

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP
January 22, 2023
Third Sunday After Epiphany



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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

Jesus begins his public ministry by calling fishers to leave their nets and follow him. In Jesus the kingdom of God has come near. We who have walked in darkness have seen a great light. We see this light most profoundly in the cross—as God suffers with us and all who are oppressed by sickness, sin, or evil. Light dawns for us as we gather around the word, the font, and the holy table. We are then sent to share the good news that others may be "caught" in the net of God's grace and mercy.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Bring a Torch*, Jeannette Isabella Linda Holt—trumpet

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.**

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: Lord God, your loving kindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

CHANCEL CHOIR Director: Bill Jones *There is a Longing in Our Hearts*
Composer: Anne Quigley

THE WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 9:1-4

R: ¹There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time [the LORD] brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. ²The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. ³You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. ⁴For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

R: ¹⁰Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. ¹¹For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. ¹²What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." ¹³Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you?

Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. ¹⁸For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

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 **Matthew 4:12-23**

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

P: ¹²Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: ¹⁵"Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—¹⁶the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned."¹⁷From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." ¹⁸As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁹And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people."²⁰Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²²Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. ²³Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON Kervyn Mach

HYMN Purple ACS hymnal #1000

God's Work, Our Hands

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: 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 #866

We are Marching in the Light of God

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

Will You Come and Follow Me

Arr. Maxwell

In Helpful Service

Guest Speaker	Kervyn Mach
Acolyte	Marissa Kessler
Greeter	Janice Mach
Reader	Christine Schlater

The altar flowers are given to the honor and glory of God by Katie Kessler in honor of her daughters Hannah & Marissa.

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

Total Attendance 1/14/2023 & 1/15/2023: Sunday, 55

Kids/Youth: 4

Adults: 16

Unified Giving: \$3,766.00

Building Fund: \$ 167.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you to Linda Holt for providing special music this morning.

KITCHEN CLEAN UP

Let's make the kitchen sparkle. On Tuesday, Jan. 24 from 9-12 we will be sprucing up the kitchen. Please sign up on the sheet posted in the hallway. The sheet says 9:30 however if you can be there at 9:00 that would be helpful. Lunch will be served following the clean up.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS: 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 1/22. 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
Weekly communion on Sunday's will resume January 29th.

REQUEST FROM THE QUILTERS

We are in need of clean cotton, cotton/blend fabric. Any donations would be very much appreciated. You can drop the donated fabric at the Walnut Street Entrance. Thank you.

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.

THIS WEEK AT ZION:

Monday, Jan. 23	11:00 am	Quilting
Tuesday, Jan. 24	9:00 am	Kitchen Clean-up
	10:00 am	Quilting
	8:00 pm	AA (basement)
Saturday, Jan. 28	5:00 pm	Worship & Communion
Sunday, Jan. 29	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship & Communion
	1:00 pm	Randall House Outreach

Staff

Dale Schaefer, Interim Pastor; Bill Jones & Susie Gray, *Choir Directors*;
Lori Sebastian, *Organist*; Jessica Dorn *Christian Education Director*
Linda Short, *Office Manager*; Sue Rambeau, *Treasurer*; Tina Putnam, *Sexton*