

Historic Zion Lutheran Church

DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

9:00 am Sunday, February 11, 2024

RECEIVING OF THE LORD'S SUPPER AT ZION

As intended by Christ and as practiced by the one, holy, catholic and apostolic church throughout her history, "Closed Communion" is observed in this congregation, in which the Lord's Supper is distributed only to those:

- (a) who have been **baptized** in the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit;
- (b) who have been **instructed** in the truth of Holy Scripture as taught in the Lutheran Confessions, who have been **confirmed** in this Lutheran faith, and who now confess the same doctrines that are taught in this congregation, holding membership in a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod;
- (c) who **believe that in this sacrament the real body and blood of Christ are truly distributed to them and orally received by them**, bestowing on them the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation;
- (d) who **sincerely repent** of all their sins, and desire to receive God's forgiveness in this holy meal.

Guests at our services, before receiving the sacrament, are requested to affirm these facts with one of our pastors. Thank you for honoring our practice. If you are looking for a church home, would like to be a member of Zion, or would like to learn more about the Christian Faith, please speak to one of our pastors about our membership classes.

✠ = appropriate to make the baptismal sign of the cross
When "rise" or "kneel" is indicated, it is appropriate to sit if needed

Greeting And Announcements: *The Lord be with you!* **And also with you!**

[Rise] **Invocation**

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen!

The Office of Confession of Sins and Absolution

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.

[Kneel]

*Our help is in the name of the Lord Who made heaven and earth.
I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord. And You forgave the
iniquity of my sin.*

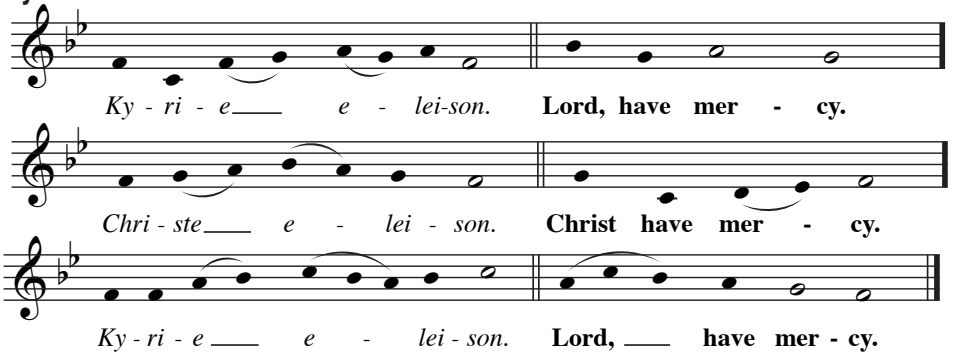
*O almighty God, merciful Father; I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all
my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your
temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely
repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy 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.*

*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. Amen!*

*The Congregation rises, turns towards the entrance of the nave, and faces the Cross
of Christ, the reminder of Christ's promise to come and dwell among His people as
they are gathered in His name.*

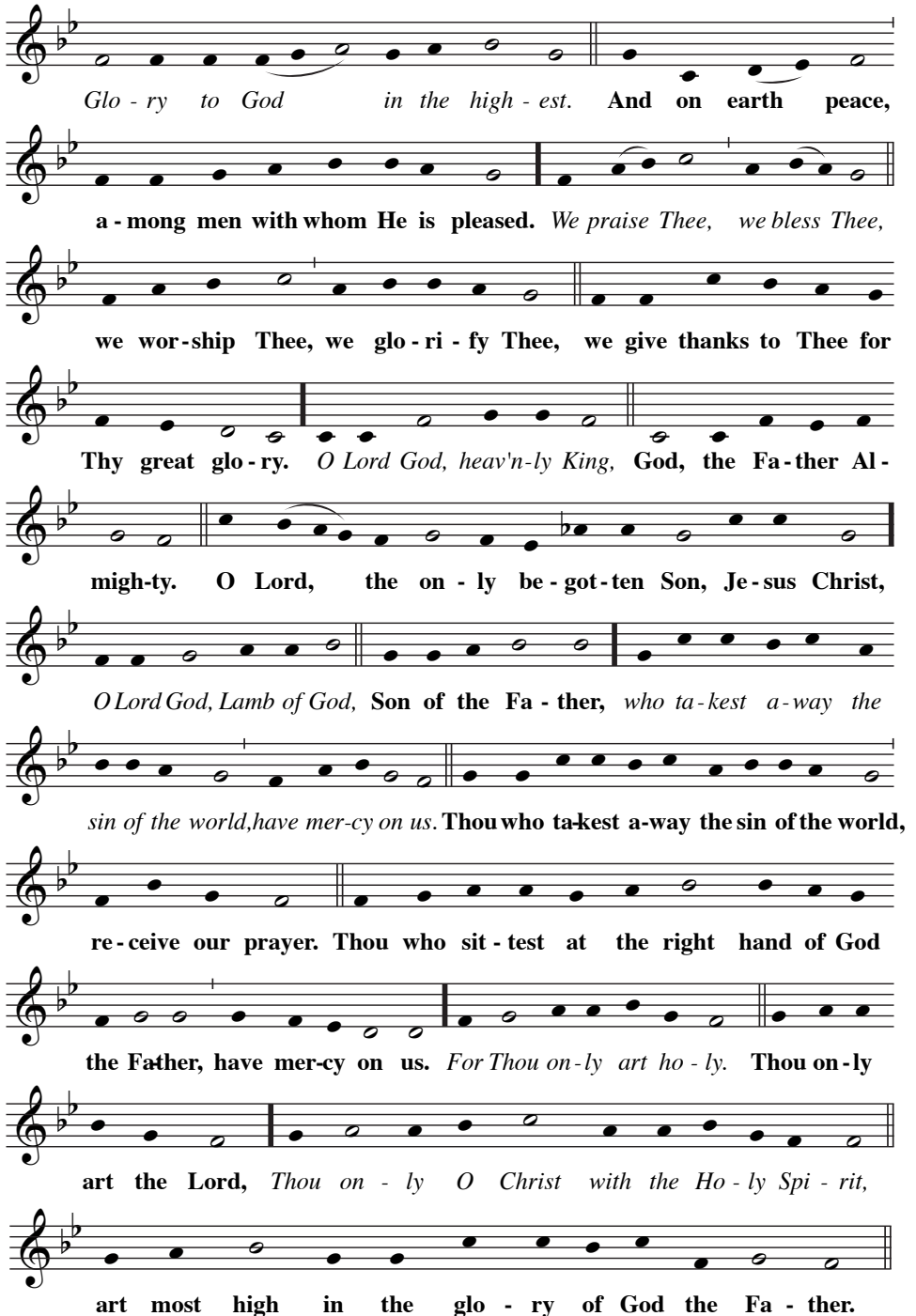
Entrance Hymn 'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here Burgundy Hymn 414

Kyrie



Ky - ri - e — e - lei-son. Lord, have mer - cy.
Chri - ste — e - lei - son. Christ have mer - cy.
Ky - ri - e — e - lei - son. Lord, — have mer - cy.

Gloria in Excelsis



Glo - ry to God in the high - est. And on earth peace,
a - mong men with whom He is pleased. We praise Thee, we bless Thee,
we wor-ship Thee, we glo - ri - fy Thee, we give thanks to Thee for
Thy great glo - ry. O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God, the Fa - ther Al -
might-y. O Lord, the on - ly be - got - ten Son, Je - sus Christ,
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, who ta - kest a - way the
sin of the world, have mer - cy on us. Thou who ta - kest a - way the sin of the world,
re - ceive our prayer. Thou who sit - test at the right hand of God
the Father, have mer - cy on us. For Thou on - ly art ho - ly. Thou on - ly
art the Lord, Thou on - ly O Christ with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,
art most high in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.



A - - - - - men.

Salutation

The Lord be with you.



And with thy spir— it.

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, and in the voice that came from the bright cloud You wonderfully foreshowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King of 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.*



A ——— men!

[Be Seated] + **The Office of the Word of God** +

Old Testament Reading..... **2 Kings 2:1-12**

[After the reading] *This is the word of the Lord.* **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle of the Day **2 Corinthians 3:12-18; 4:1-6**

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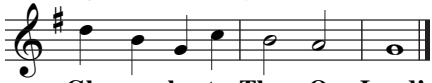
[Rise and face the Processional Cross for the Gospel Procession.]

Sequence Hymn **Jesus on the Mountain Peak** **Burgundy Hymn 415**

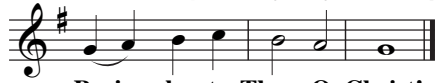
Holy Gospel **St. Mark 9:2-9**

[The Gospel is announced.]

[The Gospel is proclaimed.]



Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord!



Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

Confession of Faith (The Nicene Creed)

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

[Bow] 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 worshipped 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!

[After the Gospel has been returned to the Altar following the Creed, the congregation is seated.]

Hymn of the Day Oh, Wondrous Type! Burgundy Hymn 413

[Rise for stanza 5.]

[Be Seated] **Sermon**

[Rise] **Prayer of the Church**

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs: [After each petition]:..., Lord, in Your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**
[After the final prayer]:..., one God, now and forever **Amen.**

[Be Seated] **Offerings, Voluntary**

[Rise] **Offertory Hymn Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God**

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 to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion; and up - hold me
 with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

+ The Office of the Sacrament of the Altar +

Preface

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

And with thy spir - it. We lift them up un-to the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

It is meet and right so to do.

Proper Preface for the Transfiguration, Sanctus

It is truly meet, right and salutary ever more praising You and saying:

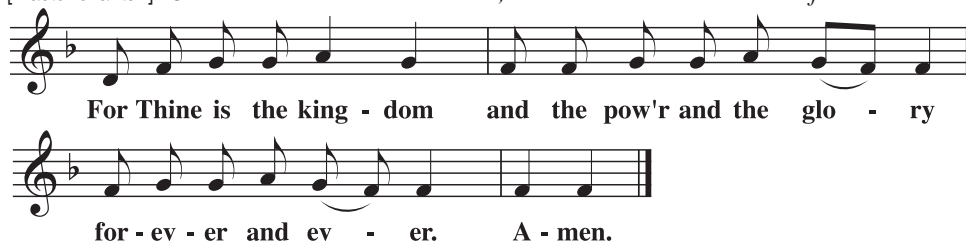
Ho - ly, ho - ly ho - ly, Lord God of hosts:
 Heav - en and earth are full of Thy glo - ry;



Ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord; Ho - san-na in the high - est.

[Kneel] **Lord's Prayer**

[Pastor chants:] *Our Father who art in heaven; but deliver us from evil.*



For Thine is the king - dom and the pow'r and the glo - ry
for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

Words of Institution, Pax Domini

The peace of the Lord be with you always!



A - men.

Agnus Dei



1-3. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world,
Stanzas 1 and 2 | Stanza 3
have mer-cy up - on us. Grant us Thy Peace. A - - - - men!

[Be Seated] **Distribution Hymns God Has Spoken..... Burgundy Hymn 583**

O Savior of Our Fallen Race Burgundy Hymn 403

[All sing stanzas 1 & 2; Women alone sing stanza 3; Men alone sing stanza 4;
All sing stanzas 5, 6 & 7. Rise for stanza 7.]

Eucharistic Benediction

The Body and Blood of your Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting! ✠ Depart in Peace! Amen!

Post-Communion Canticle The Nunc Dimittis



1. Lord now— lettest Thou Thy
servant, de— part— in — peace, ac— cord— ing to Thy Word.
2. For mine__ eyes have seen
Thy Salvation,
which Thou hast pre— pared__ be— fore the face of all__ people.



3. a Light to light-en the Gen-tiles and the Glo- ry of Thy peo-ple Is - - - - ra-el.



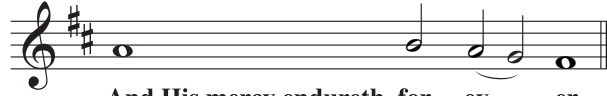
4. Glo—ry be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Ghost.



5. As it was in the beginning, is now, and e-ver shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

Post Communion Rite

Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.



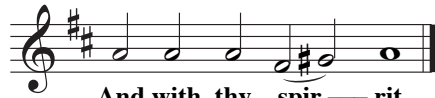
And His mercy endureth for — ev — er.

Prayer of Thanksgiving ...now and forever.



A — men.

The Lord be with you.



And with thy spir — rit.

Bless we the Lord.



Thanks be to God.

Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



A-men, A-men, A - men.

Putting Away of The “Alleluia” in Preparation for Lent

Alleluia! Enclose and seal up the word. Alleluia!
Let it remain in the secret of your heart. Alleluia!
Let it remain there until the appointed time. Alleluia!
You shall say it with great joy when that day comes! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

During the Recessional, the Congregation turns and faces the Processional Cross, the symbol of Christ's promise to remain with and lead His people as they now go and live in the world in His name.

Recessional Hymn Alleluia, Song of Gladness Burgundy Hymn 417

Postlude

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This morning, at the close of the service, we prepare for Lent by participating in The Ambrosian Rite of Putting Away of The “Alleluia”, an observance, originating under the influence of St. Ambrose (340-397 A.D.), Bishop of Milan, which marks the end of the use of the “Alleluia” response in the Services until The Great Vigil of Easter on Holy Saturday night, Easter Eve.

Readings for the Transfiguration of Our Lord

Last Sunday after the Epiphany

The Old Testament Reading is 2 Kings 2:1-12

When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. And Elijah said to Elisha, "Please stay here, for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. And the sons of the prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take away your master from over you?" And he said, "Yes, I know it; keep quiet."

Elijah said to him, "Elisha, please stay here, for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The sons of the prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take away your master from over you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know it; keep quiet."

Then Elijah said to him, "Please stay here, for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the sons of the prophets also went and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his cloak and rolled it up and struck the water, and the water was parted to the one side and to the other, till the two of them could go over on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Ask what I shall do for you, before I am taken from you." And Elisha said, "Please let there be a double portion of your spirit on me." And he said, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it shall be so for you, but if you do not see me, it shall not be so." And as they still went on and talked, behold, chariots of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them. And Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. And Elisha saw it and he cried, "My father, my father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" And he saw him no more.

The Epistle is 2 Corinthians 3:12-18; 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. But their minds were

hardened. For to this day, when they read the old covenant, that same veil remains unlifted, because only through Christ is it taken away. Yes, to this day whenever Moses is read a veil lies over their hearts. But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

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.

The Gospel is Mark 9:2-9

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.

Hymns for the Transfiguration of Our Lord

LSB414 'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here

James Montgomery

1. 'Tis good, Lord, to be here! Thy glory fills the night;
Thy face and garments, like the sun, Shine with unborrowed light.
2. 'Tis good, Lord, to be here, Thy beauty to behold
Where Moses and Elijah stand, Thy messengers of old.
3. Fulfiller of the past And hope of things to be,
We hail Thy body glorified And our redemption see.
4. Before we taste of death, We see Thy kingdom come;
We long to hold the vision bright And make this hill our home.
5. 'Tis good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not remain;
But since Thou bidst us leave the mount, Come with us to the plain.

LSB415 Jesus on the Mountain Peak

Brian Wren

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1. Jesus on the mountain peak Stands alone in glory blazing;
Let us, if we dare to speak, Join the saints and angels praising.
Alleluia!
2. Trembling at his feet we saw Moses and Elijah speaking.
All the prophets and the law Shout through them their joyful greeting:
Alleluia!
3. Swift the cloud of glory came: God proclaiming in its thunder
Jesus as the Son by name! Nations, cry aloud in wonder,
Alleluia!
4. This is God's beloved Son! Law and prophets sing before Him,
First and Last and only One. All creation shall adore him!
Alleluia!

LSB413 Oh, Wondrous Type!

Sarum Breviary, Salisbury

1. O wondrous type! O vision fair
Of glory that the Church may share,
Which Christ upon the mountain shows,
Where brighter than the sun He glows!
2. With Moses and Elijah nigh
The incarnate Lord holds converse high;

And from the cloud the Holy One
Bears record to the only Son.

3. With shining face and bright array
Christ deigns to manifest today
What glory shall be theirs above
Who joy in God with perfect love.
 4. And faithful hearts are raised on high
By this great vision's mystery,
For which in joyful strains we raise
The voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.
- Δ 5. O Father, with the eternal Son
And Holy Spirit ever one,
We pray Thee, bring us by Thy grace
To see Thy glory face to face.

LSB583 God Has Spoken by His Prophets

George W. Briggs

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1. God has spoken by His prophets, Spoken His unchanging Word;
Each from age to age proclaiming God the one, the righteous Lord.
In the world's despair and turmoil One firm anchor holds us fast:
God is king, His throne eternal; God the first, and God the last.
2. God has spoken by Christ Jesus, Christ, the everlasting Son,
Brightness of the Father's glory, With the Father ever one;
Spoken by the Word Incarnate, God of God, before time was;
Light of Light, to earth descending, He reveals our God to us.
3. God is speaking by His Spirit, Speaking to our hearts again,
In the ageless Word declaring His own message, now as then.
Through the rise and fall of nations One sure faith yet standing fast;
God abides, His Word unchanging; God the first, and God the last.

LSB403 O Savior of Our Fallen Race

Latin c. 5th-10th cent.

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1. O Savior of our fallen race,
O Brightness of the Father's face,
O Son who shared the Father's might
Before the world knew day or night, Alleluia!

2. O Jesus, very Light of Light,
Our constant star in sin's deep night:
Now hear the prayers Your people pray
Throughout the world this holy day. Alleluia!
- W 3. Remember, Lord of life and grace,
How once, to save our fallen race,
You put our human vesture on
And came to us as Mary's son. Alleluia!
- M 4. Today, as year by year its light
Bathes all the world in radiance bright,
One precious truth outshines the sun:
Salvation comes from You alone. Alleluia!
5. For from the Father's throne You came,
His banished children to reclaim;
And earth and sea and sky revere
The love of Him who sent You here. Alleluia!
6. And we are jubilant today,
For You have washed our guilt away.
O hear the glad new song we sing
On this the birthday of our King! Alleluia!
- Δ 7. O Christ, Redeemer virgin-born,
Let songs of praise Your name adorn,
Whom with the Father we adore
And Holy Spirit evermore. Alleluia!

LSB417 Alleluia, Song of Gladness

Latin, c. 11th cent.

1. Alleluia, song of gladness, Voice of joy that cannot die;
Alleluia is the anthem Ever raised by choirs on high;
In the house of God abiding Thus they sing eternally.
2. Alleluia, thou resoundest, True Jerusalem and free;
Alleluia, joyful mother, All thy children sing with thee,
But by Babylon's sad waters Mourning exiles now are we.
3. Alleluia cannot always Be our song while here below;
Alleluia, our transgressions Make us for a while for-go;
For the solemn time is coming When our tears for sin must flow.

4. Therefore in our hymns we pray Thee, Grant us, blessed Trinity,
At the last to keep Thine Easter With Thy faithful saints on high;
There to Thee for ever singing Alleluia joyfully.

The Last Sunday after the Epiphany The Transfiguration of Our Lord



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Zion Lutheran Church is the body of Christ at Hanna and Creighton in Fort Wayne, Indiana that:

- Receives Christ's gifts in Word and Sacraments; and
- Responds to God's love in Christ by
 - Reaching out to those who do not know His love; and
 - Revealing His love in acts of kindness and mercy.

The Pastoral Ministry at Zion

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Chase Mertz (6th, MS Social Studies), Danielle Ramsey (5th), John Kuker (4th),
Abbey Zelt (3rd), John Fink (2nd), Hannah Maresh (1st),
Karen Koehlert (K-A), Rachel Wiegman (K-B), Natalie Reynolds (Art & Music),
Lizzy Hoham (Progress Partners Coach), Marcus Rush (K-5 PE)

The Support Staff

Organist and Director of Parish Music:

Michael Hollman, MM

Church Office Manager:

Melvia Culpher

PRAYERS FOR TODAY

- + For the church, especially those bearing the cross of persecution, including Bishop Juhana Pohjola and Dr. Päivi Räsänen
- + For those who serve our Lord at home and abroad, especially our fieldworkers Paul Mroczenski and Matthew Harrison
- + For our nation; for our leaders; for our military, including James Hall; especially at this perilous time in our world
- + For our schools, especially Lutheran South Unity School, Concordia Lutheran High School, and Concordia Theological Seminary
- + For those who travel
- + For the aged and the homebound
- + For those who are on hospice care
- + For the ill, distressed, and those suffering affliction, including Sarah Hollman, Jessica Krause, Connie Houser, Bill Weinrich, Susan Kaiser, Janice Grim, Debra Busche, John Starks, Dwight Bieberich, Willodean Bates, Dick Hollman, Bob Ockree, David Evans, John A. Pless, Joe Harrison, Louisa Porter, Marlow Hogan, Gregory Hogan, Marissa White, Dwight Johnson, Sue Doepner, Blakely White, Joan Messmann, Ron Rastl, Robert & Jenny Hobby, and Trooper Azariah Keith
- + For God's blessing on all godly marriages
- + For the gift of life and for length of days
- + For the gift of rebirth by water and the Spirit
- + For those who mourn the death of loved ones
- + In remembrance of the faithful departed including Carl & Myrtle Albersmeyer and Byrle & Joyce Greenamyer
- + For our communicants and for a fruitful use of the most Blessed Sacrament of our Lord's Body and Blood

IN THE SERVICE TODAY

Today is the Divine Service for the Transfiguration of Our Lord. The Cross Bowl is given in loving memory of Carl & Myrtle Albersmeyer and Byrle & Joyce Greenamyer by Carl & Rosie Albersmeyer and family. Please also complete an attendance/communion card, including the names of all children, and indicate if you are communing. Non-members, please read the back of the card.

CALENDAR

February 11, 2024 thru February 17, 2024

SUN.	9:00 AM	Divine Service	Church
	10:30 AM	Education Hour	Various
	4:00 PM	Hymn Fest 2024	Shepherd of the City
MON.	3:45 PM	Jr. Catechesis	Conference Room
	5:00 PM	LSA Board Meeting	LSUS
TUES.	9:30 AM	FW South Circuit	LLV
	2:40 PM	<i>Lutheranism 101</i>	LSUS
	7:00 PM	Every One His Witness	Conference Room
WED.	9:30 AM	Men of Zion	Conference Room
	5:45 PM	Lenten Supper	Bauer Hall
	7:00 PM	Ash Wednesday Divine Service	Church
THURS.	10:30 AM	Book of Concord Study	Conference Room
FRI.			
SAT.	11:00 AM	Private Confession	Church
	1:00 PM	Adult Catechesis	Conference Room

February 18, 2024

SUN.	9:00 AM	Divine Service	Church
	10:30 AM	Education Hour	Various

ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS

EDUCATION HOUR: Adult Bible Class meets in Bauer Hall with Dr. Voelz. As needed, Sunday School will meet in the Assoc. Pastors Office.

THE SEASON OF LENT begins this Wednesday, February 14th, with supper at 5:45 PM and Divine Service with the imposition of ashes following at 7:00 PM.

MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE: Ephesians 4:32—“Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.” Last week’s verse was Philippians 2:5-11.

CHOICE DOLLARS: the deadline to designate your Thrivent Choice Dollars is March 31st Direct your dollars online at www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice/ or call 800-THRIVENT. You must remake your request annually or quarterly to assure your funds are being distributed in accordance with your wishes.

THE BACH COLLEGIUM would like to say thank you to Zion parishioners by giving a discounted rate of \$10.00 for tickets to the St. John Passion. Zion members just need to identify themselves as parishioners to get the reduced rate. The St. John Passion is happening right here at Zion in the nave on March 3rd at 4:00 PM.

THE THIRD WORLD SHOPPE will be at Zion on Sunday, February 18th. Stop by after service and see what exotic merchandise Marian has brought with her.

LSUS is looking for club leaders! Spring clubs will run for 6 weeks. They will take place the weeks of Feb 19-23, Feb 26-Mar 1, Mar 4-8, Mar 11-15, Mar 18-22, and Mar 25-29. If you are interested in hosting an after school club, you can choose the day of the week, topic, age level, and number of kids. More information can be found on the sign up link here: bit.ly/LSUSclubs. If you’re interested in doing a club, fill out the sign up no later than Feb 9. Questions should be emailed to Danielle Ramsey at dramsey@lsusfw.org.

RLNI: the **2024 LEGISLATIVE FORUM** will be next Saturday, February 17th. Doors open at 9:00a with the event running from 9:30a-11:30a at the Historic Woman’s Club at 402 W Wayne St, Fort Wayne. There will be an all-new format. You will hear from legislators and organizations on where we stand on LIFE in Indiana. Breakfast is being served at a cost of \$5. Register for the Legislative Forum at ichooselife.org. **SECONDLY**, if you have a passion for helping women choose life, join RLNI on Thursday, February 22nd for Sidewalk Advocate Training and learn how to save lives in Northeast Indiana. The training, provided by Sidewalk Advocates for Life, will take place at the RLNI Training Center at 3106 Lake Ave, from 9am-noon. There is no cost to participate. Snacks provided. Questions? Please send an email to rlni@ichooselife.org.

CLHS’S WINTER MUSICAL, Guys and Dolls, is being performed Fri., Feb. 23 and Sat., Feb. 24 at 7:30 p.m., and Sun., Feb. 25 at 2:00 p.m. Set in Damon Runyon’s mythical New York City, Guys and Dolls is an oddball romantic comedy. Characters go from the heart of Times Square to the cafés of Havana, Cuba, and even into the sewers of New York City. But eventually everyone ends up right where they belong. Mr. Chris Murphy directs this musical, with musical direction by Mrs. Kathryn Peperkorn.

INVITATION: On Saturday, March 16, 2024, at 10 a.m., the Mary Martha Guild of Ascension Lutheran Church, 8811 Saint Joe Road, Fort Wayne, will present a Lenten devotion entitled *Forgiveness for Lent*. We invite the ladies of your society to join us for this morning of worship, fellowship, and brunch. So that we may plan accordingly for bulletins and food, please respond with an approximate number by Sunday, March 10, to barbhamm@frontier.com.

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God calls His own people a “Royal Priesthood.” God makes us kings and queens, princes and princesses who are bound together by the Holy Spirit in Baptism for the Christian benefit of each other. Priests **PRAY** -- They talk to God about their neighbor! Priests **TEACH** -- They talk to their neighbor about God! Priests **OFFER SACRIFICES** -- They offer to God the sacrifice of broken and contrite hearts; they offer their bodies and work as holy services to God for their neighbors. Join in this priestly work of prayer with your fellow members.

Morning Prayer

DAILY LECTIONARY
The Transfiguration of Our Lord

Evening Prayer

Mark 9:2-9

2 Kings 2:1-12

John 4:27-45

Monday

Job 8:1-22

John 4:46-54

Tuesday

Job 9:1-35

Mark 1:1-13

Wednesday

Genesis 1:1-19

Mark 1:14-28

Thursday

Genesis 1:20–2:3

Mark 1:29-45

Friday

Genesis 2:4-25

Mark 2:1-17

Saturday

Genesis 3:1-24

THE DAILY PETITIONS OF THE CHURCH

[Daily] **O Lord, have mercy upon us. O Christ, have mercy upon us. O Lord, have mercy upon us.** Let us pray:

[S] For the joy of the Resurrection among us; for true and godly worship throughout the world; for diligent preaching and hearing of God’s Word of Law and Gospel; for our pastors; for the teachers and students of our Sunday School; for our Bible Class leaders and their students; for our catechumens; Lord, in Your mercy,..... **hear our prayer. Amen!**

[M] For workers; for the unemployed; for farmers; for seasonable weather; for businesses small and large; for our leaders, federal, state and local; for the economic welfare of the nations on earth; for peace in our world; Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer. Amen!**

[T] For the tempted; for the addicted and despairing; for the tortured and oppressed; for the lonely; for the sick, the hospitalized, and the needy; Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer. Amen!**

[W] For fathers, mothers, and families; for those adults who must rear their children alone; the teachers and students of Lutheran South Unity School and Concordia Lutheran High School; Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer. Amen!**

[T] For the Church and her pastors; for the training of ministers of the Word; for missionaries of the Church; for the leaders of the Church, including Matthew, our synod president, and Richard, our district president; for those who have not heard the Gospel; for the fruitful use of the blessed Sacrament of the Lord’s Body and Blood; Lord, in Your mercy,..... **hear our prayer. Amen!**

[F] For the preaching of the Cross; for those persecuted for the sake of Gospel; the confession of the orthodox Lutheran faith in our community; Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer. Amen!**

[Sat] For faithfulness unto life’s earthly end; for the revival of those who have withered in the faith or fallen away; for the dying; Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer. Amen!**

[Daily]

The Our Father

TO PREPARE FOR NEXT SUNDAY

The First Sunday in Lent

Genesis 22:1-8

James 1:12-18

Mark 1:9-15



What Doctor Luther Says:

About Christ, the Greater Abel, Enoch, and Elijah

5. *By faith Enoch was taken up [so that he should not see death].*

Chrysostom [St. John Chrysostom, c. 347-407] says: “Many ask to what place Enoch was taken up, why he was taken up, and why neither he himself nor Elijah died. And if they are still alive, how are they alive and in what kind of state? But it is needless to ask such questions. The Scriptures have said (Gen. 5:24; 2 Kings 2:11) that Enoch was surely taken up and that Elijah, too, was assumed but they have not added where and in what condition they are. Nothing more, however, is stated than what is necessary.” Therefore whatever is stated about them outside the Scriptures must be the opinions or notions of people who do not know, and it is better to have no knowledge of these opinions and notions than to be troubled in vain by idle curiosity. But God wanted his taking up to be recorded in the Holy Scriptures for our sakes, namely, “in order that the human soul,” says Chrysostom, “might get the hope that death would be destroyed and the tyranny of the devil would be condemned.” For all this took place in order that in the beginning faith concerning the Savior’s future redemption might be nourished and sustained, and that the human race might not see itself completely deserted and despair of redemption. For the elect never lacked consolation. Nor did they lack tribulation. Thus although in Abel the human race saw death, yet in him [Jesus] it saw a better life. Although in Enoch it saw no death, yet in him [Jesus] it saw life.

Luther’s Works, 29:234-5.

LSUS NOTES

Praying for You!

Please pray for these students/staff:

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| Aniyah | Laydia |
| Holly | Brandon |
| Judah | Cynthia |
| Benicio | Stephanie |
| Titan | Mr. Sowders |
| Javier | |



Dress like a Teacher/Staff Day

Tuesday, students dressed like teachers or staff members and teachers and staff dressed like the students. Some of the students really got into character and took on their "twin's" role! A few of Mrs. Bahr's twins are



ENROLLING NOW

Do you have a K-8 student or know someone with a K-8 student? Come join the Lutheran South Unity School family! Registration for the 2024-2025 school year is now open. Contact Barb Johnson or the office at LSUS for information on how to enroll! 260-744-0459



Encouragement Found in Scriptures:

Be not quick in your spirit to become angry, for anger lodges in the heart of fools.
—Ecclesiastes 7:9



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Dr. Jon Bruss is Associate Professor of Systematic Theology and is considered an authority on the history of the Christian church.

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Forgiveness for Lent



All ladies are invited to

**A Lenten Devotion
and Brunch**

**Saturday, March 16
10 a.m.**

**at Ascension Lutheran Church
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LIFE NEWS—FEBRUARY 2024



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Life Newsbytes

65,464,760 Babies Have Been Killed in Abortions Since *Roe v. Wade* in 1973 – A new factsheet that tallies the number of babies killed in abortions since 1973 presents heartbreaking news for pro-life Americans. The new figures from the National Right to Life Committee (NRLC) show that almost 65.5 million babies have been killed in abortion since the Supreme Court legalized abortion in *Roe v. Wade* in 1973. Although abortion totals per year have gone down since their highs in the years after *Roe*, almost 900,000 babies are killed in abortions every year, and those totals have increased slightly in the last two years because of the COVID pandemic and massive uncertainty in the world, according to NRLC's projections. The most accurate abortion figures for the United States come from the Guttmacher Institute, a pro-abortion group that was formerly a part of Planned Parenthood because those figures come straight from abortion centers that kill babies ... "Now, with the Supreme Court's *Dobbs* decision overturning *Roe*, rejecting the idea that there is any national right to abortion, there is a new benchmark – June 24, 2022. That was the point at which many states were once again able to pass and enforce legislation protecting unborn children." Randall O'Bannon, Ph.D., is the director of education and research for the NRLC. (*LifeNews.com*, 1/17/24)

Speaking up For Life

"How sad as we hear of the overturning of *Roe vs. Wade* by the Supreme Court that so many are acting like this is the worst thing that could happen in our world. Stop and think of what they are arguing about. They want the right to kill a baby in their womb. They want the right to do what they want with their body. It is such a selfish, sinful, and demented way of thinking. Yet, as you hear the arguments and as your kids go off to college, you often feel like you as a Christian are such an uncaring person. My friends, we are all sinners. Imagine what Jesus must think of this. He loves every soul!" *Pastor Darren Green, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota (6-26-22)*

"'You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit' (John 15:16). Those words are meant for every one of us. We should never cease to be amazed at God's gifts and timing to bear the fruit of God's love." *Lynette Auch, former President of Lutherans For Life*

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