

**January 23, 2022**

**Third Sunday after Epiphany**



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## INTRODUCTION

*God's glory is revealed in the reading of scripture. People stand at attention. People weep. People prostrate themselves in prayer. The unity of the church is another reflection of God's glory. Most gloriously, the promises of God are fulfilled in the person of Jesus Christ. Gather round. Listen up. Glimpse the glory of God.*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE**                      *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*                      Arr. Turner

## CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who creates us, redeems us, and calls us by name.

**C: Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we have sinned against you and your beloved children. We have turned our faces away from your glory when it did not appear as we expected. We have rejected your word when it made us confront ourselves. We have failed to show hospitality to those you called us to welcome. Accept our repentance for the things we have done and the things we have left undone. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe in the glory of your Son born among us, and reflect your love for all creation. Amen.**

P: Rejoice in this good news: In + Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven. You are descendants of the Most High, adopted into the household of Christ, and inheritors of eternal life. Live as freed and forgiven children of God.

**C: Amen.**

**HYMN Red hymnal #519**

*Open Your Ears, O Faithful People*

## REETING / 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: Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## THE WORD

### **FIRST READING: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10**

R: <sup>1</sup>All the people [of Israel] gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. <sup>2</sup>Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. <sup>3</sup>He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. <sup>5</sup>And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. <sup>6</sup>Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. <sup>8</sup>So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

<sup>9</sup>And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. <sup>10</sup>Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

R: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a**

R: <sup>12</sup>For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the

members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup>For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

<sup>14</sup>Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. <sup>15</sup>If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>16</sup>And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>17</sup>If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? <sup>18</sup>But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. <sup>19</sup>If all were a single member, where would the body be? <sup>20</sup>As it is, there are many members, yet one body. <sup>21</sup>The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." <sup>22</sup>On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, <sup>23</sup>and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; <sup>24</sup>whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, <sup>25</sup>that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. <sup>26</sup>If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

<sup>27</sup>Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. <sup>28</sup>And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. <sup>29</sup>Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? <sup>30</sup>Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? <sup>31a</sup>But strive for the greater gifts.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION #611 ( vs. 3)    *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say***

C: **I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light;  
look unto me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."  
I looked to Jesus , and I found in him my star, my sun;  
and in that light of life I'll walk till trav-'ling days are done.**

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

P: The Holy Gospel is **Luke 4:14-21**

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

P: <sup>14</sup>Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. <sup>15</sup>He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

<sup>16</sup>When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, <sup>17</sup>and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

<sup>18</sup>"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me  
to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives  
and recovery of sight to the blind,  
to let the oppressed go free,

<sup>19</sup>to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

<sup>20</sup>And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. <sup>21</sup>Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON** Pastor Doug Jacobs

**HYMN** Red hymnal #514

*O Word of God, Incarnate*

## **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

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**C:** 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.

**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.

**BLESSING**

**P:** God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness, who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name, + bless your going out and your coming in, today and forever.

**C:** Amen.

**HYMN Red hymnal #886**

*Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

**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 with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news.  
**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**     *Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning*     Arr. Held

*The altar flowers are given to the honor and glory of God  
by the Sebastians in honor and memory of their dads.*

*Prayer concerns for Zion’s prayer chain may be submitted  
using a ‘Prayer Request’ card from the pew rack.*

### **In Helpful Service**

Pastor	Doug Jacobs
Greeters	Covert & Maureen Holley
Reader	Jeff Slyman

### **Total Attendance 1/15/2022 & 1/16/2022:**

Unified Giving: \$3,777.00

Building Fund: \$ 330.00

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Adults: 8

Youth: 4     Kids: 4

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **MISSION OF THE MONTH FOR JANUARY**

“**Little Kindness**” is our Mission of the Month for January. Pam Hale ( sister of Terri Darrah ) heads up this non-profit. Little Kindness sends care bags to hospitals and churches for those going through chemotherapy. During the Covid shutdown, Pam also sent encouraging cards to neighbors and food pantry participants, nurse appreciation gifts, Welcome Back to School gifts and cards for teachers as well as providing lunch for middle and high school teachers.

In the lounge at the back of the sanctuary, you will find a small Giving Tree with ornaments hanging from it. Please take one or more tags and purchase the item(s) and return them to the tree by the end of the month.

"Never underestimate the power of a kind word or deed."

### **WOMEN OF ZION**

Our next meeting will be on Sunday, Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> at 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.

**NEW ADDRESS**     Effective January 11, 2022—Jeff & Jackie Glawe  
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### **Staff**

Bill Jones & Susie Gray, *Choir Directors*;  
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