

This Week at Zion

- Today:** Divine Service at 8:00 and 10:30AM
Bible Study (Youth and Adult) and Sunday School at 9:20AM
Confirmation Parent Meeting at 11:45AM
- Monday:** Bible Readers' Group at 7:00PM (Parts 8-15)
- Tuesday:** Elders' Meeting at 7:00PM
- Wednesday:** Lenten Supper at 5:45PM
Ash Wednesday Service at 7:00PM
Adult Choir at 7:50PM
- Thursday:** Bible Information Class at 7:00PM
Handbell Choir Practice at 7:30PM
- Friday:** School Chapel at 8:30AM
Public School Confirmation Class at 4:00PM
Christian Book Club at 7:00PM
- Saturday:** Quilting Fellowship at 9:30AM
Budget Committee Meeting at 9:30AM
- Next Sunday:** Divine Service with Holy Communion at 8:00 and 10:30AM
Bible Study (Youth and Adult) and Sunday School at 9:20AM
Public School Confirmation Class at 12:00PM

The Lord willing!

Gathered at the Savior's feet
on the Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany - **158**

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In the One who promises to provide - **\$8,615.45**
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Zion
Evangelical Lutheran Church and School
The Transfiguration of our Lord
February 14, 2010

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Reaching out with the message of forgiveness through Jesus Christ.
Holding on to God's unchanging Word.

The Transfiguration of our Lord February 14, 2010

Jesus graciously gave his disciples a glimpse of his heavenly glory on the mount of transfiguration to help them understand his suffering and death correctly. He wanted them to recognize, when he was flogged and nailed to a tree, that he had the power to avoid suffering and death, but he had chosen to offer himself out of love for sinners. May the Lord help us to see Jesus' suffering in that same light, for it reveals the Savior's love!

OUR
FOCUS

Welcome to all who have gathered to hear God's Word! May the Holy Spirit work through the Word that you hear to lead you to trust completely in Jesus, your Savior. A special welcome to our visitors. We are happy to have you with us and hope that you will come again soon. Contact the pastor or one of the ushers if you have questions about the service or the congregation.

A nursery is available downstairs, should you find it necessary to take your child out of the service. During the second service, the nursery will be staffed. We are glad for the sound of young voices, but we also understand that parents may be a little more sensitive to the noise their children make. The service is available downstairs via closed-circuit television. There are also toys available.

volunteering on the sign-up sheet. If you have any questions, please contact Anne Saggau in the church office.

Spaghetti Dinner

The School Support Committee's Annual Spaghetti Dinner, with silent auction, is scheduled for Friday, February 26, beginning at 6:00pm. Proceeds from the dinner and silent auction will benefit the Grant-In-Aid Fund, which is used to assist those that desire a Christian education for their children but face financial challenges.

All are invited. A suggested donation of \$5 per person (or \$20 for family) will help defray the cost of the meal. Please sign up on the sheet posted on the pillar in the northwest corner of the narthex if you plan to attend.

If you would be willing to make a basket for the auction, please contact Kathy Gustafson at Kathyg@q.com or 303-988-3668.

Ministry Anniversary

On Sunday, March 7, in a 2:30pm service here, we will give thanks to the Lord of the Church for the blessings that he has poured out upon, and through, the ministry of Mr. Michael Schaefer, currently serving at Rocky Mountain Lutheran High School (RMLHS). Instead of doing what everyone else does—celebrating a twenty-fifth anniversary during the twenty-fifth year of ministry is awfully cliché, isn't it?—we have

decided to celebrate it during his twenty-seventh year. A short program in the fellowship hall, complete with appetizers and refreshments, will follow the service.

RMLHS Federation Activity

Friday, March 12, has been chosen as the date for the annual Rocky Mountain Lutheran High School (RMLHS) Federation activity night. All are invited to an evening of square dancing/line dancing that will begin at 7:00pm at the high school (11700 Irma Drive). A sign-up sheet has been posted on the pillar in the northeast corner of the narthex for those interested in attending.

Preparing for Next Week

Jesus willingly placed himself under the law as our Substitute. The writer to the Hebrews says that he was "tempted in every way, just as we are—yet was without sin." He resisted the devil's temptations in our place in order to bear the punishment of our sins on the cross. Prepare for the First Sunday in Lent by reading Joshua 7:16-26 (sermon lesson); Hebrews 4:14-16; and St. Luke 4:1-13.

Church Cleaning

Thanks to those who will volunteer their time, energy, and skill to clean the church in the coming weeks: Luanne Bizal and Scott and Nina Rowell (third weekend) and Gary and Alyce Schlomer and Jeff and Sandi Balmer (fourth weekend).



Zion
News and Notes

Flowers

The flowers on the altar this morning have been presented to the glory of God by Leoda Boelter in thanksgiving for the Christian training she received from her parents, Paul and Hulda Becker.

A Word of Thanks

Don Kobilan wishes to express his appreciation for the cards sent, calls made, help given, and prayers offered on his behalf after the mild stroke he recently suffered.

E-Newsletter

The latest issue of the *Zion Update* should have been in your e-mail inbox on Thursday morning. If you did not receive it, please put your e-mail address in the Friendship Register or contact the office. Additional copies of the *Update* are available on the Bible rack.

Forty Days of Lent

The forty days of Lent begin with Ash Wednesday on February 17. On Ash Wednesday we remember our mortality (“ashes to ashes, dust to dust”) and our desperate need for the Lord’s grace. A service at 7:00pm that evening will begin our walk to Calvary’s cross.

The services on the following Wednesdays will fit under the theme, “We Preach Christ Crucified.” Pastors of the area congregations will exchange pulpits for these forty-minute services.

Christian Book Club

All are welcome to join in a group discussion of Gene Veith’s book *Loving God with All Your Mind: Thinking as a Christian in a Post-Modern World* on Friday, February 19, at 7:00pm. Participants should be ready to discuss the first two parts of the book (up to page 94).

Lenten Suppers

A Lenten supper, at 5:45pm, will precede each of the mid-week 7:00pm Lenten services, beginning on Ash Wednesday. A sign-up sheet has been posted on the pillar in the southwest corner of the narthex for those willing to prepare a supper.

For the last several years, soup has been the only menu option for these suppers. That “restriction” has been lifted. You are welcome to prepare a different meal if you wish. Keep in mind that you will serve fifty to sixty people and dessert will still be provided by those

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring (Handbell Choir)

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

OPENING HYMN

How Good, Lord, to Be Here (*Christian Worship* 95)

M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin and take away my guilt.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: **Amen.**

PRAYER AND PRAISE

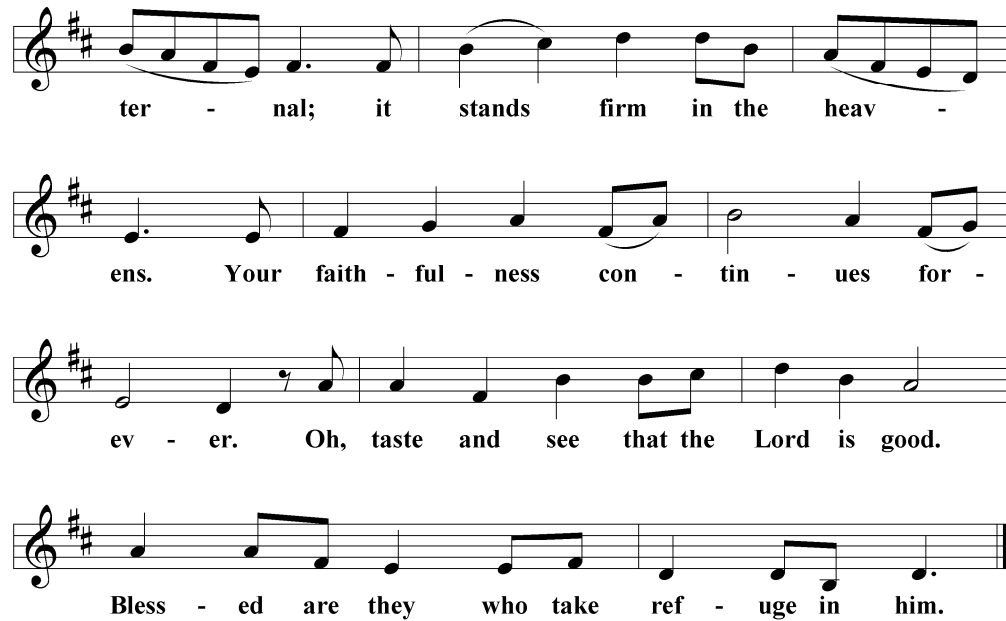
M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.



C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are



they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -



ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -
 ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -
 ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.
 Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

PRAYER

M: *Let us pray.* Lord God, before the suffering and death of your one and only Son, you revealed his glory on the holy mountain. Grant that we who bear his cross on earth may behold by faith the light of his heavenly glory and so be changed into his likeness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

Exodus 34:29-35 (page 105)

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalms 148 (Christian Worship, page 121)

SECOND LESSON

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2 (page 1441)

to the Savior's cross. While the joy of faith remains undiminished throughout the year, our rejoicing during Lent is muted and quiet. For centuries, therefore, Christian churches have omitted their most jubilant songs during this season, including the word *alleluia*, which means, "praise the Lord."

Now for a time we say farewell to alleluia. We do this to prepare ourselves for the quieter days of Lent. The alleluias will return on Easter dawn as we gather to shout our praise to the risen Lord.

CLOSING HYMN

Alleluia, Song of Triumph (Sung to the tune of *Christian Worship* 122)

Alleluia, song of triumph, Sound of joy that cannot die;
 Alleluia is the anthem Ever dear to choirs on high;
 Saints adorned in robes of glory Join the great angelic cry.

Alleluia we are singing, Voicing hymns in pure accord,
 With Christ's holy Church united, Justified, redeemed, restored,
 And with all his faithful people Raise our songs to praise the Lord.

Alleluia cannot always Be our song while here below;
 Alleluia our transgressions Make us for a while forego.
 For the solemn time is coming When our tears for sin must flow.

May our hymns be filled with longing — Hear us, Holy Trinity —
 As we look to your blest Easter, Here, and then eternally,
 When we shall once more be singing Alleluia joyfully!

SERVING THIS MORNING

Organist

Mrs. Julianne Hardinger

Handbell Choir

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring
directed by Mrs. Barbara Pearson



You, whom we both scorn and crave.
 You, who are both gift and cost.
 You, who are our pil - grim guide.
 You, who are our death and life.

In this hymn—also known as “Christus Paradox”—Sylvia Dunstan uses the picture language of Scripture to highlight the mysterious paradoxes found in the person and work of Christ the King.

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PRAYER

M: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

BLESSING

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

FAREWELL TO ALLELUIA

M: Brothers and sisters in Christ, when we next gather for worship, it will be Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. On that day we will begin our solemn journey

VERSE OF THE DAY

St. Mark 9:7b (NIV)

Alleluia! A voice came from the cloud: “This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!” Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

St. Luke 9:28-36 (page 1304)

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY

Down from the Mount of Glory (*Christian Worship* 97)

SERMON

St. Luke 9:28-36

²⁸ About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray. ²⁹ As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. ³⁰ Two men, Moses and Elijah, ³¹ appeared in glorious splendor, talking with Jesus. They spoke about his departure, which he was about to bring to fulfillment at Jerusalem. ³² Peter and his companions were very sleepy, but when they became fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. ³³ As the men were leaving Jesus, Peter said to him, “Master, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.” (He did not know what he was saying.)

³⁴ While he was speaking, a cloud appeared and enveloped them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. ³⁵ A voice came from the cloud, saying, “This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him.” ³⁶ When the voice had spoken, they found that Jesus was alone. The disciples kept this to themselves, and told no one at that time what they had seen. (NIV)

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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.

HYMN

You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd (*Christian Worship Supplement 746*)



1 You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shep - herd.
2 Clothed in light up - on the moun - tain,
3 You, who walk each day be - side us,
4 Wor - thy is our earth - ly Je - sus!



You, Lord, are both prince and slave.
Stripped of might up - on the cross.
Sit in pow - er at God's side.
Wor - thy is our cos - mic Christ!



You, peace - mak - er and sword - bring - er
Shin - ing in e - ter - nal glo - ry,
You, who preach a way that's nar - row,
Wor - thy your de - feat and vic - t'ry!



Of the way you took and gave.
Beg - gared by a sol - dier's toss.
Have a love that reach - es wide.
Wor - thy still your peace and strife!



You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;
You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;
You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;
You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;