

Zion Lutheran Church Mission Statement

“Bonded in Christ’s love, we teach, preach, and equip God’s people for discipleship here and throughout the world.



Transfiguration Sunday **Contemporary Service with Holy Communion** **February 15, 2026** **Rev. Dr. Renae Koehler**

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Prelude & Ringing of the Bell

Welcome

Gathering our Spirits for Worship *(As you are able please stand)*

P - Today you are invited to experience the transfiguration of Christ.

C - **Shine grace upon my face and into my heart.**

P - Give forgiveness and strength.

C - **So that I may take the mountain trail with Jesus.**

P - There to share the light of God.

Gathering Hymn – Here I Am to Worship

Verse 1

Light of the world

You stepped down into darkness

Opened my eyes let me see

Beauty that made

This heart adore You

Hope of a life spent with You

Chorus

So here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
And You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

Verse 2

King of all days
Oh so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly You came
To the earth You created
All for love's sake became poor

Bridge

And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross
And I'll, never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross

Prayer of Opening our Hearts to God

P - Glorious God,

C - we are a people who love the light of your face. We have come this morning to experience your radiance. Look upon us with the flow of your life healing countenance and shine us into wholeness. Amen. *(Please be seated)*

Reading of the Scriptures

First Reading - Exodus 24:12 & 15-18 Moses on the Mountain

The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and wait there; I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction."

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The 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. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the Israelites. Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Psalm 99:6-7 (Please read responsively.)

Moses and Aaron were among his priests,

Samuel also was among those who called on his name.

They cried to the Lord, and he answered them.

He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud;

they kept his decrees

and the statutes that he gave them.

Second Reading – 2 Peter 1:17-19 Christ's Glory

For 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." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So 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. *Here ends this reading.*

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9 The Transfiguration

(Please stand as you are able)

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As 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."

Children's Message

Homily - Rev. Dr. Renae Koehler

Offering Hymn – Come to the Mountain

Verse 1

Jesus took Peter, James and John
up to the mountain to be alone
While they were watching Jesus was changed
and they saw Moses face to face

Chorus

Come to the mountain to see the light
Come to the mountain to hear God's word
Go to the valley it is your home

Go to the valley to serve the Lord

Verse 2

This is my Son said a voice from the cloud
Listen to him and do what he says
Soon as it came that vision was gone
And they saw Jesus standing alone

Chorus

Come to the mountain to see the light
Come to the mountain to hear God's word
Go to the valley it is your home
Go to the valley to serve the Lord

Verse 3

We will be changed like Jesus our Lord
And live with him in heaven above
But while we live on this earthly home
Our work as servants is never done

Chorus

Come to the mountain to see the light
Come to the mountain to hear God's word
Go to the valley it is your home
Go to the valley to serve the Lord
(Please stand as the offering is brought forward.)

Offering Blessing

P - Almighty God,

C - we enter a cloud of your bright revealing light. We are at once in mystery and the most vivid watching of colors.

Transform our lives and our offering to bless others. Amen.

(Please be seated)

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the holy spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again 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 the Church – (*When the pastor says, “Lord in your mercy” please respond with “hear our prayer!”*)

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 Liturgy

P- The Lord be with you.

C - And also with you.

P - Lift up your hearts.

C - We lift them to the Lord.

P - Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C - It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P - It is our joy, at all times and in all places to give God thanks and praise; therefore we join with the saints in heaven as we say;

C - Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory! Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!

The Words of Institution

Communion Hymn's - Broken For Me

Chorus

Broken for me

Broken for you

The Body of Jesus

Broken for you

Verse 1

He offered His Body

He poured out His Soul

Jesus was broken

That we might be whole

Verse 2

Come to My table
And with Me dine
Eat of My bread
And drink of My wine

Verse 3

This is My Body
Given for you
Eat it rememb'ring
I died for you

Verse 4

This is My Blood
I shed for you
For your forgiveness
Making you new

Glorify Thy Name

Verse 1

Father we love You
We worship and adore You
Glorify Thy name in all the earth
Glorify Thy name
Glorify Thy name
Glorify Thy name in all the earth

Verse 2

Jesus we love You
We worship and adore You
Glorify Thy name in all the earth
Glorify Thy name
Glorify Thy name
Glorify Thy name in all the earth

Verse 3

Spirit we love You

We worship and adore You

Glorify Thy name in all the earth

Glorify Thy name

Glorify Thy name

Glorify Thy name in all the earth

Jesus Above All Names

Verse 1

Jesus name above all names

Beautiful Savior, glorious Lord.

Emmanuel, God is with us,

Blessed Redeemer, living Word.

Verse 2

Jesus, loving shepherd

Vine of the branches, Son of God

Prince of Peace, Wonderful counselor

Lord of the universe, Light of the world.

Verse 3

Jesus, Way of salvation.

King of kings, Lord of Lords,

The way the truth and the life,

Mighty creator, my Savior and friend.

Prayer After Communion

P- Almighty God,

C - we thank you for the strength rising within us from your holy bread and wine. We rejoice in your reviving power taking place within us right now; healing us in the places where we were hurting. For these gifts of love and life within your holy meal, we give you thanks. Amen.

Benediction Litany

P - As we prepare to begin a new week

C - We promise to bring God's radiant light to the lives of our loved ones, and our whole community.

P - Embolden us to shine in their lives with your love.

C - So that others will know something about you, by knowing us.

P - Blessings in the name of the Creator, Christ and Comforter.

C - Amen

Announcements in the Life of the Church

C - ZION... a place to belong, a place to believe, a place to become!

Sending Hymn - How Great Is Our God

Verse 1

The splendor of the King

Clothed in majesty

Let all the earth rejoice

All the earth rejoice

He wraps Himself in light

And darkness tries to hide

And trembles at His voice

And trembles at His voice

Chorus

How great is our God

Sing with me

How great is our God

And all will see how great

How great is our God

Verse 2

And age to age He stands
And time is in His hands
Beginning and the End
Beginning and the End
The Godhead three in one
Father Spirit Son
The Lion and the Lamb
The Lion and the Lamb

Chorus

How great is our God
Sing with me
How great is our God
And all will see how great
How great is our God 2X

P- Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C- Thanks be to God.

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THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF ZION

Today

8:45am - Sunday School

9:00am - BKF Club Adult Bible Study/Endless Hallelujah practice

10:00am – Worship/Communion/Endless Hallelujah

5:00pm – Galentine’s Day Party

*****Deadline for Willie & Anna Meints Scholarship Apps*****

Monday

9-3pm Blanket Sewing

7:00pm Men’s Choir Practice

Tuesday

9-3 Blanket Sewing

Wednesday

6:00pm - 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation

7:00pm – Ash Wednesday Service

Next Sunday

8:45am - SS

9:00am - BKF Club

10:00am – Worship/Amigos

Helping out next Sunday

Pastor:.....Rev. Dr. Renae Koehler

Organist.....Alnora Daubendiek

Acolytes:.....Cash Harwood

Millie Garton

Lector:.....Peggy Johnson

Greeters:.....Craig & Jess Ideus

Robert & Doreen Ideus

Special Music:.....Amigos

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to worship! A Warm Welcome to all our visitors. We are so glad you are here & would love to have you visit again! Please sign a visitor card located in the pews and place the information section of the card in the offering plate. We hope to see you again!

THIS WEEKS BULLETIN IS SPONSORED BY: Betty Schoen and Devonna Primivera in remembrance of their parents Elmer and Leona Trauernicht. Elmer would have been 101 years old today (2-15) and Leona would have been 97 this month (2-25). They were both life-long members of Zion.

IF INTERESTED IN SPONSORING A WEEKLY BULLETIN you may do so by contacting the Church secretary and making a check out to Zion Church for \$75.00.

THANK YOU - To Janelle Ideus, Deric Bloom, and End Hallelujah for providing special music today.



5th GRADE PARENTS, mark your calendar for a new chapter in your journey of faith and worship with the lord, First Communion.

Sandy Meints will teach First Communion instruction during Lent prior to Wednesday evening services. These classes will lead to your First Communion during Maundy Thursday evening services on Thursday, April 2nd. The 5 week session will begin on Wednesday, March 4th from 6:00 - 7:00pm. The last session will be on Wednesday, April 1st.

The Parish Ed Committee highly encourages each child to be accompanied by a parent or family member. Student attendance is

required in order to Commune with the class on Maundy Thursday. If you have any conflicts, please contact a Parish Ed member in advance.



AUDITED BOOKS - The Auditing Committee has completed their audit of the church records. Please pick up your reports and statements in the Church office today. Thank you to Jordan Freeman, Mary Lenner, Cindy Lieneman and James Lenner for completing the audit.

2025 OFFERING STATEMENTS - The 2025 offering statements will be mailed out this month. Once you have received yours, please contact Kenny Reed (402)720-5656 with any questions. Your patience and understanding is appreciated.

WILLIE AND ANNA MEINTS COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

Students attending college can apply for the scholarship for up to 4 years, following the start of the first college semester. Applications are located on the Welcome Center in the Fellowship Hall. **Deadline to submit the application is TODAY.** Please make sure to read the qualifications listed on the application.

Committee members: DeAnn Oltman, Steve Oltman & Laura Fikar

CEMETERY FENCE PROJECT – Our cemetery fence project is nearing completion. There are some small crosses that need to be installed. Thanks to all who contributed to making this project successful. ~Cemetery Board Members

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GIVING OPTION - Simply scan the QR Code to the right to access Zion's Venmo account and submit

your offering. Offering envelopes and online giving via Vanco are still available to members as well.



Any members with questions regarding these options can reach out to a church council member.

GALENTINE'S DAY PARTY – See flyer for details.



Bailey Pointe - Vivian Schuster (New Phone# 402-484-9104)

Gold Crest - Janice Jurgens, Doreen Wallman, Marilyn Robinson

Homestead House - Anora Schoen, Rosanna Miller

Our Homes Assisted Living - Randy Oltman

Beatrice Health & Rehab - Marsha Zulauf, Betty Daubendiek