

# Transfiguration of Our Lord



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**Morning Communion**  
**February 23, 2020 + 8:30am**

**Zion Lutheran Church**  
**Lexington, South Carolina**

*You are invited to use this time before worship begins  
for quiet prayer and meditation.*

## **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. You are invited to fill out a Welcome 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, becoming a member, and sharing your gifts in ministry, contact the church office, (803) 356-2297, [zionchurch@zionlexsc.com](mailto:zionchurch@zionlexsc.com) or visit our website, [zionlexsc.com](http://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.

**TITHES AND OFFERINGS** may be placed in the plate at the head of the center aisle.

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

**FOLLOWING WORSHIP** you are invited to Coffee and Fellowship time and Sunday School. Please see the announcements page for schedule and locations.

**PLEASE SILENCE YOUR ELECTRONICS AT THIS TIME.**

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**PRELUDE**

*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.*

**GATHERING HYMN # 834**

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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

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.” <sup>13</sup>So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. <sup>14</sup>To 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.”

<sup>15</sup>Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. <sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>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 people of Israel. <sup>18</sup>Moses 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.**

*We stand.*

**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.

## 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. <sup>2</sup>And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. <sup>3</sup>Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. <sup>4</sup>Then 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." <sup>5</sup>While 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!" <sup>6</sup>When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. <sup>7</sup>But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." <sup>8</sup>And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

<sup>9</sup>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."

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

*We sit.*

**SERMON**

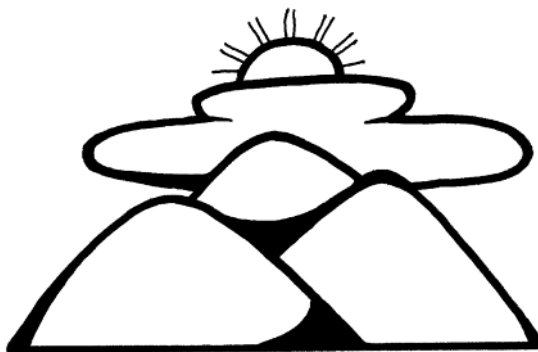
Pastor Nathan Gragg

*Silence for reflection. Pastoral prayer.*

*We stand.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY # 315**

***How Good, Lord, to Be Here***



*We stand.*

## **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.*

## **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.**

## **COMMUNION 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, for ever 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.*

## **COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

*We receive communion this morning at the head of the center aisle.*

*We commune by intinction. Hold your bread to dip in the chalice of wine.*

*You may return to your seat by the side aisles.*

*We remain seated.*

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*We stand.*

## **BLESSING**

## **SENDING HYMN # 867**

*In Thee Is Gladness*

## **PEACE**

*We share the Peace of Christ with one another as we depart.*

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