

Sunday, February 11, 2024 Transfiguration of Our Lord

Our mission, as God's people, is to *gather* in worship, *grow* in faith, and *go* in service in the name of our Risen Lord. *Our vision* – Sharing God's love, hope and healing.

Prelude: "My Song Is Love Unknown" arr. by Charles Callahan

Welcome to Worship and Announcements

*Confession and Forgiveness:

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

C Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

P God, our rock and refuge,

C we pour out our hearts before you. We have known you but have not always loved you. We have wounded one another and sinned against you. We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit dwelling in each of us. Remember your covenant. Renew your creation. Restore us, that we might proclaim your good news to all.

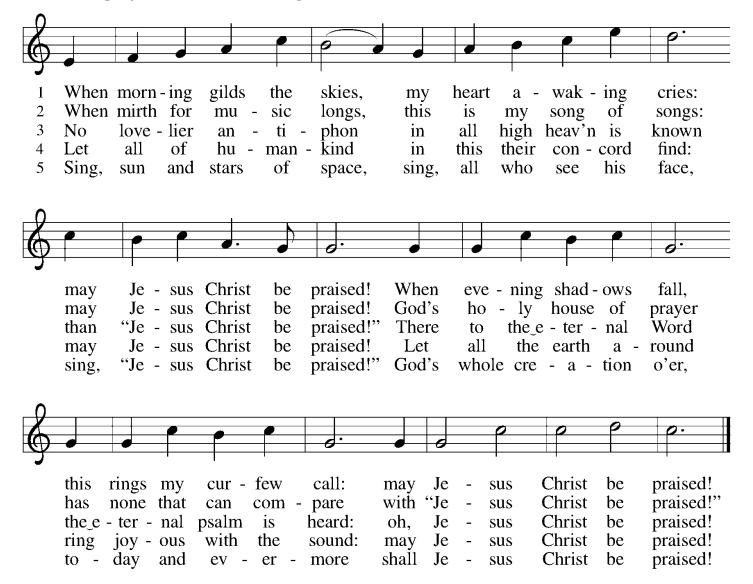
Amen.

P The voice of the Lord is upon the waters. God has spoken: The time of grace is now. In Jesus, the reign of God has come near. By the authority of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are God's beloved.

C Amen.

*Gathering Hymn: "When Morning Gilds the Skies" ELW 853

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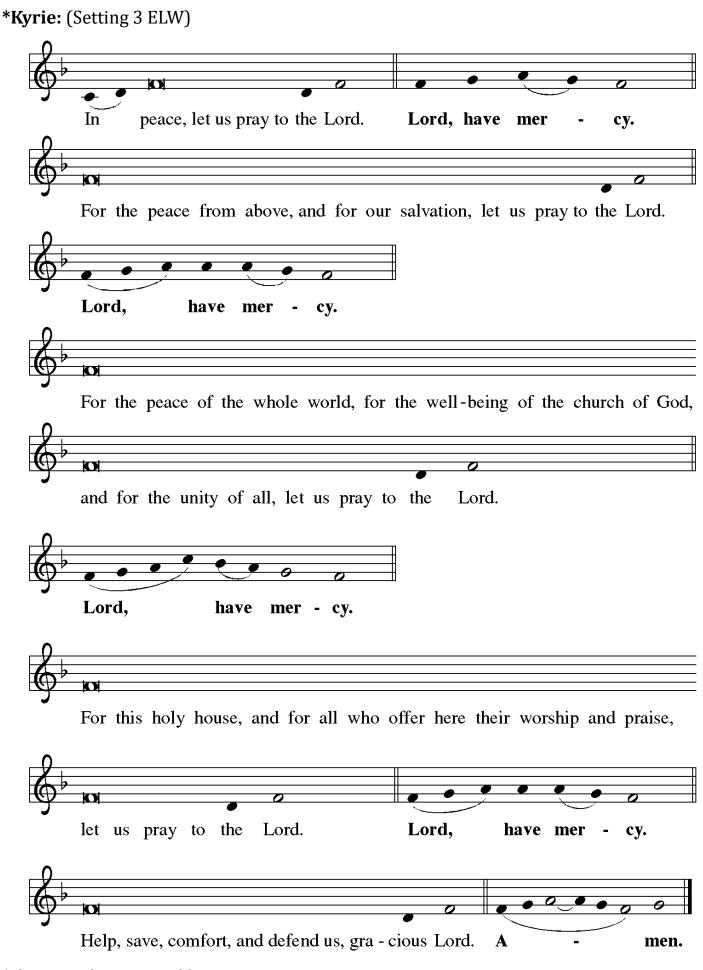


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*Greeting:

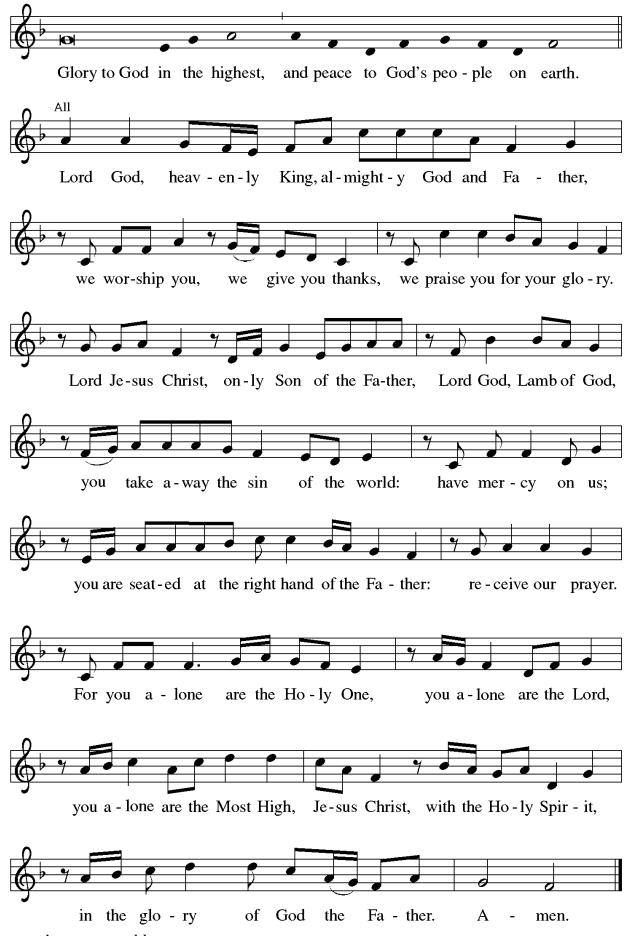
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.



^{*}Please stand as you are able.

*Canticle of Praise: (Setting 3 ELW)



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*The Prayer of the Day:

P Almighty God, the resplendent light of your truth shines from the mountaintop into our hearts. Transfigure us by your beloved Son, and illumine the world with your image, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Kids Word: Jari Knowlton-Simard

Our first reading is from 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.

L Word of God. Word of life. C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 50:1-6: (Read responsively between Lector and Congregation.)

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

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

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

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

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

⁶The heavens declare the rightness of God's cause, for it is God who is judge.

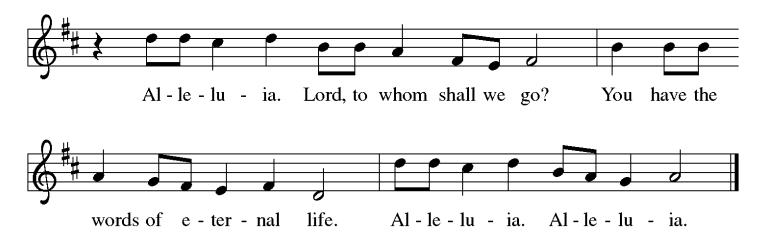
Our second reading is from 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

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.

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*Gospel Acclamation: (Setting 3 ELW)



*Gospel Reading: Mark 9:2-9

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.

P The holy gospel according to Mark beginning with the 9th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

²Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁶He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" ⁸Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

⁹As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

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

Sermon - Jari Knowlton-Simard

*Hymn of the Day: "Beautiful Savior" ELW 838



Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904 Music: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.

*Apostles' Creed:

P&C 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: (Congregation's response in bold type.)

L For our prayers today, I will conclude each petition with "God of grace," and your response is, "**receive our prayer.**"

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 those we now name either aloud or in the silence of our hearts (pause). 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.

We give thanks for the many blessings of Holy Trinity's faithful volunteers who do your work with their hands, especially our Outreach ministry, including; Dan, Carolyn, Jan, Becke, Kristen, Kathy, Roger, Diane, Larry, Betsy and all who participate by giving of their time and donations. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

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. Grant us your gift of salvation as we await your coming again in glory. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

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.

Amen.

*Sharing the Peace:

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

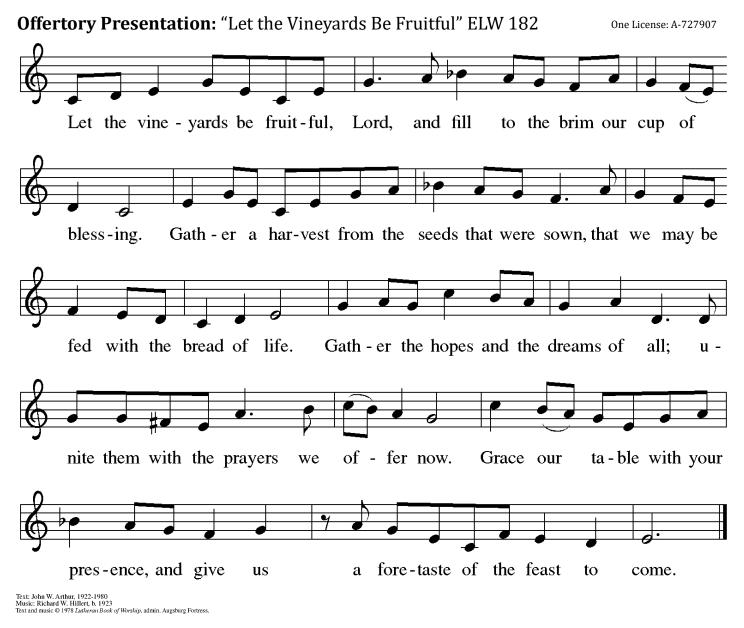
Offering:

If you would like to give electronically, you may

- 1. Download the ELCA Giving App from Google Store or Apple Play, or
- 2. Go to our website www.holytrinitylutheranchurch.com and click on the green "Give" button.
- 3. Using your bank's online BillPay features.

Thank you for your support of Holy Trinity and our ministries!

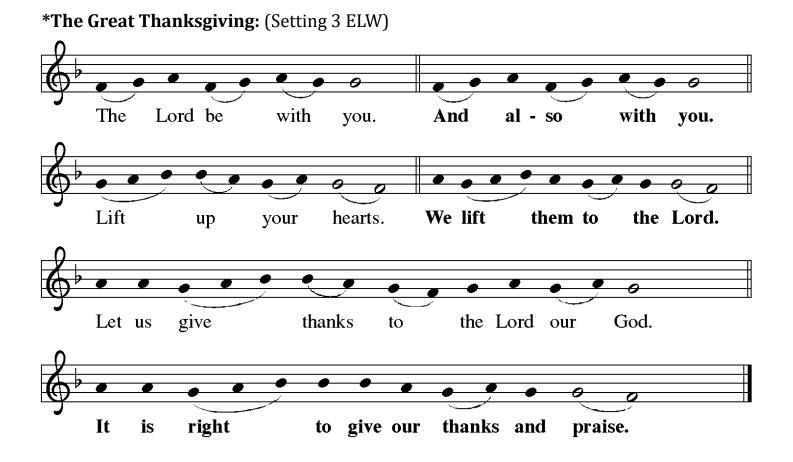
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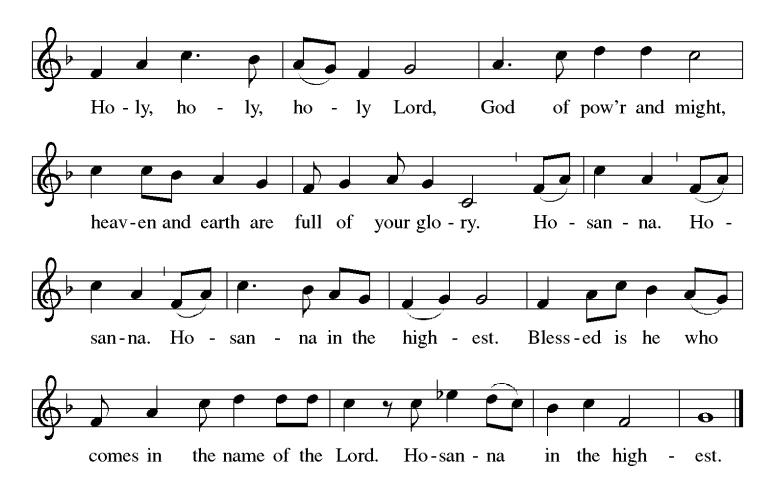
*Offering Prayer:

L 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.



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P 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:
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P Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:
Blessed are you for the birth of creation.
Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.
Blessed are you for your promise to your people.
Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.
Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.
Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

(The Words of Institution will be said in Spanish, then English.)

 P La noche en que fue entregado, nuestro Señor Jesús tomó pan y dio gracias; lo partió y lo dio a sus discípulos, diciendo: Tomen y coman; esto es mi cuerpo, dado por ustedes. Hagan esto en memoria mía.

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.

De igual manera, después de haber cenado, tomó la copa, dio gracias y la dio a beber a todos, diciendo: Esta copa es el nuevo pacto en mi sangre, derramada por ustedes y por todo el mundo para el perdón del pecado. Hagan esto en memoria mía.

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.

P Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

C Come, Lord Jesus.

P Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

C Come, Holy Spirit.

P All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

*Lord's Prayer:

- P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us. (Lord's Prayer)
- All 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.

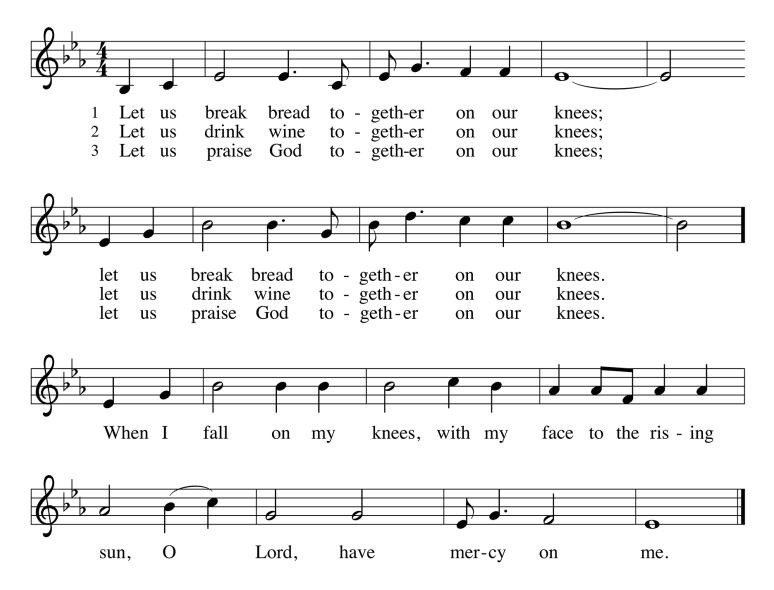
*Invitation to Communion:

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

Communion Hymn: "Lamb of God" (Setting 3 ELW) Lamb of God, you take a - way the world; the sin of have Lamb of God, you take a-way sin of the the on us. mer-cy 0 world; have mer - cy Lamb of God, you take a - way the on us. of the world; sin grant us peace.

Distribution:

This is the Table of Grace for all who belong to Christ and seek his gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation. We extend to you all that we have in the Lord Jesus and invite you to his Holy Supper. Those communing with us who haven't been baptized and desire God's gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation in Holy Baptism are invited to talk to the Pastor. Communion is continuous as we kneel at the altar. White grape juice is offered as an alternative to wine. Communicants come to the altar down the center aisle, fill in the communion rail from left to right and return by the side aisles.



Text: African American spiritual Music: BREAK BREAD TOGETHER, African American spiritual

*Post Communion Blessing:

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

All Amen.

*Post Communion Prayer:

L 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 Call and Response:

- L God's work!
- C Our hands!
- L God's love!
- C Our hearts!
- L God's story!
- C Our voices!

*Benediction:

- P "Barocha" Michael Card
- C Amen.

*Sending Hymn: "Shine, Jesus, Shine" ELW 671



Text: Graham Kendrick, b. 1950 Music: Graham Kendrick Text and music © 1987 Make Way Music, admin. Music Services in the Western Hemisphere SHINE, JESUS, SHINE 99 10 10 3 3 and refrain

*Dismissal:

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

C Thanks be to God.

Announcements for February 11, 2024

This week's Prayers: Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Shelle Richardson Bonnie and Mitchell Eldridge Carol O'Neal Christa DelSorbo Karen Wenger Kent Windmiller, Karen Wenger's brother David and Jensy Engle, Susie Peterson's parents Liz Collins Helen Merz Angie Kidd and her son, Evan Janis Foster, Shirley Foster's daughter-in-law Jenni Sanderfer's aunt, Sandy Morrison Matthew Santoni Roberta Debolt Chuck Cook Stephanie and Rich Thompson Maria and her family in Ukraine Dan Havnes John Paul Metzcar Mary Broughton For all who are sick and suffering

Serving in Worship Today:

Acolyte: Essilee Smith Usher: Dick Elias and Gary Santoni Greeter: Sue Elias Lay Worship Leader, Lector, and Communion Assistant: Diane Calvin Altar Guild: Diane Calvin

Birthdays and Anniversaries for February 11-17, 2024:

Birthdays: February 13 - Kristina Hutson February 17 - Betsy Williams

Anniversaries: February 11 - Larry and Betsy Ahlersmeyer February 17 - John and Marcia Kelly

Calendar of Events for the Week of February 11:

Sunday, February 11 - Bible Study/Sunday School (9am) and Worship (10am)
Monday, February 12 - Bible Study (10am), and Choir Practice (4pm),
Tuesday, February 13 - Walking Group meets (9am), Staff Meeting (9:30am), Binding Ties Group (10am), and Council Meeting (6pm)
Ash Wednesday, February 14 - Better Together Wellness (6pm), Magician's Ring Group-Jim Nyce (6:30pm) and Ash Wednesday Service (7pm)
Thursday, February 15 - Stephen Ministry Training (9:30am)
Friday, February 16 - Better Together Wellness (8:30am & 10am)
Saturday, February 17 - Open Hands Food Giveaway (8:30am), Quilt Day (9am), and Step Aerobics (9:30am)

Flowers at the Altar:

The bouquet of flowers at the altar are given by Diane Calvin in thanksgiving for Holy Trinity's outreach work.

(If you would like to purchase a \$10 flower arrangement to decorate the altar, please fill out the flower chart on the closet door in the lobby/narthex and make sure to fill out a slip and put the slip in the envelope with your check or money and put it in the offering plate or send it to the church office. Thank you.)

Next Quilting Day - February 17th:

Mark your calendars for Saturday, February 17th from 9 to noon. We'll be putting together mission quilts. No experience necessary.

Leadership Retreat with Pr. Nancy Nyland, Friday, February 23 and Saturday, February 24:

All Council members, ministry chairpersons and anyone who wishes to learn more about the Indiana-Kentucky Synod's E+Connect program are invited to participate in the FREE Leadership Retreat. This year's retreat will be at Holy Trinity with Pr. Nancy Nyland. We will gather on Friday, February 23 at 6pm for dinner and then following the meal we will have the program. Then on Saturday, February 24 we will gather from 9am to 3pm. Pr. Nancy will be talking about the Synod's E+Connect program and how it will benefit Holy Trinity's ministry. If you are interested in participating in this wonderful 2-day event, please let Pr. Jerry or the church office know by February 16.



Walk A Mile In My Shoes for Muncie Mission - February 17, 2024:

If you would like to join Holy Trinity's team, please use the link below or talk to Linda Hamilton or call the church office to register. https://secure.ggiv.com/event/walkamileinmyshoes2024/account/1674482/

From Outreach:

Our Lenten collection of non-food items will begin soon. Ash Wednesday is February 14. We welcome donations of baby items (wipes, diapers, etc.) for friends in need who come to Christian Ministries of Delaware County.

Thank you for your generosity with this traditional outreach activity.





Super Bowl Soup Contest

It's back, and Outreach is ready for the rematch of the Kansas City Chiefs and San Francisco 49ers!

Everyone is invited to bring cans of soup to the designated bins on game day, February 11.

We know many of you aren't especially excited about either team, but we know also you like to support the Open Hands Feeding Ministry.

Soup in the bin you choose is a win for those who come to our monthly event.

Thank you for helping in a fun way.

Ash Wednesday Service at Holy Trinity at 7pm: Please join us on February 14 for Ash Wednesday service at Holy Trinity at 7pm.

Midweek Ecumenical Lenten Gathering

When:

6:00pm - Dinner 7:00pm - Program

Where:

Feb. 21 - Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
Feb. 28 - Saint Andrew Presbyterian Church, 2700 West
Moore Rd, Muncie, 47304
Mar. 6 - Grace Episcopal Church, 300 South Madison St,
Muncie, 47305
Mar. 13 - Hazelwood Christian Church, 1400 West University Ave, Muncie, 47303
Mar. 20 - First Presbyterian Church, 1400 West Riverside
Ave, Muncie, 47303

What:

The book that we are reading for the midweek Lenten study is:

"The Love That is God: An Invitation to Christian Faith" by Frederick Christian Bauerschmidt

