

**A bright cloud enveloped them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!"**

**- Matthew 17:5 -**

## **Transfiguration of Our Lord**

**February 19, 2023**

**9:00 a.m.**

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**Transfiguration of Our Lord  
February 19, 2023  
Zion Lutheran Church  
Presiding Minister – Rev. Willie Rosin  
Assisting Minister – Rev. Bill Dyar  
Music Minister – Sue Robinson**

*Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church on the Transfiguration of Our Lord/Last Sunday after Epiphany- we are glad you have joined us for worship. Today's festival is a bridge between the Advent-Christmas-Epiphany cycle that ends today and the Lent-Easter cycle that begins in several days on Ash Wednesday. On a high mountain God reveals Jesus as God's beloved Son, echoing the words at his baptism. This vision of glory sustains us as Jesus faces his impending death in Jerusalem. We turn this week to Ash Wednesday and our yearly baptismal journey from Lent to Easter.*

*You are welcome at Christ's table as we celebrate the feast of Holy Communion! Instructions on receiving Holy Communion are included in the service order.*

**PRELUDE**

**Sue Robinson**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**‡ GATHERING ‡**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God*


**BELL CALLING US TO WORSHIP**

**INTROIT**


*O Wondrous Image, Vision Fair* arr. Jason W. Krug

**Zion Bell Choir**


*Refrain*




Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry;



blaze, Spir - it, blaze, set our hearts on fire.




Flow, riv - er, flow, flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy;




send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!

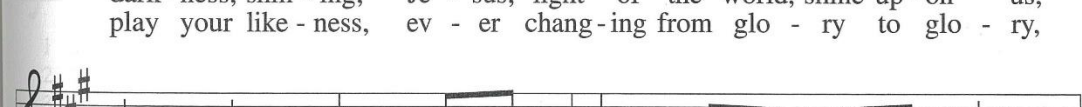
1 Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing, in the midst of the  
 2 As we gaze on your king - ly bright-ness, so our fac - es dis -



dark - ness, shin - ing; Je - sus, light of the world, shine up - on us,  
 play your like - ness, ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry,



set us free by the truth you now bring us.  
 mir - rored here, may our lives tell your sto - ry.



Shine on me, shine on me:  
 Shine on me, shine on me:

*Refrain*

**+ Confession and Forgiveness**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who makes all things new,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy One, source of our renewal,  
**we confess that we are wrapped up in sin,  
and cannot free ourselves.  
We have not practiced your righteousness.  
Our hearts have turned away from you.  
For the sake of the world you so love,  
forgive us,  
that we may be reconciled to one another  
for the glory of your holy name.**

**Amen.**

Thus says our God:

"The former things have come to pass  
and new things I now declare."

God's mercy makes us new.

We are forgiven in the name of † Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

**+ GREETING**

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.**

+ KYRIE



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



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



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

+ CANTICLE OF PRAISE



**G** 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.



**I** 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.



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



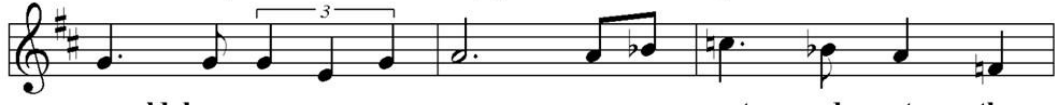
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



Lord 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.



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



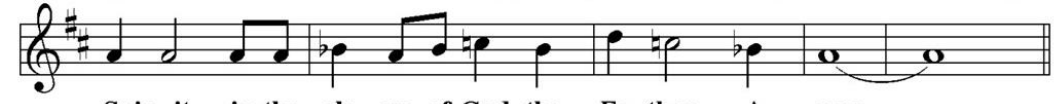
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



I 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.



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,



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

## **+ 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 through Holy Baptism. 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.**

## **‡ WORD ‡**

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song*

### **FIRST READING – Exodus 24:12-18**

<sup>12</sup>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**

### **Psalms 2 - please read responsively**

Why are the nations in an uproar? Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?

**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?**

“Let us break their yoke,” they say; “let us cast off their bonds from us.”

**God whose throne is in heaven is laughing; the Lord holds them in derision.**

Then in wrath God speaks to them, and in rage fills them with terror.

**“As for me, I have anointed my king upon Zion, my holy mountain.”**

Let me announce the decree of the Lord, who said to me, “You are my son; this day have I begotten you.

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

You shall crush them with an iron rod and shatter them like a piece of pottery.”

**And now, you kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth.**

Submit to the Lord with fear, and with trembling bow in worship;

**lest the Lord be angry, and you perish in a sudden blaze of wrath.**

**Happy are all who take refuge in God!**

## SECOND READING 2 Peter 1:16-21

<sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>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." <sup>18</sup>We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

<sup>19</sup>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. <sup>20</sup>First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, <sup>21</sup>because 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

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

### + 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

<sup>1</sup>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.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ**

## SERMON

### HYMN OF THE DAY

### *O Wondrous Image, Vision Fair*

ELW 316



1 Oh, won - drous im - age, vi - sion fair of  
2 With Mo - ses and E - li - jah nigh the in -  
3 With shin - ing face and bright ar - ray, Christ  
4 And faith - ful hearts are raised on high by  
5 O Fa - ther, with the e - ter - nal Son, and



glo - ry that the church may share, which Christ up - on the  
car - nate Lord holds con - verse high, and from the cloud, the  
deigns to man - i - fest to - day what glo - ry shall be  
this great vi - sion's mys - ter - y; for which in joy - ful  
Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er one, we pray you, bring us



moun-tain shows, where bright - er than the sun he glows!  
Ho - ly One says, “This is my be - lov - ed Son.”  
theirs a - bove who joy in God with per - fect love.  
song we raise the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.  
by your grace to see your glo - ry face to face.

## + 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**

Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need, responding with “hear our prayer.”

*Each petition ends with:* Lord, in your mercy

***Congregational response:*** Hear our prayer

We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.

**Amen.**

**+ SHARING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always

**And also with you.**

**‡ MEAL ‡**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ*

**OFFERING**

*Thank you for supporting God’s ministry and mission through the people of Zion Lutheran Church. Your contributions are greatly appreciated.*

*We have online giving options available through [Tithe.ly](https://www.tithe.ly) which allows you to give through the app, online, and even make weekly, biweekly, or monthly donations on a regular schedule. If you are interested in electronic giving options, please contact the church office.*

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

***How Wonderful His Love*** Lloyd Larson

**Zion Choir**

**OFFERTORY**

*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.

**+ OFFERING PRAYER**

Liberating God,  
you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior,  
**Amen.**

**+ DIALOGUE**

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**

**+ WORDS OF INSTITUTION**                      *On the Night*

**+ LORD'S PRAYER**

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.

**+ INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Come and taste the joy of God!

**THE DISTRIBUTION**

*Please come forward for communion as directed. We will serve communion by continuous distribution with one station for bread in the center and a station for wine on each side. Please receive wine from the side on which you are sitting and return to your seat by walking down the side aisle. If you are unable or would prefer not to come forward, please inform one of the ushers and communion will be brought to where you are seated. If you do not wish to receive communion, you are welcome to come forward with arms crossed to receive a blessing. Gluten-free wafers are available in the separate small dish on the bread tray. Please let Pastor Willie know if you would like a gluten-free wafer. If you wish to receive grape juice rather than wine, please indicate this preference by approaching the communion server with your hand out and palm down. The grape juice is located in the center ring of the communion tray. All who believe in Christ as Lord and Savior, young and old, are welcome at this feast.*

**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.

*Refrain*

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were  
 gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from  
 all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,  
 2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when

*Refrain*

may we share the pres - ence of your love.  
 all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN**

***One Bread, One Body***

**WOV 710**

*Refrain*

One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of  
 bless-ing which we bless, and we, though man-y  
 through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.

1 Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or free,  
 2 Man - y the gifts, man - y the works,  
 3 Grain for the fields, scat-tered and grown,

*Refrain*

wom-an or man, no more.  
 one in the Lord of all.  
 gath-ered to one for all.

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN**

***Lord, You Give the Great Commission***

**WOV 756**

1 Lord, you give the great com - mis-sion: "Heal the sick and  
 2 Lord, you call us to your ser - vice: "In my name bap -  
 3 Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: "This my bod - y,  
 4 Lord, you show us love's true mea - sure: "Fa - ther, what they  
 5 Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing: "I am with you

preach the word." Lest the church ne - glect its mis - sion,  
 tize and teach." That the world may trust your prom - ise,  
 this my blood." Let us all, for earth's true glo - ry,  
 do, for - give." Yet we hoard as pri - vate trea - sure  
 to the end." Faith and hope and love re - stor - ing,

and the gos - pel go un - heard, help us wit - ness  
 life a - bun - dant meant for each, give us all new  
 dai - ly lift life heav - en - ward, ask - ing that the  
 all that you so free - ly give. May your care and  
 may we serve as you in - tend and, a - mid the

to your pur - pose with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty:  
 fer - vor, draw us clos - er in com - mu - ni - ty:  
 world a - round us share your chil - dren's lib - er - ty:  
 mer - cy lead us to a just so - ci - e - ty:  
 cares that claim us, hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty:

*Refrain*

With the Spir - it's gifts em - pow'r us for the work of min - is - try.

**+ POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

Now may this body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace, † now and forever.

**+ PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Holy One,  
 we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table.  
 Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you.  
**Amen.**

‡ SENDING ‡

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

**+ BLESSING**

The God who faithfully brings forth justice  
and breaks the oppressor's rod  
✠ bless, strengthen, and uphold you,  
today and always.  
Amen.

**+ SENDING HYMN**

**We Are Marching in the Light of God**

WOV 650

Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -  
We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the  
nyen' kwen - khos'. Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos',  
light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God,  
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.  
we are march - ing in the light of God.  
Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) oo  
We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) oo  
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.  
we are march - ing in the light of God.  
Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) oo  
We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) oo  
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.  
we are march - ing in the light of God.

Verse 2 – We are singing....

Verse 3 - We are dancing....

+Dismissal

Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

**‡ Happening This Week ‡**

<b>SUN, Feb 19</b>	<b>9:00 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Fellowship 10:30 a.m. Sunday School</b>
<b>Tue, Feb 21</b>	<b>6:30 p.m. Trust Fund Committee Meeting</b>
<b>WED, Feb 22 ASH WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>6:30 a.m. Men's Bible 7:00 p.m. Choir</b>
<b>THU, Feb 23</b>	<b>6:30 p.m. Joy Circle MPR Hostess Sue Wilder</b>
<b>SUN, Feb 26</b>	<b>9:00 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Fellowship 10:30 Sunday School</b>

**‡ SERVING IN MINISTRY ‡**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>2/19</b>	<b>ASH WEDNESDAY 2/22 5:30</b>	<b>2/26</b>
<b>ACOLTYES</b>	Dalton Bozarth	Preston Schroeder	Jackson Evans
<b>A.M./READER</b>	Rev. Bill Dyar AM		Marilyn Briscoe/R
<b>COMM. ASST.</b>	Peggy Starkweather	Rev. Bill Dyar	Jan Pohl; Michelle R.
<b>HOSPITALITY</b>	Finance/Stewardship		Worship

**‡ ANNOUNCEMENTS ‡**



**Altar flowers** this week were provided by Grimm Fund.

**This Sunday** is Food Pantry Sunday Please put your donation or check (made out to Zion with "Food Pantry" in the memo) or in the offering. **Food Pantry** is accepting food and monetary donations!! Help us fill the grocery carts across from the elevator downstairs.

**Next Week's Readings** Genesis 2:15-17, Psalm 32, Romans 5:12-19, Matthew 4:1-11

**Please Pray** for Kristy Keith, Bill Tiecke, Patty Lange, Butch Doyle, Mary Butcher, Gary Sebbert, Evelyn Christopherson, Rose Marie Paul, and Billy Rueckert. The family and friends of Elaine Petersen. The family of Rachel Creamer for her Aunt Patricia McCleary.

**Please** fill out a communion registration card for 2023. Only one card per year needs to be filled out. This record is used to help create the voting roster for congregational meetings. Thank you!

The **Altar Flower Chart for 2023** has been posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex. This is a wonderful opportunity to honor your loved ones by dedicating the flowers for that week to them. The current cost is \$42.80 per week and can be paid directly to Hy-Vee or the church office. Sign up now while the dates you want are still available.

**Trivia Night** The Zion Youth will sponsor a Trivia Night on Saturday, March 18th. The proceeds from this event will be used to offset the costs of the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans. The cost is \$5.00 per person or \$40 per table. The doors will open at 5:30 pm with the game beginning at 6:00 pm. The event normally ends around 8:00 pm. Come and test your knowledge on a variety of topics including our church, the Bible, and Muscatine history and enjoy a social time with friends and family. Drinks will be provided and you are welcome to bring snacks for your table or for all to share. We will also have a silent auction of baskets donated by the church committees and the youth. Reserve your seat or table by signing up on the bulletin board by the elevator. Hope to see you all there!

**Christian Day Camp** Opportunity in Muscatine Website: Scan QR code or go to:

<https://shepherdofthecross.org/christian-day-camp>



This Day Camp will be held at Saulsbury Recreation area June 13-17 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. daily. Registration is open for all kids who have finished grades K-6. Cost is \$10, which includes a T-shirt.

**The results** from the Souper Bowl of Caring are the Eagles \$32 plus one soup can, Chiefs \$50 plus two soup cans! Thank you to everyone who participated! Everything donated will go to the MCSA food pantry!

Total Offering Received for Week of 2/11/2023:	\$ 4,895
Year to date Offering Received:	\$ 25,440
Remaining Weekly Offering required to meet Budget:	\$ 5,454

The next **Z book club** meeting will be Monday, March 13 at 5:30 PM at Diamond Dave's. They are reading a book called "The Keeper of Happy Endings" by Barbara Davis.

**Fellowship of Christian Athletes** meets at Louisa-Muscatine High School on Thursdays at 6:30 a.m. in Room 109. Casey Cantrell is the local Huddle leader.

**Reminder:** Men's Bible Study meets every Wednesday morning at 6:30 a.m. at the All-American Diner.

**Adult Bible Study** begins at 10:30 a.m. in the chapel area. We are using *The Greatest Story* and participant books are available. You are welcome to join us!

**Christians Underground** - We have an additional Bible study/discussion group opportunity in Muscatine called Christians Underground. Pastor Aleese Kenitzer from Shepherd of the Cross leads this group in discussion about the Revised Common Lectionary texts for the upcoming Sunday. They meet weekly on Wednesdays at 12:00 p.m. at Geo Johnz Pizza (203 E 2nd St.) for about an hour. This invitation is open to all three ELCA congregations in Muscatine.

**Family Faith Night**-Meets at Grace Lutheran Church Every Wednesday beginning with a meal at 6 pm. Groups begin at 6:20 pm with the night concluding at 7:30 pm. You and your family are invited to join as you are able. Talk with Pastor Willie or Tyler Baars to learn more.

**Lutheran Living:** Website:<https://www.augsburgfortress.org/store/product/16931/Living-Lutheran>, Individual Price **\$19.95 per year**. Audio available in CD format.

Website link to subscribe to edigest: <https://www.livinglutheran.org/subscribe/>  
1-800-328-4648 Monday - Friday, 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM

### **Zion Lutheran Church Midweek Lenten Gatherings-**

The season of Lent begins with our Ash Wednesday service at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 22nd. We will have the Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion during the service. There is not a congregational meal following the Ash Wednesday service. We will continue with our midweek Lent services on Wednesday, March 1st at 5:30 p.m. We will use the theme of UNFINISHED: Out of the Depths, a series on the book of Jonah. We will use the Holden Evening Prayer liturgy for the midweek services. We will serve a congregational meal following the midweek Lent services on March 1, 9, 15, 22, 29. Price (\$8 or \$6). There are sign-up sheets upstairs and downstairs. Hope to see you here!

### **Shepherd of the Cross Midweek Lenten Gatherings - 6:30-7:30pm**

If our 5:30 midweek Lent worship time does not work for your schedule or if you are looking for something a little different than strictly midweek worship, you are invited to join Shepherd of the Cross on Wednesday evenings during the season of Lent. And we have invited Shepherd of the Cross folks looking for a midweek worship service to join Zion! The following is the midweek Lent information that Shepherd is providing for their people which is centered in large group and small group time rather than a formal worship service:

This Lent, we'll be gathering on Wednesday evenings to dive further into the themes presented on Sunday mornings. Embracing our Lenten theme of "Seeking," our Wednesday gatherings will encourage us - individually and collectively - to authentically seek God and seek relationship

with one another. Our time each week will be a combination of large group and small group time and will incorporate Scripture, prayer, and music. If families with kids are interested in joining us, we'll be sure to have opportunities for our kiddos as well!

**Grace Lutheran Church Midweek Lenten Gatherings-6:00-6:30 pm**

After Ash Wednesday, they will meet the next 5 weeks through Lent for a mid-week service which will last approximately 30 minutes. Grace confirmation students will help conduct those services.

**Free binders and books** are available for anybody to take, from the table in the back hallway. Check back often as "spring cleaning" commences.

**We have** sign-up sheets for **Hospitality 2023** upstairs and downstairs. (*brownies with nuts are always welcome, per our office admin*).

