



# The Divine Service

The Transfiguration of Our Lord  
*Divine Service, Setting Three*

## Zion Lutheran Church

### Welcome

#### Before Service Prayer

*Before your crucifixion, O Lord,  
the mountain became as heaven,  
and a cloud spread itself  
out to form a tent.*

*When you were transfigured,  
And the Father testified of you,  
Peter with James and John  
were with you,  
who were to be present  
with you also at the time  
of your betrayal:  
that, having beheld your glory,  
they should not be afraid  
before your sufferings.*

*Grant in your great mercy  
that we, too, may be counted worthy  
To venerate these your  
sufferings in peace.*

**Byzantine Vespers**

On Wednesday we begin moving on with Him from the Mount of Transfiguration to Mount Golgotha. There the final glory (John 13:31). There the final deliverance is done (John 19:30). But where is He now? He continues to tent among His delivered and redeemed people (tent of meeting): in His words and in the water with His name. In the bread and wine His body and blood, "The blood of the covenant" (Exodus 24:8). There are the twelve. The Lord has His Israel. "Poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins." "My blood." We eat and drink with God, and are not destroyed (Exodus 24:11). So we proclaim His death our death for sin His-ours. Once for all. No more sacrifices for sin at the old tent (Matthew 24:51) now that the sacrifice has been done in the temple of His body, destroyed and risen again (John 2:19; 1:14). Have a good Lent.

**Norman Nagel**, *Concordia Journal*, January  
1987

## We are very happy that you are here today!

At Zion, the bulletin and Lutheran Service Book (LSB) are both used to lead us through our worship. To help guide you during the service, below are some helpful tips.

- For each section of the Divine Service, the page number in the hymnal is listed in the bulletin on the right side of the page, i.e., *LSB 184*, which is found towards the front of the hymnal. All responses are sung unless they are printed in the bulletin.
- **P** indicates sections spoken by the Pastor. **C** indicates responses by the Congregation and will be in **bold print**.
- All hymns are listed in the bulletin with the name of the hymn and page number, i.e., *Thy Strong Word LSB 578*. They are also shown on the Hymn board at the front of the church.
- The *red text* in both the bulletin and the hymnal shows when the congregation should stand or sit during the Divine Service. The Pastor may also provide direction.

## A Special Welcome to Those with Young Children

At Zion we want families with children to feel at home.

- First, please relax and enjoy your time here. Jesus knows that children tend to wiggle and squawk a bit, so please don't feel embarrassed by it. Your children are welcome at Zion.
- To make it a bit easier on your family, please dare to sit toward the front where your children can easily see the front of the Church, note the colors, watch the pastor, wonder about the stained-glass windows above the altar and embrace the action at the altar. What Jesus does here promises to engage them.
- As we go, softly explain the Liturgy to your children, encouraging them to chime in on their parts: Amen! Lord have mercy! And with thy Spirit! I believe! Our Father! All of that belongs to them too.
- Be sure to sing and say and pray your parts too as you stand and sit. Your children learn by following your lead.
- If you and your child must leave, please hurry back. We want you and your children here very much.
- If you need a little help, just ask. There are lots of folks here who will lend you a hand.

Please know that while you are caring for your children, the rest of us will be rejoicing in Jesus' words, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these" (Luke 18:16).

We know that your children are a gift to the Church, so we will do our best to welcome, smile, encourage, help and bless you all. Welcome to Zion!



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# THE PREPARATION

Processional Hymn

God Himself Is Present *LSB 907*

*Stand*

Invocation

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

Confession of Sins and Absolution

*LSB 184*

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

Introit

*Psalm 84:1-2a, 4, 10-11; antiphon: Psalm 77:18b*

- P** Your lightnings lighted | up the world; \*  
the earth trem- | bled and shook.
- C** How lovely is your dwelling place, O | LORD of hosts! \*  
My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts | of the LORD.
- P** Blessed are those who dwell | in your house, \*  
ever sing- | ing your praise!
- C** For a day in your courts is better than a thousand | elsewhere. \*  
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in  
the tents of | wickedness.
- P** For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and | honor. \*  
No good thing does he withhold from those who walk up- | rightly.
- C** 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** Your lightnings lighted | up the world; \*  
the earth trem- | bled and shook.

Kyrie

*LSB 186*

Gloria in Excelsis

*LSB 187*

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

LSB 189

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.

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

*Exodus 34:29-35*

The Old Testament reading for The Transfiguration of Our Lord is from Exodus, the thirty-fourth chapter.

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.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Gradual

*Psalms 45:2a; 110:1*

**P** You are the most handsome of the sons of men;  
grace is poured upon your lips.

**C** **The LORD says to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand,  
until I make your enemies your footstool."**

## Epistle

*2 Peter 1:16-21*

The Epistle reading is from Second Peter, the first chapter.

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.

*Stand*

Alleluia

*LSB 190*

Holy Gospel

*Matthew 17:1-9*

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

**C** Glory 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

*LSB 191*

*Sit*

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day

**O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair!** *LSB 413*

Sermon

*Which Mountain Reveals Jesus' Purpose?*

*Matthew 17:1-9*

*Stand*

Offertory

*LSB 192*

*Sit*

Offering

## Rite of Recognition for First Communion prior to Confirmation – Emory Kuretsch

- P** Parents and members...Then answer: We will, with the help of God.  
**C** **We will, with the help of God.**

### Prayer of the Church

*After each portion of the prayer:*

- P** Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** **Hear our prayer.**



The Eucharist is the medicine of immortality, the antidote we take in order not to die but to live forever in Jesus Christ.

**St. Ignatius of Antioch**, *The Letter to the Ephesians* 20.2

*Stand*

## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

### Preface

LSB 194

### Proper Preface

- 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, [...] 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

LSB 195

### Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

### Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

### Pax Domini

LSB 197

### Agnus Dei

LSB 198



### Distribution

***We at Zion Lutheran Church of Augsburg believe and confess along with the Holy Scriptures, that this bread and wine in the Sacrament of Holy Communion are truly the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, instituted by Christ Himself, for us Christians to eat and drink. The gifts of His physical body and blood are given in, with, and under the elements of bread and wine at the altar. Those who are communicant members of a Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod congregation are welcome to commune at this altar with us. Other guests wishing to join our confession and receive this Holy Sacrament are asked to meet with the Pastor in the weeks before communing for the first time. Anyone not communing may still come forward, crossing their arms at the rail, to receive a blessing from the Pastor.***

*The apostle Paul encourages everyone coming to the Sacrament to examine him/herself (1 Corinthians 11:28-29). Ask yourself the following questions: 1) Are you aware that you are a sinner; and, are you sorry for your sins? 2) Do you believe in Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord and in His words of*

*promise in the Sacrament: "This is my body," "This is my blood"? 3) Also, do you intend with the help of the Holy Spirit to live as a forgiven, redeemed child of God, resisting the devil, saying no to sinful desires, and walking in the new life God provides?*

*Those communing this day are invited to pray the following:*

### **Prayer Before Receiving the Sacrament**

*O Lord, I am not worthy that You should enter under my roof; but speak only Your Word, and my soul will be healed. I will take the Bread of Heaven and call upon the Name of the Lord.*

*What shall I render unto the Lord for all that He has done for me? I will take the Cup of Salvation and call upon the Name of the Lord.*

### **During the Distribution of the Sacrament**

*The Lord was made flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory; glory as of the only-begotten Son of the Father, full of grace and truth. Amen.*

### **Prayer After Receiving the Sacrament**

*I live, and yet not I, but Christ lives in me. What we have received with our mouths, O Lord, let us keep with faithful hearts, that this Gift given us in earthly time may bring us to eternal salvation. Amen.*

*Abide with us, O Lord, that we may abide in You until the end; let not sin and need separate us from You, until we, through the strength of your Holy Sacrament, enter into heaven, and eternal blessings. Amen.*

## **Distribution Hymns**

**What Is This Bread? LSB 629**

**Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence LSB 621**

*Stand*

<b>Nunc Dimittis</b>	LSB 199
<b>Thanksgiving</b>	LSB 200
<b>Post-Communion Collect</b>	LSB 201
<b>Salutation</b>	LSB 201
<b>Benedicamus</b>	LSB 202
<b>Benediction</b>	LSB 202

*Sit*

## **Recessional Hymn**

**Tis Good, Lord, To Be Here LSB 414**

## **Life Together**

### **Pray as You Go**

*Christ our God, you were transfigured on the mountain and manifested your glory to your disciples as they were able to bear it. Shed your everlasting light upon us, that we may behold your glory and enter into your sufferings, and proclaim you to the world, for you give light in the darkness and are yourself the light, now and forever. Amen.*

Ministers' Prayer Book, p. 79

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## SERVING IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

### **PREACHER**

Rev. Joshua Ralston, Pastor

### **ORGANIST**

Susan Colles

### **ACOLYTE**

Tatum Rion

### **USHERS**

Zino Schroeder  
Robert Sims

### **ALTAR GUILD**

Phyllis Campbell  
Chyral Sims

### **ELDER**

Dennis Ward

### **TRUSTEE**

Tony Waldo

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL INSTRUCTORS**

Phyllis Campbell  
Randy Lamar  
Tanya Schroeder

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY  
FEBRUARY 9, 2020

**ACOLYTE**  
Emmett Schlittenhart





# THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

## Persecuted Christians in:

Nigeria  
North Korea  
Afghanistan  
Somalia  
Libya  
Pakistan

## Partner Church

Consistory of the Evangelical  
Lutheran Church of Lithuania

## Comfort, Health, and

### Recovery

Gary Daniels  
Tom Harms  
Rick Shott  
Rev. Herb Swanson  
Candace Smith (*friend of Phyllis Campbell*)  
Mary Ann Creamer (*Aunt of Tanya Schroeder*)  
Ryder Locke (*great grandson of Dave and Joyce Boswell*)  
Stephanie Hollinger (*daughter of Gary Daniels*)  
Amy Villalobos (*sister-in-law of Katie*)  
Glenda Schrock  
Earl Schrock  
Carson Brown (*friend of the Villalobos family*)  
Dianne McKissack (*boss of Nikki Dorn*)  
Lander Duvall (*friend of Tony Waldo*)  
Lance Spence (*friend of Katie Villalobos*)  
Marie Heiser  
Joyce Mendenhall (*friend of Susan Colles*)  
Charlotte Hottinger

Cynde Goodman (*mother of Jeff Rion*)  
Peggy Carter (*grandmother of Joshua Ralston*)  
Mikel Frasier (*friend of Tony Waldo*)  
Julie Buchy (*friend of Tony Waldo*)

## Homebound

Dorothy Birkhahn  
Joyce Boswell  
Betty Bocksnick  
Gwen Hale  
Helen Rick  
Kenneth Hottinger Sr.  
Regina Steuber  
Lawrence Steuber  
Ray Roth

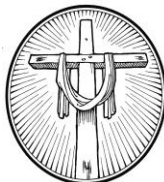
## Catechumens

Amanda Bowden  
Emory Kuretsch  
Emmett Schlittenhart  
Isabella Schroeder  
Tatum Rion  
Gavin Rion  
Alison Waldo  
Alivia Waldo  
Chance Paylor

## Serving in the armed forces

Logan Kremers  
Matthew Allen  
Brian Rutledge  
Trent Hale  
Josh Imme  
Christopher Stocking  
Dale Ozment

*When hospitalized, sick, needing prayer or absolution,  
contact Pastor Ralston any time at 501-454-0581.*



# ZION Life Together



## THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD FEBRUARY 2, 2020

### THE FRUITS OF OUR FAITH 01/19/2020

Present in Worship: 63  
Children's Sunday School: 4  
Adult Sunday School: 12  
General Offering: \$1,894

### THE FRUITS OF OUR FAITH 01/26/2020

Present in Worship: 79  
Communion: 53  
Children's Sunday School: 7  
Adult Sunday School: 10  
General Offering: \$2,184  
Weekly Budget Offering Needed: \$2,480

OH, GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD FOR HE IS GOOD!

"FREELY YOU HAVE RECEIVED, FREELY GIVE."  
**Matthew 10:8b**

**ELDERS AND CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING**  
If you are a member of the Church Council or Elder Board, please plan on attending the appropriate meetings on Monday, February 3rd:

Elder Board – 6:00 p.m.  
Church Council – 7:00 p.m.

**THRIVENT LUNCHEON FEBRUARY 9TH**  
Mark your calendar now for an informative luncheon about Thrivent Financial Services. Representatives will be here to answer questions regarding products they offer. Church members are asked to bring side dishes and desserts.



# ZION'S CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

## Sunday † February 2

- 9:15 a.m. Children's Sunday School  
(Fellowship Hall)  
Teen Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)  
Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
- 10:30 a.m. Divine Service with  
Communion
- 12:15 p.m. Catechumenate

## Monday † February 3

- 6:00 p.m. Elder's Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting

## Tuesday † February 4

## Wednesday † February 5

## Thursday † February 6

## Friday † February

## Saturday † February 8

## Sunday † February 9

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(Fellowship Hall)  
Teen Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)  
Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
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Communion
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Thrivent Luncheon

## BAYLISS FIRE DEPARTMENT CHILI SUPPER & PIE AUCTION

March 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m., the Bayliss Fire Department will host their annual Chili Supper. This is their yearly fundraiser, so please plan on attending! Members of Zion are asked to bring a pie for the auction or some chili to share.

## ADULT INSTRUCTION CLASS

Adult Instruction is a 10-week catechetical class which goes through Scripture and Luther's Small Catechism. If you are an adult, and seek membership at Zion, talk to Pastor about this class. If you are able to make it, classes will be held on Thursdays from 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. beginning January 16<sup>th</sup>, skipping January 23<sup>rd</sup>, and ending on March 26<sup>th</sup>.

## VALENTINE GALA

The Youth of Zion will be hosting a Valentine Gala February 14 at 6:00 p.m. at the Family Center. The menu for the evening is spaghetti, chicken alfredo, bread, salad, and dessert. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$20 per couple and \$5 for children under 10. Carnations will be available for purchase at the Gala (\$1 / 1 carnation, \$5 / 6 carnations, and \$10 / a dozen.

### BULLETIN INFORMATION?

Please contact Phyllis Campbell by 9:00 a.m. Thursday morning to have your "blurb" in the upcoming bulletin.

Call/text: 501-725-1418

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RESTROOMS

Restrooms are located in the Narthex
outside of the Sanctuary and in the
basement Fellowship Hall. Please see an
usher if you need assistance.

NURSERY

The Nursery is located in the Narthex
outside of the Sanctuary.

CONGREGATIONAL MEMBERSHIP

New members are received by Baptism,
Confirmation, Transfer, or Profession of
Faith (after receiving Pastoral instruction).
Please speak with Pastor Ralston for more
details.

PASTORAL CONSULTATION

Pastoral Consultation based on the Holy
Scriptures is available from the Pastor.
Please speak with Pastor Ralston to make
an appointment.

SICK AND HOMEBOUND

The sick and homebound are visited
regularly by the Pastor with the Scriptures
and Sacrament. Please contact Pastor
Ralston if you know of any parishioner in
need of pastoral visitation.

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY, TEEN, AND CHILDREN'S
SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School begins at 9:15 am. Anyone
from confirmation age on up is welcome
to attend Bible Study. Teen and
Children's Sunday School is held every
Sunday in the basement Fellowship
Hall/Family Center (Ages 0 and up).

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