



Zion Lutheran Church – LCMS  
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Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
 Transfiguration Sunday

Prelude  
 Tower Bells  
 Welcome  
 Announcements

*Visitors are encouraged to note their attendance by filling out the "Welcome" side (blue print) of the pew cards and putting the card into the offering plate near the entrance doors.*

*Worship Notes: Face covering must be used at all times. The congregation is invited to speak and sing the parts in bold type through a face covering.*

Opening Hymn

*'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here*

**LSB 414**

1 'Tis good, Lord, to be here!  
 Thy glory fills the night;  
 Thy face and garments, like the sun,  
 Shine with unborrowed light.

3 Fulfiller of the past  
 And hope of things to be,  
 We hail Thy body glorified  
 And our redemption see.

2 'Tis good, Lord, to be here,  
 Thy beauty to behold  
 Where Moses and Elijah stand,  
 Thy messengers of old.

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.

Invocation, Confession and Absolution (*Stand*)

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord

**C: who made heaven and earth.**

P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**C: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

### Service of the Word

Introit Psalm 2

1 Why do the nations rage

**and the peoples plot in vain?**

2 The kings of the earth set themselves,  
and the rulers take counsel together,

**against the LORD and against his Anointed,  
saying,**

3 "Let us burst their bonds apart  
**and cast away their cords from us."**

4 He who sits in the heavens laughs;  
**the Lord holds them in derision.**

5 Then he will speak to them in his wrath,  
and terrify them in his fury, saying,

**6 "As for me, I have set my King  
on Zion, my holy hill."**

7 I will tell of the decree:

**The LORD said to me, "You are my Son;  
today I have begotten you.**

8 Ask of me, and I will make the nations your  
heritage,

**and the ends of the earth your possession.**

9 You shall break them with a rod of iron  
**and dash them in pieces like a potter's  
vessel."**

10 Now therefore, O kings, be wise;  
**be warned, O rulers of the earth.**

11 Serve the LORD with fear,  
**and rejoice with trembling.**

12 Kiss the Son,  
lest he be angry, and you perish in the way,  
**for his wrath is quickly kindled.**

**Blessed are all who take refuge in him.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

**All: O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah. In the voice that came from the bright cloud You wonderfully foreshadowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King in 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. Amen.**

Old Testament Reading      Exodus 3:1-14 (*Congregation sits*)

1 Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. 2 And the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. 3 And Moses said, "I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned." 4 When the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." 5 Then he said, "Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." 6 And he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

7 Then the LORD said, "I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, 8 and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. 9 And now, behold, the cry of the people of Israel has come to me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. 10 Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt." 11 But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?" 12 He said, "But I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain." 13 Then Moses said to God, "If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" 14 God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And he said, "Say this to the people of Israel: 'I AM has sent me to you.'"

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

New Testament Reading      2 Peter 1:16-21

16 For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. 17 For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased," 18 we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. 19 And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, 20 knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. 21 For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading

Matthew 17:1-9 (*Stand*)

1 And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. 2 And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. 3 And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. 4 And Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." 5 He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." 6 When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. 7 But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear." 8 And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

9 And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon Hymn

*O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair*

**LSB 413**

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!

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.

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.

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.

5 (*Stand*) 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.

Sermon "'Rise, and have no fear.' There is only Jesus."

2 Peter 1:16 and Matthew 17:7-8

Apostles' Creed (*Congregation stands*)

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.**

**From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Installation of Officers for Zion Lutheran Church (*See insert*)

Randy Rohrs	Chairman	Lynda Cramer	Secretary
Diann Meyer-Grieser	Vice Chairman	Cheryl Bostelman	Treasurer
Lynn Schroeder	Elder	Toni Miller	Asst. Treasurer
Jeff Fedderke	Elder	Jenny Bischoff	Financial Secretary
Tony Aschemeier	Trustee	Julie Miller	Asst. Financial Sec.
Duane Dehnbostel	Trustee	Mike Grooms	Head Usher
Todd Grieser	Trustee		

Prayers of Zion Lutheran Church

In peace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the baptized, that we would heed our heavenly Father's admonition to listen to His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, as He speaks to us through His Holy Word and Sacraments; and that we would, by grace through faith, behold Him in His glory as He continues to tabernacle among us, delivering forgiveness, life and salvation through the same, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who are called and ordained to serve in Christ's stead and by His command, that all their preaching and teaching would flow from the right understanding that all Holy Scripture testifies of Christ and all that He has done, and continues to do, for our eternal salvation, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For parents in every Christian home, that they would pass on the faith to their children by word and deed, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all those who have been placed in authority over us, including President Biden, recently inaugurated as our president, that they would serve with integrity and honor, having the welfare of all in mind; and for our country, that division, conflict and strife would give way to unity, peace and quietness, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the Lord's flock here at Zion Lutheran Church, that we would be granted faithfulness, humility and patience in our various vocations, striving to love God and neighbor in all that we say and do, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all those who are sick, hospitalized, recovering, enduring ongoing treatment or suffering in any way, [*especially \_\_\_\_\_,*] that they would know Your peace and receive healing and relief according to Your gracious will; and for those who mourn, that they would be comforted by the sure and certain hope of the resurrection, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

**All this we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Through Him, with Him and in Him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is Yours, forever and ever. Amen.**

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*Please contact Pastor Rockrohr for changes to the prayer list.*

Martin Luther's Morning Prayer

**I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

O Lord, hear my prayer.  
Let us bless the Lord.

**And let my cry come to You.  
Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

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

Closing Hymn

Alleluia, Song of Gladness

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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 forever singing  
Alleluia joyfully.

### Silent Prayer, Extinguish Candles Postlude and Depart in His Peace

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Sermon “‘Rise, and have no fear.’ There is only Jesus.”  
2 Peter 1:16 and Matthew 17:7-8

#### I. What happened before the transfiguration...

##### A. Jesus asked the disciples who He was.

16 Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” 17 And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. 18 And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. 19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” 20 Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ. (Matthew 16:16-20)

B. But when Jesus told the disciples that He must suffer, die and rise again, Peter rebuked Jesus. But Jesus said, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.” (Matthew 16:23)

C. Jesus then taught whoever follows Him must take up his cross and be willing to lose his own life.

#### II. The Glory of Jesus is to Serve and Save All Sinners. Don’t Be Afraid.

A. The Divine Glory of Jesus shown when discussing His death and resurrection with Elijah and Moses. (Lk 9:31)

B. Peter wanted the shining, divine glory of Jesus saved. But when the Father witnessed...**great fear!**

C. The glory needed by sinners is Jesus’ desire and mercy to forgive. The Father is pleased to forgive through Jesus. Look to Jesus and fear not!