

# Zion Lutheran Church

Third Sunday after Epiphany - January 21, 2024

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## PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*(\*Please stand as you are comfortable)*

### \*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.**

*(Please be seated)*

**GATHERING SONG** “Be Thou My Vision” ELW # 793

### \*GREETING

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. 184) (*sung*) [*Kyrie eleison means Lord, have mercy*]

**Refrain:** Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,  
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all;  
for this holy house, for all who worship and praise,  
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord **Refrain:**

That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor;  
that we may live out truth and justice and grace,  
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord **Refrain:**

For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family;  
for life and for love, for our work and our play,  
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord **Refrain:**

For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word;  
that you nourish our souls with your body and blood,  
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord **Refrain:**

### **\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

### **FIRST READING: Jonah 3:1-5, 10**

*The book of Jonah is a comedy starring a reluctant prophet who is given a one-sentence message: Nineveh will be destroyed in forty days. Much to Jonah's dismay, the people of Nineveh repent. The point of the story is to get the reader to wrestle with the question "On whom should God have mercy?"*

<sup>1</sup>The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, <sup>2</sup>"Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." <sup>3</sup>So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. <sup>4</sup>Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" <sup>5</sup>And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. <sup>10</sup>When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

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

### **PSALM: Psalm 62:5-12**

<sup>5</sup>For God alone I<sup>1</sup> wait in silence;  
truly, my hope<sup>1</sup> is in God.

<sup>6</sup>God alone is my rock and <sup>1</sup> my salvation,  
my stronghold, so that I shall never be shaken.

<sup>7</sup>In God is my deliverance <sup>1</sup> and my honor;  
God is my strong rock <sup>1</sup> and my refuge.

<sup>8</sup>Put your trust in God al- <sup>1</sup> ways, O people,  
pour out your hearts before the one who <sup>1</sup> is our refuge.

<sup>9</sup>Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath; those of low estate cannot be trusted.  
Placed on the scales together they weigh even less <sup>1</sup> than a breath.

<sup>10</sup>Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no <sup>1</sup> empty pride;  
though wealth increase, set not your <sup>1</sup> heart upon it.

<sup>11</sup>God has spoken once, twice <sup>1</sup> have I heard it,  
that power belongs to God.

<sup>12</sup>Steadfast love belongs to <sup>1</sup> you, O Lord,  
for you repay all according <sup>1</sup> to their deeds.

#### **SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31**

*Paul does not disapprove of marriage or other human social institutions. He does, however, want Christians to live in the present in fervent anticipation of God's future, which even now has dawned through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.*

<sup>29</sup>Brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, <sup>30</sup>and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, <sup>31</sup>and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away. Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

#### **\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (p. 188)**

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

#### **\*GOSPEL: Mark 1:14-20**

*Before Jesus calls his first disciples, he proclaims a message that becomes known as "the gospel" or good news from God. God is ready to rule our lives. Those who realize this will respond with repentance and faith.*

P: The Holy Gospel...

C: **Glory to you O Lord.**

<sup>14</sup>Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

<sup>16</sup>As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. <sup>17</sup>And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." <sup>18</sup>And immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>19</sup>As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. <sup>20</sup>Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

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

**SERMON** PASTOR KRISTIN OSTERCAMP

**HYMN OF THE DAY** “Here I Am, Lord” ELW # 574

**\*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: receive our prayer*

**\*PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

**OFFERING**

**\*OFFERTORY** “Create in Me a Clean Heart” # 186

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

**\*WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**\*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.**

**COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION** (*Ushers will guide you forward*)

**\*BLESSING** Response: Amen.

**\*SENDING SONG** “O Day Full of Grace” ELW #627 alt text vs.2-4

**\*DISMISSAL** Go into the world knowing Christ and making him known.  
Thanks be to God.

**POST-SERVICE MUSIC**

## Announcements - January 21, 2024

3rd Sunday after Epiphany

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

**OUR THANKS** TO TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS/ASSISTANTS

Pastor: Kristin Ostercamp

Pianist: Laura Rude

Organist: Marie Longo

Greeters: Bria Scheef, Darrick & Cindy Wiskow

Reader: Sharon Wagner

Acolytes: Connor Hart

Communion asst: Marcia Sandahl, Sharon Jorde

Ushers: Bob & Lynel Wayne

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**OUR PRAYERS TO ALL GOD'S CHILDREN STANDING IN THE NEED OF PRAYER.**

Especially those under a doctor's care, those who grieve, and all who are moving through a challenging season: Ken & Jarrod Kalsnes families on the death of their brother, Glen; Cori Ostercamp who is recovering at home; the Thief River Falls School District.

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

**BROADCASTS** today are sponsored by Darrick, Cindy, Travis & Troy Wiskow in memory of Duane (Swede) Peterson, Eugene (Ole) & Olive Wiskow.

**WEBSITE** sponsor for January is Dick & Jan Haugen in memory of Loved Ones & friends.

**ZION ANNUAL MEETING** will be held on January 28th at 10:00 AM following worship.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST** will resume in March.

**SARAH CIRCLE** will meet Wed., Jan 24 at 1:30 in the lounge

**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR WORK AND WITNESS!**

Jan 8-14: \$14,946.

Jan 1-14: \$21,122.

Weekly Goal: \$6,547.

**VANCO ELECTRONIC GIVING** –Sign up available on Zion's website or contact the church office.

**2024 OFFERING ENVELOPES** - Offering envelopes are in the narthex for next year.

Those on Vanco electronic giving do not have envelopes. If you cannot find yours, contact the church office.

**Direct Thrivent Choice Dollars**<sup>®</sup> 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. *Thank you to all who have directed dollars!*

**LSS Group Respite** is a great place to bring your loved one to enjoy playing cards, bingo and reminiscing to their favorite music. Volunteers are also needed to socialize over coffee and interactive videos during Group Respite. Please contact Debi Retzlaff at 218.593.1333 or email at [debi.retzlaff@lssmn.org](mailto:debi.retzlaff@lssmn.org) for more information. Thursdays, 12:00 to 4:30 PM in the Lounge.

**Sharing the Peace** - Due to the increase in covid cases and flu, Parish Health would like to return to elbow bumping instead of hand shakes and only verbal messages for the Peace greetings during the church service. An increase in our hand washing is also strongly suggested. Thank You!

**ANNUAL MEETING NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 28th.** Reports are available at the back of the church. If you take one home, please bring it to the meeting next week.

## PARISH NURSE NOTES—

**Faith, Hope, and Love.** Three wonderful gifts from our Heavenly Father. By faith, we believe God's grace. By hope we live, secure in our right standing with God. And both are made possible only by God's unconditional and unending love for us.

Love is the essence of God's being. The more we rest in God's love, the more our lives reflect His love, bearing witness to the reason for our faith and hope. May we all grow in His love and live a life of love towards Him and others.

“And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.”  
1 Corinthians 13:13

God's Blessings and Peace - Parish Health

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## SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

### Today: Sunday, Jan. 21:

9:00 Zion Holy Communion worship/  
Broadcast ch. 3; KTRF  
10 Sunday School/ Cornerstone Kids  
**10 Food & Fellowship**  
11 Silver Creek Holy Communion Worship

### Monday, Jan. 22:

9 SAIL

### Tuesday, Jan. 23:

No Faith Community Nurse hours  
No Bereavement Group today  
1:30 TRCC communion  
2:30 Oakland Park communion  
5:30 Worship Board

### Wednesday, Jan. 24:

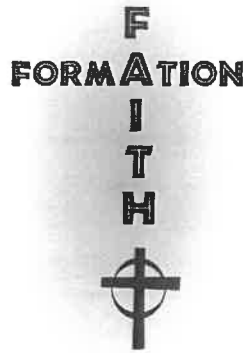
1:30 Sarah Circle in lounge  
5:15 Confirmation Supper  
6 Confirmation classes  
6 God's Joy Choir  
7 Senior Choir

### Thursday, Jan. 25:

9 SAIL exercise  
12:30-4 LSS Respite Care

### Next Sunday, Jan. 28:

9:00 Zion worship/ Baptism/  
Broadcast ch. 3; KTRF  
10 Sunday School/ Cornerstone Kids  
**10 Zion Annual Meeting**  
11 Silver Creek Worship



**Sunday School**— age 3 thru Grade 5 from 10-11 AM

**Cornerstone Kids**—Grade 6 & 7 meet from 10-11 in the youth room.

**NOISY OFFERING** January 14 & 28 will go to **Prowler Pantry**.

**YOUTH NOTES:**

**Thank you to our families for providing treats for coffee following worship each Sunday. Please bring 2 dozen baked goods on or before Sunday,**

**January 21:** Food & Fellowship

**January 28:** Jessica Hegland, Jim & Mandi Nelson, Joe & Heather Bregier

**February 4:** Joel & Laura Rude, Jon & Erica Hruby, Josh & Amber Knott, Josh & Tina Haugen

**February 11:** Josh & Angie Jensen, Josh & Sallie Lawrence, Justin & Sara Vandestreek, Kelsey Defrang

**God's Creation Calendars - 2024 Calendars are available \$8.00 each.**



**FOOD & FELLOWSHIP** - Join us for breakfast served after worship on **Sunday, January 21**. Free-will donation goes to youth programming. Breakfast will be served by 6 & 7th Grade students.

**Confirmation Class Schedule**

**Supper served at 5:15 Classes 6PM**

January 24: Spaghetti and Meatballs

January 31: BBQ's and Tater Tots

No Confirmation February 7th

Ash Wednesday February 14th

## **GOSPEL MESSAGE**

**January 21, 2024**

**THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

**Each Call Unique**

Aside from the proclamation that “the kingdom of God has come near,” Mark records no introduction on Jesus’ part about who he is or what he is about. He simply invites people, “Follow me.” Simon and Andrew, James and John make it look so easy: they just follow—no questions asked! If this is what true discipleship looks like, how can we ever measure up? But that’s not the point.

Jesus calls people in countless ways. Even these four fishers were likely not all moved by the same things. Perhaps Simon was frustrated by Roman dominance over his country, and the news of a new kingdom caught his ear; maybe Andrew was itching to do something different and inspiring. Did James and John sense a call other than inheriting their father’s business? Jesus would go on to invite dozens of others to join him—surely each discerning the call in a unique way. Their responses were also likely not as fast and easy as it appears from the outside. The four fishers might have been wrestling with matters of spirituality for months before Jesus showed up. Others who joined Jesus may have long prayed for solutions to injustice in society. The Gospel of Mark gives a summary, a tightened-up version, of Jesus’ earthly ministry. Many details are lost to time; others were only ever known by an individual and the one they came to call Messiah.

What we learn from these brief call narratives—and others in scripture—is that God reaches out in as many ways as there are people. God may get your attention in worship on a Sunday morning, at your work on a weekday, or in the night as you comfort a child in your care. Or—one never knows—God might just call from the shore when you are out in a fishing boat. Jesus’ “Follow me” might lead you somewhere you’ve never been, maybe away from friends and family and the career you planned. Or his invitation might nudge you right back home, taking up familiar routines in a new way, seeing loved ones with fresh vision.

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