TRINITY
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Last Sunday after the Epiphany

February 15, 2026 ~ 8:15 AM & 10:30 AM

The Rev. Kurt C. Wiesner, *Preaching & Presiding*

Trinity's Mission: *to follow Christ through the ministries of worship, education, and service.*
Trinity's Vision: *to be a major Christian presence in the Highland Lakes area, proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ.*

Welcome to Trinity Episcopal Church

We're delighted to have you with us today! Please fill out a Visitors' Card from the pew rack and place it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher.

If you're new to the Episcopal service, people generally (but are not required) to:

- Stand to sing hymns, say the creeds, and hear the Gospel.
- Sit for readings, the sermon, and music.
- Stand or kneel for prayer.

Our 10:30 AM service includes music; the earlier service is spoken.

We're glad you're here and hope you'll join us again.

To learn more about Trinity and the Episcopal tradition, please speak with the Reverend.



Our congregation welcomes children in worship. We believe every sound and movement is part of our shared praise—each child's joyful noise blesses us all!

Children ages 3–10 are invited to **Children's Chapel** during the first half of the 10:30AM service.

If you need to step out with your child during the service, a space is set aside in the foyer—but please feel free to return when ready.

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

The People say the words in ***bold*** *preceded by a ✠*

✠ The Processional *O wondrous type! O vision fair* *Hymnal 137*

The Opening Acclamation

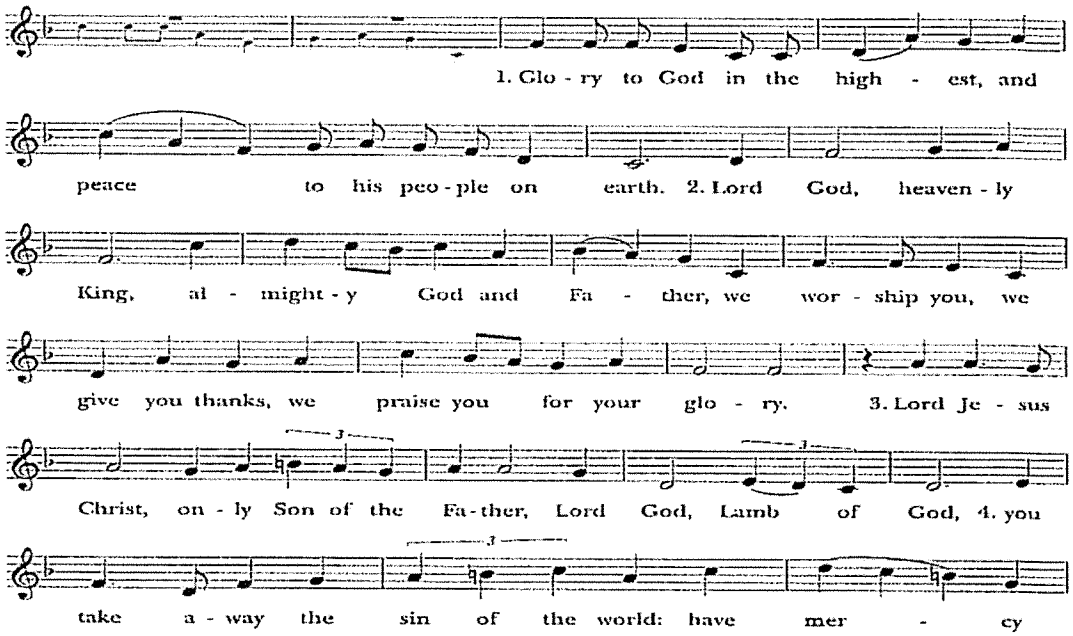
Blessed be God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

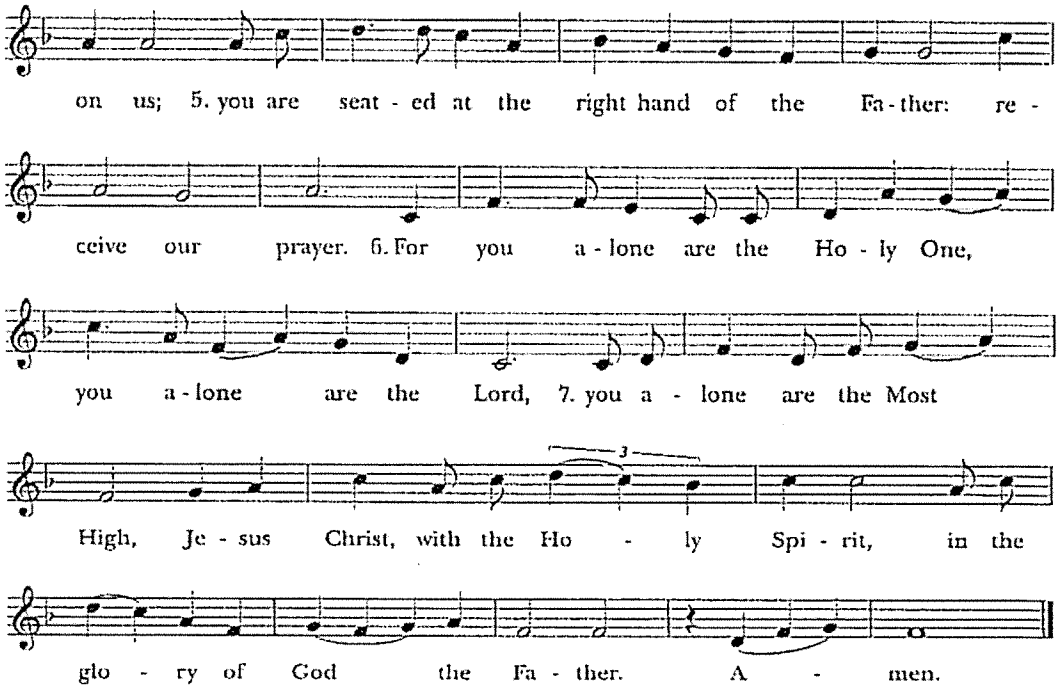
✠ **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

✠ **Amen.**

The Gloria in Excelsis





The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

✠ **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

O God, who before the passion of your only begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

✠ **Amen.**

Please be seated.

The First Reading *Exodus 24:12-18*

The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them."

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

The Word of the Lord.

✠ **Thanks be to God.**

✠ The Psalm 2 *(The People say the Psalm)*

Why are the nations in an uproar? *
Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?

Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt,
and the princes plot together, *
against the LORD and against his Anointed?

"Let us break their yoke," they say; *
"let us cast off their bonds from us."

He whose throne is in heaven is laughing; *
the Lord has them in derision.

Then he speaks to them in his wrath, *
and his rage fills them with terror.

"I myself have set my king *
upon my holy hill of Zion."

Let me announce the decree of the LORD: *
he said to me, "You are my Son;
this day have I begotten you.

Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance *
and the ends of the earth for your possession.

You shall crush them with an iron rod *
and shatter them like a piece of pottery."

And now, you kings, be wise; *
be warned, you rulers of the earth.

Submit to the LORD with fear, *
and with trembling bow before him;

Lest he be angry and you perish; *
for his wrath is quickly kindled.

Happy are they all *
who take refuge in him!

The Second Reading

2 Peter 1:16-21

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

The Word of the Lord.

✠ **Thanks be to God.**

The Sequence Hymn *Christ upon the mountain peak* *Hymnal 129*

The Holy Gospel *Matthew 17:1-9*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

✠ **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

The Gospel of the Lord.

✠ **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon The *Rev. Kurt Wiesner*

The 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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic 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.

The Prayers of the People *Form III*

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

✠ **That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

✠ **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

✠ **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world.

✠ **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

✠ **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

✠ **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest,

✠ **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

✠ **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays:

We commend to God's gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad, all first responders, and all who labor for justice and peace in the world.

I invite your thanksgivings and petitions, either silently or aloud.

(The people may add their own petitions)

The presider adds a concluding collect

The Confession

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

✠ **Most merciful God, we confess that 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 are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

The Absolution

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

✠ **And also with you.**

The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord

Announcements and Prayer for a Birthday and other milestones

✠ **Watch over thy children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Celebration of the Holy Eucharist

The Offertory—8:15 AM

All things come of thee, O Lord,

✠ **And of thine own have we given thee.**

The Offertory—10:30 AM *In the Garden* *Parish Choir*

The Doxology *Hymnal 124, verse 5*

To God the Father, heavenly Light
to Christ, revealed in earthly night
to God the Holy Spirit raise
our equal and unceasing praise

The people remain standing.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer 1: (Enriching Our Worship)

The Lord be with you.

✠ **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

✠ **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

✠ **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

Here a Proper Preface is said.

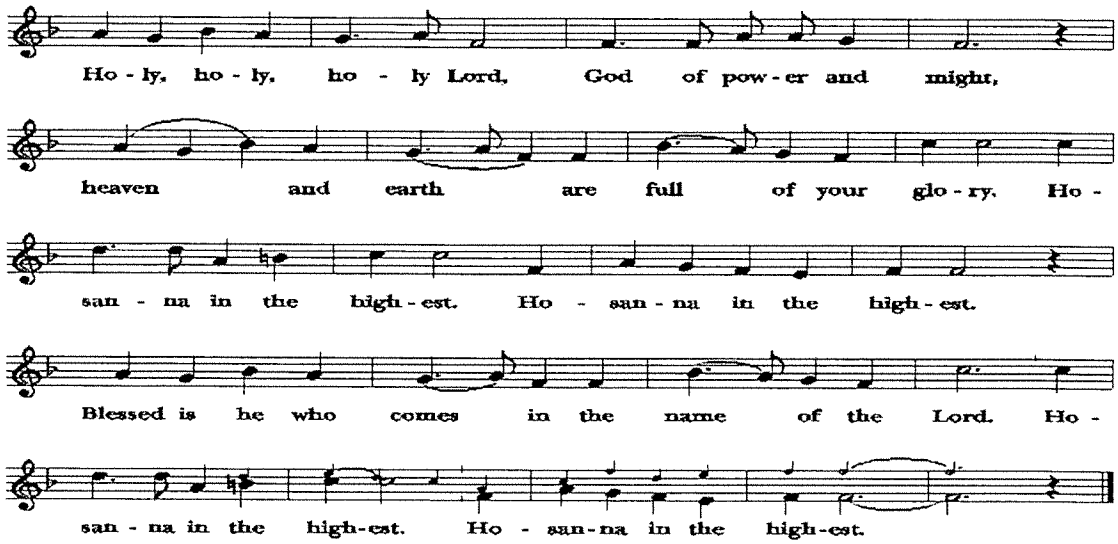
You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing (say):

✠ The Sanctus—8:15 AM

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

✠ The Sanctus—10:30 AM



The people may stand or kneel.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

✠ **Christ has died.**
✠ **Christ is risen.**
✠ **Christ will come again.**

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with [_____ and] all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

✠ **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Father, who art in heaven,	**Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo,**
hallowed be thy Name,	**santificado sea tu Nombre,**
thy kingdom come,	**venga tu reino,**
thy will be done,	**hágase tu voluntad,**
on earth as it is in heaven.	**en la tierra como en el cielo.**
Give us this day our daily bread.	**Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.**
And forgive us our trespasses,	**Perdona nuestras ofensas,**
as we forgive those who	**como también nosotros perdonamos**
trespass against us.	**a los que nos ofenden.**
And lead us not into	**No nos dejes caer en tentación**
temptation,	**y líbranos del mal.**
but deliver us from evil.	**Porque tuyo es el reino,**
For thine is the kingdom,	**tuyo es el poder,**
and the power, and the glory,	**y tuya es la gloria,**
for ever and ever.	**ahora y por siempre.**
Amen.	**Amén.**

The Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

✠ **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion. Those worshiping virtually are invited to say the following prayer while communion is being distributed to the in-person gathering :

✠ Jesus, we believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar, and we desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving as we proclaim your resurrection. Loving you above all things, we long to be united to you in love. Since we cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into our hearts. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

(Adapted from St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)

✠ The Communion Hymns

Seek ye first the kingdom of God — *Hymnal 711*
Ye Watchers and ye holy ones — *Hymnal 618*

The Post-Communion Prayer (Enriching our Worship)

Let us pray.

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

✠ The Recessional

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! — *Hymnal 460*

The Dismissal

The Priest announces the dismissal, after which the People respond:

✠ **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

The altar flowers are dedicated to
the Glory of God
and in memory of Barbara Cobb
by George Cobb

Ministers in the Lord's Service

	8:15am	10:30am
Preacher & Presider	Rev. Kurt Wiesner	Rev. Kurt Wiesner
Organist		Georgia Parsons
Choir Director		Barbara Warden
Acolyte	David Hinton	Lee Parmeter
Chalice Bearer		Bernadette Ellis
		Karla Ralls
Lector	Toni Carter	Kathi Walker
Vestry Host	Leo Paterra	Leo Paterra
Ushers	Jim Hughes	Basil Bigbie
		Bill Drake
		Elizabeth Drake
Children's Chapel		Patricia Yates
Altar Guild	Jeannette Hughes	Suzanne Bigbie
		Fran Day
AV-video		Dave Ellis
AV-audio		Barb Parmeter

From the Rector

Don't miss the start of **Lent** on **Ash Wednesday, February 18th!** Please look over the announcements for more details.

Exploring the Sermon on the Mount
Adult Education in Lent with Rev. Kurt
Sunday mornings at 9:15am beginning February 22nd

Our Sunday exploration of the Sermon on the Mount has been short circuited by an early Lent!

Lent begins at different times each year, based on the rules for finding the date of Easter Day*. The lectionary is prepared for the longest season of Epiphany possible, which is nine Sundays. If we had three more weeks of Epiphany this year, we would hear three more Gospel stories from Jesus' Sermon of the Mount, found in the Gospel of Matthew.

So this year, we will use the Sundays in Lent to fully explore the Sermon on the Mount!

The first Sunday we will take time recap what we already covered (The Beatitudes, Salt and Light, and fulfilling the law) and explore any questions we have. Then we will launch into the rest of the sermon. We will use the NRSV version of Matthew's Gospel: there are plenty of Bibles for everyone in the classroom.

Due to the Wednesday Lenten Soup Supper and Program, this class will not be offered on Wednesdays as well.

Faithfully,

Rev. Kurt

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Trinity News

Adult Education

Adult Education Epiphany Offering concludes today.

The Power of Stories (Led by Rev. Kurt)

Session three: Stories of The Mystery and Surprise of Grace
Sunday, February 15th, at 9:15am

Three stories will be told at each session, loosely grouped into the theme. 20 minutes will be allotted for the telling and discussion of each story. Anyone is welcome to attend any or all of the sessions.

New Series Starts Next Week—Exploring the Sermon on the Mount
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3rd Sunday – Food Pantry Sunday

Today Sunday, February 15, is Food Pantry Sunday at Trinity. Please leave your items at the display in the Narthex. Cash or checks are also welcome. Please make checks payable to the Helping Center and place in the display envelope. The Center especially needs: ramen, chili, soup.
Your generosity is always appreciated. Thank you.

Women's Book Study

Women's Book Study on Bishop Doyle's book, *Unabashed Faith,* continues. Join us at noon on the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month (Sept thru May).

Remaining Spring 2026 Reading Schedule:

- **February 17th** - God Dwelt Among Us
- **March 3rd** - All Bodies are Prophets of Resistance
- **March 17th** - The Temptation of Modern Spiritualism
- **April 7th** - Revitalizing Life Together: A Call to Kinship
- **April 21st** - Faith in Action
- **May 5th** - Unabashed Faith
- **May 19th** - End of Year Celebration

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Join us in the Parish Hall on **Tuesday, February 17 at 5:00 PM** for our **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper**. As we prepare for Lent, enjoy a tasty feast and warm fellowship with our church family. We will have some fun activities for all ages, and will end with a short traditional liturgy of burning palms.

Ash Wednesday Services

All are invited to worship with us on **Wednesday, February 18** for **Holy Eucharist with the Imposition of Ashes**. Services will be offered at **Noon** and **5:00 PM**.

For those who are unable to attend either of the worship services, Rev. Kurt will be offering "Ashes to Go" throughout the day, starting at 8am. Just stop by Trinity for the short liturgy.

2026 Trinity Vestry

We are excited to announce and warmly welcome the **2026 Trinity Vestry**, effective **February 2, 2026**.

- **Karen McRight**, Senior Warden
- **David Ralls**, Junior Warden
- **Kim Soechting**, Vestry Clerk
- **Beverly Bowen**
- **Elizabeth Drake**
- **Michael Gay**
- **David Hinton**
- **Ellen Miller**
- **Leo Paterra**
- **Peggy Russell**

We are deeply grateful for your willingness to serve Trinity in this important ministry. Thank you for your leadership, dedication, and commitment to our church community.

AARP Foundation Tax Aide

Tax-Aide at Trinity has begun for the 2026 tax season! AARP Foundation Tax -Aide volunteers provide **free federal tax preparation and e-filing** every **Thursday, 9:00 AM-1:00 PM**, from **February 5 through April 9**, in the Parish Hall.

Appointments are required: Call 1-888-227-7669 or visit https://www.aarp.org/money/taxes/aarp-taxaide/locations/ to find a location near you and schedule an appointment.

Altar Flowers Sign-Up

Help beautify our sanctuary by providing altar flowers in honor of a loved one, in celebration of a special occasion, or as an expression of thanksgiving. Your dedication will be listed in the Sunday bulletin.

Please note: Traditionally, altar flowers are not offered during the season of Lent. Lenten arrangements may include bare branches and greenery or a desert motif. If a memorial is offered during Lent, no vibrant colors will be used, but we can add a few white, beige, or pale yellow flowers to honor the request.

The 2026 sign-up sheet is on the table in the Narthex.

Thank you for supporting this ministry of beauty and remembrance!

Trinity SMS Text Alerts

The recent severe winter weather is a perfect example of why we recommended that you sign up for our **Trinity SMS Text Alerts** so that you can receive important announcements, weather updates, and cancellations in a timely manner.

Sign up here:
https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/sl/SJT2M6M/TrinitySMSTextSignUp

Enter your **name**, check the **Text** option, add your **mobile number** & **email**, and click **Sign Up.** Reply **YES** to the confirmation text to finish.

Questions or need help?
Contact Kelley at 830-693-2822 or office@trinitymarblefalls.org

Let's stay informed and in touch!

Trinity Calendar

Want to know what's happening at Trinity? Check out the Trinity Calendar!

Visit https://www.trinitymarblefalls.org/ and click on the **Calendar** button to find all upcoming events and activities.

Or, simply scan the QR code on the back of the bulletin with the camera on your phone!

Check it out today and stay connected with our Trinity community!

This Week at Trinity

Sunday, February 15—Transfiguration & Food Pantry Sunday

8:15am Holy Eucharist Service
9:15am Adult Ed-Epiphany (week 3 of 3)
10:30am Holy Eucharist Service

Monday, February 16—Office Closed for President's Day

Tuesday, February 17

9:00 am Worship in the Courtyard (Morning Prayer)
12:00 pm Women's Book Study
4:00 pm Community Outreach Meeting **(*New Time-Feb. only)**
5:00 pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Wednesday, February 18—Ash Wednesday

9:00am Men's Bible Study
12:00pm Ash Wednesday Service
3:30pm Choir Practice
5:00pm Ash Wednesday Service

Thursday, February 19

9:00am Tax-Aide **(** in Parish Hall & PH Classroom)**
9:00am EfM **(**in Office Classroom)**

Next Week at Trinity

Sunday, February 22—Lent Begins & 4th Sunday Ministry

8:15am Holy Eucharist Service
9:15am Adult Ed in Lent—*Exploring the Sermon on the Mount*
10:30am Holy Eucharist Service
2:30pm 4th Sunday Ministry at Gateway Gardens

Tuesday, February 24

9:00 am Worship in the Courtyard (Morning Prayer)

Wednesday, February 25

9:00am Men's Bible Study
3:30pm Choral Clinic w/ Addie Scott
5:30pm Lenten Soup Supper

Thursday, February 26

9:00am Tax-Aide **(** in Parish Hall & PH Classroom)**
9:00am EfM **(**in Office Classroom)**

Friday, February 27 through Saturday, February 28

8:00am—4:00pm 177th Diocesan Council, The Woodlands, TX

Looking Ahead

February 22 through March 22—Lent
Feb 25—Mar 25—Wed. Evening Lenten Soup Suppers (except 3/18)
March 29—Passion/Palm Sunday & 5th Sunday Ministry
April 2—Maundy Thursday
April 3—Good Friday
April 4—Holy Saturday
April 5—Easter Sunday
April 6—Easter Monday—Office Closed

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