



Zion's Weekly Announcements

Sunday, February 14, 2021

A warm welcome, dear family of Christ!

This Transfiguration Sunday, we remember that Jesus is with us in both the mountaintops and valleys of life. Welcome, as we do what the voice from heaven commanded: "Listen to Him" (Mark 9:7).

"We love because [God] first loved us" (1 John 4:19, NIV). Valentine's Day is fun, but I pray, God, that you show me how to share Your bountiful love every day of the year.



A Quote for the Day: Lord, take my lips and speak through them, take my mind and think through it, take my heart and set it on fire for love of You. - W.H. Aitken

Ash Wednesday Service
Wednesday, February 17, 2021
5:00 PM --- Online and In-Person
Register you attendance.



ASHES: On Ash Wednesday, as Lent begins, worshipers' foreheads are often marked with ashes in the sign of the cross. The ashes traditionally come from burning palm branches from the previous Palm Sunday. In Old Testament days, ashes were a sign of mourning and repentance. Today, some worshipers wipe off the ashes before leaving church, to symbolize being cleansed from sin by Jesus' death; others wear the ashes the rest of the day, carrying the cross of Christ into the world. The speaking of Genesis 3:19 often accompanies the placement of ashes: "You are dust, and to dust you shall return."

There will be **Drive-In Communion today, Sunday, February 14** from 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM. If you are unable to attend today, please make an appointment with Pastor Matt. An **ONLINE** and **IN-PERSON** services will be at **9:00 AM**. You can register for next Sunday's "In-Person" worship service on the church's website. If you need assistance, call the church office (507) 373-8609.



Come to the Table

LOOKING AT TODAY'S LESSONS

The Transfiguration of Our Lord Sunday ***The Face of Jesus Christ Manifests the Light of the Knowledge of the Glory of God***

It was "a hard thing" that Elisha asked, but by his persistence he was able to see the prophet Elijah being taken "by a whirlwind into heaven." Although "chariots of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them," Elisha received Elijah's cloak and a "double portion" of his spirit for preaching the Lord's Word (2 Kings 2:9-11). It was a hard thing, too, for Israel to see Moses and come near to him, when "the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God" (Ex. 34:29-30). Therefore, after "he commanded them all that the LORD had spoken with him in Mount Sinai," Moses "put a veil over his face" (Ex. 34:32-33). Only the Word of the Gospel lifts the veil, and "only through Christ is it taken away" (2 Cor. 3:14). Thus are we able to behold "the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ," who is "the image of God" (2 Cor. 4:4-6). For the Law and the prophets are all fulfilled in Him. Therefore, "listen to him," and fix your sights on "Jesus only" (Mark 9:7-8).

PUZZLE

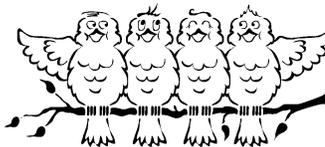
A famous friendship

In the Bible, Ruth and Naomi are known for their loving friendship.

Directions: Using the key, fill in the blanks to see what Ruth says to Naomi.

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RUTH 1:16, NIV

WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE

Philippians 2:5-11 --- Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore, God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

OUTREACH THOUGHT

Mark 9:2-9 --- As we have gathered in God's presence here in worship, we can say along with Peter, "It is good that we are here!" Rather than setting up camp here, our Lord sends us out into the world with a message to share. We are sent to show others Jesus just as we have seen and heard Him in His Good News.

Answer: "Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God." Ruth 1:16, NIV

STEWARDSHIP PONDERING

Mark 9:6 --- "For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified." Soon enough, the disciples' terror turned into joy, for when Jesus is with us, there is no need to fear. He loves us and cares for us and will never abandon us. That assurance is the basis of all generosity – for only those who are set free from worry can learn the joy of giving.

LUTHERAN HOUR

Today on KATE Radio @ 6 pm

"Shines and Saves" (Mark 9:2-13)

Guest Speaker: Rev. Cody Cooper

Jesus surpasses all expectations as we see Him revealed on the Mount of Transfiguration.

LOVING KINDNESS

A Sunday school teacher asked her class, "What do you think the Bible means when it speaks of loving kindness?"

"Well," answered a young boy, "If I was hungry and someone gave me bread with butter on it, that would be kindness. And then if they put a spoonful of blackberry jam on it, that would be loving kindness."

BIBLE QUIZ

1. What was the name of Moses' wife?
A. Miriam C. Zipporah
B. Jochebed D. Leah
2. In 2 Peter 1:16-18, the apostle Peter writes about being on a mountain with Jesus when something unusual happened. Christ, Peter says, received honor and glory from God the Father. Peter, James, and John were all eyewitnesses of his majesty.
To what event was Peter referring?
A. Jesus' baptism
B. Jesus' transfiguration
C. Jesus' crucifixion
D. Jesus' resurrection

Answers: 1. C (See Exodus 2:21) 2. B (The answer can be found in Mark 9:1-10.)



UPDATE --- Relay for Life of Freeborn County will be Saturday, June 26, 2021, at 5:00 PM. It will be back in the Downtown area of Albert Lea.

"Every one of us has been touched by cancer in some way. Friends, relatives, caregivers, and survivors - we all use our special passion to help the American Cancer Society save lives, celebrate lives, and lead the fight for a world without cancer. And there's no better time than now to start!" (from the Relay for Life website)

Once again, Zion Lutheran Church will be participating in Relay for Life of Freeborn County! Zion's Beautiful Feat – Romans 10:15 team, seeks new team members and encourages our former members to join us again! Our team's co-captain are Diane Hanson and Jeff Brown. To join Zion's team, visit the Relay for Life of Freeborn County webpage: <http://www.relayforlife.org/freeborncountymn>



Girl Scouts

Girl Scout Cookie sales

begin today! An order form is on the bulletin board next to Pastor's Office. Each box is \$5.00. Make checks out to Girl Scouts. These sales supports Troop #43224 that normally

meets at Zion. If you have any questions, speak with Diane Hanson, troop leader.

Church Office Hours

Monday-Thursday: 9:00 am to 1:00 pm
and afternoon by appointment

Friday: Office Closed • Saturday: by appointment

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+ This Week's Calendar +

Sunday, February 14, 2021 – The Transfiguration of Our Lord & Valentine's Day

- 9:00 AM – Online Service Available
- 9:00 AM – In-Person Service with Holy Communion
- 10:30 AM – Drive-In Communion Begins
- 1:00 PM – Drive-In Communion Ends
- 6:00 PM – Lutheran Hour on KATE Radio (1450 AM)

Monday, February 15, 2021 – Presidents Day

- 5:45 PM – Endowment Committee Meeting @ Zion

Tuesday, February 16, 2021

Wednesday, February 17, 2021 – Ash Wednesday

- 5:00 PM – In-Person and Online Ash Wednesday Service
- 6:00 PM – Confirmation on Zoom

Thursday, February 18, 2021

- Pre-work for service recording (afternoon)

Friday, February 19, 2021

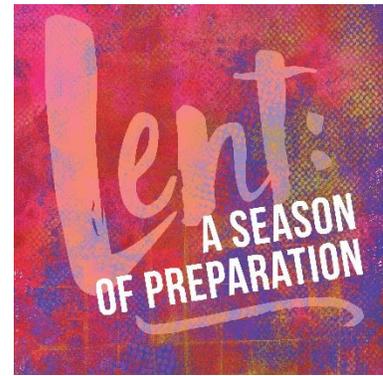
- Pastor's Day Off

Saturday, February 20, 2021

- Recording Worship Service

Sunday, February 21, 2021 – The First Sunday in Lent

- 9:00 AM – Online Service Available
- 9:00 AM – In-Person Service with Holy Communion
- 10:30 AM – Drive-In Communion Begins
- 1:00 PM – Drive-In Communion Ends
- 6:00 PM – Lutheran Hour on KATE Radio (1450 AM)



PREPARE FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

In the next three days, prepare your heart, mind, and soul to embark on the Lenten journey with the Lord, Jesus Christ. The readings for the solemn service of **Ash Wednesday**, February 17, are: Joel 2:12-19, Psalm 51:1-13, 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10, and Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21.

PREPARE FOR NEXT SUNDAY

The First Sunday in Lent, on February 14. The appointed Scripture readings for this day are: Genesis 22:1-18, Psalm 25:1-10, Romans 8:31-39, Mark 1:9-15.

February 7, 2021

In-Person Attendance:	29	In-Person Communion:	28
YouTube Views:	73	Drive-In Communion:	10