## Trinity Lutheran Church



## March 2, 2025 Transfiguration Sunday

#### WELCOME



#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

In trust, let us call upon God's holy name, confess our sin, and receive forgiveness.

Merciful and gracious God, we bow before your unending compassion, the measure of our falling short. We have not loved as you command. We have not spoken truly. We have not cared for creation, including ourselves, according to your will. What we intend, we have not pursued; what we mean to avoid, we embrace. Help us to know the mind of Christ, that in all thoughts, words, and deeds, our lives might come to honor you. Amen.

All of us, with unveiled faces are being transformed from one degree of glory to another. Here among God's holy people, I declare your sins + forgiven.

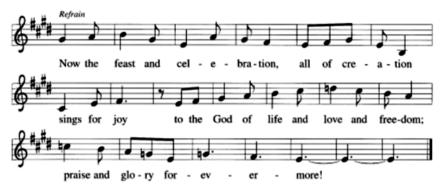
#### GREETING

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

#### **KYRIE**



#### **NOW THE FEAST**





#### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**



Let us pray together.

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

#### FIRST READING: Exodus 34:29-35

<sup>29</sup> Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. <sup>30</sup> When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. <sup>31</sup> But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them.

<sup>32</sup> Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. <sup>33</sup> When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; <sup>34</sup> but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, <sup>35</sup> the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

#### **PSALM: Psalm 99**

<sup>1</sup> The Lord is king; let the people tremble.

The Lord is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.

- <sup>2</sup> The Lord, great in Zion, is high above all peoples.
- <sup>3</sup> Let them confess God's name, which is great and awesome; God is the Holy One.
- <sup>4</sup> O mighty king, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.
- <sup>5</sup> Proclaim the greatness of the Lord and fall down before God's footstool;

God is the Holy One.

- <sup>6</sup> Moses and Aaron among your priests, and Samuel among those who call upon your name, O Lord,
  - they called upon you, and you answered them,

<sup>7</sup> you spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud;
they kept your testimonies and the decree that you gave them.

<sup>8</sup> O Lord our God, you answered them indeed; you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds.

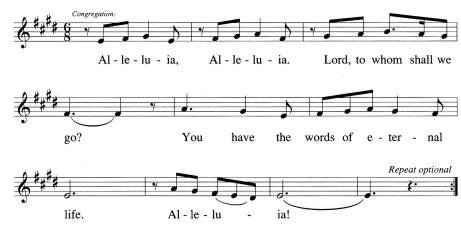
<sup>9</sup> Proclaim the greatness of the Lord and worship upon God's holy hill; for the Lord our God is the Holy One.

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

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

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

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.** 



#### **GOSPEL VERSE**

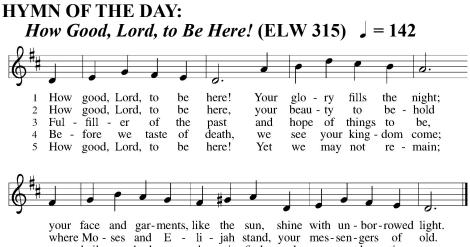
#### GOSPEL: Luke 9:28-36

The holy gospel according to St. Luke the ninth chapter. Glory to you, O Lord.

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

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.** 

#### SERMON



hail your bod - y glo - ri - fied and we our re-demp-tion see. long to hold the vi - sion bright and make this hill we our home. since you bid us leave the mount, come with us but the plain. to

#### NICENE CREED

We believe in one God. the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate: he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead.

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

As the reader closes each petition:

God of grace,

The people respond:

hear our prayer.

We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people. **Amen.** 

#### PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### OFFERING

Please place offering in one of the Bulletin Stand offering plates at the end of worship as you leave the church.

#### **OFFERTORY:** Come, Beloved of the Maker (ELW 306)

1 2 3 4	Come, be - lov - ed of the Mak - er, See the Morn - ing - star now beck - on Fol - low to the birth of new - ness; There we too will burn and bright - en,	come, be - to those fol - low God's re -
Ş	hold the First - born One; see re - vealed bound to doubt and night; "Fol - low me," to the life of peace; fol - low to splen - dent work be - gun; glo - ry will	cre - a - tion's Christ calls in the hill of as - cend and
Ç	splen - dor wel - come, crowned in glo - ry like the an - guish; fol - low to the gar - den height - en, crown - ing us with glo - rious	sun. light." bliss. s sun.

#### **OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray together. Holy are you, O Lord! We praise your great and awesome name. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude. Amen.

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



#### **EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

#### LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray. 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.

#### LAMB OF GOD



#### COMMUNION

All are welcome to join in the gift of Holy Communion. White grape juice is available, and all altar bread is gluten-free. When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

and each person may respond Amen.

#### **DISTRIBUTION:**

#### I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light (ELW 815) We Are Marching in the Light (ELW 866)

#### POST COMMUNION BLESSING

Now may the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace. **Amen.** 

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together.

Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

#### BLESSING

Since we have such hope, live and act with boldness! Love and serve the Lord in the freedom of the Spirit. And may the glory of the Lord shine upon you, the + Word of the Lord live within you, and the Spirit of the Lord give you peace. **Amen.** 

#### SENDING HYMN:

Alleluia, Song of Gladness (ELW 318)  $\downarrow = 170$ 

Al-le - lu - ia, song of glad - ness, voice of joy that can - not die; 1 2 Al-le - lu - ia you are sound - ing, true Je - ru - sa - lem and free; 3 Al-le - lu - ia can - not al - ways be our song while here be - low; 4 In our hymns we pray with long - ing: Grant us, bless-ed Trin - i - tv. al - le - lu - ia is the an - them ev - er dear to choirs on high; al - le - lu - ia, joy - ful moth-er, ju - bi - lee; bring us to your al - le - lu - ia our trans-gres-sions make us for a while for - go; at the last to keep glad Eas - ter with the faith-ful saints on high; the house of God a - bid - ing thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly. in here by Bab - y - lon's sad wa - ters mourn-ing ex-iles still are we. for the sol-emn time is com-ing when our tears for sin shall flow.

al - le - lu - ia

joy - ful - ly.

DISMISSAL

there to

Go in peace. Live in hope. **Thanks be to God!** 

you for - ev - er sing-ing

## Trinity Happenings:

Sun, Mar 2:	9:00am 10:15am	Transfiguration Sunday Fellowship in Gruver Rm
Mon, Mar 3:	9:00am	"Becoming" in Gruver Rm
Tue, Mar 4:	5:30pm 6:30pm	Dueling Pancakes in Fellowship Hall! (including "Pancake"PUB) Service of Confession & Forgiveness
	6.50pm	"2nd Chance to Return"
Wed, Mar 5:	10:00am 12:10pm	Women's Bible Study in Gruver Rm Ecumenical Ash Wednesday @ St. Paul's Newman Center
	6:30pm	Trinity Ash Wednesday Worship "2nd Chance to Live"
Thu, Mar 6:	11:45am	MUGG Campus Meeting @ Rendezvous Café
Sat, Mar 8:	3:00pm	Apronti Baby Shower



## **Spring Forward**

Set your clock forward one hour SUNDAY MARCH 9TH!



Sun, Mar 9:	9:00am	Lenten Worship w/ the Band "2nd Chance to Love"
	9:00am 10:15am	Sunday School behind Gruver Rm Fellowship in Gruver Rm
Mon, Mar 9:	9:00am	"Becoming" in Gruver Rm
Tue, Mar 11:	6:00pm	Church Council in Gruver Rm
Wed, Mar 12:	6:30pm	Lenten Worship w/ S. Barrett "2nd Chance to Dream"
Sun, Mar 16:	9:00am	Lenten Worship "2nd Chance to Forgive"
	10:15am	Fellowship in Gruver Rm

#### LENT 2025: THE GOD OF SECOND CHANCES

As we journey through the Bible, we witness God continually offering humanity a second chance to start afresh. The story of the flood, though tragic, represents God's attempt to give humanity a second chance. In the Valley of Dry Bones, God renews the Israelites' hope and life after their exile in Babylon.

Jesus shares the parable of the Prodigal Son, the son who left his father and squandered his wealth. When he returns home, his father, instead of reprimanding him, embraces him with open arms and joyfully offers him a second chance.

Another profound example is the story of Peter, one of Jesus' disciples. Though Peter denies Jesus three times, Jesus later gives him the opportunity to reaffirm his love and commitment, restoring him to a position of trust.

God's act of ultimate grace was sending Jesus to live among us, to teach us, and to bring us back into a relationship with Him. Through His life, Jesus' healing stories went beyond physical restoration. His healing reintegrated people back into their communities and families. Lepers who were once isolated were given a second chance to live as God intended.

This grace culminates in the cross, where Jesus' sacrifice embraces all humanity, offering the world the second chance it cannot achieve on its own. During Lent we will explore the theme of second chances, connecting them to the Bible's narrative.



Please join us!

#### DUELING PANCAKES! 5:30PM IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

Councilman Larry: traditional Pastor Nate: gluten free Office Lisa: dairy free multigrain

#### CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS 6:30PM IN THE SANCTUARY

"2nd Chance to Reconcile"

MARCH



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# Lent FOOD DRIVE

Stock our Cabinet with 2nd Chances!

Donation Baskets at Sanctuary Entrances

## BABY SHOWER

PLEASE JOIN US IN CELEBRATING THE UPCOMING ARRIVAL OF

## BABY APRONTI

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## **Serving in Worship**

#### <u>TODAY — Mar 2, 2025</u>

Altar: James Apronti Reader: Lisa Guarnieri Communion Assistant: Stuart Guarnieri Fellowship: Lisa & Stuart Guarnieri

<u>NEXT SUNDAY</u> — Mar 9, 2025

Altar: James Apronti Reader: OPEN Communion Assistant: OPEN Fellowship: OPEN

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