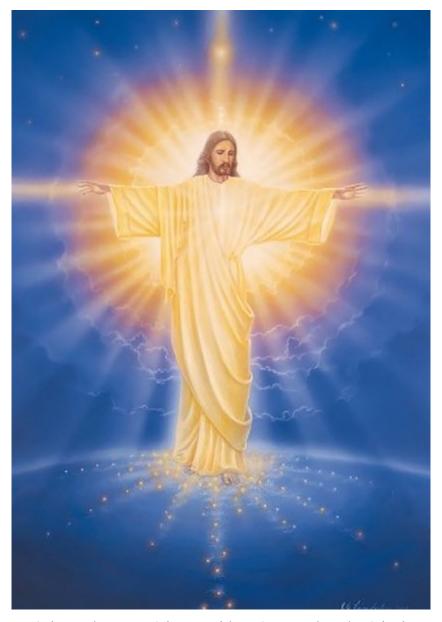
TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Transfiguration

10:00 AM Worship Service • February 11, 2024



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.

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. 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.

The nursery is available, however since there are no attendants at this time, feel free to use it as needed.

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 in the narthex on the table.

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CARILLON CALL TO WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prelude

Prelude on St. Denio

Michael Burkhardt

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, \pm one God, creator of darkness and light, word of truth, wind sweeping over the waters.

Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our rock and refuge,

we pour out our hearts before you.

We have known you but have not always loved you.

We have wounded one another

and sinned against you.

We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit

dwelling in each of us.

Remember your covenant.

Renew your creation.

Restore us,

that we might proclaim your good news to all.

Amen.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters.

God has spoken:

The time of grace is now.

In Jesus, the reign of God has come near.

By the authority of + Jesus Christ,

your sins are forgiven.

You are God's beloved.

Amen.

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





PRAYER OF THE DAY

The assembly is seated.

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." He 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: Psalm 50:1-6 (sung responsively)



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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

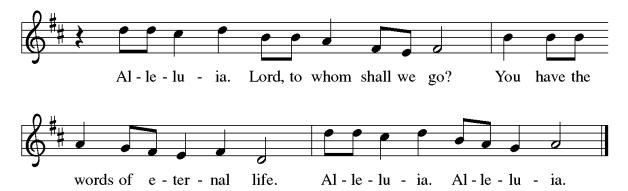
The spotlight of Christian ministry is not on the people who carry out ministry but on the Lord Jesus Christ. Just as God made light shine at creation, God makes the light of Jesus Christ shine in our lives through Christian ministry.

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.

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

The assembly stands.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL LESSON: 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 9th 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.

The assembly is seated.

CHILDREN'S CHAT Pastor Tina Melusky

SERMON Pastor Tina Melusky

The assembly stands.

HYMN OF THE DAYI Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

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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

God of grace, receive our prayer.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

The assembly is seated.

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies T. Frederick H. Candlyn

Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ, the true, the only Light, Sun of righteousness, arise! Triumph o'er the shades of night: Dayspring from on high, be near; Day star, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn unaccompanied by Thee; Joyless is the day's return, till thy mercy's beams I see; Till they inward light impart, glad my eyes and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief! Fill me, Radiancy Divine; scatter all my unbelief; More and more Thyself display, shining to the perfect day.

OFFERTORY HYMN Praise, God, from Whom All Blessings Flow



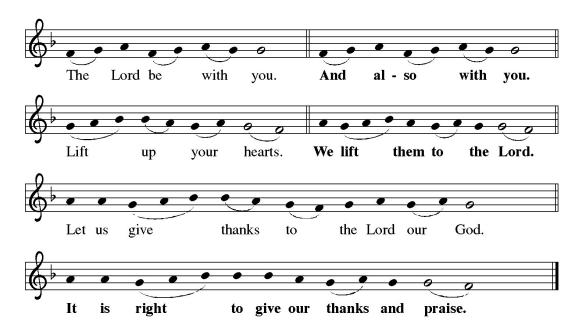
OFFERTORY PRAYER

Blessed are you, Holy One, for all good things come from you. In bread and cup you open heaven to us. Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek and follow your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray.

Amen.

MEAL

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

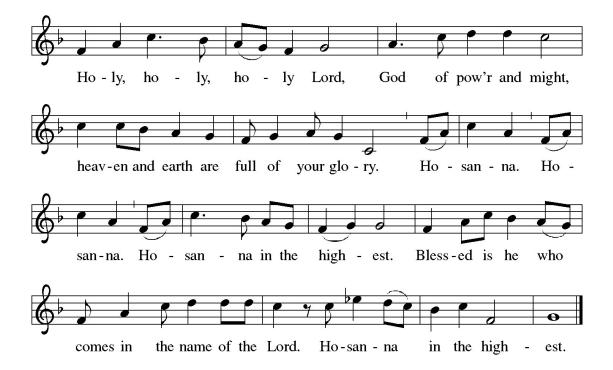


PROPER PREFACE

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

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

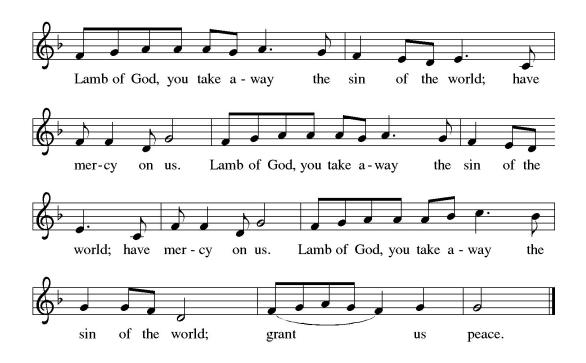


LORD'S PRAYER

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.

Our Father, who art in heaven,

AGNUS DEI



The assembly is seated.

COMMUNION

Communion is held around the table. The bread will be handed to you by the pastor. Please take a communion cup with wine from the outside edge of the tray or a grape juice cup from the center of the tray. Recycle baskets are located outside of the sanctuary doors for your plastic cups.

The assembly stands.

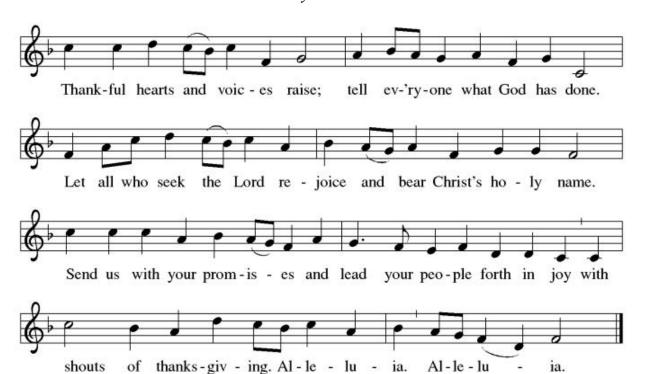
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TABLE BLESSING

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

Thankful Hearts

ELW 204



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POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BLESSING

God who names you, Christ who claims you, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you, + bless you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

Alleluia, Song of Gladness
LAUDA ANIMA

ELW 318

The assembly turns to face the recessing cross.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are God's beloved.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Toccata Brevis

Daniel E. Gawthrop



Serving the Assembly

Crucifer	Emma Recupero
Acolytes	Luke Harry
	Samantha Harry
Lector	Laura Davis
Ushers/Greeters	Karoline Ardis
	Anne Obara
Camera/Livestream	Doug Hill

FLOWERS

The Flowers 1/28/24 were given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Paul St. Pierre by the Dail Family.

The Flowers 2/4/24 were given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Elizabeth Krause Adams by Spindler Krause.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Carb Load for the Big Game!!! Pancake Brunch!

Please join us after worship today for our annual pancake breakfast (or brunch!). We'll have pancakes and other goodies prepared, but you are welcome to bring other dishes or drinks to share. Pancakes can be a great way to prep for an evening of fun watching the big game!! See you then!

<u>RED FOOD BOX:</u> Thank you so much for your quick and generous response to the Red Box food appeal! Thanks to you, our siblings in the neighborhood will once again have something to munch on as they walk; and, more importantly, they are receiving a gift that reminds them that they are valued children of God!

OFFERING ENVELOPES:

An Important Note Regarding Offering Envelope Boxes

The Post Office will no longer deliver the offering boxes for those who do not pick them up, citing "security concerns." This means that boxes that are not picked up from the library not only cost us in excess postage but will also now cost us in time away from the office.

Please pick up your offering boxes from the library in person if at all possible. If you cannot do so, perhaps a friend or family member will pick them up for you.

Thanks so much for your attention to this – and please note, Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 14, and the offering boxes contain Lenten envelopes for your Lenten discipline of giving.

PRAYER LIST

ILLNESS, SURGERY, RECOVERY, SHUT-INS: Nursing Homes/Assisted Living: Jeanette Cantrell, Millie Christensen, Lucille Lebold, and Barbara Olson; Richard Anderson, Hampton Health and Rehab, Room 226. Doris Moeser, The Gardens at Warwick Forest, Rm. 306. Shut-ins at Home: Peggy Cash, Janet Edwards and Shirley Anderson.

PRAYER REQUESTS: Jim Shook, Phil Shook's father; Jean Wimmer--friend of Jeannette Dail; Heike Ahlen, and the Ahlen family, requested by Kathy Stevens; Matt Adamo (Brother-in-law of Patricia) requested by Patricia Fielding; Matt Eggars (Sandy's nephew), requested by the Sniady family; Mary Lou Hubble (Jacob's aunt), requested by the Wessler family; Jessica Savage, requested by the Dail Family; Harry Hartman and Bill Wren, requested by Anne Obara; Sherrie Strickland (cousin), requested by Wendy Mynoymany; and Beth Eisdorfer, daughter of Terri Hoffeditz; and for the family and friends of Loyd Rawls.

Those Who Serve, Military and Civilian Duty: James Fielding, State Dept., Myanmar; Bryan Hunt, State Dept., Sierra Leone.; 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 wife, Elisabeth Bruce.







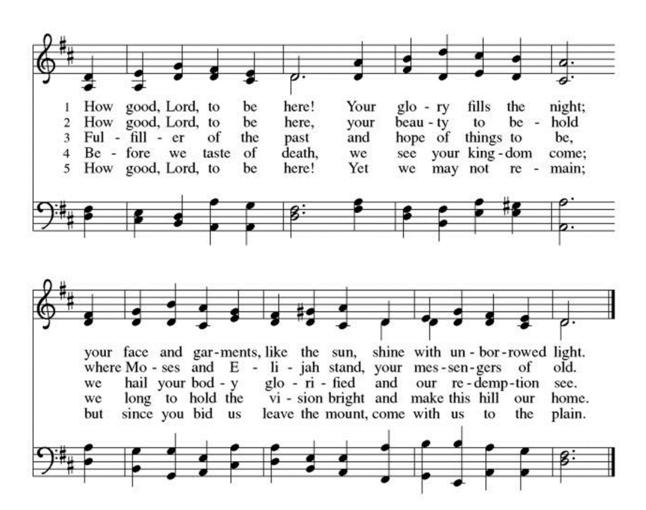
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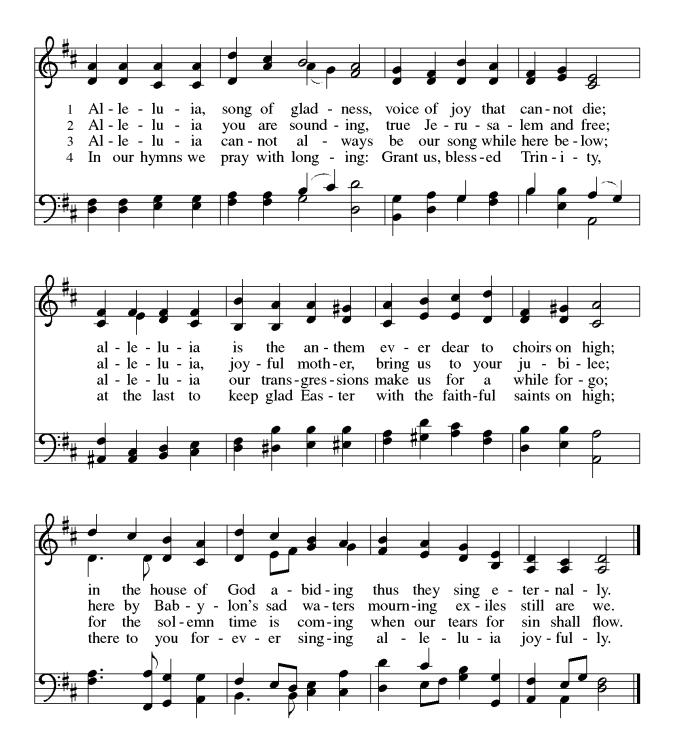
How Good, Lord, to Be Here

ELW 315



Text: Joseph A. Robinson, 1858-1933, alt.

Music: POTSDAM, W. Mercer, The Church Psalter and Hymn Book, 1854



Text: Latin hymn, 11th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt. Music: PRAISE, MY SOUL, John Goss, 1800–1880