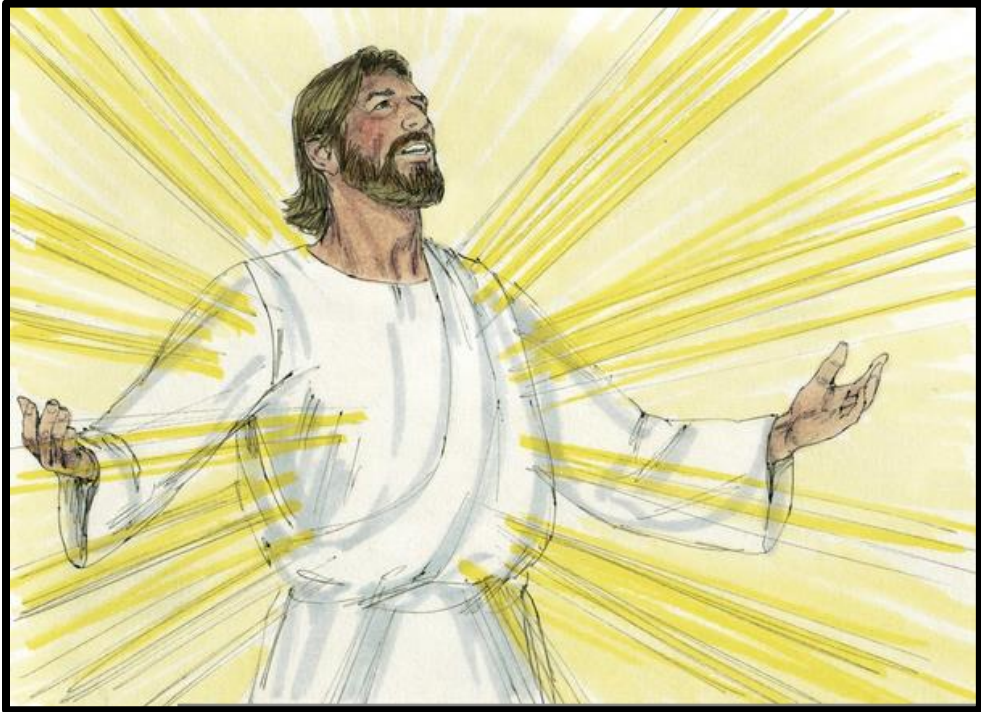


# TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

*A Service of Word & Sacrament*

*February 19, 2023*



**ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**85 E. Brandt Boulevard**

**Landisville, PA**

*Connecting with God; Connecting with others; Connecting others with God*

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

**WELCOME TO ZION!** We are glad you have chosen to worship with us in-person or online on this Transfiguration Sunday! For in-person worshippers, all words and parts of the service will be projected on the screen in the front of the sanctuary. If you prefer a printed bulletin, they are available on the table in the Narthex by the entrance to the Sanctuary. The service contains the four parts of the Lutheran liturgy (The Gathering, The Word, The Meal, and The Sending). If you have any questions concerning our service, please do not hesitate to talk with our pastor, Pastor Tim.

## **WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AT ZION**

**IN-PERSON:** All are invited to join us for worship at 9:00 a.m. each Sunday morning.

**ONLINE:** Worship services are live-streamed on the church YouTube channel: [http://bit.ly/Zion\\_Live](http://bit.ly/Zion_Live). If you are unable or prefer not to watch during the live-stream, the recording is available to view any time after the service concludes.

## **FOR THOSE WORSHIPPING IN-PERSON**

- ❖ Mask wearing is optional for all who attend or participate in indoor gatherings, including worship, at the church.
- ❖ Communion is distributed in continuous fashion or you may take one of the communion kits at the back of the Sanctuary if you prefer to commune at your seat.
- ❖ Restrooms are available by the front entrance of the church in the Narthex and in the hallway off the back door. Infant changing tables can be found in the women's and men's bathrooms in the hallway off the back door.
- ❖ Children are welcome to be active participants in the worship service. There are bags located at the back of the sanctuary with quiet worship activities and goodies to take home. Currently, nursery care is not available but you may use the Parlor as a cry room while also still being able to listen to the service.
- ❖ Ushers are located near the front and back of the worship area to direct people to seating and to the offering plates.

# Transfiguration Of Our Lord Sunday

P: Pastor    A: Assisting Minister    C: Congregation (*bolded*)

## † THE GATHERING †

### INTRODUCTION

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.

### WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, & GOD-SIGHTINGS

#### PRELUDE

*In dir ist Freude*

J.S. Bach

*Please stand if you are able.*

#### OPENING HYMN

**Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise**

ELW 834

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;  
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light;



in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;  
in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;  
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove  
we blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,  
all laud we would ren - der; oh, help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise!  
thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.  
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

Text: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1824–1908, alt.  
Music: ST. DENIO, Welsh traditional; arr. John Roberts, 1807–1876

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.*

**P:** Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever.

**C:** **Amen.**

**P:** Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Holy One, source of our renewal,

C: **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.**

P: 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.

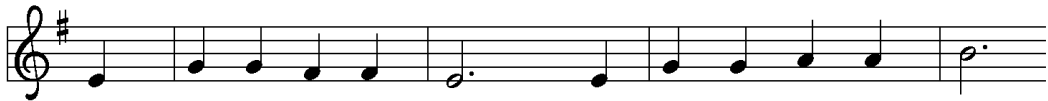
C: **Amen.**

### GREETING

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

C: **And also with you.**

### KYRIE



- 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



♩ Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.



♩ Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa-ther:



We wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: 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.

C: **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## † THE WORD †

### Exodus 24:12-18

*Moses enters the cloud of God's glory on Mount Sinai.*

A: <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.

The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 2

*Please read responsively.*

A: <sup>1</sup>Why are the nations in an uproar? Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?

C: <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 <sup>1</sup> 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!**

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

*The apostle’s message confirmed on the mount of transfiguration.*

A: <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.

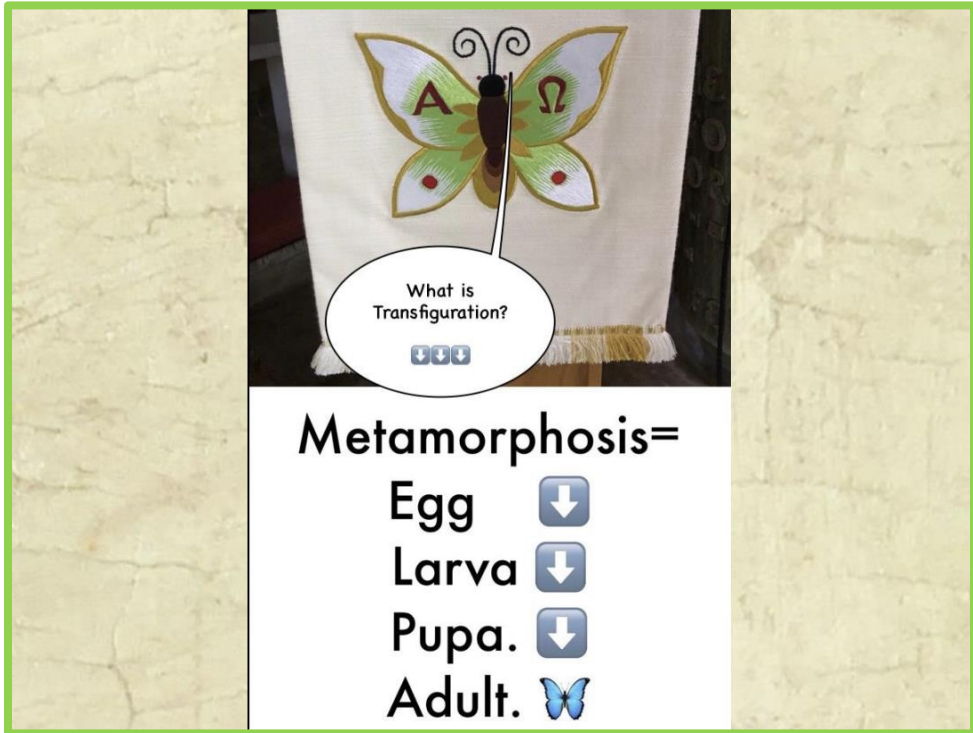
The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**



## ANTHEM

### CHILDREN'S CHAT



*Please stand if you are able.*

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

*Revelation of Christ as God's beloved Son.*

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 17<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C:** **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 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!”  
⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear.  
⁷But 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.

⁹As 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.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

**SERMON**

**The Rev. Timothy Seitz-Brown**

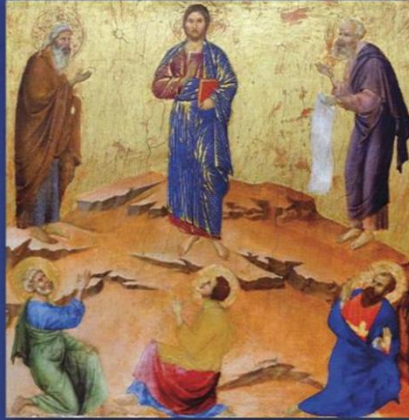
*“This is my  
Beloved Son;*

*with him I am  
well pleased.”*

– Matthew 3:17



*FROM Baptism  
TO Transfiguration*



With  
him I am  
well  
pleased:

Listen to  
him!

THIS IS MY SON,  
THE BELOVED

MATTHEW 17:5

## Exodus 24: 16

“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.”

## Matthew 17:1

“Six days later,  
Jesus took with him  
Peter and James and his brother John  
and led them up a high mountain,  
by themselves.”

From that time on,

Jesus began to show his disciples that  
he must go to Jerusalem  
and undergo great suffering  
at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes,  
and be killed,  
and on the third day be raised.

And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying,  
"God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you."

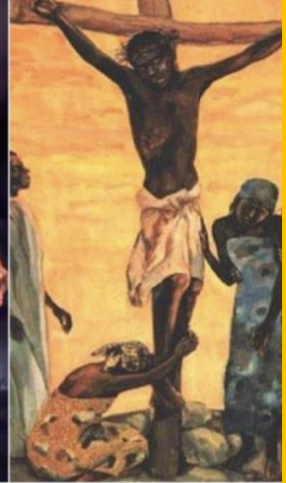
But he turned and said to Peter,  
"Get behind me, Satan!  
You are a stumbling block to me;  
for you are setting your mind  
not on divine things  
but on human things."

—Matthew 16:21-23

**ZEUS,**  
*the One who  
strikes us dead*

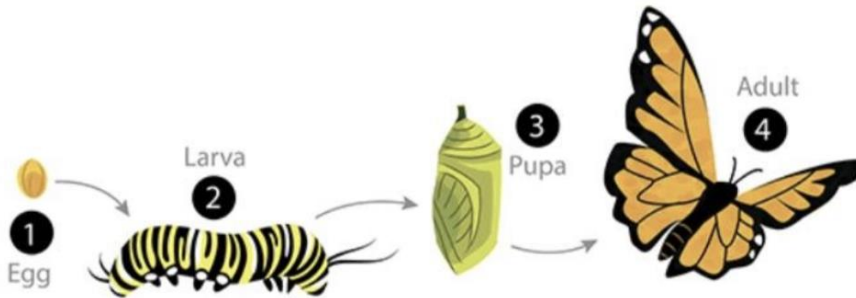
**\*VERSUS\***

**JESUS,**  
*the One who  
absorbs  
our sin  
and our pain  
and our violence  
and our death  
and metamorphoses it.*



**The Bible is a text in travail.**

# Metamorphosis/Transfiguration



*Please stand if you are able.*

## PRAISE SONG

### *Shine, Jesus, Shine*

ELW 671

\*with additional second verse

#### *Refrain*

Shine, Jesus, shine,  
Fill this land with the Father's glory  
Blaze, Spirit, blaze,  
Set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river, flow,  
Flood the nations with grace and mercy;  
Send forth Your word,  
Lord, and let there be light.

1. Lord, the light of Your love is shining,  
In the midst of the darkness, shining;  
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us,  
Set us free by the truth You now bring us.  
Shine on me, shine on me. *Refrain*



2. Lord, I come to Your awesome presence,  
From the shadows into Your radiance;  
By Thy blood I may enter Your brightness,  
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness.  
Shine on me, shine on me. *Refrain*

3. As we gaze on Your kingly brightness,  
So our faces display Your likeness;  
Ever changing from glory to glory,  
Mirrored here may our lives tell Your story.  
Shine on me, shine on me. *Refrain*

### **NICENE CREED**

**P:** Let us profess our faith together.

**C:** **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 THE FAITHFUL**

A: Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need. 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,

**C: receive our prayer.**

Dwell with your whole creation, from the tallest mountain peak to the deepest valley. 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 (name) 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. Spur communities to work for fair housing for all. Protect our neighbors whose dwellings do not keep out dangerous cold or heat; accompany with your touch those who are homebound, sick, or isolated. 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.**

*Additional prayers may be lifted up by the congregation and/or pastor.*

P: We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.

C: **Amen.**

### **THE SHARING OF THE PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

### † **THE MEAL** †

#### **COMMUNION SONG**

#### *Thy Word*

**BB 98**

#### *Refrain*

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

1. When I feel afraid, and I think I've lost my way,

Still, you're there, right beside me,

Nothing will I fear, as long as you are near.

Please be near me to the end. *Refrain*

2. I will not forget your love for me, and yet

My heart forever is wandering.

Jesus, be my guide and hold me to Your side;

I will love You to the end. *Refrain*

#### **PRAYER**

A: 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. We magnify and adore You, through Jesus our Savior,

C: **Amen.**

#### **EUCHARISTIC PRAYER & WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

P: 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:

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

P: 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.

**C: Come, Lord Jesus.**

P: 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.

**C: Come, Holy Spirit.**

P: 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

P: We pray together.

**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.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Come and taste the joy of God!

**C: Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## **PARTAKING IN THE BREAD AND CUP OF SALVATION**

*All baptized Christians are welcome to partake of the Holy Sacrament. You may commune in your pew with one of the individually packaged kits or you may commune by coming forward to receive the elements in continuous fashion. Those who do not or choose not to partake of the sacrament may come forward and receive a blessing. If you are unable to come forward, please let one of the ushers know and the pastor will come to you.*

### **FOR THOSE COMMUNING WITH THE KITS**

*Open the wafer packet.*

**P:** The body of Christ given for you.

**C:** **Amen.**

*Open the cup.*

**P:** The blood of Christ shed for you.

**C:** **Amen.**

*Please place communion cups & wrappers in the trash can as you exit the Sanctuary.*

### **FOR THOSE COMMUNING BY COMING FORWARD**

*For those not able to have red wine, there is grape juice in the outer circle of every tray. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. When given the bread and cup, the communion ministers will say: "The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you," to which you may respond: "Amen."*

### **AFTER COMMUNING**

*Please use this time for quiet reflection until all worshippers have communed and have returned to their seat.*

*Please stand if you are able.*

### **POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

**P:** The body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C:** **Amen.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: 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.

C: Amen.

## † THE SENDING †

### BLESSING

P: The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod † bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always.

C: Amen.

### SENDING SONGS

#### *Lord, My Strength*

**BB 90**

Lord, my strength, Lord, my rock,  
Lead me through the dark;  
Lord, my strength, Lord, my rock,  
Heal this wand'ring heart.

Be my eyes, be my ears, be the only voice I hear;  
Guide my soul, give me sight, help me walk within Your light.

Lord, my strength, Lord, my rock,  
You and You alone:  
Lord, my strength, Lord, my rock,  
Lead me safely home.

Ev'ry step that I make, be the road I will take;  
Be the thoughts that I keep and in ev'ry word I speak.

Lord, my strength, Lord, my rock,  
Lead me through the dark;  
Lord, my strength, Lord, my rock,  
Heal this wand'ring heart.

Lord, my strength, Lord, my rock,  
You and You alone:  
Lord, my strength, Lord, my rock,  
Lead me safely home.

***Oh Lord, You're Beautiful***

1. Oh Lord, You're beautiful,  
 Your face is all I seek;  
 And when Your eyes are on this child,  
 Your grace abounds to me.

*Refrain*

I want to take Your Word  
 And shine it all around  
 First help me just to live it Lord  
 And when I'm doing well  
 Help me to never seek a crown  
 For my reward is giving glory to You

2. Oh Lord, please light the fire  
 That once burned bright and clear;  
 Replace the lamp of my first love  
 That burns with holy fear. *Refrain*

3. Oh Lord, You're beautiful,  
 Your face is all I seek;  
 And when Your eyes are on this child,  
 Your grace abounds to me. *Refrain*

***Go in Peace and Serve the Lord***

Go in peace and serve the Lord. God is calling you today.  
 Go and tell gospel news ev'rywhere.  
 Go in peace and serve the Lord. God is calling you today.  
 To bring truth and love to ev'ry nation. *Repeat.*

**DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

## FINDING GOD IN THE CLOUDS

We often speak of mountaintop experiences as those joyous times we look forward to with excitement and look back upon fondly, such as summer camp or an annual hiking trip. The mountaintop moments in today's readings were different: awe-inspiring, yes, but also full of devouring fires, clouds, and fear. Vision is obscured, the familiar becomes unknown, and nothing is the same. People get lost in fires, clouds, and fear, unable to find their way, but God's presence is where we get both lost *and* found. Many biblical encounters with God involved fear, pointing to the awesome reality of God that is much more than the gentle shepherd we often imagine (though God is that, too). God is, as C. S. Lewis famously said, "not a tame lion" (*The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*, London: HarperCollins Children's Books, 2001, p. 197). The truth is, we can no more plan our mountaintop times with God than we can stay there forever, as much as we think we would like to. God's place is to invite, ours to respond, faces bowed to the ground.

Eventually, of course, the time comes to leave that mountain, walking with Jesus down to the valley and getting dusty with the ashes of daily life. Many churches symbolically "roll up the Alleluias" today, recognizing that this is the end of a glorious season celebrating Christ's light and the entrance to a no-less-real season of Jesus' and our own lives, the "valley" season of Lent. But that doesn't mean there is nothing to do down in the valley. On the contrary, the traditional disciplines of Lent—fasting, prayer, and gifts to the poor—all help us maintain the eyes, ears, and heart to see and hear God whenever and however God appears.



## **THIS WEEK AT ZION**

### **Sunday, February 19 – *Transfiguration of Our Lord***

\* *The altar flowers are sponsored by Dave and Donna Dumeyer in honor of their daughter Jennifer's birthday!*

\* *The communion elements are sponsored in appreciation for Mary and Scott Hetrick for their leadership and efforts in planning and providing the community meals.*

In-Person Worship – 9:00 a.m.

Livestream/Recorded Worship – 9:00 a.m.

Link: [http://bit.ly/Zion\\_Live](http://bit.ly/Zion_Live)

Adult Sunday School – 10:30 a.m.

Box Office Bible Study Class (“The Chosen”) – Parlor

Wired Word Class – Zone & Zoom (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2283229266>)

### **Monday, February 20**

Food Pantry – 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

### **Tuesday, February 21**

Bible Study – 9-10:30 a.m. (Parlor)

Scouts – 6 p.m. (Classrooms)

### **Wednesday, February 22 – *Ash Wednesday***

Food Pantry – 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Ash Wednesday Worship – 3 & 7 p.m.

### **Thursday, February 23**

Community Meal – 5:30 p.m.

Choir – 6 p.m.

### **Friday, February 24**

### **Saturday, February 25**

Model Club – 5 p.m. (Social Room)

### **Sunday, February 26 – *Bishop Dunlop Preaching***

In-Person Worship – 9:00 a.m.

Livestream/Recorded Worship – 9:00 a.m.

Link: [http://bit.ly/Zion\\_Live](http://bit.ly/Zion_Live)

Brunch with the Bishop – Following Worship

No Adult Sunday School

PSU Basketball Game – Afternoon/Evening (Advanced Tickets Only)

Sanctuary Reserved – 3 p.m.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS, GOD-SIGHTINGS, UPDATES, & EVENTS



### **ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP: THIS WEEK**

There will be two services on Ash Wednesday (Feb. 22): a mid-afternoon one at 3 p.m. and an evening one at 7 p.m. The afternoon service will be a simpler service and the evening service will be traditional. For those people who are unable to attend in person, the 7 p.m. service will be live-streamed.

### **LENTEN STUDY & FELLOWSHIP**

During Lent on Thursdays in March, Zion will be partnering with Holy Spirit and Redeemer Lutheran Churches for a six-week series focusing on “A Fresh Look at the Cross.” The topics include: CSI: Jerusalem (medical aspects of the cross); Capital Punishment in the Roman Empire; the many ways the Church has understood how salvation works; the cross for people whose “backs are against the wall”; interpreting the cross without dehumanizing Jewish people; and what the four Gospels teach us about Holy Week. Sessions will meet on Thursdays in March at 11 a.m. at Holy Spirit and will be recorded for anyone interested but unable to attend in person. After each session, you’re invited to continue the fellowship with lunch at Centerville Diner!



Throughout February, the Joyful Noise offering will go to Off the Streets, an organization that helps families and individuals get off the streets and into permanent housing.



### **EVENING BIBLE STUDY**

Please sign up on the bulletin board if you would like to hear more information about the possibility of an evening bible study. A day and time will be decided based on when it is convenient for those who would come!

### **SERMON ON THE MOUNT DEVOTIONALS**

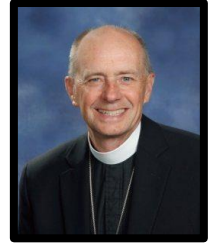
The booklets of daily prayer readings for throughout the week based on the *Sermon on the Mount* are available on the ushers’ table in the Narthex and on the window sill in the back hallway. Pastor Tim is encouraging all to pick up a copy and use it as a devotion at the beginning and end of each day.



## NEXT SUNDAY: BISHOP DUNLOP COMING TO ZION

We will welcome Bishop Dunlop to worship next Sunday, February 26. He will be preaching and helping to lead the service that morning. Plan to stay afterward to enjoy “Brunch with the Bishop!”

[*Note: There will be no Sunday School.*]



## TALENT/HOBBY SHOWCASE – Coming in March!



Do you have a hidden talent or hobby no one knows about? As a way to continue getting to know each other better, we are looking for members who would be willing to share and display their talent/hobby after church on Sunday, March 26 in the Zone. You could share your poetry, music, drawing, painting, carving, calligraphy, sewing, knitting, crocheting, stained glass, baking, or something else altogether! There will be time to fellowship, have snacks, and check out the displays. Please contact Diane Ramer if you are interested in sharing.

## OFFERING ENVELOPES

Although numbered envelopes still haven't arrived, there are stacks of generic ones on the tables at the front and back of the Sanctuary by the offering plates. You are welcome to take one of these envelopes for your offering if you'd like.

## CORRESPONDENCE FROM BRENDA ALIMO

*(written in early November 2022)*

Today I am so much excited to send my lovely greetings to you. I hope all is well with you. Our health is generally good. Thank you so much for the birthday gift of \$25, the Easter gift of \$25, and the Christmas gift of \$25 last year. With those gifts, I bought 3 sheep to rear at home for my future education. I am glad to inform you that I am sitting for my examination this month. Please continue to pray for me that I perform well. I have reached where I am because of your great love and the support you have always given me. You have put a huge smile on my face.







Did you take the quiz last week about fellow Zion members?!? See how well you did by checking your answers with those provided below. The next 5 questions are included after the answers to last week's questions! Stay tuned for more questions next week! ☺

### ANSWERS TO LAST WEEK'S QUESTIONS

16. Who enjoys traveling—especially cruising, and has helped out at “East Petersburg Days”? **Randy Miller**
17. Who graduated from John Harris High School and Lebanon Valley College, all the while accumulating 20 nicknames? **Millie Gundel**
18. Who was a volunteer gardener at the Amos Herr House and our Zion parish administrator for over 25 years? **Joan Hostetter**
19. Who went to Gettysburg College and then taught math before becoming a financial planner? She still uses her talents to volunteer at VITA. **Lisa Nelson**
20. Who is our resident Texan who started his career with an interesting story that you will need to ask him personally? **Wilson Pipkin**

### THIS WEEK'S QUESTIONS

21. Who grew up on Chocolate Avenue in Hershey with a Hershey Kiss street light right outside her 3rd floor bedroom window? She was an elementary school teacher of 1st and 3rd grades, then taught ESL for the last 2 years before retirement. She loves tennis, yoga, reading, and walking with friends.
22. Born in Hazleton, this church member used to own a basket sales and supplies store in East Petersburg. Crocheting and reading are her favorite hobbies.
23. Who started as a high school history teacher at Hempfield HS, then moved on to government work by being a former GOP chairman in Lancaster as well as being a member of West Hempfield Board of Supervisors?
24. Who grew up on a farm, learned to drive a tractor and truck at age 6, graduated from Purdue and then worked in management at Conestoga Tours? He enjoys woodworking and stained-glass art.
25. Who amongst us gets up at 4:21 am Monday through Friday to workout at Hempfield Rec? Rather than go back to bed, she also plays tennis, loves to iron, loves shopping and can be seen working at Central Market.

## **B.Y.O.B. (BRING YOUR OWN BEAR)**

Diane Ramer and Judy Traup recently visited the Penn State Pediatric Clinic and Urgent Care facility to speak with them about the possibility of our church donating small teddy bears for their patients.

The staff was very receptive and excited about this offer! While Thrivent Dollars can purchase some, \$250 will not buy nearly enough needed for the patients.

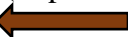
*If you would like to be a part of this outreach project, please BYOB through the Lenten season. **Here's the scoop:** When you bring in your teddy bears (or other small stuffed animals), please place them on the window sills in the Sanctuary. After Lent ends, they will be blessed during worship and then delivered to the Clinic. *Your participation in this outreach opportunity is appreciated!* The hope is that the stuffies will provide a little extra comfort and cheer to the children on a difficult day. Questions? Contact Diane Ramer or Judy Traup.*



## **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: Following worship at 10:30 a.m. (Except 2/26)**



WIRED WORD: In the Zone and on Zoom (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2283229266>)



BOX OFFICE BIBLE STUDY ("The Chosen"): In the Parlor



## **PSU BASKETBALL GAME WITH MEN OF ZION**

There are still tickets available to go to the PSU basketball game against Rutgers next Sunday, February 26! Seats are in section 110, rows F, G, & H. Cost is \$15/ticket. This outing is sponsored by the MOZ, but anyone is welcome to sign up! Contact Dave D. with questions ([davedumeyer@gmail.com](mailto:davedumeyer@gmail.com)).



**MANY THANKS** to Pastor Tim for conducting the Funeral Service for Richard Heim and to all our friends at Zion who attended his service. Your support, prayers, cards and words of encouragement have been so very helpful during this difficult time. Richard and Marilyn really loved their Church Family at Zion.

Peace & Love,

Jeff & Kim Gruber Family

Ken & Dianna Heim Family

## THE PARISH RESOURCE CENTER UPCOMING EVENTS

**February 24 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., in-person and on Zoom; \$50**



**BECOMING YOUR BEST SELF: INTRO TO THE ENNEAGRAM**

Ellen Kanagy, LCSW

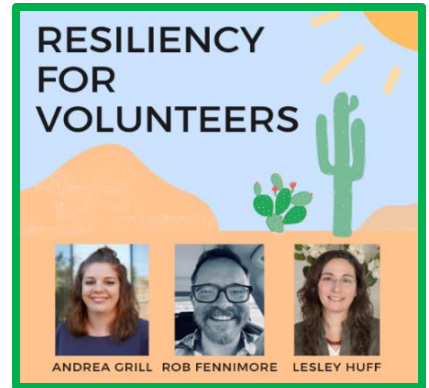
Rhonda Myers, LPC

The image shows a diagram of the Enneagram, a nine-pointed star with numbers 1 through 9 at the vertices and intersections. Below the diagram are two headshots of speakers: Ellen Kanagy, LCSW, and Rhonda Myers, LPC.

*The Enneagram is an ancient system that can help us understand human behavior. Used by spiritual guides for over 2000 years, this system describes nine personality styles with many variations. Although it is first and foremost a journey of self-discovery, this model of the Enneagram can also increase understanding and harmony in our relationships, offering a path for personal and spiritual growth.*

**February 27 from 7–8:30 p.m. via Zoom; \$11**

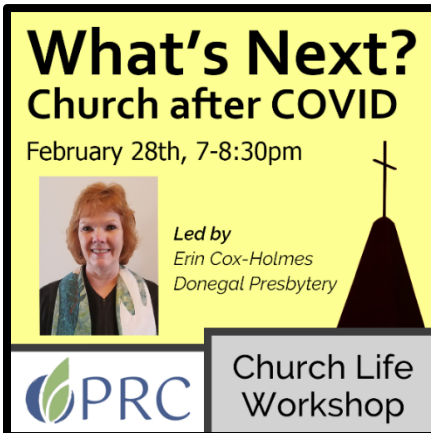
*We are constantly working through difficult situations and the resulting emotions in our families, volunteer work, and workplaces. Learn from our panel of experts about how they build and maintain their personal and professional resilience, to help you find your own resilience and hope.*



**RESILIENCY FOR VOLUNTEERS**

ANDREA GRILL ROB FENNIMORE LESLEY HUFF

The graphic features a desert landscape with a cactus, a sun, and mountains. Below the landscape are three headshots of the panelists: Andrea Grill, Rob Fennimore, and Lesley Huff.



**What's Next?  
Church after COVID**

February 28th, 7-8:30pm

Led by  
Erin Cox-Holmes  
Donegal Presbytery

PRC Church Life Workshop

The graphic has a yellow background with a black silhouette of a church steeple. It includes a headshot of Erin Cox-Holmes and the PRC logo.



**Food Program Best Practices**

March 7th, 7-8:30pm

Community Action Partnership

2023 Cherry Academy

Food Insecurity

CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA FOOD BANK

PRC

The graphic has a wood-grain background with a diamond-shaped inset showing a fork and knife. It includes logos for Community Action Partnership, Central Pennsylvania Food Bank, and PRC.



**For more information about these and other events, visit:**  
<https://connectprc.org/programming/>





## The Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central Pennsylvania

Kirchenwald, Nawakwa, and The Wittel Farm

PO Box 459, Arendtsville, PA 17303

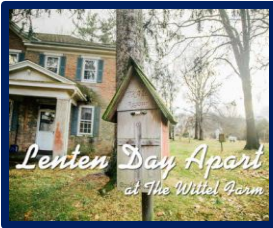
717-677-8211 • [www.LutheranCamping.org](http://www.LutheranCamping.org)



### WINTER FUN DAY AT KIRCHENWALD

*Today:* Feb. 19; 1-6 p.m.

*Bring your family or friends to enjoy an afternoon on Kirchenwald's award-winning toboggan run, ice skating on the lake, or simply drinking hot chocolate in the lodge!*



### LENTEN DAY APART AT THE WITTEL FARM

March 4; 9:00 a.m.-3 p.m.

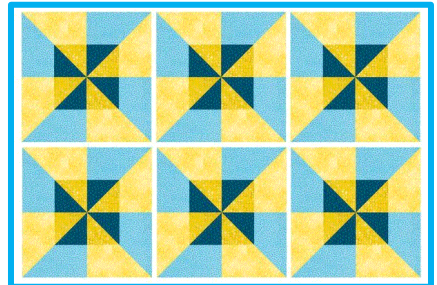
\$15

*Begin your Lenten journey to Easter by joining us for a day apart.*

### QUILTING WEEKEND AT KIRCHENWALD

March 17-19; \$180

*Bring your own projects or learn techniques from experienced quilters. Enjoy a weekend apart.*



### SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION

*There are camps for all ages and interests at both Kirchenwald and at Nawakwa. If camp isn't for you, maybe your grandchild, nephew, niece, cousin, neighbor would be interested! Help spread the word about the opportunities throughout the summer!*

### SUMMER CAMP OPEN HOUSES AT KIRCHENWALD & NAWAKWA

March 19 and April 16; 2-4:30 p.m.

*Come meet some of the summer camp staff, take a tour of the camp, and get a \$10 gift certificate to the camp store!*

***More information about these and other events at:  
<https://www.lutherancamping.org/upcoming-events/>***

# DO YOU KNOW WHO TO GO TO WITH QUESTIONS ABOUT EVENTS AT KIRCHENWALD, NAWAKWA, OR THE WITTEL FARM?? ZION HAS A “CAMPPERSON” WHO CAN ANSWER ALL YOUR QUESTIONS!

Diane Ramer will be posting flyers for all the upcoming events!

Watch the bulletin board across from the mailboxes in the Narthex!

Maybe you're not up for camping anymore, but there are many other events happening at the camps that you might be interested in (and don't require sleeping in a cabin)!



Check out the bulletin board, the announcements in the bulletin & weekly newsletter, and online for more information about what's happening!



**PRAYER LIST**  
***FOR HEALING***

Bob Shirk  
Cathy Benedict  
Tom Grzybowski  
Lisa Nelson  
Jess Barcaro  
Harry Musselman  
Sam King  
Connie Alsedek  
Joe Adams  
Mary Zimmerman  
Marvin Ruch  
Kate Donnan  
Bill Grove  
Judie Ingersoll  
Joan Mays  
Holly Hoover  
Barb Williams  
Kay Crawford  
Jack Taylor (4-year-old son of the niece of Deb Grube)  
Walter Thalgot (Brother of Thelma Pearson)  
Jeff Bradley (Friend of Al Ramer)  
Harmony & Family (Friends of Kim & Jim Paternoster)  
Shirley Shiner (Stepmother of Jenn Pipkin)  
Sharon Carroll (Mother of Wilson Pipkin)  
Jeff Long (Nephew of Rick & Deb Long)  
Loma Slike (Mother of Sue Wise)  
Brook Ross (Friend of Barb Williams)  
William Hartman (Father of Deb Grube)  
Ernie Johnson (Friend of Barb Williams)  
Mike LaFata (Son-in-law of Bill & Julia Grove)

***FOR COMFORT, PEACE, STRENGTH, & SAFETY***

Thelma Pearson  
Lucy Davis  
Betty Stoner  
Deb McCartney  
George Potts

Arlene Miller

The family and friends of Richard Heim

The family and friends of Baby Koda who passed away recently at the age of only 5 months.

Ruth Burkett (Mother of Deb Long)

Peggy & Rick Dolly (Relatives of Barb Williams)

Vaun Hile (Father of Lynda Sherwood)

Arlene Wise (Sister-in-law of Dave Wise)

Dorothy Mattern (Mother of Denise Haun)

Ed & Dotty Sites (Parents of Cathy Benedict)

Jennifer Kready (Daughter of Dave & Donna Dumeyer)

***FOR PROTECTION FOR MILITARY & FIRST RESPONDERS***

Evan Benedict

Christopher Wright

Chris Andrew

Thom Whitesel

Ryan Stitzel

Doug Kautter

Justin Gorklaski

Tyler Duke (Great Grandson of Jan Reeves)

Corey Landis (Nephew of Jesse & Pat Landis)

David Adams (Son-in-law of John & Kathleen Hay, and husband of Liz)

***IN CELEBRATION & REMEMBRANCE***

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

19<sup>th</sup> – Michael Adams

20<sup>th</sup> – Kurt Wildasin

21<sup>st</sup> – Jeff Thompson, Marissa Martin

22<sup>nd</sup> – Brent Andrew

23<sup>rd</sup> – Doug Rhoads

24<sup>th</sup> – Jesse Landis

25<sup>th</sup> – Devin Leibley

**CONDOLENCES** to Dave Albin and his extended family as they grieve the death of his mother, Betty Albin, on Wednesday, February 15.

## MINISTRY LEADERS

Ministers	Members of the Congregation
Pastor	Rev. Timothy Seitz-Brown
Music Director	John Landis
Parish Administrator	Anne Rankin
Worship Technology Assistant	David Albin
Lay Ministry Assistant	Diane Gerlach
Council President	Kim Paternoster
Council Vice President	Denise Haun
Sextons	Brian Bourassa (a.m.) Tom Miller (p.m.)

## WORSHIP, SUNDAY SCHOOL, & CONTACT INFORMATION

Worship	Sundays @ 9:00 a.m.
Livestream & Recorded Link	<a href="http://bit.ly/Zion_Live">http://bit.ly/Zion_Live</a>
Bible Study Focus Class (Parlor)	Sundays @ 10:30 a.m. (Except 2/26)
Wired Word Class (Zone)	Sundays @ 10:30 a.m. (Except 2/26) <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2283229266">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2283229266</a>
Bible Study	Tuesdays @ 9:00 a.m.
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