

# ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH



TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD  
FEBRUARY 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2016

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by Clara Hayes in Memory of her mother, Clara Phillips and the Klemash Family in Memory of Loved ones.
- **ETERNAL LIGHT** is given by Theresa & Paul Hayes in Memory of Beatrice Johnson.
- **BIBLE IN A YEAR** readings are available on our church's website and in your monthly Zion Newsletter. Join us as we read the Bible in a Year in 2016!
- **OPERATION STARS & STRIPES** is complete and the children will be assembling the bags today. Thank you to all that donated items.
- **YOUTH GROUP** will be going to FLIGHT right here in Bridgeville TODAY. The fun starts at 1:45 PM. Plan on having fun and bringing your friends!
- **SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY.** Wednesday's we will continue our study of Romans. Come and join us as we study the book of Romans together. The fun starts at 7:00pm.
- **CHURCH NURSERY:** Is available for kids age 0-2 during the 10:30 Service! The Nursery ("Little Lions") is open during the late service in the lower level of the building. (If you need help locating the nursery, please ask an Usher or Greeter for assistance.)
- **CHILDRENS CHOIR** is every Tuesday from 6:00 – 6:45 PM, Kids ages 7-12 are welcome!!
- **BELL CHOIR.** We are looking to expand our music ministry and need your help! We are in the process of establishing a hand bell choir here at Zion! **THE FIRST THING WE NEED TO DO IS BUY HANDBELLS. WHICH, AS YOU MIGHT IMAGINE, ARE NOT CHEAP.** If you would like to give to this ministry, please note on the MEMO LINE OF YOUR CHECK (OR, IF YOU ARE GIVING CASH, ON THE OFFERING ENVELOPE) that you would like to give to the hand bell choir. Thank for you for support of the music ministry here at Zion! **AND STAY TUNED FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT OUR HANDBELL CHOIR!**
- **CHILDREN'S CHURCH** has now grown to two Sundays each month—and we need your help! Contact Alissa or the church office if you would like to learn more or volunteer to help out at Children's Church! (In between the sermon hymn and offering at the late service.)
- **ADULT CHOIR** rehearsals are Tuesdays from 7:00-8:00PM. We are looking to add to our numbers from last year! Do not worry if you can't attend regularly, we can work around just about any schedule!
- **NEED PRAYER?** Stephen Ministers and Elders will be available to pray with or for you following the Service in the Chancel area.
- **TODAY'S GOSPEL READING AND SERMON** will be posted to the ZLCB.org website later today. For an archive of older sermons, visit [www.zlcb.org/sermons](http://www.zlcb.org/sermons)

# Welcome to worship!

This Sunday is the last Sunday of the season of Epiphany, that season of the church year when we remember the many times in Scripture Jesus revealed who he is to us through signs, miracles, and even his teaching. The Gospel Reading for the last Sunday in Epiphany is traditionally one of the three Transfiguration passages (found in the Synoptic Gospels; Matthew, Mark and Luke). In fact, the Transfiguration is such an important event in the life of our Lord, that many churches name the last Sunday in Epiphany “Transfiguration Sunday.”

Fortunately for us, our Bible in a Year readings take us through the Israelite exodus from Egypt to Mt. Sinai, where God comes down and gives Moses the Torah. This scene, which makes up our Old Testament Lesson, actually foreshadows the Transfiguration in the New Testament. (Did all of that make sense?)

I hope that, in our time together this morning, you will see God’s grace in the experience of the Israelites encountering God from Mt. Sinai, and Jesus revealing his divine identity to Peter, James and John in the Gospel!

God bless your time in worship this morning!  
-Pastor Duncan

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**ZION EQUIPS, EDUCATES, AND ENCOURAGES BELIEVERS IN CHRIST, SENDING THEM INTO THE WORLD TO SHARE THE GOSPEL.**

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# The Divine Service

(Please take a moment to fill out the Attendance books, located at either end of the pew. If you are visiting us this morning and would like to be contacted by the church, please indicate so in the Attendance Book. We are glad you chose to worship at Zion this morning!)

## *Prelude*

## *Introduction to Worship and Announcements*

*Opening Hymn: Alleluia, Song of Gladness* 417

## *The Invocation*

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

People: Amen.

## *Confession of Sins*

Pastor: Brothers and sisters in Christ, as we come together to listen to God's Word read and proclaimed, and as we receive the body and blood of Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess our sins to God and one another, asking and imploring his grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**People: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we confess to you, and to each other, that we have sinned and have done what is evil in your sight in our thoughts, words and deeds. We ask that you, and those gathered here this morning, would deal with us gently and in love. Remove our sins from us as far as the east is from the west and allow us the privilege of trusting in Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior and Lord. We ask this in his name. Amen.**

## *Absolution Spoken by the Pastor*

People: Amen.

**Refrain:**

*This is the feast of victory of our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

*Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.*

**[REFRAIN]**

*Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing and glory are His.*

**[REFRAIN]**

*Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:  
Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.*

**[REFRAIN]**

*For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.*

**[REFRAIN]**

**The Prayer of the Church**

(Please be seated)

**The Service of the Word**

**Old Testament Reading: Exodus 19:1-6,19:21-20:3**

On the third new moon after the people of Israel had gone out of the land of Egypt, on that day they came into the wilderness of Sinai. They set out from Rephidim and came into the wilderness of Sinai, and they encamped in the wilderness. There Israel encamped before the mountain, while Moses went up to God. The Lord called to him out of the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel: You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is

mine; and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel.”

And the Lord said to Moses, “Go down and warn the people, lest they break through to the Lord to look and many of them perish. Also let the priests who come near to the Lord consecrate themselves, lest the Lord break out against them.” And Moses said to the Lord, “The people cannot come up to Mount Sinai, for you yourself warned us, saying, ‘Set limits around the mountain and consecrate it.’” And the Lord said to him, “Go down, and come up bringing Aaron with you. But do not let the priests and the people break through to come up to the Lord, lest he break out against them.” So Moses went down to the people and told them.

And God spoke all these words, saying,  
“I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

“You shall have no other gods before me.”

### **New Testament Reading:**

### **Psalm 37:1-20**

Fret not yourself because of evildoers;

be not envious of wrongdoers!

For they will soon fade like the grass

and wither like the green herb.

Trust in the Lord, and do good;

dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness.

Delight yourself in the Lord,

and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Commit your way to the Lord;

trust in him, and he will act.

He will bring forth your righteousness as the light,  
and your justice as the noonday.

Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him;  
fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way,  
over the man who carries out evil devices!

Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath!

Fret not yourself; it tends only to evil.

For the evildoers shall be cut off,  
but those who wait for the Lord shall inherit the land.

In just a little while, the wicked will be no more;  
though you look carefully at his place, he will not be there.

But the meek shall inherit the land  
and delight themselves in abundant peace.

The wicked plots against the righteous  
and gnashes his teeth at him,

but the Lord laughs at the wicked,  
for he sees that his day is coming.

The wicked draw the sword and bend their bows  
to bring down the poor and needy,  
to slay those whose way is upright;  
their sword shall enter their own heart,  
and their bows shall be broken.

Better is the little that the righteous has  
than the abundance of many wicked.

For the arms of the wicked shall be broken,  
but the Lord upholds the righteous.

The Lord knows the days of the blameless,  
and their heritage will remain forever;

they are not put to shame in evil times;  
in the days of famine they have abundance.

But the wicked will perish;  
the enemies of the Lord are like the glory of the pastures;  
they vanish—like smoke they vanish away.

**Pastor:** In honor of our Lord Jesus Christ, we rise for the reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 17<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

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

**New Testament Reading: Matthew 17:1-13**

And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, 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 white as light. And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. And Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear." And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead." And the disciples asked him, "Then why do the scribes say that first Elijah must come?" He answered, "Elijah does come, and he will restore all things. But I tell you that Elijah has already come, and they did not recognize him, but did to him whatever they pleased. So also the Son of Man will certainly suffer at their hands."



Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to you, O Christ.**

(Please be seated)

***Sermon Hymn: What a Friend We Have in Jesus***

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***Sermon***

(Please stand)

***The Apostles' Creed***

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.

(Please be seated)

***Offertory – Reverence***

***(10:30 service)***

***The Collection of the Offering***

If you are visiting with us this morning, know that your presence here means far more to us than any gift of money you could make; please do not hesitate to let the plate pass you by.

(Please stand)

## **The Service of the Sacrament**

Pastor: As we prepare to receive the body and blood of Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us all together pray the prayer our Lord has given us to pray.

**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.**

### ***The Words of Institution***

**Pastor:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People:** And also with you.

### ***The Sharing of the Peace***

#### ***The Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)***

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*Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.*

(Please be seated until it is your time to commune.)

### ***The Distribution***

We welcome to the Lord's Table all who have been baptized in the name of the Triune God, can examine themselves spiritually and believe they receive the true body and blood of the Lord Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins and as a profession of their faith. If you hold a profession of faith that differs from that of our congregation, please speak to the Pastor before the start of the service before communing.

- We believe the body and blood of Christ are truly present in the bread and wine.
- We believe Christ offers the forgiveness of sins in the Lord's Supper, but that the Lord's Supper is not necessary for salvation.
- We believe the Lord's Supper remembers the death of Christ and proclaims his death until he returns.
- We believe the Lord's Supper is a statement of unity in the body of Christ; we do not believe it creates that unity.

During the distribution, you are encouraged to sing the Distribution Hymns, pray, or meditate on the words "this is my body... this is my blood, given for you."

The cups at the center of the Individual Communion tray contain diluted wine for those with alcohol sensitivities.

### ***Distribution Hymns***

Beautiful Savior 537

Savior; like a Shepherd Lead Us 711

O Savior, Precious Savior 527

### ***Benediction***

People: Amen

*The Recessional: Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus*

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*Postlude*

**† Service Participants †**

Pastor:	Rev. Duncan McLellan
Music Director:	Mark Killinger
The Organist:	Sandra Quinlan
The Pianist:	Lindsey Faini
The Elders:	Paul Klemash & Shane Bryant
The Acolyte:	Matt Liberatore (8:00)
	Lara Luedeman (10:30)
The Greeters:	Wayne & Barb Oechslein (8:00)
	Eric & Michelle Hunsberger & family(10:30)
The Ushers:	Melanie & Bill Becker (8:00)
	Shane Bryant & Michael Kozak
	Vince Kimberland, Bill Koester (10:30)
	Loren Luedeman & Richard Quinlan
Altar Guild:	Janet & Marian Oelschlager & Sarah Ali
Nursery:	Alissa McLellan & Carley Rockovich

**Last Week in Worship**

Sunday Worship Attendance (1/31) – 217

Wednesday Attendance (2/3) – 45

Sunday Offering (1/31) - \$4,671.00

Online Offering (1/25-1/29) - \$470.00

~Online giving is now available by going to the Zion web site: [www.zlcb.org](http://www.zlcb.org)~

## Week of Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> – Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>

<p><b>SUNDAY</b> 2/7</p>	<p>8:00 AM – Worship w/Communion 9:30 AM – Sunday School &amp; Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM – Worship w/Communion 12:00 PM – Board of Education Meeting 1:45 PM – Youth Group Event @ Flight</p>
<p><b>MONDAY</b> 2/8</p>	<p>7:00 PM – Trustees Meeting</p>
<p><b>TUESDAY</b> 2/9</p>	<p>9:00 AM – Moms in Prayer 7:30 PM – Adult Choir</p>
<p><b>WEDNESDAY</b> 2/10</p>	<p>7:00 PM – Ash Wednesday Service 8:00 PM – Romans Bible Study</p>
<p><b>THURSDAY</b> 2/11</p>	<p>10:00 AM – Bible Study 7:30 PM – Church Council Meeting</p>
<p><b>FRIDAY</b> 2/12</p>	
<p><b>SATURDAY</b> 2/13</p>	
<p><b>SUNDAY</b> 2/14</p>	<p>8:00 AM – Worship w/Communion 9:15 AM – Sunday School &amp; Adult Bible Class 10:30 AM – Worship w/ Communion &amp; Children’s Church 12:00 PM – Events Committee Meeting</p>



# FAMILY FUN NIGHT



**SATURDAY FEBRUARY 20<sup>TH</sup>**

   **\$10/COUPLE \$20/FAMILY** *(suggested donation!)* 

 **POTLUCK DINNER AT 6:00PM**     

 **FUN STARTS AT 7:00PM**      



   **CHICKEN & CHICKEN NUGGETS PROVIDED** 

    **SIGN UP TODAY IN THE NARTHEX!** 



**TRIVIA FOR ADULTS PROVIDED BY MATT STANTON, TOTAL QUIZ TRIVIA  
MAGIC AND BALLOON SHOW FOR KIDS, PROVIDED BY WEIRD ERIC**

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**Change in Time!**

**Now:**

**1:45-4:00pm**

## Zion Youth Group Feb 7, 1:45-4:00pm

**Schedule:** Drop off at Flight Trampoline Park:

1401 Washington Pike Suite #200, Bridgeville, PA 15017 - Behind Kmart

@ 1:45pm, Jump from 2-3:00pm. Walk to Kmart for Little Caesars Pizza.

Pick up from Kmart at 4:00pm.

**Cost:** \$18 - 1 Hour Jump + Socks

**IMPORTANT:** If you are interested in going please contact Joe: [youth@zlcg.org](mailto:youth@zlcg.org)

Please then go to Flight's website: <http://flighttrampolinepark.com/pittsburgh>

and *Sign the Waiver* online!

**Who:** Anyone in Middle or High School

# ZION MUSIC NOTES

The music ministry at Zion Lutheran Church has big plans for 2016! We hope that you enjoy listening to the Adult Choir, Children's Choir, Reverence (a.k.a M@ZE), and the various solo/duet performances by many of our talented church members. The goal for this year is to create another performing group that is accessible for just about anyone....Bell Choir! Musical talent/experience is not required to participate in this group. However, we need to purchase the bells before we start recruiting "ringers". The approximate cost for a standard 3 octave set of bells is \$12,000 which includes not only the bells themselves, but protective cases, performance tables, foam mats, music stands, gloves, polishing materials, and music. Whew!

Last October church council established a bell choir account for anyone that would like to contribute to this area of the music ministry. If you would like to give to this ministry, please make a note on your check or offering envelope that you wish to give to the bell choir account. We are also providing an opportunity for members to "buy a bell" in honor or memory of loved ones or your family. The price for the "buy a bell program" is \$325 per bell. If you would like to participate in this program, please include the form below with your contribution.

Thank you again for all of your support of the music ministry here at Zion Lutheran Church!

Mark Killinger

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## Buy a Bell Program

Person making the contribution: \_\_\_\_\_

Person(s) or family for whom the bell is in honor/memory:  
\_\_\_\_\_

\*Please make check payable to Zion Lutheran Church and make a note that the gift is for the bell choir account.