

**February 19, 2023**  
**Worship & Communion**  
**Transfiguration of Our Lord**



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**WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP CELEBRATION!** Thanks for coming to be with us at Zion Lutheran Church. If this is your first visit, or if you worship here regularly, we are delighted that you chose to share with us. We worship together on Saturday at 5:00 p.m. and Sunday at 10:00 a.m. If you have a “prayer request” or a “praise report”, please let the pastor know. God bless you on your journey of faith.

## **INTRODUCTION**

*Today's festival is a bridge between the Advent-Christmas-Epiphany cycle that comes to a close today and the Lent-Easter cycle that begins in several days. On a high mountain Jesus is revealed as God's beloved Son, echoing the words at his baptism. This vision of glory sustains us as Jesus faces his impending death in Jerusalem. We turn this week to Ash Wednesday and our yearly baptismal journey from Lent to Easter. Some churches put aside the alleluia at the conclusion of today's liturgy. This word of joy will be omitted during the penitential season of Lent and will be sung again at Easter.*

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PRELUDE**

*Christ Be Our Light*

*Arr. Lasky*

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**P:** Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever.

**C:** **Amen.**

**P:** Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**P:** Holy One, source of our renewal,

**C:** **we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

**P:** Thus says our God: "The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare." God's mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of + Christ our Savior.

**C:** **Amen.**

**GREETING / PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Sisters and brothers in Christ, beloved children of God: grace, mercy and peace be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray . . .

**C: O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**CHANCEL CHOIR** Director: Susie Gray

*Come to the Water*

Composer: Laura Ann Page

**THE WORD**

**FIRST READING: Exodus 24:12-18**

P: <sup>12</sup>The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." <sup>13</sup>So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. <sup>14</sup>To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them." <sup>15</sup>Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. <sup>16</sup>The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. <sup>17</sup>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. <sup>18</sup>Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

P: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **SECOND READING: 2 Peter 1:16-21**

P: <sup>16</sup>We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. <sup>17</sup>For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." <sup>18</sup>We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. <sup>19</sup>So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. <sup>20</sup>First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, <sup>21</sup>because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Red hymnal page 102**

C: **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Lord to who shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

P: The Holy Gospel is from **Matthew 17:1-9**

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

P: <sup>1</sup>Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. <sup>2</sup>And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. <sup>3</sup>Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. <sup>4</sup>Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." <sup>5</sup>While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" <sup>6</sup>When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. <sup>7</sup>But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." <sup>8</sup>And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. <sup>9</sup>As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON Dale Schaefer

HYMN Red hymnal #316

*O Wondrous Image, Vision Fair?*

## RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

### APOSTLE'S CREED

P: Let us confess our faith.

C: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**

### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH *(Response after each petition)*

P: Lord in your mercy,

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

### OFFERING—Invitation—God's Work Continues

### OFFERTORY SONG Red hymnal page #113

C: **Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace: your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of ev-'ry people: a light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel. Now Lord, you let your servant go in peace.**

## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER WITH WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **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.

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION** *(All who confess Jesus as their Lord and Savior and believe in the real presence of Christ in the sacrament are invited to receive Holy Communion.)*

### **BLESSING**

**P:** The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod + bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always.

**C:** Amen.

**HYMN** Red hymnal #318

*Alleluia, Song of Gladness*

### **DISMISSAL**

**P:** What is the mission of Zion Lutheran Church?

**C:** **The mission of Zion Lutheran Church is: "Serving Christ through serving others."**

**P:** Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

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

**POSTLUDE**

*Postlude on "Darwall's 148th"*

Arr. Portman

*Prayer concerns for Zion's prayer chain may be submitted using a 'Prayer Request' card from the pew rack.*

**Total Attendance 2/11/2023 & 2/12/2023: 150**

Unified Giving: \$4,263.00

Building Fund: \$ 284.00

**Sunday School Attendance**

Adults: 16

Kids: 7 Youth: 9

## In Helpful Service

|                     |                |
|---------------------|----------------|
| Pastor              | Dale Schaefer  |
| Acolyte             | Hannah Kessler |
| Greeters            | Jen Johnson    |
| Reader              | Linda Holt     |
| Communion Assistant | Linda Holt     |
| Usher               | Wayne Fronczak |

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WOMEN OF ZION NIGHT OUT / TONIGHT @ 5:00 P.M.

We will meet at: **Dos Lunas Mexican Bar & Grill - 12 S. Tippecanoe Dr. (behind O'Reilly's) Tipp City—Bring one valentine card signed by you. Bring \$ to pay for your meal.** This event will take the place of our February Women of Zion meeting. While we are waiting for our meals to be served, a brief business meeting will be held. **Please sign up in the hallway if you plan to attend.**



### MISSION OF THE MONTH FOR FEBRUARY

**Souper bowl of Caring** is the Mission of the Month for February.

The money collected will be going to St. Patrick's Soup Kitchen in Troy. Please consider putting your spare change or a few bills, or a check made payable to **Women of Zion** in the bowl. Women of Zion will match funds donated up to \$300.00.

### REMINDER

- ◆ **Ash Wednesday** is on **February 22nd** this year. A worship service will be held at 7:00 PM in the sanctuary.
- ◆ A Lenten mid-week service will be held on **Wednesday, March 8th at 6:00 PM**

### OUR RELAY FOR LIFE TEAM

Would you like to help fight cancer? Our Relay For Life team, Holy Walkamolies For the Cure, will have our first meeting of the year on **Sunday, February 26 at 3 pm in the adult Sunday school room.** This year's event is scheduled for June 17 at the Miami County Fairgrounds. We will need people who can take turns walking at the event, but there is a variety of other ways to help too. New members are always welcome.

## THIS WEEK AT ZION:

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| <b>Sunday, Feb. 19</b>   | 9:00 am        | Sunday School                                       |
|                          | 10:00 am       | Worship   |
|                          | 5:00 pm        | Women of Zion / Night Out / Dos Lunas               |
| <b>Monday, Feb.20</b>    | 11:00 am       | Quilting  |
| <b>Tuesday, Feb. 21</b>  | 10:00 am       | Quilting  |
|                          | 8:00 pm        | AA (basement)                                       |
| <b>Wednesday, Feb 22</b> | <b>7:00 pm</b> | <b>Worship / Ash Wednesday</b>                      |
|                          |                | No Choir Rehearsal                                  |
| <b>Thursday, Feb. 23</b> |                | Compassionate Friends Meeting                       |
| <b>Saturday, Feb. 25</b> | 5:00 pm        | Worship & Communion                                 |
| <b>Sunday, Feb. 26</b>   | 9:00 am        | Sunday School / Confirmation                        |
|                          | 10:00 am       | Worship & Communion                                 |
|                          | 1:00 pm        | Randall House Outreach                              |
|                          | 3:00 pm        | Relay for Life Team meeting "Holy Walka-<br>molies" |

## Staff

Dale Schaefer, Interim Pastor; Bill Jones & Susie Gray, *Choir Directors*;  
Lori Sebastian, *Organist*; Jessica Dorn *Christian Education Director*  
Linda Short, *Office Manager*; Sue Rambeau, *Treasurer*; Tina Putnam, *Sexton*