

ZION EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH, MONROE, MI

(Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod)

IN JESUS' NAME WE WELCOME YOU!

The Transfiguration of Our Lord

Feb. 26 & March 2, 2025

WELCOME TO ZION. It is our hope and prayer that the message you hear today from God's Word will strengthen your faith and fill your heart with the peace only God can give and the joy we have in believing that JESUS CHRIST is our Savior from sin.

Worship Focus: Jesus is revealed as the Lord of glory.

This is the Transfiguration of Our Lord Sunday. The readings for this last Sunday in the season of Epiphany provide a book end of sorts to the first Sunday in Epiphany. During the first week, we saw Jesus revealed by God himself at his Baptism. Today we see the veil of his humanity pulled back and the full glory of God shine forth for a short moment.

LITURGY: Common Service

CW pg. 15

OUR FAMILY AT WORSHIP

PHONES AND ELECTRONIC DEVICES — We request that you please turn off all devices during the church service. You may keep it on if you are emergency response personnel or if you have an emergency call you are anticipating. Thank you for your cooperation.

BATHROOMS are located in the back of church, just down the hall toward the school. Please ask an usher for help finding them.

HEARING ASSISTANCE EQUIPMENT is available as part of our sound system. Individual hand-held units are available. Please check with an usher if you would like a unit for today's worship service.

VISITORS are asked to please sign our fellowship registry in the back of church so that we will have a record of your visit. Thank you for joining us today!

PRELUDE MUSIC: O God Beyond All Praising

Gustav Hoist

Adagio

J.S. Bach

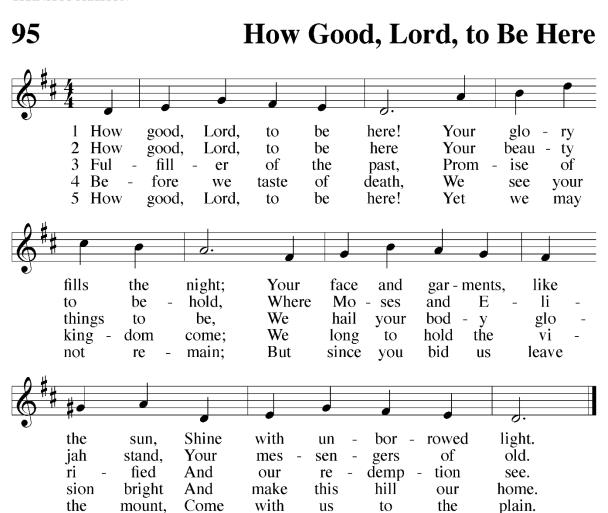
Flute – Rachel Krueger

O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair A

Arr. David Johnson

OPENING HYMN: CW 95

TRANSFIGURATION



Text: Joseph A. Robinson, 1858–1933, alt.

Tune: POTSDAM (SM) J. S. Bach, 1685–1750, adapt.

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



CONFESSION OF SINS

P: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.



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P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

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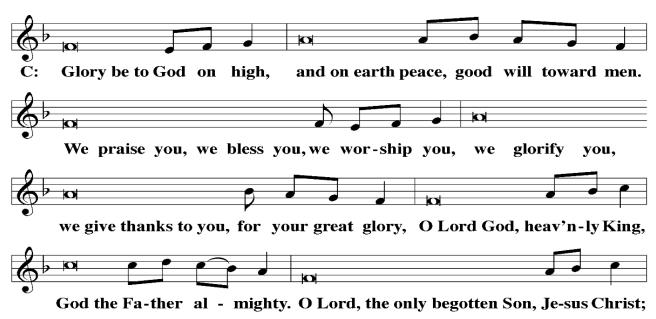
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PRAYER AND PRAISE

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

Lord,





PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.



P: Let us pray.

P: Lord God, before the suffering and death of your one and only Son, you revealed his glory on the holy mountain. Grant that we who bear his cross on earth may behold by faith the light of his heavenly glory and so be changed into his likeness; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Be Seated

FIRST LESSON: Exodus 34:29-35

²⁹ When Moses came down from Mount Sinai, with the two tablets of the Testimony in his hand as he came down from the mountain, Moses did not realize that the skin of his face was shining because he had been speaking with the LORD. ³⁰ When Aaron and all the people of Israel saw Moses, they were amazed that the skin of his face was shining, so they were afraid to come close to him. ³¹ Moses called to them, so Aaron and all the rulers of the community returned to him, and Moses spoke to them. ³² Afterward, all the people of Israel came close to him, and he gave them all of the commands that the LORD had spoken to him on Mount Sinai. ³³ When Moses was finished speaking with them, he put a veil over 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 again. Then he would come out and tell the people of Israel what he had been commanded. ³⁵ Whenever the people of Israel saw Moses' face, they would see that the skin of Moses' face was shining. Then Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with the LORD again. (EHV)

PSALM OF THE DAY: *CW 148* p. 121





Praise the LORD from the <u>heavens</u>,* praise him in the <u>heights</u> above.

Praise him, all his <u>ang</u>els,*

praise him, all his <u>heaven</u>ly hosts.

Praise him, <u>sun</u> and moon,*

praise him, all you <u>shin</u>ing stars.

Refrain





Praise the LORD from the earth,*

lightning and hail, stormy winds that do his bidding,

you mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all <u>ce</u>dars,*
wild animals and all cattle, small creatures and <u>fly</u>ing birds,

kings of the earth and all rul<u>ers</u> on earth,*
young men and maidens, old men and <u>chil</u>dren.

Let them praise the name <u>of</u> the LORD,*

for his splendor is above the earth and the <u>heav</u>ens.

Glory be to the Father and <u>to</u> the Son* and to the Holy <u>Spir</u>it, as it was in the beg<u>in</u>ning,* is now, and will be forever. <u>A</u>men.

Refrain

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THE SECOND LESSON: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

³ But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled among those who are perishing. ⁴ In the case of those people, the god of this age has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from clearly seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is God's image. ⁵ Indeed, we do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶ For the God who said, "Light will shine out of darkness," is the same one who made light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the person of Jesus Christ. (EHV)

VERSE OF THE DAY:

Alleluia. A voice came from the cloud: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him." Alleluia. (Mark 9:7b)





Luke 9:28-36

²⁸ About eight days after he said these words, Jesus took Peter, John, and James and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹ While he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothing became dazzling white. ³⁰ Just then, two men, Moses and Elijah, were talking with him! ³¹ They appeared in glory and were talking about his departure, which he was going to bring to fulfillment in Jerusalem. ³² Peter and those with him were weighed down with sleep, but when they were completely awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. ³³ As the men were leaving Jesus, Peter said to him, "Master, it is good for us to be here. Let's make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not realize what he was saying. ³⁴ While he was saying these things, a cloud came and overshadowed them. They were afraid as they went into the cloud. ³⁵ Then a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!" ³⁶ After the voice had spoken, they found Jesus alone. They kept this secret and told no one in those days any of the things they had seen. (EHV)



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We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth,

of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,

eternally begotten of the Father,

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,

begotten, not made,

of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,

and became fully human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

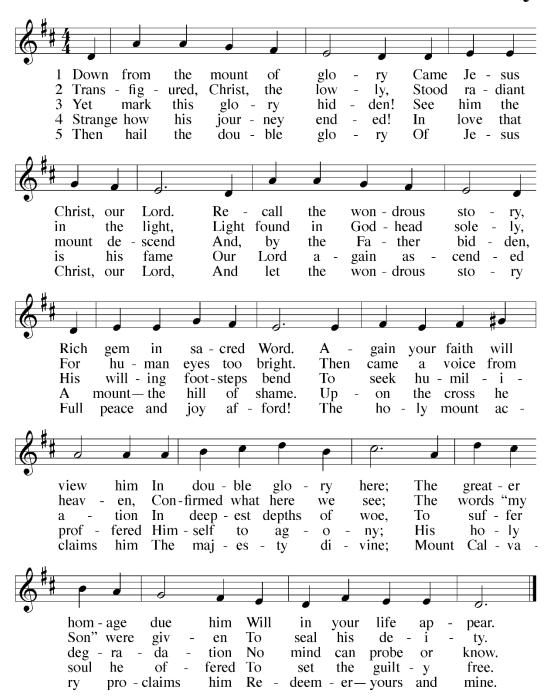
We look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY: CW 97 "Down from the Mount of Glory"

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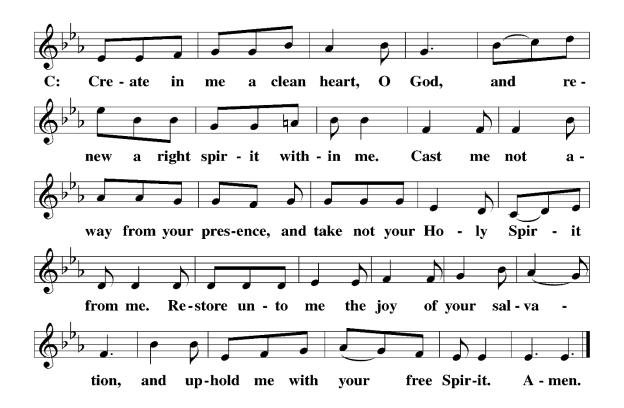
Down from the Mount of Glory



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SERMON TEXT AND THEME: Luke 9:28-36

The Way of the Cross



OFFERING: (Sunday only) The collection of the offering in the service is an opportunity for the members of Zion to give back to God a small portion of what he has given us in order to support the Gospel ministry of Zion Lutheran Church and School and of the WELS throughout the world. If you are a visitor today, while we appreciate an offering from you, please do not feel obligated to give.

OFFERTORY MUSIC: Offertory on a Hymn Tune

Lani Smith

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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.

THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

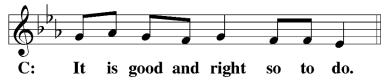
P: The Lord be with you.



P: Lift up your hearts.



P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



P: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lived among us as a human being and revealed his glory as your only Son, full of grace and truth. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Sanctus



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

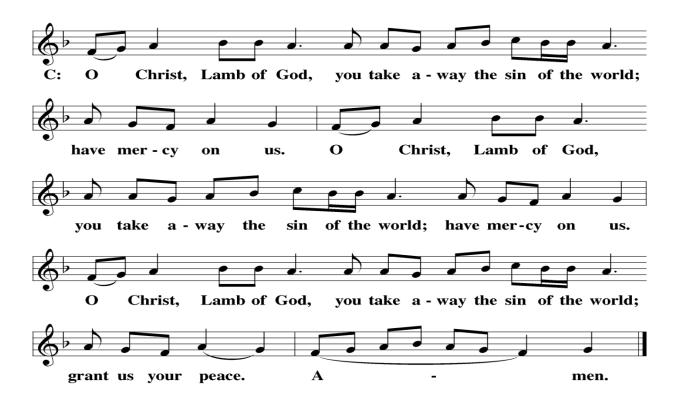
Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.



O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

Agnus Dei



BE SEATED

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: (Sun. Only) Zion Handchime A "Higher Throne"

CWS 712 "Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain"

CW 312 "Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared"

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Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain



The hymn writer reminds us that the glimpse of glory seen in Jesus' transfiguration foreshadows the ultimate glory of Christ displayed at Calvary, hidden under the cross.

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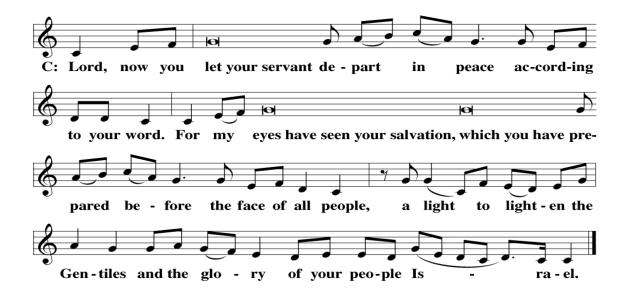


- 6 Lord, I believe what you have said;
 Help me when doubts assail me.
 Remember that I am but dust,
 And let my faith not fail me.
 Your supper in this vale of tears
 Refreshes me and stills my fears
 And is my priceless treasure.
- 7 Grant that we worthily receive
 Your supper, Lord, our Savior,
 And, truly grieving for our sins,
 May prove by our behavior
 That we are thankful for your grace
 And day by day may run our race,
 In holiness increasing.
- 8 For your consoling supper, Lord,
 Be praised throughout all ages!
 Preserve it, for in ev'ry place
 The world against it rages.
 Grant that this sacrament may be
 A blessed comfort unto me
 When living and when dying.

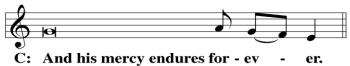
Text: Samuel Kinner, 1603–68; tr. Emanuel Cronenwett, 1841–1931, alt.
Tune: Du Lebensbrot, Herr Jesu Christ (87 87 887) Peter Sohren, c. 1630–c. 1692, alt.

SONG OF SIMEON

Nunc Dimittis



P: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



P: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (†) give you peace.



Closing Hymn: CW 369

REDEEMER

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Beautiful Savior



Text: Münsterisch Gesangbuch, Münster, 1677, abr.; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904. Tune: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU (557 558) Silesian folk tune, 19th century, alt.

Postlude Music: Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

John Gross

Officiants

Accompanist: Dottie Bober Flute: Rachel Krueger Liturgist & Preacher: Pastor Greg Sitzman

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CALL MEETING— The Joint Call committee has called Pastor Benjamin Kempfert to be the Associate Pastor. Please keep him in your prayers as he deliberates his call.

PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR CALL MEETING: A meeting was held on Sunday, February 9th to call for a Preschool Director/Teacher. We have extended a call to Mrs. Kristi Coffin. Please keep her in your prayers as she deliberates her calls.

ZION SCHOOL BI-ANNUAL AUCTION: It is that time again for Zion School CEA to hold its auction. This auction helps fund many activities, school sport uniforms, classroom supplies and even the curtains in the gym. This year the auction is on Sunday, March 2nd. If you would like to donate any NEW items, homemade items or baked goods, please pick up a slip at the back of the sanctuary and turn into the office. Thank you.

ZION FINE ARTS FAIR: Zion's annual fine arts fair will be held on Sunday, March 9th from 12-2. Everyone even non-members are invited to attend and to submit art! If you have any works of art to display, please have them to the office between Monday, March 3rd and Thursday, March 6. Make sure to label your art with your name. If you are interested in performing a musical piece, dance or reading, please email Stacey Sordahl at ssordahl@zionmonroe.org or send a text to (248) 345-3525. Suggested items to display – paintings, sketches, crafts, photography, sculptures, poetry, and short stories.

KILLARNEY LUTHERAN CAMP: Killarney Lutheran Camp is very blessed to have the churches and people support them like they do. Zion Lutheran Church is one of the biggest supporters when it comes to Boosters. For the last 10 years, Zion has had 30 + boosters. Along with the regular boosters we now have 18 life time boosters, the most from any other congregations. We sincerely thank you for your continued support. Please stop by and see all the improvements that have and still are going on at the camp. May 23rd-26th is Memorial Day weekend. Plan on camping or come up Sunday for the Chicken Bar-b-que.

Ash Wednesday Supper: You are invited to join us for an Ash Wednesday Soup/Salad Supper on Wednesday, March 5 from 5:30-6:30pm. Join us for a selection of soups and salads sponsored by grades 6-8. Cost is a free-will donation to their field trip fund.

Coming up at Zion

Sunday 9:00 a.m. Worship Service (IC/CC)

10:15 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Class

11:00 a.m. Zion CEA Auction

Monday MLS – Children's Theater Performance

Tuesday 10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Class Wednesday 5:30 p.m. Lenten Supper

7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Worship Service

Friday No School – HCA Basketball Tournament

Sunday 9:00 a.m. Worship Service

10:15 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Class

Noon Zion Fine Arts Fair

March Volunteers

	Feb. 26 & Mar. 2	Mar. 5 & 9	Mar. 12 & 16	Mar. 19 & 23	Mar. 26 & 30
Altar Guild			Liz Seibert		
Live Stream Helpers	Erich Freiny	Rob Krueger	Ryan Roth	William Robinson	Miller Sordahl
Ushers	Feb. 26 Tony Affholter Jeff Douglas Mark Fuerstenberg Bryce Mueller Ray Palmatier March 2 Tony Affholter Jeff Douglas Mark Fuerstenberg Bryce Mueller Ray Palmatier	Mar. 5 Mark Kipf Keith McBee Joe Schmeling Mar. 9 Mark Kipf Keith McBee Joe Schmeling	Mar. 12 Dave Benge Alan Bober Matthew Hill Joe Koch Jeremy Robinson Jacob Robinson William Robinson Mar. 16 Dave Benge Alan Bober Matthew Hill Joe Koch Jeremy Robinson Jacob Robinson William Robinson	Mar. 19 Ray Chandonnet Erich Freiny Rob Krueger Matthew Loos Zach Turner Mar. 23 Ray Chandonnet Erich Freiny Rob Krueger Matthew Loos Zach Turner	Mar. 19 Jake Burke Rich Heusman Jeff Heusman Juergen Koenig Matt McCormick Zach McCormick Mar. 23 Jake Burke Rich Heusman Jeff Heusman Juergen Koenig Matt McCormick Zach McCormick
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	March 2 Mark Kipf Ray Palmatier		<u>Mar. 16</u> Jake Burke Mark Kipf		