

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP
January 15, 2023
Second Sunday After Epiphany



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

Today's gospel opens with further reflection on Jesus' baptism. He is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world and the one anointed by the Spirit. In the liturgy we come and see Christ revealed among us in word and meal. We go forth to invite others to come and worship the Holy One and to receive the gifts of grace and peace made known among us.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

In Thee is Gladness

Arr. Portman

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Holy One, source of our renewal,

C: **we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P: Thus says our God: "The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare." God's mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of + Christ our Savior.

C: **Amen.**

HYMN Red hymnal #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: Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

CHANCEL CHOIR

Director: Bill Jones *Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom*

Composer: Donna Kasbohm

Text: Ruth Duck

THE WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 49:1-7

R: ¹Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The LORD called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. ²He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. ³And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." ⁴But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the LORD, and my reward with my God." ⁵And now the LORD says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the LORD, and my God has become my strength — ⁶he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." ⁷Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

R: Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother

Sosthenes, ²To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: ³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—⁶just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Red hymnal page 102

C: **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel is **John 1:29-42**

²⁹[John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" ³⁰This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' ³¹I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." ³²And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him." ³³I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' ³⁴And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God." ³⁵The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" ³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" ³⁹He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. ⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹He first found his

brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). ⁴²He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON Kervyn Mach

HYMN Red hymnal #308

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

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;**

C: 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: The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod + bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always.

C: Amen.

HYMN Purple hymnal #942

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

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. Follow the way of Jesus.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

Arr. Hailstork

In Helpful Service

Guest Speaker	Kervyn Mach
Greeter	Janice Mach
Reader	Katie Kessler
Usher	Garry Yunker

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

Total Attendance 1/7/2023 & 1/8/2023: 95

Unified Giving: \$ 3,201.00

Building Fund: \$190.00

Sunday School Attendance

Kids/Youth: 10

Adults: 14

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS: **S.S. teacher meeting** rescheduled for 1/15 after worship. **Family Fun Night** will be 2/4 after worship. A sign up sheet is in hallway. Donations appreciated to help pay for pizza. **Confirmation Kids reminder:** Sunday school will be online at 7 pm on 1/15 & 1/22. The links have been emailed to parents and will be posted on the Zion facebook page.

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." **List of items requested:** journal, fuzzy socks, puzzle book, lip balm, body moisturizer (all natural), reusable water bottle, hand sanitizer, chocolate, hard candy, tissue, knit hats.

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

THIS WEEK AT ZION:

Monday, Jan. 16	11:00 am	Quilting
Tuesday, Jan. 17	10:00 am	Quilting
	8:00 pm	AA (basement)
Wednesday, Jan. 18	11:30 am	Red Cross Blood Drive
	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, Jan. 21	5:00 pm	Worship
Sunday, Jan. 22	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship