

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH PEMBROKE

TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY – LAST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 19 2023

SETTING FOUR ELW

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ELW p. 94)**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

**Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**Amen.**

**GATHERING SONG *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies* (ELW 553)**

1 Christ, whose glory fills the skies,  
Christ, the true and only light,  
Sun of righteousness, arise,  
triumph o'er the shades of night;  
Dayspring from on high, be near;  
Daystar, in my heart appear.

2 Dark and cheerless is the morn  
unaccompanied by thee;  
joyless is the day's return,  
till thy mercy's beams I see,  
till they inward light impart,  
glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

3 Visit then this soul of mine,  
pierce the gloom of sin and grief;  
fill me, radiancy divine,  
scatter all my unbelief;  
more and more thyself display,  
shining to the perfect day.

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**GREETING (ELW p. 147)**

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

**And also with you.**

**KYRIE (ELW p. 147)**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**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.**

**CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW p. 148)**

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God's 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.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY (ELW p. 150)**

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 Saviour and Lord, who lives and reigns with  
you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen .**

## **CHILDREN' S CHAT**

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

A reading from Exodus.

<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.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **SPECIAL MUSIC – PASTOR SUE**

#### ***Me On Your Mind***

*Song written by Matthew Joseph West, Jeff Pardo, Anne Wilson*

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

A reading from 2 Peter.

<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.

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 151)**

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

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

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<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."

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

**SERMON (ELW p. 151)**

**HYMN OF THE DAY *How Good, Lord, to Be Here!* (ELW 315)**

1 How good, Lord, to be here!  
Your glory fills the night;  
your face and garments, like the sun,  
shine with unborrowed light.

2 How good, Lord, to be here!  
your beauty to behold  
where Moses and Elijah stand,  
your messengers of old.

3 Fulfiller of the past  
and hope of things to be,  
we hail your body glorified  
and our redemption see.

4 Before we taste of death,  
we see your kingdom come;  
we long to hold the vision bright  
and make this hill our home.

5 How good, Lord, to be here!  
Yet we may not remain;  
but since you bid us leave the mount,  
come with us to the plain.

Text: Joseph A. Robinson, 1858–1933, alt. Text: Public Domain.

**CREED (ELW p. 152)**

**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.

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\*Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use.

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

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,

**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.**

Give shelter to those lacking safe homes. Spur communities to work for fair housing for all. Protect our neighbours 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 neighbours; 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.**

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

**Amen.**

**PEACE (ELW p. 152)**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY HYMN**

***We Give Thee but Thine Own (ELW 686 verses 1&2)***

1 We give thee but thine own,  
whate'er the gift may be;  
all that we have is thine alone,  
a trust, O Lord, from thee.

2 May we thy bounties thus  
as stewards true receive,  
and gladly, as thou blessest us,  
to thee our first fruits give.

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**OFFERING PRAYER (ELW p. 152)**

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our

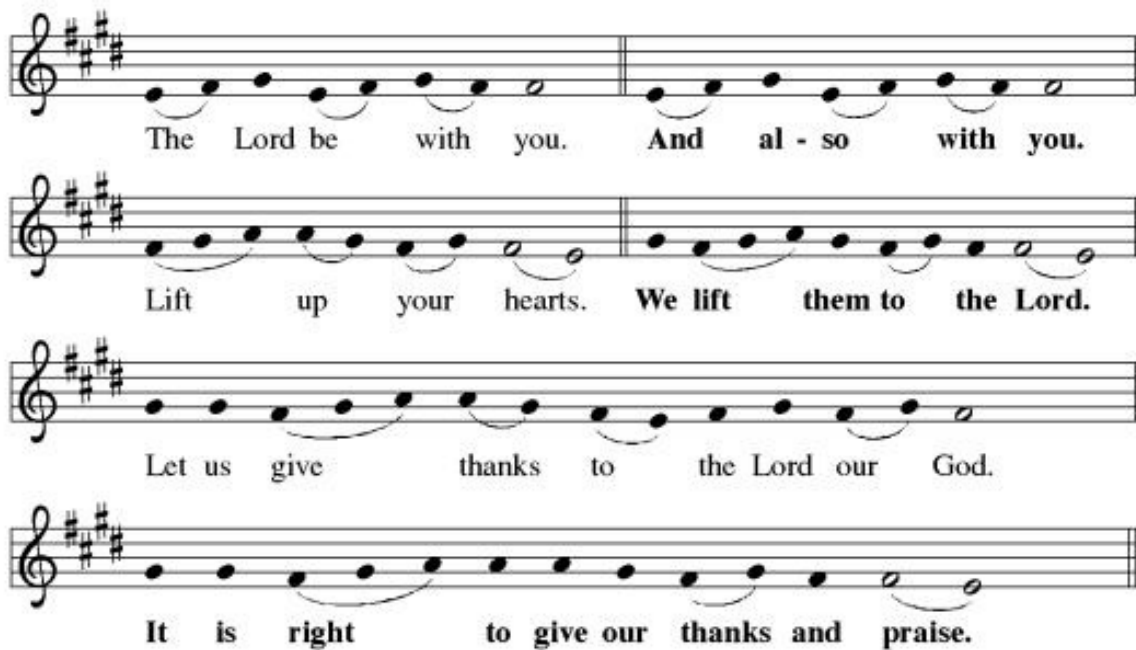


selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

**Amen.**

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

### **DIALOGUE (ELW p. 152)**



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

### **PREFACE (ELW p. 153)**

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

### **HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ELW p. 153)**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,**

Lord God of pow'r 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.

**THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE (ELW p. 153)**

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy,  
and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish  
but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world  
to fulfill for us your holy will  
and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.  
For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this  
cup,  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.  
**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come  
again.**

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,  
his life-giving passion and death, his glorious  
resurrection and ascension,

and the promise of his coming again,  
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,  
not as we ought but as we are able;  
we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and  
thanksgiving  
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your  
servants,  
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,  
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of  
Christ  
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,  
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,  
may be formed to live as your holy people  
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.  
To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor  
and glory in your holy church, now and forever. **Amen.**

**LORD'S PRAYER (ELW p. 154)**

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

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION (ELW p. 154)**

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

**COMMUNION**

The body of Christ, given for you.  
The blood of Christ, shed for you.  
Amen.

**COMMUNION SONG (ELW p. 154)**

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.

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* (ELW 815)**

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.  
I want to follow Jesus.  
God set the stars to give light to the world.  
The star of my life is Jesus.

Refrain

In him there is no darkness at all.  
The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.  
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

2 I want to see the brightness of God.  
I want to look at Jesus.  
Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path,  
and show me the way to the Father. Refrain

3 I'm looking for the coming of Christ.  
I want to be with Jesus.  
When we have run with patience the race,  
we shall know the joy of Jesus. Refrain

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**DISTRIBUTION HYMN *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* (ELW 631)**

1 Love divine, all loves excelling,  
Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!  
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion,  
pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation,  
enter ev'ry trembling heart.

2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit  
into ev'ry troubled breast;  
let us all in thee inherit;  
let us find thy promised rest.  
Take away the love of sinning;  
Alpha and Omega be;  
end of faith, as its beginning,  
set our hearts at liberty.

3 Come, Almighty, to deliver;  
let us all thy life receive;  
suddenly return, and never,  
never more thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,  
glory in thy perfect love.

4 Finish then thy new creation,  
pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see thy great salvation  
perfectly restored in thee!  
Changed from glory into glory,  
till in heav'n we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love, and praise!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788. Text: Public Domain.

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (ELW p. 155)**

Let us pray.

O God, our life, our strength, our food, we give you  
thanks for sustaining us with the body and blood of your  
Son. By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his body in  
the world, that more and more we will give you praise

and serve your earth and its many peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

**BLESSING (ELW p. 155)**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favour and give you peace.

**Amen.**

**SENDING SONG *Alleluia, Song of Gladness* (ELW 318)**

1 Alleluia, song of gladness,  
voice of joy that cannot die;  
alleluia is the anthem  
ever dear to choirs on high;  
in the house of God abiding  
thus they sing eternally.

2 Alleluia you are sounding,  
true Jerusalem and free;  
alleluia, joyful mother,  
bring us to your jubilee;  
here by Babylon's sad waters  
mourning exiles still are we.

3 Alleluia cannot always  
be our song while here below;  
alleluia our transgressions  
make us for a while forgo;  
for the solemn time is coming  
when our tears for sin shall flow.

4 In our hymns we pray with longing:  
Grant us, blessed Trinity,  
at the last to keep glad Easter  
with the faithful saints on high;  
there to you forever singing  
alleluia joyfully.

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

## **DISMISSAL (ELW p. 155)**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

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## **NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL, IN HOSPITAL, OR  
REQUESTED SPECIAL PRAYERS:**

Ann Beech, Jason Godin, Erna Handke, Richard Hubert, Margaret King, Martha Kodzynski, Lani Lange, Charlotte Layden, Ella Lehman, Rhonda Mau, Heather Miller, Aileen Roesler, Brenda Sperberg, Ruth Thom, Anneliese Trautrim, Kaitlyn Vaillancourt, Danita Wolfgram, Ann Watt, Vaughn Rosien

### **ANNUAL MEETING**

Meeting will follow Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup> worship. Cancellation date will be Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup>.

### **SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER**

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner will take place on Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, at 5:30pm. Come and Feast before the Fast! This is a fundraiser for the confirmation program to assist in sending children to Confirmation Camp. Freewill offering will be collected.

### **ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE AND THE IMPOSITION OF ASHES**

Wednesday February 22, 7:00pm

### **MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES AND SOUP AND SANDWICHES**

Midweek Wednesday Evening Lenten Services begin March 1, 2023 at **7:00 pm**. The Midweek Lenten services will be using a new liturgy.

### **LENTEN SOUP AND SANDWICHES**

Prior to the Wednesday Evening worship services, Soup and Sandwich dinners will be offered. This begins March 1, 2023 at **6:00 pm**

### **A BIBLE STUDY: FINDING JESUS IN THE PSALMS: BARB ROOSE**

Book Study Group will be starting on Thursday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> to Thursday, March 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. If you wish to do the study, the cost for the study guide is \$20.

### **COFFEE HOUR**

Please join us for coffee after today's Service. Our coffee hour volunteers are ready to greet you with smiles and a hot cup of tea or coffee. We allowed the supply of sweets to reduce greatly and are in need of replenishing the stock again. If you can help us with cookies, loaves, or other sweets that would be great. Just drop them into the kitchen before the service begins and then join us afterwards for



refreshments and socializing with friends. Thanking you in advance for your help.  
Susan Dupuis

### **FOOD BANK UPDATE**

Due to extreme and climbing prices for groceries, the food bank has decided not to give laundry or dish soap out and concentrate on food items. If we get donations of either of these products we will gladly give them out. For now I am going to stop collecting bottles until I see how things go. I am however still collecting milk bags and the blue newspaper bags. Thank you so much for supporting the food bank. Our clientele is getting larger all the time and we do the best we can to help people in need. Without our community's help we would not be operational. God bless!  
Debbie Sitkiewocz

### **COUNCIL OPPORTUNITY**

Are you interested in the future of Zion? Do you have thoughts and ideas that can help us with future planning? Have you ever considered sitting on Church Council? If not yourself, do you know someone who you feel would be an asset on our council? We are looking for new members to join the council this year as we will be losing 2 members. If you are interested or know someone you would recommend please reach out to myself, Pastor Scott or any of the members of council. This is a very important part of the ministry of Zion and an exciting time as we look forward to building a strong future. Susan Dupuis

***PULSE MINISTRY*** consists of three different programs. Every generation is invited to worship and to Messy Church: Messy Church, Youth Group, and worship. The worship Service is called "Living Stones".

**Messy Church** is another alternative, in addition to Sunday School (not in place of), that is held in the evening once a month. It includes Food, Crafts, Games, Faith Talk, and Fun! It is for all individuals young and old. Messy Church runs the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of every month, 5:30 – 7:30 pm.

### **LIVING STONES**

Please join us for an alternate service on Feb 19 at 12:00 noon. We will be celebrating the Transfiguration! Transfiguration Sunday, like Reign of Christ or Christ the King Sunday, is about the identity of the one we follow. Jesus the Christ is revealed in glory on the mount of transfiguration. Like the disciples who were privileged to be with him in that moment, we often miss the significance or the opportunity to praise in our struggle to understand. This day is not about knowledge; it is about faith. It is a day for creeds or affirmations of faith. Let us rise to our feet and declare our allegiance to our Lord on this day.

## **COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR**

It is that time of year again. It is cold and long. We are putting a team together called Zion's Frozen Few to help support the Grind, a charitable organization who helps the hungry, hurt and homeless. We will be walking 5 km through the streets of Pembroke to help raise money on February 25 to help support them. We are asking for your support. You can make a special donation by marking on your envelope "**coldest night of the year**" or you can go online to the "**coldest night of the year**", Pembroke and find our team: Zion's Frozen Few and donate there. Last year we raised 4102.00. Let's see if we can match that. We are in need of more walkers to register with the team and get sponsorship. Several of our last year's team are unable to walk this year so if you could join us it would mean so much. Many Thanks, Your Social Ministry Committee.

## **NOTES FROM WORSHIP AND MUSIC**

We will be changing our liturgy to Setting Two beginning Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup>. This is a setting that we have not used before so we are going to have teaching sessions prior to February 26<sup>th</sup> and March 5<sup>th</sup> services, in place of the Prelude.

As requested at The Round Table discussions, we will sing the Lord's Prayer the first and third Sundays of the month.

Another request was to have hymns sung prior to the start of service. We have these scheduled on the second and fourth Sundays of the month, unless there is a special occasion, like Easter, which is the second Sunday in April.

We hope to start these on March 12<sup>th</sup> with subsequent dates of March 26<sup>th</sup> and April 23<sup>rd</sup>. After that they should continue as planned on the second and fourth Sundays of each month.