

Sunday Morning Worship
January 31, 2021
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Let us *consider*
our callings,
let us *reflect*
on our
responsibilities, and
let us *follow*
Jesus Christ
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INTRODUCTION

In Deuteronomy God promises to raise up a prophet like Moses, who will speak for God; in Psalm 111 God shows the people the power of God's works. For the church these are ways of pointing to the unique authority people sensed in Jesus' actions and words. We encounter that authority in God's word, around which we gather, the word that prevails over any lesser spirit that would claim power over us, freeing us to follow Jesus.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright* *Arr. A.K. Organ*
(Movt. 1,3,4)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose voice is upon the waters, whose mercy is poured out upon all people, whose goodness cascades over all creation.

C: **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Holy God,

C: **you search us and know us. You are acquainted with all our ways. We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin—our own sins and the broken systems that bind us. We turn inward, failing to follow your outward way of love. We distrust those who are not like us. We exploit the earth and its resources and fail to consider generations to come. Forgive us, gracious God, for all we have done and left undone. Even before the words are on our tongues, you know them; receive them in your divine mercy. Amen.**

P: How vast is God's grace! Through the power and promise of + Christ Jesus, our sins are washed away and we are claimed as God's own beloved. Indeed, we are forgiven. In the wake of God's forgiveness, we are called to be the beloved community living out Christ's justice and the Spirit's reconciling peace.

C: **Amen.**

HYMN #665

Rise, Shine, You People!

GREETING / PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Sisters and brothers in Christ, beloved children of God: grace, mercy and peace be with you all.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray . . .

C: **Compassionate God, you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring the wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in our confusion, that all creation will see and know your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

THE WORD

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

R: [Moses said:] ¹⁵The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. ¹⁶This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die."

¹⁷Then the LORD replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. ¹⁸I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. ¹⁹Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. ²⁰But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die."

R: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

R: ¹Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. ²Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; ³but anyone who loves God is known by him.

⁴Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "no idol in the world really exists," and that "there is no God but one." ⁵Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—⁶yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

⁷It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. ⁸Food will not bring us close to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. ⁹But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. ¹⁰For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? ¹¹So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. ¹²But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. ¹³Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

R: The word of the Lord.
C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION #250 (vs. 2) *Blessed Be the God of Israel*

C: **With promised mercy will God still the covenant recall, the oath once sworn to Abraham, from foes to save us all; that we might worship without fear and offer lives of praise in holiness and righteousness to serve God all our days.**

HOLY GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel is **Mark 1:21-28**
C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

P: ²¹[Jesus and his disciples] went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. ²²They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. ²³Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, ²⁴and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." ²⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" ²⁶And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." ²⁸At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

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

SERMON Pastor Jeff Glawe

HYMN #311 (vs. 1,2,4)

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

APOSTLE'S CREED

P: Let us confess our faith.

C: **I believe in God, the Father almighty creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 again 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 THE CHURCH *(Response after each petition)*

P: Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer . . .

OFFERING—Invitation—God's Work Continues

OFFERTORY SONG #113

C: **Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace: your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of ev-'ry people: a light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel. Now Lord, you let your servant go in peace.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER / 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION *(All who confess Jesus as their Lord and Savior and believe in the real presence of Christ in the sacrament are invited to receive Holy Communion.)*

BLESSING

P: God the creator strengthen you; Jesus the beloved fill you; and the Holy Spirit the comforter + keep you in peace.

C: **Amen.**

HYMN #655

Son of God, Eternal Savior

DISMISSAL

P: What is the mission of Zion Lutheran Church?

C: **The mission of Zion Lutheran Church is: “Serving Christ through serving others.”**

P: Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright
(Movt. 6)

Arr. A.K. Organ

Please follow the guidance of the leaders as you exit to participate in Holy Communion.

Prayer concerns for Zion's prayer chain may be submitted to the church office by calling 1 937 667-3110 or e-mail.

Staff

Pastor Jeff Glawe, *Pastor*; Terri Darrah, *Choir Director*;
Lori Sebastian, *Organist*; Jackie Glawe, *Christian Education Director*;
Linda Short, *Office Manager*; Sue Rambeau, *Treasurer*; Tina Putnam, *Sexton*

Total Attendance 1/23/2021& 1/24/2021: 69

Unified Giving: \$4,776.00

Building Fund: \$ 370.00

TREASURER’S REPORT:

Unified Giving: \$23,222.87

Expenses: \$16,096.85

November 2020

Building Fund Giving: \$1,843.63

Mortgage Payment: \$2,500.00

Building Fund Balance as of November 30, 2020: \$28,066.45

If you desire more detailed financial information there are ten copies of the balance sheet and income statement for the month of November 2020, on the table as you leave the fellowship hall. If you have any questions please bring them to our next Council meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSION OF THE MONTH: Jeremiah’s Letter

We will be collecting donations for the Super Bowl of Caring to be used for supplies for their program. We will also collect new or gently used household items. They are especially in need of twin sheet sets, pots, pans, and cooking utensils. A bowl for your offerings and a box for the household items will be in the hall during the month.

Jeremiah’s Letter is a faith based agency that assists people in need through several programs. The agency has also been a special blessing to Zion. While volunteering at Jeremiah’s Letter when they were located at St. Paul’s, we mentioned that our old pews needed to be repaired. St. Paul’s had just announced that they were preparing to disband, and we were given their pews for our sanctuary.

F.Y.I.

Pastor and Jackie will be gone from February 1—February 14. They will be attending Continuing Education Classes. If you have a Pastoral emergency please contact Kervyn Mach at 1 (937) 479-7634 during Feb.1—Feb.14.

COMMUNION SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
February 21	February 27

HELP IS AVAILABLE

If you need assistance during the week going to a doctor's appointment or various appointments, Donna Slyman has agreed to help out members by transporting them to their appointments. Please call Donna Slyman on her **cell phone: 1 937-902-1038** to see if she can help you. **Please note:** *Donna is not available on Wednesdays.*

SPECIAL REQUEST

We would like to ask the congregation for 46 oz. juice cans. Our new florist does not use foam in the arrangements. We feel the flowers would fit better in the cans. **We no longer need coffee containers.** They can be dropped off in the work room or Linda's office.

WOMEN OF ZION VALENTINE VIDEO NIGHT

Date: *Sunday, February 14*

Time: *5:00 p.m.*

All women of Zion and their guests are invited to enjoy fellowship together (at a safe distance!) as we watch a comedy video, visit with old friends and meet new ones. Bring one valentine card signed by you and if you wish bring a snack for yourself or you may bring a snack to share that can be individually wrapped or bagged. Beverages will be provided.