

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH



February 26th, 2017
The Transfiguration of Our Lord



Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church

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Welcome to worship!

Today we celebrate the transfiguration of our Lord, one of the high feast days of the church year. Jesus takes his disciples up the mountain and gives them a glimpse of his divinity, confirmed with the words of the Father from heaven, ““This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.”

The Scriptures are an inexhaustible treasure. St. Gregory said “Scripture is like a river . . . broad and deep, shallow enough here for the lamb to go wading, but deep enough there for the elephant to swim.” This passage is one of those passages that could easily produce thousands of sermons, hundreds of Bible studies, millions of devotional reflections. One of the reasons for this is the miraculous show of divinity from the Godman, Jesus. This text has added depth due to the multiple Old Testament allusions and even figures who show up in Matthew 17.

Because of the depth of this passage, and its importance as it points us to Christ, we are going to cover the text in several ways. Our hymns today, especially our sermon hymn, speak of the wondrous occasion on the mountain, and the praise we give our Lord because of who He is and what he has done. In our sermon we will focus on the Words of the Father to Peter “listen to him” and the Words of Jesus ““Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead.” . Lastly, the ushers have given you a Bible study to help you explore the larger context of this passage, stretching from Genesis to John’s Revelation.

May God bless your worship and point you to Jesus, His Beloved Son.
-Vicar Joshua

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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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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the Glory of God.
- **ETERNAL LIGHT** is given by Kathleen & Wayne Conn in Memory of Loved Ones.
- **THIS WEEK'S FAVORITE BIBLE VERSE....**is from TED SIEK. Romans 6:23 ESV *For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*
- **VICAR'S BOOK OF THE MONTH** for January is Robert Kolb's "The Christian Faith". You can check it out of the Zion library!
- **ALL THINGS NEW SESSION 4 TAKEAWAY...** The love of Christ compels us to serve others.
- **FAT TUESDAY...**is this week! The Women's Bible Study group will be meeting at 7:15 PM to discuss "The Grace of Giving"! You are so WELCOME to join us for munchies and discussion. Contact Linda at linda.w.kroeger@gmail.com.
- **IN THE SPOTLIGHT....**the ZION LENDING LIBRARY. TED SIEK will be overseeing the display in the back of the church where you can check out "Vicar's Book of the Month" as well as a number of Creation topics and other materials. Faith comes from *reading* the Word!
- **PLAY BALL...**the longstanding ZION LIONS coed softball team is looking to recruit a few new committed players to maintain their roster for church league play. It's great fun, fellowship and fitness. If you are interested, please touch base with AARON JANUSEY at [412-983-0627](tel:412-983-0627) or janman17@gmail.com.
- **USHER SIGN UP SHEET** is in the narthex. We are looking for a few more ushers for our 10:30am service. If you are interested please sign up. Contact Larry Zreliak with any questions.
- **WELCOME CENTER!** Are you a guest or visitor looking for information about Zion? Hello and welcome to Zion! Stop by the table in the foyer after the service and we'll help.
- **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.)
- **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

Service of the Word

417 Alleluia, Song of Gladness

Invocation

☑ In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

☒ Amen.

Exhortation

☑ Our help is in the name of the Lord,

☒ who made heaven and earth.

☑ If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

☒ **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

☑ Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, and call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

☒ **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen**

407 Prayer for Forgiveness

Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

☒ Amen

Psalm 2:6-12

☑ "As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill."

☒ **I will tell of the decree: The LORD said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you.**

☑ Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession.

☒ **You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."**

☑ Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth.

☒ **Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling.**

☑ Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

☒ **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Kyrie

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

A 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.

C **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

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

C **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us gracious Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

Gloria in Excelsis



- C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

- V** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**

Collect for The Transfiguration of our Lord

O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah. In the voice that came from the bright cloud You wonderfully foreshowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King in His glory and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen**

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 24:8–18

And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, "Behold the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words."

Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, and they saw the God of Israel. There was under his feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank.

The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and wait there, that I may give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses rose with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. And he said to the elders, "Wait here for us until we return to you. And behold, Aaron and Hur are with you. Whoever has a dispute, let him go to them."

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the LORD dwelt on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. And on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the midst 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. And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn

722 Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me

Epistle Reading

2 Peter 1:16–21

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



And we have something more sure, the prophetic word, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia and Verse



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



C These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

V The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 17th chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Gospel Reading

Matthew 17: 1-9

Matthew 17:1-9

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."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You , O Christ.

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.**

Sit

413 O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair

Sermon

Stand

Prayer of the Church

- Lord in your mercy
- hear our prayer.

Lord's Prayer *LSB 209*

- 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.

Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).

Please be seated. Following the Offering Music the congregation will stand.

Sit

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 stop by the welcome desk on your way out of church this morning.

Stand

Benedicamus

- Let us bless the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

- 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.
- Amen.**

Week of Feb. 26th - March 5th

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| SUNDAY 2/26 | 8:00 AM – Worship 9:15 AM – Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM – Worship 11:45 AM – Teen Girls Bible Study - Seamless 11:45 AM – Children’s Choir 11:45 AM—Events Committee Meeting |
| MONDAY 2/27 | 7:00 PM – Confirmation |
| TUESDAY 2/28 | 6:30 PM—Sunday School Meeting 7:15 PM—Women’s Bible Study—All Things New |
| WEDNESDAY 3/1 | 7:00 PM – Ash Wednesday Service |
| THURSDAY 3/2 | 10:00 AM – Bible Study 7:00 PM – Adult Choir Practice |
| FRIDAY 3/3 | |
| SATURDAY 3/4 | 8:00 AM – Men’s Bible Breakfast |
| SUNDAY 3/5 | 8:00 AM – Worship w/ Communion 9:15 AM – Adult Bible Study & Sunday School 10:30 AM – Worship w/ Communion 11:45 AM – Children’s Choir Practice 11:45 AM—Board of Education Meeting |



Service Participants



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| Vicar: | Joshua Ulm |
| Music Director: | Mark Killinger |
| The Organist: | Sandra Quinlan |
| The Elders: | Peter Fisher & Shane Bryant |
| The Acolyte: | Joey Ackerman (8:00) Anna Gresh (10:30) |
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| The Greeters: | Bill & Melanie Becker (8:00) Sam Dragan (10:30) |
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| The Ushers: | Ed Malachosky, Mike Kozak, Bill & Melanie Becker |
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| Altar Guild: | Sarah Ali, Janet & Marian Oelschlager |
| Nursery: | Carrie Lemonovich, Stephanie & Jenna Eckels |

Last Week in Worship

Sunday Worship Attendance (2/19) - 203

Sunday Offering (2/12) \$4,596.32

~Online giving is now available by going to the Zion web site: www.zlcb.org~

Upcoming Middle School Youth Group Event



Black

Light

Night

When? March 30
Where? Basement of Zion Lutheran Church
Who? Anyone in 6-8th Grade
Time? 8-10pm
Address? 3197 Washington Pike, Bridgeville
Food? Pizza!
Cost? \$0

Wear something
White or Neon

younglife
wyldlife

LAST DAY TO SIGN UP IS TODAY!!!

SAVE THE DATE!

Zion Women's Retreat
MARCH 17TH - 19TH AT CAMP PIONEER

Join us for a weekend of Bible Study,
Fellowship, Games, Food, and Wine!
Friends welcome!



More information to come!
Interested? Sign up in the Narthex
or contact Megan Pasquini!