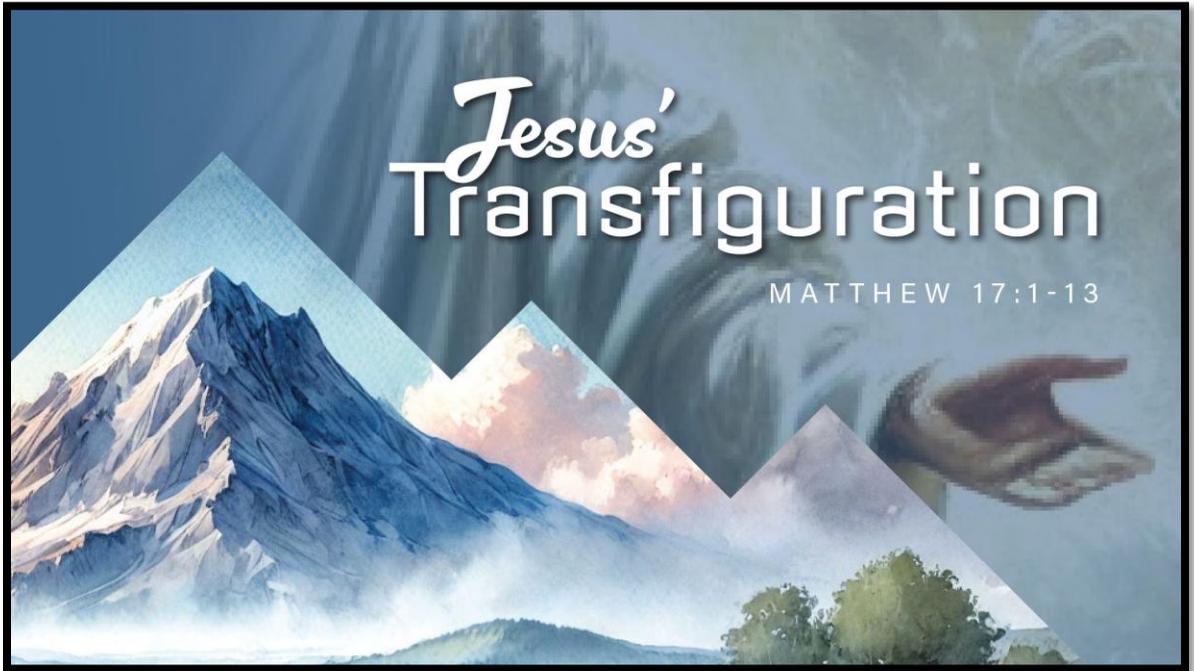


TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pastor Bruce Thorsen
Ministers: Every Baptized Member



Sunday, February 15, 2026, 9:00 a.m.

TRINITY'S MISSION

Bringing God's love to the world in worship, witness, and service.

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- A congregation whose members sense that they belong to the body of Christ and, in turn want to provide for the needs of others.

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TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

Introduction to the Day

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.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

**Indicates stand*

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and of the ✙ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✙ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

Greeting

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

Canticle of Praise



Glo - ri - a! Glo - ri - a! High - est glor - y to You!_____



Glo - ri - a! Glo - ri - a! High - est glor - y to You!



O - pen now our lips and our mouths shall give praise.
 O Lord, rush to help to de - liv - er Your world.
 Mak - er, Spir - it, Friend, You are Great My - ster - y!

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. 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.**

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading: Exodus 24:12-18

A reading from Exodus.

At Mount Sinai, Moses experienced the presence of God for forty days and forty nights. The "glory of the Lord" settled on the mountain, and on the seventh day God called out to Moses. On the mountain God gave Moses the stone tablets inscribed with the ten commandments.

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

¹⁵ Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶ The 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. ¹⁷ Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the Israelites. ¹⁸ Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Choir Anthem: “Jesus, on the Mountain Peak”

by: Michael Burkhardt

Psalm 2 (Read Responsively)

¹ Why 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 the Lord’s anointed?

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

“let us cast off their bonds from us.”

**⁴ God whose throne is in heaven is laughing;
the Lord holds them in derision.**

⁵ Then in wrath God speaks to them,
and in rage fills them with terror.

**⁶ “As for me, I have anointed my king
upon Zion, my holy mountain.”**

⁷ Let me announce the decree of the Lord,

who said to me, “You are my son; this day have I begotten you.

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

⁹ You 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.**

¹¹ Submit to the Lord with fear, and with trembling bow in worship;

¹² lest the Lord be angry, and you perish in a sudden blaze of wrath.

Happy are all who take refuge in God!

Second Reading: 2 Peter 1:16-21

A reading from 2 Peter.

At the transfiguration, God's voice was heard, declaring Jesus to be the beloved Son. By the activity of the Holy Spirit, God's voice continues to be heard through the word of scripture.

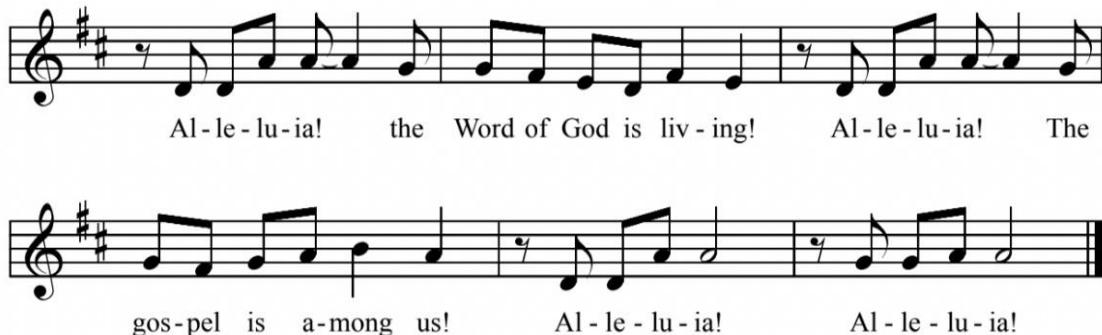
16 We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. 17 For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son,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

18 We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. 19 So 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. 20 First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, 21 because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Message

*Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia! the Word of God is liv - ing! Al - le - lu - ia! The
gos - pel is a - mong us! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Shortly before he enters Jerusalem, where he will be crucified, Jesus is revealed to Peter, James, and John in a mountaintop experience of divine glory called the transfiguration.

1 Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. 2 And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. 3 Suddenly there appeared to

them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴ Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁵ While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" ⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷ But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." ⁸ And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

⁹ As 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.**

Sermon:

Pastor Bruce Thorsen

***Hymn of the Day: How Good, Lord, to be Here**

ELW 315

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**

Merciful God, **Receive our prayer.**

Peace: The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering

*Offering Prayer

Let us pray. Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **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.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy.... We praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly One, God of pow'r and might - y love,
Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly One, God of earth and hu - man heart,



heav-en and the earth are full of You! Hal - le - lu -
heav-en and the earth are full of You, Em - man - u -



jah! Our hearts are break-ing o - pen. Save us, Ho -
el. Our hearts are break-ing o - pen. Save us, Ho -



san - na. O God of pow'r and might - y love,
san - na. Em - man - u - el, our broth - er,

help us, Ho - san - na. Bles - sed are You who
 help us, Ho - san - na. Bles - sed are You who

bears the name, bles - sed are all - who bear the name of God!
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Thanksgiving at the Table

Lord's Prayer

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

**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 Song: O Christ, Lamb of God

O Christ, Lamb of God, shar - ing our weak - ness, our
 O Christ, Lamb of God, bear - ing our heal - ing, our
 O Christ, Lamb of God, shar - ing our stor - y, our

last time continue

weak - ness, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.
 heal - ing, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.
 stor - y, oh grant us, grant us your peace.

Oh grant us, grant us your peace. A - men.

Communion Hymns: Beautiful Savior

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You Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd

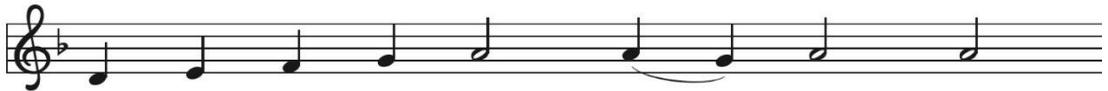
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1 You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shep - herd.
2 Clothed in light up - on the moun - tain,
3 You, who walk each day be - side us,
4 Wor - thy is our earth - ly Je - sus!



You, Lord, are both prince and slave.
stripped of might up - on the cross,
sit in pow - er at God's side,
Wor - thy is our cos - mic Christ!



You, peace - mak - er and sword - bring - er
shin - ing in e - ter - nal glo - ry,
You, who preach a way that's nar - row,
Wor - thy your de - feat and vic - t'ry;



of the way you took and gave.
beg - gared by a sol - dier's toss,
have a love that reach - es wide.
wor - thy still your peace and strife.



You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;
you, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;
You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;
You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;



you, whom we both scorn and crave.
you, who are both gift and cost.
you, who are our pil - grim and guide.
you, who are our death and life.

*Communion Blessing

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace. **Amen.**

Sending Song: Alleluia, Song of Gladness

ELW 318

Farewell to Alleluia

Before Lent, we say good-bye to the alleluia. The word is always sung with joy and energy. It means "praise God" in Hebrew. This practice began with the Latin Rite of the Roman Catholic Church. They chose not to sing this song of joy during Lent as it is a season of prayer and repentance. Putting the alleluia aside gives us greater delight when it returns as we sing many beautiful alleluias at Easter.

During the Middle Ages, many churches sang hymns praising the alleluia and wishing it well on its last day before lent began. Then it was "buried" for forty days.

Throughout the Sending Song, "Alleluia, Song of Gladness" we offered the "Alleluia" banners to the foot of the cross to be buried during the Lenten season.

Lord of joyful noise and solemn silence, today we bury this word of praise so that we can spend time in prayer and repentance. You are a loving Father to us, a forgiving Savior, a guiding Spirit, always ready to turn our steps toward goodness and peace. Give us a good and holy Lent. In forty days, when Lent is finished bringing us back to this place to reclaim our song of Easter joy. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Who are we? What is God calling us to do?

LENTEN MOMENTS

SERVICE TIMES & THEMES

Ash Wednesday, February 18

6:30 PM • Jesus' moment with his disciples

Lent I Sunday, Feb. 22

9 AM • Jesus' moment with the devil

Presentation on The Civil Rights Pilgrimage by: Andrew Griesman

Wednesday, Feb. 25

6:30 PM • Moments in our ministry

Lent II Sunday, Mar. 01

9 AM • Jesus' moment with Nicodemus

Midweek II Wednesday, Mar. 04

6:30 PM • Moments in our ministry

Lent III Sunday, Mar. 8

9 AM • Jesus' moment with a Samaritan Woman

Midweek III Wednesday, Mar. 11

6:30 PM • Moments in our ministry

Lent IV Sunday, Mar. 15

9 AM • Jesus' moment with the blind man

Midweek IV Wednesday, Mar. 18

6:30 PM • Moments in our ministry

Lent V Sunday, Mar. 22

Pastor Dara Clifford, Associate to the Bishop, East Central Synod of WI

9 AM • Jesus' moment with Lazarus, Martha, & Mary

10:30 AM • Visioning & Goal Setting Conversation

Midweek V Wednesday, Mar. 25

6:30 PM • Moments in our ministry



HOLY WEEK

SERVICE TIMES

Palm Sunday (March 29)

9 AM Processional w/Palms; Trinity Band
(God's children of all ages welcome to join)
Reading of the Passion; Communion

Maundy Thursday (April 2)

6:30 PM Trinity Choir; Holy Communion;
Stripping of the altar

Good Friday (April 3)

12:00 PM Ecumenical Service hosted at Trinity
w/Frame Memorial Presbyterian & Peace UCC
Combined Choirs;
Tenebrae Worship w/Adoration of the Cross

Easter Sunday (April 5)

9 AM Trinity Choir; Holy Communion
10:45 AM Trinity Choir; Holy Communion

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