## Zion Lutheran Church



He was transfigured before them ... and his clothes became dazzling white ...

Mark 9:2-3, NRSV

February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024 **The Transfiguration** of our **Lord** 



#### 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. Please stop by our welcome table as you leave worship. 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 (1 Cor. 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 to receive the Lord's Supper those who are baptized, confirmed, repentant members of Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod congregations or sister congregations. If you are visiting us today from another Christian denomination, we welcome you to come to the altar to receive a baptismal blessing. Please signify by crossing your arms over your chest upon kneeling.

In preparation to receive the Lord's Supper in a worthy manner please consider reading "Christian Questions with their Answers" on Page 329-330. If you are interested in exploring membership, please talk with Pastor Grimenstein or call the church office.

#### **Our Worship**

Our worship services are based on traditional church liturgies in which God speaks to us in His Word and we respond to Him. These liturgies were used by the early church almost 2000 years ago and are rich in scriptural meaning, connecting us to our past -- and future -- in Christ Jesus. There is a depth to Lutheran worship that can take time to appreciate, thus you may find that you don't understand everything that is happening the first week you visit. That's OK, we encourage you to keep visiting!

#### Opening Hymn -- Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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- 1 Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down! Fix in us Thy humble dwelling, All Thy faithful mercies crown. Jesus, Thou art all compassion, Pure, unbounded love Thou art; Visit us with Thy salvation, Enter ev'ry trembling heart.
- 2 Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit Into ev'ry troubled breast; Let us all in Thee inherit; Let us find Thy promised rest. Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be; End of faith, as its beginning, Set our hearts at liberty.
- 3 Come, Almighty, to deliver;
  Let us all Thy life receive;
  Suddenly return, and never,
  Nevermore Thy temples leave.
  Thee we would be always blessing,
  Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
  Pray and praise Thee without ceasing,
  Glory in Thy perfect love.
- 4 Finish then Thy new creation, Pure and spotless let us be; Let us see Thy great salvation Perfectly restored in Thee, Changed from glory into glory, Till in heav'n we take our place, Till we cast our crowns before Thee, Lost in wonder, love, and praise!

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- In the name of the Father and of the 

  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Introit -- Psalm 13:3-5; antiphon: v. 6



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

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

Ho- | ly is he!

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son

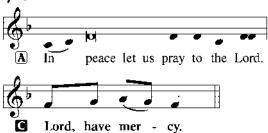
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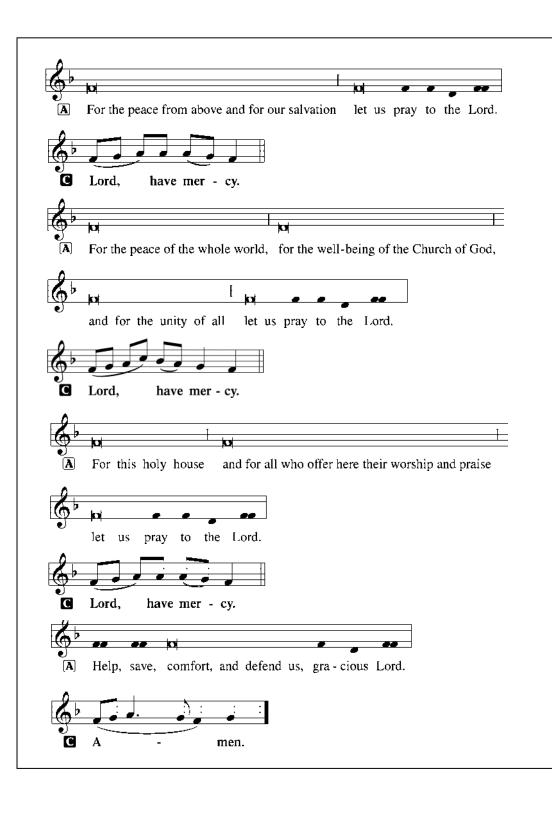
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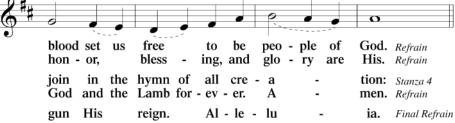


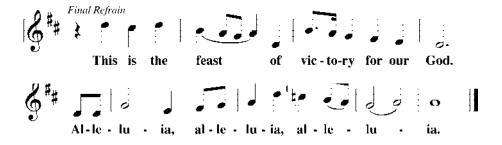




#### This Is the Feast







#### Salutation and Collect of the Day



#### 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.



#### Old Testament Reading — Exodus 34:29-35

When Moses came down from Mount Sinai, with the two tablets of the testimony in his hand as he came down from the mountain, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. Aaron and all the people of Israel saw Moses, and behold, the skin of his face shone, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses talked with them. Afterward all the people of Israel came near, and he commanded them all that the LORD had spoken with him in Mount Sinai. And when Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face.

Whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would remove the veil, until he came out. And when he came out and told the people of Israel what he was commanded, the people of Israel would see the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face was shining. And Moses would put the veil over his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

- P This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Choir -- Awake My Soul (10:30 am)

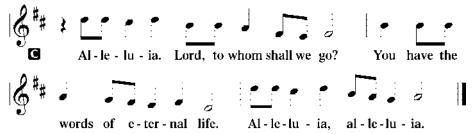
#### Epistle Reading — 2 Corinthians 3:12–13; 4:1–6

Since we have such a hope, we are very bold, not 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.

Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. But 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. And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled only to those who are perishing. In 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. For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For 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.

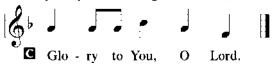
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#### Alleluia and Verse



#### **The Holy Gospel**

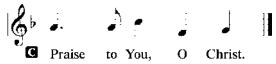
P Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the ninth chapter.

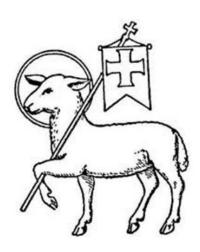


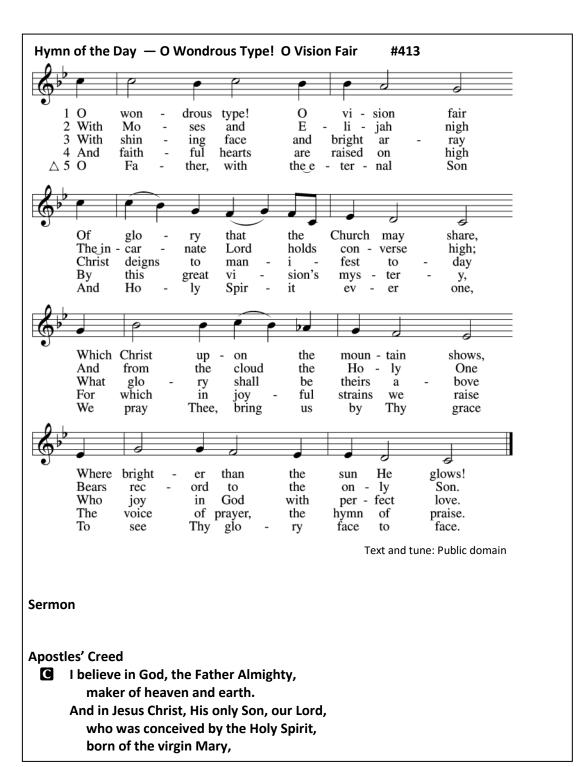
After six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. And 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." For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified. And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is my beloved Son; listen to him." And suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them but Jesus only.

And 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.

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







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**

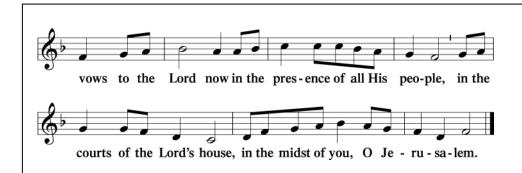
**P** ... Let us pray to the Lord.

C ... Lord have mercy.

#### **Gathering of Offerings**

Offering plates are located on the tables at the main and side entrance to the sanctuary.

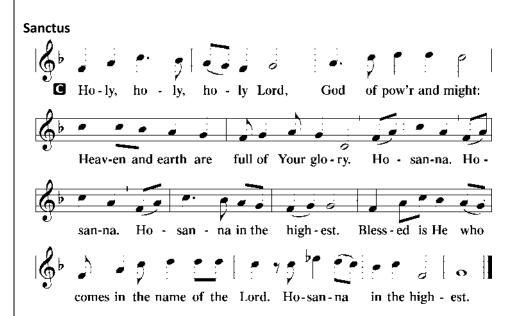




#### **Service of the Sacrament**



It is truly good, 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:



#### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

#### C Amen.

#### The Words of Our Lord

- 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 + 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 + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."
- As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Y our blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

#### **Lord's Prayer**

Our Father who art in heaven,

hallowed be Thy name,

Thy kingdom come,

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;

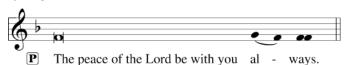
give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation.

but deliver us from evil.

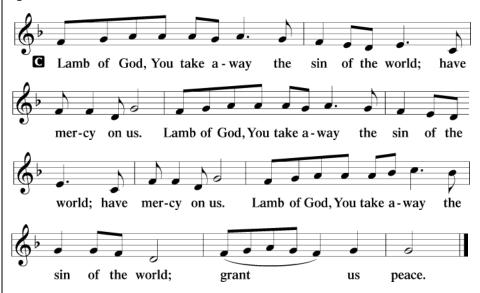
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

#### Pax Domini





#### **Agnus Dei**

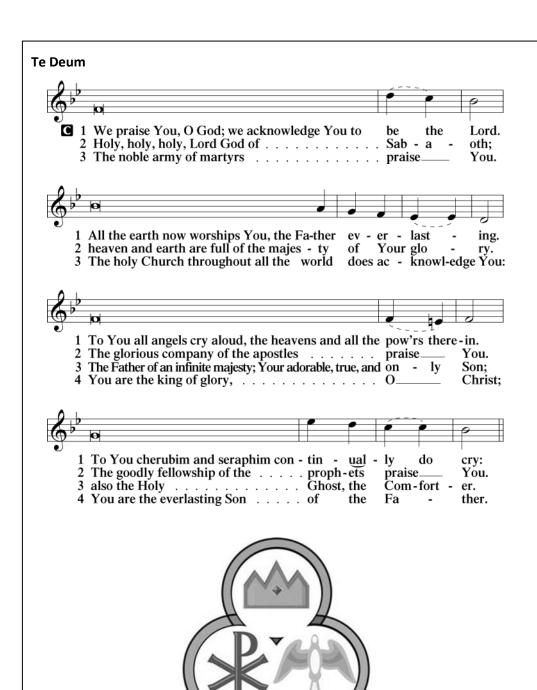


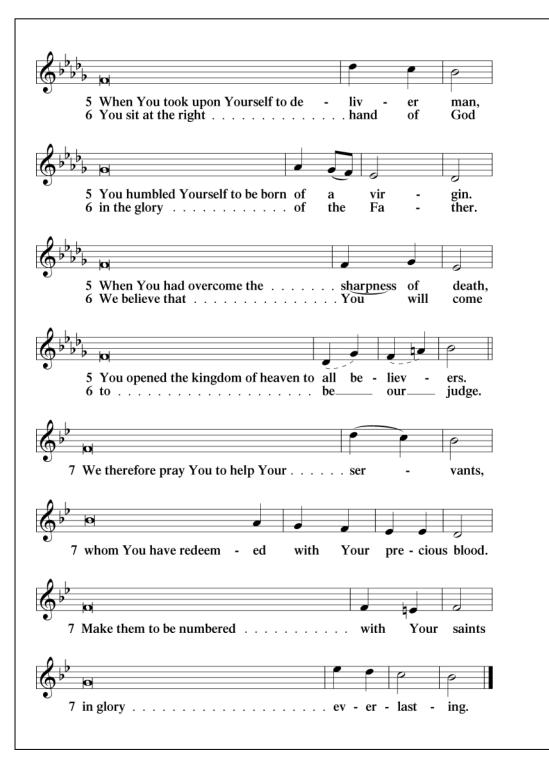
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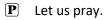
#### **Distribution Hymns**

'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here	#414
Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face	#631
Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared	#622





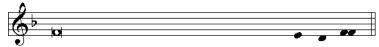
#### **Post-Communion Collect**



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.



#### **Benediction**

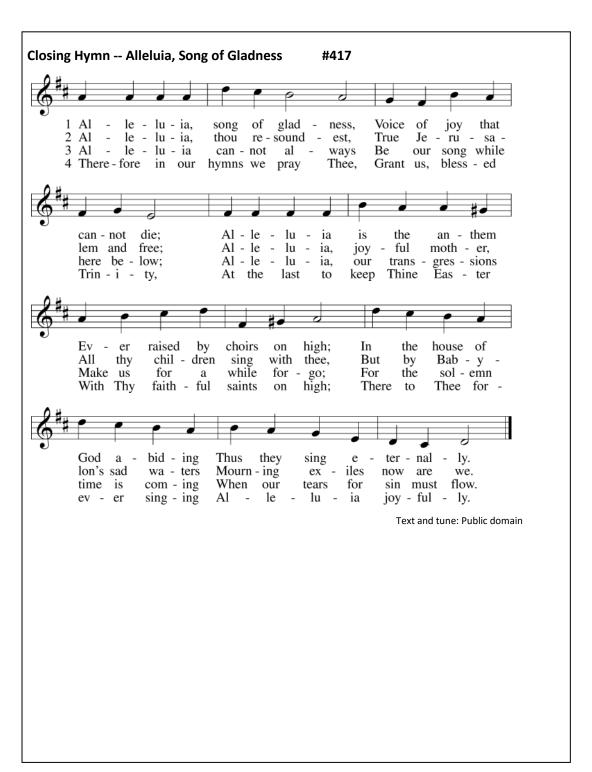


**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and 🖶 give you peace.





#### Prayer Requests for Family & Friends

#### The Church:

- -For our homebound members: Florence Boehme.
- -Healing & Strength for: Renee Erbrecht Gunther (niece of Tom Erbrecht) and her unborn child, Marianne Miller, Jill Berardelli, Amy Eastman (sister-in-law of Connie Canale), Celia Evans, Amy (niece of Jodi Fitzgerald), Michelle Hopkins (sister of Mark Killinger), Tabitha Riley (friend of Bobbie Hoelle), Kim Erbrecht, Mary Lou Neill, Dante (cousin of Maryann McClure), Pastor Ernest Knoche, Jen Fitzgerald, Barbara & Kara Koski, Mike Wallace, Joanne Garloff, Richard Hultman, Rita Sheldon, Dennis & Esther Finney, Eva Bukovitz, Judy Graziano, Alyssa Mance, Shannon Mance, Dave Hutula, and Mabel Granke.
- For the ministry of Zion Lutheran Sunday School and Preschool.

#### The World:

- -For peace in Ukraine and Israel.
- -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.



### Service Participants

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Edward Grimenstein

Music Director: Mark Killinger

Organist: Sandy Quinlan

Elders: Sam Garloff & Mike Wallace (8:00)

Roger Diederich & Mike Sterba (10:30)

Acolytes: Pippa Carter (8:00); Callista Chilcott (10:30)

**Ushers:** Mike Debowski, Noah Wallace, Brian & Decklan Pasquini (8:00)

Dan & Tracey Harris, Jack & Sam Bishop (10:30)

Altar Guild: Marian Oelschlager, Cheryl Debowski

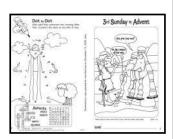
**ALTAR FLOWERS** by Nancy & Paul Klemash in memory of loved ones and by Zion Lutheran Church to the glory of the Triune God.

**ETERNAL LIGHT** is given by Sharon Bogdan in memory of her mother, Ruth Collura.



MANY DATES ARE STILL AVAILABLE ... for 2024 Altar Flowers & Eternal Light Sponsorships! Sign up sheets are on the table in the back of the sanctuary. Members may sponsor in memory -- or honor of -- loved ones; or in celebration of special occasions.

PARENTS ... children's activity pages are available in the baskets at both church entrances. They reinforce the themes for that week's worship in a kid-friendly format. Use them during church, or take them home to use later! Also, be sure to guide your child through the "Kids in the Divine Service" page found in the back of each bulletin.



#### Last Week in Worship

Sunday Worship Attendance (2/4) -- 48 (8 am); 93 (10:30 am)
Mid-Week Service (2/7) -- 11 (2 pm)
Plate Offerings (2/4) -- \$4333 Online Offering -- \$1351.20
Online giving is available on Zion's website - www.zlcb.org/donate





## This Week at Zion

SUN 2/11 FOOD BANK COLLECTION	8:00 AM Worship 9:15 AM Adult/Teen Bible Study & Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship
MON 2/12	6:00 PM 1st Yr Confirmation 6:30 PM Faith Bell Choir 7:00 PM 2nd Yr Confirmation
TUE 2/13	6:15 PM Grace Bells 7:15 PM Choir
WED 2/14	2:00 PM Ash Wednesday Worship 7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Worship
THU 2/15	
FRI 2/16	
SAT 2/17	
SUN 2/18	8:00 AM Worship 9:15 AM Adult/Teen Bible Study & Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship 6:00 PM LCMS Youth Gathering Kick-Off Mtg for teens & parents

#### Join us for a

## Youth Gathering Kick-Off Meeting

Next Sunday 2/18 at 6 pm

The meeting is mandatory for all teens and parents/ grandparents who are considering attendance at the Gathering. We will share information about activities and events at the Gathering; cost; preliminary hotel and travel arrangements; and youth group fundraising.



# Thank you for your contributions to the college care packages!

Last fall, thanks to your contributions, we were able to fill nine boxes with snacks, gift cards, and advent devotions ... one for each of the college/graduate students in our congregation. It's always a nice feeling to be remembered from home. Donations are due TODAY for the Lenten care package mailing later in February.

Thank you for your support!!!

-- Cheryl Debowski, College Care Coordinator







## Ash Wednesday

# The Season of Lent begins February 14th -- Ash Wednesday

Beginning this Wednesday 2/14, we will have two Lenten services each week ... an afternoon 2 pm service and an evening 7 pm service.

Wed. 2/14 -- 2 & 7 pm Ash Wed. services

Wed. 2/21 -- 2 & 7 pm Lenten services

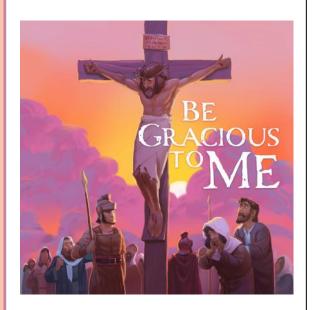
Wed. 2/28 -- 2 & 7 pm Lenten services

Wed. 3/6 -- 2 & 7 pm Lenten services

Wed. 3/13 -- 2 & 7 pm Lenten services

Wed. 3/20 -- 2 & 7 pm Lenten services

Our Lenten theme is "Be Gracious to Me" from Concordia Publishing House. We will explore how God's grace wells up in Psalm 41, where David exults in divine mercy amid his own weakness, powerful enemies, and treacherous friends. In this psalm, David tracks the flow of divine grace back to its source at the cross and, with prophetic vision, finds it springing forth in the lives of all baptized believers including you.

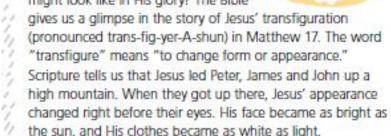






### What is "The Transfiguration of our Lord"?

Have you ever wondered what Jesus might look like in His glory? The Bible



# 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!

