

Zion Lutheran Church
Thief River Falls, MN

New Traditions Worship
Transfiguration of our Lord

9:00 AM Worship
February 11, 2024

Pre-service Music

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship God's Joy

Gathering

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,
creator of darkness and light,
word of truth,
wind sweeping over the waters.

Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our rock and refuge,

we pour out our hearts before you.

We have known you but have not always loved you.

**We have wounded one another
and sinned against you.**

**We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit
dwelling in each of us.**

Remember your covenant.

Renew your creation.

Restore us,

that we might proclaim your good news to all.

Amen.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters.

God has spoken:

The time of grace is now.

In Jesus, the reign of God has come near.

By the authority of Jesus Christ,
your sins are forgiven.

You are God's beloved.

Amen.

Song "10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord, O My Soul)" printed

Greeting

From the one who is and who was and who is to come,
and from Jesus Christ, the first fruits of the resurrection,
grace and peace be with you all.

And also with you.



Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God, the resplendent light of your truth shines from the mountaintop into our hearts. Transfigure us by your beloved Son, and illumine the world with your image, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Word

FIRST READING: 2 Kings 2:1-12

Today's reading centers on the transfer of power and authority from the prophet Elijah to Elisha. Their travels, which retrace the path of Joshua back to Moab (the place where Moses died) and the parting of the waters, demonstrate that Elisha and Elijah are legitimate successors of the great prophet Moses.

¹Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ²Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. ³The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent."

⁴Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. ⁵The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent."

⁶Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. ⁷Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

⁹When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit."

¹⁰He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." ¹¹As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. ¹²Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 50:1-6

¹The mighty one, God the ¹ LORD, has spoken;
calling the earth from the rising of the sun ¹ to its setting.

²**Out of Zion, perfect ¹ in its beauty,
God shines ¹ forth in glory.**

³Our God will come and will ¹ not keep silence;
with a consuming flame before, and round about a ¹ raging storm.

⁴**God calls the heavens and the earth ¹ from above
to witness the judgment ¹ of the people.**

⁵“Gather before me my ¹ loyal followers,
those who have made a covenant with me and sealed ¹ it with sacrifice.”

⁶**The heavens declare the rightness ¹ of God’s cause,
for it is God ¹ who is judge.**

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

The spotlight of Christian ministry is not on the people who carry out ministry but on the Lord Jesus Christ. Just as God made light shine at creation, God makes the light of Jesus Christ shine in our lives through Christian ministry.

³Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus’ sake. ⁶For it is the God who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Song “Jesus Loves Me” ELW #595

Kid’s Time Shawna Spears

Noisy Offering for Pathways

Song “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah” ELW #172

GOSPEL: Mark 9:2-9

Mark’s gospel presents the transfiguration as a preview of what would become apparent to Jesus’ followers after he rose from the dead. Confused disciples are given a vision of God’s glory manifest in the beloved Son.

²Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵Then Peter said to Je-

sus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁶He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" ⁸Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. ⁹As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Sermon Pastor Kristin Ostercamp

Hymn of the Day "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" ELW# 611

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.**

Offering - *ushers bring offering forward*

Offertory "Sanctuary"

Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.

With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you. (CCLI Lic. # 11095451)

Prayers of Intercession Response: receive our prayer

Sharing of the Peace

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.**

Holy Communion

Sending Song "In Christ Alone" printed

WELCOME! ZION’S LAY MINISTRY/EVANGELISM BOARD EXTENDS A SPECIAL WELCOME TO YOU THIS MORNING. 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: Josh & Angie Jensen Reader: Denny Minks
Acolytes: Ushers: Sheryl Melin, Kerry Melin
Communion assist: Kami Spears, Shawna Spears

OUR PRAYERS TO ALL GOD’S CHILDREN STANDING IN THE NEED OF PRAYER.

Especially those under a doctor’s care, those who grieve, and all who are moving through a challenging season: the family of Joleen DuChamp; Rose Marie Liimatainen (Joannie Minks mother) who is hospitalized in Cloquet.

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 Loved ones by Dick & Jan Haugen.

WEBSITE sponsor for February is Zion memorials.

WELCA Meets Feb. 13: All women are invited to the monthly WELCA meeting on Tuesday, February 13, at 10:00 a.m. Join in fellowship, Bible study, and refreshments. Hostesses are Lana Christianson and Mary Ann Lofberg. Board meets at 9:00.

ASH WEDNESDAY is February 14th. Worship at 6:30 pm followed by a time of fellowship. Next Wednesday, Feb 21st, Supper will be served at 5:30 followed by 6:30 worship.

ATTENTION: Again, during the Lenten season we will be collecting items for the Personal Care Kits. Items needed for the kits are: *bath towels (may be used, but clean and in good condition), nail clippers, adult-size toothbrushes, sturdy combs, and two bath-size bars of soap.* A container will be available for you to deposit your items.

Also, we use flannel sheets to make diapers for the Baby Care Kits. Any used sheets you no longer use are greatly appreciated. Hand towels are also needed for these kits.

The confirmands assist with assembling these kits and then the kits are sent to Lutheran World Relief in early May along with the quilts the ladies are making. For more info, call Sharon Wagner at 681-2473 or Sharon Jorde at 681-4739. Thank you for your donations!

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR WORK AND WITNESS!

Feb 1-4: \$6,632. Jan 1-31: \$34,911. Weekly Goal: \$6,523.

VANCO ELECTRONIC GIVING –Sign up available on Zion’s website or contact the church office.

QR code to giving link:



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. *Thank you to all who have directed dollars!*

LSS Group Respite is a great place to bring your loved one to enjoy playing cards, bingo and reminiscing to their favorite music. Volunteers are also needed to socialize over coffee and interactive videos during Group Respite. Please contact Debi Retzlaff at 218.593.1333 or email at debi.retzlaff@lssmn.org for more information. Thursdays, 2:00 to 4:30 PM in the Lounge.

Sharing the Peace - During the flu season, elbow bumping instead of hand shakes and only verbal messages for the Peace greetings during the church service.

PARISH NURSE NOTES— Besides Valentines Day this week, it is also Random Acts of Kindness Day on February 17th. Did you know there are scientific benefits of being kind? There is a **TON** of research that proves that kindness matters!

Kindness increases: the love hormone, energy, happiness, lifespan, pleasure and serotonin. Kindness decreases: pain, stress, anxiety, depression and blood pressure.

Kindness is also teachable. "It's kind of like weight training, we found that people actually build up their compassion "muscle" and respond to other's suffering with care and a desire to help."- Dr. Ritchie Davidson

Kindness is also contagious. The positive effects of kindness are experienced in the brain of everyone who witnessed the act, improving their mood and making them significantly more likely to "pay it forward." This means one good deed in a crowded area can create a domino effect and improve the day of dozens of people! The Random Acts of Kindness Foundation works hard to create those opportunities and support people in finding ways to be creative and impactful when they are given the chance to be kind.

Here are some kindness ideas.....Be friendly to a lonely neighbor...Celebrate important days with those you love...Connect with a conversation...Be a good listener...Share your favorite book with someone...Be kind to your server. Kindness impacts us physically and emotionally and the opportunities and ideas are endless. They will come to you! Have a love-filled week! --*God's Blessing's and Peace. Parish Health*

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SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

Today: Sunday, Feb. 11:

9:00 Zion HC worship/ Broadcast ch. 3; KTRF
10 Sunday School/ Cornerstone
10 Coffee Fellowship
10 March Sharing Servants meet
11 Silver Creek Worship
12 GV broadcast ch. 37

Monday, Feb. 12:

9 SAIL

Tuesday, Feb. 13:

No Faith Community Nurse hours
9 WELCA Board
10 WELCA meeting

Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14:

6:30 Worship & fellowship
7:30 Senior Choir

Thursday, Feb 15:

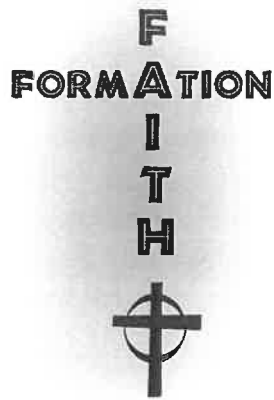
9 SAIL exercise
1 Quilting
2-4:30 LSS Respite Care

Next Sunday, Feb. 18:

9:00 Zion HC worship/ Broadcast ch. 3; KTRF
10 Sunday School/ Cornerstone
10 Food & Fellowship
11 Silver Creek HC Worship
12 GV broadcast ch. 37

Monday, Feb. 19: Presidents Day

Church Offices Closed
Carpet installation at Zion



Sunday School— age 3 thru Grade 5 from 10-11 AM

Cornerstone Kids—Grade 6 & 7 meet from 10-11 in the youth room.

NOISY OFFERING February 11 & 25 goes to Pathways

February 11th—God's Joy will sing Call to Worship

YOUTH SKI TRIP February 19th— Watch for details

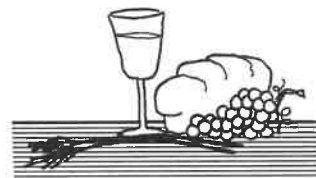
First Communion Instruction

Students in Grade 5 and their caring adults are welcome.

Sunday, March 10th 10:00 - 1:00

OR

Saturday, March 16th 10:00—1:00



Thank you to our families for providing treats for coffee following worship each Sunday. Please bring 2 dozen baked goods on or before Sunday,

February 11: Josh & Angie Jensen, Josh & Sallie Lawrence, Justin & Sara Vandestreek, Kelsey Defrang

February 25: Kelsey Dondelinger, Kerry Melin, Kevin & Alisha Walseth, Kim Hanson

FOOD & FELLOWSHIP - Join us for breakfast served after worship on



Sunday, Feb 18. Free-will donation goes to youth programming.

Breakfast will be served by 9th Grade students.

Confirmation Class Schedule

No Confirmation February 7th

Ash Wednesday February 14th worship at 6:30 PM

Lent Clean-Up Schedule

Feb 21: Grades 3&4 with Grades 10-12

Feb 28: Grades 7&8

March 6: Grades 5&6

March 13: Grades K-2

March 20: Grade 9

Parent help is needed for grades K-2

