

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP CELEBRATION!

Thanks for coming to be with us at Zion Lutheran Church. If you are visiting with us for the first time, will you please fill out a visitor card, available in the pew rack in front of you, and drop it in the offering plate. Whether this is your first visit or 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

All the baptized have a calling in God's world. God calls not just pastors and deacons but also the youngest child, like Samuel. The story of the calling of Nathanael plays with the idea of place. Nathanael initially dismisses Jesus because he comes from Nazareth. But where we come from isn't important; it's where—or rather whom—we come to. Jesus refers to Jacob, who had a vision in a place he called "the house of God, and . . . the gate of heaven" (Gen. 28:17). Jesus says he himself is the place where Nathanael will meet God.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Here I Am, Lord

Arr: Carter

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, **+** one God, creator of darkness and light, word of truth, wind sweeping over the waters.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God, our rock and refuge,

C: **we pour out our hearts before you.**

We have known you but have not always loved you.

We have wounded one another and sinned against you.

We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit dwelling in each of us.

Remember your covenant.

Renew your creation.

Restore us, that we might proclaim your good news to all.

Amen.

P: The voice of the Lord is upon the waters. God has spoken: The time of grace is now.
In Jesus, the reign of God has come near.
By the authority of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.
You are God's beloved.

C: **Amen.**

HYMN Red hymnal #513

Listen, God is Calling

GREETING / PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The grace of Jesus Christ our Savior, the reconciling love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray . . .

C: **Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer, for the countless blessings and benefits you give. May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day praising you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

CHANCEL CHOIR Director Bill Jones *Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning*
Composer: African American spiritual

THE WORD

FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 3:1-10 [11-20]

R: ¹Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.²At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; ³the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. ⁴Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" ⁵and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. ⁶The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." ⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. ⁹Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your

servant is listening." So Samuel went and lay down in his place. ¹⁰Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." [¹¹Then the LORD said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. ¹²On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. ¹³For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. ¹⁴Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever." ¹⁵Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. ¹⁶But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." ¹⁷Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." ¹⁸So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the LORD; let him do what seems good to him." ¹⁹As Samuel grew up, the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. ²⁰And all Israel from Dan to Beersheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the LORD.]

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

R: ¹LORD, You have searched me out; O LORD, You have known me.

C: ²**You know my sitting down and my rising up; You discern my thoughts from afar.**

R: ³You trace my journeys and my resting-places and are acquainted with all my ways.

C: ⁴**Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, but You, O LORD, know it altogether.**

R: ⁵You encompass me, behind and before, and lay Your hand upon me.

C: ⁶**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain to it.**

R: ¹³For You yourself created my inmost parts; You knit me together in my mother's womb.

C: ¹⁴**I will thank You because I am marvelously made; Your works are wonderful, and I know it well.**

R: ¹⁵My body was not hidden from You, while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.

C: ¹⁶**Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were written in Your book; my days were fashioned before they came to be.**

R: ¹⁷How deep I find Your thoughts, O God! How great is the sum of them!
C: ¹⁸**If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; to count them all, my life span would need to be like Yours.**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

R: ¹²All things are lawful for me, but not all things are beneficial. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be dominated by anything. ¹³Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food, and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. ¹⁴And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. ¹⁵Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! ¹⁶Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, "The two shall be one flesh." ¹⁷But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. ¹⁸Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. ¹⁹Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? ²⁰For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

R: The Word of the Lord
C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Red Hymnal #102

**Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia,
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.
Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia,**

HOLY GOSPEL

P: The Gospel according to **John 1:43-51**
C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

⁴³The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." ⁴⁴Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found Him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." ⁴⁶Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." ⁴⁷When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" ⁴⁸Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." ⁴⁹Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You

are the King of Israel!" ⁵⁰ Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." ⁵¹ And He said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

WELCOME TO MEMBERSHIP Mitch & Cindy Tayse
Tim & Tamra Satkowski

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON Pastor Dale Schaefer

HYMN Red Hymnal #798 *Will You Come and Follow Me*

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 (*Response after each petition*)

P: Lord in your mercy,
C: **Hear our prayer . . .**

OFFERING—Invitation—God's Work Continues

OFFERTORY SONG #113 *Now, Lord, You Let Your Servant Go in Peace*
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 every 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 PRAYERS WITH WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

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: God who names you, Christ who claims you, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you + bless you and remain with you always.

C: **Amen.**

HYMN Red hymnal #676

Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak

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. You are God's beloved.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

As with Gladness Men of Old

Arr: Held

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

In Helpful Service

Pastor	Dale Schaefer
Reader	Cindy Tayse
Communion Assist	Linda Holt
Greeters	Sean & Raenell Poynter

ATTENDANCE 1/6 & 7: 93
Unified Giving 1/6 & 7: \$5,345.00

Sunday School: Adults 18
Youth 7 Kids 7

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER MEETING: There will be a Sunday School Teacher Meeting on Sunday, January 21 after worship. Anyone interested in teaching or assisting with Sunday School please plan to come to this meeting or reach out to Jessica Dorn. At this meeting we will be discussing the future of Christian Education, Easter Breakfast, and briefly talk about Vacation Bible School.

MISSION OF THE MONTH: *Shoes 4 the Shoeless Sock Hop*

January's Mission of the Month is a Sock Drive to benefit Shoes 4 the Shoeless. When this organization travels to schools in the Miami County/Dayton area to give children a pair of needed new shoes, they also give the children socks to wear with their new shoes. During the month of January, please put a pair or package of new children's socks in the laundry baskets at the back of the sanctuary. This project is co-sponsored by Thrivent.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

Contact Kathy Groth with questions.

JANUARY ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: The adults will begin the month with a lesson the Christian denomination family tree. Following that, we will continue our series by Bob Goff, *Love in Chaos*. All are invited to join us!

CONFIRMANDS RECEPTION & PASTOR DALE FAREWELL:

A reception for the new confirmands and farewell brunch will be held immediately after service on Sunday, January 28th. Sign up is in the fellowship hallway.

2024 FLOWER CHART: There are a few openings to sign up to donate altar flowers. The cost remains \$40. The chart to sign up is posted in the fellowship hallway. ***Please indicate what they are honoring and color choices.***

SUNDAY SERVICE HELPERS: January and February still have some openings for helpers during service. The sign up poster is in the fellowship hallway. Please consider offering assistance.

MEMBERSHIP FORMS: If you have not done so already, please fill out a membership form so we can update our records to have an accurate roster. There are blank forms on the table in the narthex, as well as a collection box for completed ones. Even if none of your information has changed, please complete a form.

