

Zion Lutheran

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



The Epiphany of Our Lord
January 7, 2024

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN #301 “Bright and Glorious Is the Sky”

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 fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, on this day you revealed your Son to the nations by the leading of a star. Lead us now by faith to know your presence in our lives, and bring us at last to the full vision of your glory, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 60:1-6

A reading from Isaiah.

¹Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. ²For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. ³Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. ⁴Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. ⁵Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. ⁶A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

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

PSALM 72:1-7, 10-14

Read Responsively

¹Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a king's son.

²May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice.

³May the mountains yield prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness.

⁴May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor.

⁵May he live while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.

⁶May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth.

⁷In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound, until the moon is no more.

¹⁰May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles render him tribute, may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts.

¹¹May all kings fall down before him, all nations give him service.

¹²For he delivers the needy when they call, the poor and those who have no helper.

¹³He has pity on the weak and the needy, and saves the lives of the needy.

¹⁴From oppression and violence he redeems their life; and precious is their blood in his sight.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 3:1-12

A reading from Ephesians.

¹This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles — ²for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, ³and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, ⁴a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. ⁵In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: ⁶that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. ⁷Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. ⁸Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ,

⁹and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; ¹⁰so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹²in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him. 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

Matthew 2:1-12

The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ²asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." ³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

⁶And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel."⁷Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." ⁹When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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

"The Evening News: An Epiphany Play"

HYMN OF THE DAY# 302

"As with Gladness Men of Old"

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

The peace of the Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

OFFERING

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.

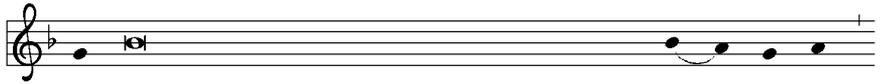
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Epiphany of Our Lord, Baptism of Our Lord

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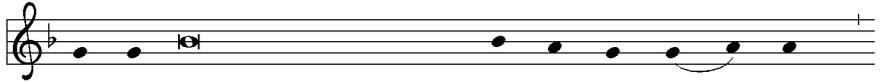
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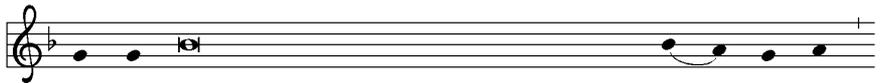
that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,



al - mighty and merciful God, through our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ.



By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all na - tions;



in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your be - lov - ed Son,



and in the miracle of water turned to wine he re - vealed your glo - ry.



And so, with all the choirs of an - gels,



with the church on earth and the hosts of heav - en,



we praise your name and join their un - end - ing hymn:

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Holy, Holy, Holy

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Holy, Holy, Holy'. It consists of five staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is written on a treble clef staff. The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.'

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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, 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

“We Three Kings” see insert

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.

INSTALLATION OF KAREN FARLOW AS PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

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 #275 "Angels, from the Realms of Glory"

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

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:

1/7/24	Parts of the Sanctuary
1/14/24	Parts of the Sanctuary
1/21/24	Symbols of the Sanctuary
1/28/24	Symbols of the Sanctuary
2/4/24	The Church Calendar
2/11/24	The Church Calendar
2/18/24	Meet in the Chapel

THIS WEEK AT ZION

<p>Sunday, January 7</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Isa 60:1-6, Ps 72:1-7, 10-14, Eph 3:1-12; Matt 2:1-12</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Choir Rehearsal 8-8:45 am Worship Service 9:00 am followed by Coffee Hour Sunday School & Confirmation</p>	<p>Epiphany of Our Lord/Baptism of Our Lord Communion: Pastor Mike Assisting Ministers: Deb Reis and Grace Van Eyck Acolyte: Lily Gruselle Musician: William Surtees Opens: Gene Wiese Closes: Greg Pettigrew Fellowship: Colleen Malchow</p>
<p>Monday, January 8</p>	<p>Housing Roundtable Meeting with Bonnie Nussbaum Finance Meeting 6:00pm</p>
<p>Tuesday, January 9</p>	<p>Zion Mutual Homes Meeting 10:00am Staff Meeting 10:30 am-11:30am</p>
<p>Wednesday, January 10</p>	<p>Tower RingerZ Rehearsal 4:15pm Deadline for Submissions for Annual Report</p>
<p>Sunday, January 14</p> <p style="text-align: center;">1 Sam 3:1-10 [11-20], Ps 139:1-6, 13-18 1 Cor 6:12-20, John 1:43-51</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Choir Rehearsal 8-8:45 am Worship Service 9:00 am Followed by Coffee Hour Sunday School & Confirmation</p>	<p>Second Sunday of Epiphany Pastor Jan LaVake Assisting Minister: Wendy Sachs Reader: Stephanie Draheim Acolyte: Alexa Rusch Musician: William Surtees Opens and Closes: Greg Pettigrew Fellowship: Diana Staedt</p>