



Sunday, February 19, 2023

Transfiguration Sunday

Theme of the Day:

The Glorious God Loves Us so Much

Congregation sings or speaks the bolded text

Choir Anthem- "Here I am Lord"

Welcome and Introduction

389 How Good, Lord, to Be Here

CW 389 sts. 1-5

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Please stand.

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✚ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Confession

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P: If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**C: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

P: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

C: Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

P: Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✚ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

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

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: 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.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

Glory Be to God

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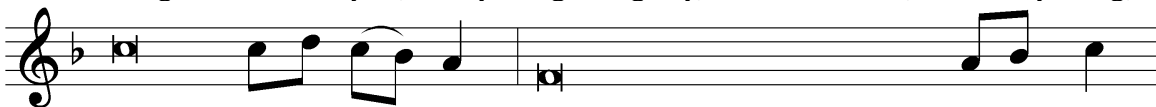
Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



We praise you, we bless you, we wor - ship you, we glorify you,



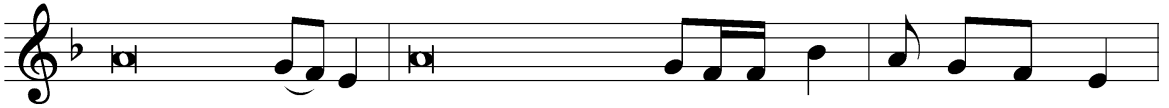
we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



God the Fa-ther Al - mighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sin of the world;



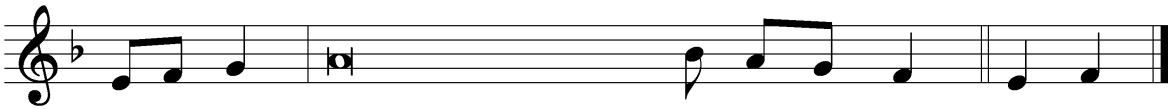
have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world; re-ceive our prayer.



You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us.



For you on-ly are holy; you on-ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the



Ho-ly Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

The Word

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

O God, in the glorious transfiguration of your only-begotten Son, you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice that came from the bright cloud, you foreshadowed our adoption as your sons. In your mercy, make us co-heirs of glory with Jesus our King, and bring us at last to heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Please be seated.

First Reading

Exodus 24:9-18

On Mount Sinai Moses saw the glory of the Lord as a terrifying fire. On the Mount of Transfiguration Moses saw the glory of the Lord as the Savior who takes our fear away.

⁹Moses and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and the seventy elders of Israel went up ¹⁰and saw the God of Israel. Under his feet was something like a pavement made of lapis lazuli, as bright blue as the sky.

¹¹But God did not raise his hand against these leaders of the Israelites; they saw God, and they ate and drank. ¹²The Lord said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain and stay here, and I will give you the tablets of stone with the law and commandments I have written for their instruction.” ¹³Then Moses set out with Joshua his aide, and Moses went up on the mountain of God. ¹⁴He said to the elders, “Wait here for us until we come back to you. Aaron and Hur are with you, and anyone involved in a dispute can go to them.” ¹⁵When Moses went up on the mountain, the cloud covered it, ¹⁶and the glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai. For six days the cloud covered the mountain, and on the seventh day the Lord called to Moses from within the cloud. ¹⁷To the Israelites the glory of the Lord looked like a consuming fire on top of the mountain. ¹⁸Then Moses entered the cloud as he went on up the mountain. And he stayed on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day- 2B

Spoken responsively as indicated. “Glory Be to the Father...” Spoken in Unison

P: Why do the nations conspire and the peoples plot in vain?

C: The kings of the earth rise up and the rulers band together against the Lord and against his Anointed.

P: The One enthroned in heaven laughs; the Lord scoffs at them.

C: He rebukes them in his anger and terrifies them in his wrath, saying, “I have installed my King on Zion, my holy mountain.”

P: I will proclaim the Lord’s decree: He said to me, “You are my Son; today I have become your Father.”

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Second Reading

2 Peter 1:16-21

St. Peter testifies to the reliability of the Christian faith. Peter was an eyewitness to the majesty and glory of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

¹⁶For we did not follow cleverly devised stories when we told you about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in power, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷He received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.” ¹⁸We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain. ¹⁹We also have the prophetic message as something completely reliable, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

²⁰Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation of things. ²¹For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Gospel Acclamation

Mark 9:7

P: Alleluia. A cloud covered them, and a voice came from the cloud: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!" Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 17:1-9

The transfiguration of our Lord.

¹After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. ²There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. ³Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus. ⁴Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." ⁵While he was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!" ⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell facedown to the ground, terrified. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them. "Get up," he said. "Don't be afraid." ⁸When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus. ⁹As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus instructed them, "Don't tell anyone what you have seen, until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated

388 Down from the Mount of Glory

CW 388

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Sermon Text: *2 Peter 1:16-21*

Sermon Theme: We Have the Best Evidence – the Holy Spirit's Word!

Please stand.

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 in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy Christian 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.**

Prayer of the Church

Please be seated.

Offering

Friendship Registration

Guests: Please fill out name, address, and phone number.

Members: Please fill out name and any new information.

Check the third box if you intend to commune.

Please, return the booklet to its original location. Thank you!

The Sacrament

Please stand.

Preface

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P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

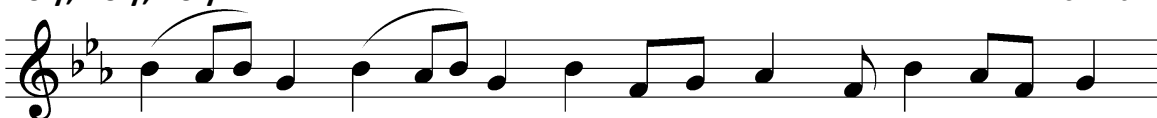
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lived among us as a human being and revealed his glory as your only Son, full of grace and truth. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:



heav'n 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,
 bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P: We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my \dagger body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

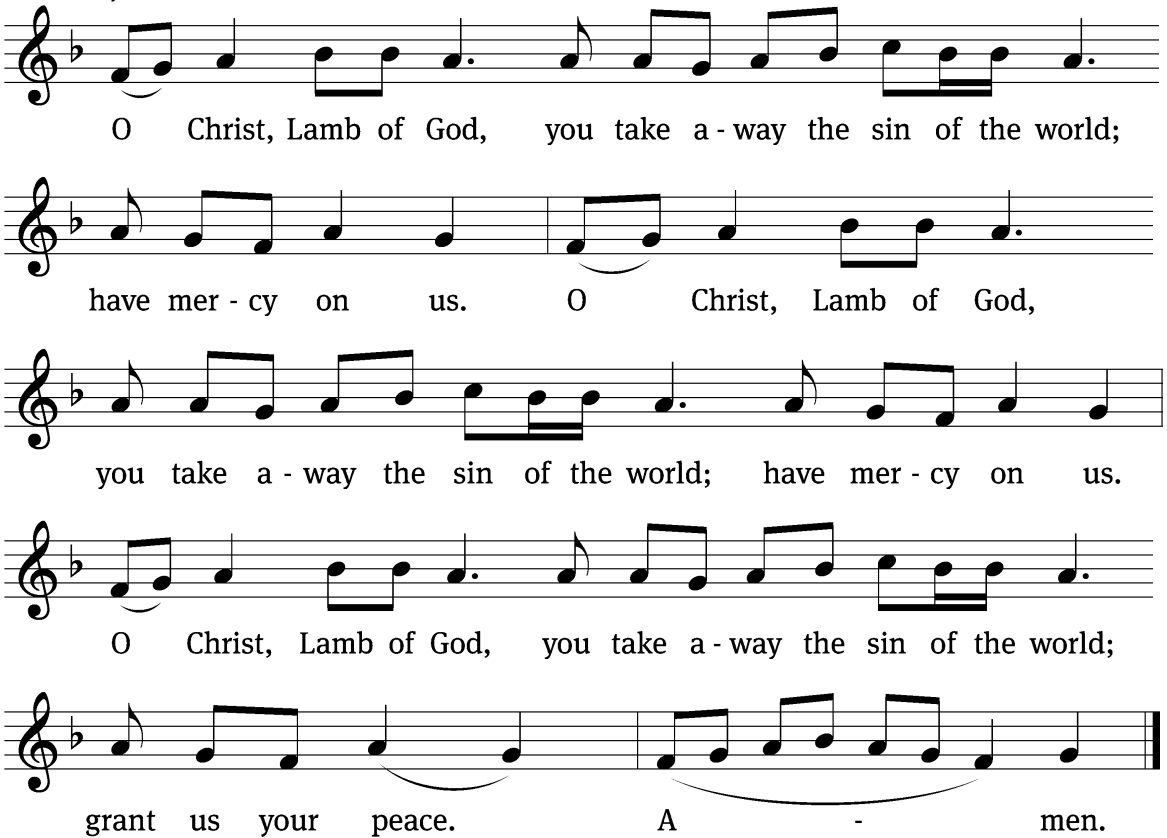
Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my \dagger blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

O Christ, Lamb of God

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

Please be seated.

Personal prayer for before communion

Lord Jesus, you have invited me to come and receive your holy Sacrament. I believe that in the bread and wine you give me your true body and blood to eat and drink. Forgive my sins and nourish my faith through this precious meal. I long for the comfort that comes with your promises; I yearn for the assurance of your faithful love. Bless me now as I receive you by faith.

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641 Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide

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Personal prayer for after communion

Thank you, dear Savior, for nourishing my faith with the Sacrament of your body and blood. Lift my heart with your forgiveness, renew my confidence in your grace, empower my love for others, and lead me to long for the eternal banquet of heaven.

Please stand.

P: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

C: his mercy endures forever.

P: Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

C: we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

P: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Blessing

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and ✝ give you peace.

C: Amen.

Farewell to Alleluia

P: Brothers and sisters in Christ, when we next gather for worship, it will be Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. On that day we will begin our solemn journey to the Savior's cross. While the joy of faith remains undiminished throughout the year, our rejoicing during Lent is muted and quiet. For centuries, therefore, Christian churches have omitted their most jubilant songs during this season, including the word alleluia, which means, "praise the Lord." Now for a time we say farewell to alleluia. We do this to prepare ourselves for the quieter days of Lent. The alleluias will return on Easter dawn as we gather to shout our praise to the risen Lord.

977 Alleluia, Song of Triumph

CW 977



1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of tri - umph, sound of joy that
2 Al - le - lu - ia we are sing - ing, voic - ing hymns in
3 Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways be our song while
4 May our hymns be filled with long - ing— hear us, Ho - ly



can - not die; al - le - lu - ia is the an - them
pure ac - cord, with Christ's ho - ly Church u - nit - ed,
here be - low; al - le - lu - ia our trans - gres - sions
Trin - i - ty— as we look to your blest East - er,



ev - er dear to choirs on high; saints a - dorned in
jus - ti - fied, re - deemed, re - stored, and with all his
make us for a while for - go. For the sol - emn
here, and then e - ter - nal - ly, when we shall once



robes of glo - ry join the great an - gel - ic cry.
faith - ful peo - ple raise our songs to praise the Lord.
time is com - ing when our tears for sin must flow.
more be sing - ing al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly!

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The Season of Lent – Preparation to Holy Week

The season of Lent seems to have developed as a time for catechumens to prepare for the serious step of their Easter baptism. The season began with a call to those who had lapsed to return to the faith and to do so with the ashes of penitence. The days before baptism included fasting as baptismal candidates pondered the reality of carrying their own crosses. The historic Gospel for the First Sunday in Lent recounts the Lord's defeat of the devil's temptations and provides both power and pattern for the Christian's struggle with Satan. The rest of the Lenten gospels follow that pattern as they show Jesus in conflict with his foes. The Sundays in Lent remain "little Easters" (they are Sundays in Lent but not of Lent and the liturgical vestments are appropriate), but the mood of the season is somber and serious as the color purple and its repentance theme reflect the church's worship.

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Announcements

A CALL MEETING will take place on Sunday, March 5th, immediately following 2nd service. We will be calling a 7th and 8th grade teacher who would also serve as church music coordinator. Voters are encouraged to attend. Everyone is welcome!

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION for the 2023-2024 school year is now OPEN for Trinity families. Open Enrollment will begin mid-February. Registration forms may be found on the table at the back of church. Please contact the school office if you have any questions.

THE 2023 SEASON OF LENT begins with Ash Wednesday, February 22nd. The overall theme for this year is "His Final Steps." We will ponder the significance of the people and places that Jesus visited on his last journey to Jerusalem and to the cross at Calvary.

HELP WITH EASTER BREAKFAST The Easter Breakfast Committee is looking for help for this year's Easter Breakfast. Do you like cooking early in the morning? Or do you just like cooking? If so, please contact tlsoffice@tlcjenera.org or Lauren Siefker at (419) 615-5991.

NEW HYMNAL DISCUSSION this Sunday, February 19th. If you have any questions about the new hymnal, you can leave them in the Suggestions Box at the Deacon's Table in at the entry to the Sanctuary or you can email them to tlsoffice@tlcjenera.org.

COLORS AND SHAPES: Come learn about colors and shapes at Mornings with Mommy on Monday, February 20 or Tuesday, February 21. Join us from 9:30-10:30 to explore colorful rice and pom poms, play with colorful balls, make a rainbow collage and color wheel, and build with colorful blocks. Register online at tlcjenera.org or call 262-391-7994.

ASH WEDNESDAY MEAL: the 7th and 8th graders are hosting a meal at 5:30 before the Ash Wednesday service. They are raising funds for their class trip, so donations are appreciated. Chicken Alfredo is on the menu!

LIMA FOOD BANK: Women's Ministry is volunteering at the West Ohio Food Bank in Lima on **Wednesday, February 22** from **1:00-3:00 PM**. We will be packing boxes for seniors or bags for children's backpacks. Please sign up on the sheet in the back of church if you are able to help. We will meet in the church parking lot at 12:20 if you want to drive together. The address is 1380 Kibby St. Lima, OH 45802. Questions? Contact Jenny Boehm 262-391-7994.

OUR SCHOOL IS IN NEED of full-time bus drivers to drive morning and afternoon routes each school day throughout the school year beginning next school year. We are also in need of substitute bus drivers at any time. If you are interested in either position, please contact the school office, Principal Falck, or any school board member. Drivers need not be a Trinity member, so if you know of someone who may be interested, please share with them. We will work with any individual needing to receive proper license endorsements, too!

ARK ENCOUNTER: Resurrection Lutheran Church in Maumee has invited our congregation to an Ark Encounter trip that will **NOW TAKE PLACE ON APRIL 22**. There will be a 56-seat bus available for transportation, that will be stopping at Immanuel in Findlay for pick-up, time to be determined Check the sign-up sheet for admission cost. Sign up in the back of church by **APRIL 2ND** if you are interested. If you have already signed up and can no longer attend due to the **DATE CHANGE**, please cross off your name off the old sign-up sheet.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY is hosting the Lenten supper on Wednesday, March 1 starting at 5:30. We will be serving soup and homemade bread. Please sign up on the sheet in the back of church if you are able to bring food or help serve the meal. Bring food to the church basement by 5:00 PM and hot food no later than 5:30 PM.

SAVE THE DATE: For over ten years, the North Atlantic and Michigan districts of the WELS have teamed up to organize regional youth rallies during the summers when the larger International Rally is not taking place. We have been to Philadelphia, Cincinnati, and West Virginia recently. We would love to have you join us for a few days of worshiping God and building relationships with your fellow Christians. This summer's rally will take place from July 10-13 at Slippery Rock University, which is north of Pittsburgh. You can find more info about the campus at <https://www.sru.edu/>. This year's theme is "God, Others, Me (Us)." This is a reflection of what the Bible says about our priorities. We have great speakers, fun activities, and Christ-focused worship planned for you. We will also have a trip to Kennywood Amusement Park (<https://www.kennywood.com/>). Registration will begin March 15. Our website with more info and links for registration will be live soon!"

THE CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT will be on March 19th at 2:30 in the school gym. The age for the tournament will be 8th grade on up. Any younger participants will be able to play cornhole in a designated kid area. We will have gift cards for first and second place winners.

EASTER FOR KIDS: Trinity is hosting Easter for Kids on Saturday, March 25 from 9:30 AM- 12:00 PM. The program is open to children age 3 - 5th grade. This event will give your children an opportunity to celebrate and learn about the Resurrection. Please register online at tlcjenera.org (click on the “Upcoming Events” icon) or pick up a registration form in the back of church. Questions—contact Jenny Boehm 262-391-7994.

OUTDOOR EASTER EGG HUNT: Families are invited to stay after our Easter for Kids program (on Saturday, March 25) for an egg hunt on the school grounds. Snacks and drinks will be provided for families in the parking lot following the egg hunt. The egg hunt is for toddlers, preschoolers, and elementary age children. If your children are not attending Easter for Kids but would still like to participate in the Egg Hunt, please register for the Egg Hunt at tlcjenera.org (click on the “Upcoming Events” icon) or pick up a registration form in the back of church. Questions—contact Jenny Boehm 262-391-7994.

VOLUNTEERS are needed to help at Easter for Kids on Saturday, March 25 from 9:30 AM -12:00 PM. Please sign up on the sheet in the back of church if you are able to help. You can specify what you would like to help with—crafts, music, games, registration, snacks, or group leaders.

OPEN HOUSE: Join us for the Trinity Lutheran School Open House and Ed Choice Information Night on Tuesday, March 14 from 5-7 PM. Food and drinks will be provided from 5:30-6:30. Bring your **completed registration forms** and receive your school handbook and calendar. Come with any questions you may have about the new Ed Choice Program.

DAILY LECTIONARY

In this lectionary, two readings of 15-25 verses each are provided for each day. Under this plan, nearly all of the New Testament and approximately one-third of the Old Testament are read each year. During the season of Lent and Easter, the Church Year calendar is followed. Following Holy Trinity Sunday, the calendar year is followed. Italic type indicates an additional, optional reading.

Ash Wednesday

Wed: Gen 1:1-19, Mar 1:13; **Thu:** Gen 1:20-2:3, Mar 1:14-28; **Fri:** Gen 2:4-25, Mar 1:29-45; **Sat** Gen 3:1-24, Mar 2:1-17

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OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE (week of February 12th)

Total Worship Attendance: 267; Early: 65; Late: 202; Adult Bible Study: 33; Sunday School: 31; Teen Bible Class: 5. Preschool Playtime: 17; On-line worship service views for February 5th: 61.

MONEY COUNTERS for this morning through February 25th are the members of Clark Inniger's Undershepherd group. Beginning Sunday, February 26th, will be the members of Ron Bower's Undershepherd group.

GREETERS today are: Josh & Ashley Breitigam – early
Bob & Julie Inniger – late

Next Sunday: Richard & Cheryl Kretz – early
Mark & Jane Boehm – late

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY (February 19th through February 26th)

TODAY Worship 8:00 AM & 10:30; Communion; Adult Bible Study, Teen Bible Class, Sunday School 9:20

Mon Mornings with Mommy 9:30 & 11:00; Church Council 7:00

Tue Mornings with Mommy 9:30

Wed Supper 5:30; Ash Wednesday Service 7:00; Choir Practice after service

SUN **Worship 8:00 & 10:30;** WELS Connection; Adult Bible Study Bible, Sunday School, Teen Bible Class 9:20.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Mon NO SCHOOL

Tue Cheer Practice 3:30-4:45; Basketball Practice 5:00-7:00

Wed 7th & 8th Grade Ash Wednesday Meal 5:30

Thu Cheer Practice 3:30-4:45; Basketball Practice 5:00-7:00

Fri Ohio Principal's Conference

Sat Ohio Principal's Conference; Basketball @ Zion Monroe 2:00

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