

Sunday Morning Worship
January 30, 2022
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany



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INTRODUCTION

The glory of God is often revealed when and where it is least expected. God uses our lips to declare that glory, inexperienced and hesitant though they may be. God uses our love to demonstrate that glory and so urges us to exercise it. God uses Jesus of Nazareth, water and the word, bread and wine, to reveal God's glory where and when God chooses. Take heed, lest the glory of God slip through our midst unnoticed.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song* *Arr. Hobby*

CONFESSION AND 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 #827 (*Choir verses 1 & 2*) *Arise, My Soul, Arise!*
(*Congregation repeats verses 1 & 2*)

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: **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.**

CHANCEL CHOIR Director: Susie Gray
Composer: Hal Hobson

The Gift of Love

THE WORD

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 1:4-10

R: 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."

R: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

R: 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.

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 4:21-30

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

P: 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 Kervyn Mach

HYMN Red hymnal #302

As With Gladness Men of Old

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 #543

Go, My Children with My Blessing

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

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Arr. Cherwien

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

In Helpful Service

Speaker Kervyn Mach
Greeters Billie Fischer & May Fischvogt
Reader Bob Keppel

Total Attendance 1/22 & 1/23: 64

Unified Giving: \$2,534.00

Building Fund: \$ 375.00

Sunday School Attendance:

Adult: 10

Youth: 2 Kids: 8

ANNOUNCEMENTS

REMINDERS FOR NEXT SATURDAY & SUNDAY—2/5 & 2/6

- ◆ **Food Pantry Collection** is the first Sunday of every month. Donations of non-perishable food items can be placed in the green barrel in the Walnut Street entrance. Needy Baskets picks up the items and distributes the food to those in need in our community.
- ◆ **Thank Offering** will be collected in the back of the church by the Women of Zion. Money will be used to support the Good Samaritan Fund here at Zion which assists those in our community who need help paying rent, utilities, medical, gas etc.

COMMUNION SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY

Sunday (1st & 3rd Sunday)

February 6

February 20—no communion

Saturday (4th Saturday)

February 26

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."

NEW ADDRESS

Effective January 11, 2022—

Jeff & Jackie Glawe, 5014 Coopers Hawk Place, Zephyrhills, Florida 33541

VALENTINE'S BAKE SALE

**When: Saturday, February 12 and Sunday, February 13
before and after worship.**

The youth will have quarts of soup (chicken noodle, clam chowder, chili and vegetable), bread and sweet treats available. This sale benefits the costs of the youth gathering in Minneapolis. Women of Zion will match funds raised, up to \$300.

WOMEN OF ZION VALENTINE VIDEO NIGHT

Date: Sunday, February 13

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.

PLEASE check your mailbox for the February Tidings

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