

#### Transfiguration of Our Lord

February 23, 2020

#### Setting Eight

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.

#### PRELUDE

#### **GATHERING**

#### Welcome & Announcements

#### **OPENING PRAYER**

Please stand as you are able.

C Almighty God, by the preaching of your servant Paul, you caused the light of the Gospel to be spread to all peoples of the world. May we celebrate and follow in his foot steps to speak of our own faith in you. May we be examples of your love in all the world showing in our lives the word of the Gospels. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

- P Let us remember Paul's teaching to the Galatians, that we are all children of God this day.
- C We are all God's children through faith in Jesus Christ. All who are baptized into Christ are clothed with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek; there is neither slave nor free; nor is there male or female, for all are one in Jesus Christ. (*Galatians 3:26-28*)
- P We are all children of God. Yet, we fail in many ways to live into this promise. Therefore, let us turn to the Lord and confess our ways.
- P Gracious God.
- C have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.
- P 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.
- C Amen.

#### **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.

#### **KYRIE**



#### HYMN OF PRAISE



#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P 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.

#### C Amen.

Please be seated.

#### WORD

#### FIRST READING: EXODUS 24:12-18

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.

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

<sup>15</sup>Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. <sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>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 people of Israel. <sup>18</sup>Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

- L The Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God

Psalm 2 Sung responsively



<sup>1</sup>Why are the nations | in an uproar?

Why do the peoples mutter | empty threats?

<sup>2</sup>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?

<sup>3</sup>"Let us break their | yoke," they say;

"let us cast off their | bonds from us."

#### <sup>4</sup>God whose throne is in heav- | en is laughing;

the LORD holds them | in derision.

<sup>5</sup>Then in wrath God | speaks to them,

and in rage fills | them with terror.

#### 6"As for me, I have anoint- | ed my king

upon Zion, my | holy mountain."

<sup>7</sup>Let me announce the decree | of the LORD,

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

## <sup>8</sup>Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for | your inheritance and the ends of the earth for | your possession.

<sup>9</sup>You shall crush them with an | iron rod

and shatter them like a | piece of pottery."

<sup>10</sup>And now, you | kings, be wise;

be warned, you rulers | of the earth.

<sup>11</sup>Submit to the | LORD with fear.

and with trembling | bow in worship;

<sup>12</sup>lest the LORD be angry, and you perish in a sudden | blaze of wrath.

Happy are all who take ref- | uge in God!

#### SECOND READING: 2ND PETER 1:16-21

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.

<sup>16</sup>For 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. <sup>17</sup>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." <sup>18</sup>We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. <sup>19</sup>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. <sup>20</sup>First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, <sup>21</sup>because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

- L The Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



- P The Holy Gospel, according to Matthew, the seventeenth chapter.
- C Glory to you, O Lord.

#### GOSPEL: MATTHEW 17:1-9

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.

<sup>1</sup>Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. <sup>2</sup>And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. <sup>3</sup>And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with him. <sup>4</sup>Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." <sup>5</sup>While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." <sup>6</sup>When the disciples heard this, they fell prostrate and were very much afraid. <sup>7</sup>But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and do not be afraid." <sup>8</sup>And when the disciples raised their eyes, they

saw no one else but Jesus alone. <sup>9</sup>As they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, "Do not tell the vision to anyone until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

**SERMON** 

PASTOR ANDREW C. PATTY

HYMN OF THE DAY

Jesus on the Mountain Peak

ELW HYMN 317

Please stand for the final verse of the hymn.

- P Let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.
- 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.

#### THE PRAYERS

A Trusting that God hears us, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

- A Holy God, your loving power is at work among us. Rouse and embolden your church, that we too might be transfigured, set alight in the world for the sake of the gospel. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.
- A Awesome God, you speak and the earth trembles. You display your majesty in the mountains and your mystery in the clouds. Grant that we discover your magnificence in all of your created world. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.
- A Ruler of nations, your reign extends across all human borders. Guide world leaders in justice and righteousness, that they may work for equity for all people and protect the world that you have made. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.
- A Gracious God, you are a refuge for all who are neglected and abused. Bring freedom to those who are oppressed and give comfort to those experiencing pain of any kind, especially Chuck Sodergren. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.

A God of Moses and Elijah, you made your dwelling place at the top of a mountain with Jesus and his disciples. Dwell also in this congregation of Trinity Lutheran here in Topeka, Trinity Lutheran in Greenleaf, St. Mark Lutheran in Waterville, and the Hollis Renewal Center in Bonner Springs, Kansas, that all who enter this community might be transformed by your dazzling brilliance. Hear us, O God.

#### C Your mercy is great.

A God of joy, bless Loretta Hoerman, Erin Lewis, Bronwyn King, and Brayden Winsor as they celebrate their birthdays this week and Susan Fitz as she remembers her baptism. Hear us, O God.

#### C Your mercy is great.

P Everlasting God, you offer eternal life to all your children. Thank you for the witness of those who lived and died in the faith. Hear us, O God.

#### C Your mercy is great.

P Confident that you are able to accomplish more than we even dare to ask, we bring these prayers before you, believing in your saving grace revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### C Amen.

#### THE PEACE

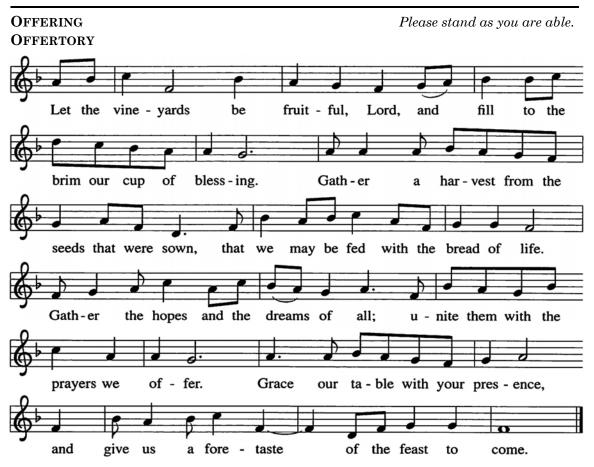
P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

#### C And also with you.

Let us greet one another with God's peace.

Please be seated.

#### PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS



#### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

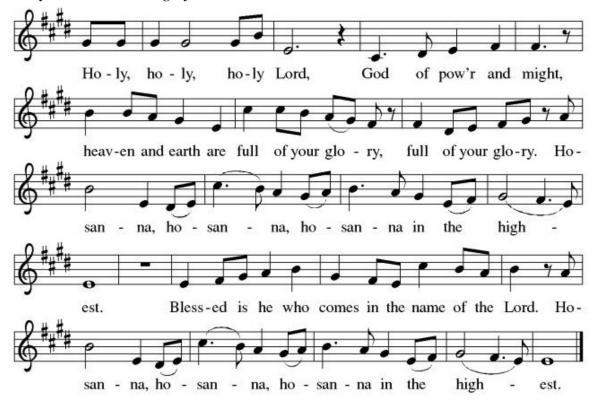
A God of abundance, we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord.

#### C Amen.

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- C We lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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. By the witness of your saints you show us the hope of our calling, and strengthen us to run the race set before us, that we may delight in your mercy and rejoice with them in glory. And so, with Paul and all the saints, with the choirs of angels and all the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



#### **EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

- P Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.
- In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

- Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.
- P Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.
- C Amen.

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

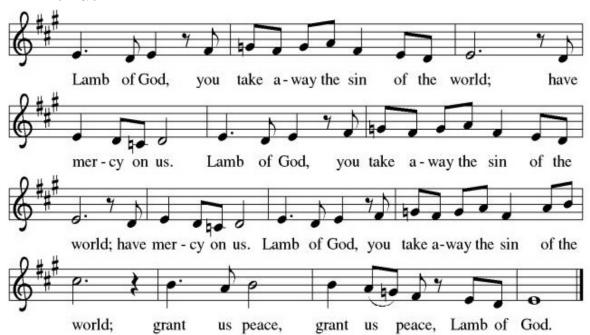
- P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:
- C Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

#### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Please be seated.

#### LAMB OF GOD



We invite all who believe in Jesus Christ as their Savior to share with us in Holy Communion. All are welcome to join us at the Lord's table. White grape juice is available as an alternative to wine. Everyone is invited to receive communion or a blessing. Hands cupped open indicate a desire to receive communion; hands closed reflect a desire to receive a blessing. We now have gluten-free communion wafers available. If gluten-free is your preference, please let the pastor know when you are at the communion rail.

**COMMUNION HYMNS** 

One Bread, One Body Come, Let Us Eat ELW HYMN 496 ELW HYMN 491

Please stand as you are able.

#### COMMUNION BLESSING

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

#### C Amen.

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

#### C Amen

#### SENDING

#### BLESSING

P May God bless you and send you in mission to the world. In the name of the Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

#### C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

All Creatures, Worship God Most High!

**ELW 835** 

#### SENDING

A Go in peace. Share the good news.

C Thanks be to God.

#### **POSTLUDE**

### Welcome to worship at Trinity!

Thank you for joining us for worship. We hope that you, members and visitors, found the Spirit of God in our midst.

If you are interested in becoming a member of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, or have other questions, please contact the church office at 785.233.0767

Currently, Doorstep is in need of the following items for the clothing room:

Diapers Sizes 5 and 6

Wipes

Comforters and Blankets sizes Full, Queen and King

Men's Jeans - All Sizes

Small Kitchen Appliances (Not New) – can openers, toasters, crock pots, etc. Doorstep is open for donations Monday thru Friday from 8am to 3pm. We are at 1119 SW 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue (10<sup>th</sup> & Buchanan)

The Topeka Chapter of the American Guild of Organists invites you to an organ recital by Hentus van Rooyen on **Sunday, March 8 at 2:00 p.m.** at First Presbyterian Church, 817 SW Harrison St. Dr. van Rooyen is professor and organist at Bethany College in Lindsborg, KS. Included in this free event are works by J.S. Bach, Gustav Merkel, Daniel Gawthrop, and Jean Langlais. We hope you can join us!

#### Remember our shut-ins!

Lucille Brill Marlene Hassan Keith Springer Peggy Buchholz Roy O'Neil Naomi Walker

Don Longren Ron Owensby



As a reminder...Due to HIPPA and Privacy Laws, hospitals and care facilities are not allowed to notify us when patients are admitted. Therefore, we ask that you or a friend or family member contact the church office if you will be entering a hospital or care facility, if you are unable to attend worship due to illness or mobility, or if you would like your name or that of a friend or family member included in the prayers. Call 233-0767 or email office@topekatlc.org.

	UPCOMING EVENTS AT TRINITY	
Today, Feb. 23	Adult Sunday School	9:15 AM
	Worship with Holy Communion	10:30 AM
Mon., Feb. 24	Women's AA	5:00 PM
Tues., Feb. 25	Quilters	9:00 AM
	Doorstep Operation Soup Line	11 AM
Wed., Feb. 26	Ashes to Go, 727 S. Kansas Ave	11:30 AM
	Ash Wednesday Worship	
	Women's AA	5:30 PM
Thurs., Feb. 27	Men's AA	7:00 PM
Sunday, Mar. 1	Adult Sunday School	9:15 AM
	Worship with Holy Communion	10:30 AM

	Worship Assistants								
Doto	Greeter(s)	Usher(s)	Musician	Lootor	Acoluto	Altar Guild	Coffee	Assisting	Presiding
Date Greeter(s)	Usiter(s)	Musician	Lector	Acolyte	Altar Gulid	Hosts	Minister	Minister	
February 23, 2020	Marilyn Hypse	Ted Murphy	Laurie Jackson	Debbie Pomeroy	Cindy McGinnis	Cindy McGinnis & Team 1	Walt & Helen Laughlin	Rosie Nichols	Pr. Andrew Patty

OFFERING, ATTENDANCE, and FINANCIAL STATUS						
					Weekly Income	
				Average	Minus Average	
			Total Weekly	Weekly	Weekly	Attendance/
Date	General	Other	Income	Expense	Expense	Communion
Jan. 26	\$1,856.00	\$100.00	\$1,956.00	-\$2,648.00	-\$692.00	44/43
Feb. 2	\$3,544.74	\$460.00	\$4,004.74	-\$2,648.00	\$1,356.74	31/32
Feb. 9	\$1,346.00	\$0.00	\$1,346.00	-\$2,648.00	-\$1,302.00	31/32
Feb. 16	\$2,547.00	\$50.00	\$2,597.00	-\$2,648.00	-\$51.00	34/36
The money shown in the "Other" column is restricted and not available for our general fund.						
			Income	Expense	Behind/Ahead	
		Jan 2020	\$8,993.00	-\$12,096.14	-\$3,103.14	
		Jan Jan	\$8,993.00	-\$12,096.14	-\$3,103.14	



# The mission of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church is to

- · worship God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
- · serve those in need, and
- reach out to share the Good News of salvation through Jesus Christ!

 ${f T}$  ogether in Community •  ${f L}$  iving with Christ •  ${f C}$  aring for Neighbors

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