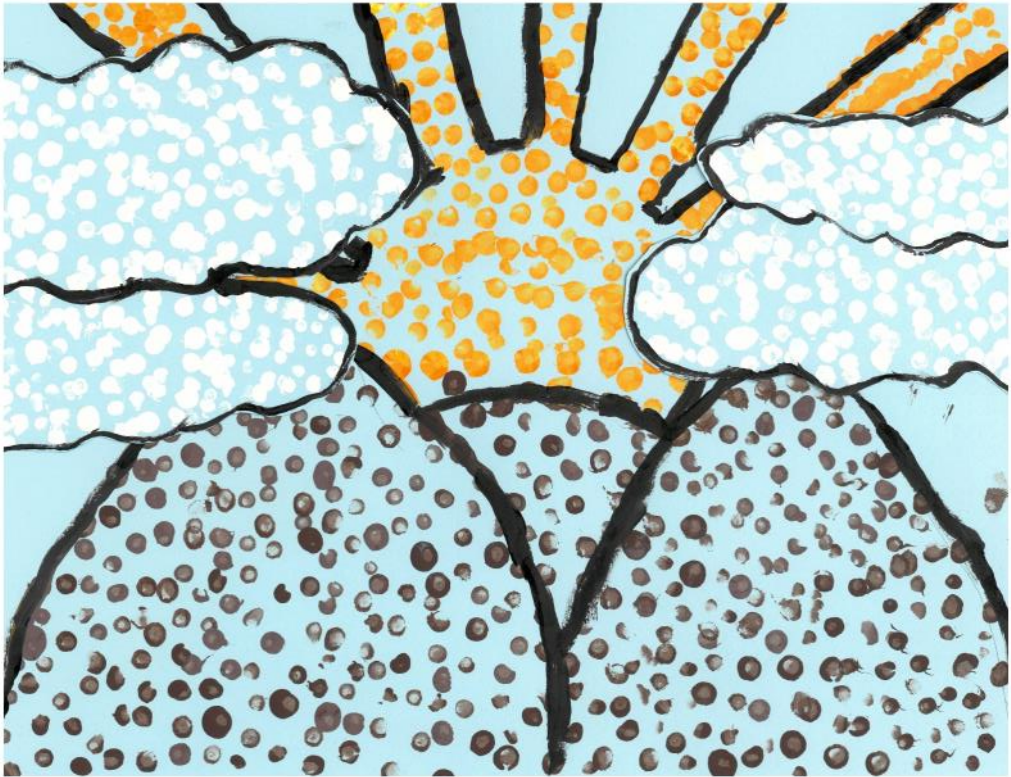


Transfiguration of Our Lord



Bulletin Art by Zion Youth. This picture was created this Wednesday in youth group as each youth placed a dot on the page and said a prayer. Each dot and color represents a different prayer. Brown – blessings in our life. White – requests for ourselves or others in our life. Orange – thanks for important people in our lives.

February 23, 2020 + 11:00am

**Zion Lutheran Church
Lexington, South Carolina**

WELCOME TO WORSHIP at ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH!

We are glad you have come to worship this day!

We especially Welcome our Visitors and Guests!

We hope you feel right at home here at Zion. If you have any questions, our ushers will be happy to help you. You are invited to fill out a Visitor's card found in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate.

If you are seeking a church home, we invite you to consider becoming a part of this community of faith and learning more about the mission and ministry of Zion. For more information about Zion Lutheran Church, becoming a member, and sharing your gifts in ministry, contact the church office, (803) 356-2297, zionchurch@zionlexsc.com or visit our website, zionlexsc.com.

WORSHIP NOTES



THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION is offered to all baptized Christians who seek Christ's gift of grace. Visitors who receive Holy Communion in their home congregations are invited to share in this sacrament of grace. Gluten free bread is available to those with allergies. You may indicate this need to the pastor during communion distribution. Children who are not receiving communion may come forward for a blessing.

OUR STAFFED NURSERY is available for young children during worship. The nursery is located through the narthex/lobby area and down the hall to the right.

HYMNS not printed in the bulletin are from the red WORSHIP hymnal in the pew rack.

PLEASE SILENCE YOUR ELECTRONICS AT THIS TIME.

+ TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD +

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

We stand.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, the eternal voice from heaven, the anointed and beloved one, the Spirit moving over the waters. **Amen.**

As we seek the light of God, let us come in confession, trusting the love of Christ crucified and risen.

We kneel. Silence is kept for confession meditation.

God who searches us and knows us, **you have shown us what is good and true, but we have looked to other lights to find our way. We have sinned against you, against those we love, and against those we do not know. We have not shared our gifts with others. We have chosen anger over mercy. We have promoted ourselves instead of walking humbly with you. Forgive us our sin, O God, and show us your salvation. Let the light of your grace renew us for life in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Beloved of God, you have not received the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, poured out for you in the faithfulness of Jesus Christ. Receive the promise of baptism: You are God's child; + your sins are forgiven. Rejoice and be glad, for God is with you. **Amen.**

We stand.

SHARING OF PEACE

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

We share a sign of Christ's peace with one another.

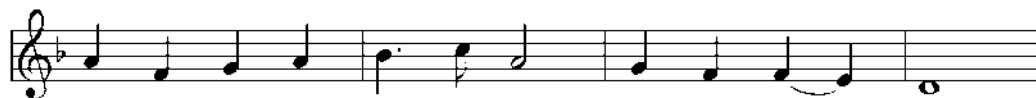
GATHERING HYMN # 834

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

GREETING

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

KYRIE



(A) Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **☒ Lord, have mer - cy.**
Lord, have mer - cy:



(A) Chri - ste e - le - i - son: **☒ Christ, have mer - cy.**
Christ, have mer - cy:



(A) Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **☒ Lord, have mer - cy.**
Lord, have mer - cy:

HYMN OF PRAISE



☒ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



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

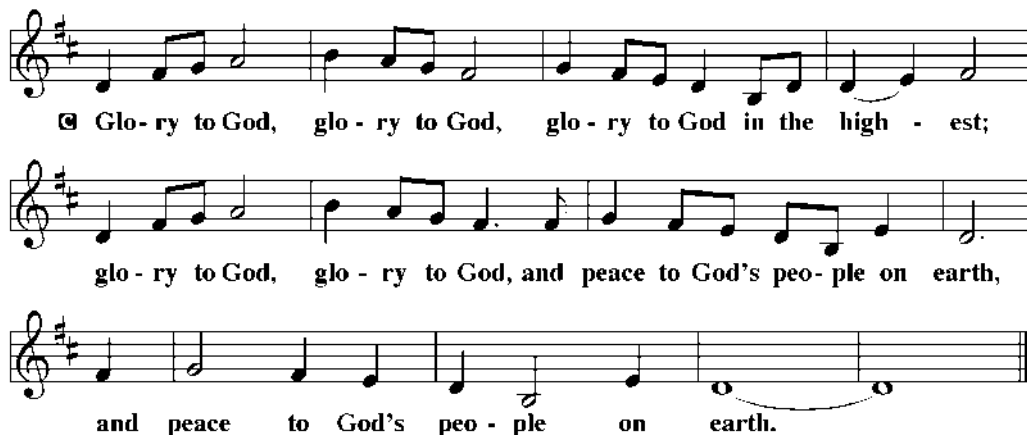


wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



☒ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;





PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.**

We sit.

FIRST READING

Exodus 24:12-18

The 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.

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

PSALM 2

Why 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 heav- | en 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 anoint- | ed 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 be- | gotten you.

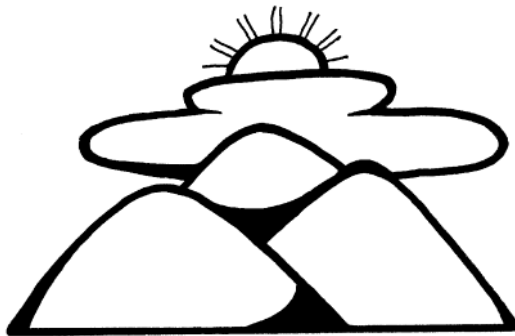
⁸**Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for | your inheritance
and the ends of the earth for | your possession.**

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 ref- | uge in God!**



SECOND READING

2 Peter 1:16-21

For 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.

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

We stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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

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

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 17:1-9

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

Jesus 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."

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

We sit.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Young children are invited forward at this time.

Following the Children's Sermon, children ages 3 through 3rd Grade may go to Children's Church. Meet the Children's Church leaders at the red door at the back of the church. Children will return from Children's Church during the offering.

SERMON

Pastor Nathan Gragg

We stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY # 315

How Good, Lord, to Be Here

APOSTLES CREED

Living together in trust and hope, let us confess our faith.

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

*Each petition ends: Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

We sit.

OFFERING

We share our gifts for those in need and for the mission of the church.

CHOIR ANTHEM

God Made Manifest

We stand.

OFFERTORY HYMN

Let the Vineyards be Fruitful



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 now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,
Lord, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. God of wonder, we place upon your table these gifts of the earth, together with our lives and all that you have made. Open the heavens to us and pour out your Spirit. We wait for your mercy; we long for your peace; we hunger and thirst for Jesus Christ, our banquet of life. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

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

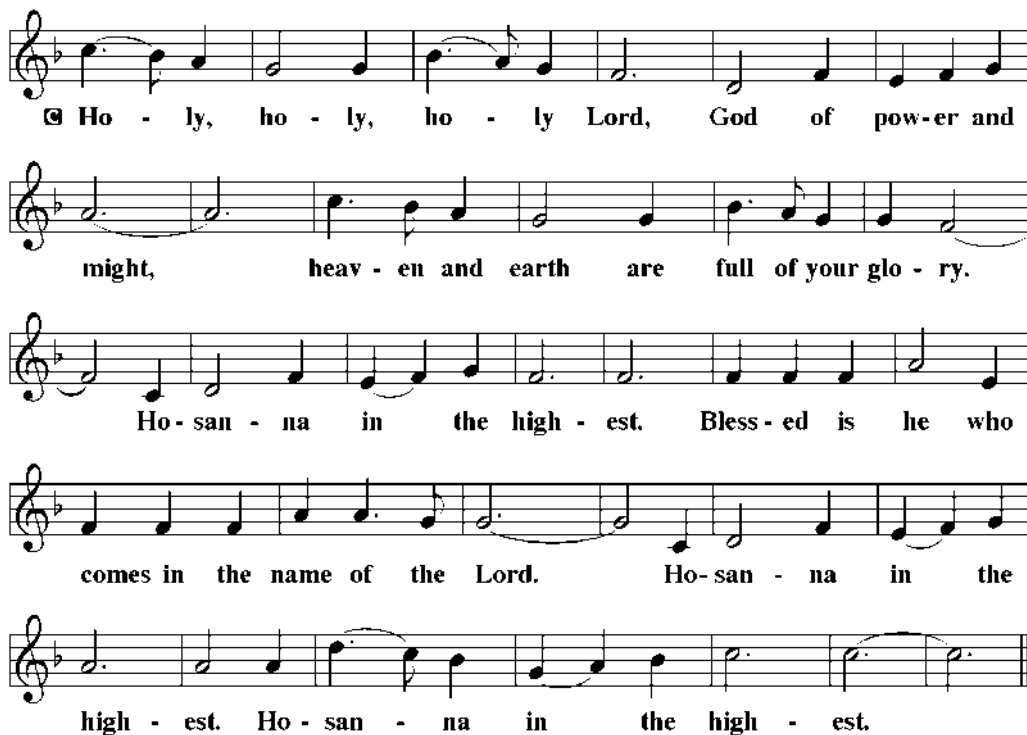
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
might, heav - en 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

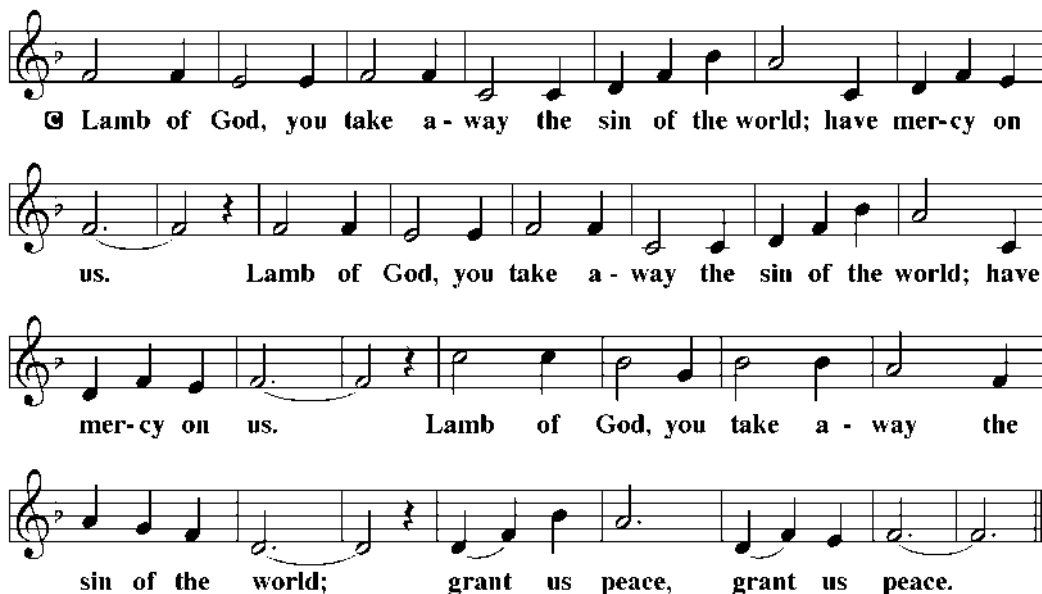
As Jesus taught us, we are bold to pray: **Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! Come to the table of mercy and joy. **Amen.**

We sit.

AGNUS DEI



☩ 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.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

Christ welcomes you to this feast of the baptized!

We receive communion today by intinction at the head of the center aisle.

As the ushers direct you, proceed down the center aisle in two lines.

Hold the bread given to you and continue toward the side aisle nearest you to receive the chalice into which you may dip your bread. Return to your seat by the side aisle.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

We stand.

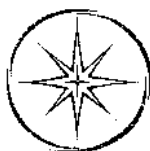
BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace. **Amen.**

CANTICLE



☞ Thank - ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry -
one what God has done. Let all who seek the
Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.
Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and
lead us forth in joy with shouts of thanks -
giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. Faithful God, you have kept your promise to us in this meal, nourishing us with the gift of salvation. Now send your servants forth in peace, that we may testify to your goodness and share the hope that is ours in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

BLESSING OF FOOD FOR FEEDING MINISTRIES

BLESSING

May Christ, the wisdom and power of God, and the source of our life together, keep you united in mind and purpose. And the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you always. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN # 867

In Thee Is Gladness

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Let your light shine. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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Assisting Minister	Sue Anderson
Reader	Heath Branham
Communion Assistants	Roger Anderson, Darlene Weight
Crucifer	Morgen Nesmith
Acolyte	David Gragg
Ushers	Kent Grant, Walt Hampton, Althea Hendrix, Tyler Beard
Chancel and Sacraments	Eileen Leaphart, Donna Corley, Dale Driggers
Children's Church	Wendy Nesmith
Nursery	Jan Corley
Offering Counters	Beverly & Randy McCoy, Mary Nell & Tom Panyard



SERVING NEXT SUNDAY

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Acolyte	Krystall Henwood
Ushers	Mary Nell Panyard, Thomas Panyard, Steve Wingard, Mark Wingard
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