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The Transfiguration of Our Lord ~ March 3, 2019

Psalm:

Psalm 99

Old Testament:

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Epistle Reading:

Hebrews 3:1-6

Gospel Reading:

Luke 9:28-36

Sermon: "Suffering Before Glory" Luke 9:28-36 Pastor Gless

8:00 AM Hymns:

"O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair" LSB 413

"Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here" LSB 414

"Upon the Cross Extended" LSB 453 [March Hymn of the Month]

"Beautiful Savior" LSB 537

"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus" LSB 821

The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod belief about the Sacrament of the Altar:

(also called the Lord's Supper and Holy Communion)

What is the Sacrament of the Altar?

It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ [in, with, and] under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ himself for us Christians to eat and to drink. *(Matthew 26:26-29; Mark 14:22-25; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25)*

What is the benefit of such eating and drinking?

These words “given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins” show us that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation are given to us in the sacrament through these words.

Who receives the sacrament worthily?

The person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.” But anyone who does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared, for the words “for you” require all hearts to believe. *(Martin Luther, Small Catechism).*

“We must never regard the sacrament as a harmful thing from which we should flee, but as a pure, wholesome, soothing medicine that aids you and gives life in both soul and body. For where the soul is healed, the body is helped as well. Why, then, do we act as if the sacrament were a poison that would kill us if we ate of it? Of course, it is true that those who despise the sacrament and lead unchristian lives receive it to their damnation... But those who feel their weakness, who are anxious to be rid of it and desire help, should regard and use the sacrament as a precious antidote against the poison in their systems. For here in the sacrament you are to receive from Christ's lips the forgiveness of sins, which contains and brings with it God's grace and Spirit with all his gifts, protection, defense, and power against death, the devil, and every trouble.” *Martin Luther Large Catechism*

FOR OUR GUESTS...

We are delighted to have all guests and visitors with us today! As we celebrate Holy Communion, if you have not yet been instructed in the faith, or if you hold to a faith different than the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, it is out of love that we would, for the moment, invite you to refrain from partaking of this meal until we have had a chance to talk with you about our beliefs and practices. If you desire to learn more about our practice of the Lord's Supper, you are invited to be a part of Zion's *Welcome to Worship* class which is held twice a year. In the meantime, please feel free to come forward for a blessing, placing your arms across your chest to let the pastor know you would like to receive that blessing. As our pastors desire to faithfully love and care for you, please respect our position of love on this matter. In addition to the individual cups, we also offer the **Common Cup** during the administration of the Lord's Supper. **Non-Alcoholic White Wine** is also available in the center portion of each communion tray. **Gluten free wafers** are available. Please request a gluten-free wafer from the pastor.

IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK, please include:

- *Those who are in God's care, especially our shut-ins*
- *Also for Pastor LeRoy LaPlant, Arlys Honebrink, David Roy, Lorraine Thaemert, Dick Krahn, James Hagen, Carol Carlson, Lucille Farniok, Edna Ernst, Dolores Hoese, Kathy Ecklund, Myron Schuette, Lynn Zellman, Barb Grimm, Eldoras Schuette, Loren Splettstoesz, Barb Splettstoesz.*
- *Blessings for those celebrating birthdays this week: 4– Annalyse Baumann, Isaac Hindermann, Jenni Hoese, Holly Zajicek; 5– Matt Guse; 6– Keyln Boettcher, Eugene Grimm, Marlys Thomas; 7– Ariel Follett, Kendra Knutson, Benjamin Schwanke; 8– Lindsay Getten; 9– Jon Maetzold.*
- *Blessings for those celebrating anniversaries this week: 3– Fred & Julie Gongoll(41); 8– Garlen & Shirley Mikolich (44).*
- *Our missionaries: Todd Roeske and family (Alaska & Philippines), Pastor James May and Family (Lutherans in Africa). Seminarian Mark Peters & his wife Martha (nee Buckentin) (Fort Wayne)*



PRAYER MINISTRY– Zion's Prayer Chain is available for your use! To initiate a prayer, please call one of the following contact persons: Arleen Hoese (657-1049), Marlene Jopp (657-2398), or Sharon Buckentin (657-2549). You may also use prayer cards (found in church pews) to request prayers from prayer chain or during Sunday worship.

INCLUDING CHILDREN IN WORSHIP—We welcome children in the worship service! Worship Bags for toddlers are available to help you share the worship experience with your child. They're located at the balcony stairs.

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING —Operating Fund (Church, School, LHS, Missions): \$11,033.22; Debt Reduction: \$380; Help A Neighbor: \$60; Building Fund (Maintenance): \$350; Building Fund (New): \$90; Food Shelf: \$100. *Honor the Lord with your wealth, and with the first fruits of all your income. Then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine." Proverbs 3:9-10.*

March 3 – Transfiguration of Our Lord – God has a habit of hiding great glory in ordinary and otherwise unfit settings. So, in 30-something, manual-laborer Jesus, the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily (Luke 9:29, 34-35). Through bloody crucifixion, forgiveness and salvation sneak in. Everyday syllables, tap water, bits of bread, and sips of wine smuggle everlasting life. And frightened bellies, frozen labs, nursing homes, and hospitalized comas cradle priceless treasures bearing God's own image.

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BEHOLD THE MAN! LENTEN MIDWEEK SERIES

“Behold the man!” proclaimed the unwitting preacher Pontius Pilate in one of the shortest, yet most profound, sermons ever recorded. This will be our endeavor during this season of Lent. We will fix our eyes and our preaching on the man Jesus, contemplating the inescapable fact—indeed the most important fact in the course of human history—that God became man.

This Lent, we will consider what it means that God became man. In preparation for the celebration of a real, bodily, flesh-and-blood, bone-and-sinew resurrection, the resurrection without which our faith and our preaching are all in vain, consider the body of Jesus that exists in order to be nailed to a cross. The spiritual, bodyless Son of God became the embodied, enfleshed, incarnate Son of Mary. In Jesus, God has human flesh, a body, just like you. What could be more profound?

Each week, we’ll consider a different aspect of the body of Jesus Christ. What does it mean that, in Jesus, God has hands, feet, lungs, lips, eyes, and ears?

Please join us each Wednesday during the season of Lent as we join together to...

“BEHOLD THE MAN!”

ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6:	“A GOD WHO HUNGERS”	PASTOR ADAM GLESS
Wednesday, March 13:	“A God Exposed”	Pastor Eric Nelson
Wednesday, March 20:	“A God Beaten”	Pastor Gerald Schwanke
Wednesday, March 27:	“A God Who Thirsts”	Pastor Adam Gless
Wednesday, April 3:	“A God Who Prays”	Pastor Mike Michalk
Wednesday, April 10:	“A God with a Mother”	Pastor Paul Krentz

Lent Schedule:

March 6—Ash Wednesday 7:00 service with Holy Communion

March 13, 20, 27, April 3, 10 - 7:00 services

April 14- Palm Sunday

April 18- Maundy Thursday 7:00 service with Holy Communion

April 19-Good Friday 7:00 service

April 21-Easter Sunday 6:30 Sunrise at Zion, 9:00 with Holy Communion at Mayer Lutheran High School

UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS ...

People of the Passion is the Lenten devotional booklet for this 2019 Lenten season, available in the narthex, from Lutheran Hour Ministries. God was preparing the way for His Son's arrival, working through the lives of ordinary people to achieve His ultimate aim: our salvation!

Zion Mayer Dartball team: Our next game is March 5 at New Germany. Zion Mayer won 2 out of 3 games against St. John's Young America. Zion remains in first place in the weekly standings. Whether you are interested in playing or have questions please contact Jason Hoese at 952-334-9559 or 952-955-2331.



Financial Peace University—Begins March 3rd. Please sign up for the class by contacting the office or emailing zionfpu@gmail.com This will be a 9 session class! Financial Peace University is a program that teaches you how to beat debt, build wealth, and keep your own economy thriving. During this life-changing course, you will learn: To put together a monthly spending plan that really works, The step-by-step process for getting out of debt for good!, How to set financial goals and really communicate about money, And much more!



Lenten Suppers Join our Mission Board and Senior Youth as they serve Lenten Suppers before services March 6-April 10 beginning at 5:15 in the church basement. Free will donations.

Pork Chop Dinner—Sponsored by Carver County Lutheran Laymans League and Orphan Grain Train. March 10th from 11:00am-1:00pm. At Mayer Lutheran High School, free will offering. This fundraiser supports scholarships, Orphan Grain Train, and Lutheran Hour Ministries. Please contact LLLer Louis Honebrink if you can help in this fundraiser.

The Mission board will be collecting 15 ounce cans of mandarin oranges and boxed au gratin or scalloped potatoes for the Friends for Life food shelf. There is a basket in the back that you may put your items in. We need to have the items to the food shelf by April 10th. Thank you in advance for your help in this mission endeavor.

Are you new to Zion? Are you interested in becoming a member of Zion? If you are, please join us for our three session class called Welcome to Worship. It will be offered at the day school on Sundays, March 10, 17, and 24 in between services (9:20-10:15am) at Zion's Day School. If you are interested in joining us for this class, please contact our congregational office (657-2566), so we can follow up with you with more details. Thank you!

Stewardship Moment The time and place for being a steward is the present, the here and now. We serve God in serving other human beings and in taking care of the silent creation God gave us to oversee. We do not have a religion of escapism (some have distorted it to be so) nor passivity in the face of life's realities. We live in a faith relationship with our Creator God who loved us so much He gave His Son for us and now sends His Spirit to dwell within us. This faith sets us into a relationship not only with our Creator, but also affects our relationship with all God's creatures and with the material world God created. Christianity is the most "physical" of the world religions. In the Incarnation of God in the person of Jesus Christ (God with us) we learn to understand the preciousness of life, of this world and our privileged positions as stewards in the Name of God (John 1).

St. Mark's LWML invite our Zion ladies to their March 14, Thursday evening, LWML meeting at 7:00pm beginning with dessert and followed by the 2019 LWML Prayer Service *"God Cares For You"*.

Plan now to attend the Lutheran Hour Rally, Sunday March 17th at 4:00pm at Hosanna Lutheran Church in Mankato. The Rev. Dr. Michael Ziegler, new speaker of the Lutheran Hour broadcasts, will preach a powerful message. A mass choir will be singing. Plan to join them.

Portals of Prayer Devotions for March are written by Rev. Jonathan Vollrath, pastor of Our Savior Lutheran Church in Eyota, MN and one of our LWML pastoral counselors for MN South District LWML.

ZION SCHOOL NEWS...

"Sharing Hope, Teaching Christ!"...

Zion's website www.zionmayer.org

Chapel offerings for third quarter go towards Feed My Starving Children.

SALT SALES – If you are in need of salt, please use the salt sheets in the narthex, or call the school office, 952-657-2339. Thank you for your support!

Zion Lutheran School is hosting a **Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser** - March 17 from 9:15 am -1pm. Free will offering - proceeds will go towards the DC trip in 2020 for the current 6th and 7th graders. Meal includes several pancake flavors, toppings, sausage, coffee, and juice.



Kwik Trip is discontinuing their Milk Moola program. If you have any Milk Moola, please bring it into the school before March 15th. Thank you!

Save the date: Our next Auction for Education will be May 4th. Our theme will be the Kentucky Derby! This event will include a dinner, silent auction, and live auction. Reservations to the event will be available soon.

How can you help?

- Please plan on attending the event
- Spread the word and invite family and friends
- Consider donating an item or asking your employer to donate an item, service, gift certificate, or sponsor the event.





**SHARING HOPE—TEACHING CHRIST . . .
during the week of March 3**

Today:	Friendship Sunday	
	Worship/Holy Communion	8:00 AM
	Bible Class/Sunday School	9:15 AM
	Worship/Holy Communion	10:30 AM
	Financial Peace University	6:00 PM-8:00 PM
Monday:	Faculty Meeting	3:15 PM
Tuesday:	Quilters	9:00 AM-3:00 PM
	Elders Meeting	7:00 PM
Wednesday:	Chapel	8:30 AM
	Midweek Bible Class	10:00 AM
	Midweek Catechesis	3:45 PM
	Lenten Supper	5:15 PM-6:30 PM
	Ash Wednesday Worship	7:00 PM
Thursday:	Council Meeting	7:00 PM
Next Sunday:	Worship/Holy Communion	8:00 AM
	Bible Class/Sunday School	9:15 AM
	Welcome to Worship	9:20 AM-10:15 AM
	Worship/Holy Communion	10:30 AM
	Pork Chop Dinner at LHS	11:00 AM-1:00 PM
	Financial Peace University	6:00 PM-8:00 PM

SERVING THE LORD & HIS PEOPLE TODAY:

Worship Leader/Preacher: Rev. Adam Gless

Elder: Brad Quaas

Greeters: **Early:** Rod & Lois Maetzold, Adam Maetzold, Keith & Susan Heinlein

Late: Rex & Gayle Guthland, Jason & Jenni Hoese, Jared & Kim Switch

Organist: Wanda Honebrink

Acolytes: Micah Luecke Hailey Lauseng
Noah Luecke Madeline Guetzkow

Powerpoint: Korinne Kramer Chris Farniok

Readings for Next Week: Deuteronomy 26:1-11, Romans 10:8b-13, Luke 4:1-13