

Zion Lutheran Church

Epiphany ~ January 30, 2022



PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP Senior Choir

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our 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 neighbors 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.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

***GATHERING SONG** “Christ Be Our Light” ELW # 715

***GREETING** (p. 203)

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** (p. 203)

Congregation: “Have mercy on us, Lord, and hear our solemn prayer...”

*(*Please stand as you are able)*

***CANTICLE OF PRAISE** (p. 204)

Congregation: "Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth...."

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and love; and that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 1:4-10

⁴Now the word of the LORD came to me saying,

⁵"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
and before you were born I consecrated you;
I appointed you a prophet to the nations."

⁶Then I said, "Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy."

⁷But the LORD said to me,

"Do not say, 'I am only a boy';
for you shall go to all to whom I send you,
and you shall speak whatever I command you.

⁸Do not be afraid of them,
for I am with you to deliver you,
says the LORD."

⁹Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me,
"Now I have put my words in your mouth.

¹⁰See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms,
to pluck up and to pull down,
to destroy and to overthrow,
to build and to plant."

The word of the Lord... Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 71:1-6

¹In you, O LORD, have I¹ taken refuge;
let me never be¹ put to shame.

²**In your righteousness, deliver me and¹ set me free;
incline your ear to¹ me and save me.**

³Be my strong rock, a castle to¹ keep me safe;
you are my crag¹ and my stronghold.

⁴**Deliver me, my God, from the hand¹ of the wicked,
from the clutches of the evildoer and¹ the oppressor.**

⁵For you are my hope,¹ O Lord GOD,
my confidence since¹ I was young.

⁶**I have been sustained by you ever since I was born; from my mother's
womb you have¹ been my strength; my praise shall be always of you.**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

¹If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ²And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

⁴Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. ⁷It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

⁸Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. ⁹For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; ¹⁰but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. ¹¹When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. ¹²For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

The word of the Lord... Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (p. 205)**

Congregation: Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word.
Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred
Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

***GOSPEL: Luke 4:21-30**

People in Jesus' hometown are initially pleased when he says that God will free the oppressed. Their pleasure turns to rage when he reminds them that God's prophetic mission typically pushes beyond human boundaries so that mercy and healing are extended to those regarded as outsiders.

P: The holy Gospel...**C: Glory to you O Lord.**

²¹Then [Jesus] began to say to [all in the synagogue in Nazareth,] "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." ²²All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" ²³He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" ²⁴And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. ²⁵But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; ²⁶yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. ²⁷There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." ²⁸When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. ²⁹They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. ³⁰But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

P: The Gospel of the Lord...**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON “Manifest Destiny” Pastor Mark Helgeland

HYMN OF THE DAY “In Christ There is No East or West” ELW # 650

***APOSTLES’ CREED**

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.

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION** *response: hear our prayer.*

OFFERING *Offering plates are available in the narthex.*

OFFERTORY *Ushers will bring the plates forward at this time.*

Congregation:

“Let the vineyards be fruitful Lord, and fill to our cup of blessing...” ELW #182

***OFFERING PRAYER**

A Let us pray.

C Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.

***LORD'S PRAYER**

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.

***BLESSING** *Response: Amen.*

***SENDING SONG** “O God Beyond All Praising” ELW # 880

***DISMISSAL** *Response: Thanks be to God.*

WELCOME! ZION'S LAY MINISTRY/EVANGELISM BOARD SAYS A SPECIAL WELCOME TO YOU THIS MORNING AND MAY YOU BE FED SPIRITUALLY DURING THIS TIME OF WORSHIP.

OUR THANKS TO TODAY'S WORSHIP ASSISTANTS *Reader:* Shawna Spears
Pianist: Laura Rude *Acolytes:* Sienna Gregerson, Parker Lundgren
Ushers: Chris & Nicky Ellison *Greeters:* Mya Bregier, Lauren Johnson

OUR SYMPATHY to Renae & Kendall Jensen and family on the death of Renae's father LaVerne Filpula.

BROADCASTS TODAY are sponsored in memory of Rick Ostby by Ron & Ruth Ostby, Lisa, Mike, Elle, & Lucy Heuer.

ZION'S WEBSITE for January is sponsored by Zion memorials

REMINDER to those hospitalized If you wish Pastor Mark to call, please let the office know.

ZION WORSHIP SERVICE ONLINE Sunday mornings you can listen to the 9:00AM service online. Go to: www.ziontrf.org in the black banner click Listen Online, Click on the RED link to KTRF.

LWR QUILTING the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Thursdays of the month 1- 4pm. Questions? call Sharon Berger-son 681-5445, or Renee Henney 964-5816

Men's Breakfast resumes Friday, Feb. 4th

New Servant Booklets are available for pick up in the narthex.

PLEASE JOIN US for an educational session starting in February. "Listening for God" Volume one Fortress press publishers. This will be led by Pr. Darrel Cory. To sign up or for more information come and ask Darrel down at Fellowship hall during the coffee hour. *This is a contemporary read so a special invitation goes out to our Junior and Senior students to join us!

BEREAVED PARENTS/GRANDPARENTS SUPPORT GROUP: Are you a parent or grandparent of a child or grandchild of any age who has died? Would you be interested in support in dealing with your loss (doesn't have to be recent)? You are welcome to join us this group to offer you some support. Our next meeting will be **Tuesday, March 15th, at 10:30 am** in the Lounge at Zion. Pastor Mark will be leading us. If you have questions, please call Marcia S. @ 681-6242.

ANNUAL MEETING OF ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH
will be held Today, January 30th, following the 9AM worship.

Parish Health Note: We are recently seeing the cases of Covid greatly increasing, which is what all of us do not want to hear but it is a reality that we need to be aware of. Please use the tools we have available to minimize transmission, as well as decrease the mutations appearing. Considering this, the Health Committee after discussion with Church Council Highly Recommends wearing masks in church and other public places. Pennington County Intercounty Nursing has stated that the next couple weeks cases may be escalating and then we may be seeing a decline. There is light at the end of the tunnel and we will get through this, while enjoying the activities we love. Keep using our tools, to keep everyone safe, while sharing Gods Love!

Blood Pressure Screening will be held on Sunday, February 6, 2022 after services in the lounge. If anyone is willing to help with taking blood pressures give Patty Schob a call at 681-6937. We are trying to update our list.

STEWARDSHIP (Envelopes/Vanco Electronic Giving/Silver Creek included in all totals)

January 17-23 income: \$ 14,166.

January 1-23 income: \$26,174.

Income Jan 1– Dec. 31, 2021: \$364,614.

2021 budget \$353,032. /\$6,789. needed per week to meet budgeted expenses.

2022 Proposed Budget \$324,553./ \$6,241. needed per week to meet budgeted expenses.

Vanco Electronic Giving is available - forms are on the table by the office. You can also set up contributions thru Zion's website.

ENVELOPE BOXES are available in the narthex. Those who receive boxed envelopes should note that they have been renumbered for 2022. Please do not use previous years envelopes.

OUTDOOR ELECTRONIC SIGN Current donations &Pledges: \$9,260.

Direct Thrivent Choice Dollars® Eligible Thrivent Financial members: Show your appreciation for Zion Lutheran Church by directing Choice Dollars. The individual recommendations you make through Choice Dollars directions can make a profound impact.

LSS RESPITE CARE - Thursdays, **NEW TIME** - 12Noon to 4:00 PM in the Lounge. For more info and to sign up please contact Julie Praska Moser at 218-686-6229

LSS CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP will meet on Thursday, February 10th from 10-11:00 AM at Zion. All caregivers are welcome, you do not need to register. Please spread the word to those who can benefit from this group. More info Julie Praska Moser 218-686-6228

Ministers: Every Member of the Congregation
Mark Helgeland, *Interim Pastor*
Tiffany Sterry, David Lee 686-0733, *Custodians*

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SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

Today - Jan 30: ANNUAL MEETING

9:00 Worship/Broadcast ch. 3; KTRF;
10 Annual meeting
Food & Fellowship will follow the meeting
10:00 Sunday School
10:30 Silver Creek worship
12:00 Zion broadcast on cable ch. 37

Monday, Jan 31:

9 SAIL
7 Troop 59

Tuesday, Feb 1:

12 noon Pastors text study
4 Parish Health Committee mtg

Wednesday, Feb 2:

5:15 Confirmation Supper
6 Confirmation
6 God's Joy
7 Senior Choir

Thursday, Feb 3:

9 SAIL
12-4 LSS Respite Care in lounge
1 Quilting/ LWR workshop

Friday, Feb. 4:

7 Men's Breakfast at Biff's

Next Sunday, Feb 6:

9:00 Holy Communion Worship/Broadcast ch. 3;
KTRF;
10:00 Sunday School
10:00 Blood Pressure screening
10:30 Silver Creek worship
12:00 Zion broadcast on cable ch. 37



**Valentine Party
February 6th at 2PM
Join us for Bingo &
Cookie Decorating**

NOISY OFFERING will be collected on the 2nd, 4th, and 5th Sundays of each month. January Noisy offering will go toward new Sunday School furniture.

Thank you to our student families who are providing treats for coffee fellowship!

Please sign up for **Remind**, this will be a form of communication for upcoming events, and weather cancellations if needed. I did archive the past years, so if you were signed up you will need to sign up again. **Remind code is @743332**

FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP - January 30th

(formerly Flapjacks for Faith) in the Fellowship Hall. We will be having Food and Fellowship the 3rd Sunday of each month.

Next Food & Fellowship February 20th

Donations will go towards new furniture for our Sunday school classrooms.

8-10TH GRADE WEDNESDAY CONFIRMATION

A meal is served at 5:15 followed by classes at 6PM.

Confirmation Class – February 2, 2022

Menu: Lasagna \$4.00 Pop .50



No Confirmation Classes February 9th. Classes resume Feb. 16th

CONFIRMATION PARENTS: Please sign up for REMIND. You may be missing out on important information. To sign up text: @ziontrf to 81010

GOSPEL MESSAGE

January 30, 2022

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Hometown Surprise

In today's gospel, Jesus has returned to his hometown, a community eager to welcome him back into their midst. Perhaps they assumed Jesus would meet their familiar welcome with special favor. But instead, Jesus shakes things up by pointing to God's presence in the lives of outsiders. This is not exactly the message the hometown folks were expecting to hear!

Jesus recalls the widow at Zarephath and Naaman the Syrian, two outsiders in whom God chose to demonstrate divine healing power. This text is an invitation for people in every time and place to consider how whenever we think we have God figured out, God instead shows up in the lives of those we least expect. Every time we place God at the center of our own world, God's Spirit nudges us to expand our horizons to notice the Holy at work in other communities too.

In homeless shelters and prisons, in immigration detention centers and tense board rooms, in ritzy hotels and dingy bars, in hospital rooms and messy kitchens—in every ordinary, imperfect, and painful place, God is here bringing about new life and freedom. In traditions we don't understand, in cultures unfamiliar to us, in people we would rather write off as "other," God dwells, creating and loving and restoring.

Even within our own churches, God defies any logic about what is holy and what is not. God shows up in the ordinary objects of bread and wine and water, in the bodies of flawed and fragile people gathered for worship, in the sticky hands and juice-stained mouths of children waving their Sunday school crafts. In these imperfect and beautiful things Jesus declares the presence of the kingdom of God.

May our hearts be open to notice Christ in the places we least expect him to be.

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