

February 11, 2024
THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD



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Mark 9:2–4, 7

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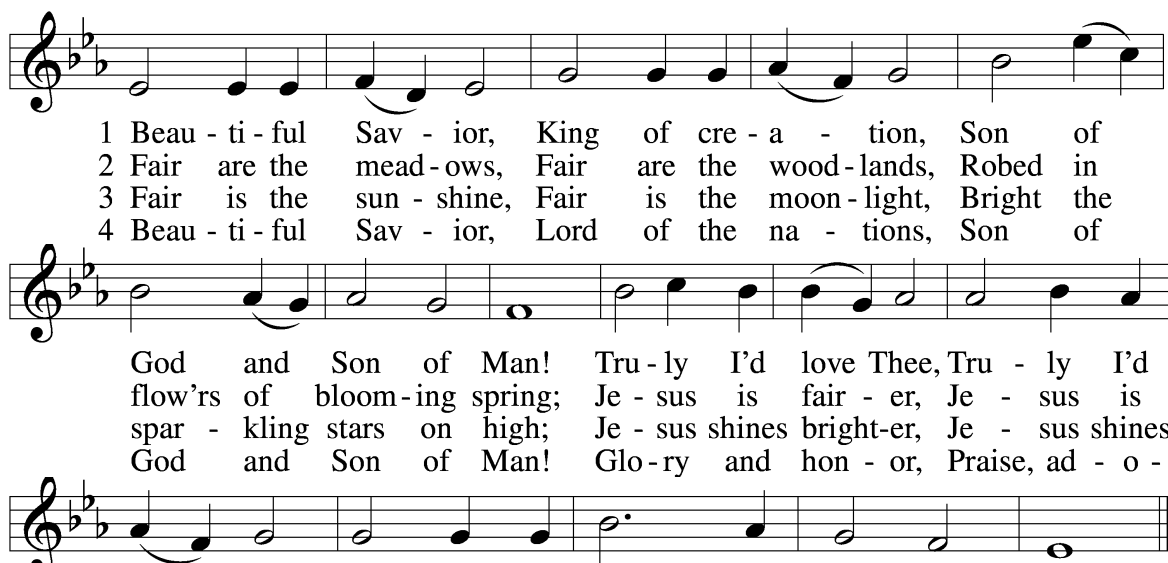
AS WE GATHER

Welcome to Trinity Lutheran! The light of Christ is no mere metaphor. Christ is our light and He shines with the brightness of the one true light. Where the world lives in the darkness of doubt, Christ brings confidence to approach the throne of grace. Where the world lives in the faded glory of our aspirations and dreams, Christ's light of forgiveness and hope never fades. Where the world imagines a future, Christ's light shines on a new and everlasting tomorrow. As Christ shone with His light, so do we shine with the borrowed light of our Savior that those living in darkness and in the shadow of death might be shown the way.

HYMN

"Beautiful Savior"

LSB 537



1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion, Son of
2 Fair are the mead - ows, Fair are the wood - lands, Robed in
3 Fair is the sun - shine, Fair is the moon - light, Bright the
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions, Son of
God and Son of Man! Tru - ly I'd love Thee, Tru - ly I'd
flow'rs of bloom - ing spring; Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is
spar - kling stars on high; Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines
God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, Praise, ad - o -
serve Thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
pur - er, He makes our sor - r'wing spir - it sing.
pur - er Than all the an - gels in the sky.
ra - tion Now and for - ev - er - more be Thine!

INVOCATION *(stand)*

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Psalm 99:4, 9

Pastor: The King in His might loves justice.

People: **You have established equity; You have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.**

Pastor: Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at His holy mountain;

People: **for the LORD our God is holy!**

Silence for reflection.

Pastor: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. We flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: **O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Pastor: Almighty God has had mercy upon you and has given His only Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. In the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I, a called and ordained servant of the Word, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. He who began this good work within you will bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: **Amen.**

☩ WORD ☩

INTROIT *Psalm 80:1, 8a, 9b, 7; antiphon: v. 3*

Pastor: Exalt the LORD our God,
People: and worship at his holy mountain; for the LORD our God is holy!

Pastor: The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble!
People: He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

Pastor: The LORD is great in Zion;
People: he is exalted over all the peoples.

Pastor: Let them praise your great and awesome name!
People: Holy is he!

Pastor: The King in his might loves justice.
People: You have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

Pastor: Exalt the LORD our God;
People: worship at his footstool! Holy is he!

Pastor: Exalt the LORD our God,
People: and worship at his holy mountain; for the LORD our God is holy!

KYRIE

"Kyrie — II"

LSB 944

1 Lord, _____ have mer - cy. Lord, _____ have mer - cy.
2 Christ, _____ have mer - cy. Christ, _____ have mer - cy.
3 Lord, _____ have mer - cy. Lord, _____ have mer - cy.
Lord, _____ have mer - cy. Lord, _____ have mer - cy.
Christ, _____ have mer - cy. Christ, _____ have mer - cy.
Lord, _____ have mer - cy. Lord, _____ have mer - cy.

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HYMN OF PRAISE

"Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory"

LSB 416

1 Swift - ly pass the clouds of glo-ry, Heav-en's voice, the daz-zling light;
2 Glimpsed and gone the rev - e - la-tion, They shall gain and keep its truth,
3 Lord, trans - fig - ure our per-ception With the pur - est light that shines,
Mo-ses and E - li - jah van - ish; Christ a - lone com - mands the height!
Not by build - ing on the moun-tain An - y shrine or sa - cred booth,
And re - cast our life's in - ten - tions To the shape of Your de - signs,
Pe - ter, James, and John fall si - lent, Turn - ing from the sum-mit's rise
But by fol - low - ing the Sav - ior Through the val - ley to the cross
Till we seek no oth - er glo - ry Than what lies past Cal - v'ry's hill
Down-ward toward the shad-owed val-ley Where their Lord has fixed His eyes.
And by test - ing faith's re - sil - ience Through be - tray - al, pain, and loss.
And our liv - ing and our dy - ing And our ris - ing by Your will.

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SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

O Lord, our God, You shone Your love to us through Your Son and in His light is our hope and joy. Take us up to the mountain of His brightness that when we descend in the valleys of our lives, His light may remain

upon us to guide our way. Grant that we may receive the testimony of Moses and Elijah fulfilled in Christ and make known Christ's light to the world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING (sit)

2 Kings 2:1–12

¹When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ²And Elijah said to Elisha, "Please stay here, for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. ³And the sons of the prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take away your master from over you?" And he said, "Yes, I know it; keep quiet." ⁴Elijah said to him, "Elisha, please stay here, for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. ⁵The sons of the prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take away your master from over you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know it; keep quiet." ⁶Then Elijah said to him, "Please stay here, for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. ⁷Fifty men of the sons of the prophets also went and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸Then Elijah took his cloak and rolled it up and struck the water, and the water was parted to the one side and to the other, till the two of them could go over on dry ground. ⁹When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Ask what I shall do for you, before I am taken from you." And Elisha said, "Please let there be a double portion of your spirit on me." ¹⁰And he said, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it shall be so for you, but if you do not see me, it shall not be so." ¹¹And as they still went on and talked, behold, chariots of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them. And Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. ¹²And Elisha saw it and he cried, "My father, my father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" And he saw him no more.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

2 Corinthians 3:12–18; 4:1–6

¹²Since we have such a hope, we are very bold, ¹³not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face so that the Israelites might not gaze at the outcome of what was being brought to an end. ¹⁴But their minds were hardened. For to this day, when they read the old covenant, that same veil remains unlifted, because only through Christ is it taken away. ¹⁵Yes, to this day whenever Moses is read a veil lies over their hearts. ¹⁶But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. ¹⁷Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being

transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit. ¹Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. ²But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. ³And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled only to those who are perishing. ⁴In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord. **People:** Thanks be to God.

HYMN (*stand*)

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

LSB 411, vs. 1



I want to walk as a child of the light.

I want to fol - low Je - sus.

God set the stars to give light to the world.

The star of my life is Je - sus.

Refrain

In Him there is no dark - ness at all.

The night and the day are both a - like.

The Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God.

Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 9th chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 9:2–9

²After six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. ⁵And Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah.” ⁶For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, “This is my beloved Son; listen to him.” ⁸And suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them but Jesus only. ⁹And as they were coming down the mountain, he charged them to tell no one what they had seen, until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **People: Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY (*sit*)

“I Stand In Awe”

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SERMON

(John 1:1-9)

Apostles' Creed (*stand*)

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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

For the eyes to see, ears to hear, and faith to believe Christ is the glory of the Father who has accomplished salvation by fulfilling the Law and the prophets for us; Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: For the Church, where the glory of God shines through the voice of His Word and by the sacraments of Christ, and for our life together in the unity of this Word believed and this Gospel proclaimed; Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: For the pastors who preach the glory of the cross and the church workers who serve us in Christ's name and for those preparing for church work; Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: For the faded glory of the world, of nations in conflict, of the victims of violence and hate, and of the inequities of our broken world and for those who serve us on every level of government; Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: For those afflicted in mind or body, those bearing the pain of grief or loss, and *especially Carmen, Carol, Susan, Teresa, and Nita* for comfort, peace, healing, and faith to sustain them in their trouble; Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: For each of us that we may shine with the borrowed light of Christ, displaying in words and works the love that Christ has manifested toward us; Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: For our wisdom in the face of falsehood, our strength in the face of temptation, and our courage in the face of threat and persecution; Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: For faithful worship where Christ and His gifts are the center of why we gather and all we do and for grace to receive His gifts with faith and repentance; Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Peace be with you.

People: And also with you.

The congregation may greet one another in peace.

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9–13*

People: 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.

OFFERING

(God continually provides for us. Our giving should reflect our heartfelt cheerfulness that trusts in God. As your faith guides you, let your offering of all your gifts – time, talents, resources – enable us to move forward in the mission Christ has given us.) Rom. 12:1; 2 Cor. 8:1-9, 12; 2 Cor. 9:6-8

BENEDICTION

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN “Alleluia, Song of Gladness” *LSB 417*



1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of glad - ness, Voice of joy that
2 Al - le - lu - ia, thou re - sound - est, True Je - ru - sa -
3 Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways Be our song while
4 There - fore in our hymns we pray Thee, Grant us, bless - ed

can - not die; Al - le - lu - ia is the an - them
lem and free; Al - le - lu - ia, joy - ful moth - er,
here be - low; Al - le - lu - ia, our trans - gres - sions
Trin - i - ty, At the last to keep Thine Eas - ter

Ev - er raised by choirs on high; In the house of
All thy chil - dren sing with thee, But by Bab - y -
Make us for a while for - go; For the sol - emn
With Thy faith - ful saints on high; There to Thee for -

God a - bid - ing Thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly.
lon's sad wa - ters Mourn - ing ex - iles now are we.
time is com - ing When our tears for sin must flow.
ev - er sing - ing Al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly.

Creative Worship for the Lutheran Parish, Series B, Quarter 1.

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IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK,

We pray to our merciful Heavenly Father for:

- ✝ **Healing for all those who are experiencing health issues:** Carmen (Loli Bohling's sister), Carol Bogle (Randy Bogle's mother), Susan Bohling, Teresa Groth, Nita Whitney and all those in need.
- ✝ **Encouragement, strengthened faith and healing for those with long-term illnesses:** Delta Boden, Marshall Clark (Jim & Sharon's grandson), Glen Hogue, Lynn LaBalle, Melissa Pierpoint, Chris Schlichtman (Vicki Ackerman's brother), Joni Scotter (Rich Scotter's mother), Emily Sheets (Jim & Lori Parrish's niece), Gary Spear, David Stelling, PJ Vercauteren (Brad & Merri Johnson's son-in-law), Elta Whitney and Jim Whitney

THOSE CELEBRATING SPECIAL DAYS THIS WEEK:

Birthdays: 2/12: Joshua Barker; 2/15: Jack Humphrey; 2/17: JR Chaney, Danielle Gauchat, Vivian Oestmann

Baptisms: 2/12: Gary Maddox; 2/13: Lisa Rippe; 2/16: Karen Joy; 2/17: Richard Tanderup

Anniversaries: none this week

SUN – 2/11	MON – 2/12	TUE – 2/13	WED – 2/14	THU – 2/15	FRI – 2/16	SAT – 2/17	SUN – 2/18
9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Adult & Children's Sunday School	10:00 AM Bible Study & Prayer 6:30 PM Bd of Elders Meeting	 6:30 PM Bible Study & Prayer	Ash Wednesday 5:30 – 6:30 PM * Lenten Meal <i>(tentatively scheduled)</i> 6:00 – 6:45 PM Confirmation 6:15 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM Ash Wed. Worship		 6:30 - 8:30 PM Game Night	9:00 AM <i>Trustees tentative as needed</i>	9:00 AM Worship with Holy Communion 10:00 AM Adult & Children's Sunday School

THE GOSPEL AT WORK

Christ's Servants:

Organist . Sandy Wilson
 Pianist Vicki Ackerman

Our Thankful Response to Christ's Love:

Worship attendance.....54
 Sunday School attendance
 Adult21
 Children/Youth4/2
 Weekday Bible Study13

Lessons for next Sunday: Joel 2:12-19; 2 Cor. 5:20b-6:10; Matt. 6:1-6, 16-21

Weekday Bible Study:

Lessons for discussion 2/12 or 2/13 (Week 6): Exodus 5:1-13:22

Lessons for discussion 2/19 or 2/20 (Week 7): Exodus 14:1-22:31

Congregational Governance Committee: a group has been formed to update and revise the constitution and by-laws of Trinity Lutheran Church. The ideas that are currently being considered are having fewer boards, and recruiting volunteers for short-term commitments to individual activities. Before any revisions are finalized, the final results will be taken to the Voters Board for approval and then forwarded to the district for approval. The committee welcomes all feedback, comments, and concerns as we move through the process. Brad Johnson (Chair), John Ackerman, Brent Berg, Sarah Bogdanoff, Paul Hinrichs, Judith Ruskamp

Reminder: Please be sure to check your “Spam/Junk” email folders periodically to see if messages from Trinity are being routed there instead of to your Inbox. You can help prevent this by clicking on the ‘accept mail from this user’ type of option in your email application, or by adding Trinity Lutheran Church into your contact address book. Your email application may also have other suggestions to eliminate the misrouting of your mail.

Announcements February 11, 2024
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Choir Rehearsal: Wednesday, February 14 at 6:15PM.

Lenten Meal Sign-up sheets are available on the table in the narthex. Please consider this wonderful way for your Board, family or group to offer fellowship and nourishment before our midweek worship!

Lutheran Witness Subscriptions/renewals are due by March 31st. The renewal fee is \$20.65 for the coming 2024-2025 twelve month subscription. Please see Jim Parrish to continue or to start your order for *Lutheran Witness*.

Thrivent clients - Don't forget to direct 2023 Choice Dollars[®] prior to March 29! If you're an eligible Thrivent client and have Choice Dollars available to direct, please keep our church in mind. For more info or to direct Choice Dollars, visit à **thrivent.com/thriventchoice** , or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" at the prompt, or contact your Thrivent financial advisor - Crystal Neihoff or Glenna Bohling at (402) 269-3003.

The 2025 LCMS National Youth Gathering (NYG) will be held in New Orleans, 19-23JUL25. Trinity Youth Families should have received a letter with initial information, but if you are missing it or have questions, please don't hesitate to reach out. There is also a lot of info on the NYG website (<https://www.lcmsgathering.com/about> [lcmmsgathering.com]). Please get a hold of Sarah Bogdanoff (sarah.e.bogdanoff@gmail.com, text/call (619)993-1120, mailbox, whatever works) to make sure she knows if you are interested. If you are aware of any non-Trinity Youth that may be interested but don't have a home congregation going, it may not be out of the question to have them come with us - let Sarah know, so that it can be discussed.

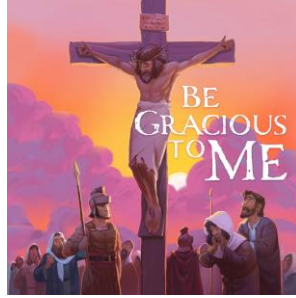
Y4Life Summit, February 16-18, 2024: Please see the flyers on the narthex table for the youth summit to be hosted at Concordia University, Nebraska. This gathering is open to high school and college students (free!), and includes opportunities for education, worship, celebration, and service. There's also info as to how we can all collect and donate materials for homeless kits.

Preschool Materials Available: A number of preschool toys, books and miscellaneous items are available in the former Preschool area for members to take. If you have any questions, please contact Board of Education chair Raedeahna Gerdes.

Bible Study Opportunity Grows! Adult Sunday School Class: We are now studying the parables of Jesus. Materials are available.

Monday Mornings and Tuesday evenings: We've begun a 2 year read through of the entire Bible using the Today's Light Devotional Bible. We meet Mondays at 10:00 a.m. and Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the previous week's readings.

Lent Begins This Week



Lent 2024: BE GRACIOUS TO ME No Old Testament saint attests to God's grace quite like King David. Raised from the sheepfold to the throne of the house of Israel; raised again (and again, and again) from sin. How has God's grace raised you? Maybe you've seen improvements in your finances, family strife has been quieted, you've shaken off a bad illness, a bad habit, or a bad influence? If so, rejoice and thank God for His grace and favor! But if you feel like you're sinking instead of rising, what then? Is there any comfort for the saint of God who looks around to find that "the waters have come up to my neck"? You have a sure hope! Do not look for hope in your experiences or your emotions. Faith offers a better vision: God *will* raise you up. He has raised you already in Holy Baptism. Lent is the ideal time to meditate on David's ordeals and your secure position in Christ. Psalm 41 provides the ideal guide to your meditation. The Lord delivers you; protects you and keeps you alive. Know the Lord's suffering, death, and Word. As surely as the Lenten journey ascends to the victory of Easter, you shall be raised up.

Wednesday, February 14, Ash Wednesday: Psalm 41:1-2, 'Mutual Consideration'

Wednesday, February 21, Midweek 1: Psalm 41:3, 'Sustained In Sickness'

Wednesday, February 28, Midweek 2: Psalm 41:4, 'I Have Sinned'

Wednesday, March 6, Midweek 3: Psalm 41:5, 'Soon and Never'

Wednesday, March 13, Midweek 4: Psalm 41:6, 'Empty Words'

Wednesday, March 20, Midweek 5: Psalm 41:7-8, 'Vindication'

Sunday, March 24, Palm Sunday: John 12:20-43

Thursday, March 28, Maundy Thursday: Psalm 41:9, 'My Close Friend'

Friday, March 29, Good Friday: Psalm 41:10, 'Be Gracious to Me'

Sunday, March 31, EASTER: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11