



Sunday, March 2, 2025
Transfiguration of Our Lord

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HOLY COMMUNION

Setting Three

Regular font: Worship Leader; Bold font: Congregation

GATHERING

WELCOME

Please stand

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life.

Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

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.

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.

Amen.

OPENING HYMN “How Good, Lord, to Be Here!” **ELW 315**

GREETING

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

And also with you.

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GLORY TO GOD

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.**

WORD

Please be seated

FIRST READING

Exodus 34:29-35

²⁹ Moses 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. ³⁰ When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹ But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. ³² Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. ³³ When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; ³⁴ but 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, ³⁵ the 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.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 99

¹ The LORD is king; let the | people tremble.

The LORD is enthroned upon the cherubim; let | the earth shake.

² **The LORD, | great in Zion,**

is high a-¹bove all peoples.

³ Let them confess God's name, which is ¹great and awesome;
God is the ¹Holy One.

⁴ **O mighty king, lover of justice, you have es-¹tablished equity;
you have executed justice and righteous-¹ness in Jacob.**

⁵ Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and fall down be-¹fore God's
footstool;
God is the ¹Holy One.

⁶ **Moses and Aaron among your priests, and Samuel among those
who call upon your ¹name, O LORD,**

they called upon you, and you ¹answered them,

⁷ you spoke to them out of the pil-¹lar of cloud;
they kept your testimonies and the decree ¹that you gave them.

⁸ **O LORD our God, you answered ¹them indeed;
you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for
their ¹evil deeds.**

⁹ Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and worship upon God's ¹holy
hill;

for the LORD our God is the ¹Holy One.

SECOND READING:

2 Corinthians 3:12—4:2

¹² Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, ¹³ not
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. ¹⁴ But 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. ¹⁵ Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is
read, a veil lies over their minds; ¹⁶ but when one turns to the Lord, the
veil is removed. ¹⁷ Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of
the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸ And 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. ² We 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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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GOSPEL READING

Luke 9:28-43a

The holy gospel according to Luke the 9th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁸ Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹ And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³⁰ Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. ³¹ They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³² Now 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. ³³ Just 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. ³⁴ While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. ³⁵ Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!” ³⁶ When 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.

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON

Pastor Sara Stall-Ryan

One Minute of Silence is kept for reflection.

Please stand

HYMN OF THE DAY “Christ, Be Our Light” **ELW 715**

PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these people, one with us in the body of Christ, whom we welcome as new members into the life and ministry of this congregation.

APOSTLES’ CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 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.**

ADDRESS AND QUESTIONS

In baptism, we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God. We are called to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

Brother and Sister in Christ, do you intend to continue in the covenant of your baptism among God's people in this place?

Those being welcomed respond. I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

People of God, do you promise to support and pray for these new members in their life in Christ?

**We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.
Welcome.**

Let us welcome these sisters and brothers in Christ to this community of faith.

**We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.
Together we will give thanks and praise to God
and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Transfiguring God, through the glory of your presence, you transform us. Move the church from complacency to boldness in sharing the good news with others. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for your creation. As seasons change, give patience and skill to all who tend to animals giving birth. Grant nourishing weather for the growing of crops. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all in leadership, especially for those who lead states, counties, and town councils (local leaders may be named). Give them wisdom to protect local resources so that all will flourish both now and in the years to come. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Bring your healing grace to those who feel distant from you. Speak comfort to those who need your words of mercy. We pray for those close to our communities and in our hearts (especially). God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of our past, present, and future, lead us into new beginnings, trusting in the promise of new life in Christ. Accompany congregations needing to close, and give courage to congregations starting new ministries (new ministries may be named). God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Renewing God, the saints who have gone before us witnessed to the ways you transform your church and people (especially John Wesley and Charles Wesley, renewers of the church). We give thanks for their example and pray we carry it forward. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.

Amen.

PEACE

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MEAL

Please be seated

OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN

OFFERING PRAYER

God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens,
and your abundance to the depths of the seas.

Bless what we offer to your service:

our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts.

Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity,
now and always. **Amen.**

Please Stand

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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It is indeed right...

SANCTUS

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Please kneel or sit

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER *(Traditional)*

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INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The joy of the Lord is our strength.

Come, eat this meal of gladness.

Please be seated

LAMB OF GOD

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Please kneel or sit

COMMUNION HYMNS

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

ELW 733

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

ELW 631

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

Please stand

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Nourishing God,
at this table you have refreshed us
with holy gifts of food and drink.

Strengthen us for service,
and send us out to embody your good news
of liberation and healing for the sake of the world.
In the name of Christ we pray. **Amen.**

BLESSING

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

SENDING HYMN "How Great Thou Art" **ELW 856**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live in hope.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude:

Prayer List

For Health:	Allen H	Milluzzo and	For Safety:
Clara W	Matthew A	Neri families	Andrew C
Joyce G	Bud J	Joan A	Todd S
Bill B	Marjorie F	Shirley C	Michael C
Cathy L	Jessica A	Diane E	Tyler G
Marion B	Charlotte D	Dick C	Erik B
Lily V	Jonathan A	Karen R	Justin Earl B
Holly N	Pauline N	Stacey T	Evan G
Dylan G	Curt R	Nancy G	David P
Lisa A	Matthew S	Family of	
Aiden J	Phil O	Mark D	
Helen A	Peter W		

SERVING TODAY

Geri Pearson - Lector
Deb Gustafson - Worship Assistant
Rick Borg, Donna Berndtson, Adam Stall-Ryan
- Ushers/Greeters
Pauline Neumann - Altar Guild
Sarah Dzialo - Organist



FOR NEW
MEMBERS

**We Welcome
New Members:
Michael Schneider
Kate Schneider**



The Ash Wednesday
service is **March 5th** at
6:00 p.m.

Lenten Calendar

On **Wednesdays** during Lent we begin The Soup and Substance program together with Bethlehem Lutheran Church in East Hampton at **6:00 p.m.**



Dates are:
March 12 at Zion
March 19 at Bethlehem
March 26 at Zion
April 2 at Bethlehem
April 9 at Zion



Lent Activity Bags will be available for families on March 9th. Each bag contains items to spark conversation, to dig into scripture, and to create a Lenten devotional practice for children.



Grace Guild will be collecting donations of **Groceries and Personal items** for the Food Bank during the **month of March**.



SPRING GATHERING 2025

You're Invited! With a special invitation to the ELCA women of eastern

Connecticut to the Rhode Island and Southeast Massachusetts Conference of the New England WELCA.

April 5, 2025, 9:00-1:45 p.m. Doors open at 8:30 a.m.

Hosted by the Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer

212 Main St. Foxboro, MA 02035

Breakfast and lunch provided.

Fee: \$20 per person, RSVP to office@lcor.org before 4/1

Send questions to Loni Ivanovskis at lonibelle63@yahoo.com

We will collect a gift-in-kind of new or gently-used small kitchen appliances (drip coffee makers particularly needed). A free-will offering during worship for NEWELCA will also be gathered.



Life Line Screening will be here

at Zion on **Tuesday, April 29th**

from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. If

you would like to register for an appointment call 1-800-640-6307 or visit LLSA.SOCIAL/HC

Weather Closings

Weather closings will be available on ABC, NBC, CBS and FOX61.



Make sure to use a **Goodwill Good Neighbor Donation Card** whenever you donate to Goodwill.

See Donna Berndtson for the donation cards and details.

Today: March 2, 2025

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9:00 a.m. Worship/Communion

10:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. The Chosen Video

11:30 a.m. True Vine Church

This Week:

Monday: **6:00 p.m.** N/A

6:30 p.m. Swedish Cemetery Finance Committee

Tuesday: **6:30 p.m.** Property/Finance

Wednesday: **6:00 p.m.** Ash Wednesday Service

Friday: **7:00 p.m.** N/A

Next Sunday:



March 9, 2025

First Sunday in Lent

9:00 a.m. Worship/Communion

10:30 a.m. Adult Education

11:30 a.m. True Vine Church

Attendance: Last week - 50; Last year - 50

Next weeks readings: Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16;
Romans 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13

MISSION STATEMENT

As members of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, we exist to honor and proclaim the life of Jesus Christ through our words, actions and deeds.

VISION STATEMENT

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church shall be a prominent magnet in the community to draw people to a new life in Jesus Christ.

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