

# *Zion Lutheran Church*



February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020  
The Transfiguration of Our Lord



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## **Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church & Preschool!**

Thank you for joining us in worship of the Lord. We would love to get to know you, and for you to learn more about our church family at Zion. We cordially invite you to talk with Pastor Grimenstein, our Elders, or any of our church members to learn more about our fellowship. At our website -- **zlcb.org** – you can find out more about the many worship, Christian education, and fellowship opportunities at Zion.

## **Communion Statement**

We believe that in the Lord's Supper, Christ's physical body and blood are present in the bread and wine (1Cor. 11:23-25). We also believe receiving the Lord's Supper is an act of church fellowship. Scripture cautions that those who receive without recognizing Christ's body and blood will bring judgment upon themselves (1 Cor. 11:27-29). Therefore, out of love to our guests, we invite to our altar those who are baptized, confirmed, repentant members of Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod congregations or sister congregations. Visitors desiring to commune are asked to please announce their intentions to an elder or pastor. Everyone is welcome to sing the hymns during communion as we contemplate Christ's mercy to us.

In preparation to receive the Lord's Supper in a worthy manner please consider reading "Christian Questions with their Answers" on Page 329-330.

We invite you to learn more about our church family at Zion and what we believe as Lutherans. If you are interested in exploring membership, please talk with Pastor Grimenstein after the service, or call the church office at 412-221-4776.

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.
- P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C** who made heaven and earth.
- P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.
- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,
- C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit



- P** Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy | mountain;  
for the LORD our God is | holy!
- C** The LORD reigns; let the peoples | tremble!  
He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the | earth quake!  
The LORD is great in | Zion;  
he is exalted over all the | peoples.  
Let them praise your great and | awesome name!  
Ho- | ly is he!

The King in his might loves | justice.

You have executed justice and righteousness in | Jacob.

Exalt the LORD our God; worship at his | footstool!

Ho- | ly is he!

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

**P** Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy | mountain;  
for the LORD our God is | holy!

### Kyrie

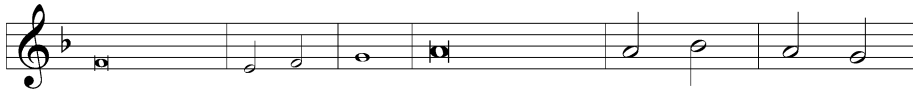


**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

### Gloria in Excelsis



**P** Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-

on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

☐ The Lord be with you.

☑ And with thy spir - it.

**P** Let us pray.

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** A - men.

### 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.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Grace Bell Choir – Come Christians Join to Sing (8:00 am)**

**Faith Bell Choir – All Night, All Day (10:30 am)**

### **Epistle -- 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.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### **Alleluia**



**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

### **Holy Gospel**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the seventeenth chapter.



**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

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."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

### Nicene Creed

**C** I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,



the Lord and giver of life,  
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
 who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
 who spoke by the prophets.  
 And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
 I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
 and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
 and the life † of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn of the Day – O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair

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Sermon

Offertory

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
 way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
 tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Offering *(Please fill out the Red Attendance booklet at the end of your pew)*

## Prayer of the Church

**P** ... Lord in your mercy.

**C** ... Hear our prayer.

### Service of the Sacrament

#### Preface



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



**C** It is meet and right so to do.

**P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who at His transfiguration revealed His glory to His disciples that they might be strengthened to proclaim His cross and resurrection and with all the faithful look forward to the glory of life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## 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.

## The Words of Our Lord

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✠}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

### Pax Domini



**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



**C** A - men.

### Agnus Dei



**C** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

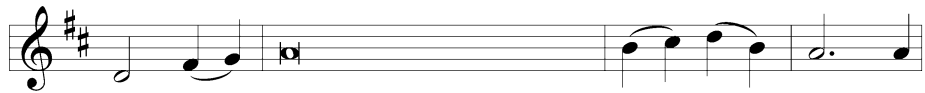
# Sharing of Peace

## Distribution

### Distribution Hymns

O Word of God Incarnate	#523
Now, My Tongue, the Mystery Telling	#630
O Gracious Lord, I Firmly Am Believing	#635

### Nunc Dimittis



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-



cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,



which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,



a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy



peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and

to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,

is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

### Thanksgiving

**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

**A** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spir - it.

## Benedicamus

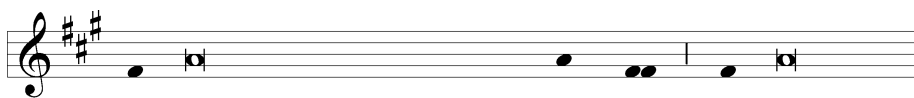


**A** Bless we the Lord.

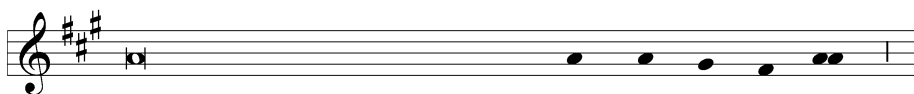


**C** Thanks be to God.

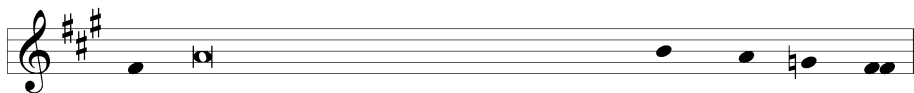
## Benediction



**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and  $\dagger$  give you peace.



**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

## Closing Hymn – Alleluia, Song of Gladness

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## Prayer Requests for Family & Friends

### *The Church:*

-**For our homebound members:** Tom Bicusky, Florence Boehme, Lois Dittmer, Helen Erbrecht, Laverne Eckels, Irene Bourg, Dolores Preaux, Joan Cisko, and Dottie Heslop.

-**Healing for:** Ken Wuerthele, Peter Fisher, Jan Nemanick, Ruth Rostron, Patti Neill, Lou Mitchell, Almut Dill, Connie Canale, Jamie Kistler, Judy Graziano, Grant German, Alyssa Mance, Darlene Pirmez, Elias Kazas, Janet Hickey, Florence Boehme, Marian Siek, Gerry Hildenbrand, Don and Deana Thielet, Dave Hutula, Ron Valentino, Norma Dyson, Mabel Granke, Bill and Nancy Koester, Mary Reihing, Jennifer Meyer, Tom Richards and Tim Fitzgerald.

-**For our missions/missionaries,** especially Pastor Wokoma and The Siberian Lutheran Mission Society.

-**For those who serve:** Christopher Malachosky and Jared Fitzgerald who are serving in Texas, and Jacob Linsenbigler who is deployed in Iraq.

-For all who care for loved ones with illnesses.

-For the ministry of Zion Lutheran Sunday School and Preschool.

### *The World:*

-For an end to abortion and human trafficking.

-For the youth in our community.

### *Our Nation:*

-For our leaders and government officials.

-For those in foster care and those looking to adopt.

-For the disabled, unborn and aged.

-For those whose work it is to protect us.



† *Service Participants* †

Pastor:	Rev. Dr. Edward Grimenstein
Music Director:	Mark Killinger
The Organist:	Sandy Quinlan
The Elders:	Brian Pasquini & Mike Wallace
The Acolyte:	Joshua Grimenstein (8:00) Luke Lemonovich (10:30)
The Greeters:	Pam & Jason Trentini (8:00) Kathleen Conn (10:30)
The Ushers:	Carl Bauer, Gene Koop, Ron Meier, Dale Miller (8:00) John & Tom Garrubba, Dan Harris & Tracey Harris (10:30)
Altar Guild:	Sarah Ali, Janet & Marian Oelschlager
Nursery:	Megan Glasser & Jessica Boyle

**Last Week in Worship**

Sunday Worship Attendance (2/16) – 170

Midweek Attendance (2/19) - 12

Sunday Offering (2/16) -- \$3988.00

Online Offering - \$1000.00

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

## February 23rd – March 1st

<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>2/23</b>	8:00 AM – Worship w/ Communion 9:15 AM – Adult/Teen Bible Study & Sunday School 10:30 AM – Worship w/ Communion Special Voters Mtg after late service (11:45 lunch served)
<b>MONDAY</b> <b>2/24</b>	6:00 PM – 1 <sup>st</sup> year Confirmation Class 6:15 PM – Grace Bell Choir 7:00 PM – Events Committee Meeting 7:00 PM – 2 <sup>nd</sup> year Confirmation Class 7:15 PM – Adult Choir 8:15 PM – Faith Bell Choir
<b>TUESDAY</b> <b>2/25</b>	7:00 PM – Sunday School Meeting
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>2/26</b>	7:00 PM – Ash Wednesday Worship Service
<b>THURSDAY</b> <b>2/27</b>	10:00 AM – Bible Study
<b>FRIDAY</b> <b>2/28</b>	
<b>SATURDAY</b> <b>2/29</b>	8:00 AM – Men’s Bible Breakfast
<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>3/1</b>	8:00 AM – Worship w/ Communion 9:15 AM – Adult/Teen Bible Study & Sunday School 10:30 AM – Worship w/ Communion

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by Bernice DeBoe in honor of brother Tom Rybar's 95<sup>th</sup> birthday; and by Wayne & Barb Oechslein in honor of God's love.

**ETERNAL LIGHT** is given by Bernice DeBoe in memory of nephews Anthony and Eugene Marinelli.

**CHURCH NURSERY** is available for kids age 0-2 during the 10:30 Service! The Nursery is located in the lower level of the building.

**THE LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE (LWML)**, English District, will be sponsoring an amazing day trip for men and women of all ages to Fallingwater, The Stonehouse Inn, and Greendance Winery on **Thursday, April 23rd** from 8:30AM to 6:30PM.

Transportation will be by deluxe motor coach and includes: admission to Fallingwater (a Frank Lloyd Wright designed home) with a tour guide, buffet lunch at The Stonehouse Inn and dessert at Greendance Winery. The cost is \$121.00 and the deadline to register is March 3rd. Please contact Susie at Zion's church office for a complete packet of detailed trip information and a waiver form.



# SPECIAL VOTER'S MEETING

Today  
11:45 following late service

*Lunch and childcare will be provided*

At the special voter's meeting we will present a plan from Zion's Kitchen Upgrade Committee to update our aging church kitchen. Your input and vote are vital to this process -- all members are encouraged to attend!



## KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE



### What is “The Transfiguration of our Lord”?

Have you ever wondered what Jesus might look like in His glory? The Bible gives us a glimpse in the story of Jesus’ transfiguration (pronounced trans-fig-yer-A-shun) in Matthew 17. The word “transfigure” means “to change form or appearance.” Scripture tells us that Jesus led Peter, James and John up a high mountain. When they got up there, Jesus’ appearance changed right before their eyes. His face became as bright as the sun, and His clothes became as white as light.

### Why didn’t Jesus always appear like this while He was on earth?

If Jesus would have been on earth in His state of glory, He wouldn’t have been able to take our place under the Law and then they wouldn’t have crucified Him. It was very important for Jesus to die on the cross as a man to pay for our sins. We too will see Jesus as He is in glory on the Last Day! Until then, we see Him: as our crucified and risen Savior revealed to us in the Word and Sacraments!



**Parents:** Read the story of Jesus’ transfiguration in Matt. 17:1–13 with your children. Remind them that we will see Him in glory when we die just as the disciples saw Him on the mountain!



This Lenten Season, let us fix our eyes on Jesus



**ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
Missouri Synod

**LENT WEDNESDAYS**  
**Ash Wednesday Service:**  
**February 26 - Service at 7:00 p.m.**

**On March 4, 11, 18, 25 & April 1**  
**There will be a dinner at 6:00 p.m.**  
**followed by Service at 7:00 p.m.**

When the characters in the Passion narrative look at Jesus, what do they see? In most cases, people misunderstood who He is and what He was doing. In some cases, by faith, people recognized Him aright. Our Lenten series this year, based on the Gospel according to St. Mark, will examine how the various people around Jesus viewed Him—and how we should view Him. We will “fix our eyes” on what Jesus has done to save us from our sins by His holy, precious blood and innocent sufferings and death, and celebrate what God sees on account of His work: our justification for His sake.

- Ash Wednesday: Theme “Misjudging Eyes”  
Service at 7:00 p.m. (no dinner)
- Wednesday March 4th: Theme “Betraying Eyes”;  
Dinner at 6:00 p.m. - Service at 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday March 11th: Theme “Sleepy Eyes”;  
Dinner at 6:00 p.m. - Service at 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday March 18th: Theme “Denying Eyes”;  
Dinner at 6:00 p.m. - Service at 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday March 25th: Theme “Murderous Eyes”;  
Dinner at 6:00 p.m. - Service at 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday April 1st: Theme “Worldly Eyes”;  
Dinner at 6:00 p.m. - Service at 7:00 p.m.