

Zion Lutheran Church

Fredericksburg, Texas

Transfiguration of Our Lord Feb. 14, 2021

P=Presider R=Responses

BELLS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please prepare your heart and mind for worship)

PRE-WORSHIP MUSIC

“Redeeming Love” by William J. Gaither & Gloria Gaither

“The Bond of Love” by Otis Skillings

(Please stand, kneel or remain seated)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

R Amen

P Let us confess our sins with confidence in God’s promise of forgiveness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P God of goodness and lovingkindness,

R we confess that we have sinned against you and our neighbors. We have turned away from your invitation to new life. We have turned away from the lowly and downtrodden. In your abundant mercy, forgive us our sins, those we know and those known only to you, for the sake of the one who came to live among us, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen

P Hear the good news of peace and salvation! God forgives us all our sins, not through our own work, but through Jesus Christ. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

R Amen

SENDING HYMN “Jesus Shall Reign” **HYMN NO. 434**

**Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does its successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.**

**To him shall endless prayer be made,
and praises throng to crown his head;
his name like sweet perfume shall rise
with ev'ry morning sacrifice.**

**People and realms of ev'ry tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song;
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.**

**Blessings abound where'er he reigns:
the pris'ners leap to lose their chains,
the weary find eternal rest,
and all who suffer want are blest.**

**Let ev'ry creature rise and bring
peculiar honors to our king;
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud amen.**

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.

DISMISSAL

L Go in peace. Share the gift of Jesus.

R Thanks be to God.

“Love Lifted Me” by Howard E. Smith & James Rowe

(Please stand as you are able)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P Hear us, O God,

R **your mercy is great.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

R **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**

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

R **Amen**



GATHERING

(Please stand as you are able)

HYMN "Arise, Your Light Has Come!" **HYMN NO. 314**

Arise, your light has come!

**The Spirit's call obey;
show forth the glory of your God
which shines on you today.**

Arise, your light has come!

**Fling wide the prison door;
proclaim the captive's liberty,
good tidings to the poor.**

Arise, your light has come!

**All you in sorrow born,
bind up the brokenhearted ones
and comfort those who mourn.**

Arise, your light has come!

**The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing,
God's pow'r will make us strong.**

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947; Text © 1992 GIA Publications, Inc.

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

R **And also with you.**

(Please remain standing as you are able)

KYRIE *(Spoken)*

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P In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

R Lord, have mercy.

P For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

R Lord, have mercy.

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

R Lord, have mercy.

P For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

R Lord, have mercy.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

R Amen

HYMN OF PRAISE *(Spoken)* "Glory to... **HYMNAL p. 148**

P Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

R Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father: We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God: You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

R And also with you.

P Let us pray. Almighty God, the resplendent light of your truth shines from the mountaintop into our hearts. Transfigure us by your beloved Son, and illumine the world with your image, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

R Amen

THE APOSTLES' CREED

P Let us confess our faith, the faith in which we baptize, in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

R 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

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

R And also with you.

RESPONSE

(Please be seated)

OFFERING

How to make a financial offering:

- Mail your offering envelope to the church office
- Check out Zion's website for online donation option via [Tithe.ly](https://tithe.ly)
OR you can go directly to this link
<https://tithe.ly/give?c=1367077>
- Set up direct bill pay at your personal bank

*And always remember, there are **many** ways we can make offerings to God, such as prayer and acts of service.*

*"Jesus, Lover of My Soul" by Simeon B. Marsh & Charles Wesley
"My Jesus, I Love Thee" by Adoniram J. Gordon & William R. Featherston*

(Please be seated)

SERMON "We Can't Even Imagine" **Rev. Lisa Hoelscher**

(Please stand as you are able)

HYMN "Lord of Light"

HYMN NO. 688

**Lord of light, your name outshining
all the stars and suns of space,
use our talents in your kingdom
as the servants of your grace;
use us to fulfill your purpose
in the gift of Christ your Son:**

***Refrain: Father, as in highest heaven,
so on earth your will be done.***

**By the toil of faithful workers
in some far outlying field,
by the courage where the radiance
of the cross is still revealed,
by the victories of meekness,
through reproach and suffering won: *Refrain***

**Grant that knowledge, still increasing,
at your feet may lowly kneel;
with your grace our triumphs hallow,
with your charity our zeal;
lift the nations from the shadows
to the gladness of the sun: *Refrain***

**By the prayers of faithful watchers,
never silent day or night;
by the cross of Jesus, bringing
peace to all and healing light;
by the love that passes knowledge,
making all your children one: *Refrain***

Text: Howell E. Lewis, 1860-1953, alt.; Text © Union of Welsh Independents

(Please be seated)

SPECIAL MUSIC "If You're Happy You Love Jesus" **KOTK
YTZ – BLESSING OF THE BIBLES**

WORD

FIRST READING **2 Kings 2:1-12**

Today's reading centers on the transfer of power and authority from the prophet Elijah to Elisha. Their travels, which retrace the path of Joshua back to Moab (the place where Moses died) and the parting of the waters, demonstrate that Elisha and Elijah are legitimate successors of the great prophet Moses.

Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ²Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. ³The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent." ⁴Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. ⁵The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent." ⁶Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. ⁷Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. ⁹When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." ¹⁰He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." ¹¹As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. ¹²Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces. (NRSV)

L The Word of the Lord.
R **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM (*Spoken responsively by verse*)

Psalm 50:1-6

L ¹ The mighty one, God the LORD,
speaks and summons the earth
from the rising of the sun to its setting.

R ² **Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,
God shines forth.**

L ³ Our God comes and does not keep silence,
before him is a devouring fire,
and a mighty tempest all around him.

R ⁴ **He calls to the heavens above
and to the earth, that he may judge his
people:**

L ⁵ "Gather to me my faithful ones,
who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!"

R ⁶ **The heavens declare his righteousness,
for God himself is judge.** (NRSV)

SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

The spotlight of Christian ministry is not on the people who carry out ministry but on the Lord Jesus Christ. Just as God made light shine at creation, God makes the light of Jesus Christ shine in our lives through Christian ministry.

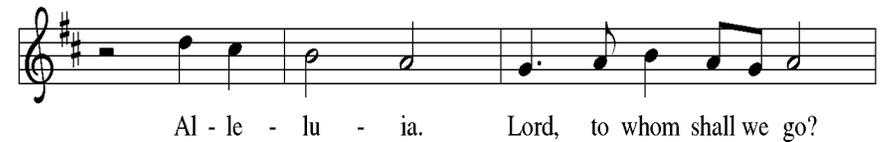
³ And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴ In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵ For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. ⁶ For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. (NRSV)

L The Word of the Lord.
R **Thanks be to God.**

(*Please stand as you are able*)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*Sung*)

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P The holy gospel according to St. Mark, the 9th Chapter.
R **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL Mark 9:2-9

Mark's gospel presents the transfiguration as a preview of what would become apparent to Jesus' followers after he rose from the dead. Confused disciples are given a vision of God's glory manifest in the beloved Son.

² Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³ and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴ And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵ Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁶ He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷ Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" ⁸ Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. (NRSV)

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

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

In our Hearts and Prayers: our homebound and shut-ins, all other nursing home residents, Myrtle Becker, Claribel Hannemann, Margaret Wilke, our Fredericksburg community, our government, our nation, and the military.

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The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by Diane Mayer in honor of her loving family and church family.

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Today the following youth will receive bibles: Kathryn Kneese, Brynlee Minshew, August Schonaerts, Robert Schonaerts, and Emily Weaver.

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The Special Concern for February is the Fredericksburg Food Pantry. They are in desperate need for food and monetary donations. You may write your check out to Zion with Food Pantry in the memo line. Thank you for your support.

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The church office will be closed Monday, February 15 in observance of President's Day.

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Thank you for your General Fund Contributions of \$3,215, and your Special Contributions of \$175 given the week of February 7.

WORSHIP LECTOR – Debbie Sultemeier

MINISTRIES FOR THE WEEK

MON – Feb 15		Office Closed NO Growing in Faith
TUES – Feb 16	6:00pm	Bible Study via Zoom & In-Person in the Conf Rm
	6:30pm	Youth "Fat" Tuesday Pancake Dinner via Zoom
WED – Feb 17	9:00am	Daycare Chapel
	9:00am	Ash Wednesday Worship on YouTube www.zion-lutheran.com/youtube
	4:00pm	Ash Wed Worship on KNAF
	5:30-6:30pm	Drive Thru Imposition of Ashes & Communion (parking lot)
SUN – Feb 21	10:30am	Service Broadcast on KNAF
	10:30am	Service Live on YouTube www.zion-lutheran.com/youtube



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