

Sunday Worship
February 4, 2024
Fifth Sunday After Epiphany



“And He cured many who were
sick with various diseases”

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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

In Isaiah the one God who sits above the earth and numbers the stars also strengthens the powerless. So in Jesus' healing work we see the hand of the creator God, lifting up the sick woman to health and service (diakonia). Like Simon's mother-in-law, we are lifted up and healed to serve. Following Jesus, we strengthen the powerless; like Jesus, we seek to renew our own strength in quiet times of prayer.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Precious Lord & I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me* Arr: Hansen

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 #617

We Come to You for Healing Lord

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 . . .

Everlasting God, you give strength to the weak and power to the faint. Make us agents of your healing and wholeness, that your good news may be made known to the ends of your creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

CHANCEL CHOIR Director Bill Jones

Come, Holy Spirit, Descend

Composer: John L. Bell

THE WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 40:21-31

R: ²¹Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

²²It is He who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; ²³who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.

²⁴Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when He blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. ²⁵To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal?

says the Holy One. ²⁶Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these?

He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because He is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing.

²⁷Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"? ²⁸Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the

earth. He does not faint or grow weary; His understanding is unsearchable.

²⁹He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. ³⁰Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; ³¹but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 147:1-11,20c

R: ¹Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God! How pleasant it is to honor God with praise!

C: ²**The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem, and gathers the exiles of Israel.**

R: ³The LORD heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

C: ⁴**The LORD counts the number of the stars and calls them all by their names.**

R: ⁵Great is our LORD and mighty in power; there is no limit to God's wisdom.

C: ⁶**The LORD lifts up the lowly, but casts the wicked to the ground.**

R: ⁷Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; make music upon the harp to our God,

C: ⁸**who covers the heavens with clouds and prepares rain for the earth, making grass to grow upon the mountains.**

R: ⁹God provides food for the cattle and for the young ravens when they cry.

C: ¹⁰**God is not impressed by the might of a horse, and has no pleasure in the speed of a runner,**

R: ¹¹but finds pleasure in those who fear the LORD, in those who await God's steadfast love. ^{20c}Hallelujah!

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 9:16-23

R: ¹⁶If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! ¹⁷For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. ¹⁸What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel. ¹⁹For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. ²⁰To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. ²¹To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. ²²To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people,

that I might by all means save some. ²³I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

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 1:29-39**

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

²⁹As soon as [Jesus and the disciples] left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. ³¹He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. ³²That evening, at sundown, they brought to Him all who were sick or possessed with demons. ³³And the whole city was gathered around the door. ³⁴And He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and He would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew Him. ³⁵In the morning, while it was still very dark, He got up and went out to a deserted place, and there He prayed. ³⁶And Simon and his companions hunted for Him. ³⁷When they found Him, they said to Him, "Everyone is searching for You." ³⁸He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." ³⁹And He went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON Pastor Sally Padgett

HYMN Red Hymnal #773

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

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 #665

Rise, Shine, You People

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

We Are Marching in the Light of God

Arr: Farlee

*The altar flowers are given to the honor and glory of God
by Mary Hensley 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.*

In Helpful Service

Acolyte	Noah Garvic
Pastor	Sally Padgett
Reader	Brad Kennedy
Communion Assist	Susie Gray
Greeter	Mary Fischvogt

ATTENDANCE 1/27 & 28: 174
Unified Giving 1/27 & 28: \$3,505.00

Sunday School: Adults 16
Youth 4 Kids 5

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME RECEPTION FOR PASTOR SALLY: Will be held immediately after service today.

MISSION OF THE MONTH: *Souper Bowl of Caring*

After the Saturday and Sunday worship services in February, you will have a chance to unload your extra change or folding money into the red bowl on the table at the back of the sanctuary or being held by one of our young people. If you prefer to write a check, please make it payable to the Women of Zion. The money collected will be given to the Vandalia Butler food pantry.

Any questions contact Deb Keppel.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE: February 14th at 7:00 pm

SUPER BOWL WATCH PARTY & CHILI COOKOFF: Sunday, February 11th

Do you have a great chili recipe? Want to see how it ranks in a competition? Here's your chance. Chili cook off dinner starts at 5:00. At 6:30, watch the Super Bowl on Zion's big screen. A sign up sheet is in the fellowship hallway. This is being brought to you by the Zion Technology Team. Support their effort and have some fun!!

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

ALTAR FLOWERS: If you would like to honor someone with altar flowers, the following dates are still open: March 3, 17, 24; April 14; May 26; and September 8. The cost remains \$40. The chart to sign up is posted in the fellowship hallway. ***Please indicate what they are honoring and color choices.***

WOMEN OF ZION FEBRUARY MEETING: The Women of Zion will meet at *Dos Lunas Mexican Bar and Grill* on Sunday, February 18th at 5:00. All women of Zion are invited to an evening of good food and fellowship. Besides bringing money for your meal, you can bring one valentine to share with another woman of Zion. Please sign your name and we'll distribute them. A very short meeting will take place during the evening.

THIS WEEK AT ZION

Sunday, February 4	Welcome Reception for Pastor Sally after service	
Monday, February 5	10:30 am	Mission Quilts
	3:30 pm	TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)
	6:00 pm	Property Committee Meeting
	6:30 pm	Boy Scouts
Tuesday, February 6	10:00 am	Mission Quilts
	8:00 - 9:00 pm	AA
Wednesday, February 7	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal

Staff

Sally Padgett, *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*

