



THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

February 15, 2026

Today's festival is a bridge between the Advent-Christmas-Epiphany cycle that comes to a close today and the Lent-Easter cycle that begins on Ash Wednesday. On the Mount of Transfiguration, Jesus of Nazareth is revealed as God's beloved Son, echoing the words at his baptism. This vision of glory sustains us as Jesus faces his impending death in Jerusalem.

Prelude

*Echoes
Quietude
Carillon Celebration*

Bill Ingram
Kurt Meyer
Douglas Wagner

ENTRANCE RITE

Hymn

How Good, Lord, to Be Here!

1 How good, Lord, to be here! Your glo - ry fills the night;
2 How good, Lord, to be here, your beau - ty to be - hold
3 Ful - fill - er of the past and hope of things to be,
4 Be - fore we taste of death, we see your king - dom come;
5 How good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not re - main;

your face and gar - ments, like the sun, shine with un - bor - rowed light.
where Mo - ses and E - li - jah stand, your mes - sen - gers of old.
we hail your bod - y glo - ri - fied and our re - demp - tion see.
we long to hold the vi - sion bright and make this hill our home.
but since you bid us leave the mount, come with us to the plain.

Text: Joseph A. Robinson, 1858–1933, alt.
Music: POTSDAM, W. Mercer, *The Church Psalter and Hymn Book*, 1854

Apostolic Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

Kyrie

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

P: 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.



Lord, have mer - cy.

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



A - men

Hymn of Praise



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. I Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was
slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. II Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and

strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

¶ This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al- le - lu - ia,

al- le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. ① Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and

join in the hymn of all cre- a - tion: Bless- ing, hon-or, glo - ry, and

might be to God and the Lamb for- ev - er. A - men.

¶ This is the feast of vic- to- ry for our God. Al- le - lu - ia,

al- le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. ② For the Lamb who was

slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

¶ 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 Prayer of the Day

¶ The Lord be with you. ③ And al - so with you.

P: Let us pray.

ALL: O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reception of New Members

First Lesson - Exodus 24:12-18

At Mount Sinai, Moses experienced the presence of God for forty days and forty nights. The "glory of the Lord" settled on the mountain and on the seventh day God called out to Moses. On the mountain, God gave Moses the stone tablets inscribed with the ten commandments.

¹²The 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." ¹³So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. ¹⁴To 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." ¹⁵Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶The 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. ¹⁷Now 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. ¹⁸Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 2

(sung in unison)

The Lord gives universal dominion to his king. This is a royal psalm composed for a coronation.

Why are the nations ¹in an uproar?* Why do the peoples mutter ¹empty threats?

**²Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and the princes ¹plot together,*
against the LORD and against ¹his anointed?**

³"Let us break their ¹yoke," they say;*

"let us cast off their ¹bonds from us."

**⁴He whose throne is in heav- ¹en is laughing;*
the LORD has them ¹in derision.**

⁵Then he speaks to them ¹in his wrath,*

and his rage fills ¹them with terror.

⁶"I myself have ¹set my king* upon my holy ¹hill of Zion."

⁷Let me announce the decree ¹of the LORD:*

He said to me, "You are my son; this day have I be- ¹gotten you.

**⁸Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for ¹your inheritance*
and the ends of the earth for ¹your possession.**

**⁹You shall crush them with an ¹iron rod*
and shatter them like a ¹piece of pottery."**

¹⁰And now, you ¹kings, be wise;* be warned, you rulers ¹of the earth.

¹¹Submit to the ¹LORD with fear;*

and with trembling ¹bow before him;

**¹²lest he be angry, ¹and you perish;*
for his wrath is ¹quickly kindled.**

**¹³Happy ¹are they all*
who take ref- ¹uge in him.**

Second Lesson - 2 Peter 1:16–21

In the parable of the transfiguration, God's voice was heard, declaring Jesus of Nazareth to be the beloved Son. By the activity of the Holy Spirit, God's voice continues to be heard through the word of scripture.

¹⁶We 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. ¹⁷For 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." ¹⁸We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. ¹⁹So 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. ²⁰First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, ²¹because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Alleluia 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.



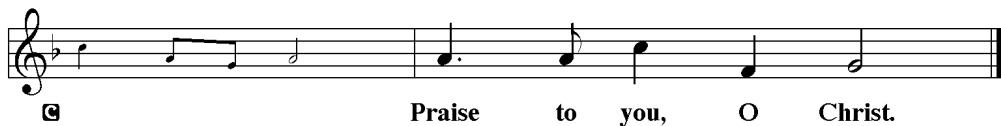
C Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

The gospel writer tells the parable of the transfiguration in which Jesus of Nazareth, before he travels to Jerusalem, is revealed in divine glory to his disciples in a mountaintop experience.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John 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 dazzling white. ³Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴Then 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." ⁵While 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!" ⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." ⁸And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. ⁹As 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."



P: The Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to you, O Christ.

silence for reflection

Hymn

Oh, Wondrous Type! Oh, Vision Fair

1 Oh, won - drous type! Oh, vi - sion fair
 2 With Mo - ses and E - li - jah nigh
 3 With shin - ing face and bright ar - ray,
 4 And faith - ful hearts are raised on high
 5 O Fa - ther, with the e - ter - nal Son

of glo - ry that the church may share,
 the in - car - nate Lord holds con - verse high;
 Christ deigns to man i - fest to - day
 by this great vi - sion's mys - ter - y;
 and Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er one,

which Christ up - on the moun - tain shows,
 and from the cloud, Ho - ly One
 what glo - ry shall be above
 for which in joy - ful theirs a - bove
 we pray you, bring us strains we raise
 grace

where bright - er than the sun - he glows!
 bears rec - ord to the on - ly Son.
 who joy in God with the per - fect love.
 the voice of prayer, - the hymn of praise.
 to see your glo - ry face to face.

Text: Sarum, 15th cent.; tr. John M. Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
 Music: DEO GRACIAS, English, 15th cent.

The Creed

P: Using the words of our ancestors in the faith as expressed in the Apostles' Creed, we proclaim the triune God whom we believe:

C: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
 He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.
 He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
 He descended into hell.
 On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

The Prayers

A: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

A: Revealing God, your Spirit sustains the Church. Strengthen the faithful with the revelation of the Christ transfigured, that we may joyfully follow him in the way of the cross. Merciful God,
C: receive our prayer.

A: Life-giving God, creation is full of your majesty. Nurture in us a deep respect for the interdependence of all life, and make us wise and vigilant stewards of your good earth. Merciful God,
C: receive our prayer.

A: Peacemaking God, the nations are in turmoil. We pray for an end to violent conflict. Give wisdom to negotiators and sanctuary to refugees. Help us protect those who are in danger. Merciful God,
C: receive our prayer.

A: Healing God, you desire wholeness for all people. Bring healing to any who are experiencing illness, chronic pain, or mental anguish. Comfort the dying and those who grieve. Merciful God,
C: receive our prayer.

A: Holy God, in our worship we glimpse your glory, hear your voice, and receive assurance of your love. Inspire all who prepare, lead, and participate in worship to serve you with reverence and joy. Merciful God,
C: receive our prayer.

A: Transforming God, you bring life from death. We give thanks for the witness of those who have died in faith, and we praise you for the hope we have in Jesus the Christ, our Morning Star. Merciful God,
C: receive our prayer.

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen

LITURGY OF THE MEAL

The Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

Offering

Offertory Anthem

O Light of Light

Richard Shephard
(1949-2021)

*O Light of light, Love given birth; Jesus, Redeemer of the earth;
more bright than day your face did show, your raiment whiter than the snow.*

*Two prophets, who had faith to see, with your elect found company,
the heavens above your glory named, the Father's voice his Son proclaimed.*

*May all who seek to praise aright through purer lives show forth your light.
To you, the King of glory, now all faithful hearts adoring bow.*

(text: Laurence Housman)

Eunice Choi, soprano

Offertory

Let the vine - yards be fruit- ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath- er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

Offertory Prayer

A: Let us pray. Merciful Father,

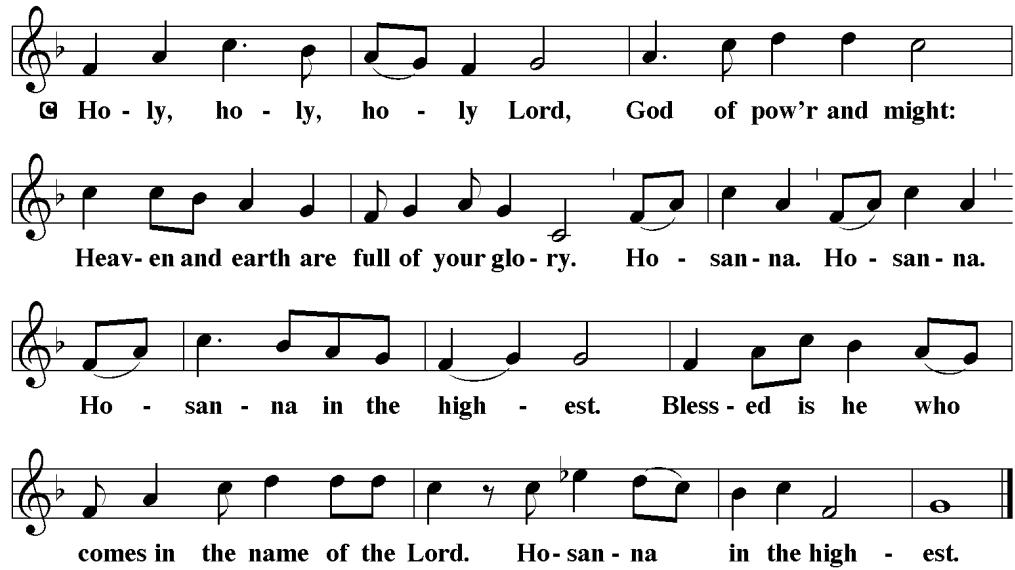
ALL: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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 him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

Sanctus



© 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.

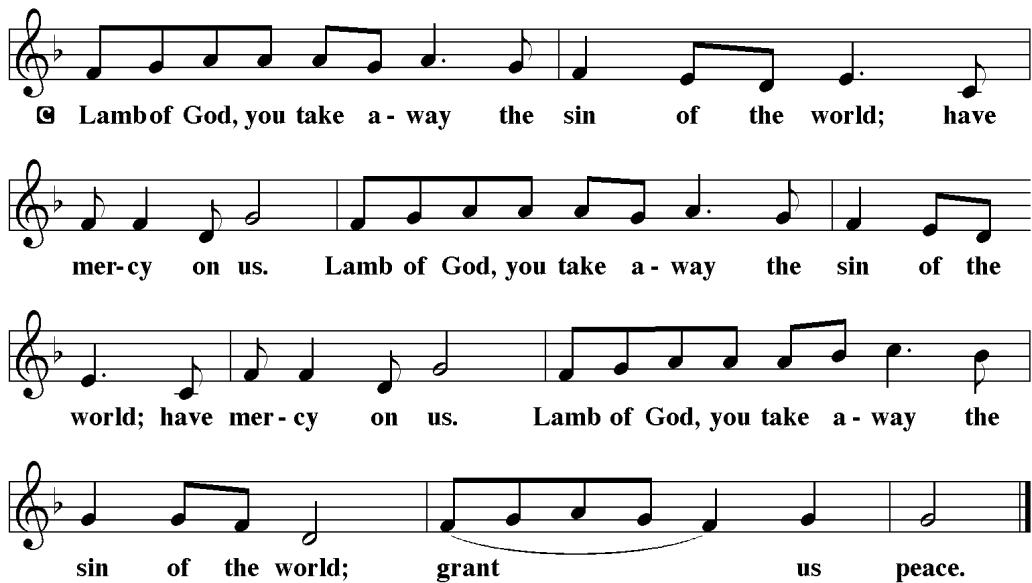
Eucharistic Prayer

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

Communion with our Risen Lord

Agnus Dei



© Lam 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.

Hymns

Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness



1 Soul, a - don your-self with glad-ness, leave the gloom-y haunts of sad-ness,
2 Has - ten as a bride to meet him, ea - ger - ly and glad - ly greet him.
3 Now in faith I hum-bly pon - der o - ver this sur-pass-ing won-der
4 Je - sus, source of last-ing plea-sure, tru - est friend, and dear - est trea-sure,



come in - to the day-light's splen-dor, there with joy your prais-es ren - der.
There he stands al-read - y knock-ing; quick - ly, now, your gate un-lock - ing,
that the bread of life is bound-less though the souls it feeds are count-less;
peace be - yond all un - der - stand-ing, joy in - to all life ex-pand-ing:



Bless the one whose grace un-bound-ed this a - maz - ing ban-quet found-ed;
o - pen wide the fast-closed por - tal, say - ing to the Lord im - mor - tal:
with the choic - est wine of heav - en Christ's own blood to us is giv - en.
hum - bly now, I bow be - fore you, love in - car - nate, I a - dore you;



he, though heav'n-ly, high, and ho - ly, deigns to dwell with you most low - ly.
"Come, and leave your loved one nev - er; dwell with-in my heart for - ev - er."
Oh, most glo-ri-ous con - so-la - tion, pledge and seal of my sal - va-tion.
wor - thi - ly let me re - ceive you, and, so fa-vored, nev - er leave you.

Text: Johann Franck, 1618–1677; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*, 1978
Music: SCHMÜCKE DICH, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

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Beautiful Savior



1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,



Son of God and Son bloom - ing Man!
robbed in flow'rs of stars on spring;
bright the spar - kling Son of high;
Son of God and Son of Man!

Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,
 light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
 than all the an - gels in the sky.
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904
 Music: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.

Post-Communion Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: **Amen**

Post-Communion Canticle

C Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev- 'ry-one what he has done.
 Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proudly 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 Prayer

A: Let us pray.

Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen**

Benediction

P Almighty God, Father, + Son,
 and Holy Spirit, bless you now . . . and for - ever.
 C A - men

Hymn

Alleluia, Song of Gladness



1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of glad - ness, voice of joy that can - not die;
2 Al - le - lu - ia you are sound - ing, true Je - ru - sa - lem and free;
3 Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways be our song while here be - low;
4 In our hymns we pray with long - ing: Grant us, bless-ed Trin - i - ty,



al - le - lu - ia is the an - them ev - er dear to choirs on high;
al - le - lu - ia, joy - ful moth-er, bring us to your ju - bi - lee;
al - le - lu - ia our trans-gres-sions make us for a while for - go;
at the last to keep glad Eas - ter with the faith-ful saints on high;



in the house of God a - bid - ing thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly.
here by Bab - y - lon's sad wa - ters mourn-ing ex - iles still are we.
for the sol - emn time is com - ing when our tears for sin shall flow.
there to you for - ev - er sing-ing al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly.

Text: Latin hymn, 11th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt.
Music: PRAISE, MY SOUL, John Goss, 1800-1880

Dismissal

A: Our service now begins. Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Finale, from Symphonie II

Charles-Marie Widor
(1844-1937)



The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Jenifer and David Massie and family
in honor of Charles Alty.

The candles are given to the glory of God by Sally and Jeff Schneider
in honor of Sally's birthday.

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

Sunday, February 15	8:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion 9:30 a.m. Sunday Church School 10:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion with Livestream via YouTube 11:30 a.m. Mardi Gras Jazz Brunch 4:00 p.m. Mission Trip Youth 5:00 p.m. Thomas Mass 6:00 p.m. Third Sunday Program
Monday, February 16	9:00 a.m. Strength and Balance Exercise Class 9:30 a.m. Chair Yoga Class 7:00 p.m. Connecting with God (via Zoom) - <i>Know God - Know Self</i>
Tuesday, February 17	1:00 p.m. Bible Study - <i>1 John</i> 5:40 p.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Table Talk - <i>The Nicene Creed at 1,700 Years</i>
Ash Wednesday, February 18	12:10 p.m. Service of Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes 5:30 p.m. Service of Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes 7:00 p.m. Service of Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes 7:45 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, February 19	9:00 a.m. Parish Nurse in office (until 10:00 a.m.) 11:00 a.m. Discussion Group - <i>Living the Questions</i>
Friday, February 20	7:00 a.m. Breakfast Series - <i>The Bible With and Without Jesus</i> 8:00 a.m. Matins 9:00 a.m. Strength and Balance Exercise Class 9:30 a.m. Chair Yoga Class 11:00 a.m. Book Discussion Group - <i>The Four Vision Quests of Jesus</i>
Sunday, February 22	8:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion 9:30 a.m. Sunday Church School 10:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion with Livestream via YouTube 2:00 p.m. Pastor's Information Class 4:00 p.m. Junior and Senior Youth (grades six - twelve) 6:00 p.m. Confirmation Class (grades six - eight)

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