

Zion Lutheran Church, 9:00 AM
Thief River Falls, MN
Transfiguration of Our Lord— Holy Communion
February 19, 2023



PRELUDE
ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

***GATHERING SONG “I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say” ELW #611**

Liturgy setting 10; page 203

***GREETING** (p. 203)

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.

**Please stand as you are comfortable*

***KYRIE** (p. 203)

Congregation: Have mercy on us, Lord, and hear our solemn prayer.
We come to hear your living word; it saves us from despair.
Have mercy on us, Christ, and wash away our sin.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may begin.
Have mercy on us, Lord, make sin and shame depart.
Renew us with your saving pow'r; create in us new hearts!

***CANTICLE OF PRAISE** (p. 204)

Congregation: Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth.
Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth:
we exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.

Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
Son of God and gracious Savior, you have come from heav'n above;
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us; in your promise firm we stand.

Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord alone, to you we call;
Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:
Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father's splendor bright.
For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

FIRST READING: Exodus 24:12-18

¹²The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." ¹³So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. ¹⁴To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them."

¹⁵Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. ¹⁷Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. ¹⁸Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights. *Word of God, Word of Life... Thanks be to God.*

PSALM: Psalm 2

¹Why are the nations in an uproar?

Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?

²**Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt,
and the princes plot together,
against the LORD and against the LORD's anointed?**

³"Let us break their yoke," they say;
"let us cast off their bonds from us."

⁴**God whose throne is in heaven is laughing;
the LORD holds them in derision.**

⁵Then in wrath God speaks to them,
and in rage fills them with terror.

⁶**"As for me, I have anointed my king
upon Zion, my holy mountain."**

⁷Let me announce the decree of the LORD,
who said to me, "You are my son; this day have I begotten you.

⁸**Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance
and the ends of the earth for your possession.**

⁹You shall crush them with an iron rod
and shatter them like a piece of pottery."

¹⁰**And now, you kings, be wise;
be warned, you rulers of the earth.**

¹¹Submit to the LORD with fear,
and with trembling bow in worship;

¹²**lest the LORD be angry, and you perish in a sudden blaze of wrath.
Happy are all who take refuge in God!**

SECOND READING: 2 Peter 1:16-21

¹⁶For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." ¹⁸We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

¹⁹So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. ²⁰First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, ²¹because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Word of God, Word of Life... Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** (p. 205)

Congregation: Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word.
Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred
Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL: Matthew 17:1-9

P: The holy Gospel...

C: Glory to you O Lord.

²⁹[John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God ¹Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ²And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁵While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" ⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." ⁸And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

⁹As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

P: The Gospel of our Lord...

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON "BEYOND EXPECTATIONS"

PASTOR KRISTIN OSTERCAMP

HYMN OF THE DAY "Jesus Shall Reign" ELW #434

***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.

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Congregational response: **receive our prayer.**

***SHARING OF PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERING *Ushers will bring the plates forward at this time.*

OFFERTORY ELW #184 *“Let the vineyards be fruitful Lord...”*

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.

Gather the harvest from the seeds that were sown,

That we may be fed with the bread of life.

Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer,

Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

***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.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

***POST COMMUNION BLESSING & BENEDICTION**

***SENDING SONG** “Let the Whole Creation Cry” ELW #876

***DISMISSAL** Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus. **Thanks be to God.**

WELCOME! ZION'S LAY MINISTRY/EVANGELISM BOARD SAYS A SPECIAL WELCOME TO YOU THIS MORNING AND MAY YOU BE FED SPIRITUALLY DURING THIS TIME OF WORSHIP.

OUR THANKS TO TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS/ASSISTANTS

Pastor: Kristin Ostercamp

Pianist: Laura Rude

Organist: Marie Longo

Greeters: Darlene Torstveit

Reader: Russ Rhen

Ushers: Deb Holtan Usher/Greeters: Maverick Iverson, Zander Olson

Acolytes: Sienna Gregerson

Communion assistants: Dick Haugen, Patty Schob

HOLY COMMUNION is offered at worship today. Those believing that Jesus Christ is truly present in the bread and wine are welcome to participate. Please tell the communion assistant if you prefer grape juice. If you desire to commune where you are seated, please notify an usher who will direct communion ministers to come and serve you. Communion registration cards are available in the narthex.

Communion will be served continuously with one dismissal after all have communed. Form two single lines up the center aisle; receive the elements standing; then return to your pew by the side aisle. Children are welcome to come forward for a blessing

OUR SYMPATHY the families of Kathy Nelson and Beverly Ranum. Kathy's funeral was held last Sunday. Beverly's funeral will be held Saturday, Feb. 25th, visitation beginning at 9:30 AM, Funeral at 11:00 AM.

OUR PRAYERS TO Andy Hart recovering in Rochester and Joyce Swenson recovering at TRCC.

ZION WORSHIP SERVICE ONLINE Sunday mornings you can listen to the 9:00AM service online. Go to: www.ziontrf.org. in the black banner click Listen Online, Click on the RED link to KTRF.

BROADCASTS today are sponsored in memory of family by Jon & Junell Looker

ZION'S WEBSITE for February is sponsored by Zion memorials

LISTENING DEVICES & LARGE PRINT bulletins are available from an usher.

LAST REMINDER TO BECOME PART OF ZION'S 2023 CHURCH DIRECTORY

- We really want you to be a part of our directory. Because of a smaller than anticipated number of families that have scheduled pictures, Universal Church Directories has eliminated one of our photo days. The 14 families who scheduled pictures for Friday, March 3, were requested to choose another date for photos. This has already been done.
- **If you want your photo in the book, PLEASE schedule your photos as soon as possible. We don't want to lose another day.**
- **ucdir.com – Church code: mn321, Password: photos or call Darlene at 689-8921**

WELCA Meets Tuesday, Feb. 21 All women are invited to the monthly WELCA meeting on Tuesday at 10 a.m. Lenten suppers will be discussed and Pastor Kristin will lead Bible study. Sarah Circle are hostesses. Board meets at 9:00 AM.

ANNA CIRCLE on Wed., Feb 22, at 10 am in the lounge.

SARAH CIRCLE meets Wed., Feb 22 at 1:30 pm in the lounge.

ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP - Wed., Feb. 22 at 6:30 PM

ENVELOPE BOXES FOR 2023 are available to pick up in the narthex. If you do not currently have envelopes and would like them contact the church office.

VANCO ELECTRONIC GIVING forms are on the table by the office. You can also set up contributions thru the link on Zion's website.

STEWARDSHIP (Envelopes/Vanco Electronic Giving/Silver Creek included in all totals)

Feb 6-12 income: \$2,569.

Feb 1-12 income: \$11,466.

2023 Budget \$340,444. \$6,547. needed per week to meet budgeted expenses.

Direct Thrivent Choice Dollars® Eligible Thrivent Financial members: Show your appreciation for Zion Lutheran Church by directing Choice Dollars. The individual recommendations you make through Choice Dollars directions can make a profound impact.

PARISH NURSE NOTES - Have you ever considered or given a blood donation? There has been a critical need for all types of blood donation for much of the past year. Blood has a shelf life and so regular donations are needed to keep up the supply. Platelets must be transfused within a week, red cells must be used within 48 days and plasma can be stored for a year when frozen. To keep the nations blood supply safe and to protect patients and donors, there are some requirements that donors must meet. Generally, donors must...

Be 17 years or older, or 16 with parental consent (there is no upper age limit) Be at least 110 pounds Be in good health, feeling well, and taking no antibiotics Other questions will be asked at the time of donation that may exclude you but this questionnaire can be done ahead of time if you'd like.

The human body contains enough blood to enable you to donate with minimal to no side effects. Like a factory, your body continually makes blood and does so rather quickly. Your body will replace the volume (plasma) within 48 hours. In 4-8 weeks, many people replace all the lost red blood cells. Your hemoglobin is checked at the time of donation.

Vitalant is the name of the Blood Bank that comes to Thief River Falls about every 3-4 months and will usually advertise in the paper. If you'd like to set up an appointment with them, that can be done any time. There Fargo

number is 877-258-4825. Blood donors report feeling a sense of great satisfaction after making a blood donation. Why?

Because helping others in need just feels good. You can and probably will save a life! A heart felt thank you to all of those who have donated in the past and will in the future! God's Blessing and Peace.....Parish Health



Sunday School 10:00-11:00 AM

**Sunday School students will be singing
Call to Worship next Sunday, February 26th.**

February Noisy Offering: Pathways Bible Camp

Parents are invited to stay for coffee fellowship in the basement following worship. All are welcome!

Muffin Makers: Thank you for providing treats for Coffee Fellowship! (proceeds go to youth funds)
(Please bring 2 dozen baked goods to the fellowship hall on or before Sunday morning.)

Feb. 19: Josh & Sallie Lawrence, Justin & Katie Kunz, Justin & Sarah Van de Streek, Kelsey De-Frang, Kelsey Dondelinger

Feb. 26: Kerry Melin, Kevin & Alisha Walseth, Kevin & Tayna Ek, Kim Hanson, Krista Johnson

Feb. 19 Coffee assistants: Zander Olson, Karena Bakken, Livia Harbott

CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE - Feb 22 Ash Wednesday - No Class; Ash Wednesday Worship at 6:30 PM

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

Today, Sunday, Feb. 19:

9:00 Zion Holy Communion worship;
Broadcast ch. 3; KTRF

10 Sunday School

10 Coffee fellowship

10:30 Silver Creek Holy Communion wor-
ship

12:00 Zion broadcast on cable ch. 37

Next Sunday, Feb. 26:

9:00 Zion worship; Baptism
Broadcast ch. 3; KTRF

10 Sunday School

10 Coffee fellowship

10:30 Silver Creek worship

12:00 Zion broadcast on cable ch. 37

Monday, Feb 20: Newsletter items due

9 SAIL Exercise

Youth Ski Trip to Buena Vista

Tuesday, Feb. 21:

9 WELCA Ex Board

9:30 Staff Meeting

10 WELCA meeting

Noon - Pastor's text study

5:30 ZION COUNCIL

Wednesday, Feb. 22:

10:30 Anna Circle

1:30 Sarah Circle

6:30 Ash Wednesday Worship

7:15 Senior Choir



Thursday, Feb. 23:

9 SAIL Exercise

Friday, Feb. 24:

9:30 Coffee with Staff

Saturday, Feb. 25:

9:30 Visitation

11:00 Beverly Ranum Funeral