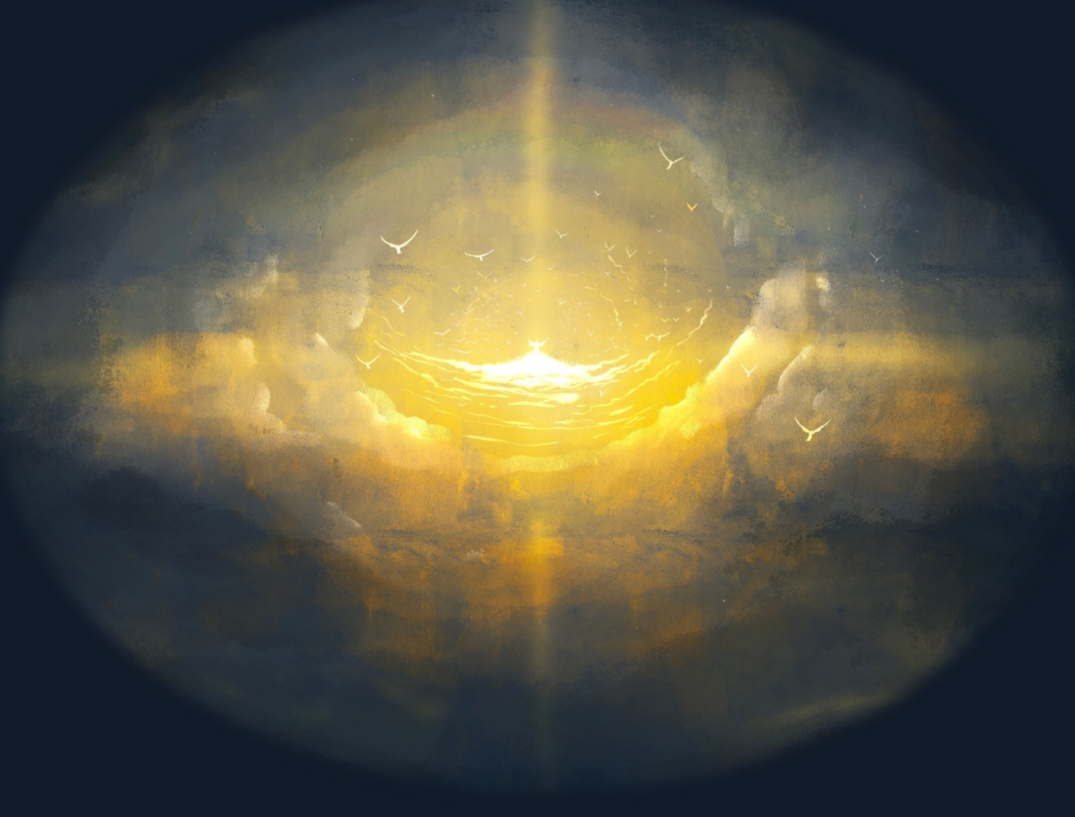


*"Transformed into the same image"
by God's Spirit*



Transfiguration of Our Lord
March 1-2, 2025



Trinity Lutheran Church
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Transfiguration of Our Lord

March 1, 2025 - 5:00 p.m.

March 2, 2025 - 9:00 a.m.

Livestream Worship Service/KCMR 97.9

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! We are glad you're here. If you are new to Trinity Lutheran, please complete an informational card which can be found in the pews.

We love having small children in worship! Those needing a space to change or feed little ones are welcome to use the **Child Care Room** located next to the nursery. A **unstaffed nursery** is available during the **9:00 and 10:30 services**, located on the 2nd floor just outside the north sanctuary door (door under the stained glass window door).

Toddler Sunday School:

Every 1st and 3rd Sunday from 9:15-10:15am parents are invited to join their 0-2 year old for a time of free play, activities, and Bible stories in the nursery.

Seating for People with Limited Mobility is reserved in the pew located in front of the Technical booth.

Large print bulletins and listening devices are available from the ushers.

Activity Bags are available for children during worship. They are located in the narthex and at the front of the church. Please return them at the end of services.

Serving in Worship This Weekend

Pastor Pastor Dan Gerrietts
Pastor Daniel Hanson
Pastor Beverly Butler

Organist Jodi Korth

Cantor Alli Day

Greeters Craig and Janet Miller

Coffee Fellowship
Penny Bennett
Kathy Pitcher, Craig Remmen

Scripture Readers
5:00 p.m. Patti Flatness
9:00 a.m. Kay Larson

Communion Assistants
5:00 p.m. Patti Flatness
Jim and Nancy Fingalsen
9:00 a.m. Dave and Linda Stine

Acolytes
Reece Leibrand, Miles Hansen

Technical Support
9:00 a.m. Carter Rockwell
Maggie Gerrietts
Peyton Wicking

Worship Transportation
9:00 a.m. Randy Elsbernd, Kay Larson

Ushers
5:00 p.m. Liz Fitzgerald, Donna Henaman
9:00 a.m. Mike Brown, Tim Latham
Joe Sanchez, Gary Wattnem,
Jon Wicks

Custodian
Dave Smith

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

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

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

C Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Merciful God,

**C 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.

P 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.

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.

***Now the Feast and Celebration**

Marty Haugen

Refrain

Congregation:

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,
all of cre - a - tion sings for joy
to the God of life and love and
free - dom: praise and glo - ry for ev -
er - more!

The musical score is written on five staves in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a 3/8 time signature. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some notes beamed together. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

Verse 1

Congregation or Congregation 1:

I. Now is the feast of the Lamb once
slain, whose blood has freed and u -
nit-ed us to be one great peo - ple of
God. *to Refrain*

*Prayer of the Day

P 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.

C Amen.

Sunday School Children Singing

Children's Sermon(9:00 a.m.)

Pastor Daniel Hanson

First Reading: Exodus 34:29-35

L 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.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

L ¹² Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, 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, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it 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 things that one hides; 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.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation

Marty Haugen

Congregation:

Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal
life. Al - le - lu - ia!

Optional Repeat

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke the ninth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

*Gospel: Luke 9:28-36

P 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 dazzling white. ³⁰ Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. ³¹ They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³² Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, 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 make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah”—not knowing what he said. 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.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Hymn of the Day

Beautiful Savior

ELW 838

***Prayers of Intercession**

P God of grace.

C Hear our prayer.

***Peace**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

During this cold and flu season please greet one another in the name of the Lord with a wave and a smile.

MEAL

Announcements

Offering

Text to Give is available at Trinity!

Simply text the amount you wish to give to 833-412-0093.

Or scan the QR code with your smartphone.

Please note where your gifts should be directed towards.



***Offertory**

Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***Offering Prayer**

P God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens,
and your abundance to the depths of the seas.

Bless what we offer to your service:

our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts.

Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity,
now and always.

C Amen.

*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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

* Holy

Marty Haugen

Congregation:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!
Bless - ed is the One who comes in your name. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

*Words of Institution

*Lord's Prayer

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.

Communion

All who desire the presence and forgiveness of Christ that come in the sharing of this bread and wine are welcome to commune with us today. Ushers will direct you from the outside aisles to one of the stations in the front of the sanctuary, where you may kneel at the rail. You will return to your seat by the center aisle. Gluten free wafers and grape juice are also available.

If for any reason you are not comfortable participating in communion today, we invite you to come forward with your arms crossed over your chest to receive a blessing.

Lamb of God

Marty Haugen

Congregation: Congregation or Assistant:



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
you break the chains of ha - tred and
you are the way of jus - tice and
you are the way of mer - cy and

Congregation:

world: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,
 fear:
 peace:
 love.

Final Stanza
Congregation or Assistant:

mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you

Congregation:

take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace,

grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion Songs

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light
Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

ELW 815
 ELW 807

***Prayer after Communion**

P 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,
 C Amen.

SENDING

***Blessing**

P The Spirit of the triune God
✠ bless you with joy,
anoint you with compassion,
and send you in love.

C **Amen.**

***Sending Hymn** *Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult*

ELW 696

***Sending**

P Go in peace. Live in hope.

C **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **altar flowers** are in memory of our parents given by **Sam and Deb Hunt**.

Colored bulletins are in honor of **Marge Baack and Millie Godfrey in celebration of their birthday on March 6th**. Given by their husbands Harlan and Dan.

Sunday School News

There is **NO** Sunday School class March 9 & 16. Have a very happy Spring Break! Class will resume on March 23.

Camp Scholarship Drive

Trinity's camp scholarship provides funds to offset the cost of attending bible camp. To ensure this can continue, we are launching a special drive to raise \$15,000 for camp scholarships by Easter Sunday 2025. Added to current funds, this should provide enough to cover the next three years of scholarships. **To make a gift, simply write "Camp Scholarships" on your check or envelope or go to our online giving page.** Thanks for helping camps continue to be sacred spaces for God's holy work!



Lutheran Day on the Hill

Join Lutheran Services in Iowa and the three Iowa ELCA bishops for the annual Lutheran Day on the Hill **Tuesday, March 11, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., in Des Moines**.

This event is open to anyone who wants to advocate and help spread the word about the work that Lutheran Services in Iowa does. Participants will gather downtown at Capitol Hill Lutheran Church to learn about LSI advocacy and critical issues facing Iowa children, adults and families, then have lunch and travel to the Iowa State Capitol to advocate directly with legislators.

Pastor Daniel is organizing a charter bus or car pool (depending on group size) to leave from Trinity. Please sign up on office board by **March 3**.

The Rotating Art Gallery at Trinity is in need of black frames of assorted sizes- 5X7, 8X10 and 11X14. They must be able to be hung on the wall. If you have some lying around in good shape that you no longer need, we would appreciate them. You can drop them off at the church office. Thank you!

Trinity's Pastoral Care Staff makes regular visits to Mercy One North Iowa hospital. But not everyone who is hospitalized appears on the clergy list. If you are hospitalized and wish to be visited, please contact the church office.

The 2025 Flower Calendar and Bulletin Calendar If you'd like to honor a loved one, remember a birthday and/or an anniversary while enhancing Trinity's sanctuary for the celebration of worship, please consider donating altar flowers or colored bulletins for a weekend. Both calendars are located on the bulletin board next to the church office. Altar Flowers are \$45 and Bulletins are \$25.

LENT 2025

This year, we're letting the Gospel of Luke guide us through Lent. Beginning with Jesus setting his face toward Jerusalem (Luke 9:51), this series flows through several familiar stories—the Good Samaritan, Mary and Martha, the fruitless fig tree, the Lost Sheep, Zacchaeus, and more. In each narrative, Jesus intentionally highlights the cultural and political polarities of his time to emphasize the radical and inclusive love of God. Many of these stories mirror the divides we see in our families, churches and communities today. This series is an invitation to approach these polarities with more faith, intention, and openness to others. Each weekly theme will explore two supposed binaries, like “rest & growth” or “grief & hope.” But life is often more nuanced and complex. God is present [in] between.

Ash Wednesday Worship

March 5, 2025

Worship at 1:30 PM and 6:30 PM*

Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion

**Will be livestreamed and on KCMR 97.9*



Journey with Jesus: Reading Luke through Lent

“Your word is a lamp to my feet and light to my path.” Psalm 119:105

The season of Lent is a great time to commit to spending time with God and tending our spiritual life. This Lenten season we are inviting everyone at Trinity to read Scripture together as a spiritual discipline.

Using the devotional, Journey with Jesus, we will together read the Gospel of Luke, a chapter a day, along with other readings from the Bible that connect to Luke. Journal questions are provided to dig deeper and to reflect on the daily readings.

For those interested, there will be a ***gathering at noon on Mondays during Lent in the Fellowship Hall, to discuss and process the Scripture for the past week in community.*** People are encouraged to bring a lunch and to stay for whatever time their schedule affords. In journeying with Jesus' sacred story, may we be fed and grounded in God's word. Copies are available by the church offices and the Welcome Center.

Lenten Offering Folder

Last week Lenten folders were mailed for a special offering during this season of “alms.” This offering benefits Trinity's ongoing ministry in our community. If you're unable to fill it with \$40, please give the amount that feels right for you. To complete online, go to trinity-mc.org/give



WEDNESDAYS IN LENT

STARTING MARCH 12TH

Lent Dinners are from 6-6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

French Toast Breakfast Casserole, Sausage, Fruit & Pastries

All donations from the meals will support Trinity Youth activities.

Lent Services will be at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Based on our Lent Series "Everything [in] Between," is for people living in a divided world.

It's for all who seek a spiritual life that engages with complexity instead of avoiding it.

It's for those who want to experience a God who shows up on the edges and everywhere in between.

Middle School Mom Lent Bible Study

6:00 AM / Cabin Coffee - Mason City

Middle School moms are invited to Cabin Coffee in Mason City with Carol Dettmer on Wednesday mornings during Lent from 6:00 - 7:00 AM to read and discuss the Lent Bible Study of Luke that is for all Trinity members. The first meeting will be on March 5 at 6:00AM. These morning meetings will help with accountability and provide fellowship. No RSVP needed for either, just show up!

2025 NATIONAL CONCERT TOUR

THE WARTBURG CHOIR

DR. LEE NELSON, CONDUCTOR



FEATURING MASON CITY HS CONCERT CHOIR | ETHAN PRUISMAN, CONDUCTOR
CLEAR LAKE HS CHAMBER SINGERS | JASON HEITLAND, CONDUCTOR

Sunday, March 30 2 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran Church

213 N. Pennsylvania Ave., Mason City, IA 50401

Freewill donations will be accepted to support scholarships and future concert tours.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, March 3

9:00 a.m. Trinity Serving at Community Kitchen
9:00 a.m. Centering Prayer (Rm. 322)
6:00 p.m. Trinity Bronze Bell Choir
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday, March 4

8-9:00 a.m. BASES Exercise (Gathering Space)
Noon Staff Meeting Off Site—Building Closed
4:15 p.m. NordKor Rehearsal (Choir Rm.)

Wednesday, March 5

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study
8:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study
1:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Ash Wednesday Service

Thursday, March 6

8:00 a.m. BASES Exercise (Gathering Space)
10:30 a.m. Clappers & Coffee Bell Choir
7:00 p.m. Una Vocis Rehearsal

Saturday, March 8

5:00 p.m. Worship Service

Sunday, March 9

8:00 a.m. Health Cabinet Meeting (Rm. 300)
9:00 a.m. Worship Service
NO Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Daylight Saving Time Begins

on **Sunday, March 9**, when we "spring forward" !
Remember to change your clocks!

Book Discussion

Monday, March 10 / 1:00 PM

Gathering Space

Our March book is *The Maid* by Nita Prose. "The Maid explores what it means to be the same as everyone else and yet entirely different—and reveals that all mysteries can be solved through connection to the human heart." Join us for the book discussion on Monday, March 10 at 1:00 PM. **Multiple copies are available to check out from the Trinity Lutheran Church Office.**

Mental Health First Aid Class

Friday, March 28 /8:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Fellowship Hall

Mental Health First Aid is a course that teaches individuals how to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental illnesses and substance use disorders. Instructor Thomas Heiar is the Population Health Coordinator at CG Public Health focused on prevention and raising awareness around mental health. Cerro Gordo Public Health received a mental health grant from the University of Iowa

that will cover the cost of training materials. Lunch provided. Space is limited to first 25 people.

Register by March 14 by calling 641-423-0536 or visit trinity-mc.org/events/mental-health-first-aid.

A Healing Service will be offered on **Sunday, March 16, 2025, at 1:30pm** in Trinity's Sanctuary. Family and friends are invited for this dedicated time to pray for healing of body, mind, spirit, and relationship. All are welcome. One does not need to have an illness to come to pray for others and receive anointing with oil and the "laying on of hands" for oneself. Pastor Beverly Butler, Parish Nurse Becky Elsbernd, and members of the Healing Touch Spiritual Ministry Team are leading this service. Please use the East Entrance off the parking lot.