Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

8:30 & 11:00 AM Worship Service • February 27, 2022 ELW Setting 3

Transfiguration of Our Lord



Witnesses to the glory of God in the face of Jesus reflect that glory in the world. It was true for Moses. It was doubtless true for Peter, James, and John. We pray that it will be true of all of us who see God's glory in the word and in the supper and who are being "transformed into the same image" by God's Spirit.

Welcome members and guests to our worship service today. If you are visiting, we encourage you to sign the guest register located in the narthex or if you are online at the 11:00 a.m. service drop us a line to say hello, so that we know you have joined us for worship. For those who come in person, please include your home address, email address and phone number. In each pew, there is a card that you can fill out if you wish to have a consult with the pastor and/or leave us more information about you. Worship times on Sunday mornings are 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

A nursery is available for children up to five years of age during the service. The nursery is located off the hallway on the Huntington Avenue side of the church building. There are also "quiet bags" available for older children to enjoy during the service. Please ask an usher about borrowing one

Trinity offers an induction loop for the benefit of hearing impaired worshippers. To use, please switch your hearing aid to "T." If you are unsure if your hearing aid is compatible, please contact your audiologist.

Enlarged print sermon copies are available for the benefit of sight or hearing impaired worshippers. They can be found on a table in the narthex.



The Reverend Tina Melusky, Pastor tina.melusky@gmail.com

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 occasionally flexible with monthly meetings, but feel free to call for an appointment or drop in)

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Carillon Call to Worship

Prelude

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

arr. Benjamin M. Culli

Announcements

Gathering

The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who creates us, redeems us, and calls us by name. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you and your beloved children.

We have turned our faces away from your glory when it did not appear as we expected.

We have rejected your word when it made us confront ourselves.

We have failed to show hospitality to those you called us to welcome.

Accept our repentance for the things we have done and the things we have left undone.

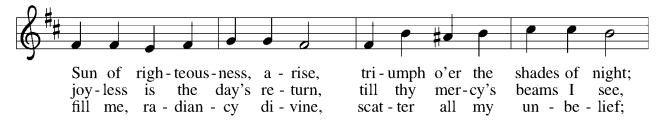
For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe in the glory of your Son born among us, and reflect your love for all creation. Amen.

Rejoice in this good news: In + Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven. You are descendants of the Most High, adopted into the household of Christ, and inheritors of eternal life. Live as freed and forgiven children of God. **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;





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 (sung at 11:00 only)



Prayer of the Day

Holy God, mighty and immortal, you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. Transform us into the likeness of your Son, who renewed our humanity so that we may share in his divinity, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

First Reading: Exodus 34:29-35

Moses's face shone with the reflected glory of God after he received the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai. The sight caused the Israelites to be afraid, so Moses wore a veil to mask the radiance of God's glory, taking it off when he spoke directly with God.

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. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; 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, 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 99 (8:30 read responsively; 11:00 sung responsively)



The Lord is king; let the | people tremble.

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

The Lord, | great in Zion,

is high a- | bove all peoples.

Let them confess God's name, which is | great and awesome; God is the | Holy One.

O mighty king, lover of justice, you have es- | tablished equity; you have executed justice and righteous- | ness in Jacob.

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord and fall down be- | fore God's footstool; God is the | Holy One.

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,

you spoke to them out of the pil- | lar of cloud;

they kept your testimonies and the decree | that you gave them.

O Lord our God, you answered | them indeed;

you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their | evil deeds.

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

In his debates with the Corinthians, Paul contrasts the glory of Moses with the glory of Christ. The Israelites could not see Moses' face because of the veil. But in Christ we see the unveiled glory of God and are transformed into Christ's likeness.

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, 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. 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. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. 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.

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. 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.

The assembly stands.

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel Lesson: Luke 9:28-36 [37-43a]

Shortly before he enters Jerusalem, where he will be crucified, Jesus is revealed to Peter, James, and John in a mountaintop experience of divine glory called the transfiguration.

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 9th chapter. Glory to you, O, Lord.

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. 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. 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. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" 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.

On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. Just then a man from the crowd shouted, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not." Jesus answered, "You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here." While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. And all were astounded at the greatness of God.

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

The congregation is seated.

Sermon Pastor Tina

The assembly stands.





Prayers of Intercession

God of grace, hear our prayer.

Sharing of the Peace

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

The assembly is seated.

Offertory Anthem

Be Still, for the Presence of the Lord (11:00 only)

Evans; arr. Richard Shephard

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here; Come, bow before him now, with reverence and fear. In him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground; Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around; He burns with holy fire, with splendour he is crowned. How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of light! Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place; He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace. No work too hard for him, in faith receive from him; Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

The assembly sands.

Receiving of Tithes and Offerings



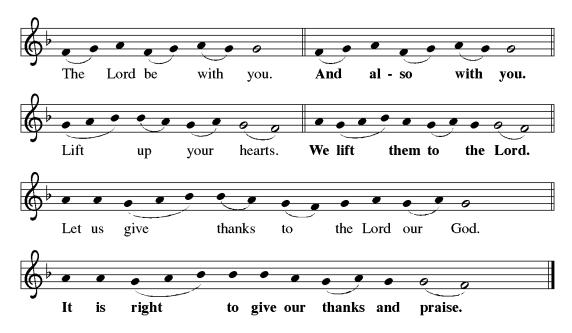
Offertory Prayer

Blessed are you, O God,

Sovereign of the universe.
You offer us new beginnings
and guide us on our journey.
Lead us to your table,
nourish us with this heavenly food,
and prepare us to carry your love
to a hungry world,
in the name of Christ our light. Amen.

Meal

The Great Thanksgiving

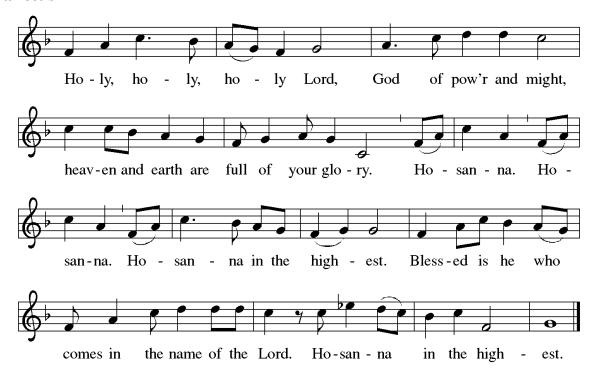


Proper Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus



Thanksgiving at the Table

Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.

The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath.

We praise you, O God.

Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

We bless you, O God.

We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

We thank you, O God.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world.

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end.

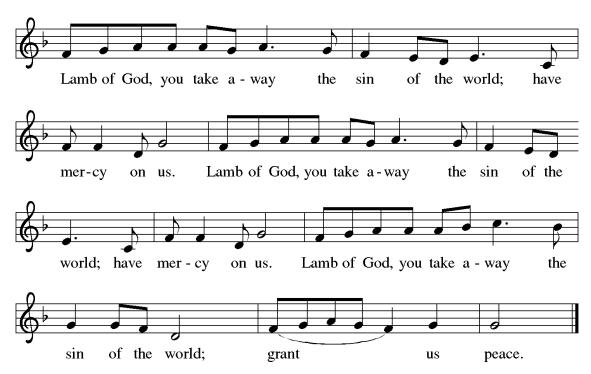
Amen.

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.

The assembly is seated.

Agnus Dei

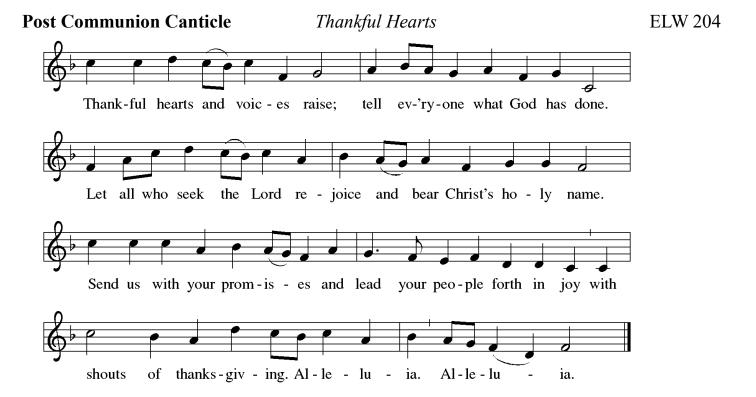


Communion

If you have not already done so, please pick up a wafer/wine cup which is provided for you in a basket in the narthex. Communion will take place in the pews until further notice

Table Blessing

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



Post Communion Prayer

We give you thanks, gracious God, for we have feasted on the abundance of your house. Send us to bring good news and to proclaim your favor to all, strengthened with the richness of your grace in your Son, Jesus Christ. **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 God for the great deeds God 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 the 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 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. **Amen.**

Blessing

God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness, who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name, + bless your going out and your coming in, today and forever. **Amen.**



Dismissal

Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church office hours: Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Ushers needed: The duties for ushering right now are very easy. Please consider helping at least one Sunday. Both services could use ushers. If you are willing to help, please contact Cliff Obara. He can be reached at 810-3970 or cliffordobara@cox.net.

Welcoming New Members TODAY!: With pleasure, Trinity is welcoming some new members to our family this morning. Sarah Green will be affirmed through baptism at the 8:30 a.m. service and Ken, Lisa and Carol Ann Surles-Law will be affirmed at the 11:00 a.m. service. Please take a moment to speak with and welcome them after service.

PORT Update: Trinity served at PORT on Tuesday February 22, 2022 and served over 90 people. This is such an important ministry to the community and as always our Trinity volunteers made a tremendous contribution. Without our volunteers and countless others like them throughout the area, this ministry would not be possible. We want to say a huge thank you to all of our volunteers who prepared or donated food for the dinner, food for the breakfast bags and to those who came out and worked PORT both Tuesday night and Wednesday morning. We also want to thank the Youth Group for packing the breakfast bags and making the brownies for dessert. In all, Trinity had approximately 35 individuals who participated in this important ministry in one manner or another. Cliff and Anne Obara and Teresa Flores headed up the program this year for Trinity. They all did an amazing job! Thank you all for the countless hours spent organizing, shopping, transporting supplies and serving the PORT ministry.

Choir Rehearsals: Choir rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. If you wish to be a part of the choir, no experience necessary, just come on a Wednesday evening to a rehearsal.

Easter Lily Donations: A total count for lilies is due on March 21; therefore we are ready to take your orders. Each lily is \$13.00. If you wish to pay by check, please make it out to Trinity Lutheran Church and write for "Easter Lily (ies)." Order forms will be sent out by Constant Contact next week and at a table in the narthex starting this Sunday.

NEXT Theology on Tap: THIS WEEK! All are welcome to join this group. It is very casual. For those who are new to our congregation, we are usually given a topic to talk about, have some social libations (i.e. beer, soda, coffee, hot chocolate) and enjoy each other's comments on the topic. On **Monday, February 28, 2022**, we will be doing another TOT! **Please feel free to join us.**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR ...

Tuesday Morning Bible Study: The next Tuesday Morning Bible Study will be on Tuesday, March 1, in person and on Zoom.

Ash Wednesday services: Two worship services will be held on Ash Wednesday, March 2. At noon, we will hold the first abbreviated service, and then at 7:00 p.m., we will have the regular service which will also be live streamed.

Lenten Midweek Services (and soup) held on Zoom: Lenten Midweek Evening Services will be on Zoom again this year at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday evenings. The dates to mark on your calendar are: March 9, 16, 23, 20 and April 6. The services will be similar to Advent with prayer, creative prayer and reflection. There will be five themes, one for each session. They are as follows: Faithfulness, Mercy, Compassion, Forgiveness and Love, respectively. Soup recipes will be provided in the email that will be sent out each week for the service. We plan to coordinate a way for the choir to worship together with us before their practice.

VANCO Online giving: The procedure 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.

Procedure for online giving:

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FLOWERS: In order to place an order for flowers to include an announcement in the bulletin, please contact the church office and pay for your flowers in advance. This allows us enough time to contact the florist since we do not have flower donations every week.

Manna Bags: The first batch of Manna Bags are complete. We are still collecting items and we still need items to complete quite a few more bags. You can now pick up some Manna bags to hand out to those in need, if you so choose. They are located at in the narthex and at the wheelchair ramp door on the River Road side of the church. If you are not able to attend service, but do wish to participate in this project, please let the church office know and we will make necessary arrangements. Here are the items we're still collecting:

Mini Water Bottles Applesauce Granola Bars
Individual Boxes of Raisins Mini Hand Sanitizers Gallon-Sized Ziploc
Bags

YOUTH NEWS!

Pure Vida Bracelets Fundraiser UPDATE: We have been contacted by Pure Vida that our order was lost in transit. Since our order is a custom order, the bracelets have to be remade, which will be expedited so that we will receive them in less than six weeks. This ideally means we will have them for Easter. We are so sorry for the woeful delay and we are thankful for your patience.

COMMUNITY NEWS

One City Marathon: Next Sunday, March 6, the city is holding their One City Marathon. Please be sure to come to church via River Road and park on the side street or enter the parking lot from River Road only. If you wish to have more information on this race and/or wish to see which roads are blocked, you can type in One City Marathon in your browser. Here is the link for street closures (scroll down to Traffic Impacts - Partial Road Closures or Blacked/Closed Roads, or Full Road Closures at: https://www.onecitymarathon.com/plan-your-race/

PRAYER LIST

ILLNESS, SURGERY, RECOVERY, SHUT-INS: Nursing Homes/Assisted Living: Jeanette Cantrell (The Chesapeake, 955 Harpersville Road, AL302, Newport News, VA, 23601); Millie Christensen (Morningside: Rm. 131; Lucille Lebold (Williamsburg Landing, Memory Care Unit); Pat O'Connell - (Warwick Forest): Joan Johnston (The Newport—Rm 33); Shut-in at Home: Janet Edwards, Gerda Hudgens, and Doris Moeser.

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS: The Ahlen Family, requested by Kathy Stevens; 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; Sandy Nelson, requested by Pastor Tina Melusky; Matt Adamo (Brother-in-law of Patricia), requested by Patricia Fielding; Bob and Nancy Schappert; Pearl O'Connell; Ben Nelson, requested by Laura Davis; Pamela Bosserman (4521 Thorncroft Drive, Glen Allen, VA, 23060), requested by Bill Solomon; Donald Hall (son), requested by Susan Hall; Peggy Cash, requested by Dottie Self; Ms. Marley Keefer, requested by Glen Titus; Nancy Lindfors; Gisela Nygards, requested by daughter, Yvonne Christian; Johannes Hendrik Loots, father of daughter-in-law, requested by Glen Titus; Loyd and JoAnne Rawls, requested by Laura Davis; Shay Robinson, requested by Jean Cantrell and for the mental health of all those who are first responders, requested by Dinah Balthis.

Those Who Serve, Military and Civilian Duty: James Fielding, State Dept., Myanmar; Bryan Hunt, State Dept., Washington, D. C.; Eric Lindfors, Deputy Commander US Naval Forces - Korea; Tyler Obara, Virginia Air National Guard, LAFB; Josh and Ellen (Davis) Badgley, State Department, Bangkok, Thailand; Michael Titus, US Navy, Naval Shipyard, Washington, DC and Elisabeth Bruce (Titus's daughter-in-law).

Today, the **Chancel FLOWERS** are given to the Glory of God and in honor of their 55th wedding anniversary, by Virginia and Harlan Hamby and in memory of Kathy Nobles (Erik's mother), by the Rummel family.

Serving the Assembly

8:30 11:00

Crucifer Shawn Murphy
Acolytes Carl Carpenter

Andrew Rummel

Torchbearers Lois Jean Carpenter

Nathan Rummel

Lector Bill Solomon Patricia McClelland

Ushers/Greeters/Presenters Dave Roselius

John Lunsford

Altar Guild Karoline Ardis and Steve Quist Karoline Ardis and Steve Quist

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