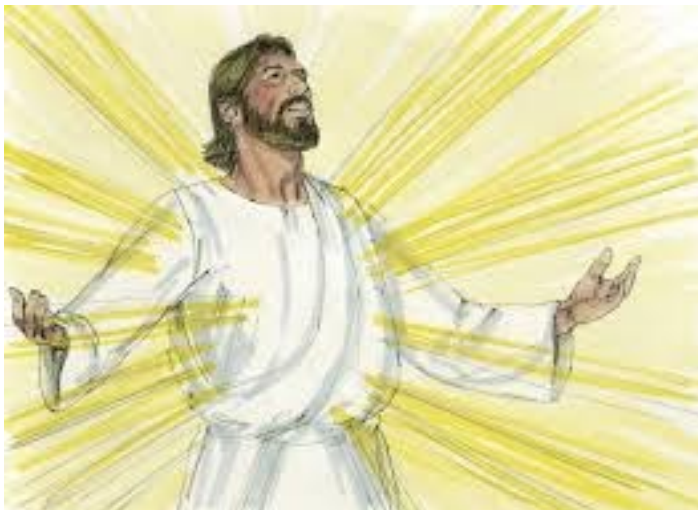


Sunday Worship
March 2, 2025
TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD



“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

Witnesses to the glory of God in the face of Jesus reflect that glory in the world. It was true for Moses. It was doubtless true for Peter, James, and John. We pray that it will be true of all of us who see God's glory in the word and in the supper and who are being "transformed into the same image" by God's Spirit.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

O Love, How Deep

Arr. Shaw

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, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life.

C: **Amen.**

P: Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Merciful God,

C: **You speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.**

P: God proclaims these words of assurance: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine." In + Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God.

C: Amen.

HYMN Red hymnal #838

Beautiful Savior

GREETING / PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray . . .

C: **Holy God, mighty and immortal, you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. Transform us into the likeness of your Son, who renewed our humanity so that we may share in his divinity, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

HYMN OF PRAISE Red hymnal #99

Glo - ry to God in the high -

est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and

Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we

praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus

Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the

right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a -

lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,

Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of

God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Glo - ry to God in the high -

est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

CHANCEL CHOIR Director Bill Jones *Spirit, Open My Heart*
 Music: Irish Melody Text: Ruth Duck

THE WORD

FIRST READING: Exodus 34:29-35

R: ²⁹Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know

that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. ³⁰When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them.

³²Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. ³³When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; ³⁴but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, ³⁵the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 99

R: ¹The LORD is King; let the people tremble. The LORD is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.

C: ²**The LORD, great in Zion, is high above all peoples.**

R: ³Let them confess God's name, which is great and awesome; God is the Holy One.

C: ⁴**O mighty King, lover of justice, You have established equity; You have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.**

R: ⁵Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and fall down before God's footstool; God is the Holy One.

C: ⁶**Moses and Aaron among your priests, and Samuel among those who call upon your name, O LORD, they called upon You, and You answered them,**

R: ⁷You spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; they kept your testimonies and the decree that You gave them.

C: ⁸**O LORD our God, You answered them indeed; You were a God who forgave them, Yet punished them for their evil deeds.**

R: ⁹Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and worship upon God's holy hill; for the LORD our God is the Holy One.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 3:12–4:2

R: ¹²Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, ¹³not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. ¹⁴But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. ¹⁵Indeed, to this very day

whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; ¹⁶but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. ¹⁷Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

^{4:1}Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. ²We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Repeat alleluia

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

HOLY GOSPEL

P: The Gospel according to **Luke 9:29-43a**

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

P: ²⁸Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white.

³⁰Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. ³¹They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³²Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"—not knowing what he said. ³⁴While he was saying this, a cloud came and

overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. ³⁵Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen listen to him!" ³⁶When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

³⁷On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. ³⁸Just then a man from the crowd shouted, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. ³⁹Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. ⁴⁰I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not."

⁴¹Jesus answered, "You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here." ⁴²While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. ⁴³And all were astounded at the greatness of God.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON Pastor Jaren Summers

HYMN Purple Hymnal #954 *You, Lord, are Both Lamb and Shepherd*

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 (*Response after each petition*)

P: Lord in your mercy,
C: Hear our prayer . . .

OFFERING—Invitation—God's Work Continues

OFFERTORY SONG #113

Now Lord



Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre-pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the na - tions and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el. Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace.

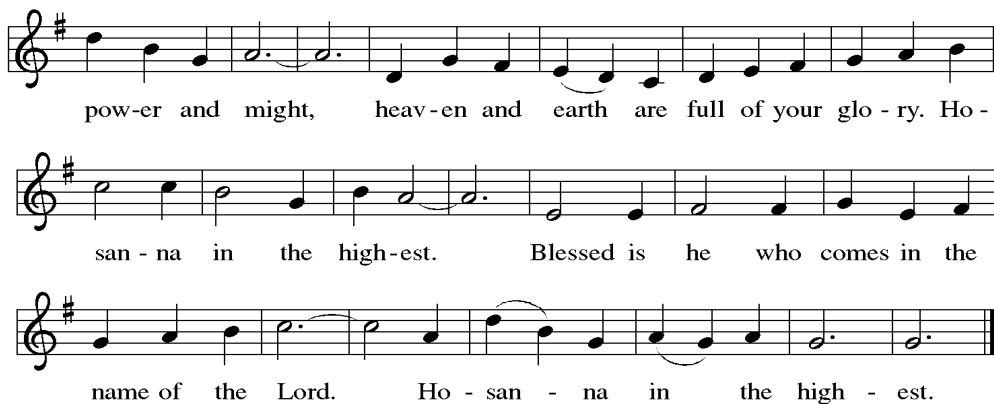
COMMUNION PREFACE #107 & 108

Great Thanksgiving

- P: The Lord be with you.
C: **And also with you.**
P: Lift up your hearts
C: **We lift them to the Lord**
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise....we praise your name and join their unending hymn.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of



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: The Spirit of the triune God + bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love.

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. Live in hope.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies

Arr. Callahan

*The altar flowers are given to the honor and glory of God
by Chuck & Maggie Powder in celebration of their children David & Kara.*

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

In Helpful Service

Pastor	Jaren Summers
Reader	Linda Holt
Communion Assist	Linda Holt
Bell Ringer	Youth Sunday School

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MARCH MISSION OF THE MONTH - Serving Lunch at Kennedy Hall

Saturday March 8th, we will serve a meal at Kennedy Hall, McKaig Avenue in Troy. This is a mission of St. Patrick Food Kitchen. We will provide the lunch (to be determined). Donations of hamburger buns and cookies will be needed. Donations to purchase the food will be also be needed. There will be a donation container in the narthex. The food will be prepared at Zion on **Friday afternoon, March 7th at 3:00**. We will transport the food to the Kennedy Center on Saturday morning at 10:30 and serve the food from 12:00-1:00. Sign-up sheets are in the narthex. The people who attend this meal are handicapped or developmentally disabled. The last time we served the attendees, they were extremely grateful and appreciative. Please consider helping either by donating money or time. If you have any questions, please see Linda Holt.

ASH WEDNESDAY March 5th. 11:00 am - 1:00 pm - Pastor Summers will be at our portico to administer ashes on folks who wish to drive up. At **7:00 pm** we will have a traditional service.

BUNCO RETURNS Saturday, **March 15th at 6:00 pm** in the Fellowship Hall.. Pizza will be provided with a love offering to cover the cost. Please bring a snack to share and your own beverages. If you don't know how to play, no worries, we will teach you. It's easy and fun! **Sign up** in the fellowship hallway.

BLOOD DRIVE March 12th - 12:00 - 6:00 pm Fellowship Hall

CLOTHESLINE MEETING March 10th at 10:30 to continue planning for our annual dinner. If you cannot attend, please call Sharon Byrd at 937-667-1003 and leave your name and phone number.

NATIONAL QUILT DAY March 15th Stop into the conference room on the 15th & 16th to see our Mission Quilters display. They work diligently all year to provide hundreds of quilts to Lutheran World Relief.

BIBLE & BREW Returns on **March 18th - 5:30 - 6:30** at Chaffee's Brewhouse for diverse conversations and theological discussions in a relaxed setting. These gatherings are **open to everyone!** Chaffee's offers a selection of craft beers, coffees, a variety of other alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages, and they are now serving food.

THIS WEEK AT ZION

Monday, March 3	10:30 am	Mission Quilts
	3:30 pm	TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)
	6:00 pm	Property Meeting
	6:30 pm	Scouts
Tuesday, March 4	10:00 am	Mission Quilts
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting
Wednesday, March 5	11:00 - 1:00	Drive up Ashes
	6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 pm	Ash Wednesday Service
Sunday, March 9	Daylight Savings Time Begins	

Staff

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

LENTEN SCHEDULE

Midweek Lenten Service

Wednesday, March 26th - 6:00 p.m.

Palm Sunday

Saturday, April 12th - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 13th - 10:00 a.m.

Maundy Thursday Service

Thursday, April 17th – 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday Service

Friday, April 18th – 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday

Saturday, April 19th - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 20th - 10:00 a.m.

