

The Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity
Greenville, Pennsylvania

The Transfiguration of Our Lord February 19, 2023

Welcome in the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ! If you come as a visitor today, we hope you will leave as a friend. We count it a privilege and a blessing to have you with us in worship. If you are not presently a member of any congregation, please feel welcome to gather with us around Jesus in this community of his disciples at Holy Trinity. Come and worship with us again!

We welcome and encourage children of all ages to be in worship. Sitting with children in a front pew and giving them the seat on the center aisle helps them to see and participate in our worship. For children who are present in worship, there are coloring and activity pages with crayons available in the narthex. They are located by the coat rack on the bottom shelf of the pamphlet rack. Please return the unused pages, clipboard, and crayons after the service. If children need a break, there is a TV set up in Roth Library so parents can watch the worship live-stream. Toys are hidden in the cabinets under the bookcases closest to the door.

Invitation to Communion: Holy Communion is the body and blood of Jesus Christ by which our Lord is truly present to forgive sin and bring life and salvation. All baptized Christians who believe this promise are welcome to commune. Parents with children are encouraged to come to the altar together. Children who do not yet receive communion will receive the blessing of the Church from the Pastor.

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Gluten-free wafers are available; let the pastor know when you come forward to receive.

Liturgy of Holy Communion

Saturday 5:30 p.m. and Sunday 9:30 a.m.

The assembly's responses are in **bold type**.

Significance of the Day: 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.

Gathering

Prelude

Prelude on "Slane"

Gilbert M. Martin

Greeting and Announcements

The assembly stands as the ministers enter.

Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

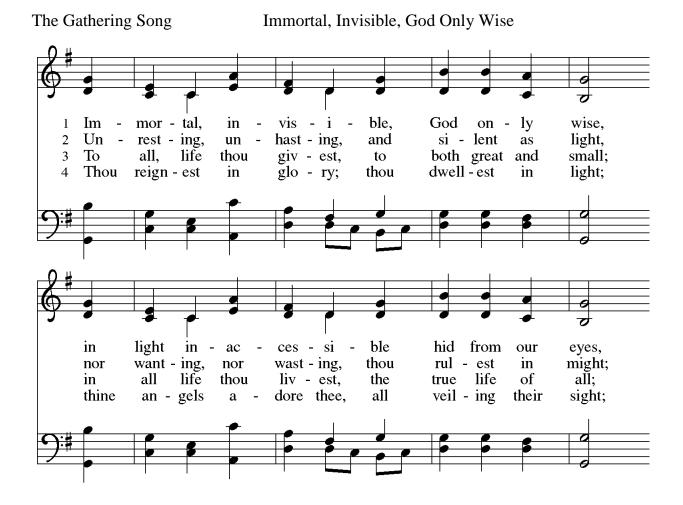
Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

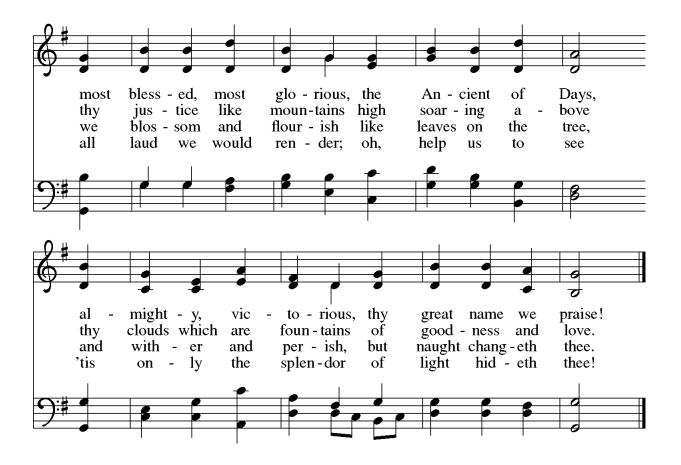
Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.



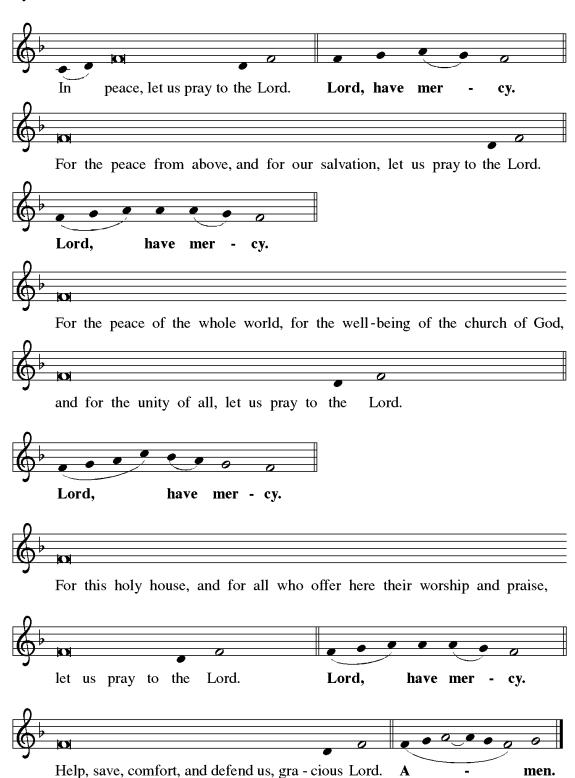


Apostolic Greeting

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



Hymn of Praise



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.

The assembly is seated.

Word

First Reading

Exodus 24:12-18

A reading from Exodus:

12 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." 13 So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. 14 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."

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 people of Israel. 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

Psalm will be sung responsively by verse. Refrain follows verse 12.



1 Why are the nations | in an uproar?

Why do the peoples mutter | empty threats?

- 2 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?
- 3 "Let us break their | yoke," they say;
 "let us cast off their | bonds from us."
- 4 God whose throne is in heav- | en is laughing; the LORD holds them | in derision.
- 5 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."
- 7 Let me announce the decree | of the LORD, who said to me, "You are my son; this day have I be- | gotten you.
- 8 Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for | your inheritance and the ends of the earth for | your possession.
- 9 You shall crush them with an | iron rod and shatter them like a | piece of pottery."
- 10 And now, you | kings, be wise;

be warned, you rulers | of the earth.

- 11 Submit to the | LORD with fear, and with trembling | bow in worship;
- 12 lest the LORD be angry, and you perish in a sudden | blaze of wrath.

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

A reading from 2 Peter:

16 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. 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.

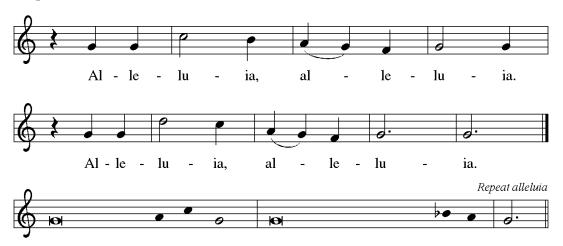
19 So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. 20 First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, 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.

The assembly stands.

Gospel Acclamation



Alleluia.
This is my | Son, my Chosen,
lis- | ten to him!
Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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 dazzling white. 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 make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." 5 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!" 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 looked up, 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.

The assembly is seated.

The Sermon Pastor Brenda Martin

As the organ sounds the assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.

Hymn of the Day How Good, Lord, to Be Here! How good, Lord, to be here! Your fills the night; glo - ry 2 How good, Lord, to be - hold be here, your beau - ty to 3 Ful - fill - er of the 4 Be - fore we taste of the and hope of things to be, past death, we see your king-dom come; 5 How good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not re - main; your face and gar-ments, like the sun, shine with un-bor-rowed light. where Mo - ses and E - li - jah stand, your mes - sen - gers of old. we hail your bod - y glo - ri - fied and our re - demp-tion see. we long to hold the vi - sion bright and make this hill our home home. leave the mount, come with us since you bid us plain. but



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. 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.

Blessing of ambry and zimbelstern

Sisters and brothers, today we give thanks to God and we seek God's blessing as we set apart the ambry in the chancel area, which was gifted through the Harnett Foundation, and the zimbelstern on the organ, a gift from Henry and Ruth Heil, to the glory of God.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, creator of the universe, for you have enriched our lives with every good and perfect gift; you have commanded us to show your splendor to our children; and you have invited us to praise you with lives of love, justice, and joy.

Send your blessing on the ambry, which we set apart today; may all who receive the bread of heaven and the cup of blessing that will be stored there be sustained by your grace and power.

Send your blessing on the zimbelstern, which we set apart today; may it faithfully enhance our music and proclaim to the world your presence.

To you, O God, be all glory and honor through your Son, Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need, responding, Merciful God, receive our prayer.

A brief silence.

Embolden your church as it witnesses to the majesty and mercy of your Son. Equip lay preachers, deacons, and pastors. Move us to share our stories of your faithfulness and forgiveness; may our lives proclaim your greatness. We pray for our bishops, Elizabeth and Michael; our pastors, musicians and worship leaders; our teachers and volunteers. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Dwell with your whole creation, from the tallest mountain peak to the deepest valley. Bless the work of conservation organizations and protect vital habitats, especially at Pymatuning State Park, Presque Isle State Park and the Allegheny National Forest. Support the work of disaster relief agencies around the world. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Guide and give wisdom to all in authority: our mayor and local leaders, our governor Josh and state legislators, our president Joe and national legislators. Bring freedom and justice to all nations. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Give shelter to those lacking safe homes. Spur communities to work for fair housing for all. Protect our neighbors whose dwellings do not keep out dangerous cold or heat; accompany with your touch those who are homebound, sick, or isolated. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Make us eager to receive your Word in scripture. Help us recognize Jesus' voice in the needs of our neighbors; make us confident to follow the way of the cross. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Receive our thanksgiving for the holy ones who have guided us in faithfulness and gathered even the unlikely as your people. With our forebears in faith and all who have hoped in you, teach us to wait with courage until the promised day dawns. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Are there others for whom we should pray?

P: We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.

Amen.

Peace

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

The people greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace saying, "Peace be with you. And also with you."

The assembly is seated.

Meal

Offertory Allein Gott in der Hoh sei Ehr

J.C. Bach

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

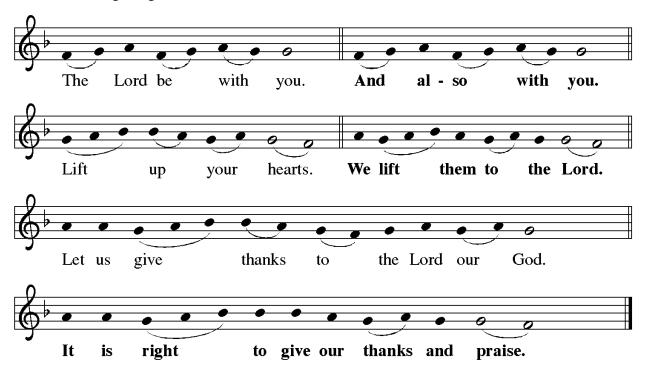
God of abundance,

we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives.

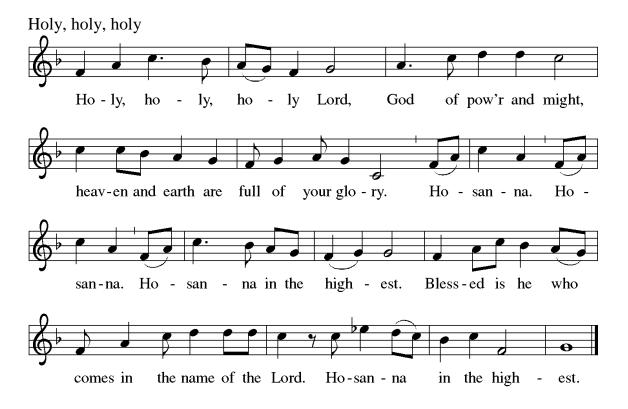
Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Great Thanksgiving



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:



Prayer of Thanksgiving

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God; you are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

We give thanks through Jesus Christ,
your beloved Son,
whom you sent
in this end of the ages
to save and redeem us
and to proclaim to us your will.
He is your Word,

Through him you created all things, and in him you take delight.

inseparable from you.

He is your Word,
sent from heaven
to a virgin's womb.

He there took on our nature
and our lot and
was shown forth as your Son,
born of the Holy Spirit
and of the virgin Mary.

Having come into the world, he fulfilled for us your holy will and accomplished our salvation.

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 birth and life among us, his death and resurrection, we await his coming again when all things will be restored in him.

By your Spirit bless us and this bread and cup, that, nourished by you, we may live as your children, shining with the light 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.



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.

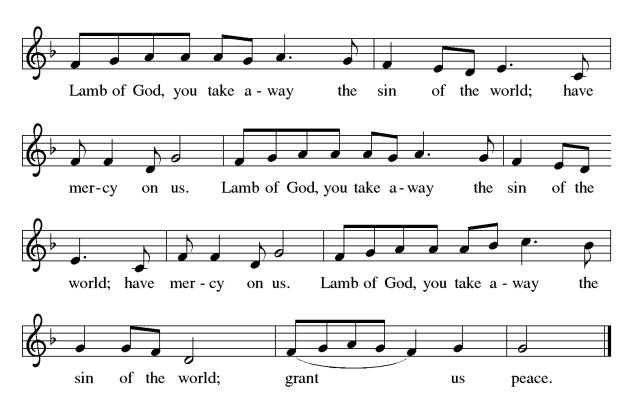
Breaking of Bread

They will come from East and West, and from North and South, and sit at the table in the kingdom of God. Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

Reveal yourself to us, O Lord, in the breaking of bread, as once you revealed yourself to your disciples.

The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, for all is now ready.

Lamb of God



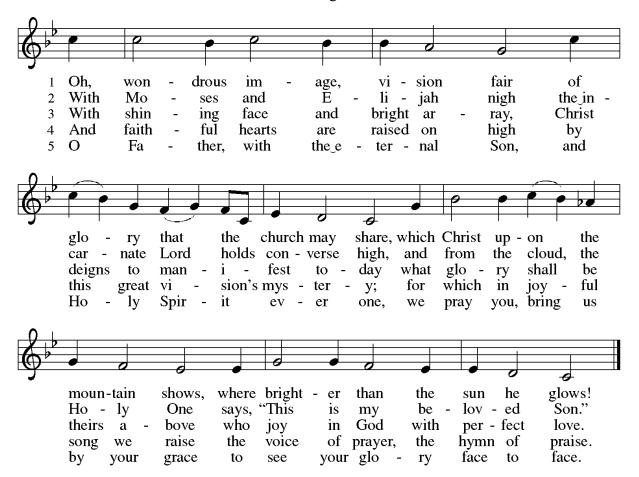
The Communion of the Faithful

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Beautiful Savior



Oh, Wondrous Image, Vision Fair



The assembly stands.

Post-Communion Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you unto eternal life. **Amen.**

Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

Radiant God, with our eyes we have seen your salvation, and in this meal we have feasted on your grace. May your Word take flesh in us, that we may be your holy people, revealing your glory made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray together, Our Prayer for These Times

O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sending

Blessing

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.** *Sung*



Sending Hymn

Alleluia, Song of Gladness



Burial of Alleluia

On this last Sunday before the season of Lent, it is the ancient custom of the Church to bid farewell to **Alleluia** which means "praise the Lord." **Alleluia** is buried for forty penitential days in Lent. **Alleluia** will be sung again on the Resurrection of Our Lord and the Sundays of Easter.

Choir sings three-fold Alleluia while the Alleluia banner is placed in the hearse.

Farewell Antiphon

Alleluia! Enclose and seal up the word, Alleluia. Let it remain in the secret of your heart until the appointed time. Alleluia will be sung and said with great joy when when that day comes! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Dismissal Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude Psalm XIX Marcello

Serving Saturday

Presiding Minister Pastor Brenda Martin

Pianist/Organist Andy Joos **Liturgical Deacon** Marie Riley

Serving Today

Presiding Minister Pastor Brenda Martin

Organist Andy Joos

Liturgical Deacon Sheryl Lanning

Communion Assistant..... Fran Black

LectorLaura ChesmerAcolyteSydney Balas

Torchbearers Clara Balas and Nora Taylor

Live Streaming Technician... Gianna Weaver **Altar Guild** The Martin Family

Head Usher Debbie Faber

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Pastors in residence:

The Rev. Martin Roth, pastor emeritus, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
The Rev. Julia Fraser, chaplain at St. Paul Homes
The Rev. Brian Riddle, campus pastor, Thiel College
The Rev. Dr. Curtis Thompson, retired, Thiel College

Altar and Columbarium Flowers

The flowers on the altar have been given to the Glory of God and in celebration of Sidney's 18th birthday by Ray, Catherine and Griffin Richardson.

The flowers in the columbarium have been given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Marlowe Johnson by Ken and Lori McEwen.

This Week at Holy Trinity

Sunday February 19, 2023 Transfiguration of Our Lord

9:30 a.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion

10:45 a.m. SCS/Confirmation Classes

7:00 p.m. AA Big Book Meeting

Monday February 20, 2023 Presidents Day – Office Closed

6:00 p.m. Fiber Arts Group

6:00 p.m. Fastnacht for kids

Tuesday February 21, 2023

12:00 p.m. Fastnacht Luncheon

7:00 p.m. AA and AA Women's Discussion

7:00 p.m. Congregation Council

Wednesday February 22, 2023

12:10 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service

5:15 p.m. Girl Scouts

6:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service

Thursday February 23, 2023

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer

6:30 p.m. Ukrainian Egg Decorating Class 7:00 p.m. Happy Hour/Lenten Study (zoom)

Friday February 24, 2023

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer

5:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Saturday February 25, 2023

9:00 a.m. Lenten Prayer retreat

5:30 p.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday February 26, 2023 1st Sunday in Lent

8:45 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

9:30 a.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion

10:45 a.m. SCS/Confirmation Classes

7:00 p.m. AA Big Book Meeting

Monday February 27, 2023

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer

6:00 p.m. Fiber Arts Group

Tuesday February 28, 2023

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer

9:00 a.m. Flying Quilts

10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

7:00 p.m. AA and AA Women's Discussion

Wednesday March 1, 2023

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer

5:15 p.m. Girl Scouts

6:15 p.m. Vespers

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday March 2, 2023

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer

6:30 p.m. Ukrainian Egg Decorating Class

7:00 p.m. Happy Hour/Lenten Study (zoom)

Friday March 3, 2023

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer

5:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Saturday March 4, 2023

5:30 p.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion

Please Pray For

Permission is necessary to add a person to the prayer list. Please ask before you call the office. Thanks.

Health and Healing:

Susan Bromwich (mother of Catherine)

Griffin Richardson

Greg Call (uncle of Tyler Martin-Call)

Nico Logelin, parents and sister (friends

of Mary Reames)

Ken Buikema (cousin of Denise Hall)

Bob Murrin (husband of Jill Murrin)

Joyce Martin (aunt of Olivia Martin-Call)

Gay McKenzie (friend of Marie Riley)

John Myers (husband of Pastor Brenda)

Mervin Newton

Richard Sena (son of Sara Newton)

Connie Hoch (friend of Rusty and Linda

Saverino)

Betty K. Junk

Patty Fattman (sister of Betty K. Junk)

Lyn Higgins (nephew of Bonnie Long)

Linda Oman

Joyce Holland (friend of the Weaver family)

Sandy Kimmel (cousin of Janet Kunczt)

Lynn West (friend of Betty K. Junk)

Nancy Ullstrom

Charlotte Fenton (friend of Betty K. Junk)

Joyce Martin (mother of Pastor Brenda)

Dave Leary

Gloria Spargo

Billie Hollenbaugh

Kevin Hand (friend of Johnmichael Weaver)

Cosmo Pomponio (uncle of Mary Reames)

Alan Harris (friend of the Heils, Learys,

Omans and Mary Reames)

Donnie Littelle (friend of Rich & Denise

Hall)

Rae Johnson

Phil Kennedy (friend of John Logan)

Marie Eaves

Dave Hollenbaugh

Henry Heil

Fred Junk (husband of Betty K. Junk)

Donnie K. (friend of Wayne & Darla Swift)

Lori McCann

Jim Shaffer

Nancy (friend of Linda Armstrong)

Brenda (sister-in-law of Betty K. Junk)

Dillon (friend of Ed Pitcher & Beth Harpst)

Belle (granddaughter of Linda Bateman)

Christ's comfort for those who grieve the death of:

James Logan (brother of John Logan)

Carol Mamrak (friend of Barbara Swartz)