

This is my Son, the Beloved;

listen to him!

TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD
FEBRUARY 11-12, 2024



Trinity Lutheran Church

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Transfiguration of Our Lord Sunday

February 10, 2024 - 5:00 p.m.

February 11, 2024 - 9:00 a.m.

Livestream Worship Service/KCMR 97.9

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 to Trinity! We are glad you're here. If you are new to Trinity Lutheran, please complete an informational card which can be found in the pews.

We love having small children in worship! Those needing a space to change or feed little ones are welcome to use the **Child Care Room** located next to the nursery. A **unstaffed nursery** is also available, located on the 2nd floor just outside the north sanctuary door (door under the stained glass window door).

Large print bulletins and listening devices are available from the ushers.

Activity Bags are available for children during worship. They are located in the narthex and at the front of the church. Please return them at the end of services.

Serving in Worship This Weekend

Pastor Dan Gerrietts
Daniel Hanson

Guest Preacher
Denny Hanson

Organist Jodi Korth

Cantor Alli Day

Greeters Dan and Nancy Clarke

Coffee Fellowship
Penny Bennett
Pat and Candy Marshall

Scripture Readers
5:00 p.m. Sally Becker
9:00 a.m. Susan Schlitter

Technical Support
9:00 a.m. Lucas and Colleen Frein
Evelyn Hunt

Worship Transportation
Dean Graven, Lou Ann Rossler

Ushers
5:00 p.m. Dave Guetzko
John Barron
9:00 a.m. Randy Johnson
Roger Schlitter
Randy Elsbernd
Joe Blanchard

Our Mission *We are called to share God's healing love through Christ's forgiveness and our personal servanthood.*

GATHERING

Prelude (5:00 pm)

Jesus Loves Me
Clappers Bell Choir

(9:00 am)

Let There Be Peace on Earth
Trinity Bronze Bell Choir

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
creator of darkness and light,
word of truth,
wind sweeping over the waters.

C Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

P God, our rock and refuge,

C 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.

P 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.

C Amen.

***Greeting**

P May the God of hope give you fullness of peace,
and may the Lord of life be with you all.

C And also with you.

***Glory to God**

ELW pg. 121

Refrain



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



1 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.

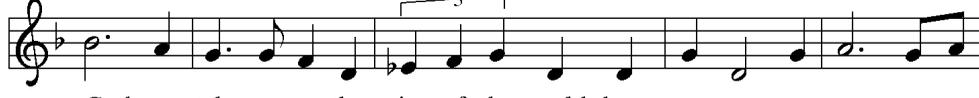
Refrain



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



2 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.



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



3 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**

P 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.

C Amen

Children's Sermon (9:00am)

Pastor Denny Hanson

Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

L 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.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 50:1-6 (*Read Responsively*)

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

***Gospel Acclamation**

ELW pg 124



- P The Holy Gospel according to Mark the ninth chapter.
- C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

***Gospel: Mark 9:2-9**

- P 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.

- P The Gospel of the Lord.
- C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Nicene Creed

C 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**

P God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

***Peace**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

The ministers and congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THANKSGIVING

Announcements

Offering

Text to Give is available at Trinity!

Simply text the amount you wish to give to 833-412-0093.

Or scan the QR code with your smartphone.

Please note where your gifts should be directed towards.



Special Music(5:00 pm)

Going Home

Clappers Bell Choir

(9:00 am)

Beautiful Savior

Trinity Choir

***Offertory**

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

ELW 310

Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise:

Manifested by the star to the sages from afar,

Branch of royal David's stem in the birth at Bethlehem:

Anthems to be thee addressed, God in flesh made manifest.

***Offering Prayer**

P Dear Heavenly Father,

we thank you for the many ways you call people to follow you.

Allow these gifts to serve your kingdom.

C **Amen.**

***Lord's Prayer**

C 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.

SENDING

***Blessing**

P God who names you,
Christ who claims you,
and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you,
✠ bless you and remain with you always.

C Amen.

***Sending Hymn**

Crown Him with Many Crowns

ELW 855

***Sending**

P Go in peace. You are God's beloved.

C Thanks be to God!

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Thank you to Pastor Denny Hanson
for sharing his message with us
this weekend.*

Lunch and Learn—Thursday, February 15 at Noon | Fellowship Hall

Soup and salad served for a free-will offering. Trinity member John Rodriguez has 40+ years of experience working with software development and computer technology and currently works as a Senior Solutions Architect for Optimum Health Care IT. John will share how to stay safe online to avoid scams and identity theft. John will also show you how to get the most out of Trinity's website and easily view the worship service online. Please see the signup sheet on the bulletin board and **RSVP by Feb. 13.**

90th Birthday Card Shower for Henry

Kalke! If you would like to send a greeting, memory or a joke—please send it to:
12 6th St. NE, Nora Springs, IA 50458

Bible Study Opportunities

Each Wednesday morning Trinity offers a Bible Study based on that weekend's readings led by the preaching pastor. Men's Bible Study meets in the Fellowship Hall from 7-8am and Women's Bible Study meets in the Library from 8:30-9:30am.

Lydia Bible Study will meet on **Wed. Feb. 14 at 9:30 a.m. in Rm. 208.** We meet for treats, conversation and then continue with the Bible Study. Lydia uses the Gather Magazine for their Bible Study. All are welcome to join us.

Scholarship Applications

Scholarship applications and re-applications for the 2023-2024 school year are available to pick up outside the church office. Forms are available on Trinity's website at trinity-mc.org/college-scholarships/. Applications must be turned in to the church office by **March 1, 2024.**

LENT 2024



This Lent at Trinity, we are focusing on the life and faith of one of Jesus' most famous disciples. In Peter, we see a person who is both steadfast and unsteady, a dear friend and a betrayer, a follower and a wanderer. In Peter, we often see ourselves - a very normal human trying to figure it all out—just like us.

ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

Wednesday, February 14, 2024

Worship at 1:30 PM & 6:30 PM / Sanctuary

Wandering Heart: "Tune My Heart"

Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion

This service will be livestreamed on Trinity's Facebook and YouTube pages

A daily Lenten Devotional book is available to pick up they are located at the Welcome desk and by the church offices.

**First Sunday in Lent
February 17-18, 2024**

Wandering Heart:
"Jesus sought me"

*LUKE 5:1-11 | Jesus calls
Simon Peter as a disciple.*

**Third Sunday in Lent
March 2-3, 2024**

Wandering Heart:
"Praise the mount"

*MATTHEW 16:13-20 | Simon
Peter calls Jesus the
Messiah, and Jesus
gives him the name Peter.*

**Second Sunday in Lent
February 24-25, 2024**

Wandering Heart:

"Rescue me from danger"
*MATTHEW 14:22-33 | Jesus
calls Simon Peter to
walk on water.*

**Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 9-10, 2024**

Wandering Heart:

"I'm fixed upon it"
*MATTHEW 16:21-23 |
Jesus scolds Peter after he
questions Jesus'
mission and calling.*

Cards of Care

Receiving a card or letter can do wonders for helping people to feel valued and connected to their family and friends. Let's make sure love is in the air this February as we write cards to those who need some cheer. There will be a card writing table in the Gathering Space at Trinity February 3-11. Cards can be written to a specific person for you to send on your own or you may write out a general card and place it in the designated box for us to deliver to someone in need. If you have questions, contact Becky at becky.elsbernd@trinity-mc.org or 423-0536.

Wandering Heart Lent Retreat

Saturday, February 24

9:00 - 11:00 AM / Trinity Lutheran Church

Take a deeper dive into the life of Peter with this hands on event. Wandering Heart Lent Retreat starts with a large group activity and then invites you to wander where your heart leads to explore a variety of interactive stations that each tell a story about Peter's journey with Jesus. Opportunity for reflection, creativity, and physical activity will be offered. All ages and abilities are welcome to attend but children must be accompanied by an adult. Please sign up by Thursday, February 22.

Pickleball—Thursday, February 22

2:00-3:00 PM | St. John's Episcopal Church

120 1st St NE Use entrance on the east side.

Join us for a fun game of pickleball in the fellowship hall of St. John's Episcopal Church. Balls and paddles provided. Beginners are welcome. Limited to first eight people that sign up. To sign up, please call the church office at 641-423-0536. or see the bulletin board by the church offices.

Rejoicing Spirits

Wednesday, February 21 | 5:00 PM

Trinity Fellowship Hall

Rejoicing Spirits is inclusive of all ages and abilities as we connect with God and one another. Join us as we learn about Jesus' journey to the cross and beyond through camp style music, interactive skit, and prayer. Following the worship service, enjoy pizza and root beer floats for a free-will donation.

TLC OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

- **Worship Greeter** – Greet worshippers as they enter the building for weekend and mid-week services. Volunteer position. Contact the office.
- **Usher** – Distribute bulletins, welcome, collect offering, usher people for communion. Volunteer position. Contact the office.
- **Worship Transportation** – Assist Region 2 Transit driver in picking up those needing a ride to Sunday worship. Volunteer position. Contact the office
- **Community Kitchen Volunteers**—Trinity provides volunteers to help prepare and serve meals at the Community Kitchen, *either the 1st Monday of each month from 9-1:00 and the 4th Wednesday of each month from 4-6:30 p.m.* See the bulletin boards by the church office. It is a fun opportunity to engage in being a member of a servant church.
- **Help at Affordables**—Trinity provides volunteers to help sort donated clothing at Affordables on the *2nd Wednesday of each month from 9-11:00 a.m.*

For more worship serving opportunities, go to trinity-mc.org/worship-volunteers

Blood Pressure Checks—Sunday, Feb. 18th from 10-10:30 a.m. in the Gathering Space.

Cancer Support Group

Wednesday, February 21 | 2:00 PM

Room 300 & Zoom

Individuals currently treating cancer or those who are in remission, along with family and loved ones, are encouraged to attend. The facilitators are cancer survivors Roger Schlitter and Linda Stine. If you would like to attend this meeting via Zoom, please visit trinity-mc.org/cancer-support-group to fill out the Zoom registration form. Or contact Becky Elsbernd at becky.elsbernd@trinity-mc.org

Riverside Bible Camp

All Trinity members and their friends receive a subsidy to attend camp, however, the registration policy has changed and is new for 2024. Information sheets detailing everything you need to know are available in the gathering space today, outside the church office, and on our web site. If you have any questions, contact Marty Greder, Trinity Director of Education.

All God's Children Gotta Write

February 13, 20, 27 (Join us for any or all!)

10:00-11:00 AM / Trinity Library

Would you like to create your own poems, hymns, parables, stories and essays? Let's hear words of world-class spiritual thinkers; put pen to paper and create unique gems of wisdom! No writing experience is needed for this informal, interactive gathering. Led by Mary Lynn Oertel.

Donations for Mission Jamaica

Trinity's 2024 MJ Team is gathering donations for Westhaven Children's Home in Jamaica. Donations can be left in the main office cabinet near the East Entrance. To make a cash donation toward these items, mark your envelope/check with "Mission Jamaica." Thank you!

Requested Items

- t-shirts, blouses, dresses, jeans, dress pants, underwear and bras
- sheets (twin, double and crib), pillowcases
- bibs, towels, kitchen towels, shower curtains
- scrubs for caregivers (all sizes), heavy duty cleaning gloves, examination gloves (medium & large)
- diapers (adult medium, children stages 4 & 5), diaper rash cream, deodorants, disposable razors
- Vaseline, toothpaste & toothbrushes

2024 Flower Calendar and Bulletin Calendar

If you'd like to honor a loved one, remember a birthday and/or an anniversary please sign up. Both calendars are located on the bulletin board next to the church office. Altar Flowers are \$45 and Bulletins are \$25

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, February 12

9:00 a.m. Lectio Divina (Rm. 322)

9:30 a.m. Altar Guild (Rm. 300)

7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

Tuesday, February 13

8-9:00 a.m. BASES Exercise (Gathering Space)

10:00 a.m. All God's Children Gotta Write (Library)

Noon Staff Meeting

4:15 p.m. NordKor Choir Rehearsal (Choir Rm.)

6:15 p.m. Women's Ministry Cabinet (Rm. 300)

Wednesday, February 14

Ash Wednesday

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)

8:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study (Library)

9:30 a.m. Lydia Circle (Rm. 208)

10:30 a.m. Walk to Better Health (Gathering Space)

1:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Worship Service

6:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Worship Service

Thursday, February 15

8:00 a.m. BASES Exercise (Gathering Space)

Noon Lunch & Learn (Fellowship Hall)

7:00 p.m. Una Vocis Rehearsal

Friday, February 16

4:30 p.m. Nibble & Nuggets | Healing Touch Gathering (Gathering Space)

Saturday, February 17

Holy Communion Celebrated

5:00 p.m. Worship Service

Sunday, February 18

Holy Communion Celebrated

9:00 a.m. Worship Service

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Blood Pressure Checks (Gathering Space)

10:30 a.m. Worship Service