

Sunday Worship
February 11, 2024
Transfiguration of Our Lord



“And He was transfigured before them, and His clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them.”

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WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP CELEBRATION!

Thanks for coming to be with us at Zion Lutheran Church. If you are visiting with us for the first time, will you please fill out a visitor card, available in the pew rack in front of you, and drop it in the offering plate. Whether this is your first visit or 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

The Sundays after Epiphany began with Jesus' baptism and end with three disciples' vision of his transfiguration. In Mark's story of Jesus' baptism, apparently only Jesus sees the Spirit descending and hears the words from heaven. But now Jesus' three closest friends hear the same words naming him God's Beloved. As believers, Paul writes, we are enabled to see the God-light in Jesus' face, because the same God who created light in the first place has shone in our hearts to give us that vision. The light of God's glory in Jesus has enlightened us through baptism and shines in us also for others to see.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Arr: Hassel

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, creator of darkness and light, word of truth, wind sweeping over the waters.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God, our rock and refuge,

C: **we pour out our hearts before you.**

We have known you but have not always loved you.

We have wounded one another and sinned against you.

We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit dwelling in each of us.

Remember your covenant.

Renew your creation.

Restore us, that we might proclaim your good news to all.

Amen.

P: The voice of the Lord is upon the waters. God has spoken: The time of grace is now.
In Jesus, the reign of God has come near.
By the authority of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.
You are God's beloved.

C: **Amen.**

HYMN Red hymnal #838

Beautiful Savior

GREETING / PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The grace of Jesus Christ our Savior, the reconciling love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray . . .

C: **Almighty God, the resplendent light of your truth shines from the mountaintop into our hearts. Transfigure us by your beloved Son, and illumine the world with your image, 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
Composer: Patricia Mack

Held by His Grace

THE WORD

FIRST READING: 2 Kings 2:1-12

R: ¹Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ²Elijah said to Elisha, "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. ³The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent." ⁴Elijah said to him, "Elisha, 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. ⁵The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent." ⁶Then Elijah said to him, "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. ⁷Fifty men of the

company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. ⁹When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." ¹⁰He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." ¹¹As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. ¹²Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 50:1-6

R: ¹The mighty One, God the LORD, has spoken; calling the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

C: ²**Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, God shines forth in glory.**

R: ³Our God will come and will not keep silence; with a consuming flame before, and round about a raging storm.

C: ⁴**God calls the heavens and the earth from above to witness the judgment of the people.**

R: ⁵"Gather before me my loyal followers, those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice."

C: ⁶**The heavens declare the rightness of God's cause, for it is God who is judge.**

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

R: ³Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴In 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.

⁵For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. ⁶For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

R: The Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Red Hymnal #102

**Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia,
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.
Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia,**

HOLY GOSPEL

P: The Gospel according to **Mark 9:2-9**

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

²Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And He was transfigured before them, ³and His clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁶He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved listen to him!" ⁸Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them anymore, but only Jesus. ⁹As they were coming down the mountain, He ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON Pastor Sally Padgett

HYMN Red Hymnal #317

Jesus on the Mountain Peak

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**

C: of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS *(Response after each petition)*

P: Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer . . .

OFFERING—Invitation—God’s Work Continues

OFFERTORY SONG #113 *Now, Lord, You Let Your Servant Go in Peace*
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 every 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 PRAYERS WITH WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

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: God who names you, Christ who claims you, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you + bless you and remain with you 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. You are God’s beloved.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

O Love, How Deep (Deo Gracias)

Arr: Miller

The altar flowers are given to the honor and glory of God by Rick & Judy Bailey in celebration of their 54th anniversary.

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

In Helpful Service

Pastor	Sally Padgett
Reader	Debbie Weprin
Greeters	Cindy & Mitch Tayse
Ushers	Judy & Rick Bailey

ATTENDANCE 2/3 & 4: 107
Unified Giving 2/3 & 4: \$7,566.00
(Includes a yearly giving lump sum)

Sunday School: Adults 13
Youth & Kids 6

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUPER BOWL WATCH PARTY & CHILI COOKOFF: TONIGHT

Chili cook off dinner starts at 5:00. At 6:30, watch the Super Bowl on Zion's big screen. A sign up sheet is in the fellowship hallway for desserts and snacks. This is being brought to you by the Zion Technology Team. Support their effort and have some fun!!

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE: February 14th at 7:00 pm

MISSION OF THE MONTH: *Souper Bowl of Caring*

After the Saturday and Sunday worship services in February, you will have a chance to unload your extra change or folding money into the red bowl on the table at the back of the sanctuary or being held by one of our young people. If you prefer to write a check, please make it payable to the *Women of Zion*. The money collected will be given to the Vandalia Butler food pantry.

Any questions contact Deb Keppel.

SUNDAY SERVICE HELPERS: February still has some openings for helpers during service. The sign up poster is in the fellowship hallway. Please consider offering assistance.

LOOKING FOR A WINTER ACTIVITY?: There are new books and puzzles available to borrow in the conference room. Help yourself.

ALTAR FLOWERS: If you would like to honor someone with altar flowers, the following dates are still open: March 3, 17, 24; April 14; May 26; and September 8. The cost remains \$40. The chart to sign up is posted in the fellowship hallway. ***Please indicate what they are honoring and color choices.***

WOMEN OF ZION FEBRUARY MEETING: The Women of Zion will meet at *Dos Lunas Mexican Bar and Grill* on Sunday, February 18th at 5:00. All women of Zion are invited to an evening of good food and fellowship. Besides bringing money for your meal, you can bring one valentine to share with another woman of Zion. Please sign your name and we'll distribute them. A very short meeting will take place during the evening.

EASTER FLOWERS: Order forms are included in your bulletins. The order deadline is **Sunday, February 25th**. Please put completed forms, along with payment in the collection box in the narthex.

MAILBOXES: The Zion mailboxes have been reconfigured and alphabetized (more or less). Please look carefully when you go to retrieve your mailbox contents. Your name is inside the box and on the front. If you do not see your box, please let the office know and we will make sure you get one.

THIS WEEK AT ZION

Sunday, February 11	5:00	Chili Cook Off & Super Bowl Party
Monday, February 12	10:30 am 3:30 pm 6:30 pm	Mission Quilts TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Boy Scouts
Tuesday, February 13	10:00 am 5:00 pm 7:00 pm 8:00 - 9:00 pm	Mission Quilts Communications Meeting Council Meeting AA
Wednesday, February 14	7:00 pm Valentine's Day	Ash Wednesday Service

Staff

Sally Padgett, *Interim Pastor*; Bill Jones & Susie Gray, *Choir Directors*;
Lori Sebastian, *Organist*; Jessica Dorn, *Christian Education Director*
Annette Calicoat, *Office Manager*; Sue Rambeau, *Treasurer*;
Tina Putnam, *Custodian*

