

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

10:00 AM Facebook Online Worship Service

February 14, 2021

Transfiguration of Our Lord



The Sundays after Epiphany began with Jesus' baptism and end with three disciples' vision of his transfiguration. In Mark's story of Jesus' baptism, apparently only Jesus sees the Spirit descending and hears the words from heaven. But now Jesus' three closest friends hear the same words naming him God's Beloved. As believers, Paul writes, we are enabled to see the God-light in Jesus' face, because the same God who created light in the first place has shone in our hearts to give us that vision. The light of God's glory in Jesus has enlightened us through baptism and shines in us also for others to see.

Thank you for joining us online as a new way of connecting to God's word as we transition during this time of social distancing to protect ourselves and others.

Please feel free to contact Pastor Tina if you need help in any way during this time. Her phone number is listed below. Just know that she is only a phone call away.



The Reverend Tina Melusky, Pastor

Pastor Melusky's office hours:

Monday: 9 - 2; Tuesday: 9 -10:30, 11:30 - 12:15

Wednesday 9:30 - 12; Thursday 9 - 12

(Times are sometimes flexible with monthly meetings,
but feel free to call for an appointment or drop in)

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Carillon Call to Worship

Prelude

Announcements

Gathering

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose voice is upon the waters, whose mercy is poured out upon all people, whose goodness cascades over all creation.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,

you search us and know us.

You are acquainted with all our ways.

**We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin—
our own sins and the broken systems that bind us.**

**We turn inward, failing to follow
your outward way of love.**

We distrust those who are not like us.

**We exploit the earth and its resources
and fail to consider generations to come.**

**Forgive us, gracious God,
for all we have done and left undone.**

**Even before the words are on our tongues,
you know them;**

receive them in your divine mercy.

Amen.

How vast is God's grace! Through the power and promise of + Christ Jesus, our sins are washed away and we are claimed as God's own beloved. Indeed, we are forgiven. In the wake of God's forgiveness, we are called to be the beloved community living out Christ's justice and the Spirit's reconciling peace. **Amen.**



1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true and on - ly light,
 2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pa - nied by thee;
 3 Vis - it then this soul of mine, pierce the gloom of sin and grief;



Sun of righ-teous-ness, a - rise, tri - umph o'er the shades of night;
 joy-less is the day's re - turn, till thy mer-cy's beams I see,
 fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine, scat - ter all my un - be - lief;



Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap - pear.
 till they in - ward light im - part, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
 more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

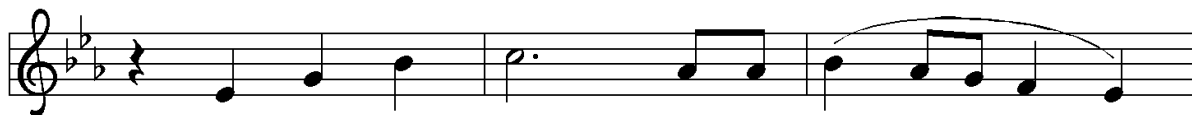
Greeting

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.

Hymn of Praise

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Glo - ry to God in the high -




est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



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.

Glo - ry to God in the high -

est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Prayer of the Day

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.**

First Reading: 2 Kings 2:1-12

Today's reading centers on the transfer of power and authority from the prophet Elijah to Elisha. Their travels, which retrace the path of Joshua back to Moab (the place where Moses died) and the parting of the waters, demonstrate that Elisha and Elijah are legitimate successors of the great prophet Moses.

Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah 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. The 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."

Elijah 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. The 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."

Then 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. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then 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.

When 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." As 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. Elisha 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 50:1-6 (read responsively)

The mighty one, God the Lord, has spoken;
calling the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

**Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty,
God shines forth in glory.**

Our God will come and will not keep silence;
with a consuming flame before, and round about a raging storm.

**God calls the heavens and the earth from above
to witness the judgment of the people.**

"Gather before me my loyal followers,
those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice."

**The heavens declare the rightness of God's cause,
for it is God who is judge.**

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

The spotlight of Christian ministry is not on the people who carry out ministry but on the Lord Jesus Christ. Just as God made light shine at creation, God makes the light of Jesus Christ shine in our lives through Christian ministry.

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In 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. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For 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.

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Gospel: Mark 9:2-9

Mark's gospel presents the transfiguration as a preview of what would become apparent to Jesus' followers after he rose from the dead. Confused disciples are given a vision of God's glory manifest in the beloved Son.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 1st chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Six 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, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then 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." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As 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.**

Children's Chat

Pastor Tina

Sermon

Pastor Tina



1 A - rise, your light has come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
 2 A - rise, your light has come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
 3 A - rise, your light has come! All you in sor - row born,
 4 A - rise, your light has come! The moun - tains burst in song!



show forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day.
 pro - claim the cap - tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.
 bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
 Rise up like ea - gles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

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

Let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

Sharing of the Peace

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

Thanksgiving for the Word

Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being. For your Word of life, O God,

we give you thanks and praise.

By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God,

we give you thanks and praise.

Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God,

we give you thanks and praise.

Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Burying the Alleluia

O God, make speed to save us, alleluia, alleluia.
O Lord, make haste to help us, alleluia, alleluia.

The faithful people of God praise him for the great deeds he has done.
God created us out of dust, restored the land, took Israel out of exile, spoke through the prophets, and gives hope and forgiveness through his Son, Jesus Christ.

Alleluia! Praise God in the holy temple.
Let everything that has breath praise the Lord, Alleluia!

We have much for which to be thankful. But there is not always joy in our lives.
There is sadness and loneliness in the world.

Sometimes we need time to think. Jesus spent forty days in the wilderness praying to God.
Lent is our forty days of quiet time to prepare for the mystery of Easter.

Today, we silence our alleluias, and begin a time of reflection and preparation.
As we already anxiously await the Easter dawn when our alleluias shall echo through creation.

Lord, help us to draw nearer to you throughout these forty days,
That when they return, our alleluias may be sung with joy.

Almighty God, you bid your faithful people to rejoice in praise, but also to repent and reflect in silence. Give us grace and courage to devote our hearts to you and to love others as you would, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Blessing

God the creator strengthen you; Jesus the beloved fill you; and the Holy Spirit the comforter + keep you in peace. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

Alleluia, Song of Gladness

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- 1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of glad - ness, voice of joy that can - not die;
- 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 - ty,



al - le - lu - ia is the an - them ev - er dear to choirs on high;
al - le - lu - ia, joy - ful moth - er, bring us to your ju - bi - lee;
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;



in the house of God a - bid - ing thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly.
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.
there to you for - ev - er sing - ing al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.
Thanks be to God.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR . . .

Tuesday Morning Bible Study: The next Bible Study will be on **Tuesday, February 16 at 10:30 a.m.** A Zoom invitation will be emailed on the Monday prior.

Tapestry Conversations: The next group meetings will be tomorrow, **Monday, February 15, at 6:30 p.m.** and **Sunday, February 21, at 1:00 p.m.** We will be discussing the film “Black Panther.” A discussion guide has been sent out via Constant Contact.

Church and School Offices CLOSED!: Tomorrow, Monday, February 15, **the school and church offices will be closed for the President’s Day** holiday. Both the church and school will reopen on Tuesday, February 16.

Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2021: You've probably been wondering how in the world we are going to observe Ash Wednesday as a church family in this time of social distancing and minimal contact living. Well, the answer is...we're going to have a lot of options for you.

Option 1: Worship via Facebook Live at 6:30 with virtual distribution of ashes

Beginning on Sunday, February 14, there will be small packets of ashes for you to pick up in the church lobby that will contain instructions for how to appropriately prepare your ashes for distribution at home during worship. You can place your ashes personally on your own forehead, or distribute them as a family. We will take intentional time during worship that evening for ash distribution, so if you choose to pick up a packet, be sure to save them and have them prepped for worship that evening.

Option 2: Drive-Up Ashes 9:15-10:00 & 12:15-1:00

We will have two 45 minute slots of time on Ash Wednesday where you are welcome to come to church to receive your ashes and participate in a brief carside liturgy with Pastor Tina, much like we do for drive-thru communion. You will remain in your car, fully masked, and Pastor Tina will administer ashes in full PPE from as safe a distance as possible using a non-contact method. (I know you're wondering how that's possible. The answer? Qtips!!!)

In order for us to determine timing for the drive up options we would ask that you RSVP by **February 11, to the church office**, if you plan to attend either of the time slots listed above.

Lenten Wednesdays: Created for Community: Even if we can't gather together for a meal and conversation in person, doesn't mean we can't still gather together on the Wednesday evenings of Lent. Every Wednesday evening throughout the Lenten season we will gather via Zoom at 6:30 p.m. for worship and conversation. Each week we will focus on a different form of community that we participate in. There will be time for prayer, scripture, small group conversation, and time to reflect as a community together. It will be a chance for us to see each other during worship and talk and share time and faith reflections, so that even as we have to be apart we can walk our Lenten journey together.

Continued

Schedule

2/24: In community with creation

3/3: In community with all the saints

3/10: In community with our neighbor

3/17: In community with those on the margins

3/24: In community with Christ

A Zoom link for worship will be sent out every Wednesday morning. If you need help installing Zoom on your device, please contact the church office or Pastor Tina and we will help you get set up.

VANCO Online giving:

The procedure to use the online offering system, VANCO, is very user-friendly. Just go to Trinity's website, <http://www.trinitylutheran-nn.com> (see below), and click on the green "online giving" link on the homepage.

Being able to send your offering donations electronically is especially important during the current pandemic, and we hope that this will be an opportunity for members, friends and visitors to support the ongoing work of the church easily and from the comfort of home.

If you have questions about the donation site or how to make your donation, please don't hesitate to contact the church office, 245-7861.

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PRAYER LIST

ILLNESS, SURGERY, RECOVERY, SHUT-INS: **Nursing Homes:** Jeanette Cantrell (The Chesapeake, 955 Harpersville Road, AL302, Newport News, VA, 23601); Millie Christensen (Morningside: Rm. 131; Charles Kessler (The Chesapeake - Assisted Living, Rm.207); Lucille Lebold (Williamsburg Landing, Memory Care Unit); Barbara Olson, (The Chesapeake, Rm. 3013); **Shut-in at Home:** Janet Edwards, Gerda Hudgens, Joan Johnston and Doris Moeser.

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS: **The Ahlen Family, Anne Brady (mother of Marc Ahlen), Paige Ahlen and Maria Goldsby,** requested by Kathy Stevens; **Bill Nuckols (father), Carolyn Patterson, Shirley Skinner, and Oxana Sidor (and the friends and family of Mr.**

Kim Lassiter (special friend), requested by Patricia Fielding; **Hannelore Voss (Karoline's mother)**, requested by the Ardis family; **Jack and Sharon (Sherry) Johnston and Pam Little (Donna's sisters)**, requested by Grant and Donna Owens; **Bonnie Carlson**, requested by Dave Carlson; **Molly Chartrand (Jacob's co-worker)**, requested by Patricia Wessler; **George Kingston**, requested by Sandy and John Lunsford; **Michael May**, requested by Jon May; **Millie Christensen (COVID)**; **Kathleen Pietrasantra**; **Dee Klapperich**; **Gary Golden (Don Golden's brother and Mary Lucia Spake (daughter))**, requested by Bill Solomon; **June Geyer (grandmother) and Charles Geyer, Jr. (father)**, requested by Patricia Wessler; **the friends and family of Charles Geyer, Sr. (Patricia Wessler's grandfather)**; **the friends and family of Andrew R. (Mickey) Curtis**, requested by David Hunt; **the friends and family of Shirley Hopkins**, requested by Laura Davis; **the friends and family of Jim Gribble and the family**; **Office Chuck Taylor (COVID complications)**, requested by Todd Recupero.

Those Who Serve, Military and Civilian Duty: James Fielding, Marine Corps; Georgia; Bryan Hunt, State Dept., Washington, D. C.; Eric Lindfors, Deputy Commander US Naval Forces - Korea; Tyler Obara, Air Force National Guard, LAFB and Ashby Owens, Operation Smile.

