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The Transfiguration of Our Lord **February 26 & March 2, 2025**

The Glory of God Is Manifested in the Body of Christ

“Moses was faithful in all God’s house as a servant,” but Christ Jesus “has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses” (Heb. 3:3, 5). A beloved and well-pleasing Son, faithful even to the point of death, Jesus’ own body was raised up on the third day as the house of God, and He has brought us into that house through the waters of Holy Baptism (Heb. 3:6). Thus, it was not Moses, the lawgiver, but his successor, Joshua (the Hebrew name for Jesus), who led the people into the Promised Land (Deut. 34:1–4, 9). Now, on the Mount of Transfiguration, the New Testament Joshua appears in the glory that He is about to manifest by His “departure” (exodus) in Jerusalem (Luke 9:31). Having entered the waters of the Jordan in His Baptism, He passed through those waters and entered into glory by His cross and Passion. What He thereby accomplished in His own flesh and blood, crucified and risen, He reveals and gives to His Body, the Church, by the means of His Word. Therefore, the Father declares from heaven, “Listen to him!” (Luke 9:35).

The Lord’s Supper is offered today at Zion. Communicant members and members of our sister (LCMS) congregations are invited to commune at this altar. Please speak to our pastor if you have any questions about our communion practice. We would love to discuss the doctrine of the Lord’s Supper and joy of Christian fellowship. Please know the gifts of Jesus were given for you—but the proper spiritual preparation for communion is commanded by the Word of God (1 Cor 11:23-29). Those who do not yet commune here may come forward for a blessing (simply fold your arms over your heart to receive a Baptismal blessing) or you may remain in the pew during communion to join us in song and praise. There are no “offering” plates passed during the service. Rather, offering plates are set at the front pew. **You are invited to leave an offering of thanks to Christ on your way to communion** or any time during the first part of the service.

A PRAYER UPON ENTERING THE LORD’S HOUSE

O God, in the glorious transfiguration of your only-begotten Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith, and in the voice that came from the bright cloud, you wondrously foreshowed our adoption by grace, as co-heirs with our King of his glory; bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God, now and forever. Amen.

DIVINE SERVICE Setting Three

HYMN OF INVOCATION: “Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here” *LSB #414*

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INTROIT Psalm 84:1–2, 9, 11; antiphon: v. 4

Blessèd are those who dwell in your house,

ever singing your praise!

How lovely is your dwelling place,

O Lord of hosts!

My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the Lord;

my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.

Behold our shield, O God;

look on the face of your anointed!

For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and honor.

No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly.

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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 foreshowed 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: Deuteronomy 34:1-12

CHOIR SINGS: “Christ Our Hope in Life and Death”

EPISTLE READING: Hebrews 3:1-6

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HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 9:28-36

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HYMN OF THE DAY: “Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens” *LSB #589*

SERMON: “When Our Lord Speaks, Listen to Him!” Luke 9:35

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH: (See Prayer List on Page 6 of Bulletin)

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DISTRIBUTION: “Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face” *LSB #631*
“O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright” *LSB #395*

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CLOSING: “Beautiful Savior” *LSB #537*

Our Lord's Current Business

Welcome to worship, as we celebrate the Transfiguration of Our Lord. May God's grace nurture and strengthen you today.

Heartfelt "Thank You" to Galen and Audrey Aase for sponsorship of bulletin this week in honor of their Wedding Anniversary on March 3, 63 years. Congratulations!.

New Members - Last Sunday in our worship service we welcomed Faye Betts, Deb Gilbertson, Maarja Halverson & Leah Siewert as members of Zion. We pray God's blessings on them and our congregation as we work together to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

The Call Committee received a new Call List from the District President on Monday February 17th. The Committee met and is in process of contacting candidates. We have included the current Call List as an insert in the bulletin. Please keep this process in your prayers as the Committee continues its work. If you have any questions, please contact a member of the Call Committee: John Schultz, Dan Heike, Jane Reineke, Jeremy Anderson, Joel Lewiston, Matt Mohn, and Laura Nowaskey.

Maple Syrup fundraiser - are you looking for the perfect pancake topper? We are happy to offer a solution! The Bechel's are working with the youth group to provide syrup for you and a fundraiser for the youth. There will be sheets in the Resource Room for you to pre-order local maple syrup. Thank you so much for your support! Watch for details about delivery.

Concordia University Wisconsin's (our LCMS school) Wind Ensemble is currently on tour in our area. They will be in concert on Sunday, March 2 at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 1915 Hogeboom Ave in Eau Claire at 7:00 p.m. We invite you to

join fellow Christians as we celebrate the gift of music and encourage our college students in their vocations.

Confirmation Corner

March 2 - This week we will be looking at the first three petitions of The Lord's Prayer. These petitions, "Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven," all deal with praying for God's priorities. We will look at what it means to honor God's name by calling on Him in faith, proclaiming His love for us, and living according to His Word. We also see that we are part of God's eternal Kingdom and that God wants all people to know Him as their Father. Our memory work will focus on Luther's explanation to the petitions.

Sunday School - classes begin at 10:30 in the downstairs gathering space for singing, devotions and prayer. The students then move to their individual classrooms. Please join us for this time of learning and growing.

Sunday Morning Adult Class - Sunday, March 2 we will begin our next series "The Hand of the Lord." This is the series we will use throughout Lent. We will see how God's mighty saving hand is seen in the Old Testament and how His great redemption is accomplished through Christ. The topic for March 2 will be "The Hand of the Lord Who Freely Gives."

Middle & Senior High Bible Class - We meet every Sunday at 10:30. The junior high group is currently walking through the Old Testament to discover the promises of God. The senior high group is looking at God's Word to us in the New Testament and how we can share His love with others. Come and join us!

PRAISE GOD

Adult choir - We continue to meet and sing on Thursday nights from 6:30-7:30. We would love to have you join us for this time of singing, fellowship and fun! Right now we are starting to look at music for Lent and Easter

Ash Wednesday - As we begin our Lenten series, "The Hand of the Lord" we will see that in Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, He says, "Do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing" (Matthew 6:3). Jesus is emphasizing that our good works need not receive special recognition within ourselves, let alone the accolades of others. Jesus cuts right to the heart of our sin, knowing that our condition is so entrenched in us that we will manipulate even that which is good for our own pride. We ought to rend not simply our garments but also our hearts when confronted with this truth (Joel 2:12-13). But, like a master surgeon, Christ takes us in His hands, makes our hearts clean, and renews our spirits (Psalm 51). His hands were stretched out upon the cross, purely out of His divine love for us.

Lenten Devotionals Available - We have available "The Hand of the Lord" Lenten daily devotionals to help you in your personal devotion time this Lent. Please take advantage of this free resource this Lenten season. Available in the Narthex and Resource Room.

Lenten Services - Each Wednesday during Lent we offer two services using our Lenten theme. The first service is at 11:00 with a light meal following. The second service is at 7:00 p.m. with a meal served before. We encourage you to join us for this time of worship and fellowship.

Men's Group will meet March 8 at 7:30 a.m. in the Bible Study room. This group spends time in prayer and Bible Study. Breakfast and coffee are also provided! Come join the men as they grow in the Word!

Quilters would appreciate any queen or king size flat sheets in gently used or new condition. These sheets will become part of the beautiful quilts that are given to individual's in need. Thank you in advance 😊

Thrivent Choice Dollar-Eligible Thrivent clients can recommend where Thrivent distributes some of its charitable grant funds. These funds are called Choice Dollars and are accessed by signing into your account or contacting your agent. Choice Dollars can be designated after February 1 and during the calendar year and up until March 31 of the following year.

Our Lord's On-Going Business

Beautiful boxes & individual cards are on display in the Resource Center. Easter cards are also now available. We are offering cards at the usual 50 cents. Monies can be left with our AA Diane or put in the church "bank" on the card shelf or given to Brenda McKissick.

ZION'S PRAYER LIST:

The call process here at Zion for guidance on decisions being God's Will.

For those seeking healing: Ruth Larson, Lavina Johnson, Ruth Kent, Marvin Meier, Scott Anderson, Jeff Kacures, Mary Rolandt, Luther Larson, Susan Loomis, Ed Gunderson, Ron Laehn, Marge Linse, Peggy Waldbillig, Elsie Steinbach, Jackie, Shadie, Savannah Au, Donna Seltrecht, David Bloss, Jean Fleming,

Thanksgiving for those celebrating birthdays: Steve Segerstrom, Emily Ebner, Steven Aguilar, Bev Brion, Kailey Rausenberger.

Thanksgiving for those celebrating anniversaries: Galen & Audrey Aase, Marvin & Sharon Meier, Cody & Tonya Dziekan.

**LaRae Grotzinger has volunteered to help coordinate our prayer chain. If you have any updates to this list, please contact her (.), the office, or Pastor . You may also utilize the prayer box found in the narthex.*



OUR WEEK'S WORK
March 3-9, 2025

MON.	Sr. Fellowship	1:00 p.m.
	Call Committee	6:30 p.m.
	Monday Night Bible Study	7:00 p.m.
TUES.	Christian Ed Committee	6:30 p.m.
WED.	Quilters	9:30 a.m.
	Ash Wed. Service	11:00 a.m.
	Lenten Meal	11:45 a.m.
	Lenten Meal	5:15 p.m.
	Confirmation	5:30 p.m.
	Ash Wed. Service	7:00 p.m.
THURS.	MACA	12:00 p.m.
	ALH Chapel	2:00 p.m.
	Choir Practice	6:30 p.m.
SAT.	Men's Group	7:30 a.m.
SUN.	Divine Service	9:00 a.m.
	Christian Education	10:30 a.m.



SERVING THIS WEEK
February 26 & March 2, 2025

Accom:	Mary Gehrke		
Elder:	Gene Schultz	Weds.	7:00 p.m.
	Craig Loscheider	Sun.	9:00 a.m.
Usher:	Austin Harper	Weds	7:00 p.m.
	Frank Standaert	Sun.	9:00 a.m.
Greeter	LaRae Grotzinger	Weds.	7:00 p.m.
	Mary Standaert	Sun.	9:00 a.m.
Acolyte:	Izzie Winberg	Weds.	7:00 p.m.
	Brenna Vollmer	Weds.	7:00 p.m.
	Ben Linse	Sun.	9:00 a.m.
	Jacob Loscheider	Sun.	9:00 a.m.
Screen:	Wendi Ashwell	Weds.	7:00 p.m.
	Dave Reineke	Sun.	9:00 a.m.
Counters:	Galen Aase & Jeff Glanzman		
Altar Guild:	Karn Mohn, Amanda Osenga & Wendi Ashwell.		
	Susan Loomis & Diane Pfund		



A Stewardship Thought

Luke 9:36 – “And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone.” Moses and Elijah point to Jesus, speak about Jesus and His sacrifice, and then are happy to fade into the background. They know that what we need is Jesus. With our eyes focused on Him and Him alone, the rest of our lives comes into focus. He is primary, all else secondary. When that order is right in our lives, things truly fall into place. Or as Jesus Himself said, “Seek first the kingdom of God ... and all these things will be added unto you” (Matt. 6:33).



OUR WORSHIP LAST WEEK

	Attendance	
	Wednesday 30	Sunday 76
	Sunday School 13	
General Offering:	\$	2562.00
TIM	\$	105.00
Labor of Love	\$	20.00
Offerings thru January 2025	\$	32,130.00
Expenses thru January 2025	\$	27,301.00



SERVING NEXT WEEK SCHEDULE
March 5 & 9 2025

Accom:	Mary Gehrke		
Elder:	David Reineke	Weds.	11:00 a.m.
	Joe Osenga	Weds	7:00 p.m.
	David Reineke	Sun.	9:00 a.m.
Usher:	Butch Waldbillig	Weds.	11:00 a.m.
	Larry Anderson	Weds.	7:00 p.m.
	John Schultz	Sun.	9:00 a.m.
Greeter	Brenda McKissick	Weds.	11:00 a.m.
	Jeanne Anderson	Weds.	7:00 p.m.
	Julie Kacures	Sun.	9:00 a.m.
Acolyte:	Mason McDonough	Weds.	7:00 p.m.
	Makinley McDonough	Weds.	7:00 p.m.
	Matthew Triggs	Sun.	9:00 a.m.
	Keegan Hill	Sun.	9:00 a.m.
Screen:	Julie Kacures	Sun.	9:00 a.m.
Counters:	Chris Heike & Jeremy Anderson		
Altar Guild:	Susan Loomis & Diane Pfund		

ALWAYS THANK GOD