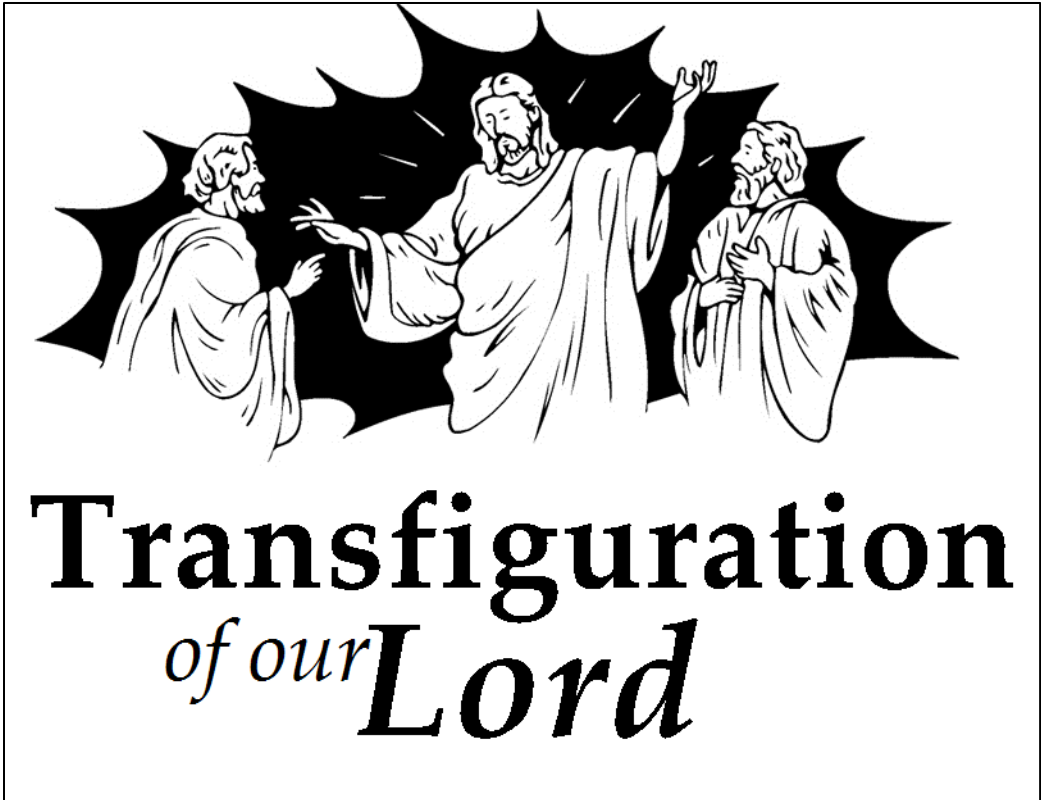


# Trinity Lutheran Church

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*Proclaiming, Teaching and Living the Gospel of Christ!*



*The Transfiguration of Our Lord*

**February 8 & 9, 2025**



## Welcome, children of our Heavenly Father!

*I Cor.10:16 calls our eating and drinking of the sacramental bread and wine an actual sharing in the body and blood of Christ. As we share this gift of the Savior, we also seek to be faithful to the confession of the Apostles' Doctrine, which Scripture says was shared by those who received the sacrament together. For this reason, guests who desire to commune are kindly asked to speak to the pastor or an elder.*



***In our prayers:*** Yvonne (*friend of Jean Janssen*), Evelyn Bauer, Missy Behrends (*cousin of Deb Chmielowiec*), Doris Benjamin (*mother of Jane*), Bernell Bohlmann, Lois Brenneisen, Cyndy Clapp, Benny Cruse (*grandson of Donna Ohrt*), Andrea Dewez (*friend of Sharon Dummer*), JoAnn Dickman, Violetta Donovan, Bob English (*father of Samantha Dehning*), Richard Hall (*nephew of Sharon Dummer*), Glen Hoffman (*husband of Cassandra*), Paul Johnson, Jeff & Jamie Jones (*friends of Kamber Johnston*), David Jubin, Tiffany Jubin (*close friends of Emma Kruse*), Chris Knobloch, Gerald Kroesch, Don LaChappell, Darcy Lind (*friend of Norma Bell*), Bonnie Matherly, Jean Mau, Michael O'Connell (*step-father of Eric Meredith*), Donna Ohrt, Caleb Outerbridge, Adam Palmer (*son of Mary, friend of the quilting group*), Brian Plenert (*son-in-law of Don & Joanne LaChappell*), Chris Tanner (*nephew of Nancy Varboncoeur*), Willy Van Wassenhove, Jason Warpet (*cousin of Deb Chmielowiec*), Lorraine Whitwell, Donna Witheft, and Pastor Andrew Zobel.

*For all those that our Savior knows are in need, and those we name privately before our Lord.*

+ **ORDER OF WORSHIP—DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING ONE—LSB 151** +  
+ **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION** +

**Hymn of Invocation: Arise and Shine in Splendor**

*LSB 396*

*Stand*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.
- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.**

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

**Introit** (*Spoken responsively 1/2 verse by 1/2 verse*) Psalm 84:1–2a, 4, 10–11; antiphon: Psalm 77:18b

Your lightnings lighted up the world;  
**the earth trembled and shook.**

How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!

**My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD.**

Blessèd are those who dwell in your house,  
**ever singing your praise!**

For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

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

For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor.

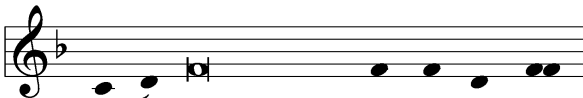
**No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly.**

**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.**

Your lightnings lighted up the world;  
**the earth trembled and shook.**

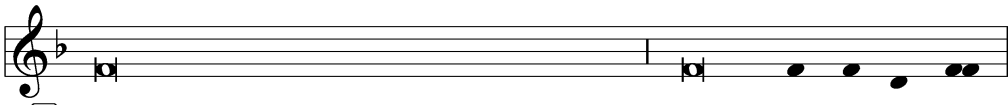
**Kyrie**



**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



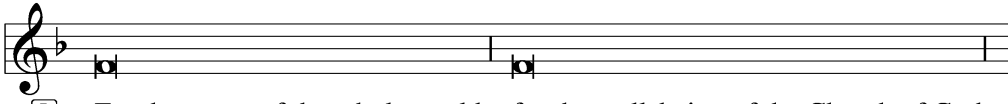
**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



**G** Lord, have mer - cy.



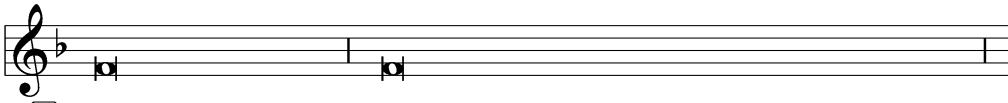
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



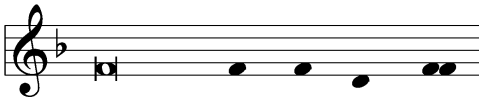
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



**G** Lord, have mer - cy.



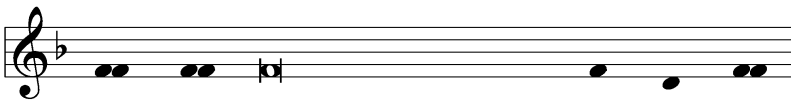
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



**G** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.

**C** A - men.

**This Is the Feast**

*Refrain*

**C** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and  
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and  
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to  
 5 For the Lamb \_\_\_\_\_ who was slain has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*  
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*  
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*  
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*  
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

*Final Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.

O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah. In the voice that came from the bright cloud You wonderfully foreshowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King in 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.



**C** A - men.

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

*Exodus 34:29-35*

<sup>29</sup>When Moses came down from Mount Sinai, with the two tablets of the testimony in his hand as he came down from the mountain, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. <sup>30</sup>Aaron and all the people of Israel saw Moses, and behold, the skin of his face shone, and they were afraid to come near him. <sup>31</sup>But Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses talked with them. <sup>32</sup>Afterward all the people of Israel came near, and he commanded them all that the LORD had spoken with him in Mount Sinai. <sup>33</sup>And when Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face.

<sup>34</sup>Whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would remove the veil, until he came out. And when he came out and told the people of Israel what he was commanded, <sup>35</sup>the people of Israel would see the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face was shining. And Moses would put the veil over his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual

*Psalm 45:2a; 110:1*

- A** You are the most handsome of the sons of men;
- C** **grace is poured upon your lips.**
- A** The LORD says to my Lord: “Sit at my right hand,
- C** **until I make your enemies your footstool.”**

## Epistle

*2 Peter 1:16–21*

<sup>16</sup>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 were eyewitnesses of his majesty. <sup>17</sup>For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased,” <sup>18</sup>we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. <sup>19</sup>And we have something more sure, the prophetic word, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, <sup>20</sup>knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone’s own interpretation. <sup>21</sup>For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

## Alleluia and Verse

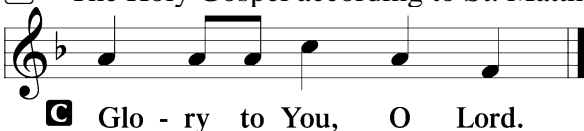


**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 17:1–9*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the seventeenth chapter.



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>After six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. <sup>2</sup>And he was transfigured before them, and

his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. <sup>3</sup>And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. <sup>4</sup>And Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah.” <sup>5</sup>He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.” <sup>6</sup>When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. <sup>7</sup>But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Rise, and have no fear.” <sup>8</sup>And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

<sup>9</sup>And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, “Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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

*Sit*

**Hymn of the Day: O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair**

*LSB 413*

**Sermon**

*Stand*

**Nicene Creed**

**C** I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.



**He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.**

### **Prayer of the Church**

*After each petition*

**P** ...let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

### **Preface**



**P** The Lord be with you.



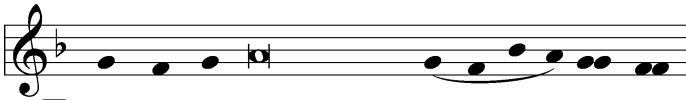
**C** And al - so with you.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them to the Lord.



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



**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who at His transfiguration revealed His glory to His disciples that they might be strengthened to proclaim His cross and resurrection and with all the faithful look forward to the glory of life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### Sanctus



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en 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 who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

### Lord's Prayer

**C** Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,

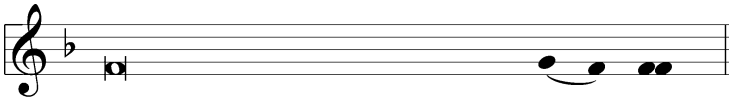
**Thy will be done on earth  
 as it is in heaven;  
 give us this day our daily bread;  
 and forgive us our trespasses  
 as we forgive those  
 who trespass against us;  
 and lead us not into temptation,  
 but deliver us from evil.  
 For Thine is the kingdom  
 and the power and the glory  
 forever and ever. Amen.**

### The Words of Our Lord

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✠}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

### Pax Domini



**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



**C** A - men.

### Agnus Dei



**C** Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

*Sit*

**Distribution**

- Distribution Hymn: Crown Him with Many Crowns** *LSB 525*
- Distribution Hymn: Beautiful Savior** *LSB 537*
- Distribution Hymn: All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name** *LSB 549*

*Stand*

**Thank the Lord**

Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.  
 Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.  
 He re-calls His prom - is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy  
 with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

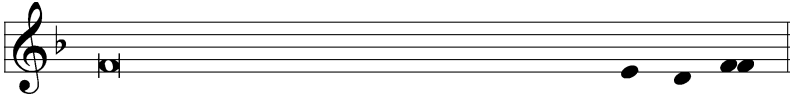
**Post-Communion Collect**

- A** Let us pray.  
 O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your

Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## Benediction



**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 to Depart: 'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here

*LSB 414*

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## *Announcements*

**Altar Flowers** are given to the glory of God by Lori Kruse on the occasions of Kruse family birthdays.

**Hannah Circle will hold a Valentine Bake Sale** this weekend, February 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> after worship services. Pick up some sweets for your sweethearts! All proceeds help fund Hannah Circle's missions and ministry. Thank you for your support.

**Worship Service will be held at Villas at Herscher** Monday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm.

**Dartball practice** will be held Monday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

**Adult Instruction class (new membership)** continues Tuesdays at 6:00pm. Contact Pastor Brown with any questions.

**The Church Council will meet** Tuesday, February 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

**Little Lambs Registration:** It's time to register for preschool! Wednesday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, registration was open to members of the congregation and current students' families. We will open registration to the community on Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>. You may pick up an application in the parish hall, church office, or from any member of preschool staff. Alternately, you may download an application to print at home from the preschool website: [littlambsherscher.org/enrollment](http://littlambsherscher.org/enrollment). Spots are filled in the order complete registrations are received.



**Lutheran Witness Subscriptions:** If you would like to receive this publication, please sign up on the forms on the table in the Parish Hall. The cost is \$20.65/year. The subscription/renewal begins with the May 2025 issue. Subscription information with payment to **Trinity Lutheran Church** is due in the church office by Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>. Thank you.



**Vacation Bible School – Epic Australian Adventure – June 2-6, 2025**



We are excited and already preparing for Vacation Bible School 2025! **Student and volunteer online registration is now open!**  
**Go to: [vbsmate.com/trinitylutheranherscheril](http://vbsmate.com/trinitylutheranherscheril)**  
You may contact our 2025 VBS Director, Heather Meredith with any questions. Phone/text: 815-573-1056 or Email: [hmj8706@yahoo.com](mailto:hmj8706@yahoo.com)

**Villas at Herscher Assisted & Independent Living Community is having an Open House** on Thursday, February 13<sup>th</sup> from 6:00pm-7:00pm. Everyone is invited to enjoy meet our friendly staff, tour our gorgeous facility, and learn more about what we have to offer. Private tours on another date are also available by calling (815) 426-2000 to schedule.

**Prairieview Annual Meeting:** Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2:00pm held at Zion Lutheran Church, 100 N. Maple St., Clifton, IL. 2024 Annual Report, a look ahead to 2025. Refreshments following the meeting.

**You are invited to Bingocize:** Bingocize is a 20-week health promotion program that combines the game of bingo with fall prevention exercise. Monday afternoons, January 6<sup>th</sup>-June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025 from 1:00-2:00pm. (No class 1/20, 2/17, or 5/26) at St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church, Herscher. To register call Natalia: 815-933-7791 Ext. 9954. Program began January but is ongoing, join now for the rest of the sessions! See the flyer on the bulletin board kiosk in the Parish Hall for more information.

***In Response to our Savior’s Love***

Date/Weekend:	Sat.	Sun.	Total	Offerings:	Operating	Missions	All Other Funds	
January 26 <sup>th</sup>	45	83	128		\$14,749.00	\$1,250.00	\$ 40.00	
February 2 <sup>nd</sup>	46	76	122		\$ 8 495.24	\$ 355.00	\$ 180.00	
Sunday School			24		\$ 19.00			
Bible Study	6	17	25					
Average amount needed weekly to meet current Operating expenses							\$ 5,800.00	
Average amount needed weekly to meet current Mission commitments							\$ 692.00	

*Complete financial reports are given at Quarterly Voters’ Meetings usually held on the third Sundays of January, April, July, and October. **Please contact Diane in the church office if you need to pick up your 2025 envelopes, have offering envelopes issued or wish to be removed from the offering envelope list.***

**LCMS Stewardship Ministry Stewardship Thoughts - February 9 – Transfiguration**  
**Matthew 17:8 – “And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.”**  
 Moses and Elijah point to Jesus, and speak about Jesus and His sacrifice, and then they are happy to fade into the background. They know that what we need is Jesus. With our eyes focused on Him and Him alone, the rest of our lives comes into focus. He is primary, all else secondary. When that order is right in our lives, things truly fall into place. Or as Jesus Himself said, “Seek first the kingdom of God and all these things will be added unto you.”

## ***This week at Trinity Lutheran Church***

Sunday 02/09	8:30am	<b><i>Worship with Holy Communion</i></b>
	9:30am	Sunday School & High School Bible Study
	9:45am	Sunday Adult Bible Study Hannah Circle Valentine Bake Sale
	3:00pm	Confirmation
Monday	8:00am	Devotion on Facebook Live
	2:00pm	Service at Villas at Herscher
	7:00pm	Dartball Practice
Tuesday	8:00am	Devotion on Facebook Live
	9:30am	Circuit Winkel @ Zion, Chebanse
	6:00pm	Adult Instruction/New Member Class
	7:00pm	Council Meeting
Wednesday	8:00am	Devotion on Facebook Live
	10:15am	Little Lambs Valentine's Day Party Pre-K 4
	5:30pm	Children's music rehearsal
	6:00pm	Handbell Choir rehearsal
	7:00pm	Adult Vocal Choir rehearsal
Thursday	8:00am	Devotion on Facebook Live
	10:15am	Little Lambs Valentine's Day Party Pre-K 3
Friday		Little Lambs – No School
Saturday	4:00pm	Saturday Adult Bible Study
	5:00pm	<b><i>Worship with Holy Communion</i></b>
Sunday 02/16	8:30am	<b><i>Worship with Holy Communion</i></b>
	9:30am	Sunday School & High School Bible Study
	9:45am	Sunday Adult Bible Study
	3:00pm	Confirmation

***Serving the Lord today:*** Pastor: Rev. Eric J. Brown  
Organist: Paul Johnson

***Elder/Communion:***

*Joe Hart (Sat.)  
John Varvel (Sun.)*

***Next Week:***

*Jerry Brutlag (Sat.)  
Don LaChappell*

***Usher Captain:***

*Karl Kruse (Sat.)  
Mike Thomas (Sun.)*

***Altar Guild:***

*Heather Meredith & Brian Noffke*