

Transfiguration of Our Lord
February 19, 2023 | 9:30 am Worship
Holy Communion

Today's festival is a bridge between the Advent-Christmas-Epiphany cycle that comes to a close today and the Lent-Easter cycle that begins in several days. On a high mountain Jesus is revealed as God's beloved Son, echoing the words at his baptism. This vision of glory sustains us as Jesus faces his impending death in Jerusalem. We turn this week to Ash Wednesday and our yearly baptismal journey

from Lent to Easter. Some churches put aside the alleluia at the conclusion of today's liturgy. This word of joy will be omitted during the penitential season of Lent and will be sung again at Easter.

All Are Welcome At Our Lord's Table Of Grace. In, Through, And Under Bread And Wine We Receive The Real Presence Of Christ – God's Love Poured Out For Us – As Jesus Taught Us. Please Prepare Communion Elements Of Bread Or Crackers, Juice Or Wine For Your Household. As You Are Invited During The Meal Portion Of The Service, You May Partake Of The Elements Saying The Words, "The Body Of Christ Given For You, The Blood Of Christ Shed For You."

+ GATHER +

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever. Amen.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.
Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One, source of our renewal,

we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves.

We have not practiced your righteousness.

Our hearts have turned away from you.

**For the sake of the world you so love,
forgive us,**

**that we may be reconciled to one another
for the glory of your holy name.**

Amen.

Thus says our God:

“The former things have come to pass
and new things I now declare.”

God's mercy makes us new.

We are forgiven in the name of † Christ our Savior.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright! ELW 308



1 O Morn - ing Star, how fair and bright! You shine with
2 Come, pre - cious dia - mond, light di - vine, and deep with -
3 Lord, when you look on us in love, at once there
4 Al - might - y Fa - ther, in your Son you loved us,



God's own truth and light, a - glow with grace and mer - cy!
in our hearts now shine; there light a flame un - dy - ing!
falls from God a - bove a ray of pur - est plea - sure.
when not yet be - gun was this old earth's foun - da - tion!



Of Ja - cob's line, King Da - vid's son, our Lord and Sav - ior,
In your one bod - y let us be as liv - ing branch - es
Your word and Spir - it, flesh and blood re - fresh our souls with
Your Son has ran - somed us in love to live in him here



you have won our hearts to serve you on - ly! Low - ly,
of a tree, your life our lives sup - ply - ing. Now, though
heav'n - ly food. You are our dear - est trea - sure! Let your
and a - bove: this is your great sal - va - tion. Al - le -



ho - ly! Great and glo - rious, all vic - to - rious, rich
dai - ly earth's deep sad - ness may per - plex us and
mer - cy warm and cheer us! Oh, draw near us! For
lu - ia! Christ the liv - ing, to us giv - ing life

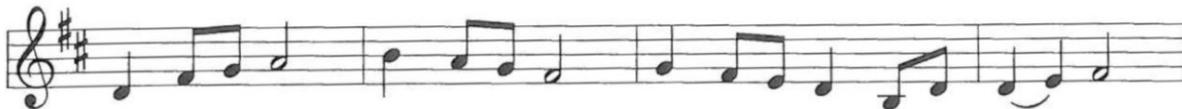


in bless - ing! Rule and might o'er all pos - sess - ing!
dis - tress us, yet with heav'n - ly joy you bless us.
you teach us God's own love through you has reached us.
for - ev - er, keeps us yours and fails us nev - er!

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.

GLORIA WOV Setting 5



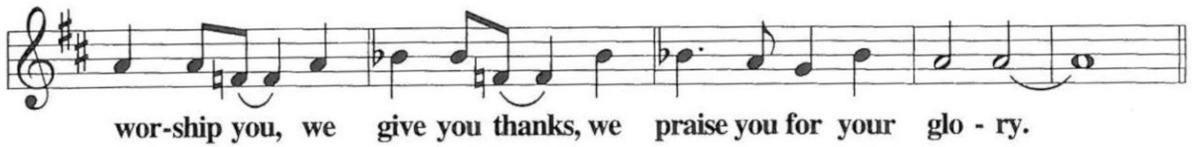
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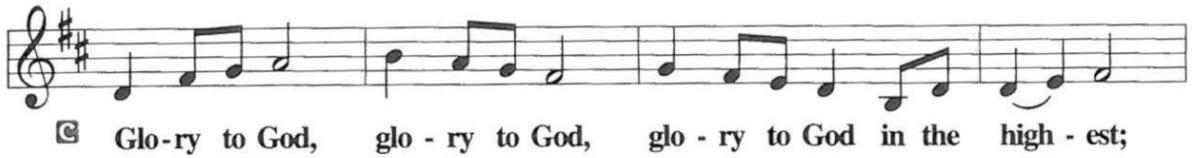
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



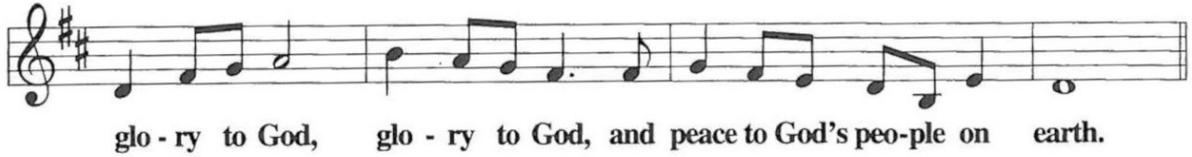
① Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we



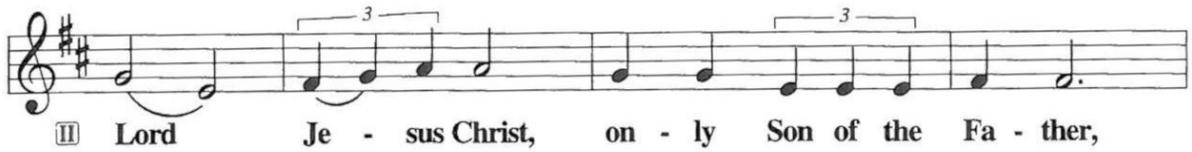
wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



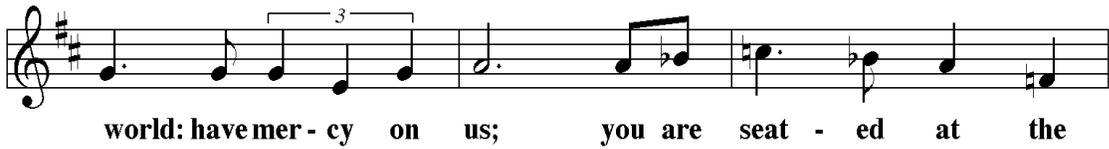
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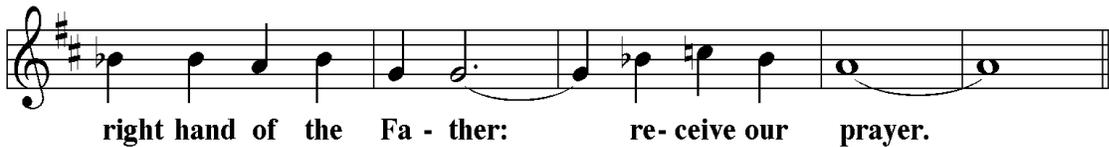
☐ Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



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, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



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



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♯ 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, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth,



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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Sit

+ WORD +

ANTHEM Jesus, Take Us To The Mountain C. Schalk
Trinity Singers

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**We are in God's house today. We will learn and we will pray.
Let us listen, let us sing. Gladly make our praises ring.**

**We are in God's house today. We will learn and we will pray.
Let us listen to God's Word. Gladly do what we have heard.**

FIRST READING: Exodus 24:12-18

¹²The Lord said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” ¹³So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. ¹⁴To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.”

¹⁵Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. ¹⁷Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. ¹⁸Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 2



¹Why are the nations | in an uproar?

Why do the peoples mutter | empty threats?

²**Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and the princes |
plot together,**

against the Lord and against | his anointed?

³“Let us break their | yoke,” they say;

“let us cast off their | bonds from us.”

⁴**He whose throne is in heav- | en is laughing;
the Lord has them | in derision.**

⁵Then he speaks to them | in his wrath,
and his rage fills | them with terror.

⁶**“I myself have | set my king
upon my holy | hill of Zion.”**

⁷Let me announce the decree | of the Lord:

He said to me, “You are my son; this day have I be- | gotten you.

⁸**Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for | your inheritance
and the ends of the earth for | your possession.**

⁹You shall crush them with an | iron rod
and shatter them like a | piece of pottery.”

¹⁰**And now, you | kings, be wise;
be warned, you rulers | of the earth.**

¹¹Submit to the | Lord with fear,
and with trembling | bow before him;

¹²lest he be angry, ¹ and you perish;
for his wrath is ¹ quickly kindled.

¹³Happy ¹ are they all
who take refuge in him!

SECOND READING: 2 Peter 1:16-21

¹⁶For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.” ¹⁸We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

¹⁹So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. ²⁰First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, ²¹because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah ELW 172

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

GOSPEL: Matthew 17:1-9

Whirl Story Bible p. 314

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ²And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁵While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" ⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground

and were overcome by fear. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” ⁸And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

⁹As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

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

Sit

SERMON

Rev. Franklin Morales

Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY Oh, Wondrous Image, Vision Fair ELW 316



1 Oh, won - drous im - age, vi - sion fair of
 2 With Mo - ses and E - li - jah nigh the in -
 3 With shin - ing face and bright ar - ray, Christ
 4 And faith - ful hearts are raised on high by
 5 O Fa - ther, with the e - ter - nal Son, and



glo - ry that the church may share, which Christ up - on the
 car - nate Lord holds con - verse high, and from the cloud, the
 deigns to man - i - fest to - day what glo - ry shall be
 this great vi - sion's mys - ter - y; for which in joy - ful
 Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er one, we pray you, bring us



moun-tain shows, where bright - er than the sun he glows!
 Ho - ly One says, "This is my be - lov - ed Son."
 theirs a - bove who joy in God with per - fect love.
 song we raise the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.
 by your grace to see your glo - ry face to face.

NICENE CREED

With the whole church we confess our faith ...

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

Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world,
and all in need.

A brief silence.

... Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom
and power revealed in Christ crucified. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

*Please share a sign of God's peace with those around you. Children
and youth are encouraged to come to the front to greet those
worshipping with us online.*

+ MEAL +

SETTING THE TABLE

WOV Setting 5



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were



sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.



Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we



of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,



Lord, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Liberating God, you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior.
Amen.

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.

PROPER PREFACE AND SANCTUS

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations;
in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son;
and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY WOV Setting 5



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,

now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION

Come and taste the joy of God!

Come to the table of peace.

All are welcome at Jesus' table of grace for communion. Wine (red) and juice (white) are offered in individual communion cups; bread will be distributed by the pastor. If you prefer individually packaged communion elements, those are available just outside the sanctuary doors. Gluten free bread options are also available. Those who don't wish to receive communion are invited to come forward and cross your arms for a blessing or remain in your seats for meditation time.

LAMB OF GOD

WOV Setting 5



☞ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



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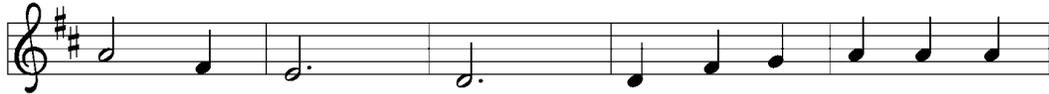
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Sit

COMMUNION HYMNS I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light ELW 815



1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to
2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to
3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to



fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give
look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous-ness,
be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with



light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.
shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain



In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the



day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the



cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

Beautiful Savior

ELW 838



1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,



Son of God and Son of Man!
 robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;
 bright the spar - kling stars on high;
 Son of God and Son of Man!



Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,



light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
 than all the an - gels in the sky.
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

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TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

Post-Communion Canticle

WOV Setting 5



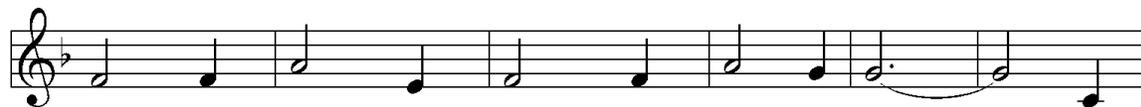
☐ Thank - ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry -



one what God has done. Let all who seek the



Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and



lead us forth in joy with shouts of thanks-



giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy One,
we thank you for the healing
that springs forth abundantly from this table.
Renew our strength to do justice,
love kindness,
and journey humbly with you.
Amen.

sit

+ SENDING +

FAREWELL TO THE ALLELUIA

Children and youth may come to the front of the church to help put away the Alleluia banner for Lent.

I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord." "Yes," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors." So says the church today of her alleluia. It dies today until it rises with Christ at his glorious resurrection.

There is a time to keep silence and a time to speak; a time to laugh and a time to weep; a time to mourn and a time to dance.

I heard a voice of a great multitude in heaven crying: "Alleluia! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God. Alleluia! For our God, the Almighty reigns."

stand



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. Follow the way of Jesus.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

TWO MINUTE CONNECTION: *Please take 2 minutes at the end of worship to speak with someone you don't know or don't know well. This will help everybody to get to know one another better and strengthen our community here at Trinity!*

Remember in Your Prayers

The church

our synod & bishops: Bishops Elizabeth E & Leila O

our missionaries: Stephen D & Marta G, Cent. America

our congregation: Trinity Church

the nations: Afghanistan, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Israel, Korea, Mexico, Myanmar, Namibia, Palestine, Somalia, Spain/Cataluña, Sudan, Syria, Turkey, Ukraine, United States, Venezuela

the sick and suffering

nursing/rehabilitation center/hospital

Martha R (Bethesda H&R)

Philip T (Manor Care Potomac)

Yulie N (Village at Rockville)

home

Tigist G, Margo W, Lineth M, Isabel F, Gio S, Vimala P, Anya N

family and friends*

Lonnie B, *friend of Carol B*

Donald B, *brother of Marilyn C*

Pastor Sarah F-M, *friend of Anita S*

David G, *friend of Tad and Vi D*

Karen and Harold S, *friends of Pamela B*

first responders

Lisbeth N-D

Greta S & Linda A, *sister & sister-in-law of Anita S*

Vanessa B, *friend of Elizabeth & Ben R*

**For family and friends, prayer requests will be kept on the list for four weeks. After four weeks, please complete another card/call the office.*

This Week at Trinity

Livestreamed services on Trinity YouTube channel
<https://www.youtube.com/@TrinityELCA/streams>

Sun, Feb 19, Transfiguration of Our Lord

Food Collection

9:30 am **Holy Communion** Worship Service
(Coffee Hour to Follow)

10:45 am Adult Forum-Room 10

10:45 am Children's Sunday School- Room 8

Mon, Feb 20

7:30 pm Heavenly Handbells

Tues, Feb 21

7:30 pm Congregation Council

Wed, Feb 22

7:30 pm Ash Wednesday Service

Thurs, Feb 23

7:30 pm Trinity Singers- Choir Room

Sat, Feb 25

9:00 am Stephen Ministry Prayer Event Setup

Sun, Feb 26, First Sunday in Lent

Food Collection

9:30 am **Holy Communion** Worship Service
(Coffee Hour to Follow)

10:45 am Intergenerational Prayer Event

11:15 am Mission Endowment Committee

Birthdays

20.	Cathy C	25.	Susan S
21.	Rebecca L	26.	Joan E
22.	Gregory F	26.	Connor C
22.	Mina N		

Worship Announcement: Masks in the building are now optional

Online offering is now available via Paypal!

See details on the Trinity website

<http://www.trinityelca.org/give>



SAVE THE DATES!

Ash Wednesday Service | Feb 22 | 7:30 pm

D3 Dinner | Feb 25

Prayer Event | Feb 26

MEF Committee Meeting | Feb 26 | 11 :45am

Soup Supper and Lenten Worship | March 2

Food Drive | March 18

Welcome to our Guest Preacher, Rev. Franklin Morales

Pastor Franklin Morales was born in Venezuela and is a former Catholic priest. He studied in Venezuela and Rome, and did a one-year internship in Central America, where he had first-hand contact with the realities of poverty, criminal gangs, inequality, and hunger that force many of our Central American brothers and sisters to look for a better future for themselves and their families. He discovered in Lutheran theology a gospel that seeks liberation and equality for all people through justice and peace, where the relationship with God through prayer is manifested in service to the neediest and with creation.

Join @ELCAYoungAdults for #NoPlasticsForLent!

While we often think of giving something up for Lent as depriving ourselves of something, this Lenten practice has a more positive spin. While giving up single-use plastic, or committing to eco-friendly practices, or just reducing plastic waste for 40 days may be a challenge, it's a step towards better caring for creation. Maybe at the end of Lent, you will have found practices that you can sustain on an everyday basis! Take the pledge today to help take care of God's creation: <https://bit.ly/3loJHcC>

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome Pastor Paul Collinson-Streng!

Last Sunday we welcomed Pastor Paul Collinson-Streng to join Trinity as our interim pastor through April 23. Pastor Paul is away this morning for a prior obligation. Please give him a warm welcome when you see him next week! Pastor Paul can be reached by cell or text at 410-258-7603. Feel free to leave a message.

Office Hours: Carol B will be our interim admin 9-3 Mon-Thurs, and interim Pr Paul Collinson-Streng will be in the office on Tuesdays but also can be reached by phone or text above.



Last Sunday we collected \$113 and 27 cans of soup, the majority of which was in the pot for the champion Kansas City Chiefs! The real winner is Manna Food Center who will receive the cash and soups. Thank you, Trinity, for your generosity!



Dinner, Discussion, and Dessert | Sat, Feb 25 | 6:30 pm

Come gather for dinner and fellowship at the Mayers' home. The RSVP link is below which includes items for you to bring and the address. If you have any questions, please contact Valerie (valerie@vmwishes.com) <https://bit.ly/3xkLxEX>



Trinity Prayer Event for the Call Process: Intergenerational Sunday School | February 26, 2023

Have you wondered how Trinity, as a congregation, can support the call process of a new pastor? Trinity's Stephen Ministry program is

sponsoring an Intergenerational Congregational Prayer Event, to be held after the church service on the first Sunday in Lent, February 26. At this prayer event, we will learn new ways of opening our hearts in prayer to specifically listen and be guided by the Holy Spirit. There will be opportunities to pray together and pray individually, try a variety of prayer practices, including some art work and breath prayers, and to continue to pray for our congregation in the days, weeks, and months ahead. We welcome Trinity's children at this prayer event, which will be an intergenerational time of prayer. The children will take part in Trinity's annual pretzel-making experience as well as other children's prayer opportunities. Join us for this time of prayer and be a part of a beautiful way of coming together as a spiritual community to prayerfully support our call process for a new pastor as it continues.

BENEVOLENCES *2023*

Trinity's Lenten Benevolence Offerings will go to Lutheran Disaster Response this year. Lutheran Disaster Response brings God's hope, healing, and renewal to people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the United States and around the world. We will focus on domestic relief. There are many immediate needs here. Visit the ELCA Disaster Response webpage (<https://elca.org/disaster>) to learn more about how you can help.



FOOD COLLECTION

Food Drive | March 18, 2023 | 9-noon

Our monthly food drive collection will be given to Bethesda Help (bethesdahelp.org).

Thanks to all for their ongoing support of the food drives – the need in the community continues to grow. Trinity's food drives will continue the third Saturday of the month from 9-12. The list of food donation requests can be found here: <https://bit.ly/3rJQCU5>
If you have any questions please contact Margaret F at [gmfitzwm85@gmail.com](mailto:gmitzwm85@gmail.com)

SOUP SUPPERS

Lenten Soup Suppers and Holden Evening Prayer | Thursdays in March | 6:00 pm

Join us in the social hall for a simple supper of soup and bread prior to Lenten vespers at 7:00 pm. We will start at 6:00pm, allowing for plenty of time for conversation and fellowship. There is a sign-up link below to RSVP (so we have an estimate as to how many to set up for) and provide a soup or bread. Signing up would be helpful, if you forget, come join us anyway.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050e4caba82f4-lenten#/>

Serving in Worship Today

Assisting Minister: Sarah M

Cantor: Elizabeth R

Lector: Nancy N

Altar Guild: Marilyn G

Usher: Angela B, Julie N

Welcome Team: Valerie M

Tellers: Dick and Peggy J

Staff

Interim Pastor: Rev. Paul Collinson-Streng

Guest Preacher: Rev. Franklin Morales

Interim Musician: Marcello Silva

Interim Office Administrator: Carol Bruno

Handbell Choir: Marilyn Converse

Custodian: Kathy Boone