

**Last Sunday after Epiphany**

**Transfiguration of Our Lord**

**February 14, 2021**

9:00 am

Communion



*278 Years Of  
"Joyously proclaiming the good news of God's love"*

**ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH**

SPRING CITY, PENNSYLVANIA

Founded in 1743

**THIS WEEK AT ZION**

Sunday 2/14	8.00 am	Bell choir
	9:00 am	Worship
Monday	7:30 pm	AA Meeting
Tuesday	5:00 pm	Tai Kwan Do
Wednesday	<i>ASH WEDNESDAY</i>	
Sunday 2/21	9:00 am	Worship

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This week	
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Beverly Tyson	Altar Guild
Barbara Grubb	Hymns

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Next week	
Bruce Wilson	Assistant Minister
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Shawn Rogers	Greeter
Maggie Munz	Greeter
Susan Davis	Altar Guild
Barbara Grubb	Hymns

**We thank you for your service to the church.**

**We will be celebrating Communion today. Please keep bread and wine ready.**

Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021

## INTRODUCTION

*The Sundays after Epiphany began with Jesus' baptism and end with three disciples' vision of his transfiguration. In Mark's story of Jesus' baptism, apparently only Jesus sees the Spirit descending and hears the words from heaven. But now Jesus' three closest friends hear the same words naming him God's Beloved. As believers, Paul writes, we are enabled to see the God-light in Jesus' face, because the same God who created light in the first place has shone in our hearts to give us that vision. The light of God's glory in Jesus has enlightened us through baptism and shines in us also for others to see.*

## PRELUDES

On Tannenberg- "In Christ There is No East or West" by Alexander R. Reinagle, Arr. R. Unfreid  
"Song of Peace" by E. Broughton  
"A Prayer" by W. Stickles

## WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

### GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**A: And also with you.**

Hymn

**"Beautiful Savior"- #838 ELW- Vs. 1 & 3**



*Text: Gesangbuch, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823-1904 Music: Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: 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.

**A: Amen.**

## Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, whose voice is upon the waters, whose mercy is poured out upon all people, whose goodness cascades over all creation.

**A: Amen.**

Let us confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of God.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Holy God,

**P & A: You search us and know us. You are acquainted with all our ways. We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin, our own sins and the broken systems that bind us. We turn inward, failing to follow your outward way of love. We distrust those who are not like us.**

**We exploit the earth and its resources and fail to consider generations to come.**

**Forgive us, gracious God, for all we have done and left undone. Even before the words are on our tongues, you know them; receive them in your divine mercy. Amen.**

P: How vast is God's grace! Through the power and promise of ☩ Christ Jesus, our sins are washed away and we are claimed as God's own beloved. Indeed, we are forgiven. In the wake of God's forgiveness, we are called to be the beloved community living out Christ's justice and the Spirit's reconciling peace.

**A: Amen.**

**Hymn of Praise**

Text: Susan Palo Cherwien © 1995 Augsburg Fortress

Glory to you, God, for yours is the earth; Yours is the promise, the blessing, the birth.  
Ours the rejoicing for Word given frame; Ours the thanksgiving to your holy name.  
Ours be the telling of deeds greatly done; Yours be the glory, O God, yours alone!

*Please be seated*

**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.*

R: A reading from the book of 2<sup>nd</sup> Kings:

Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah 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. The 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."

Elijah 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. The 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."

Then 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. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then 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.

When 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." He 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." As 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. Elisha 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.

R: The Word of the Lord.

**P & A: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm: Psalm 50:1-6**

*Out of Zion, perfect in beauty, God shines forth in glory. (Ps. 50:2)*

R: The mighty one, God the Lord, has spoken; calling the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

**A & P: Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, God shines forth in glory.**

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

**A & P: God calls the heavens and the earth from above to witness the judgment of the people.**

R: Gather before me my loyal followers, those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice." The heavens declare the rightness of God's cause ,for it is God who is judge.

*Those able, please stand*

**ACCLAMATION**

**"Halle, Halle, Hallelujah"**

**ELW #172**

Music: Caribbean traditional; arr. Mark Sedio, b. 1954 ,© Public Domain , Arr. © Augsburg Fortress

**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.*

*P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark*

**A: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Six 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, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them anymore, but only Jesus.

As 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.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**A: Praise to you, O Christ**

*(Please be seated)*

**THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**MESSAGE by Pastor Tina Mackie**

**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 INTERCESSION

*You can add names to the prayer list by contacting the church office. After three weeks names will be removed from the prayer of intercession unless resubmitted. These removed people will still be in our private prayers.*

**(Please stand)**

A: On this last Sunday after Epiphany, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need, responding to each petition with the phrase, "Alleluia! Amen."

Hear our prayer, O God:

**P: Alleluia! Amen.**

A: O God of light, we pray for communities of faith around the globe, for our own congregation, for our pastor(s), and for all Christians who cannot gather for communal worship. Show us your face in the darkness, and speak your word of power to all the faithful.

Hear our prayer, O God:

**P: Alleluia! Amen.**

A: O Morning Star, we pray for the earth, for life forming in the dark earth and ocean depths, for creatures seen and unseen, and especially for the animals who require cold and ice. Give us your Spirit's guidance in our stewardship of the planet.

Hear our prayer, O God:

**P: Alleluia! Amen.**

A: O Sun of righteousness, we pray for our nation's elected leaders, for attorneys and juries, and for all who work for justice in our land. Give to them all integrity in service and courage to choose what is right. We pray for our citizenry, that prejudice cease, that resentment about the election wane, and that violence be averted..

Hear our prayer, O God:

**P: Alleluia! Amen.**

A: Beautiful Savior, we pray for all who suffer from Covid-19, for medical workers, and for all who await the vaccine. We pray for those enduring famine, for those experiencing homelessness, for the people of Yemen, and for all who live in war zones. We pray for all who are ill, for all who receive no medical care. Receive our prayers for **Fawn Keenan, Ralph Finkbiner, Mezekiah Bazzley**. Heal them with your loving might.

Hear our prayer, O God:

**P: Alleluia! Amen.**

A: Love divine, we pray for those who especially on this Valentine's Day feel lonely, for those who are abandoned, and for those who must live apart from their dear ones, especially for the children separated from their parents at our nation's border. Embrace all who are alone with your care.

Hear our prayer, O God:

**P: Alleluia! Amen.**

P: Shine, Jesus, shine, also on me, and receive the petitions of my heart.

*Others for whom you may wish to pray: (names submitted by our members): Moriah Finkbiner, Roxanne Robinson and Christine Roleski.*

Hear our prayer, O God:

**A: Alleluia! Amen.**

P: We remember before you all who have died in the faith, especially the missionaries Cyril and Methodius and the reformer Martin Luther. Be with us in our every darkness, until at our end we join with the saints in your everlasting light.

Hear our prayer, O God:

**A: Alleluia! Amen.**

P: O holy Trinity, Light-Creator, Light of Light begotten, and Light-Revealer, receive our praise and hear our prayers, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**A: Amen.**

### **THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

**A: And also with you.**

*Let us share the peace with one another*

### **OFFERING INVITATION**

*(Please be seated)*

### **OFFERING with Special music**

*"Every Move I Make, I Make in You"- by David Ruis, Arr. by Jeffrey Shalome  
Performed by Joleen and Jonella Shalome on Vocals, Jeffrey Shalome on Keyboards*

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

A: O God, receive these gifts as you receive us: like a mother receives her child, with arms open wide. Nourish us anew in your tender care, and empower us in faithful service to tend to others with this same love, through Jesus Christ, our saving grace.

**P: Amen.**

*(Please stand)*



### **SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**



*Believing in the real presence of Christ, this church practices communion hospitality. All baptized persons are welcome to participate in the Lord's Supper. Parent(s)/Grandparent(s) will place their hands on untutored young people for a blessing given by the Pastor. The response when receiving the bread and wine could be: "Amen" or "I believe." (Grape juice and Gluten Free wafers are available)*

### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

P: The Lord be with you.

**A: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**A: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

**A: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

P: Holy are you, God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Before you breathed the Word which tamed the deep waters of chaos, you named us your children, heirs of all the goodness you desired for us. Yet, we walked into the shadows of the world, leaving your goodness behind. You persisted in your hopes for us, knowing that where no life is anticipated, no hope is expected, no future is seen, there you gather us up to carry us into your kingdom.

We lift our voices to the One who journeys with us through the waters of baptism and who feeds us at the Table of hope.

**Hymn: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord**

### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

P: 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 in 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 in remembrance of me.

P: Holy Spirit, fill us with the Bread of forgiveness and the Cup of hope. Flow through us with baptismal waters, so we might become a river of reconciliation; grant us your peace, so we might carry it to others; set our hope on Christ, so we might build such hope in our neighborhoods and communities.

And then, when the river of time stops flowing, and we gather around your Table, we will join our voices as one people, singing "Glory!" to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, God in Community, Holy in One.

**A: Amen.**

P: Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray,

**A: 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.**

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P: Beloved: here is bread; here is wine. Here is Jesus. Come and be fed.

**A: Amen.**

### **SHARING IN COMMUNION**

P: This is the Body of Christ given for you

**A: I believe or Amen** (Congregation will eat the wafer)

P: This is the Blood of Christ given for you  
**A: I believe or Amen** (Congregation will drink the wine)

### POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in His grace.  
**A: Amen.**

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Christ Jesus, at this table we have feasted on your very life and are strengthened for our journey.  
Send us forth from this banquet nourished in body and in spirit to proclaim your good news and serve others in your name.

**P: Amen.**

## STORING THE ALLELUIAS

### BLESSING

P: God the creator strengthen you; Jesus the beloved fill you; and the Holy Spirit the comforter ☩ keep you in peace.

**A: Amen**

### THE SENDING HYMN

**"Shine, Jesus, Shine"- #671 ELW**  
*Text: Graham Kendrick, b. 1950 Music: Graham Kendrick*

### DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

**P & A: Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" by John Zundel, Arr. Richard Unfreid

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### BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday	Exodus 19:7-25	Moses meets God on the mountain
Tuesday	Job 19:23-27	Job will see God
Wednesday	Isaiah 58:1-12	The fast that God chooses
Thursday	Daniel 9:1-14	Daniel prays for the people's forgiveness
Friday	Daniel 9:15-25a	An angel speaks to Daniel
Saturday	Psalms 32	God forgives our sin