

DIVINE SERVICE I

The Transfiguration of Our Lord—Last Sunday after the Epiphany
February 11, 2018

Ringling of the Bell

Hymn: “O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair”Hymn 413

Confession and AbsolutionPage 151

Introit (*Spoken Responsively—Psalm 99:9; 84:1-2, 4-5a, 7-8, 10-12; 30:4-5*):

P Exalt the LORD our God and worship at His holy mountain, for the LORD our God is holy.

C **How lovely is Your dwelling place, O LORD Almighty!**

P My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.

C **Blessed are those who dwell in Your house; they are ever praising You. Blessed are those whose strength is in You.**

P They go from strength to strength, till each appears before God in Zion.

C **Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere.**

P I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

C **For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor; no good thing does He withhold from those who walk uprightly.**

P Sing to the LORD, you saints of His; praise His holy name. For His anger lasts only a moment, but His favor lasts a lifetime;

C **Weeping may remain for the night, but joy comes in the morning.**

P O LORD Almighty, blessed is the man who trusts in You.

C **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.**

P Exalt the LORD our God and worship at His holy mountain, for the LORD our God is holy.

Kyrie and Gloria in ExcelsisPage 152

Salutation and Collect of the Day (*Prayed in Unison*):

C O God, as on the holy mountain You once revealed to chosen witnesses Your only-begotten Son wonderfully transfigured, mercifully grant that we, being delivered from the perils and tribulations of this world, may, by Your grace, blissfully behold our King in heavenly glory; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Old Testament Reading.....2 Kings 2:1-12a
Elijah is transported to heaven by a fiery chariot in a whirlwind.

When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven in a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, “Stay here; the LORD has sent me to Bethel.”

But Elisha said, “As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you.” So they went down to Bethel.

The company of the prophets at Bethel came out to Elisha and asked, “Do you know that the LORD is going to take your master from you today?”

“Yes, I know,” Elisha replied, “but do not speak of it.”

Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here, Elisha; the LORD has sent me to Jericho.”

And he replied, “As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you.” So they went to Jericho.

The company of the prophets at Jericho went up to Elisha and asked him, “Do you know that the LORD is going to take your master from you today?”

“Yes, I know,” he replied, “but do not speak of it.”

Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here; the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.”

And he replied, “As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them walked on.

Fifty men of the company of the prophets went and stood at a distance, facing the place where Elijah and Elisha had stopped at the Jordan. Elijah took his cloak, rolled it up and struck the water with it. The water divided to the right and to the left, and the two of them crossed over on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Tell me, what can I do for you before I am taken from you?”

“Let me inherit a double portion of your spirit,” Elisha replied.

“You have asked a difficult thing,” Elijah said, “yet if you see me when I am taken from you, it will be yours—otherwise not.”

As they were walking along and talking together, suddenly a chariot of fire and horses of fire appeared and separated the two of them, and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind. Elisha saw this and cried out, “My father! My father! The chariots and horsemen of Israel!” And Elisha saw him no more.

After the reading:

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual (*Spoken Responsively—Psalm 29:2, 104:1b*):

P Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name; worship the LORD in the splendor of His holiness.

C **O LORD my God, You are very great, You are clothed with splendor and majesty.**

Epistle Reading 2 Corinthians 3:7-4:6

Jesus said, “If you believed Moses, you would believe Me, for he wrote about Me” (John 5:46). Like the veil which covered Moses’ face after he came down from Mt. Sinai (Exodus 34:33-35), those who reject Christ as the promised Messiah have veiled their hearts from seeing Christ in the writings of Moses. But, through faith in Jesus our minds are opened to understand the Scriptures, and what is written in them about Him (Luke 24:44-45).

Now if the ministry that brought death, which was engraved in letters on stone, came with glory, so that the Israelites could not look steadily at the face of Moses because of its glory, fading though it was, will not the ministry of the Spirit be even more glorious? If the ministry that condemns men is glorious, how much more glorious is the ministry that brings righteousness! For what was glorious has no glory now in comparison with the surpassing glory. And if what was fading away came with glory, how much greater is the glory of that which lasts!

Therefore, since we have such a hope, we are very bold. We are not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face to keep the Israelites from gazing at it while the radiance was fading away.

But their minds were made dull, for to this day the same veil remains when the old covenant is read. It has not been removed, because only in Christ is it taken away. Even to this day when Moses is read, a veil covers their hearts. But whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord’s glory, are being transformed into His likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

Therefore, since through God’s mercy we have this ministry, we do not lose heart. Rather, we have renounced secret and shameful ways; we do not use deception, nor do we distort the Word of God. On the contrary, by setting forth the truth plainly we commend ourselves to every man’s conscience in the sight of God. And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing.

The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made His light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

After the reading:

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Choir Anthem

Alleluia (*Please Stand*)Page 156

Before the reading:

P The Holy Gospel according to St. _____, the _____ chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

Holy Gospel Mark 9:2-9

Jesus reveals His divine glory; Moses and Elijah confirm He is the Messiah which the Old Testament prophets wrote about; and His heavenly Father confirms His divine Sonship.

After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with Him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There He was transfigured before them. His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus.

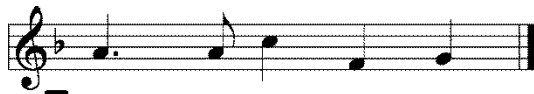
Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for You, one for Moses and one for Elijah." (He did not know what to say, they were so frightened.)

Then a cloud appeared and enveloped them, and a voice came from the cloud: "This is My beloved Son. Listen to Him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them anymore, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus gave them orders not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

After the reading:

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed.....Page 159

Children's Sermon “A Happy Accident”

Hymn: “Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here”Hymn 414

Sermon: “Do Not Speak of It”2 Kings 2:1-12

Hymn: “Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory” Hymn 416

Offering and Offertory (*Please Stand*)Page 159

Litany of the Transfiguration (*Prayed Responsively*):

- P** Let us give thanks and praise to God the Father for the divine glory of the incarnate Word, which before His suffering and death the chosen witnesses of His majesty beheld in awe upon the holy mountain . . . Heavenly Father, as You glorified Your beloved Son and revealed Yourself in the bright cloud:
- C** **Grant that we may listen to Him, and have a love for the Word of Christ.**
- P** As You scatter our spiritual darkness with Your light, and pour out Your love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom You have given us, so that in faith we may gaze upon You in the radiant face of Your Son:
- C** **Grant that we may worship Him, and have a love for Your holy house.**
- P** As You have called us to holiness of life by Your grace revealed in Christ Jesus:
- C** **Grant that we may follow Him, and have a love for Your will.**
- P** As You so loved us in Christ that we should be called to children of God:
- C** **Grant that when He comes again in glory we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.**
- P** As before Your Son's passion and death He conversed with Moses and Elijah on the holy mountain about His exodus from this world, which He would accomplish at Jerusalem:
- C** **Grant that amidst the cares, anxieties, and trials of this life our spirits may be transfigured from despair to hope, by the joy of His victory, and the promise of the life everlasting.**

P As Your Son took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain, where the light of His countenance shone upon them:

C **Grant that we may never walk in darkness, but may have the light of life.**

Additional Petitions Each Concluding with:

P Lord, in Your mercy, **C** **Hear our prayer.**

P Eternal God, in the Transfiguration of Your beloved Son You gave us a pledge of what we shall be in the life to come, when He transforms our lowly bodies to be like His glorious body.

C **The light of this passing world will soon fade away.**

P But, You are the source of light, and in Your light we see light.

C **Let the light of Your presence shine upon us.**

P Fulfill in our lives the words of the Apostle, that with unveiled faces we reflect like mirrors the glory of the Lord Jesus.

C **Let us bear His radiance into all the world.**

P And with ever-increasing glory, let us be transfigured into the image of Him whose splendor we reflect.

C **For to You alone is all glory, honor, and worship, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

P May Christ Jesus, the radiance of God's glory and the perfect image of His being, draw you to Himself, that you live in His light, and finally enter into His glory; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

C **Amen.**

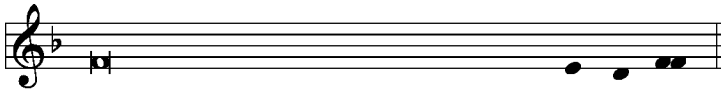
Hymn: "O God of God, O Light of Light" Hymn 810

Lord's Prayer, Closing Collect, and Benediction (*Prayed Responsively*):

P In the power of the Spirit, let us pray to the Father through Christ, the Light of the world, in the words that He taught us:

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.**

P O God, in the glorious Transfiguration of Your beloved 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 wonderfully foreshowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King of His glory, and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



P The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine on you
 and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



Hymn: “O Savior, Precious Savior”Hymn 527

***Everyone Is Invited to Stay and
 Enjoy Coffee Hour in the Overflow***

WELCOME TO TRINITY! So happy you are here this morning to worship the Lord. We pray this worship hour is a blessing for you and invite you to please come again soon. If you are a visitor please sign the Guest Register in the entry and introduce yourself to the Pastor.



Trinity Lutheran Church

34868 Block Road ♦ Paola s KS ♦ 66071

www.trinitylutheranblock.org

trinitylutheranblock@gmail.com

(913) 849-3344 (Church Office)

Pastor Kevin Vogts

kevinvogts@gmail.com

913-849-3711 (Study) 913-594-9865 (Mobile)

Birthdays

Sunday

Hannah Raines

Monday

James Haley

Mike Giager

Tuesday

Valerie Gerken

Logan Hendrickson

Anniversaries

2/11

Lloyd and Karen Ohlmeier

56 years

2/13

Jeff and Windy Davis

25 years

2/15

Curtis and Jamie Hall

15 years

We remember in our prayers:

Don Prothe, Damon Kettler, Sherri Webb, Hazel Prothe, Grant Haley, members and relatives serving in the armed forces including Jake Crome, Jeremy Howard, Zac Howard, Aaron Prothe, and Travis Peckman.

TREASURER'S REPORT Feb 11, 2018

Checking Account Balance	Feb 3, 2018	\$ (398.44)
Income:	Deposit	\$ 2,981.00
Expenses:	Checking	\$ (186.94)
Balance	Feb 10, 2018	\$ 2,395.62

Attendance

Worship Attendance February 4, 2018 78

TODAY'S WORSHIP — *The Face of Jesus Christ Manifests the Light of the Knowledge of the Glory of God.* It was “a hard thing” that Elisha asked, but by his persistence he was able to see the Prophet Elijah being taken “by a whirlwind into heaven.” Although “chariots of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them,” Elisha received Elijah’s cloak and a “double portion” of his spirit for preaching the Lord’s Word (2 Kings 2:9-11). It was a hard thing, too, for Israel to see Moses and come near to him, when “the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God” (Exodus 34:29-30). Therefore, after “he commanded them all that the Lord had spoken with him in Mount Sinai,” Moses “put a veil over his face” (Exodus 34:32-33). Only the Word of the Gospel lifts the veil, and “only through Christ is it taken away” (2 Corinthians 3:14). Thus are we able to behold “the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ,” who is “the image of God” (2 Corinthians 4:4-6). For the Law and the Prophets are all fulfilled in Him. Therefore, “listen to Him,” and fix your sights on “Jesus only” (Mark 9:7-8).

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP — *Blessed Jesus, grant that by Your Spirit our hearts may be transformed, that just as You showed forth Your divine glory in Your Transfiguration, so we also may reflect Your glory in our lives; who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

NEXT WEEK'S SERMON — Next week's message for Ash Wednesday will be "*The Miracles of Lent: Darkness*" based on Luke 23:44-45, and for the First Sunday in Lent will be "*How Temptation Works*" based on James 1:12-18. Sermons by Pastor Vogts are available in both printed and audio form on our church web site, www.trinitylcms.org/sermons, as podcasts in the iTunes store under "Kevin Vogts," online at www.kevinvogts.podbean.com, or for mobile devices at www.kevinvogts.podbean.com/mobile. Printed copies of today's message and those from the past several weeks are also available in a small literature rack in back of the church.



SWEETHEART DINNER TODAY — If you reserved tickets don't forget the Sweetheart Dinner hosted by the Trinity Youth *this* evening beginning at 5:00pm. For more information contact one of the Trinity Youth or their leaders.

FEBRUARY TRINITY TRIBUNE — The February issue of our church newsletter *Trinity Tribune* is being distributed after worship this morning. Pastor Vogts' article this month explains the meaning of common "Christograms," symbols representing Christ, such as "IHS," "INRI," and the "Chi Rho" on the front of our altar. This month's newsletter also includes the latest floor plans and outside drawings of our building addition and modernization project, for which we should break ground shortly. The current newsletter is also available in the literature rack in the back of the church, in both regular and large print, and current and past issues are also online on the church's web site under the "Newsletter" button, www.trinitylcms.org/newsletter. Pick up your copy of *Trinity Tribune* today!

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS — We extend our congratulations and prayers for God's blessings upon Kristina Jenkins and William Eilts, Jr., who were United in Marriage yesterday at Trinity. "*A man shall leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one*" (Matthew 19:5).

ASH WEDNESDAY THIS WEEK — Our special Lenten Vespers services begin with our Ash Wednesday service *this* Wednesday, February 14 at 7:00pm, and continue each Wednesday throughout the Lenten season. See the back cover for the schedule of services and this year's Lenten sermon series *The Miracles of Lent*, looking at the meaning for us of the miracles that took place during our Lord's suffering and death. "*Come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus . . . who endured the cross*" (Hebrews 12:2).

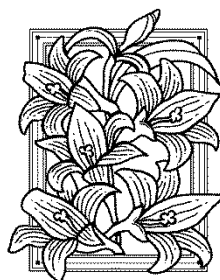


ASH WEDNESDAY SOUP SUPPER — Trinity Youth invites you to a Lenten soup supper before the Ash Wednesday service *this* Wednesday, February 14. Proceeds will be used to help fund youth activities. Other dates for Lenten services and dinners are February 21 & 28 and March 7, 14, & 21. Check the bulletin for the hosting groups and menus. A sign-up sheet for groups to host the other dates is on the counter in the church office. Thank you to all those hosting these fun fellowship events!

LENT DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS — The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 14. In honor of the 500th Anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation being observed this year, Pastor Vogts compiled a booklet of daily devotions for Lent excerpted from sermons and other writings of Martin Luther. It is being distributed after the service this morning, in both regular and large print, and is also available in the overflow.

LENTEN SUPPER HOSTS NEEDED — If your organization, group, family, etc. would like to host one of our Lenten Suppers please sign up on the counter in the church office. The meal does not need to be elaborate and a freewill offering is taken to cover expenses, with the excess used by your organization or donated to the congregation another cause. This is a great opportunity to support a worthy cause, which can be either within or outside of our congregation.

EASTER LILIES — We have again arranged for Easter Lilies to be ordered through the Church Office from Price Chopper, for \$7 each. Sign up on the counter in the church office indicating that you wish to have these plants purchased for you, and put your payment in the offering plate marked “Easter Lilies.” The deadline to sign up for ordering through the Church Office is Palm Sunday, March 25. You are also welcome to bring your own plants, if you wish to purchase them elsewhere or receive them as gifts. Please still sign up on the list indicating that you will provide your own plants and drop them by the church the week before Easter Sunday. You are also welcome to take your plants home any time after Easter Sunday. When you sign up, please indicate whom your plants are in memory or honor of, the way you want it printed in the newsletter.



THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS — If you have a Thrivent product, with the change of year it is a good time to check if you have Thrivent Choice Dollars available that could be designated for our congregation or other charitable cause. Just call toll-free at 1-800-847-4836 and state “Thrivent Choice” at the prompt, or log in to your account and designate your “Choice Dollars” online. The deadline is March 31 to request designation of Choice Dollars from the previous year. For more information contact Karen Windler.

150TH ANNIVERSARY — The 150th Anniversary Committee is scheduled to meet after worship *next* Sunday, February 18. We welcome anyone to join us! There are several sub-committees already working on various pieces for this celebration and may be looking for others to work with them. Please join us!





NEW COLOSSIANS BIBLE STUDY — Start the New Year off right by joining in Adult Bible Class as we begin a new study for the New Year on *God's Grace in Colossians*. Though written nearly 2,000 years ago, this Biblical book still speaks to our lives today in a surprisingly fresh and relevant way. One of the Apostle Paul's shorter letters, Colossians is especially rich with descriptions of Christ, His work, and the blessings He bestows on us. Join in Sundays at 9:00am in the overflow to learn more about *God's Grace in Colossians*.

BLOCK WALKERS RELAY FOR LIFE — It's time to start forming our Block Walkers Relay for Life team! The Relay will be June 8 from 6:00pm to midnight at the Osawatomie High School Track. This year marks the 25th anniversary of Relay in Miami County. The baseball theme "Strike out Cancer" commemorates the 70th anniversary of Babe Ruth passing from cancer. Contact Lori Schlegel or Dena Kaiser to join our team or for more information. Last year, our group alone raised \$7,223 to fight cancer! Thanks everyone, and looking forward to another great year!

150TH ANNIVERSARY HISTORY COMMITTEE — The history committee is forming for the 150th Anniversary, which we will be observing this year on October 28. We are looking for people who want to participate in gathering pictures, stories, memories, reminiscences, and other information about our church and school. If you are interested in being involved in these activities, please contact Linda Prothe at 913-259-8143 or Phyllis Trickett at 913-731-8919.

BUILDING PLANS AVAILABLE — In addition to the latest floor plans and outside drawings of our building addition and modernization project included in this month's newsletter, larger format copies are available in the overflow. Based on the timing of county permits, weather, and the schedule of our contractor, Legacy Builders, we will (*Lord willing!*) hold a groundbreaking ceremony sometime in February or March. Watch the bulletin and Facebook page for details (www.facebook.com/trinitylutheranblock). It will be a brief ceremony on a Sunday after worship, with everyone proceeding outside for the ceremony following the close of the service. Our plan is to mark on the ground the outline of the addition and have members stand along where the outside walls will be. Everyone will be asked to bring their own shovels—kids too!—so that we can all break ground together. After the brief ceremony we'll return inside for snacks. If you have questions or would like more information about our building project you may contact chairman Greg Windler.

SIGN UP TO HOST COFFEE HOUR — Everyone is invited to stay for Coffee Hour following worship today in the overflow and enjoy the food and fellowship. Our thanks to Michelle Haley for hosting Coffee Hour this morning in celebration of James' Birthday! Could you—individual, family, or group—serve snacks sometime after worship? Most of 2018 remains open! There is a sign-up sheet on the table with the snacks. Our Generations group has generously agreed to provide and prepare the coffee and juice each week! So those signing up are only asked to provide some treat. Consider signing up for special occasions such as birthdays or anniversaries. *Thank you to all those providing snacks for Coffee Hour!*

Our special Lenten Vespers services begin with our Ash Wednesday service on February 14 at 7:00pm, and continue each Wednesday throughout the Lenten season. A Lenten Supper will be served before each service. The theme for this year's Lenten services is *The Miracles of Lent*, looking on the meaning for us of the miracles that took place during our Lord's suffering and death. "Come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus . . . who endured the cross" (Hebrews 12:2).



The Miracles of LENT

2018 Lenten Sermon Series

Wednesday, February 14 (Ash Wednesday)

"Darkness"

Luke 23:44-45

Wednesday, February 21 (Lent Service II)

"The Resurrection of Lazarus"

John 11:46-53

Wednesday, February 28 (Lent Service III)

"The Withering Fig Tree"

Mark 11:12-14, 20-21

Wednesday, March 7 (Lent Service IV)

"Four Miracles in the Garden of Gethsemane"

Luke 22:39-51, John 18:3-6

Wednesday, March 14 (Lent Service V)

"Tearing of the Temple Curtain"

Mark 15:37-38

Wednesday, March 21 (Lent Service VI)

"Earthquake"

Matthew 27:51-53

Thursday, March 29 (Maundy Thursday)

"The Last Supper"

Luke 22:7-13, 1 Corinthians 10:16

Friday, March 30 (Good Friday)

"The Miracle of Good Friday"

Romans 5:6-8