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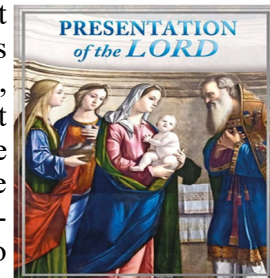
FEBRUARY 2026

ISSUE 2

My Notes



Welcome to February, the shortest month of the year! Just last month we jumped from Christmas to Epiphany revealing the Messiah to the world and seeing some of Jesus could miraculously do. In the beginning of February, Jesus is still a baby - only 40 days old! The Presentation of Our Lord is celebrated on February 2nd, 40 days after Christmas, also known as Candlemas. It is significant because this event commemorates Jesus' dedication to God and His public revelation as a light to the nations. In its liturgical tradition, the Lutheran Church, along with many other Christian denominations, observes this event as a significant moment in the life of Jesus Christ. At the temple, we see two prophetic figures, Simeon and Anna, elderly figures in the temple, that recognized Jesus as the Messiah. Fulfilling Old Testament mosaic Law, Mary and Joseph offered two turtledoves or two young pigeons as a sin offering fulfilling the Mosaic Law. February is unique, because with Epiphany, we are nearing the end of everything we can see that is show to us - if I may- we are nearing the final Epiphany of Christ. It happened before Jesus was crucified. From Luther's Perspective: Luther's use of the Transfiguration to teach the hope we have in the resurrection of the body is a



testament to the glory of Christ's resurrection and the future brightness of our bodies. The appearance of Moses and Elijah with Jesus on the Mount of Transfiguration signifies the hope of another life beyond the earthly life. St. Peter, after the resurrection, assured the disciples that they heard the voice of God the Father saying about Jesus, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased" The Transfiguration of our Lord is an apt portion of Scripture to consider before Lent begins since we get a sneak-peek at the resurrection before we head into the season of repentance that leads to Easter. Let Luther's treatment give you hope in the midst of Lent, reminding you of Christ's



resurrection and your own. Most of us in the Lutheran church know the term "Fat Tuesday" unless you speak French...then you know Fat Tuesday as Mardi Gras. It is the final day before the season of Lent begins. Many other Lutherans also know this day as "Shrove" Tuesday. The term "Shrove" comes from the old English word "shriven," meaning to be absolved of sins through confession and repentance. Many Lutherans (including us at Trinity!) celebrate Fat Tuesday, Shrove Tuesday, Mardi Gras, with pancake suppers, a tradition that dates back to medieval times when households used up rich ingredients like eggs,

butter, and sugar before the Lenten fast. It is a time for Christians to reflect on their lives, seek forgiveness, and prepare their hearts for the solemn season of Lent. The very next day after Fat Tuesday,

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday. Ashes remind us of God's condemnation of sin, as God said to Adam, "Dust you are and to dust you shall return" (Genesis 3:19). Ashes suggest cleansing and renewal. We receive ashes in the form of the cross, the same symbol placed on our bodies with water in our baptism. Ashes remind us of the shortness of human life, for it is said as we are buried into the ground, "We commit this body to the ground; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust-to-dust." Ashes are a symbol of our need to repent, confess our sins, and return to God.



The season of Lent is 40 days long – an homage to the 40 days and 40 nights that Jesus spent fasting and being tempted in the wilderness at the beginning of this ministry. In that same spirit, Lent has become a season of reflection, fasting, penance, a time to repent and hopefully grow into closer relationship with God. It's a season that is intentionally solemn and somber, where we prepare our hearts and minds for the events of Holy Week. We may not say Alleluia during Lent, and yet, at the same time, we also teach that every Sunday throughout the entire year is a reminder of the joy and hope of the resurrection – every Sunday is like a mini-Easter. Which is why the powers that be decided long ago not to count the Sundays as being part of that 40-day total. That being said, my dear brothers and sisters in Christ, have a blessed February in our solemn, yet bright future.

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COMMUNITY/SERVICE, GROWTH/OUTREACH MINISTRY

PENNIES FOR PRESCRIPTIONS.....RX Program, get rid of your pennies, put in jar for prescriptions

Interfaith Outreach Services are still implementing this program for the elderly and for persons who can not afford to buy their medications. We have a jug to put change in on the counter in Fellowship Hall.

USED EYE GLASSES

Yes! We still do collect eye glasses and cases. Sunglasses are also needed. So don't throw your old ones away, recycle them and bring them to the church and put in the box for eye glasses. They will be delivered to Hayley's Eye Clinic

FOOD BASKETS.....

Food baskets go Wichita Falls Area Food Bank, Interfaith Outreach and Faith Mission, So lets fill the food baskets to the rim. Let's help stamp out hunger in our neighborhood.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Edward Percy Feb. 11

Katherine Smith Feb. 11

Laurie Mussachio Feb. 22

ANNIVERSARIES

Brad & Kathy Law Feb. 8



Welcome, visitor!

We are glad that you have chosen to walk with us today. And we hope that God will move you to share your spiritual journey with us.

Trinity Members in Assisted Living: Hildegard Snyder, James Bee-
gle, and Amber Ward. Cards sent to them would be appreciated.
Share a bit of joy with them.

Have you chosen your date on the Flower Chart to furnish flowers

LECTONARY LESSONS

February 1, 2026: Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Worship 10:15 a.m. Traditional Liturgy; Communion

Micah 6:1-8

Psalm 15

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Matthew 5:1-12 Jesus opens the Sermon on the Mount by naming those who are blessed in the reign of God.

February 8, 2026: Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Worship 10:15 a.m. Traditional Liturgy; Communion

Isaiah 58:1-12

Psalm 112:1-10

1 Corinthians 2:1-16

Matthew 5:13-20 In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus encourages his followers to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, doing good works and keeping God's commandments.

February 15, 2026: Transfiguration of Our Lord

Worship 10:15 a.m. Traditional Liturgy; Communion

Exodus 24:12-18

Psalm 2

2 Peter 1:16-21

Matthew 17:1-9 Shortly before he enters Jerusalem, where he will be crucified, Jesus is revealed to Peter, James,, and John in a mountaintop experience of divine glory called the transfiguration.

February 18, 2026: Ash Wednesday

Worship 6:00 p.m. Traditional Liturgy; Communion

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

Psalm 51:1-17

2 Corinthians 5:20-6:10

Matthew 6:1-6, 15-21 In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus commends almsgiving, prayer, and fasting, but emphasizes that spiritual devotion must not be done for show.

February 22, 2026: First Sunday in Lent




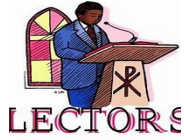
Worship 6:00 p.m. Traditional Liturgy; Communion

Genesis 2:15-17, 2:1-7

Psalm 32

Romans 5:12-19

Matthew 4:1-11 Jesus experiences anew the temptations that Isarel faced in the wilderness. As the Son of God, he endures the testing of the evil one.

February Volunteers	1	8	15	22
Tellers: Gary Pearce Cindy Pearce				
	Cindy Pearce	Cindy Pearce	Cindy Pearce	Cindy Pearce
				
	Gail Deason	Carol Jones		
	Susan Hrnccirik	Jeff Hams	Chris Bybee	David Deason

Valentine's Day, also called Saint Valentine's Day or the Feast of Saint Valentine, is celebrated annually on February 14. It originated as a Christian feast day honoring a martyr named Valentine, and through later folk traditions it has also become a significant cultural, religious, and commercial celebration of romance and love in many regions of the world. Saint Valentine's Day is not a public holiday in any country, although it is an official feast day in the Anglican Communion and the Lutheran Church.





Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 SS 9 am Worship 10:15 am	2	3	4 In Stitches 10 am	5 YL 6 pm	6	7
8 SS 9 am Worship 10:15 am	9 ASG 1 pm	10	11 In Stitches 10 am	12	13	14
15 SS 9 am Worship 10:15 am	16	17 Fat Tuesday IHOP 5:30 pm	18 In Stitches 10 am Ash Wed. 6 pm	19 YL 6 pm	20	21
22 SS 9 am Worship 10:15 am	23 ASG 1 pm	24	25 In Stitches 10 am FOC 1:30 pm	26	27	28

Congregational Meeting after Worship February 1