

**SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP & COMMUNION**  
**February 5, 2023**  
**Fifth 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

*Light shines in the darkness for the upright, the psalmist sings. Isaiah declares that when we loose the bonds of injustice and share our bread with the hungry, the light breaks forth like the dawn. In another passage from the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus, the light of the world, calls his followers to let the light of their good works shine before others. Through baptism we are sent into the world to shine with the light of Christ.*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

*Thy Strong Word*

Arr. Hobby

## 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, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**CHANCEL CHOIR** Director: Bill Jones

*Holy Woman, Graceful Giver*

Composer: Anne Krentz

Organ Text: Susan Cherwien

**THE WORD**

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 58:1-9a (9b-12)**

R: <sup>1</sup>Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. <sup>2</sup>Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God. <sup>3</sup>"Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?" Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. <sup>4</sup>Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. <sup>5</sup>Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD? <sup>6</sup>Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? <sup>7</sup>Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? <sup>8</sup>Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. <sup>9a</sup>Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. [<sup>9b</sup>If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, <sup>10</sup>if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then

your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. <sup>11</sup>The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. <sup>12</sup>Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.]

R: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16)**

R: <sup>1</sup>When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. <sup>2</sup>For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. <sup>3</sup>And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. <sup>4</sup>My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, <sup>5</sup>so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. <sup>6</sup>Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. <sup>7</sup>But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. <sup>8</sup>None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. <sup>9</sup>But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him" —<sup>10</sup>these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. <sup>11</sup>For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. <sup>12</sup>Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. [<sup>13</sup>And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual. <sup>14</sup>Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. <sup>15</sup>Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny. <sup>16</sup>"For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.]

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 5:13-20**

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

**P: [Jesus said:]** <sup>13</sup>"You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. <sup>14</sup>You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. <sup>15</sup>No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup>In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. <sup>17</sup>Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. <sup>18</sup>For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter will pass from the law until all is accomplished. <sup>19</sup>Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>20</sup>For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

**P: The Gospel of the Lord.**

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

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**SERMON** Doug Jacobs

**HYMN** Red hymnal #715

*Christ, Be Our Light*

## **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 #310**

*Songs of Thankfulness and Praise*

**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. Hail stork

**In Helpful Service**

Pastor	Doug Jacobs
Greeters	Randy & Debbie Turner
Acolyte	Hannah Kessler
Reader	Katie Kessler
Communion Asst.	Linda Holt
Usher	Garry Yunker

*The altar flowers are given to the honor and glory of God  
by Mary Ann Hensler in loving memory of Mary Cost.*

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

<b>Total Attendance 1/28/2023 &amp; 1/29/2023:</b> 101	<b>Sunday School Attendance</b>
Unified Giving: \$4,301.00	Kids/Youth: 5
Building Fund: \$ 110.00	Adults: 15

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MISSION OF THE MONTH FOR FEBRUARY**

**Souper bowl of Caring** is the Mission of the Month for February. The money collected will be going to St. Patrick's Soup Kitchen in Troy. 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 funds donated up to \$300.00.

**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:**

<b>Monday, Feb.6</b>	11:00 am	Quilting
<b>Tuesday, Feb. 7</b>	10:00 am	Quilting
	8:00 pm	AA (basement)
<b>Wednesday, Feb 8</b>	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
<b>Saturday, Feb. 11</b>	5:00 pm	Worship / Pastor Dale returns
<b>Sunday, Feb. 12</b>	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Pastor Dale returns / Worship / Baptism
		No Women of Zion Meeting—see above announcement

**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*