PM

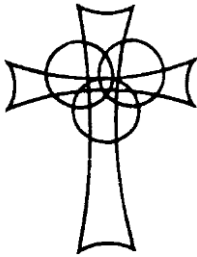
The Liturgy of Good Friday with the Adoration of the Cross, the Solemn Reading of the Passion according to Saint John, and the Solemn Prayers for the Church and the World

Guided to Sacrifice – John 19:17

The Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord: Easter Day
March 31, 2024 – 9:30 AM

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

Guided to New Life – Mark 16:1-8



✠ **O Christ, Hear Us!** ✠

Intercessions for the Week of February 11, 2024

Prayers for Continued Healing and Help

For Members of Our Trinity Family:

John, Diane, Julie & Kenny, Diane, Travis, Waymond, Paul, Alan, Kate, August, David, Jack, Ernie, Paul, Shirley, 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; Nathan, son of Art; Helen, aunt of Judy;
Bernie, friend of Trinity; Robin, daughter of Vincent & Tracy;
Oliver, son of David & Lisbeth; Doris, mother of Vincent;
Tyler, son of coworker of Paul;
Orbelina & Family, mother of former Concordia Students; Evelyn, aunt of Judy;
Phillip & Amanda and Family, friends of Michelle; Kay & Bob, relatives of Carole;
Kumar, co-worker's spouse of Joyce; Joan & Family, co-worker of Tracy;
The Joneses, friend of Tracy; Victor, co-worker of Paul; Edward, friend of Rona & Paul;
Craig, husband of Edith; Michelle, friend of Tracy; Virginia, mother of Sam;
Frank, brother-in-law of Gus

Thanksgivings and Blessings

Sharon Sinkoske, Gabrielle Briggs, Joseph Haney, and Adam Hines, who celebrate their birthdays this week.

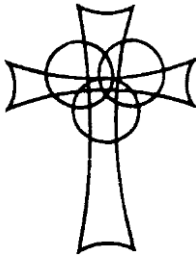
Cristian & Elizabeth Kelly, who celebrate their wedding anniversary this week,

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 Worship
Wednesday Evenings – 7:00 PM

*Worship Services are livestreamed on Facebook Live
For more information, please visit the church website.*

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