

January 8, 2023  
SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP



## The Epiphany of Our Lord

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## WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP CELEBRATION!

Thanks for coming to be with us at Zion Lutheran Church. If this is your first visit, or if you worship here regularly, we are delighted that you chose to share with us. We worship together on Saturday at 5:00 p.m. and Sunday at 10:00 a.m. If you have a “prayer request” or a “praise report”, please let the pastor know. God bless you on your journey of faith.

## INTRODUCTION

*The feast of Epiphany ("manifestation") concludes the Christmas season with a celebration of God's glory revealed in the person of Jesus Christ. In Isaiah and Ephesians, that glory is proclaimed for all nations and people. Like the light of the star that guided the magi to Jesus, the light of Christ reveals who we are: children of God who are claimed and washed in the waters of baptism. We are sent out to be beacons of the light of Christ, sharing the good news of God's love to all people.*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

*We Three Kings*

Arr. Bottomly

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the Word made flesh, our life and our salvation.

C: **Amen.**

P: Trusting the goodness and lovingkindness of God our Savior, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: God of life,

C: **you promise good news of great joy for all people, and call us to be messengers of your peace. We confess that too often we hoard our joy, our resources, and our security. We nurture conflict and build barriers. We neglect the needs of our neighbors and ignore the groaning of creation. Have mercy on us. Where we are self-centered, open our hearts. Where we are reluctant, give us courage. Where we are cynical, restore our trust. Renew us with your grace and give us again the hope of eternal life in you. Amen.**

P: Hear the good news: We are children of God and heirs of God's promises

through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. In + Jesus we are forgiven and redeemed. Sing with joy, for all the ends of the earth shall know the salvation of God.

**C: Amen.**

**HYMN Red hymnal #304**

*Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized*

**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: O God, on this day you revealed your Son to the nations by the leading of a star. Lead us now by faith to know your presence in our lives, and bring us at last to the full vision of your glory, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**CHANCEL CHOIR**

Director: Bill Jones

Composer: Irish Melody

*Spirit, Open My Heart*

Text: Ruth Duck

**THE WORD**

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 60:1-6**

R: <sup>1</sup>Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. <sup>2</sup>For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. <sup>3</sup>Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. <sup>4</sup>Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. <sup>5</sup>Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. <sup>6</sup>A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

R: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **SECOND READING: Ephesians 3:1-12**

R: <sup>1</sup>This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—<sup>2</sup>for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, <sup>3</sup>and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, <sup>4</sup>a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ.

<sup>5</sup>In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: <sup>6</sup>that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

<sup>7</sup>Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. <sup>8</sup>Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, <sup>9</sup>and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; <sup>10</sup>so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. <sup>11</sup>This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, <sup>12</sup>in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION #250 ( vs. 1 )**

*Blessed Be the God of Israel*

C: **Blessed be the God of Israel who comes to set us free and raises up new hope for us: a Branch from David's tree. So have the prophets long declared that with a mighty arm God would turn back our enemies and all who wish us harm.**

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

P: The Holy Gospel is **Matthew 2:1-12**

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

P: <sup>1</sup>In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup>asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him

homage."

<sup>3</sup>When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him;  
<sup>4</sup>and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. <sup>5</sup>They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

<sup>6</sup>'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for from you shall come a ruler  
who is to shepherd my people Israel.'"

<sup>7</sup>Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup>Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." <sup>9</sup>When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup>When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. <sup>11</sup>On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. <sup>12</sup>And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON Kristen Zimmann

HYMN Red hymnal #396

*Spirit of Gentleness*

## 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** Red hymnal page #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 bless you and keep you, + Jesus grant you grace and truth, and the Spirit send peace upon your hearts, now and forever.

C: Amen.

**HYMN** Red Hymnal #294

*In the Bleak Midwinter*

**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. Proclaim the good news.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

Arr. Bottomly

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

### **In Helpful Service**

Guest Speaker	Kristen Zimmann
Greeters	Dale & Debbie Rudisill
Acolyte	Hannah Kessler
Reader	Chris Frame

**Total Attendance 12/24 Christmas Eve: 135**

Unified Giving: \$6,352.00

Building Fund: \$1,040.00

**Total Attendance 12/31/2022 & 1/1/2023: 65**

Unified Giving: \$6,164.00

Building Fund: \$ 140.00

## **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."

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER & HELPER MEETING**

Jessica would like to have a meeting for anyone who teaches and/or helps with Sunday School **following worship today**. We will talk about the curriculum and see if there are any suggestions/concerns on how to make Sunday School better.

**WOMEN OF ZION** will meet this evening in the adult Sunday School room at 5:00.

**OFFERING ENVELOPES** are available for pick up. Any envelopes after this week will be placed in the individuals box.

## **WORSHIP SCHEDULES & ALTAR FLOWERS**

Please check the sign up sheets in the hallway to help where you can and provide altar flowers at the worship services. There are several spots available.

**COMMUNION SCHEDULE: Saturday:** January 28, 2023 / **Sunday:** January 29, 2023

### **THIS WEEK AT ZION:**

<b>Monday, Jan. 9</b>	11:00 am	Quilting
<b>Tuesday, Jan. 10</b>	10:00 am	Quilting
	5:00 pm	Communications & Welcoming Meeting
	7:00 pm	Council Meeting
	8:00 pm	AA (basement)
<b>Wednesday, Jan. 11</b>	6:00 pm	Worship & Music Meeting
	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
<b>Saturday, Jan. 14</b>	5:00 pm	Worship / Dinner at Dos Lunas following
		Worship <b>F.Y.I.</b> They do have food other than Mexican.
<b>Sunday, Jan. 16</b>	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship