

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church



Sunday, February 11, 2018
Transfiguration of Our Lord

Welcome to Trinity!

- Nursery attendants are available for children ages 5 years and younger. If you arrive and no one is in the nursery, please ask an usher to get the attendant.
 - Pew pads are located at the end of each pew. Please sign in and pass them down to the end of the row, then return them to the center aisle.
 - Prayer request cards are in the pew racks. Please hand to an usher during the hymn following the sermon.
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PRELUDE: *In Christ Alone* (Stuart Townend and Keith Getty)

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.

In the name of the Father, and of the ✚ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

God alone is righteous; God alone is perfect; God alone is judge. Yet this holy, righteous God comes to us in love, to save us. Rejoicing in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

God of all glory, beauty, and grace,

we have tried to hide from you—to hide our faces, to hide our sin—yet you have never hidden your love for us. We have tried to search for you—in temples, in clouds, on mountaintops—yet you have already revealed yourself to us in the face of Jesus Christ.

Forgive us, and transform us so that our lives may shine with your glory, beauty, and grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Our God comes and does not keep silence; God speaks to us with grace and love, saying: You are my beloved child. This is the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ ✚ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

GATHERING HYMN: *Come, We That Love the Lord* (ELW 625)

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

Refrain



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.



- 1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
- 2 That we may live out your im-passioned re-sponse to the
- 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
- 4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for
hun - gry and the poor; that
friends and fam - i - ly; for
wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out truth and jus - tice and grace,
life and for love, for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,

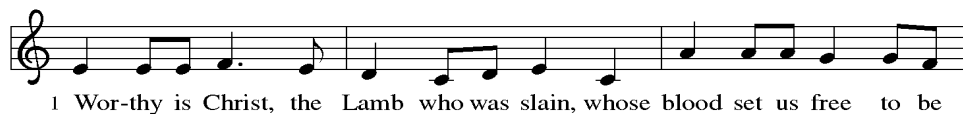
Refrain



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain



Refrain



Final refrain



PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray together.

Speak to us, O Lord our God, and let the fire of your Spirit burn brightly in our hearts. Open our minds to receive the wisdom of the law, the hope of the prophets, and the life of the gospel: Jesus Christ, your living Word.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

FIRST READING: 2 Kings 2:1-12

A reading from 2 Kings.

¹Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ²Elijah said to Elisha, “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. ³The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, “Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?” And he said, “Yes, I know; keep silent.”

⁴Elijah said to him, “Elisha, 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 company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, “Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?” And he answered, “Yes, I know; be silent.”

⁶Then Elijah said to him, “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 company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

⁹When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.” Elisha said, “Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.” ¹⁰He responded, “You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.” ¹¹As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. ¹²Elisha kept watching and crying out, “Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 50:1-6

The psalm for the day is spoken responsively.

- ¹The mighty one, God the | LORD, has spoken;
calling the earth from the rising of the sun | to its setting.
- ²**Out of Zion, perfect | in its beauty,
God shines | forth in glory.**
- ³Our God will come and will | not keep silence;
with a consuming flame before, and round about a | raging storm.
- ⁴**God calls the heavens and the earth | from above
to witness the judgment | of the people.**
- ⁵“Gather before me my | loyal followers,
those who have made a covenant with me and sealed | it with sacrifice.”
- ⁶**The heavens declare the rightness | of God’s cause,
for it is God | who is judge.**

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

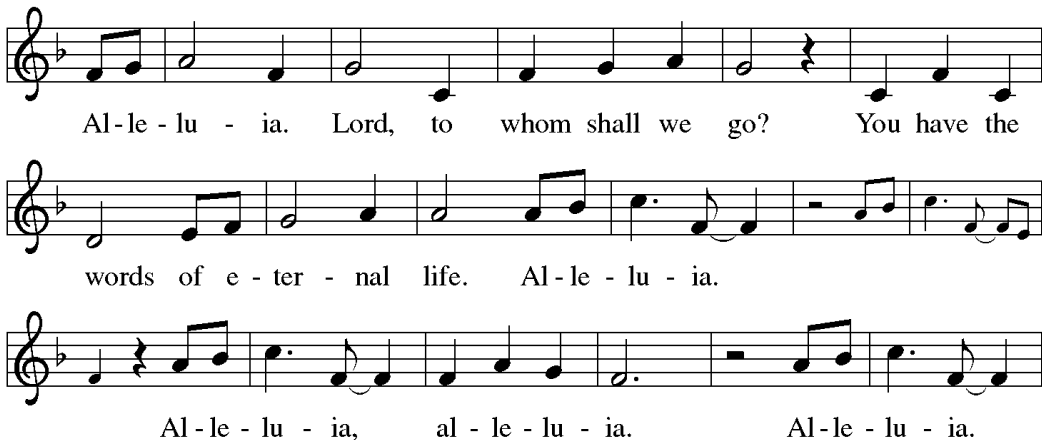
A reading from 2 Corinthians.

³Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled 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 we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus’ sake. ⁶For it is the God who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.



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



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

GOSPEL: Mark 9:2-9

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵Then Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” ⁶He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, “This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!” ⁸Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

⁹As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

SERMON

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY: Christ, Be Our Light (ELW 715)

APOSTLES' CREED

The assembly stands to proclaim the Apostles' Creed.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Confident that God our light and our salvation hears us when we pray, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

A brief silence.

For the ministry of the gospel proclaimed in word and deed, for congregations near and far, and for all who show the face of Christ throughout the world, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For the well-being of creation, for plants and animals, seas and skies, and creatures seen and unseen, that all may be guided by your Holy Spirit to be stewards of our earth, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For firefighters and police officers, attorneys and advocates, civil servants and corporate executives, and leaders of governments, that through their insight and patience, peace and justice prevail throughout the world, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, that as Christ was transfigured on the mountaintop, sickness will be turned into health, loneliness into companionship, bereavement into consolation, and suffering into assurance, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For companions who accompany us on our journeys through life, for this community of faith that supports us, and for guidance during difficult times, that we see the glory of God revealed around us, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

In thanksgiving for the faithful departed who now rest from their earthly pilgrimage, that their lives of service and prayer inspire us in our days, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

Merciful God, you hear our prayers even before we speak them. Receive them for the sake of the one through whom you have revealed your goodness, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The assembly is seated.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brief announcements will be made by the pastor and thanks given for what your offerings provide towards the church's mission.

OFFERING: *Agnus Dei* (Michael W. Smith)

OFFERTORY HYMN: *Come to the Table* (ELW 481)

The assembly stands and sings the offertory hymn as the gifts are brought forward.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.

Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

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

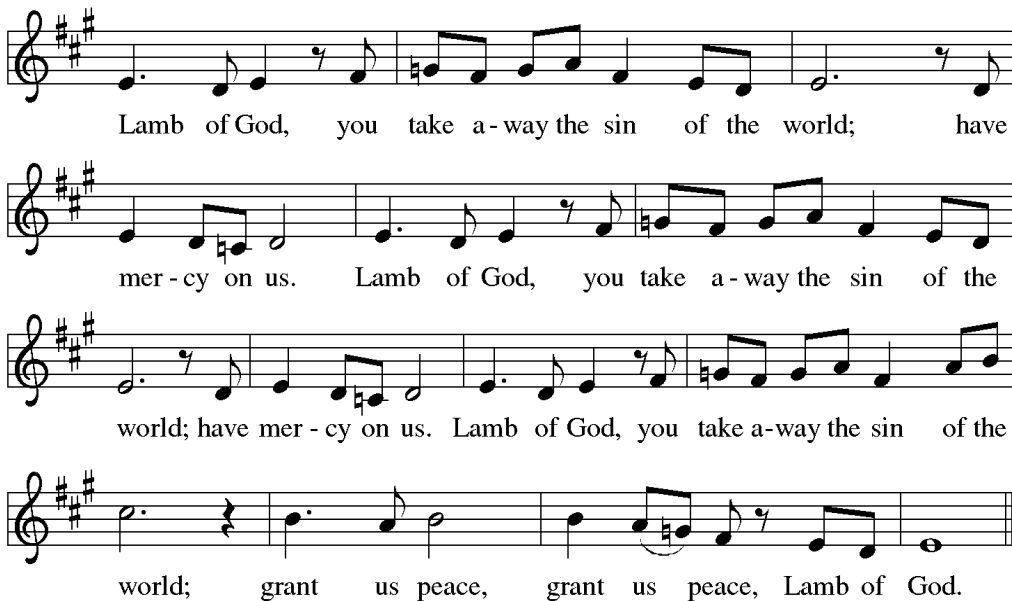
**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**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.**

The assembly is seated.

LAMB OF GOD



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, Lamb of God.

COMMUNION

White grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available.

During distribution, 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 MUSIC:

Shine, Jesus, Shine (ELW 671)

God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens (ELW 771)

Be Thou My Vision (ELW 793)

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The assembly stands to receive the blessing.

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

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together.

Gracious God, we give you thanks for the light of love around us and the fire of faith within us. As we go forth from this place, let our lives reflect the One who is the image of your glory: Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

Amen.

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

In the name of the Father, ✚ Son, and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN: *We Are Marching in the Light of God* (ELW 866)

Verse 1: We are marching ...

Verse 2: We are dancing ...

Verse 3: We are praying ...

Verse 4: We are singing ...

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: *Take My Life, That I May Be*

Readings for Next Sunday, February 18, 2018

Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 25:1-10; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15

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Trinity Happenings

Sunday, February 11	8:15 am	Gruver Room remodel team meeting
Campus Ministry Sunday	9:00 am	Worship
	10:15 am	Fellowship
	10:15 am	Sunday School
	6:15 pm	Youth Group
Tuesday, February 13	7:00 pm	Church Council
Wednesday, February 14	10:00 am	Making Sense of the Cross
Ash Wednesday	5:45 pm	Soup Supper
	6:00 pm	Making Sense of the Cross
	7:00 pm	Ash Wednesday Worship
Sunday, February 18	9:00 am	Worship
	10:15 am	Fellowship
	10:15 am	Sunday School

THOSE NEEDING OUR PRAYERS: Please keep the following members in your prayers this week: Ed Dolan, Joan Dana, Bob Thymian, Jane Kidwell, Addie Hopper, Marilyn Moen, Dick Babcock, JoAnn Merrill, and Gladys Crane. If there is someone that could be added to the Trinity Prayer Chain, please inform Jennie Lawrence by email at missjennae@yahoo.com.

TRUMPET DEADLINE: Please submit any items for the weekly Trinity Trumpet *in writing* by 9 am on Wednesday. The Trumpet is emailed at noon each Wednesday.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS: During Lent, Trinity will be holding soup suppers before each Wednesday night worship service. The suppers will start at 5:45 pm, but come any time you are able. There will be plenty of time to eat, join in the Making Sense of the Cross study group if you wish, and enjoy some fellowship with your fellow Trinitarians and friends before coming upstairs for Holden Evening Prayer. Sign-up sheets for soups, breads/crackers, and desserts are posted in the Gruver Room. Please sign up to bring something if you are able!

MAKING SENSE OF THE CROSS SERIES: Join Pastor Nate for a six-session series on exploring the details of Jesus' death on the cross. We have a cross on our altar, we wear crosses around our necks, and we even place crosses on the top of our church structures. The image of the cross is everywhere, yet when we talk about the cross we are challenged emotionally and spiritually as we reflect on Jesus' death over 2000 years ago. If someone asked you what God accomplished on the cross, how would you respond? Join us as we put words to our faith this Lent. This series was designed by David Lose, who was a professor at Luther Seminary.

We are offering two classes each Wednesday at 10am or 6pm. The session will be the same for the morning and evening classes.

February 14	A Man Hanging on a Tree
February 21	Portraits and Perspectives
February 28	Ransom and Victory
March 7	Substitution, Satisfaction, and Sacrifice
March 14	Example and Encouragement
March 21	Event and Experience

COMMITTEE NIGHTS: As a congregation, we are focusing a good portion of our time on committee structuring. Trinity's committee structure had 11 different groups which rarely met this last year. We recently moved to a 3 group committee structure and it is our hope to start meeting on Tuesday, February 27. We are planning to meet the 4th Tuesday of each month. We will begin as a large group at 7pm for 15 minutes. The groups will then split to meet as their committee. We are asking all groups to be done no later than 8:15pm to honor time and keep groups focused.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MILESTONE: All children in kindergarten through 6th grade are invited to attend a two-session Holy Communion Milestone workshop in March. On Sunday, March 4, we will talk about Holy Communion during the Sunday school hour. On Sunday, March 25, we will paint our own chalices during Sunday school. For those young people who have not made their First Holy Communion yet, we will celebrate that milestone during worship on Maundy Thursday, March 29, when our new communicants will receive the blood of Christ from their own chalices. Please pray for our young people as they mark this milestone in their faith lives!

GRUVER ROOM PROJECT: The Gruver Room remodel team project met this morning before worship. The next meeting will be on Sunday, February 25, during the fellowship hour after worship.



Wednesday
February 14

5:45 pm - Soup Supper
6 pm - Making Sense of the Cross
7 pm - Worship

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Vessels

7 pm each Wednesday in Lent



February 21 - Growing in faith

February 28 - Fellowship

March 7 - Traditions

March 14 - Faith on the go

March 21 - Cup of grace

Serving the Church

THIS WEEK — February 11, 2018

Lector: Marie Frick
Ushers: OPEN
Greeters: OPEN
Nursery: Marygrace Buckner
Stewards: Jennifer Zenor
Mark Stayton
Altar Guild: Barb Rouse
Fellowship: Molly Bredehoff
Flowers: OPEN

NEXT WEEK — February 18, 2018

Lector: Laura Buckner
Ushers: Maia Anderson
Judi Weatherwax
Greeters: The Ferris Family
Nursery: Marygrace Buckner
Stewards: Jennifer Zenor
Mark Stayton
Altar Guild: Barb Rouse
Fellowship: Betty Carstens
Flowers: OPEN

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