

Trinity Lutheran Church

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Proclaiming, Teaching and Living the Gospel of Christ!



Transfiguration *of our* Lord

The Transfiguration of Our Lord

January 24 & 25, 2026



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: Evelyn Bauer, Doris Benjamin (*mother of Jane*), Lois Brenneisen, Sarah C. (*requested by a friend of Sharon Dummer*), Sue Cornett (*sister of Joanne LaChappell*), Benny Cruse (*grandson of Donna Ohrt*), Andrea Dewez (*friend of Sharon Dummer*), JoAnn Dickman, Violetta Donovan, Karen & John Eberhardt (*sister and brother-in-law of Barbara Schwark*), Donald Fehrenbacher (*father of Ashley Evans*), Heidi Gallegos (*niece of Gloria Graham*), Rebecca Graham (*mother-in-law of Gloria*), William Graham (*husband of Gloria*), JD Hall, Richard Hall (*nephew of Sharon Dummer*), Jason (*nephew of Michelle Hinich*), Jeff Jones, Jamie Jones (*friends of Kamber Johnston*), Kellen (*family friend of Ryan & Jessica Kruse*), Peter Kelly (*friend of the Chmielowiec's*), Brent Klockenga (*cousin of Heather Thurston, nephew of Nancy Snedecor*), Michelle Kooy, Gerald Kroesch, Myra Jean Kroll (*close friend of Emma Kruse*), Don LaChappell, Marge (*friend of Norma Bell*), Brandon Malone, Bonnie Matherly, Les Naese (*father-in-law of Brian Malone*), Donna Ohrt, Marilyn Ohrt (*friend of Deb Chmielowiec*), Caleb Outerbridge, Brian Plenert (*son-in-law of Don & Joanne LaChappell*), Melissa Plugge (*friend of Tina Varvel*), Kevin Schaumburg, Edith Schwark, Jane Schwark, Val Smith (*friend of Rachel Taube*), Mallory Glazik-Sommer (*friend of many members*), Colter Strickland (*extended family of Hart/Pfeifer/Shute*), Addison Telschow; Willy Van Wassenhove, Jason Warpet (*cousin of Deb Chmielowiec*), Lorraine Whitwell, and Jared Zimmerman (*son-in-law of Douglas & Tammy Gray*).

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

+ ORDER OF WORSHIP—DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING THREE—LSB 184 +

+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

Hymn of Invocation: 'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here

LSB 414

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 Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

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

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I 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 ½ verse by ½ 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.

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

G Glo - ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;
as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

Kyrie

G Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

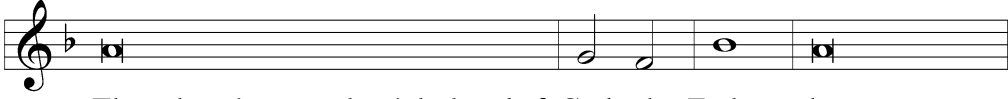
P Glory be to God on high: **G** and on earth peace, good - will toward
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.



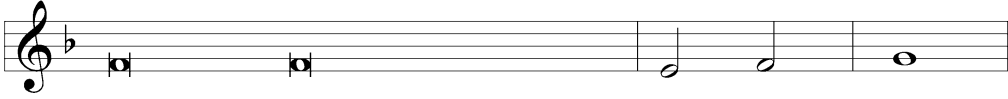
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.



Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost,



art most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir-it.



P Let us pray.

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. 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.



Sit

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 3:1-14

¹Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ²And the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. ³And Moses said, “I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned.” ⁴When the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, “Moses, Moses!” And he said, “Here I am.” ⁵Then he said, “Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.” ⁶And he said, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

⁷Then the LORD said, “I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, ⁸and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. ⁹And now, behold, the cry of the people of Israel has come to me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. ¹⁰Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt.” ¹¹But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?” ¹²He said, “But I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain.”

¹³Then Moses said to God, “If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” ¹⁴God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” And he said, “Say this to the people of Israel, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual (*Spoken responsively ½ verse by ½ verse*)

Psalm 45:2a; 110:1

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

Epistle

2 Peter 1:16–21

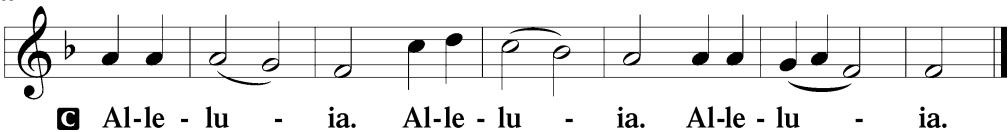
¹⁶For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased,” ¹⁸we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. ¹⁹And 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, ²⁰knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone’s own interpretation. ²¹For 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



Holy Gospel

Matthew 17:1–9

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



¹After six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. ²And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. ³And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴And 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.” ⁵He 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.” ⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Rise, and have no fear.” ⁸And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

⁹And 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 be to Thee, O Christ.

Sit

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

LSB 413

Sermon

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

C Amen.

Stand

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life ☩ everlasting. Amen.

Offertory



C Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -



new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -

way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho-ly Spir-it
from me. Re-store un-to me the joy of Thy sal-va-
tion, and up-hold me with Thy free spir-it. A-men.

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 with thy spir-it.
P Lift up your hearts.
C We lift them up un-to the Lord.
P Let us give thanks un-to the Lord, our God.
C It is meet and right so to do.

- P** It is truly meet, 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 Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy 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 that com-eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

- P** 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.



C For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the



glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

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 ✝ 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 ✝ 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

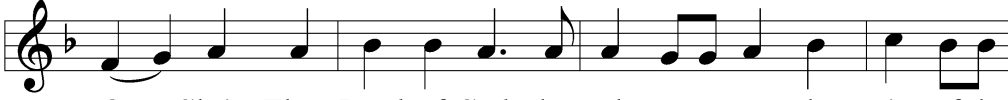


P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



C A - men.

Agnus Dei



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.



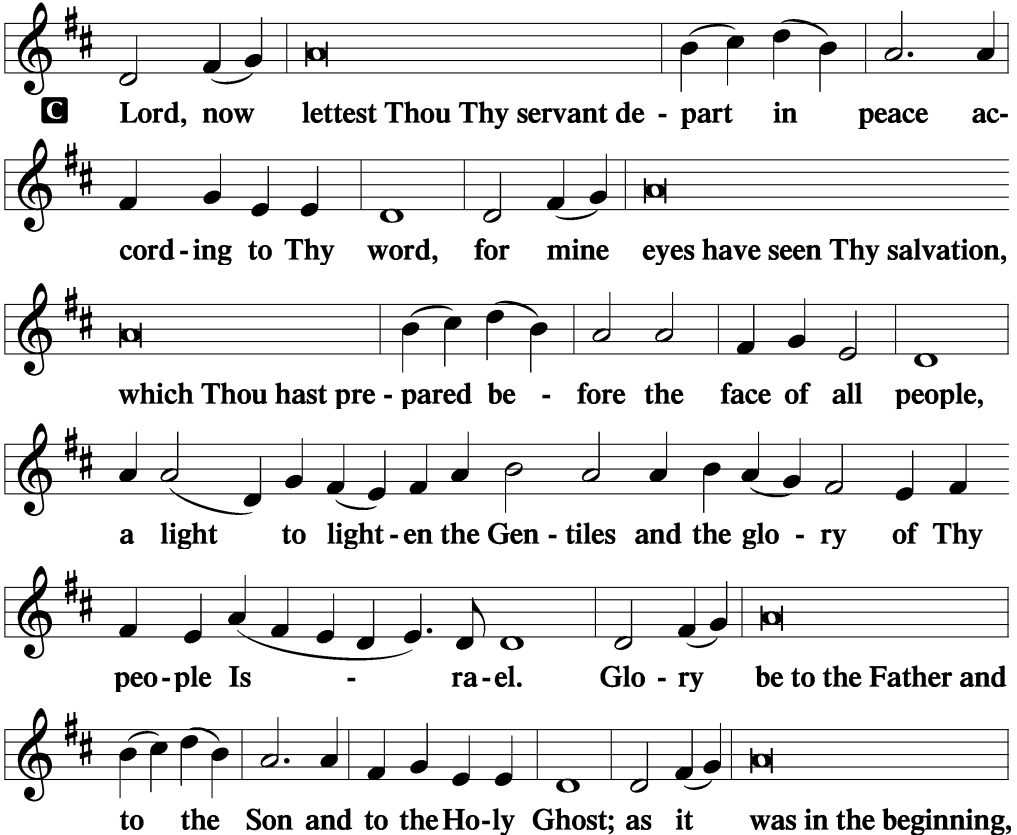
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Distribution

Distribution Hymn: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling	<i>LSB 700</i>
Distribution Hymn: What Is This Bread	<i>LSB 629</i>
Distribution Hymn: Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord	<i>LSB 637</i>

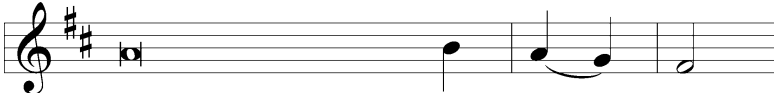
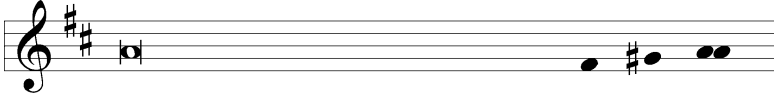
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Nunc Dimittis





Thanksgiving



A Let us pray.

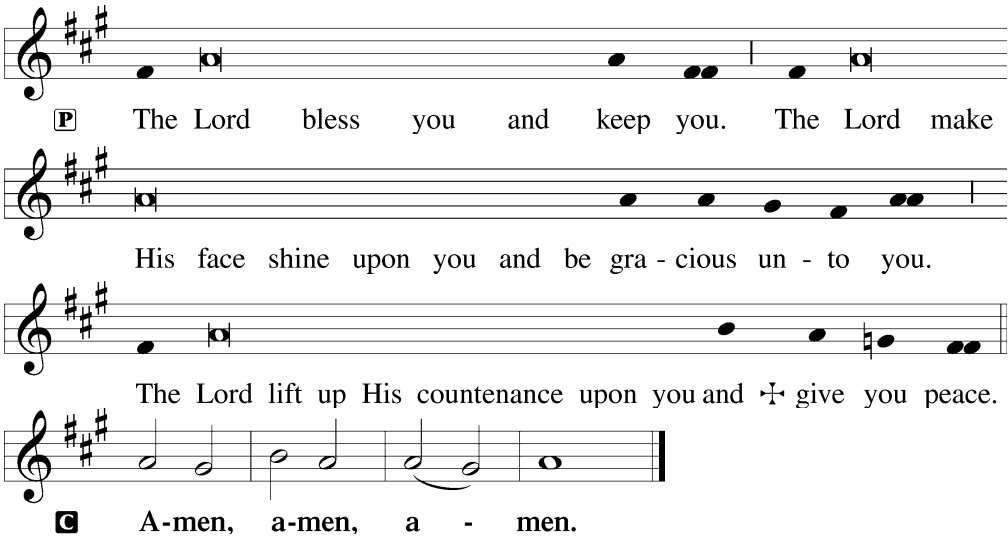
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Benedicamus



Benediction



P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make
His face shine upon you and be gra-cious un-to you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.
C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Hymn to Depart: Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide

LSB 585

Acknowledgments

Divine Service, Setting Three from Lutheran Service Book

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Announcements

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by Cindy & Debbie Witheft in memory of our parents.

Offerings may be placed in the plate on the stand at the back of the sanctuary.

A Worship Service at Villas at Herscher will be held Monday, January 26th at 2:00pm.

Note: In February services will move to 3:00pm.

Dartball-January 26th: Trinity 2 will play their rescheduled games Monday, January 26th @ New Life Assembly at 7:00pm. Trinity 1 may hold practice, check with Karl Kruse.

Pastor Brown will be at a Pastor's retreat in Wheaton, IL Tuesday, January 27th.

Preschool Recess Equipment: Parents please keep children out of the Preschool Recess Equipment room. Due to misused and misplaced items, the equipment will be for Preschool use only. Arrangements may be made with the preschool director for use at church activities/events. We appreciate your cooperation.

The 2026 Usher Schedule/Duties is available on the table in the Parish Hall. The Head Usher position is open. ***Contact Council if you would be willing to serve in this position.***

2025 Annual Report copies are available on the table in the Parish Hall.

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 \$23.50/year. The subscription/renewal begins with the May 2026 issue. Subscription information with payment to **Trinity Lutheran Church** is due in the church office by Sunday, February 22nd. Thank you.



In Response to our Savior's Love

Date/Weekend:	Sat.	Sun.	Total	Offerings:	Operating	Missions	All Other Funds
January 11 th	37	87	124		\$ 4,911.47	\$ 410.00	\$ 165.00
January 18 th	36	79	115		\$ 3,980.00	\$ 180.00	\$ 140.00
Sunday School			25		\$ 7.00		
Bible Study	7	22	29				
High School Bible Study			1				

Average amount needed weekly to meet current Operating expenses \$ 6,030.00

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 envelopes, have offering envelopes issued or wish to be removed from the offering envelope list.***

LCMS Stewardship Ministry Stewardship Thoughts - January 25 – The Transfiguration of Our Lord **Matthew 17:8 – “And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.”** Jesus is enough. Moses and Elijah point to Jesus and are happy to fade into the background. With our eyes focused on Him and Him alone, the rest of our lives come into focus. He is primary, all else is secondary. When that order is right in our lives, things truly fall into place.

This week at Trinity Lutheran Church

Sunday 01/25	8:30am	<i>Worship with Holy Communion</i>
	9:30am	Sunday School & High School Bible Study
	9:45am	Adult Bible Study
	10:30am	Confirmation
	4:00-7:00pm	Herscher Hustlers 4-H Workshop & Meeting
Monday	8:00am	Devotion on Facebook Live
	2:00pm	<i>Worship Service at Villas at Herscher</i>
	7:00pm	Dartball Game-Trinity 2@New Life; Trinity 1 Practice
Tuesday	8:00am	Devotion on Facebook Live
		Pastor in Wheaton, IL
Wednesday	8:00am	Devotion on Facebook Live
	6:00pm	Handbell Choir
	7:00pm	Vocal Choir
Thursday	8:00am	Devotion on Facebook Live
Friday		
Saturday	4:00pm	Adult Bible Study
	5:00pm	<i>Worship with Holy Communion</i>
Sunday 02/01	8:30am	<i>Worship with Holy Communion</i>
	9:30am	Sunday School & High School Bible Study
	9:45am	Adult Bible Study
	10:30am	Confirmation

Serving the Lord Today

Pastor: Rev. Eric J. Brown

Kantor: Caleb Dehning

Elder/Communion:

Chris Knobloch (Sat.)

Mike Bruner (Sun.)

Next Week:

Jerry Brutlag (Sat.)

Ken Taube (Sun.)

Usher Captain:

Karl Kruse (Sat.)

Mike Thomas (Sun.)

Altar Guild:

Cindy Witheft & Debbie Witheft