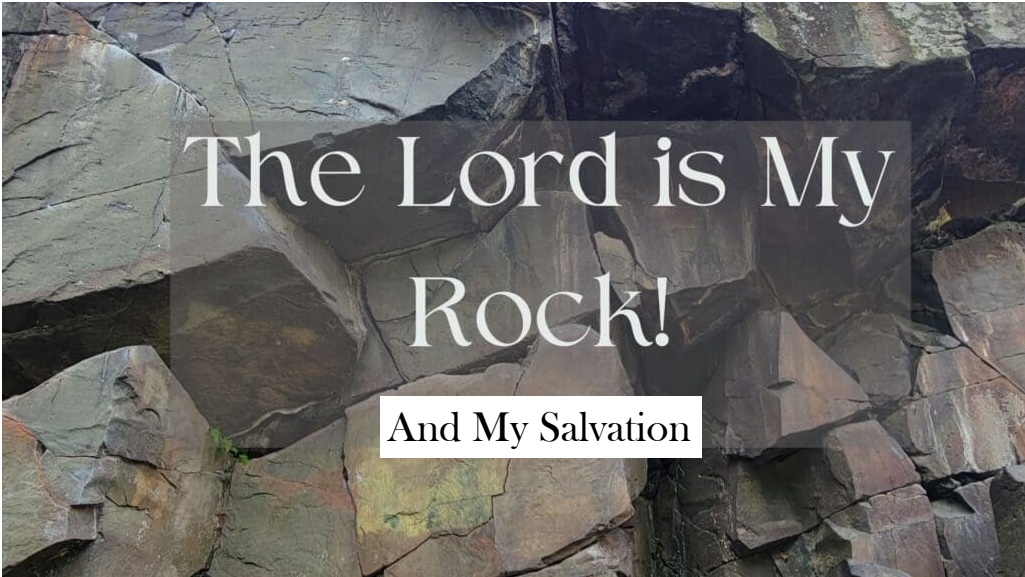


**Sunday Worship**  
**January 21, 2024**  
**Third Sunday After Epiphany**



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## **WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP CELEBRATION!**

Thanks for coming to be with us at Zion Lutheran Church. If 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**

*As we continue through the time after Epiphany, stories of the call to discipleship show us the implications of our baptismal calling to show Christ to the world. Jesus begins proclaiming the good news and calling people to repentance right after John the Baptist is arrested for preaching in a similar way. Knowing that John was later executed, we see at the very outset the cost of discipleship. Still, the two sets of brothers leave everything they have known and worked for all their lives to follow Jesus and fish for people.*

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PRELUDE**

*Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

Arr: Raney

## **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 #661**

*I Love to Tell the Story*

**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: **Almighty God, by grace alone You call us and accept us in Your service. Strengthen us by Your Spirit, and make us worthy of Your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

**CHANCEL CHOIR** Director Bill Jones

*In Remembrance*

Composers: Ragan Courtney and Beryl Red

**THE WORD**

**FIRST READING: Jonah 3:1-5, 10**

R: <sup>1</sup>The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, <sup>2</sup>Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you. <sup>3</sup>So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. <sup>4</sup>Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" <sup>5</sup>And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

<sup>10</sup>When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 62:5-12**

R: <sup>5</sup>For God alone I wait in silence; truly, my hope is in God.

C: <sup>6</sup>**God alone is my rock and my salvation, my stronghold, so that I shall never be shaken.**

- R: <sup>7</sup>In God is my deliverance and my honor; God is my strong rock and my refuge.
- C: <sup>8</sup>**Put your trust in God always, O people, pour out your hearts before the One who is our refuge.**
- R: <sup>9</sup>Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath; those of low estate cannot be trusted. Placed on the scales together they weigh even less than a breath.
- C: <sup>10</sup>**Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no empty pride; though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.**
- R: <sup>11</sup>God has spoken once, twice have I heard it, that power belongs to God.
- C: <sup>12</sup>**Steadfast love belongs to You, O Lord, for You repay all according to their deeds.**

### **SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31**

R: <sup>29</sup>Brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, <sup>30</sup>and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, <sup>31</sup>and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

- 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 **Mark 1:14-20**
- C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>14</sup>Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near, repent, and believe in the good news."

<sup>16</sup>As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. <sup>17</sup>And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." <sup>18</sup>And immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>19</sup>As he went a little farther, he saw James son of

Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets.  
<sup>20</sup>Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

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

**TEMPLE TALK** Lutheran Outdoor Ministry Organization (LOMO)

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**SERMON** Pastor Dale Schaefer

**HYMN** Red Hymnal #580

*How Clear is Our Vocation, Lord*

## **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 #540**

*Go, Make Disciples*

### **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**

*God Himself is Present*

Arr: Burkhardt

*The altar flowers are given to the honor and glory of God  
by Rick & Judy Bailey in honor of their grandson, Mason's, 16th birthday.*

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

### **In Helpful Service**

Acolyte

Alex Garvic

Pastor

Dale Schaefer

Reader

Kathy Groth

Communion Assist

Susie Gray

Greeters  
Usher

Jayne & Chuck Drake  
Brad Kennedy

**ATTENDANCE 1/13 & 14:** 89  
**Unified Giving 1/13 & 14:** \$11,141.00  
(Includes a yearly giving lump sum)

**Sunday School:** Adults 18  
Youth 4 Kids 5

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER MEETING:** There will be a Sunday School Teacher Meeting **TODAY** 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.

### **CONFIRMANDS RECEPTION & PASTOR DALE FAREWELL:**

A reception for the new confirmands and farewell brunch will be held immediately after service **next Sunday, January 28th**. **The sign up sheet is in the fellowship hallway.**

### **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.

**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.**

**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.***

## **THIS WEEK AT ZION**

<b>Sunday, January 21</b>	5:00 pm	Women of Zion Meeting
<b>Monday, January 22</b>	10:30 am 3:30 pm 6:30 pm	Mission Quilts TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Boy Scouts
<b>Tuesday, January 23</b>	10:00 am 8:00 - 9:00 pm	Mission Quilts AA
<b>Wednesday, January 24</b>	No Choir Rehearsal	

## **CHRIST, PROPHECIES FULFILLED**

1. He would be the seed of a woman (Genesis 3:15).
2. He would come through the line of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob (Genesis 12:3, 17-19).
3. He would be a descendant of Judah (Genesis 49:10).
4. He would be born in Bethlehem (Micah 5:2).
5. He would be born of a virgin (Isaiah 7:14).
6. He would sojourn into Egypt (Hosea 11:1).
7. He would grow up at Nazareth and be called a Nazarene (Matthew 22:14-16).
8. He would be crucified (Psalm 22:14-16).
9. He would suffer no broken bones at His crucifixion (Psalm 34:20).
10. He would observe men casting lots for His clothing at His crucifixion (Psalm 34:20).
11. He would live again (Job 19:25; Matthew 12:39,40; 16:3; John 2:19).

**Both recorded history and fulfilled prophecy prove that each point came to pass.**

### **Staff**

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









