



*“There appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus.”
St. Mark 9:4*

TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

February 11, 2024

Service of Holy Communion – 10:00 a.m.

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“Come, Celebrate with Us”

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

WELCOME, in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ! To assist the office staff in serving you, **please sign the yellow Attendance & Communion Registration sheet included in the bulletin.** We also ask first time worshippers to sign the guest book on the table near the doors. Following worship, everyone is invited to the Fellowship Hall for refreshments.

Please direct all pastoral care concerns to Pastor, Rich Mueller at 914-388-2240.



Gathering

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

We face the font, remembering God's promise of forgiveness in baptism.

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 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.

GATHERING HYMN

853, "When Morning Gilds the Skies"

1 When morn-ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ing cries:
2 When mirth for mu - sic longs, this is my song of songs:
3 No love - lier an - ti - phon in all high heav'n is known
4 Let all of hu - man - kind in this their con - cord find:
5 Sing, sun and stars of space, sing, all who see his face,

may Je - sus Christ be praised! When eve - ning shad - ows fall,
may Je - sus Christ be praised! God's ho - ly house of prayer
than "Je - sus Christ be praised!" There to the e - ter - nal Word
may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let all the earth a - round
sing, "Je - sus Christ be praised!" God's whole cre - a - tion o'er,

this rings my cur - few call: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
has none that can com - pare with "Je - sus Christ be praised!"
the e - ter - nal psalm is heard: oh, Je - sus Christ be praised!
ring joy - ous with the sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
to - day and ev - er - more shall Je - sus Christ be praised!

Text: German hymn, 19th cent.; tr. Robert Bridges, 1844–1930, alt.
Music: LAUDES DOMINI, Joseph Barnby, 1838–1896

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

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.

Word

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.

¹Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ²Elijah 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. ³The 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."

⁴Elijah 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. ⁵The 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.”

⁶Then 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. ⁷Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸Then 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.

⁹When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.” Elisha said, “Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.” ¹⁰He responded, “You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.” ¹¹As 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. ¹²Elisha 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

Out of Zion, perfect in beauty, God shines forth in glory. (Ps. 50:2)

¹The mighty one, God the ¹ LORD, has spoken;
calling the earth from the rising of the sun ¹ to its setting.

²**Out of Zion, perfect ¹ in its beauty,
God shines ¹ forth in glory. R**

³Our God will come and will ¹ not keep silence;
with a consuming flame before, and round about a ¹ raging storm.

⁴**God calls the heavens and the earth ¹ from above
to witness the judgment ¹ of the people.**

⁵“Gather before me my ¹ loyal followers,
those who have made a covenant with me and sealed ¹ it with
sacrifice.”

⁶**The heavens declare the rightness ¹ of God’s cause,
for it is God ¹ who is judge. R**

SECOND READING

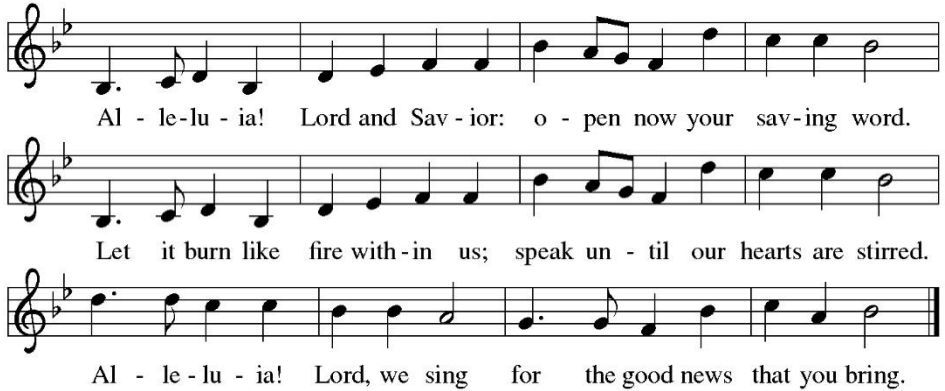
2 Corinthians 4:3-6

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.

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.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.
Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.
Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 9:2-9

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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.

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.

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Linda Veren

SERMON

Rev. Richard Mueller

HYMN OF THE DAY

[316, "Oh, Wondrous Image, Vision Fair"](#)



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.

Text: Sarum, 15th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
Music: DEO GRACIAS, English ballad, 15th cent.

APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS *(Stand or kneel)*

As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

We pray for the church, that the transformational power of God enters the hearts of all people. May its leaders serve as examples of your grace and healing across time and space. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

We pray for the creation, that we will humbly observe the swirl of wind and the heat of the bright sun. Teach us to honor all you have made and to care for the animals, plants, air, and bodies of water of this planet. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

We pray for those charged with leadership, lawmaking, and governance of our towns, states, and countries, that they will strive for goodness and justice all the days of their lives and callings. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

We pray for any who are sick and suffering (*especially*). Guide us to offer hospitality, shelter, friendship, and care to any in need. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

We pray for this congregation and its ministry in the wider community. May we share the transforming beauty and love of God in ways that honor the dignity of all whom we encounter. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Trusting that all the saints, prophets, and those who die in faith are held in your care, we remember in thanksgiving those who have died (*especially*). Grant us your gift of salvation as we await your coming again in glory. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

P: Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

C: Amen

PEACE

P: The peace of the risen Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

We greet one another with a gesture of peace.

P: Peace be with you. **C:** And also with you.

Meal

OFFERING *An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. Your offering can be left in the baskets provided near the entrance of the sanctuary.*

OFFERTORY HYMN

186, "Create in Me a Clean Heart"

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923

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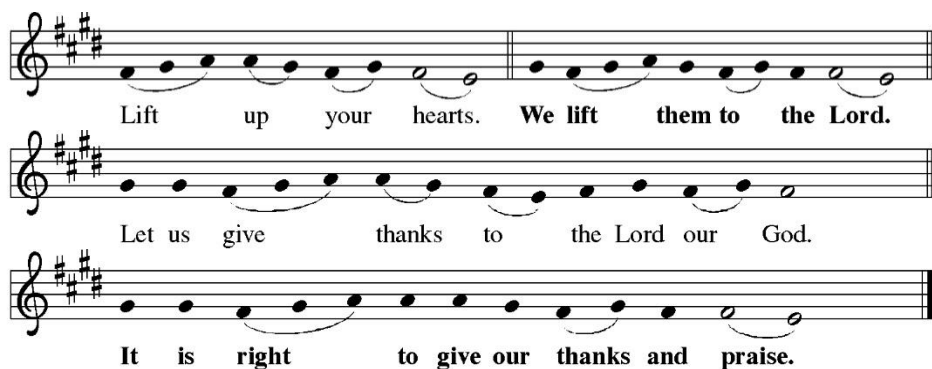
OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: 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.

C: Amen

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

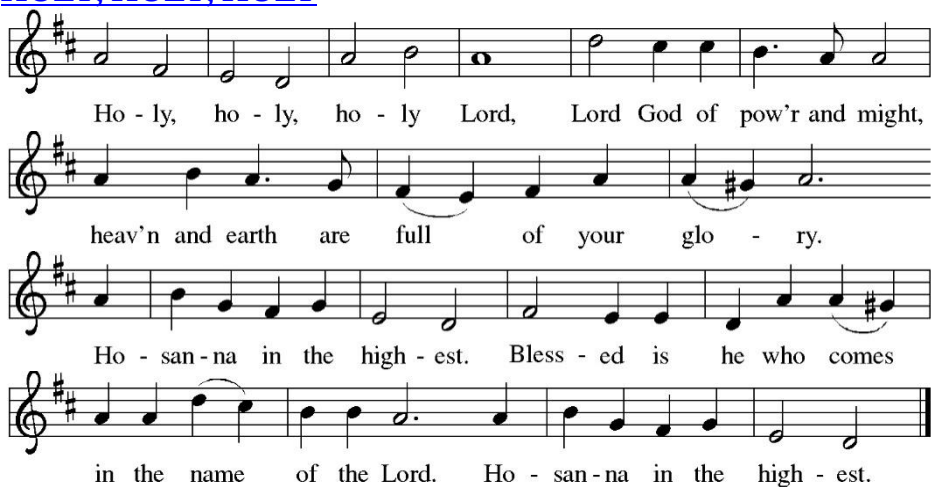


Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
 It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The presiding minister continues:

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise... *Here the minister continues with the preface for the day, concluding:* ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
 heav'n 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.

The minister continues with the Words of Institution

Continue with the 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.

COMMUNION

P: At Jesus' table, heaven and earth are joined as one. Come and see.

Christ is truly present in this sacrament. We trust the Word, "The body and blood of

Christ given and shed for you.” By Christ’s invitation, all baptized people of God are welcome to receive Christ’s gift of love and mercy. Cups are available to receive wine from the Worship Assistant’s pouring chalice. If grape juice is preferable, it is available in the tray the Acolyte carries.

Those not wishing to participate in Holy Communion may come forward and receive a blessing. Please notify the usher if you are unable to come forward, but wish to commune in your seat. Approach the altar from the center aisle and return to your seat by a side aisle.

LAMB OF GOD



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
 you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
 e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

COMMUNION HYMN

631, “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

(Congregation Sings)



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to
 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less



earth come down! Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
 find thy prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee! Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788

Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

COMMUNION HYMN (2)

315, “How Good, Lord, to Be Here”

(Congregation Sings)

1 How good, Lord, to be here! Your glo - ry fills the night;
 2 How good, Lord, to be here, your beau - ty to be - hold
 3 Ful - fill - er of the past and hope of things to be,
 4 Be - fore we taste of death, we see your king - dom come;
 5 How good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not re - main;

your face and gar-ments, like the sun, shine with un - bor - rowed light.
 where Mo - ses and E - li - jah stand, your mes - sen - gers of old.
 we hail your bod - y glo - ri - fied and our re - demp - tion see.
 we long to hold the vi - sion bright and make this hill our home.
 but since you bid us leave the mount, come with us to the plain.

Text: Joseph A. Robinson, 1858-1933, alt.
 Music: POTSDAM, W. Mercer, *The Church Psalter and Hymn Book*, 1854

BLESSING

The presiding minister may say a table blessing.

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen

The assisting minister leads the prayer after communion.

A: Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Sending

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

[318, "Alleluia, Song of Gladness"](#)

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.

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

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. You are God's beloved.

C: Thanks be to God.

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HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Announcements for Sunday, February 11, 2024

TO KEEP IN YOUR DAILY PRAYERS: Those worshipping for the first time at Holy Trinity. Cancer/Illness: Tammy Cain, Milissa Collins, David Durant, Jay Fassbender, Elsie Lamb, Dot Peterson, Sheila Ross, David Scott and Charles Sharp; Those serving in military, firefighters & law enforcement including: Marc Alverson, Daryl Bogle, Colter Burkey, Adam Cormier, Steve Duke, Shawn Ethington, Brent Massey, Jordan Miller, Christopher Mueller, Titus Nissen, Rich Peacock and Dylan Winslow; Holy Trinity's Mission Partner: Nativity Lutheran Church – Brandon, MS and Rev. Scott Landrum; ELCA Leaders: SE Synod Bishop Rev. Kevin Strickland, ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Pastor Rich Mueller.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our stewardship last week: Attendance – 63 Offerings – \$4,806.00

SCRIPTURE FEBRUARY 18TH: *Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 25:1-10; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15*

BIRTHDAYS

Sarah Howell 02/15

ANNIVERSARIES

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Children's Sunday School

Children's Sunday School will be held on Sundays **February 18th, 25th and March 3rd at 9:15 am**. Sunday School is for all children ages 4 thru 5th grade. During this Winter session, the children will be learning about prayer. The topics for each week will be:

Sunday, February 18th – How to Pray

Sunday, February 25th – Different Types of Prayers

Sunday, March 3rd – The Lord's Prayer

If you have any questions, please contact Barbie Ramsland at 251-625-2421 or ramsland@mindspring.com.

Barbie Ramsland



Today is **TACKLE HUNGER** “Souper Bowl of Caring” day. A special offering will be taken by our young people and be given to **Prodissee Pantry** to assist in feeding the hungry in our community. Please give generously to this most worthy cause. For more information on the “Souper Bowl of Caring” go to info@tacklehunger.org.

The **Mardi Gras Brunch** will take place following today's **Worship Service** in the **Gathering Place Fellowship Hall**. All are welcome and encouraged to stay for this fun time of food and fellowship.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- Today** 10:00am Service of Holy Communion
- Mon., Feb 12** 4:30pm – 5:30pm Musical Beginnings: Piano Lessons in Sanctuary & Classroom
- Tues., Feb 13** **Fat Tuesday**
8:30am – 2:30pm Office Hours
3:00pm – 6:30pm Musical Beginnings: Voice Lessons in Sanctuary
- Wed., Feb 14** **Ash Wednesday & ♥ Valentine's Day ♥**
8:30am – 2:30pm Office Hours
3:00pm – 5:00pm Musical Beginnings: (Piano, Drums & Violin) in Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall & Classroom 1
4:00pm – 5:30pm Yoga Class (Gathering Place)
5:00pm – 6:00pm Musical Beginnings: Piano Lessons in Sanctuary
5:30pm Church Council Meeting
7:00pm Ash Wednesday Service
- Thur., Feb 15** 8:30am – 2:30pm Office Hours
4:30pm – 6:00pm Musical Beginnings: Music Lessons in Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall
- Fri., Feb 16** 4:00pm – 4:30pm Musical Beginnings: Piano Lessons in Sanctuary
- Sat., Feb 17** 8:00am Yoga Class (Gathering Place)
- Sun., Feb 18** 10:00am Service of Holy Communion
1:00pm – 5:00pm Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Girl Scout Pack Meetings

Café Acadiana

Lunch Bunch will meet next **Tuesday, February 20th**, at noon at **Café Acadiana** in **Silverhill**. A sign-up sheet is available in narthex. All are invited to join us for a meal and fellowship. The address is 16137 Silverhill Ave, Silverhill, AL 36576 Phone: (251) 945-2233

Calendar for Lent

ASH WEDNESDAY LITURGY

February 14th, 2024 – 7:00 pm

Service of Holy Communion

Imposition of Ashes



“A HOLY LAMENT”

A Worship Series for Lent – 2024

Wednesday, February 21st – *“What Is Lament?”*

(Scripture – Lamentations 3:19-26)

Wednesday, February 28th – *“Little Laments”*

(Scripture – Psalm 42)

Wednesday, March 6th – *“Laments from the Depths”*

(Scripture – Psalm 88)

Wednesday, March 13th – *“Individual Lament”*

(Scripture – Psalm 13)

Wednesday, March 20th – *“Communal Lament”*

(Scripture – Psalm 44:1-10, 13, 17-26)

These opportunities for meditation during our Lenten Journey this year will begin at **7:00 pm** in the Sanctuary. They will be **preceded** by our Soup, Sandwich and Study beginning at **5:30 pm** in the Fellowship Hall. Plan now to be a part of this meaningful journey to the Cross and Empty Tomb of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Overview

This series explores various kinds of lament found in scripture. Each week we will consider what it means to sit with our grief rather than try to push it aside. We will discover that many faithful believers have wrestled with grief, sorrow, and questions for God about why the innocent suffer. This series understands lament as one of the more faithful things we can do. When we approach God with honesty and humility, and we admit that some things are too big for our hearts to bear, we will find there not a disapproving God but one who weeps with us. We will find a God who can take our grief and disappointment and transform them into holy joy and renewed hope. We will learn, ultimately, that Jesus’ death on the cross—the place to which the season of Lent leads us—is the reason we never mourn as those without hope. — *Sundays and Seasons*

Assisting in Worship

Presiding Minister	Rev. Richard Mueller
Musicians	Craig Bruce: Keyboards Steve Horlebein: Guitar
Assisting Minister	Cyndi Howell
Acolyte	Emily Cormier
Lector	Ginny Peterson
Cantor	Phyllis Buchholz
Children's Sermon	Linda Veren
Altar Guild	Judi Luken
Greeters	Lorraine Studt
Usher	Dave Howell
Tellers	Dave Howell & Jerry Driskell
Camera Operator	Andy Veren
Hospitality	Mardi Gras Brunch
Alar Flowers	Jieying Guan

The flowers at the Altar today are given to the Glory of God with Great Thanksgiving in honor of the Chinese New Year & Thank God for Salvation of the Chinese People.



OPEN CAMERA & SCAN

PURPOSE STATEMENT

God's purpose for Holy Trinity is to grow faith that moves us beyond ourselves.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES:

1. Faithfully living with Christ at the center.
2. Prayerfully listening with open hearts and minds.
3. Selflessly welcoming all without preconceptions.
4. Courageously bearing our neighbor's burdens
5. Relating to one another with respect and honesty
6. Boldly sharing our blessings with other.

FEBRUARY 11, 2024 TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD



Disciples humbly grow in their understanding of Jesus.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Mark 9:2-9	Transfiguration of Jesus
Monday	2 Kings 2:1-12	Elijah is taken into heaven
Tuesday	2 Corinthians 4:3-6	Proclaiming Jesus as Lord
Wednesday	1 Peter 2:1-10	A chosen people
Thursday	Colossians 1:3-14	A prayer of thanks
Friday	Hebrews 5:11-14	Warning against turning away
Saturday	Psalms 50:1-6	God shines brightly
Sunday	Mark 1:9-15	Temptation of Jesus

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" **Mark 9:7 (NRSV)**

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Awesome God, help us humbly to live a life that reflects your power and glory meant for us and all the world through Jesus Christ, your Beloved. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, help us to see in this meal your power and glory that shines brightly; give us thankful hearts for this food provided for us by your love. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God bless you with faith in Christ.

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HYMN OF THE WEEK

Seek Ye First



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WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS



Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- What is something you want to learn more about?
- What questions would you like to ask Jesus about his life?

DEVOTIONS



Read: Mark 9:2-9.

Transfiguration Sunday serves as a bridge between Epiphany and Lent. Epiphany includes many stories revealing who Jesus is through his teachings and miracles. Lent is the season that reflects on being a follower who is true to Jesus as Savior and Lord. The transfiguration story in Mark 9 comes amid three accounts of Jesus' suffering and death (Mark 8:31-33, 9:30-32, and 10:32-34). The transfiguration story ends by pointing to Jesus rising from the dead. On the mountain, Elijah and Moses appear with Jesus. This is a scene that perceives the end of history when Elijah and Moses were expected to return. It is a defining moment for Jesus. Peter, James, and John were terrified, and Peter spoke but did not really know what to say. The disciples were to be silent and listen to Jesus. When we think of Jesus' journey to the cross, we, too, as Jesus' disciples are asked to reflect, listen, and humbly grow in our understanding of who Jesus is as the Son of God and the Beloved.

Discuss: How do you think the transfiguration of Jesus made a difference for Peter, James, and John?

Pray: **Ever-present God, help us to see and trust that your saving work is with us so that we may not fear, complain, or forget your goodness to us through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SERVICE



Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how can you help someone grow in the Christian faith?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



The church season of Lent begins this week on Ash Wednesday, February 14. There are 40 days in the season of Lent, a time to refocus our lives on God. One spiritual practice that Christians emphasize during Lent is prayer. Make this Lent a time of prayer for others. Use separate pieces of paper to write the name of a person you can pray for during Lent. Place these papers into a prayer box. Each day in Lent, pull out a slip of paper from the prayer box and ask God to care for and bless the person named. Add names to the box throughout Lent.



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