

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP & COMMUNION

January 29, 2023

Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

You
those who are persecuted because of righteousness for theirs is the kingdom of heaven
the pure in heart for they will see God
those who hunger and thirst for righteousness
poor in spirit
Matthew 5:1-16 peacemakers
Rejoice and be glad
those who mourn for they will be comforted
great is your reward in heaven
the meek
Blessed are
those persecuted because of righteousness
the merciful for they will be shown mercy
the meek for they will inherit the earth
the merciful those who mourn
you when people insult you persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me
the peacemakers for they will be called children of God
pure in heart
the poor in spirit for theirs is the kingdom of heaven
those who hunger and thirst for righteousness for they will be filled

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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

Who are the blessed ones of God? For Micah, they are those who do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God. For Paul, they are the ones who find wisdom in the weakness of the cross. For Jesus, they are the poor, the meek, the merciful, the pure in heart, the peacemakers, those who mourn, and those who hunger for righteousness. In baptism we find our blessed identity and calling in this countercultural way of living and serving.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE (piano duet) *We Are Marching in the Light of God* Arr. Carter

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: Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC (piano duet)

Here I Am Lord

Arr. Carter

THE WORD

FIRST READING: Micah 6:1-8

R: ¹Hear what the LORD says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. ²Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the LORD has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel. ³"O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! ⁴For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. ⁵O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD." ⁶"With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? ⁷Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" ⁸He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

R: ¹⁸The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." ²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. ²⁶Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that no one might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the 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 **Matthew 5:1-12**

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

P: ¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: ³"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. ⁵"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the

earth. ⁶"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. ⁷"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. ⁸"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. ⁹"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. ¹⁰"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON Doug Jacobs

HYMN Red hymnal #669

Rise Up, O Saints of God

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 . . .**

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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER WITH WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION *(All who confess Jesus as their Lord and Savior and believe in the real presence of Christ in the sacrament are invited to receive Holy Communion.)*

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 Red hymnal #808

Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song

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

Finale on Thaxted

Arr. Jeffrey Blersch

In Helpful Service

Pastor	Doug Jacobs
Acolyte	Madelynn/Mason Lopez
Reader	Madelynn/Mason Lopez
Usher	John & Dianne LeGros

*The altar flowers are given to the honor and glory of God
by Jay & Jessica Lopez in honor of Mason's birthday.*

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

Total Attendance 1/21/2023 & 1/22/2023: 64

Unified Giving: \$1,759.00

Building Fund: \$ 100.00

Sunday School Attendance

Kids/Youth: 2

Adults: 6

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKS to Susie Gray for providing special music this morning.

REMINDERS FOR NEXT SATURDAY & SUNDAY— 2/4 & 2/5

- ◆ **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 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.

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.

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 hat.

THE QUILTING GROUP is in need of clean cotton, cotton/blend fabric. Any donations are much appreciated. Fabric can be dropped off at the Walnut Street entrance.



WOMEN OF ZION NIGHT OUT / Sunday, February 19 @ 5:00 P.M.

We will meet at: **Dos Lunas Mexican Bar & Grill**

12 S. Tippecanoe Dr. (behind O'Reilly's) Tipp City

Bring one valentine card signed by you.

Bring \$ to pay for your meal.

This event will take the place of our February Women of Zion meeting. While we are waiting for our meals to be served, a brief business meeting will be held. **Please sign up in the hallway if you plan to attend.**

THIS WEEK AT ZION:

Monday, Jan. 30	11:00 am	Quilting
Tuesday, Jan. 31	10:00 am	Quilting
	8:00 pm	AA (basement)
Wednesday, Feb 1	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, Feb. 4	5:00 pm	Worship
	6:00 pm	BUNCO / Family Fun Night
Sunday, Feb. 5	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship

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*