

# *Welcome!*



THIS IS MY SON,  
THE BELOVED

MATTHEW 17:5

## *Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church*

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*Our Mission: Empowered and Inspired by God to bring others to Christ.*

# The Transfiguration of Our Lord

February 19, 2023 ~ 9:30 am

## The Liturgy of Word and Sacrament

*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.*

*\*Congregation please stand*

### The Pre-service Music

## ~ The Gathering ~

### \* The Confession and Forgiveness

BLESSED BE THE HOLY TRINITY, ✚ ONE GOD, WHO MAKES ALL THINGS NEW, WHOSE MERCY ENDURES FOREVER.

**Amen.**

TRUSTING IN GOD'S MERCY, LET US CONFESS OUR SIN.

*Please kneel if able.*

HOLY ONE, SOURCE OF OUR RENEWAL,

**we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

THUS SAYS OUR GOD: "THE FORMER THINGS HAVE COME TO PASS AND NEW THINGS I NOW DECLARE." GOD'S MERCY MAKES US NEW. WE ARE FORGIVEN IN THE NAME OF ✚ CHRIST OUR SAVIOR.

**Amen.**

### \* The Gathering Hymn

*"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"*

No. 526

### \* The Greeting

THE BOUNDLESS GRACE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, THE WISDOM OF GOD, AND THE LIGHT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT BE WITH YOU ALL.

**And also with you.**

### \* The Kyrie Eleison *(music on page 57 of LBW)*

IN PEACE, LET US PRAY TO THE LORD.

*(Sung)* **Lord, have mercy.**

FOR THE PEACE FROM ABOVE, AND FOR OUR SALVATION, LET US PRAY TO THE LORD.

**Lord, have mercy.**

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.

**Lord, have mercy.**

FOR THIS HOLY HOUSE, AND FOR ALL WHO OFFER HERE THEIR WORSHIP AND PRAISE, LET US PRAY TO THE LORD.

**Lord, have mercy.**

HELP, SAVE, COMFORT, AND DEFEND US, GRACIOUS LORD.

**Amen.**

\* **The Hymn of Praise** *(music on page 58 of LBW)*

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST, AND PEACE TO HIS PEOPLE ON EARTH.

**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.**

\* **The Prayer of the Day**

THE LORD BE WITH YOU

*(Sung)* **And also with you.**

LET US PRAY:

**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.**

~The Word~

**The First Lesson Exodus 24:12-18**

*At Mount Sinai, Moses experienced the presence of God for forty days and forty nights. The "glory of the LORD" settled on the mountain, and on the seventh day God called out to Moses. On the mountain God gave Moses the stone tablets inscribed with the ten commandments.*

*(After the reading)*

THE WORD OF THE LORD

**Thanks be to God.**

**The Psalm 2 Tune "O Holy Spirit, Enter In" No. 459**

"I HAVE SET MY KING ON ZION, MY HOLY HILL."

**Oh, haste, my soul, your song to raise; Do not delay your Lord to praise;  
Bow down in adoration.**

THE LORD SAID TO ME, "YOU ARE MY SON; TODAY I HAVE BEGOTTEN YOU. ASK OF ME, AND I WILL MAKE THE NATIONS YOUR HERITAGE, AND THE ENDS OF THE EARTH YOUR POSSESSION. YOU SHALL BREAK THEM WITH A ROD OF IRON, AND DASH THEM IN PIECES LIKE A POTTER'S VESSEL."

**All glory to the Lord belongs, Whose praise resounds in grateful songs,  
The Lord of all creation.**

NOW THEREFORE, O KINGS, BE WISE; BE WARNED, O RULERS OF THE EARTH. SERVE THE LORD WITH FEAR; TREMBLE AND BOW DOWN TO HIM, LEST HE BE ANGRY, AND YOU PERISH IN THE WAY; FOR HIS WRATH IS QUICKLY KINDLED.

**Hearing, fearing, bow before him And adore him, ev'ry nation.**

BLESSED ARE ALL WHO TAKE REFUGE IN HIM.

**Praise the God of our salvation!**

**The Second Lesson 2 Peter 1:16-21**

*At the transfiguration, God's voice was heard, declaring Jesus to be the beloved Son. By the activity of the Holy Spirit, God's voice continues to be heard through the word of scripture.*

*(After the reading)*

THE WORD OF THE LORD

**Thanks be to God.**

\* **The Gospel Acclamation** (*Celtic Alleluia ELW 174*)  
**Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.**

\* **The Holy Gospel St. Matthew 17:1-9**

*Shortly before he enters Jerusalem, where he will be crucified, Jesus is revealed to Peter, James, and John in a mountaintop experience of divine glory called the transfiguration.*

*(Before the Gospel)*

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT MATTHEW THE 17<sup>TH</sup> CHAPTER:  
*(spoken)* **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*(After the Gospel)*

THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD  
*(spoken)* **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**The Sermon**

*Pastor Cindy White*

\* **The Hymn of the Day**                    *“Beautiful Savior”*

No. 518

\* **The Apostles’ Creed**

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.**

\* **The Prayers of Intercession**

CALLED TOGETHER TO FOLLOW JESUS, WE PRAY FOR THE CHURCH, THE WORLD, AND ALL IN NEED.

*A brief silence.*

EMBOLDEN YOUR CHURCH AS IT WITNESSES TO THE MAJESTY AND MERCY OF YOUR SON. EQUIP LAY PREACHERS, DEACONS, AND PASTORS. MOVE US TO SHARE OUR STORIES OF YOUR FAITHFULNESS AND FORGIVENESS; MAY OUR LIVES PROCLAIM YOUR GREATNESS. MERCIFUL GOD,

**receive our prayer.**

DWELL WITH YOUR WHOLE CREATION, BLESS THE WORK OF CONSERVATION ORGANIZATIONS AND PROTECT VITAL HABITATS. SUPPORT THE WORK OF DISASTER RELIEF AGENCIES AROUND THE WORLD. MERCIFUL GOD,

**receive our prayer.**

GUIDE AND GIVE WISDOM TO ALL IN AUTHORITY: OUR MAYOR AND LOCAL LEADERS, OUR GOVERNOR AND STATE LEGISLATORS, OUR PRESIDENT AND NATIONAL LEGISLATORS. BRING FREEDOM AND JUSTICE TO ALL NATIONS. MERCIFUL GOD,

**receive our prayer.**

GIVE SHELTER TO THOSE LACKING SAFE HOMES. PROTECT OUR NEIGHBORS WHOSE DWELLINGS DO NOT KEEP OUT DANGEROUS COLD OR HEAT; ACCOMPANY WITH YOUR TOUCH THOSE WHO ARE HOMEBOUND, SICK, OR ISOLATED ESPECIALLY GWENDA, KATHRYN, CAROLYN, MARLIN, JOHN, TIM, ROBERT, DEREK, ELIZABETH, MARY, RALPH, JOSEPH, AND ALL OUR MEMBERS WHO ARE HOMEBOUND. MERCIFUL GOD,

**receive our prayer.**

MAKE US EAGER TO RECEIVE YOUR WORD IN SCRIPTURE. HELP US RECOGNIZE JESUS' VOICE IN THE NEEDS OF OUR NEIGHBORS; MAKE US CONFIDENT TO FOLLOW THE WAY OF THE CROSS. MERCIFUL GOD,

**receive our prayer.**

RECEIVE OUR THANKSGIVING FOR THE HOLY ONES WHO HAVE GUIDED US IN FAITHFULNESS AND GATHERED EVEN THE UNLIKELY AS YOUR PEOPLE. WITH OUR FOREBEARS IN FAITH AND ALL WHO HAVE HOPED IN YOU, TEACH US TO WAIT WITH COURAGE UNTIL THE PROMISED DAY DAWNS. MERCIFUL GOD,

**receive our prayer.**

GOD OF GRACE AND MERCY, (PLEASE SHARE ANY PERSONAL PRAYER PETITIONS) HEAR OUR PETITIONS THAT WE SPEAK OUT LOUD AND THE ONES THAT WE HOLD IN OUR HEARTS. MERCIFUL GOD,

**receive our prayer.**

WE BRING TO YOU OUR NEEDS AND HOPES, O GOD, TRUSTING YOUR WISDOM AND POWER REVEALED IN CHRIST CRUCIFIED.

**Amen.**

**\* The Peace of Christ**

THE PEACE OF THE LORD BE WITH YOU ALWAYS.

**And also with you.**

**~The Meal~**

**The Offering and Offertory**

*Zion members, please use your envelopes for contributions so that your offering may be officially recorded. Please mail your envelopes to Zion Lutheran Church 101 N. Greenwood Street Tamaqua, PA 18252 or visit [ziontamaqua.com](http://ziontamaqua.com) for our Vanco option.*

**\* The Offertory Procession** Tune: "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow" No. 565

**Praise God from whom all blessing flow; Praise him all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

**\* The Offertory Prayer**

LET US PRAY: LIBERATING GOD, YOU BREAK THE BONDS OF INJUSTICE AND LET THE OPPRESSED GO FREE. RECEIVE THESE OFFERINGS IN THANKSGIVING FOR ALL YOUR WORKS OF MERCIFUL POWER, AND SHAPE US AS PEOPLE OF YOUR JUSTICE AND FREEDOM. YOU WE MAGNIFY AND ADORE, THROUGH JESUS OUR SAVIOR,

**Amen.**

**\* The Preface and Sanctus** (music on page 68 of LBW)

THE LORD BE WITH YOU

(Sung) **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 him thanks and praise.**

IT IS INDEED RIGHT.....THEIR UNENDING HYMN: (ELW No. 193)

*(Sung)* **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might:  
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

**\* The Prayer of Thanksgiving**

HOLY ONE, THE BEGINNING AND THE END, THE GIVER OF LIFE: BLESSED ARE YOU FOR THE BIRTH OF CREATION...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...DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME.

AGAIN, AFTER SUPPER, HE TOOK THE CUP, GAVE THANKS...DO THIS IN 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.**

**\* The Lord's Prayer**

JESUS, REMEMBER US IN YOUR KINGDOM; AND TEACH US TO PRAY:

**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**

**\* The Invitation to the Holy Meal**

COME AND TASTE THE JOY OF GOD!

**\* The Agnus Dei "Lamb of God" (ELW No. 195)**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.**

**The Distribution**

*All who are baptized and believe that Christ is truly present in the Sacrament are welcome to commune when we celebrate the Lord's Supper. Zion members, please complete a Communion card once a year for our records.*

**\* The Post-Communion Blessing**

THE BODY AND BLOOD OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST STRENGTHEN YOU AND KEEP YOU IN HIS GRACE.

**Amen.**

\* **The Post Communion Canticle** (*music on page 72 of LBW*)

**Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev'ryone what he has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name. He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

\* **The Post Communion Prayer**

LET US PRAY: HOLY ONE, WE THANK YOU FOR THE HEALING THAT SPRINGS FORTH ABUNDANTLY FROM THIS TABLE. RENEW OUR STRENGTH TO DO JUSTICE, LOVE KINDNESS, AND JOURNEY HUMBLY WITH YOU.

**Amen.**

**The Senior Choir Anthem “’Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus” – Stead/ Adams**

**~The Sending~**

\* **The Benediction & Dismissal**

THE GOD WHO FAITHFULLY BRINGS FORTH JUSTICE AND BREAKS THE OPPRESSOR’S ROD

✠ BLESS, STRENGTHEN, AND UPHOLD YOU, TODAY AND ALWAYS.

**(Sung) Amen. Amen. Amen.**

\* **The Sending**

GO IN PEACE. FOLLOW THE WAY OF JESUS.

**Thanks be to God.**

\* **The Sending Hymn**      **“Farewell to Alleluia!”** *Tune “The Church’s One Foundation” No. 369*

**Farewell to “Alleluia!” exalted word of praise,**

**Which now in faith we forfeit throughout these forty days.**

**While ashes of contrition our true repentance prove,**

**Till Easter’s alleluias the veil once more remove.**

**Lord, sanctify the silence with which we contemplate**

**Your boundless love for sinners, your sacrifice so great,**

**And grant us hope and patience that, when the fast is gone,**

**New songs of “Alleluia!” may greet your Easter dawn!**

**When angels join the chorus, and white-robed saints above,**

**As patriarchs, before us, proclaim their praise and love**

**For God, the Father, Spirit and Christ, the One in Three,**

**Our shouts of “Alleluia” shall ring eternally!**

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## **First Reading: Exodus 24:12-18**

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

## **Second Reading: 2 Peter 1:16-21**

<sup>16</sup>For 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.

## **Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9**

<sup>1</sup>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 dazzling white. <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 make three dwellings 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 from the cloud a voice 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 looked up, 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.”

**February 26, 2023 readings are:**

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7  
Romans 5:12-19

Psalm 32  
Matthew 4:1-11



# ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

February 18-19, 2023

*\*If you need assistance, please see one of the ushers in the back of the church; Large Print Bulletins are available. Grape juice is available in the tray for those who wish not to partake of the wine. Please Silence your cell phones during service. A Family Room is available for use during or after services, located across from the office. A changing station is available for your convenience in the restroom across the hall from the Family Room. We respectfully ask that you refrain from taking photos during the service. Opportunities are always available after the service. Welcome visitors please sign our guest book. Thank you.*

## **GIFTS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD**

**THE CANDLES** are given to the Glory of God and

In loving memory of family and friends by Bill and Lori Krell

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the Glory of God and

In loving memory of Shirley Jean Caley by Sam Caley

**THE BULLETINS** are given to the Glory of God and

In honor of the February 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday of great-granddaughter, Luna Taras by Denis Smolar

**Altar Flower and Bulletin sponsors are needed for March.  
Please sign up on the church bulletin board.**

*Please remember the following in your prayers Gwenda Rotz, Dr. Kathryn Kropp, Carolyn and Marlin Tirpak, John Eckert, Tim Phillips, Robert Dolbin, Derek Hill, Elizabeth Zimmerman, Mary Richards, Ralph Derr, Joseph Harvilla, John Lattanzi, and all our members who are homebound.*

## **Welcome!!**

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Parish website is [www.ziontamaqua.com](http://www.ziontamaqua.com)

Parish Office Hours- Monday & Wednesday: 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Tuesday: 8:00 am - 1:00 pm

**Zion's 2023 Church Council officers:** Michael Haspe, President, Brian Lawfer, Vice-President, Ernie Henritz, Secretary, Dave Gensure, Treasurer, and Ann Marie Hadesty, Financial Secretary. Other members of Council include: Judy Brennan, Arlene Derr, Glenn Fritzing, Carol Hartung, Darien Moyer, Kailey Richards, Steve Ristila and Mary Ruth Taylor; if you have suggestions or concerns, please seek out a member of Council so that we can promptly address the needs of the congregation.

# This Week in Our Church

## SUNDAY, February 19, 2023

- 8:00 Confirmation Class
- 9:00 The Service of Word & Sacrament
- 10:15 Christian Education
- 10:15 Senior Choir Rehearsal

## MONDAY

- Newsletter Deadline
- 5:45 Property Meeting
- 6:30 Council Meeting

## WEDNESDAY

- 6:00 NA Meeting
- 7:00 Ash Wednesday Service
- 8:00 Senior Choir Rehearsal

## THURSDAY

- Dinner Prep

## FRIDAY

- 4:00 Lenten Dinner

## SATURDAY

- 5:30 Saturday Evening Worship

## NEXT SUNDAY, February 26, 2023

- 8:00 Confirmation Class
- 9:00 The Service of Word & Sacrament
- 10:15 Christian Education
- 2:00 Baptism

### **Supporting Zion's Ministries**

*“Empowered and inspired by God to bring others to Christ”*

Received 2/12/23 in support of Zion Ministries:

From our gifts	\$3,655.85
From Thrift Store	\$15.00
From Culinary	\$0.00
From (other)	\$21,459.00
Received for Endowment:	\$180.00
Received for Capital Campaign:	\$782.00

Received year-to-date for Zion's mission/ministries:

From offering/gifts/memorials:	\$22,375.72
From Thrift Store:	\$1,046.04
From Endowment:	\$21,459.00
From Culinary:	\$0.00

Year-to-date total for Zion's mission/ministries: \$44,880.76

*Thank you for your gifts. Your gifts allow us to share the word of God and the love of Jesus with our congregation and our community.*

## ***GIFTS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD***

***CURRENT FUND DONATIONS*** are given to the *Glory of God* and

In loving memory of Mary Koch by Sharon Haldeman

In loving memory of Mary Koch by Dave & Louise Schock

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In loving memory of her dad, Jasper Collura, on his birthday February 18<sup>th</sup> by Ann Marie & David Hadesty & family

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In loving memory of Mary Koch by Sandy Scott

## **Upcoming Events**

**February 20** – Newsletter Deadline

**February 22** – Ash Wednesday Service

**February 24, March 10 & 24** – Lenten Dinner

**DEADLINE:** All information for the **March/ April 2023 issue of the “Herald”** is due at the church office no later than **Monday, February 20, 2023. Please note that this is a combined issue.** You may e-mail your information to [zioncof@verizon.net](mailto:zioncof@verizon.net) or stop in during regular office hours. Thank you for your co-operation!

*Altar Flower and Bulletin Sponsors needed for 2023 - The Altar Flower and Bulletin Sponsor list for 2023 is on the bulletin board. The costs of the flowers are \$36.80 (please note price increase) and individuals will be billed from the florist. The cost of the bulletin sponsorship is \$16.00 and monies are due when you place your name on the list. You can also sponsor the Candles for the month at \$40. Please remember to fill out a card with your honorarium or memorial this information is needed for the bulletin. Please do not sign up without filling out a form. These sponsorships are on a first come first serve basis; this is to ensure that everyone has equal opportunity to sponsor these memorials. Please contact the church office if you have questions. Thank you in advance for your sponsorship!*

**The Lenten season begins with Ash Wednesday on February 22, 2023.** A worship service will be held at Zion beginning at 7:00 pm with Holy Communion and the Imposition of Ashes.



**Ash  
Wednesday**

# Zion Lenten Fish Dinner

February 24, & March 10 & 24, 2023

4:00 PM to 7:00 PM or sell-out

Adult \$12.00 – Children up to age 10 \$7.00

Take-Outs Available

Menu: Haddock, Crab Cakes or Chicken Fingers. Sides: Mac & Cheese, Stewed Tomatoes, and Cole Slaw. Sit in or take out available. Hope to see you there!

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## Sharing your story

As part of an ongoing emphasis on Zion's impact, we'd like to share ways in which Zion has made a difference in the lives of its members and its community.

Please respond to any **ONE** of these questions and include **your name** at the end.

Send your response to [zioncof@verizon.net](mailto:zioncof@verizon.net) (subject line "Impact story" or Zion Lutheran, 101 North Greenwood St., Tamaqua, PA 18252 Attention: Impact

1. How has Zion made a difference in your life? OR
2. What impact has Zion had on your life the last 2 1/2 years? OR
3. What is your vision for the future of Zion's ministry? OR
4. How has serving in a Zion ministry made a difference in your life?