



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Anchored in Faith. Serving Our Neighbor. Singing God's Praise.

Mission: To be a caring and diverse community of people who know and share the love of God through Jesus Christ.

Transfiguration Sunday March 2, 2025

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

WELCOME TO TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH. *You are invited to join with us as we seek to be God's loving community for all who enter here. You are received as a friend . . .*

- *just as you are, created by God.*
- *whatever your color, culture and customs, your age, abilities, sexual orientation or gender identity.*
- *wherever circumstances find you... in the midst of change or challenge or pain, in need of strength and hope, or in search of spiritual fullness and friendship.*
- *whether you are a new visitor or an old friend, have no church home, have doubts or do not believe, or want to follow Christ and pursue peace and justice in Christ's name.*

You are embraced as an expression of the diversity and beauty of the creation God has given us. We invite you to join us in our commitment to being an anti-racist, LGBTQIA+ embracing, community- loving congregation.

You are welcome here!

The presence of children is a gift to the church and a reminder that our congregation is growing. Please welcome our youngest brothers and sisters and give a smile of encouragement to their parents.

✠ THE SERVICE ✠

↓ ANNOUNCEMENTS

↓ **PRELUDE** *Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee*
Tune: *St. Agnes*, John B. Dykes, 1823-1876
Arr. Neil Harmon
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✠ GATHERING ✠

(Arrows indicate when the congregation may sit ↓ or stand ↑ as able. **Bold print** are responses spoken by the congregation.)

↑ CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life. **Amen.**

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,
you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.

God proclaims these words of assurance:
"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine." In ✠ Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God. **Amen.**

↑ **HYMN** **Beautiful Savior* #838

**1 Beautiful Savior,
King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love thee,
truly I'd serve thee,
light of my soul, my joy, my crown.**

**2 Fair are the meadows,
fair are the woodlands,
robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;**

*Jesus is fairer,
Jesus is purer,
he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.*

**3 Fair is the sunshine,
fair is the moonlight,
bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer
than all the angels in the sky.**

**4 Beautiful Savior,
Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor,
praise, adoration,
now and forevermore be thine!**

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823-1904

↑ GREETING

The love of God poured into our hearts, the saving grace of Jesus Christ, and the abundant life of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

↑ **CANTICLE OF PRAISE** *Glory to God* p. 185
(Refrain)

*Glory to God in the highest, the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.*

*Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory. (Refrain)*

*Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;*

*you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer. (Refrain)*

*For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.
Amen. Amen.*

(Final refrain)

*Glory to God in the highest, the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.
Glory to God in the highest, the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.*

↑ PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

✠ WORD ✠

↓ FIRST READING

Exodus 34:29-35

²⁹ Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. ³⁰ When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹ But Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. ³² Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. ³³ When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face, ³⁴ but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off until he came out, and when he came out and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, ³⁵ the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining, and Moses would put the veil on his face again until he went in to speak with him.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

↓ Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40

¹ The LORD is king; let the people tremble. The LORD is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.

² **The LORD, great in Zion, is high above all peoples.**

³ Let them confess God's name, which is great and awesome; God is the Holy One.

⁴ **O mighty king, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.**

⁵ Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and fall down before God's footstool; God is the Holy One.

⁶ **Moses and Aaron among your priests, and Samuel among those who call upon your name, O LORD, they called upon you, and you answered them,**

⁷ you spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; they kept your testimonies and the decree that you

gave them.

⁸ **O LORD our God, you answered them indeed; you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds.**

⁹ Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and worship upon God's holy hill; for the LORD our God is the Holy One.

↓ SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

¹² Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with complete frankness, ¹³ not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. ¹⁴ But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, the same veil is still there; it is not unveiled since in Christ it is set aside. ¹⁵ Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds, ¹⁶ but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. ¹⁷ Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

¹⁸ And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another, for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

^{4:1} Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. ² We have renounced the shameful, underhanded ways; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

↑ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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Al-le-lu-ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e-ter-nal life.

Al-le-lu-ia... al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia,

Al-le-lu-ia... al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

↑ GOSPEL

Luke 9:28-43a

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 9th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁸ Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹ And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning.

³⁰ Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. ³¹ They appeared in glory and were

speaking about his exodus, which he was about to fulfill in Jerusalem. ³² Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep, but as they awoke they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³ Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us set up three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah," not realizing what he was saying. ³⁴ While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. ³⁵ Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" ³⁶ When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

³⁷ On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. ³⁸ Just then a man from the crowd shouted, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child.

³⁹ Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. ⁴⁰ I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not." ⁴¹ Jesus answered, "You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and put up with you? Bring your son here." ⁴² While he was being brought forward, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. ^{43a} And all were astounded at the greatness of God.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

↓ SERMON

↓ CHOIR *Have You Thanked the Lord?*

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↑ APOSTLES' CREED p. 105

Let us profess our faith in the words of the Apostles' 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.

↑ PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

(The congregation is encouraged to take the position which is most prayerful to you.)

You may choose to sit or stand as you are comfortable.

With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Transfiguring God, through the glory of your presence, you transform us. Move the church from complacency to boldness in sharing the good news with others. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for your creation. As seasons change, give patience and skill to all who tend to animals giving birth. Grant nourishing weather for the growing of crops. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all in leadership, especially for those who lead states, counties, and town councils. Give them wisdom to protect local resources so that all will flourish both now and in the years to come. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Bring your healing grace to those who feel distant from you. Speak comfort to those who need your words of mercy. We pray for those close to our communities and in our hearts, especially *Klaus Hofmann, Paul M., Jason Hayes, Savanna and her family-Antoinette, Marlaya, and Joshua, Shari, Helen & Lacey, Sonya, Michelle Koka, Janine Carr, Fern Stern, Anita Burnaford, Anna Streissguth, Starr Brown, Mary Waller, Jeremiah Jacob Schultz, Nevi Zabilski, Ann Kenyon, Matt Fleischman, Ginny Parsons, Lou and Stevie O'Connell, Ryan Simpson, Elizabeth Madaras, Peter Dow, Jane McDermott, Mary Goglio, Marla Anderson, Constance Farber, Alan Petersen, Annalise Simmons, Helen Pedersen, Tricia, Pam Clisham, Deanna Madarasz, Jackson Bohm, Nancy Stich, Patricia Runo, Michael Rasmussen, Gail Cromack, Kate Ganschow, Michael Lamb, Maddy Pearce, Christine Winberg and Dorothy Wingire.* God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the ministries of your Word, for Trinity Church Council, the Strategic Exploration Team, the priesthood of all believers, Christ Episcopal Church in Alameda, the Lutheran Church of Kagitumba in Rwanda and our Sunday School. We give thanks for the fullness of the lives of Craig Blyeth, Chris Laine, Antonio Ruiz, and Helen Pedersen as they celebrate their birthdays this week. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of our past, present, and future, lead us into new beginnings, trusting in the promise of new life in Christ. Accompany congregations needing to close, and give courage to congregations starting new ministries. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

At this time, you are invited to pray the prayers of your heart, either silently or aloud.

A moment is offered for prayers from the congregation

Renewing God, the saints who have gone before us witnessed to the ways you transform your church and people. We give thanks for their example and pray we carry it forward. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people. **Amen.**

✠ MEAL ✠

↑ SHARING THE PEACE

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

↓ OFFERING

↑ GREAT THANKSGIVING

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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 God thanks and praise.

↑ PREFACE

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; who, sharing our life, lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to your own brilliant light. 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

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Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might: heaven and earth are full of your glory, full of your glory.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

↑ JESUS' WORDS OF INSTITUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

↑ LORD'S PRAYER

You are invited to pray in the version or language of your choice.

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.

↓ INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The joy of the Lord is our strength. Come, eat this meal of gladness. **Thanks be to God!**

↓ DISTRIBUTION

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

*The cup we serve is non-alcoholic. **Gluten-free wafers are offered for those who have need. Please indicate your need to the pastor as you approach to receive the host.** If you do not wish to take communion you may come forward for a blessing or remain seated.*

↓ LAMB OF GOD

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Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

↑ POST COMMUNION BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and give you peace.
Amen.

↑ PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. Nourishing God,
at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts
of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and
send us out to embody your good news of
liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In
the name of Christ we pray, Amen.

✠ SENDING ✠

↑ BLESSING

↑ HYMN *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

#815

- 1 *I want to walk as a child of the light.
I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world.
The star of my life is Jesus.***

Refrain

***In him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.***

- 2 *I want to see the brightness of God.
I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path,
and show me the way to the Father. Refrain***

- 3 *I'm looking for the coming of Christ.
I want to be with Jesus.***

***When we have run with patience the race,
we shall know the joy of Jesus. Refrain***

Text: Kathleen Thomerson, b. 1934
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↑ DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live in hope. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *Fantasia on "Coronation"*

Tune: *Coronation*, Oliver Holden, 1765-1844

Arr. Edward Broughton, 1934-2015

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* Denotes a selection from the 2024 favorite hymns list.

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AT TRINITY

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 39

IMPORTANT DATES THIS WEEK:

Mon 3/3	9:30am	Craft Group
Tues 3/4	7:30am	Tuesday Morning Bible Study (meets on Zoom)
Wed 3/5	<i>No Women's Bible Study this week- join us for an Ash Wednesday Service</i>	
	3:00pm	Ash Wednesday Worship at Trinity
	7:00pm	Ash Wednesday Worship at Trinity
Sun 3/9	8:45am	Pop-up Choir Rehearsal
	9:30am	Sunday Worship

ASH WEDNESDAY IS THIS WEEK, MARCH 5th. Trinity will have two services with Ashes at 3pm and 7pm.

2025 LENT This year, instead of Wednesday evening Lenten worship, Pastor Jill is trying several Lenten activities at different times and days of the week. We are excited to share some different activities and timing than we have had in the past. There is a list in the church entryway with the activities with dates and times. Please take one for yourself, and an extra to invite someone to join us. Please talk to Pastor Jill or Jessica with questions.

BOOK STUDY Pastor Jill and Demeter will co-lead a book study on "Call to Allyship", by Angela T. !Khabebe, Editor. SET and Council were recommended this book by the Synod as part of our commitment to anti-racism work during this Interim time. The study will take place on Sundays after worship beginning on March 16th.

Here is a brief description of the book:

"How can churches do the work of becoming allies for the leaders they call? In belonging to a predominantly white denomination, ELCA members are called to listen and learn from its leaders of color to recognize the assumptions, biases, and harmful actions that result when congregations don't commit to become allies. Authors offer wisdom, storytelling, and concrete suggestions for churches preparing to call a leader of color. Call to Allyship is a must-read for call committees, church councils, social justice teams, and anyone prepared to do the work of understanding, welcoming, and celebrating these leaders."

THE MISSION & SERVICE COMMITTEE will have an Offering of Letters today and March 9th during Coffee Hour. We will be writing to urge our congress representatives to help protect Social Security and Medicare. AARP has written form letters that we will work from, and you are welcome to write one or sign the copies we have available. After the March 9th letter-writing we will send packets of our letters to each of our congress reps. Please talk with Kathy Booker if you have any questions or would like more information.

TOMORROW YOUTH REPERATORY (TYR) will be hosting a high-school performance of "She Kills Monsters" beginning on Friday 2/28. This is a ticketed event. Please see the poster on the bulletin board in the hall to see how to purchase tickets. This is a more mature storyline than their younger performances- it is recommended for 4th grade and up. Tickets are \$13 a piece/\$7 for seniors and youth under the age of 17.

Assisting in Worship:

This morning:

Assisting Minister: John Kofranek
Reader: Kaye Fitzsimons
Greeters: Chuck & Sherri Bangert
Children's Attendant: Marvera Kline
Coffee Hour: Kathy & Stan Booker
Altar Guild: Marvera Kline

Next Sunday, 3/9

Assisting Minister: Sherri Bangert
Reader: Mark Schoenrock
Greeters: Margie Sherratt & Joanne Robinson
Children's Attendant: Danielle Glenn
Coffee Hour: Marvera Kline
Altar Guild: Joanne Robinson

Next Week's Scripture Readings:

Deuteronomy 26:1-11
Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16
Romans 10:8b-13
Luke 4:1-13



Craig Blyeth (3/5)

Chris Laine (3/5)

Antonio Ruiz (3/5)

Helen Pedersen (3/7)