

Zion Lutheran

**Mission: Creating Community Through
God's Love and Guidance**



5th Sunday after Epiphany
February 4, 2024

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN #617 “We Come to You for Healing, Lord”

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Amen.

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

God, our rock and refuge,

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.

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.

Amen.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 40:21-31

A reading from Isaiah.

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.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 147:1-11, 20

Sung to the hymn melody
“The Day of Resurrection”

O praise the Lord—how good it is to sing praise to our God;
How pleasant and how fitting when we sing His praise abroad!
The Lord builds up Jerusalem, and gathers those outcast;
He heals the brokenhearted, and binds up their wounds at last.

He counts the number of the stars, and calls them each by name.
Great is the Lord in pow’r and might—our minds can’t grasp His fame.
The Lord sustains the humble, and supports the ones bowed down,
But stands against the wicked ones, and casts them to the ground.

Sing to the Lord with thanks and praise; with harp, make music – sing!
He covers heaven with His clouds; to earth His rain does bring.
He makes the grass grow on the hills, provides the beasts with food;
Young ravens, too, which cry to Him—supplies them all with food.

His pleasure’s not in horse’s strength, nor in the legs of man;
The Lord delights in those who fear, who trust His loving plan.
No other nation has received His laws or known His ways;
He’s done this all for Is-ra-el; O to the Lord be praise!

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

A reading from 1 Corinthians.

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.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Setting 8

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
 words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL READING

Mark 1:29-39

The holy gospel according to Mark. **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 sunset, 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.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Mike Dimer

HYMN OF THE DAY#610 "O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come"

HOLY BAPTISM

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 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 INTERCESSION

God of grace, receive our prayer.

PEACE

OFFERING

CHOIR ANTHEM

“How Can I Keep From Singing”

OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, Holy One,
for all good things come from you.
In bread and cup you open heaven to us.
Meet us at this table,
that we receive what we seek
and follow your Son, Jesus,
in whose name we pray.
Amen.

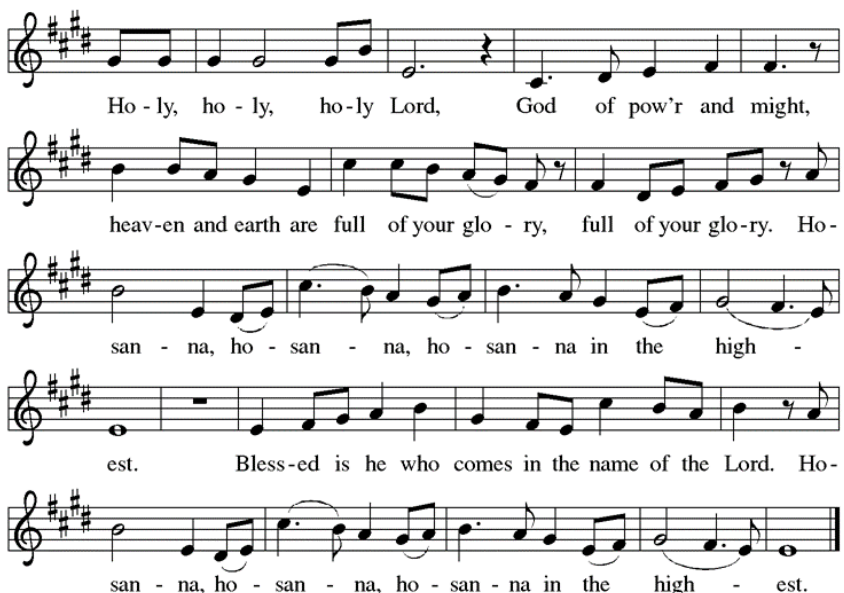
GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

HOLY HOLY HOLY

Setting 8



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

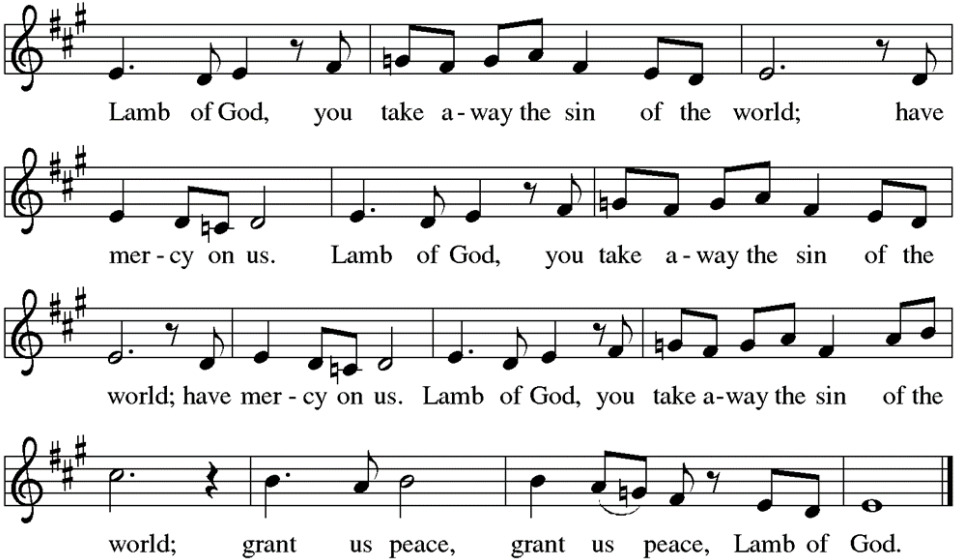
THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

THE 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.

LAMB OF GOD

Setting 8



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

At Jesus’ table, heaven and earth are joined as one.
Come and see.

COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN#469

“By Your Hand You Feed Your People”

TABLE BLESSING

Now may the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Giver of every gift,
Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body.
Raise us to life by your power
for the benefit of all and to your glory,
now and forever.

Amen.

BLESSING

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

Amen.

SENDING HYMN #314

“Arise, Your Light Has Come ”

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are God's beloved.

**Creating Community through God's Love and Guidance —
thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

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Welcome!

We invite visitors to complete the card in the pew and put it in the collection basket. Thank You!

Announcements

Zion's Annual Meeting will be held today at 10:45AM in the church.

There will be a service for Ash Wednesday on Wednesday, Feb. 14th at 6:00pm.

Lent services will be held Feb, 21, Feb. 28, March 6, March 13 & March 20. The LENT SOUP SUPPERS will be at 5:00pm in the fellowship hall. If you are interested in volunteering to setup, clean up or bring a dessert for one of the Wednesday Lent soup suppers, please sign up in the narthex. The service will be at 6:00pm.

Copies of the February messenger are in the back of the sanctuary.

The office staff is preparing the 2024 guidebook. Please fill out the form in the narthex if your contact information has changed so that our directory is accurate.

Moving forward any bulletin announcements and messenger information should be emailed to the office coordinator, Kimberly Gordon at kimberly@zionappleton.org.

Sanctuary Secrets: Why are there arches in the Zion Sanctuary? Why is there a bird?? Where is the gardener? Why do the colors change? What color is the Hymnal? Join the Confirmation class in the Sanctuary after worship on Sundays between January 7th and February 18th to find out. Here are the dates (10:30-11:15 AM Sundays) and topics for Confirmation Classes in the Sanctuary:

2/4/24	The Church Calendar
2/11/24	The Church Calendar

Congratulations and welcome to Miley Jean Bee as she is baptized this morning and made part of the community of faith at Zion Lutheran.

If you have an event, meeting or anything you would like the congregation to know about please let the office know so Kimberly can put it on the calendar. Items are due by the 15th of each month for the next month.

Linwood Community is holding special events in February. They are open for anyone to attend. Feb. 15th at 2:00pm will be Keeping Your Mind Sharp. Presented by their wellness coordinator, Yon Abel. If you have any questions you can contact Lynn Ann Clausing Rusch at Linwood Community at 920-734-7225.

In the narthex there is a list of members that we need current addresses for so we can contact them. If you have any information on these members please contact the office with that information. Thank you.

Don't forget Zion's Raise Right fundraiser when you are starting to plan your projects for 2024. They can be used by you or given as a gift to someone else. Please consider placing an order with Lynn Walter. More information is in the narthex.

The Fox Valley Lions Medical Equipment Locker provides access to medical equipment without charge to the residents of the Fox Valley communities. They are always in need of new or used medical equipment. If you have any unused or unwanted medical equipment that is in good condition, please consider donating it to them. Hearing aid batteries can be donated at the locker, and people can come in when the locker is open and request free hearing aid batteries. Currently, there are 13, 312 and some 675 batteries. They have a volunteer that is willing to drop off batteries at the church. For more information, please visit their website: <https://sites.google.com/view/fvlml/home>

THIS WEEK AT ZION

Sunday, February 4

Isa 40:21-31, Ps 147:1-11, 20c

1 Cor 9:16-23, Mark 1:29-39

Choir Rehearsal 8-8:45 am

Worship Service 9:00 am

followed by

Coffee Hour

Sunday School & Confirmation

5th Week of Epiphany

Pastor Mike Dismer

Assisting Minister: Grace Van Eyck

Acolyte: Lily Gruselle

Musician: William Surtees

Opens: Gene Wiese

Closes: Greg Pettigrew

Monday, February 5

Finance Meeting 6:00pm

Tuesday, February 6

Zion Mutual Homes Meeting 10:00am

Wednesday, February 7

Tower RingerZ Rehearsal 4:15pm

Sunday, February 11

2 Kings 2:1-12, Ps 50:1-6

2 Cor 4:3-6, Mark 9:2-9

Choir Rehearsal 8-8:45 am

Worship Service 9:00 am

Followed by

Coffee Hour

Sunday School & Confirmation

Transfiguration of Our Lord

Pastor Warren Egebo

Assisting Minister: Tom Meltz

Acolyte: Alexa Rusch

Musician: Heather Watney

Opens: Jim Schley

Closes: Greg Pettigrew