

# Trinity Lutheran Church

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## Transfiguration Sunday

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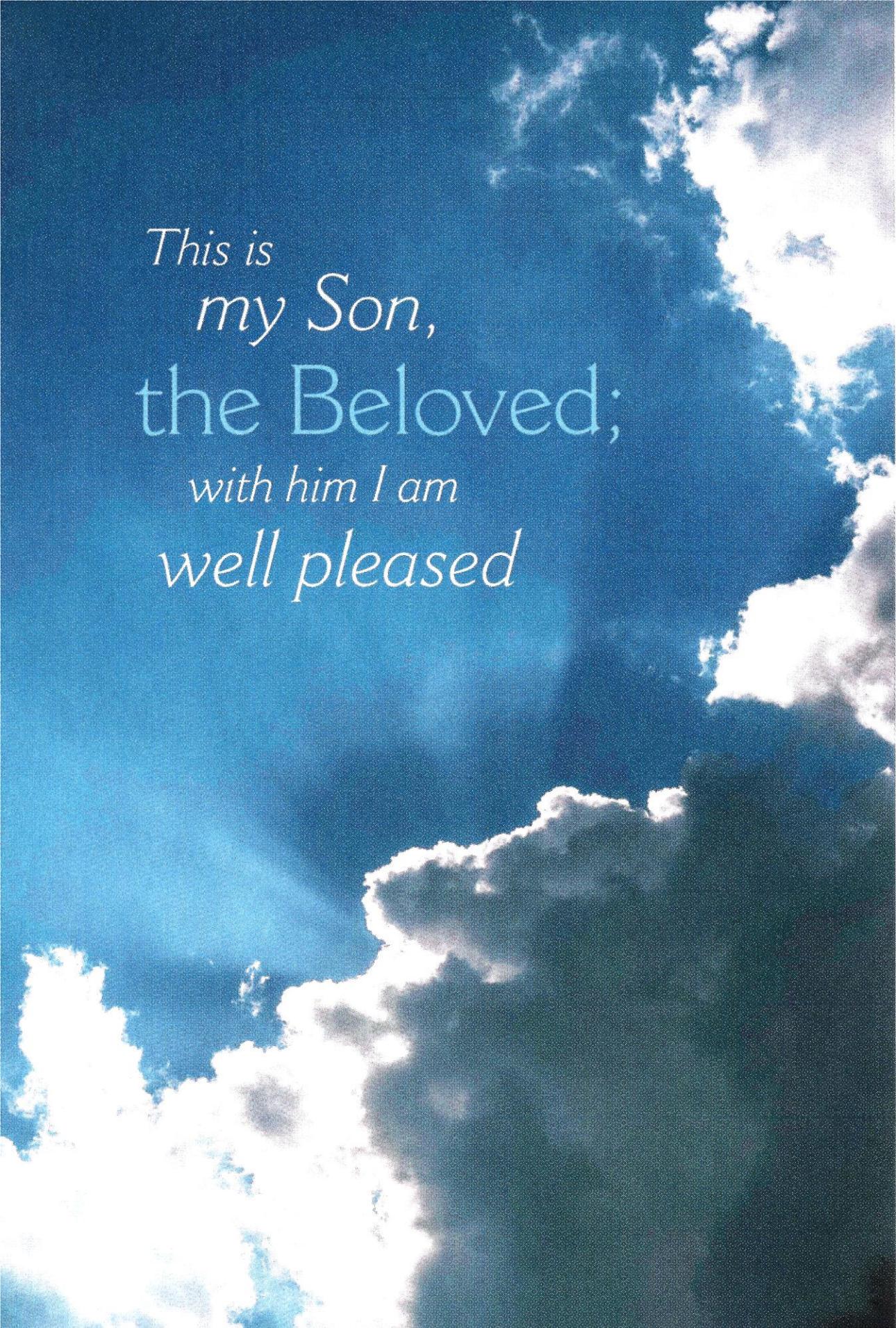
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*This is  
my Son,  
the Beloved;  
with him I am  
well pleased*

# TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY SERVICE OF THE WORD

9:00 A.M. Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023



**ALL ARE WELCOME IN THIS HOUSE OF WORSHIP!**

*Today we come before the One who is transfigured and revealed as the Light of the world. May the Light of Christ renew your faith, your hope and your commitment to love the Lord your God and your neighbor.  
Fellowship & refreshments await you following our service in the Library!*

## AVAILABLE WORSHIP AIDS

**LARGE PRINT BULLETINS** are obtained from the ushers.

**ACTIVITY BAGS** at the rear of church, are available for young children; please return them after the service. Thanks.

**PLEASE SIGN** the Friendship Pad as it is passed to you during the time of the offering.

**I WISH CARDS** in the pews are available to express any ideas or questions you have and may be placed in an offering plate.

## GATHERING

**WE PREPARE:** *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 on Wednesday. On the Mount of Transfiguration 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....*

*This week we turn to Ash Wednesday and our annual 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 brought out and sung again on Easter morning.*

## PARISH NOTICES/ BELL

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who stretches out the heavens, who sends light to the nations, who gives breath to us all. **Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection*

Loving God,

**we confess that we have turned from your way to follow our own ways.**

**Forgive us for the times we have spoken or acted too quickly;**

**we have not spoken or acted at all; we have hurt those closest to us;**

**we have hurt those we have yet to know; we have thought more about ourselves than others; we have thought less of ourselves than we ought.**

**Turn us around, and give us a fresh start, so that we can live again as your children. Amen.**

Even when we have done wrong, God makes us right. Even when we have messed up, God puts us together. God's love never runs out. God never tires of calling us beloved children. Hear God say to you now: Your sins are forgiven, for the sake of † Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

1 A - rise, your light has come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;  
 2 A - rise, your light has come! Fling wide the pris - on door;  
 3 A - rise, your light has come! All you in sor - row born,  
 4 A - rise, your light has come! The moun - tains burst in song!

show forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day.  
 pro - claim the cap - tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.  
 bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.  
 Rise up like ea - gles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

## 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.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

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 you declared Jesus your beloved Son, who foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with the 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

## FIRST READING

Exodus 24:12-18

The first reading is from Exodus, Chapter 24, verses 12-18.

*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." So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. 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."*

*Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. 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. 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. 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.

## SECOND READING

2 Peter 1:16-21

The Second Reading is from 2 Peter, Chapter 1, verses 16-21.

*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. 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." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.*

*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. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, 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

*You Are Holy*

1\*

The musical notation consists of four staves of music in a single system, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The notes are primarily quarter and eighth notes, with some rests and slurs. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes.

You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more  
than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.  
Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here  
to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.

2

You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,  
 you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!  
 Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!  
 Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

**GOSPEL**

Matthew 17:1-9

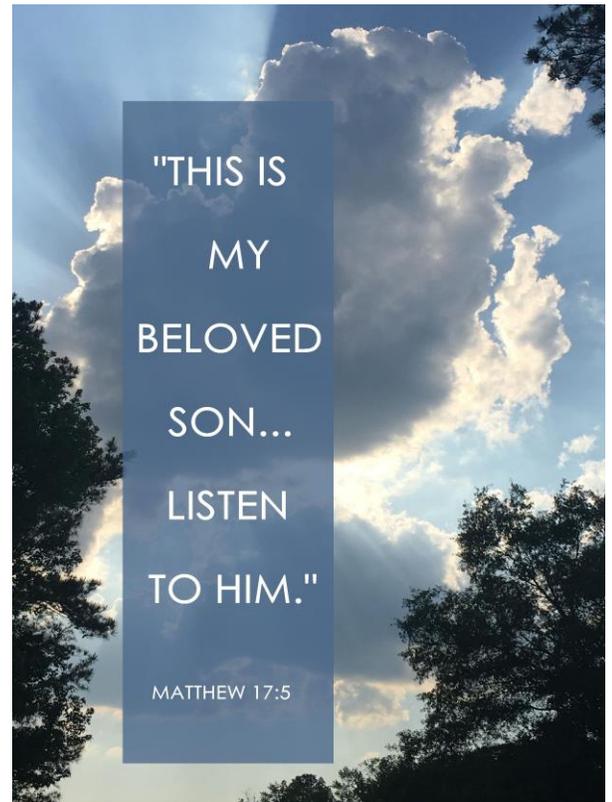
The Gospel is found in Matthew chapter 17, verses 1-9.

**Glory to you, O Lord."**

*Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.*

*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 Tim Mason*

1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,  
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,  
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,  
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,

Son of God and Son of Man!  
 robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;  
 bright the spar - kling stars on high;  
 Son of God and Son of Man!

Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,  
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,  
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er  
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,

light of my soul, my joy, my crown.  
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.  
 than all the an - gels in the sky.  
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

## 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 THE CHURCH

## PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

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# MEAL

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## THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

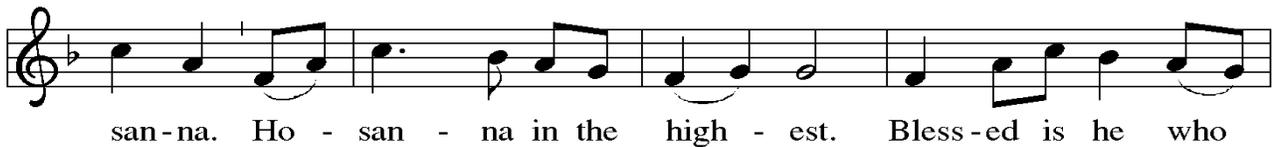
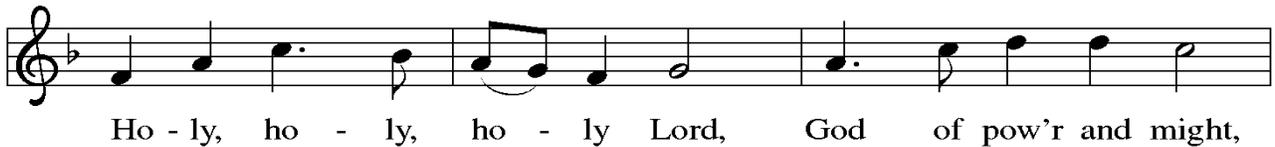
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**And also with you.**

**We lift them to the Lord.**

**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. Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection, you pour out the fire of your Spirit, uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with the earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



## THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### LORD'S PRAYER

**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. Amen.**

### DISTRIBUTION

Come, eat, drink, and live the life God has for you.



Leader or All



1 "I am the Bread of life. You who  
 2 "The bread that . . . I will give is my  
 3 "Un - less . . . you . . . eat of the  
 4 "I am the res - ur - tion,  
 5 Yes, Lord, . . . . . I be - lieve that . . .



# SENDING

## 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

*On Our Way Rejoicing*

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1 On our way re - joic - ing glad - ly let us go.  
2 Un - to God the Fa - ther joy - ful songs we sing;

Christ our Lord has con - quered; van - quished is the foe.  
un - to God the Sav - ior thank - ful hearts we bring;

Christ with - out, our safe - ty; Christ with - in, our joy;  
un - to God the Spir - it bow we and a - dore,

who, if we be faith - ful, can our hope de - stroy?  
on our way re - joic - ing now and ev - er - more.

*Refrain*  
On our way re - joic - ing; as we for - ward move,

hear - ken to our prais - es, O blest God of love!

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## OUR THANKS TO ALL WHO SERVE GOD'S WORK...OUR HANDS!

	SUNDAY 9:00 am Worship	Ash Wednesday 6:15 pm
Accompanist	Mary Mulry	Mary Mulry
Acolyte	Shea Evers	Hayden Domeier
Reader	Mike Petersen	****
Sound Techs	Russ Sorensen	Russ Sorensen
Greeters	Eric & Juliann Wahlborg	Juliann Wahlborg
Ushers	Dennis Mangan, Sue Pedersen	Sue Pedersen
Altar Guild	Nicole Stevermer & Nikki Nachreiner	

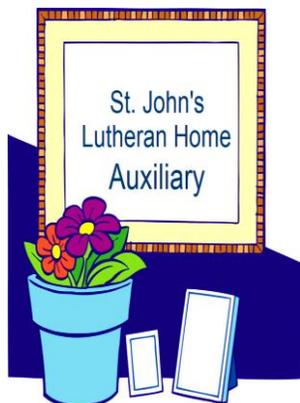


## Ash Wednesday Worship is Noon and 7:00 Pm

Lent has traditionally been a time of special offerings and it will happen again. The quarter folders have been designated for Camp Scholarships for Trinity Youth. This will also include the Ash Wednesday offering. Thank you for your generosity.



*Thank You*



It's another exciting year for St. John Home Auxiliary. We look forward to purchasing items that are needed for the residents. We also enjoy providing an occasional treat for the valued staff. This is made possible by membership donations and fundraisers. Please read a detailed report in our church Annual Report.

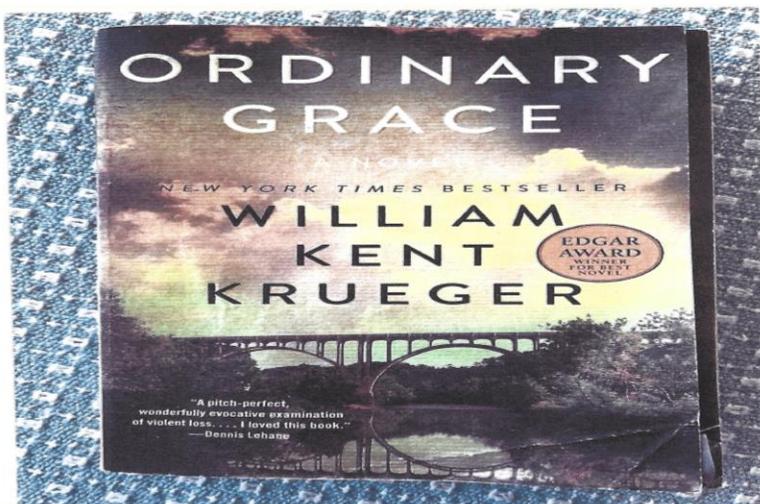
Membership envelopes are in the Narthex. Five dollars is suggested. Place the envelope with your name on it in the offering plate or leave it in the office. Every donation is thoughtfully used. Thank you!

Judy Weedman, Trinity Representative

## TRINITY BOOK CLUB

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WE WILL BE READING

## “ORDINARY GRACE”

AUTHOR - WILLIAM KENT KRUEGER

February 19, 2023

## Jesus is the Son of God... listen to him!

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These readings are related to the Lectionary readings for this Sunday.

We invite you to take time each day to read the assigned Bible passages.

Sunday	Matthew 17:1-9	Jesus shines on a mountain
Monday	Exodus 3:1-14	Moses and the burning bush
Tuesday	2 Corinthians 4:5-11	God's light shines in our hearts
Wednesday	Matthew 6:1-6,16-18	The practice of faith
Thursday	Isaiah 55:1-7	Turn to the Lord
Friday	Joel 2:1-2,12-17	Return to God
Saturday	Psalms 51:7-15	Wash me clean
Sunday	Matthew 4:1-11	The temptation of Jesus



## TRANSFIGURATION — S U N D A Y —

### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

**While Peter was still speaking, a bright cloud surrounded them. A voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, and I love him. I am very pleased with him. Listen to him!"** Matthew 17:5

#### **SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:**

A Prayer for the Week: Lord, help us to pay attention to your Word so that faith shines forth from our hearts. Amen. (2 Peter 1:19)

Mealttime Prayer: God, our provider, you are full of love and full of might. May we shine for you with faith so bright. Amen.

A Blessing to Give: May the Lord Jesus bring you peace when you are afraid. May you listen to him and look to him, now and always.

### CARING CONVERSATION

Discuss in your household or small group:

- Are you a good listener? What is involved in listening carefully to others?
- The voice from heaven said, "Listen to him." In what ways do you listen to Jesus?
- What helps you to listen to Jesus? What stops you from listening?

### DEVOTIONS

February 22<sup>nd</sup> is Ash Wednesday, the first of the 40 days of Lent. Traditionally, Christians receive ashes on their heads on this day as a reminder of their mortality and a sign of sorrow for sin. Have a small Ash Wednesday observance in your home. Prepare in advance a small bowl of ashes to use.

**Leader:** *God's Word tells us that our earthen bodies will one day return to dust (Genesis 3:19). But, Jesus Christ saves us from sin (Romans 8:11). As Lent begins today, let us pray for faith in him.*

**Prayer:** Lord God, as the season of Lent begins today, we confess our need for a Savior. Help us to trust and follow Jesus. Amen.

Take turns making the sign of the cross with ashes on one another's foreheads, saying these words: "Repent and look to Jesus your Savior, for dust you are, and to dust you shall return."

**Leader:** *God remembers that we are dust and has compassion for us. The Lord's love is with those who worship him. Go in peace.*

*Amen.*

### SERVICE

Consider giving up a household treat, food or activity for Lent. Each week, put aside the amount of money saved by doing so. Decide on a charitable cause and donate the money at the end of Lent.

### RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

The day before Ash Wednesday is called Shrove Tuesday. The name "shrove" comes from the practice of being "shriven"—going to church to confess your sins and receive absolution before the start of Lent. Shrove Tuesday is also sometimes called Pancake Tuesday or Fat Tuesday because households used up their remaining eggs and fats before Lent by making pancakes on this day. Have a Shrove Tuesday pancake breakfast or dinner. As you eat, talk about what Jesus gave up for our sake, and what you could give up during Lent to prepare spiritually for Easter.

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**Please take your bulletin home for weekly devotion**



## Trinity's Mission Statement

*We are a community where Jesus is Lord: our mission is to invite, welcome, nurture, and equip all people to be disciples in His name.*

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**TRINITY IS NOW ON FACEBOOK  
CHECK IT OUT!!**

*"Trinity Lutheran (ELCA) Sleepy Eye MN"*

The Trinity Tidings newsletter is now also posted on [www.sleepyeyeonline.com](http://www.sleepyeyeonline.com) watch this site for community news and events.



If you haven't already, please consider *Simply Giving*, an automated giving program for your offering. You determine the frequency of your offering which is deposited into Trinity's account the same day it is withdrawn from your account. It's a "hassle-free" way to give. Talk to Pat or Darlene if you are interested. Thank You.

### **Last week at Trinity**

Weekly Worship Attendance:	71
Weekly Giving: (5730.00 Needed)	\$4300.42
February Giving:	\$8989.99

Yearly Contributions to Date \$29,367.22

## **This Week's Prayer Concerns**

*Pray for the Church*...that the Holy Spirit would empower us to live in the image of God so that we would speak and act in every way bringing glory to God before all the nations and peoples with what we have been given...

*Pray for our World*...that pain of this Covid-19 pandemic, which has penetrated so many lives that your light Lord would help us to see your presence and that the Spirit would lead us to seek the truth and practice grace for all who are hurting...

*Pray for all who are ill, afflicted, or recovering*...that the Holy Spirit would give comfort and daily strength to **Sherry, Audrey, Kali, Jerry, Beth, Harold, Emmett, Joan, Lois, Joyce, Emma, Milo, Ed, Carlos, Dorothy, Story, Tina, Ethan, Robyn, Carmen, Julia Ann, Linette, Tammy, John, Tony, Ted, Connor, Kimora, and Mary Jo.**

*Pray for the beloved*... who now rest from their labors in God's mercy and for all who mourn the personal loss of loved ones ... that God would fill each one with the hope of our Lord's promise to bring us to a new heaven and earth where suffering, crying, pain and death will be no more....

*Pray for all families*... that the Holy Spirit would bring joy and spiritual growth to all who are separated from one another and each would be blessed with their safe return to us...

*Pray for the men and women serving in the Armed Forces and those far from home*...for **Brady Augustin** and his wife ...and for all of our military Veterans that the Holy Spirit would guard them in safety and keep their hearts stayed in Christ...

*Pray for the missionaries of our church (ELCA)*...that they proclaim their witness of the Gospel throughout the world.

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