



TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD  
HOLY COMMUNION  
Evangelical Lutheran Worship  
Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church  
March 2, 2025 – 10:00 AM

# WELCOME!

We are delighted you are here today! No matter who you are, or where you are in life's journey, you are welcome at Zion. All, without exception, are welcome to Holy Communion.

We invite you to wear a name tag. Single use name tags are available on the welcome table in the gathering space. When you desire one, a permanent name tag will be provided.



Connect with us or update your contact information! Please scan this QR code using your phone. You can indicate prayer requests and find a link to subscribe to our weekly email newsletter. You may also fill out a Welcome Card in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate.

We are blessed to be able **livestream** our worship service, available on YouTube and the Zion Facebook page. While our cameras are generally directed at the front of the sanctuary, please be aware that you may appear in the livestream. Our Children's Sermon is blurred during the livestream.

Wi-Fi Network: Zion Guest    Wi-Fi Password: Zion5822321

Please join us for coffee hour after worship in the Atrium (near east entrance).

Prayer Podium – inside the center entrance to the sanctuary is a Prayer Podium where you can write your prayer request(s) to be included in today's Prayers of Intercession.

We welcome children of all ages and we welcome the sounds and actions that accompany them. Children are invited to enjoy the carpeted space in the rear of the worship space. There are activity bags, hanging on hooks along the back wall, for children to use. Check out our Kids Station in the same area.

Children are always welcome in the sanctuary, but if you desire childcare, our nursery, located downstairs, is available from 9:45 to 11:15 am, for ages 5 years and younger.

All floors of the building are accessible by elevator. Special seating areas in the sanctuary are available to support those with wheelchairs, walkers, or strollers.

Large print bulletins and hymnals are available.

# GATHERING

PRELUDE

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

Chamberlin

*\* Indicates stand as you are able*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 317 \*

*Jesus on the Mountain Peak*

GREETING, HYMN OF PRAISE, & PRAYER OF THE DAY \*

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.**

*Sung by Cantor:*



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

*Sung by all:*



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we



wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;

you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re - ceive our prayer.

For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,

in the glo - ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray. Holy God, **mighty and immortal, you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. Transform us into the likeness of your Son, who renewed our humanity so that we may share in his divinity, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING: Exodus 34:29-35

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the

Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 99

### Refrain

D. Chamberlin



Pro-claim the great-ness of the Lord and wor-ship God up-on the  
ho - ly hill; for the Lord our God is the Ho - ly One.

The Lord is king; let the people tremble. The Lord is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake. The Lord, great in Zion, is high above all peoples. Let them confess God's name, which is great and awesome; God is the Holy One. **Refrain**

O mighty king, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob. Proclaim the greatness of the Lord and fall down before God's footstool; God is the Holy One. **Refrain**

Moses and Aaron among your priests, and Samuel among those who call upon your name, O Lord, they called upon you, and you answered them, you spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; they kept your testimonies and the decree that you gave them. O Lord our God, you answered them indeed; you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds. **Refrain**

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled

faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### GOspel ACCLAMATION \*

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

### HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 9:28-36 [37-43a]

The Holy Gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"—not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. Just then a man from the crowd shouted, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not." Jesus answered, "You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here." While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. And all were astounded at the greatness of God.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## CHILDREN'S SERMON & SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY 315 \*

*How Good, Lord, to Be Here*

## COMMISSIONING OF STEPHEN MINISTERS

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 \*

*After each petition ending:* God of grace, *congregation responds:* **hear our prayer.**

*Pastor:* We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people. **Amen.**

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS \*

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God, **you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grip. Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.**

God proclaims these words of assurance: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine." In ✚ Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God. **Amen.**

## THE PEACE \*

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

## THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

### HOLY COMMUNION

#### OFFERING

With gratitude, we receive offerings during worship to support the mission and ministries of Zion Lutheran Church. You may make your Sunday offering in one of two ways:

- ✚ By placing your offering in the plate that is passed now or
- ✚ By scanning the QR code with your phone.



#### MUSIC AT THE OFFERING

"Nearer, My God, to Thee"

D. Zabriskie

Text: Sarah F. Adams, 1805-1848; Music: Lowell Mason, 1792-1872



## OFFERTORY \*



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless - ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that  
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of  
all; u - nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta-ble  
with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

## OFFERING PRAYER \*

Let us pray. God of grace, **your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING \*

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

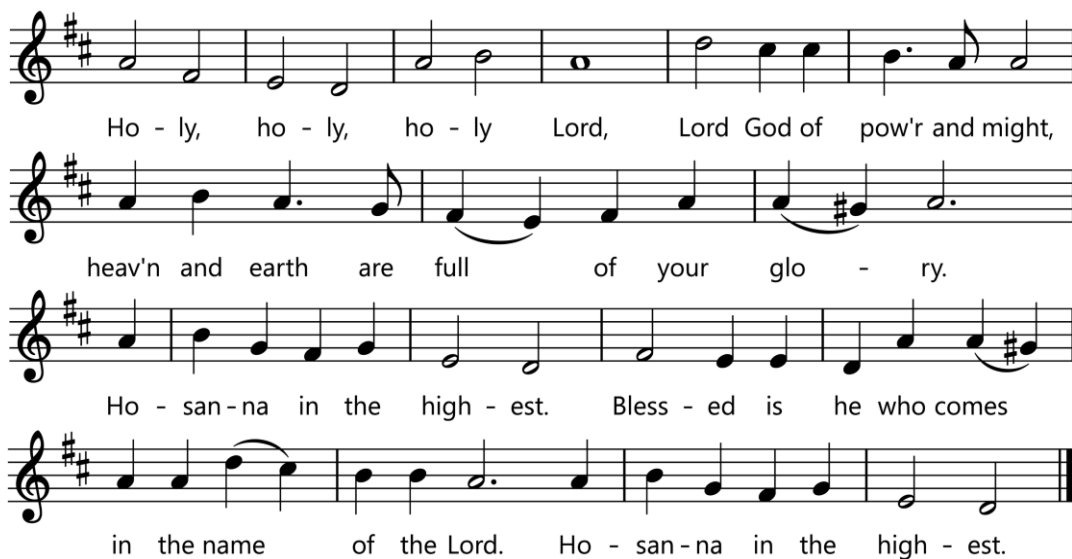
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who,

sharing our life, lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to your own brilliant light.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life: Blessed are you for the birth of creation. Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light. Blessed are you for your promise to your people. Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams. Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will. Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

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

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming. **Come, Lord Jesus.**

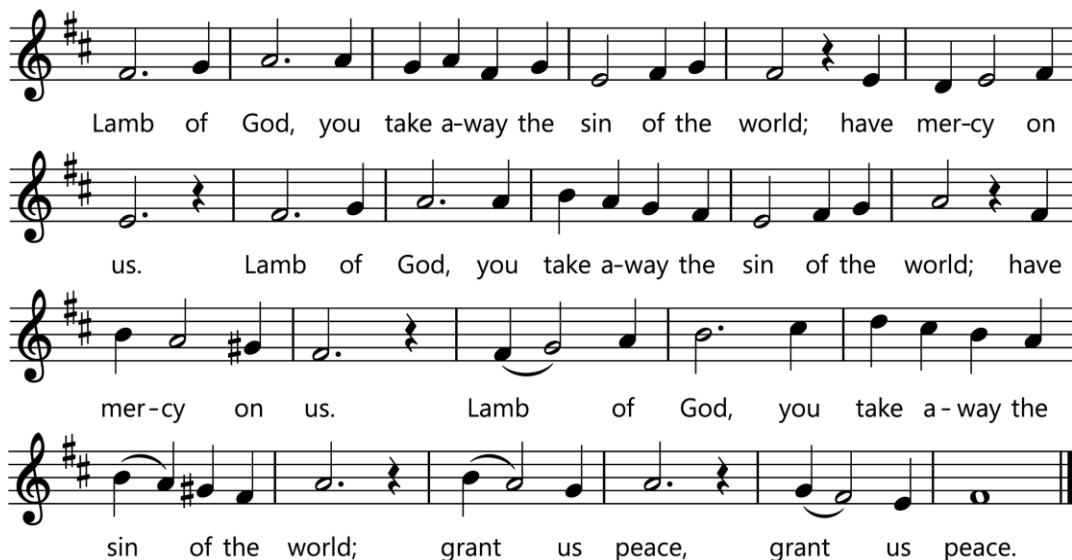
Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

## LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## HOLY COMMUNION

*All are welcome to Holy Communion at Zion. To receive communion, please come forward at the direction of the ushers, forming two lines in the center aisle.*

*To receive the bread, place one hand in the other, like a manger or a bowl. Once you receive the bread, you may eat it. Gluten free wafers are available upon request. Continue to the side to receive either wine (red) or grape juice (white) in an individual cup.*

*If you would like to receive a blessing only, simply cross your arms in an x form across your chest and you will receive a blessing.*

COMMUNION HYMN 838

*Beautiful Savior*

COMMUNION HYMN 253

*He Came Down*

### TABLE BLESSING AND PRAYER \*

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

Let us pray. Nourishing God, **at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.**

### BLESSING \*

May our good God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN 318 \*

*Alleluia, Song of Gladness*

### DISMISSAL \*

Go in peace. Live in hope. **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

"Sinfonia" (Cantata 29)

Bach / Guilman

## TODAY'S MINISTRY LEADERS

Presiding & Presiding Minister	The Rev. Michael Tassler
Assisting Minister	Marc Foulks
Organist/Pianist	David Chamberlin
Chancel Choir Director	Dave Zabriskie
Cantor	Scott Reuschel
Crucifer	Marc Foulks
Reader	Liz Prystas
Communion Assistants	Liz Prystas & Sabrina Bell
Altar Guild	Tracy Hackworth / Denny Gross & Becky McIntyre
Ushers	Doug Graham
Counters	Marci Hall & Fred Strohacker
Fellowship Hosts	Stephen Ministry Leaders, Kathy Foulks & Liz Prystas

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Zion Lutheran Church is a Reconciling in Christ Congregation – We are committed to being a loving and welcoming community of faith in Jesus Christ. As a community of God, we welcome all. We celebrate the manner in which diversity enriches, nurtures, and challenges the life and ministry we share in Christ. Our Table is open and we invite all to full participation in the life of our church regardless of race, sexual orientations, gender identities, gender expressions, socio-economic and marital statuses, physical or mental capacities, age, or social position. We commit to the work of anti-racism and all forms of structural, systemic, institutional, and personal bias.

## UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Ash Wednesday, March 5** – Ashes-To-Go 7am to 9:30am, east side of church in cul-de-sac; Worship at Noon and 6:15pm. Soup supper begins at 5:30pm on Ash Wednesday.

**Lenten Worship - Holden Evening Prayer** – Each week at 6:15pm from Wednesday, March 12 thru Wednesday, April 9 in the sanctuary.

**Soup Suppers** – Sign-up to provide soups (4) or bread/rolls (3) each week before Lenten worship. Soup supper begins at 5:30pm each Wednesday downstairs in the terrace room. Scan the QR code to access the Sign-up Genius.



**Young Adults Group** - We are planning a kick-off event on 3/16 to bring together our growing group of young adults at Zion. This is a great opportunity to start building a strong community of adults in their 20's and 30's by planning regular social or service get-togethers. Anyone interested, please contact Jon Hall (jhjh87@gmail.com) or Cynthia Rowatt (rowattc@gmail.com) We would love to hear from you!

**Dinner Church: Tuesday, March 18, 2025** – We will share a meal, prayer, scripture, songs, a thoughtful discussion, and holy communion. The next Dinner Church is Tuesday, March 18, 2025, at 6:00 pm. We meet downstairs in the Terrace Room. If you have questions, please contact Liz Prystas (eprystas@gmail.com). All are welcome! Please bring a friend!!

**New Monthly Utah Conference Newsletter** - Zion is part of the Utah Conference of the Rocky Mountain Synod, one of ten geographical conferences in the RMS. A conference is a regional grouping of ELCA congregations who live in mutual interdependence and share a common mission. Scan this QR code to sign up to receive the monthly newsletter and learn vital information about our ELCA congregations, ministries, and pastors in Utah.



**Bi-Monthly Mission March/April** - Just in time for the 2025 Lutheran Schools Week, Zion's bi-monthly mission donations for March/April will support the Evangelical Lutheran Education Association (ELEA, <https://elcaschools.org>). ELEA fosters a supportive community of Lutheran education leaders and teachers through communication, advocacy, professional development, faith formation, and a wide range of professional resources. Zion's Let Me Shine! Christian Playschool & Preschool is an ELEA member. Contributions may be made through Zion's online payment portal (bi-monthly mission) or by indicating "ELEA" on your check. On March 30 and April 27, we will collect noisy offerings for ELEA. Remember your loose change! Thank you!

**Worship Assistants Opportunities** – Our weekly worship offers many the opportunity to participate. If you are interested in helping by serving as a reader, crucifer, assisting minister or communion assistant, please scan the QR code that will take you to the Sign-Up Genius for worship assistants.



**Crossroads Urban Center** – Zion is a drop off for Crossroads Urban Center, receiving donations of food and small household items for those in need across the Salt Lake Valley (the drop off bin is directly under the stairway leading to the balcony). **Beans (canned or dried) and sleeping bags.**

**Sunday School** – Zion extends a warm invitation for you to join our Sunday school classes.



We have wonderful, dedicated teams of teachers meeting each Sunday from 9-10am. Questions? Contact Teresa Gresham – teamgreshamgo@gmail.com. If your child is not yet registered, please scan this QR code to connect to the registration form.

**Adult Sunday Morning Bible Study** - We will meet Sundays at 9:00am to discuss the lessons of the day. (Forthcoming lessons are found at the end of the bulletin.) We will meet in the Lounge (directly across from the sanctuary). All are welcome. Contact Alyce Gross with questions. 801-557-9646; adgross1@msn.com.

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**Informal Yoga Exercise Group** – Please join us at 10am in the atrium each Monday, Wednesday & Friday. Bring your yoga mat. No experience needed!

**Attendance February 23, 2025**      Worship: 112

**Readings and Psalm for next Sunday**

Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16; Romans 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13