

Jesus was
transfigured
before them

MATTHEW 17:2

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Transfiguration of Our Lord
February 14 & 15, 2026

Welcome to Worship!

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The **worship bulletin** is intended to help guide us through our worship. Sections in **bold** print are for congregation response. Throughout the bulletin you will note two symbols that denote when the congregation is invited to stand (▲) or be seated (▼) as your body allows. **Large print copies** of our worship service and **wireless sound enhancers** are available.

We believe our risen Lord Jesus is truly present in the bread and wine of **Holy Communion** and we extend our Lord's invitation to all who are baptized to share in this meal.

Non-communing children and adults are welcome to come forward for a blessing. Please contact an usher if you need **communed in the pew**.

Transfiguration of Our Lord February 14 & 15, 2026

Saturday 5:30pm, Sunday 8:15am (Broadcast, 98.7FM, 107.5FM, 1480AM, 910AM;
Livestream www.trinitylatrobe.com), Sunday 10:45am

Service of Holy Communion (ELW Setting 3)

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 and Silent Prayer

10:45am	"Hope Abides" "Fanfare and Alleluia"	Austin Wagner	Choir Chimes Trinity Ringers
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Welcome and Announcements

10:45am	"Make Us to Be"	Ramseth	Youth Choir
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GATHERING
The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

▲ Confession and Forgiveness

(All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.)

Blessed be the holy Trinity, \ddagger one God,
the Creator of heaven and earth,
the Word who spoke life into being,
the Wind stirring the waters.

Amen.

Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Mighty God, lover of justice, you call us to life in community, but we have served our own interests at the expense of our neighbors. We have sown deceit where honesty was needed. We say the right words, but our hearts are far from you. Turn us to seek your face. Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ, that we may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God.

Amen.

The former things have passed away, and new things God now declares:
Like a spring of water that never fails, God covers you in the righteousness of Christ, and forgives your sin in \ddagger Jesus' name. May the Spirit give you strength to live for others, and bless you with the gift of peace.

Amen.

▲ Gathering Hymn

“Shine, Jesus, Shine”

ELW #671

(please turn and follow the cross in procession)

▲ Greeting

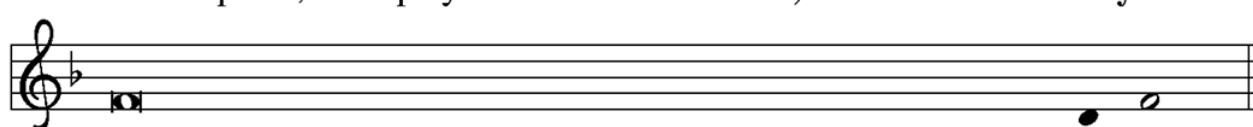
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

▲Kyrie



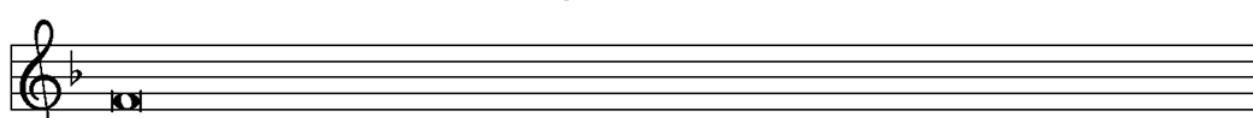
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



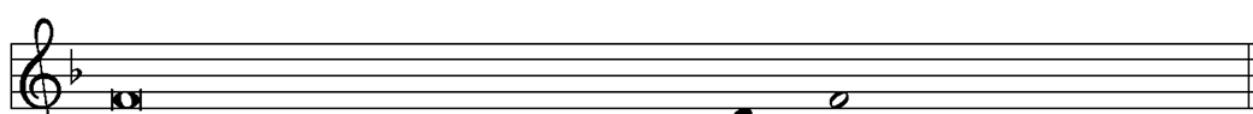
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



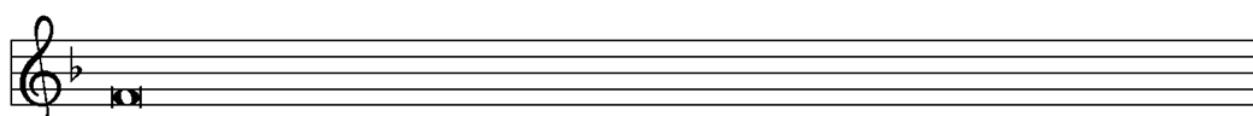
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



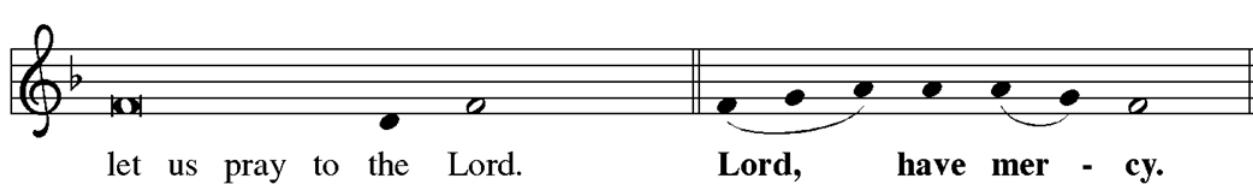
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



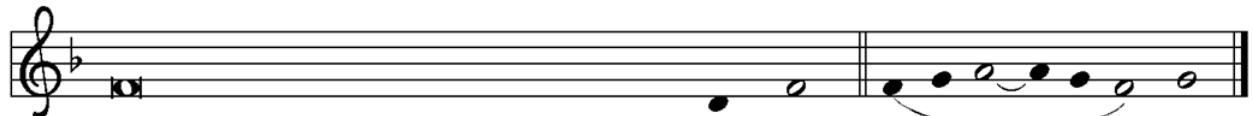
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

▲Hymn of Praise

Assisting minister

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

All

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,

we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

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.

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.

▲ 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

▼ Children's Message

▼ First Reading: Exodus 24:12-18

The presence of God – here in the desert after freeing Israel from slavery in Egypt – is awesome. It is accompanied by pyrotechnics which will appear again in the Gospel reading. But it is never simply special effects – when God appears, God speaks, with reassurance and command.

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.**

▼Psalm 2 (Leader/Assembly; Saturday, spoken; Sunday, sung)

This psalm was probably written for a coronation ceremony, which involved the adoption of the king by God. The adoption formula is the same the disciples hear God speak from the cloud in today's Gospel.

¹ Why are the nations ¹ in an uproar?
 Why do the peoples mutter ¹ empty threats?

² **Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt,
 and the princes ¹ plot together,
 against the LORD and against the ¹ LORD's anointed?**

³ "Let us break their ¹ yoke," they say;
 "let us cast off their ¹ bonds from us."

⁴ **God whose throne is in heav- ¹ en is laughing;
 the LORD holds them ¹ in derision.**

⁵ Then in wrath God ¹ speaks to them,
 and in rage fills ¹ them with terror.

⁶ **"As for me, I have anoint- ¹ ed my king
 upon Zion, my ¹ holy mountain."**

⁷ Let me announce the decree ¹ of the LORD,
 who said to me, "You are my son; this day have I be- ¹ gotten you.

⁸ **Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for ¹ your inheritance
 and the ends of the earth for ¹ your possession.**

⁹ You shall crush them with an ¹ iron rod
 and shatter them like a ¹ piece of pottery."

¹⁰ **And now, you ¹ kings, be wise;
 be warned, you rulers ¹ of the earth.**

¹¹ Submit to the ¹ LORD with fear,
 and with trembling ¹ bow in worship;

¹² **lest the LORD be angry, and you perish in a sudden ¹ blaze of wrath.
 Happy are all who take ref- ¹ uge in God!**

▼Second Reading: 2 Peter 1:16-21

Close to death, the author is worried that his community will be misled by lying prophets, rather than holding to the trustworthy words the apostles have handed down to them. These apostles are reliable, since they were eye-witnesses of Jesus' life and ministry, including the Transfiguration.

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.**

▲Gospel Acclamation



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.

▲Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

Both Moses and Elijah spoke to God in person on mountains. This story immediately follows Peter’s confession of Jesus as the Messiah and Jesus’ first prediction of his crucifixion.

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 17th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

(continued)

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 Jason Felici

▲ **Hymn of the Day**

“How Good, Lord, to Be Here!”

ELW #315

▲ **Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

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**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of the People (*please kneel or remain seated as your body allows*)

Merciful God, receive our prayer.

▲ The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

(share God's peace with one another and then be seated)

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

▼ Gathering of Gifts

- ◆ As we move to the time in our worship where we offer our gifts to God's church, a portion of your offering supports providing governance support.
- ◆ Whether interpreting constitutional matters or untangling legal processes, your offering helps to provide these services to congregations and synod ministries as needed.



If you prefer, scan the QR code to give online. You may then place a giving card from the pew in the offering plate as it passes by.

▼ Anthem

“Go Up to the Mountain”

Helman

Choir

▲ Offertory

“We Are an Offering”

ELW #692

The musical score consists of five staves of music in G clef, common time, and 3/4 time. The lyrics are integrated into the music, with three distinct endings (3) indicated by slurs and repeat signs.

1. We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering.

2. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an offering.

3. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.

4. We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:

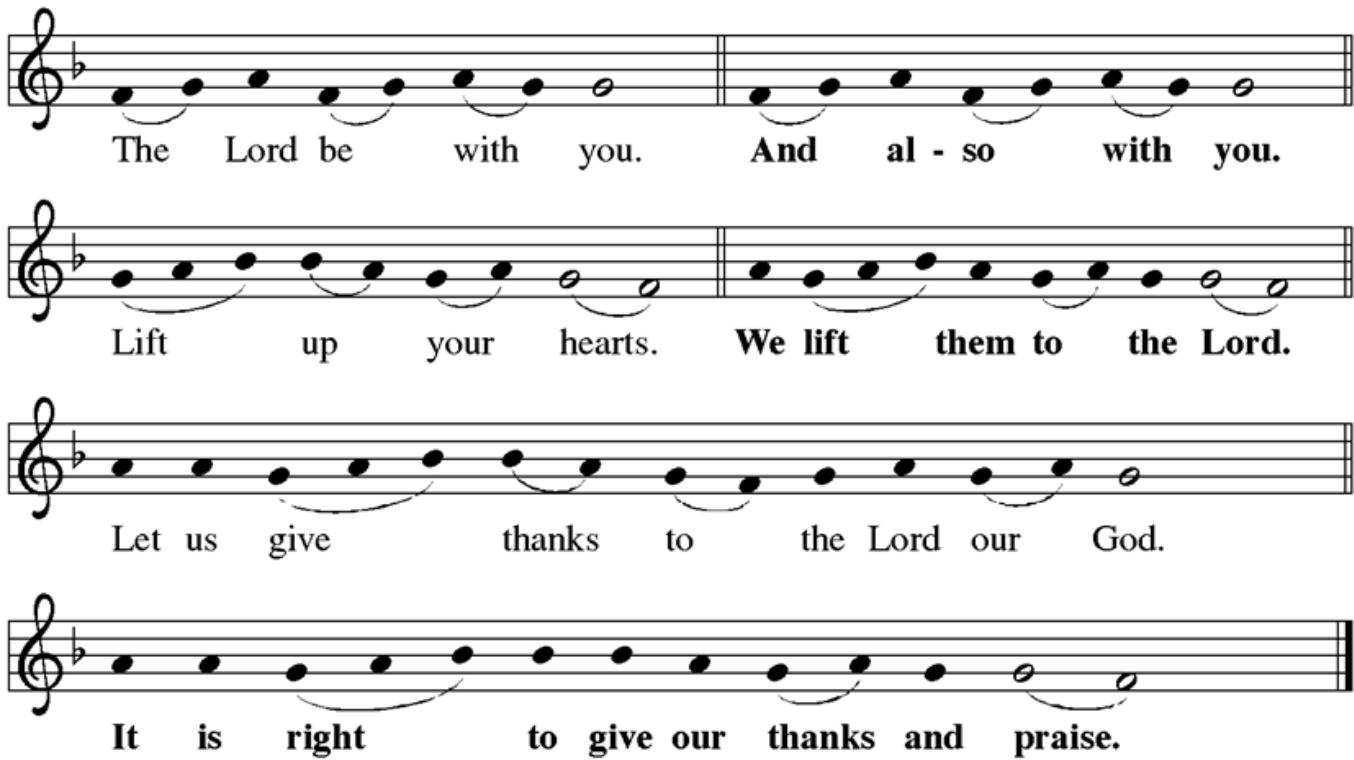
5. we are an offering, we are an offering.

Offering Prayer

Let us pray. God of majesty, **no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

Amen.

▲Great Thanksgiving



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

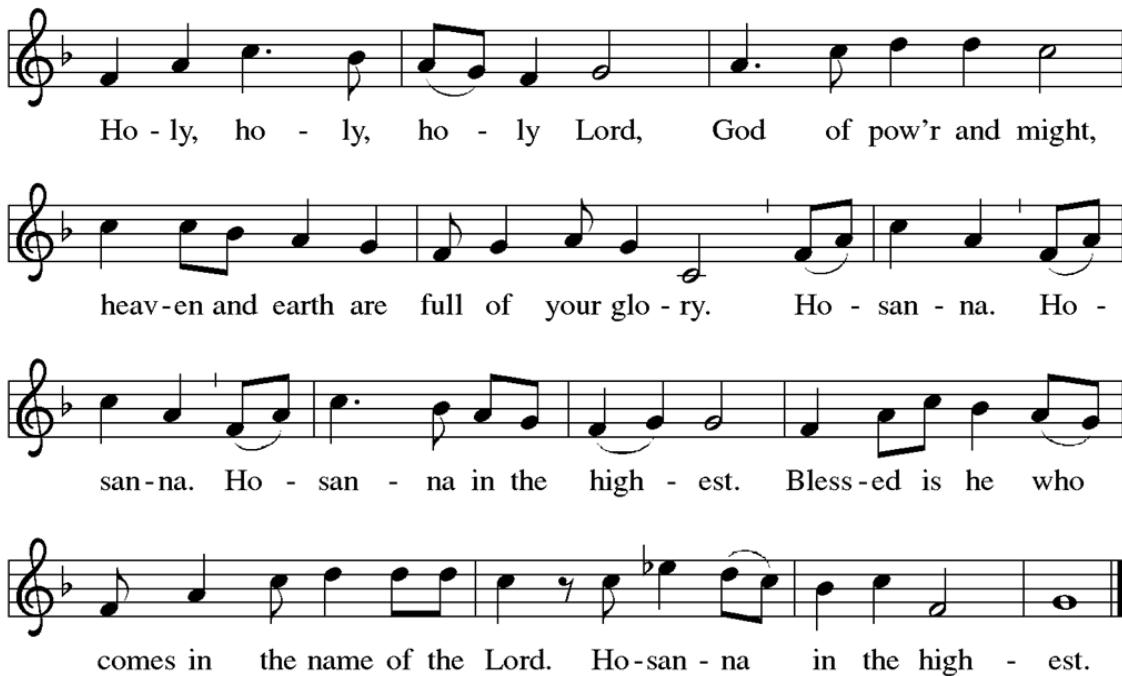
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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



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

heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -

san - na. 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.

Blessed are you, O holy God: you are the Life and Light of all.
By your powerful word you created all things.
Through the prophets you called your people to be a light to the nations.
Blessed are you for Jesus, your Son. He is your Light, shining in our darkness
and revealing to us your mercy and might.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his preaching and healing, his dying and rising, and
his promise to come again, we await that day when all the universe will rejoice
in your holy and life-giving light.

By your Spirit bless us and this meal, that, refreshed with this heavenly food,
we may be light for the world, revealing the brilliance of your Son. Through
him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your
holy Church, both now and forever. **Amen.**

▲Lord's Prayer

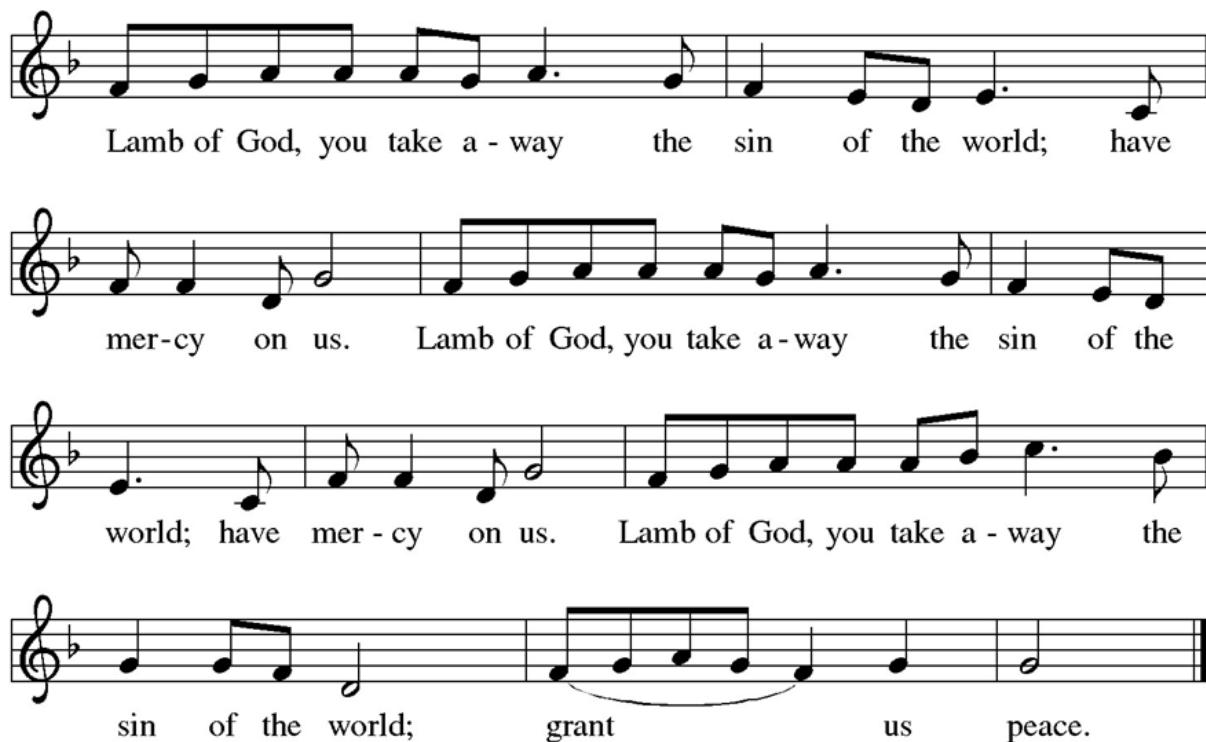
Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

▲ Invitation to Communion

Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!
Come to the table; taste and see.

▲ Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

▼ Distribution of Communion

To receive communion, please come down the center aisle, take a cup from the tray and gather at the altar rail. Receive the bread into your hand. Wine will be poured into your cup. The communion wine is gluten free. Gluten free wafers are available upon request. For those unable to receive wine, communion cups with water are available. Leave the altar rail, place your cup on the tray and return to your pew via the side aisles. If you would like to receive communion in the pew, please contact an usher. Non-communing children and adults are welcome to come forward for a blessing.

▼ Communion Hymn

“Beautiful Savior”

ELW #838

▲ Table Blessing

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

▲Prayer after Communion

Let us pray. Radiant God, we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. In the sacrament of his body and blood you have drawn us to your heart. Send us from this table with delight, that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love, and bear witness to all we have seen and heard, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SENDING

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

▲Blessing

May the triune God, who has put a new song in your mouth and tuned your heart for praise + bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

▲Sending Hymn

“Oh, Wondrous Image, Vision Fair”

ELW #316

Burying the Alleluia

Today we bring to a close the season of joy and light – the season of Epiphany. We began this season celebrating with the Magi as they worshiped the infant King. We recall the Spirit of God, who was shining on Jesus at his Baptism. And, finally today, we remembered the brilliant love of the Father at our Lord’s Transfiguration. During this week, we begin the season of preparation, the season of Lent.

Pulpit Side:

We focus on our Lord’s passion.

Font Side:

We regret our tendency to distance ourselves from God.

All:

Through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving we will reflect in God’s most gracious gift.

Before Lent, we bury a friend. With “Alleluia,” we sing and shout our praise during the joyous seasons. It is put away for this solemn season. It will not be gone forever. It will be brought forth again in joy when we celebrate the triumphant Feast of Easter. “Christ is Risen! Alleluia!”

Pulpit Side:

We bury it sorrowfully as we bury any friend.

Font Side:

We bury it expectantly as we look for its return.

All:

And we will shout “Alleluia!” as we celebrate the resurrection. The promise of the resurrection gives us hope that we will pass through the grave to eternal life.

▲Dismissal

Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.
Thanks be to God.

THE BROADCAST THIS WEEKEND is dedicated to the Glory of God honor of my mother, Stella Sheffler, for her 95th birthday given by Mary Ann Coulston.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS THIS WEEKEND are dedicated to the Glory of God in honor of Volunteers and those who support the ministry at Trinity - Love is patient. Love is kind. Love never ends. Given by Donna Showalter.

Preaching: Pastor Jason Felici **Presiding:** Pastor Jess Felici

Serving this Weekend

Director of Music: Debbie Morley

Lectors: **Saturday 5:30pm:** Margaret Conrad
Sunday 8:15am: Ted Benning
Sunday 10:45am: Karen Clair

Liturgical Deacons: **Saturday 5:30pm:** Jackie Mars
Sunday 8:15am: Rose McLain, Lucinda Nicely
Sunday 10:45am: Lindsay Deemer, Sandy Redinger

Ushers: **Saturday 5:30pm:** Tom & Beth Dlugos, Isaiah Sherba, Donna Showalter
Sunday 8:15am: Rick Baldonieri, Keith Bronson, Jr., Sandy Kisick, Melinda Terney
Sunday 10:45am: BJ & Amber Hebenthal, Anna Hudec, Becky Tomlinson

Acolytes: **Saturday 5:30pm:** Kelly Stanko
Sunday 8:15am:
Sunday 10:45am: Will H., Nico S.

Tellers: **Sunday 8:15am:** Jason Sheppard, John Hugo, Kathy & Mark Jones
Sunday 10:45am: Eleanor Fagan, Susan Vargo, Anna Hudec, Will & Linda Brigaman

Acolytes Scheduled for Next Week February 21 & 22

Saturday 5:30pm: Kelly Stanko
Sunday 8:15am:
Sunday 10:45am: Will H., Nico S.

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