

*Year A*

# **The Transfiguration of Our Lord**

## **Service of Holy Communion**



February 15, 2026

9:00 am

**Zion Lutheran Church**

*Phillipsburg, KS*

### **Introduction to the day**

Today's festival is a bridge between the Advent-Christmas-Epiphany cycle that comes to a close today and the Lent-Easter cycle that begins in several days. On a high mountain Jesus is revealed 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. Some churches put aside the alleluia at the conclusion of today's liturgy. This word of joy will be omitted during the penitential season of Lent and will be sung again at Easter.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS** *(From Sundays & Seasons)*

*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, the Creator of heaven and earth, the Word who spoke life into being, the Wind stirring the waters.

**Amen.**

Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Mighty God,  
you call us to life in community, but we have served our own interests at the expense of our neighbors. We have sown deceit where honesty was needed. We say the right words, but our hearts are far from you. Turn us to seek your face. Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ, that we may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God.

**Amen.**

*The presiding minister proclaims words of absolution.*

The former things have passed away, and new things God now declares: Like a spring of water that never fails, God covers you in the righteousness of Christ, and forgives your sin in ✝ Jesus' name. May the Spirit give you strength to live for others, and bless you with the gift of peace.

**Amen.**

*Assembly is invited to stand as able.*

## **GATHERING SONG – Shine, Jesus, Shine (ELW 671)**

*Refrain*

A E/A D A/C# Bm B<sup>7</sup> E

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

A E/A D A Bm Bm/A G E

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

A E/A D A/C# Bm B<sup>7</sup> E

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

A E/A D A/C# Bm E<sup>7</sup> A D/A

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

To stanzas	Last time
E/A D/A	A

A D/A A E/A A D/A

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 -

A E/A D E/D C#m F#m

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,

D E/D C#m F#m

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

G Esus E G Esus E Refrain

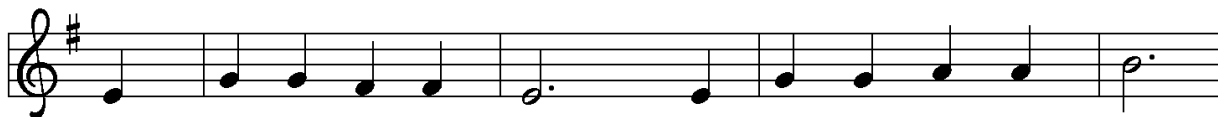
Shine on me,  
 Shine on me,  
 shine on me:  
 shine on me:

**GREETING** (*ELW page 147; LBW page 78*)

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** (*ELW Setting 10, page 203*)

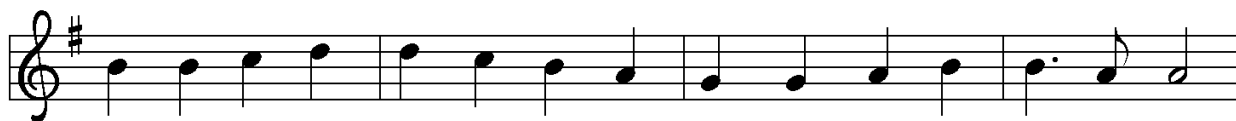


- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.  
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

## **HYMN OF PRAISE** – (ELW Setting 10, page 204)



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.  
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.  
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:  
Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;  
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.  
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.  
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY** (ELW page 24)

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.**

*Assembly is invited to be seated*

## **CHILDREN SERMON**

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

<sup>12</sup> The LORD said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain and wait there; 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 onto the mountain of God. <sup>14</sup> To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come back to you. Look, 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 Israelites. <sup>18</sup> Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM: Psalm 2**

<sup>1</sup> Why are the nations in an uproar?

Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?

<sup>2</sup> **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?**

<sup>3</sup> “Let us break their yoke,” they say;

“let us cast off their bonds from us.”

<sup>4</sup> **God whose throne is in heaven is laughing;  
the LORD holds them in derision.**

<sup>5</sup> Then in wrath God speaks to them,  
and in rage fills them with terror.

<sup>6</sup> **“As for me, I have anointed my king  
upon Zion, my holy mountain.”**

<sup>7</sup> Let me announce the decree of the LORD,  
who said to me, “You are my son; this day have I begotten you.

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

<sup>9</sup> You shall crush them with an iron rod  
and shatter them like a piece of pottery.”

<sup>10</sup> **And now, you kings, be wise;  
be warned, you rulers of the earth.**  
<sup>11</sup> Submit to the LORD with fear,  
and with trembling bow in worship;  
<sup>12</sup> **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<sup>nd</sup> Peter 1:16-21**

<sup>16</sup> 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.

Word of God, word of life.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Assembly is invited to stand as able.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** – (ELW Setting 10, page 205)



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

**GOSPEL: Matthew 17:1-9**

The holy gospel according to Matthew

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> Six days later, 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 bright as light. <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 set up three tents 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 a voice from the cloud 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 raised their eyes, 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.”

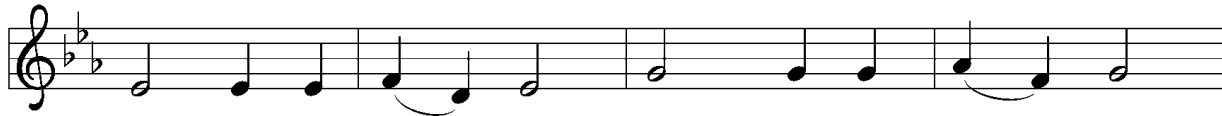
The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

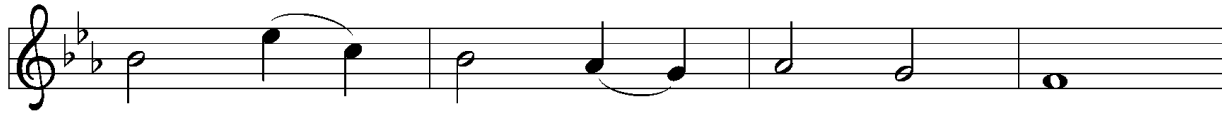
*Assembly is invited to sit*

**SERMON**

## HYMN OF THE DAY: *Beautiful Savior* (ELW #838)



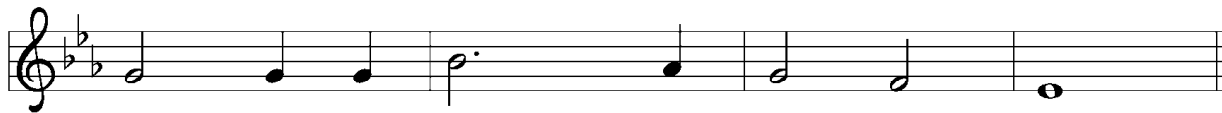
1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,  
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,  
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,  
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,



Son of God and Son of Man!  
 robed in flow'rs and of bloom - ing spring;  
 bright the spar - kling stars on high;  
 Son of God and Son of Man!



Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,  
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,  
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er,  
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,



light of my soul, my joy, my crown.  
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.  
 than all the an - gels in the sky.  
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904

Music: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.

*Assembly is invited to stand as able.*

**NICENE CREED** (LBW page 64)

Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven;  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary,  
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION** *(Adapted from Sundays & Seasons)*

As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

*After each petition:* Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior.

**Amen.**

## **PEACE** *(ELW page 152; LBW page 86)*

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

Let us share a sign of God's peace with one another.

*Assembly is invited to remain standing as able.*

## **OFFERTORY: Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful Lord** (ELW #184)



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

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980

Music: Ronald A. Nelson, b. 1927

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**OFFERING PRAYER** *(From Sundays and Seasons)*

God of majesty, no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING** *(ELW page 152; LBW page 88)*

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.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ;  
who, sharing our life, lived among us to reveal your glory and love,  
that our darkness should give way to your own brilliant light.  
And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## **HOLY, HOLY, HOLY** (*Sanctus*) (ELW Setting 10, page 207)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
heav'n 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.

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE** (ELW page 132)

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:

Blessed are you for the birth of creation.

Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.

Blessed are you for your promise to your people.

Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.

Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.

Blessed are you for your Son Jesus,  
the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

With this bread and cup, we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

**Come, Lord Jesus.**

Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**LORD'S PRAYER** *(ELW page 154; LBW page 91)*

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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** *(from Sundays & Seasons)*

Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

Come to the table; taste and see.

## **LAMB OF GOD** (*Agnus Dei*) (ELW Setting 10, page 208))



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

*Assembly is invited to sit.*

*Assembly is invited to stand as able.*

*After all have communed, the Presiding Minister may continue with this or similar words: (LBW page 92)*

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

**Amen.**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** (*from Sundays & Seasons*)

Radiant God, we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. In the sacrament of his body and blood you have drawn us to your heart. Send us from this table with delight, that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love, and bear witness to all we have seen and heard, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## **FAREWELL TO ALLELUIA**

Most Holy God, as we mark these last days before Lent, and as our shouts of “Alleluia” grow silent to ponder your son’s temptation in the wilderness and his journey of pain and sorrow to the cross, may we use this solemn time to grow closer to you through confession, worship, and study of your word. May these upcoming days of lent not be wasted, but by the power of your Holy Spirit, may our joy in your resurrection and our love of you grow so much that we will be barely able to

suppress our shouts of “Alleluia!” until your Easter dawn. This we humbly pray to you, our God who creates life from death.

**Amen.**

**BLESSING** (*Adapted from Sundays & Seasons*)

May the triune God – Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit – who has put a new song in your mouth and tuned your heart for praise bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN: Alleluia, Song of Gladness (ELW #318)**



- 1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of glad - ness, voice of joy that can - not die;
- 2 Al - le - lu - ia you are sound - ing, true Je - ru - sa - lem and free;
- 3 Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways be our song while here be - low;
- 4 In our hymns we pray with long - ing: Grant us, bless - ed Trin - i - ty,



al - le - lu - ia is the an - them ev - er dear to choirs on high;  
al - le - lu - ia, joy - ful moth - er, bring us to your ju - bi - lee;  
al - le - lu - ia our trans - gres - sions make us for a while for - go;  
at the last to keep glad Eas - ter with the faith - ful saints on high;



in the house of God a - bid - ing thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly.  
here by Bab - y - lon's sad wa - ters mourn - ing ex - iles still are we.  
for the sol - emn time is com - ing when our tears for sin shall flow.  
there to you for - ev - er sing - ing al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly.

Text: Latin hymn, 11th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.

Music: PRAISE, MY SOUL, John Goss, 1800–1880

**DISMISSAL** (*from ELW & LBW, multiple settings*)

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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## **LESSER FESTIVALS AND COMMEMORATIONS THIS WEEK**

**Martin Luther, renewer of the church, died 1546**

**Wednesday, February 18, 2026**

Though he began his adult church life as a simple Augustinian monk, Luther challenged the abuses he saw in the church, and his work eventually led to the Protestant Reformation. Luther's accomplishments included liturgical reform, translation of the Bible, and creation of the Small and Large Catechisms.

### **EMMANUEL & ZION PRAYER LIST**

**Sick, injured, or grieving:** The families of Janice Miller and Stephanie Dusin. Janet Conn, Jessica Gooder, Terry McCall, Bert Mongeau, Eldon Preuss, Janice Giedd, Troy Blubaugh, Mindy Horner Lamont, and Baby Henry.

**Military** - Jared Dillon, Jessica Kreller, Bryan Lenker, Anthony Swarts, Major Monica Riggs, Brady Sunley, Col. Lisa Mullinax, and Col. Mark Mullinax,

**Homebound or in care facilities:** Jean Daniels, Sharon Krafft, Ehrhart Merklein, Dorothy Hanke, Norma Preuss, Ray & Donna Zillinger, Betty Zillinger, Wilma Beckman, and Connie Winter.

**TO ADD PRAYERS:** *If you wish to add someone to the printed prayer list, please confirm that the person consents to be on a public list.* Then please email or call Janice Giedd at [jgiedd@ruraltel.net](mailto:jgiedd@ruraltel.net) or (785) 543-6705. Please make sure the person being added consents to being on a public prayer list. Names will remain on the list for six weeks unless otherwise notified. If you wish to have an emergency prayer request sent over text, please contact Pastor Lee Bennight: [pastorleebennight@gmail.com](mailto:pastorleebennight@gmail.com) (785) 302-1923 or Pastor Kathy at [kbwhitneyrev@gmail.com](mailto:kbwhitneyrev@gmail.com) or (785) 302-1876.

### **ZION CALENDAR**

**Sunday, February 15 – Transfiguration Sunday (Year A)**

- 9:00 am – Zion Holy Communion Worship Service
- 2:00 pm – PCRC Holy Communion Service
- 5:00 pm – Parish Council at St. John.

**Monday, February 16**

- 7:00 pm – Zion Worship Committee

**Sunday, February 18 – Ash Wednesday**

- Noon – Spoken Ash Wednesday at Zion
- 7:00 pm – Ash Wednesday at Emmanuel

**Sunday, February 22 – First Sunday in Lent (Year A)**

- 9:00 am – Zion Holy Communion Worship Service

**Wednesday, February 25**

- 2:00 pm – PCRC Worship
- 7:00 pm – Confirmation

**Sunday, March 1 – Second Sunday in Lent (Year A)**

- 9:00 am – Zion Holy Communion Worship Service

**Wednesday, March 4**

- 7:00 pm – Confirmation

**Sunday, March 8 – Third Sunday in Lent (Year A)**

- 9:00 am – Zion Holy Communion Worship Service

**Wednesday, March 11**

- 7:00 pm – Confirmation

**Thursday, March 12**

- 6:00 pm – Zion Council

**Sunday, March 15 – Fourth Sunday in Lent (Year A)**

- 9:00 am – Zion Holy Communion Worship Service

**Wednesday, March 18**

- SPRING BREAK – NO CONFIRMATION

**Important Upcoming Dates:**

- ASH WEDNESDAY (February 18)
  - Noon at Zion – Simple Spoken Ash Wednesday service
  - 7:00 pm at Emmanuel – Combined Ash Wednesday service
- PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY (March 29)
  - 10:30 am – Combined Palm Sunday Worship at Zion
- MAUNDY THURSDAY (April 2)
  - 7:00 pm – Combined Maundy Thursday service at Emmanuel.
- GOOD FRIDAY (April 3)
  - 7:00 pm – Combined Good Friday service at Zion
- HOLY SATURDAY (April 4)
  - 8:00 pm – The Great Vigil of Easter at Zion
- EASTER (April 5)

- 7:00 am – Easter Sunrise services at Emmanuel & Zion cemeteries
- 9:00 am – Easter Sunday worship at Zion
- 10:30 am – Easter Sunday worship at Emanuel
- CONFIRMATION SUNDAY (April 26)

	<b>ZION WORSHIP SERVERS</b>		
	<b>TODAY</b> <b>Sunday (02/15/26)</b> <i>The Transfiguration</i> <i>(Year A)</i> <i>At 9:00 am</i>	<b>Sunday (02/22/26)</b> <i>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent</i> <i>(Year A)</i> <i>At 9:00 am</i>	<b>Sunday (03/01/26)</b> <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent</i> <i>(Year A)</i> <i>At 9:00 am</i>
<b>Presiding Minister</b>	Pastor Lee	Pastor Lee	Pastor Lee
<b>Lector /Reader</b>	Andrea Keesee	Sue Kipp	Katie Grote
<b>Acolyte</b>	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
<b>Children's Sermon</b>	Pastor Lee	Pastor Lee	Pastor Lee
<b>Musicians</b>	Jean Ann Wagner	Jean Ann Wagner	Jean Ann Wagner
<b>Sound System / Media</b>	Dennis Keesee	Christina Dettmer	Benny Bennight
<b>Greeters</b>	Keesee Family	The Dettmer Family	Jeff & Tamra Griffey
<b>Ushers</b>	Dennis Keesee	Janet McCall	Nathaniel Grote
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Shellie & Brad Lare	Shellie & Brad Lare	Pat & Marci Rust

## **GIVING**

January - \$5,340

## **FIRST COMMUNION INSTRUCTION**

First Communion class is Wednesday, April 1, 2026, from 5 pm to 8 pm at Emmanuel. Any who are interested please contact Pastor Lee at Pastor Lee at (785) 302-1923 or [pastorleebennight@gmail.com](mailto:pastorleebennight@gmail.com).

## **SYNOD ASSEMBLY DELEGATES NEEDED**

The Central States Synod Assembly will be on Saturday, June 6, 2026, and will be via Zoom this year to save on expenses. There may be local gatherings with other congregations near us to participate as a group, or each delegate can participate individually via their computer or device. Each congregation needs two and we need to know soon. Please consider, especially if you have never been to an assembly before and contact Pastor Lee at (785) 302-1923. Thank you.

### **PASTOR CONTACTS:**

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### **HELPFUL WEBSITES:**

- Zion website: [www.zionlutheranchurchofphillipsburg.org](http://www.zionlutheranchurchofphillipsburg.org)
- Parish website: [www.disciplesoftheplains.com](http://www.disciplesoftheplains.com)
- Central States Synod: [www.css-elca.org](http://www.css-elca.org)

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