

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

February 2022 Newsletter



Click the picture above to watch a Youtube video about Mt. Tabor the Traditional site of our Lords Transfiguration

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

This year, February is bookended by two of the most interesting feasts in the Church year. February 2, the Presentation of our Lord, remembers Mary and Joseph bringing the 40-day-old child Jesus to the Temple to be dedicated, and the prophets Simeon and Anna recognizing the tiny child as the Chosen One of God. On February 27 falls the last Sunday before Lent, when the Transfiguration of the Lord is remembering the disciples being given a vision of Moses and Elijah standing with Jesus discussing his road to the Cross, and the voice of God the Father declaring him to be his Son.

These stories from the life of our Lord, like much of Epiphany, are ripe with the symbolism of light. Simeon calls the child Jesus “a light to enlighten the nations” and at his transfiguration, the disciples can only describe the vision as a dazzling light surrounding the Lord.

But beyond the imagery of light shining into our world, these events are little apocalypses. Apocalypse is often misunderstood as meaning “destruction” or “catastrophe,” but really an apocalypse simply



means “revelation.” It is an unveiling, so that what lies behind what our senses perceive can be seen and understood.

When Jesus was born, God took on flesh, “veiling” his glory so that he might live among us, heal us, become our friend, become our servant, and having shown us the fullness of life, die for us and rise for us so that we might have life without end.

Throughout this ministry Jesus’ goodness and his glory is repeatedly made visible. The veil is lifted so that behind the Perfect Man we might see the True God. And again and again, Jesus is recognized for who he really is by those who are open to his word. Those who are willing to recognize God’s work in their lives see him in action, and see him in Jesus. Not because they had some special insight or quality, but because they were willing like the holy women, or because they were curious like the first disciples, or because they were searching like Simeon and

Anna.

“The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light,” Isaiah wrote. We too are invited to be among those who are enlightened by God and who see clearly who God is and what God is doing. All we need to do is not hide from him- not keep to the shadows. Instead we’re called to pay attention to the miracles of the world God has given us, the wonder of creation, the love of friend and neighbour, and the promise of Christ to be with us even to the end of time. When we slow our rushed lives, and quiet our busy minds, we find God showing us the richness of life, and enlivening us in the communion that he provides to his people.

Peace and joy,
Pastor Tom

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Offering Envelopes for 2022

The envelopes have arrived, but are not ready for distribution yet. Please continue to use a white envelope marked with your name, date and dollar amount on the outside. Thanks

There is a sing-up sheet posted in the Narthex. This sheet is for people to volunteer to bring refreshments to share at Social Hour on the 1st or 3rd Sunday in February, March, April, May, or June. Please consider signing up for this event. Some suggestions of what to bring is baked good, either homemade or purchased; cheese and crackers or Jell-O. Thanks to Pat Marvonek for making the coffee.

2021 Tax Statements

If you need a 2021 tax statement from church, please let Leigh Maxa know and one will be printed for you.

February Birthdays

08 – William Bill Sevcik
13 – Joan Fittz
13 – Donald Hoffman
20 – Kathy Hinchliffe
24 – Patricia Marvonek

Flower/Sanctuary Lamp Chart for 2022

The chart is posted in the Narthex by the coat rack. Please sign up for the Sundays you want to place flowers on the Altar or light the Sanctuary Lamp. The price for a Sanctuary Candle remains at \$5.00 each. Please talk to Pat Marvonek when wishing to put flowers / bouquets on the altar. Pat needs to know if you have a specific type of flower in mind and the amount of money you wish to spend. Usually Pat, get the flowers and arranges the flowers in the vases. Then the person paying for the flowers reimburses Pat. (This money doesn't go through the church budget.) The person paying for the flowers / bouquets takes the arrangement after the service.

February – March Service Schedule

These readings are from Series C and can be found in the front of the Evangelical Lutheran Worship hymnal.

Tellers

Worship Assistants

Reader

February 6, 2022 – 10:00 a.m. – The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany – Green

Isaiah 6: 1 – 8 [9 – 13]; Psalm 138; 1 Corinthians 15:1 – 11; Luke 5: 1 – 11

Amelia Hinchliffe

Leigh Maxa

Daniel Lichanec

Michael Marvonek

Hymns – **Entrance: 413, Hymn of the Day: 574, Communion: 490, Closing: 696**

February 13, 2022 – 10:00 a.m. – The Sixth Sunday after Epiphany – Green

Jeremiah 17: 5– 19; Psalm 1; 1 Corinthians 15: 12 – 20; Luke 6: 17 – 26

Jennifer Welch

Sheila Welch

Daniel Lichanec

Michael Welch

Hymns – **Entrance: 754, Hymn of the Day: 715, Communion: 470, Closing: 717**

February 20, 2022 – 10:00 a.m. – The Seventh Sunday after Epiphany – Green

Genesis 45: 3-11, 15; Psalm 37: 1-11, 39-40; 1 Corinthians 15: 35-38, 42-50; Luke 6: 27-38

Walter Kovaciny

Leigh Maxa

Daniel Lichanec

Leonard Lichanec

Hymns – **Entrance: 599, Hymn of the Day: 595, Communion: 697, Closing: 834**

February 27, 2022 – 10:00 a.m. – The Transfiguration of Our Lord – White

Exodus 34: 29 – 35; Psalm 99; 1 Corinthians 3: 12 to 4: 2; Luke 9: 28 – 36 [37 – 43]

Amelia Hinchliffe

Sheila Welch

Daniel Lichanec

Walter Kovaciny

Hymns – **Entrance: 315; Hymn of the Day: 838, Communion 815, Closing 658**

March 2, 2022 – 7:30 p.m. – Ash Wednesday – Purple

Joel 2: 1-2, 12-17; Psalm 51: 1-17; 2 Corinthians 5: 20b to 6: 10; Matthew 6: 1- 6, 16-21

Hymns – **Hymn of the Day: 601, Closing: 328**

March 6, 2022 – 10:00 a.m. – The First Sunday in Lent – Purple

Deuteronomy 26: 1 – 11; Psalm 91: 1 – 2, 9 – 16; Romans 10: 8b – 13; Luke 4: 1 – 13

Amelia Hinchliffe

Leigh Maxa

Daniel Lichanec

Walter Kovaciny

Hymns – **Entrance: 618, Hymn of the Day: 504 Communion: 768, Closing: 624**

February *Holy Trinity Lutheran Church* 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 <i>Pastor Tom's day off</i>	2 Presentation of our Lord 7:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion	3	4	5
6 The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion 11:15 a.m. Social Hour	7	8 <i>Pastor Tom's day off</i>	9	10 6:30 p.m. Bible Study	11	12 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Safe Net Distribution
13 The Sixth Sunday after Epiphany 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion 11:15 a.m. Council meeting Take-out Valentine's Dinner 5-6 p.m.	14 Cyril, Monk, Methodius, Bishop, Missionaries Valentine, Martyr	15 <i>Pastor Tom's day off</i>	16 Philip Melanchthon, Confessor	17	18 Martin Luther, Pastor	19
20 The Seventh Sunday after Epiphany 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion 11:15 a.m. Social Hour	21	22 <i>Pastor Tom's day off</i>	23 Polycarp, Bishop	24 6:30 p.m. Bible Study	25	26 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Safe Net Distribution
27 The Transfiguration of Our Lord 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion	28	March 1 <i>Pastor Tom's day off</i>	March 2 Ash Wednesday 7:30 p.m. Holy Communion & Ashes			

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