

### Parish Kickoff Weekend

- Saturday, August 16
- •8:30 am Morning Prayer
- 9 am-12 pm LOVE Beaufort Day
- 12-1 pm Lunch; Children and Youth Gathering
- 5-6:30 pm Story of the Season (more information below)
- 6:30 pm Frogmore Stew in the Backyard of the Rectory
- Sunday, August 17
- Internal Ministries Fair after each Sunday morning service, appx. 8:45 am, 10 am, and 11:30 am

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- •a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest Exodus 19:18, 20:18 Deut. 5:22
- •the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. *Exodus* 19:19

Mt Sinai

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- Past Glory
  - •The first time the word Zion is mentioned in the Bible is in <u>2 Samuel 5:7</u>, when "David captured the fortress of Zion—which is the City of David."
  - Once temple is built Mt. Moriah becomes Zion
  - Ancient Zion included all of Jerusalem and the Temple Mount
- Modern Day refers to a mountain outside of the old walls

- Eschatologically
  - "Zion is the essence, foreshadowing, and symbolism of the Kingdom of Heaven."
  - "As for me, I have set my King
  - on Zion, my holy hill." Psalm 2:6

# Revelation 21

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. 2 And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. 4 He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

# Revelation 21

5 And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." 6 And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. 7 The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my Son... "Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb." 10 And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, 11 having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal.

# Present Reality for Believers

- "Today, Christians have the privilege and honor of dwelling in Zion which is the Kingdom of Heaven or God's presence—through the blood of Jesus that was shed for us on Calvary. But our present, glorious walk in Zion is nothing compared to the future glory that will be revealed."
- Eyes on the Horizon Zion

### We will Feast in the House of Zion

#### Chorus

We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things, we will say together
We will feast and weep no more

We will not be burned by the fire
He is the LORD our God
We are not consumed, by the flood
Upheld, protected, gathered up (Chorus)

### We will Feast in the House of Zion

In the dark of night, before the dawn My soul, be not afraid For the promised morning, oh how long? Oh God of Jacob, be my strength (Chorus)

Every vow we've broken and betrayed You are the Faithful one And from the garden to the grave Bind us together, bring shalom. (Chorus)