

**Sunday Worship
February 13, 2022
Sixth Sunday after Epiphany**

What is a “disciple”?

- **From the Greek word “mathetes”, “a learner” – an “adherent”, “follower” & “imitator of their teacher”.**
- **One who is being taught and trained. Matthew 28:19; Luke 6:40, “Thought accompanied by endeavor” – Not a passive role!**
- **One who follows another’s teaching.**
- **The invitation has been extended!
Matthew 11:29**

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INTRODUCTION

Blessings and curses abound on the sixth Sunday after Epiphany. We would do well to listen closely to whom the "blessed are" and the "woe tos" are directed and to find our place in the crowd among those who desire to touch Jesus. The risen Christ stands among us in the mystery of the holy supper with an invitation to live in him, and offers power to heal us all.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Blest are They

Arr. Keesecker

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 #877

Praise the Almighty

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: Living God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

CHANCEL CHOIR Director: Bill Jones *Lord, Listen to Your Children*
Composer: Ken Medema

THE WORD

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 17:5-10

R: ⁵Thus says the LORD:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals
and make mere flesh their strength,
whose hearts turn away from the LORD.

⁶They shall be like a shrub in the desert,
and shall not see when relief comes.

They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness,
in an uninhabited salt land.

⁷Blessed are those who trust in the LORD,
whose trust is the LORD.

⁸They shall be like a tree planted by water,
sending out its roots by the stream.

It shall not fear when heat comes,
and its leaves shall stay green;
in the year of drought it is not anxious,
and it does not cease to bear fruit.

⁹The heart is devious above all else;
it is perverse—
who can understand it?

¹⁰I the LORD test the mind
and search the heart,
to give to all according to their ways,
according to the fruit of their doings.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

R: ¹²Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; ¹⁴and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. ¹⁵We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. ¹⁷If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. ¹⁹If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

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 Gospel according to **Luke 6:17-26**

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

P: ¹⁷[Jesus] came down with [the twelve] and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. ¹⁸They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

²⁰Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

"Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹"Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.

"Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

²²"Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³Rejoice in that day

and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

²⁴"But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

²⁵"Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry.

"Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶"Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON Pastor Doug Jacobs

HYMN Red hymnal #519

Open Your Ears, O Faithful People

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 #671

Shine, Jesus, Shine

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

Canticle of the Turning

Arr. Harbach

In Helpful Service

Pastor	Doug Jacobs
Greeters	Jack & Sharon Byrd
Reader	Madelyn Lopez

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

The altar flowers are given to the honor and glory of God by Ken & Judy Bailey in honor of their 52nd anniversary.

Total Attendance 2/5 & 2/6: 64

Unified Giving: \$4,591.00

Building Fund: 680.00

Sunday School Attendance:

Adult: 12

Youth: 4 Kids: 6

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FEBRUARY MISSION OF THE MONTH: Souper Bowl of Caring to benefit Needy Baskets: Needy Basket provides food for individuals who find it difficult to obtain enough food to feed their families. You will find a large bowl on the table in the lounge area or being held by one of Zion's youth at the close of each service. Please consider putting your spare change or a few bills or a check made payable to **Women of Zion** in the bowl. Women of Zion will match whatever is collected up to \$300.

VALENTINE'S BAKE SALE TODAY: 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.

THE CALL PROCESS

This is an exciting time as Zion Lutheran begins to enter in to the Call Process seeking a Pastor to lead us as we continue to develop and grow as a church family! Zion Church council met with Bishop Suzanne Dillahunt and Assistant to the Bishop Pastor Bob Abrams to review the Call Process and identify the next steps the Council needs to take to get this process underway. The synod and their representatives will serve as valuable partners and provide guidance during all phases of the Call Process. The first task to be undertaken will be for Council to begin work on a Ministry Site Profile which is a congregational profile that will be used to help prospective candidates better understand Zion. This includes

what makes us special, our vision for the future and what qualities we are looking for in a Pastor as we move forward and continue to grow at Zion Lutheran. In addition, the Council will also be gathering information regarding our community and the surrounding area to share with the pastoral candidates.

As we look toward the next phase of implementing a Call Committee we anticipate getting this committee underway sometime during the month of April. We will be updating the congregation on a regular basis as we move through the Call Process.

WOMEN OF ZION VALENTINE VIDEO NIGHT: Due to the Cincinnati Bengals going to the Super Bowl (Who Dey?!) on February 13th, the WOZ Valentine Video Night will instead be held on Sunday, February 20 at 5:00.

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.

COMMUNION SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY

Sunday Feb 20th no communion **Saturday** (4th Saturday) Feb. 26th

UPDATES

Services for Cris Kister, who passed away on Feb. 1, are pending.

Services for Belia Parrish, who passed away Jan. 24, will be held in late April.

Staff

Bill Jones & Susie Gray, *Choir Directors*;

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