

Zion Lutheran

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



2nd Sunday after Epiphany
January 14, 2024

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN #574

“Here I Am, 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 fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

FIRST READING

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

A reading from 1 Samuel.

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 Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the Lord.]

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

PSALM 139: 1-7, 14-18

Sung to the hymn melody

"Come, Join the Dance of Trinity"

O Lord, You've searched and You've known me, know when I sit and rise;

And You perceive my thoughts from far, e'en to the farthest skies.

You scrutinize my journeying, arising, lying down; You are familiar with my ways; You know my life throughout.

Before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, You know it all.

You hem me in, behind, before; Your hand upon me falls.

Such knowledge is too high to reach; too wonderful for me.

Where from Your Spirit can I go? Where from Your presence flee?

I praise You, for I'm fearfully and wonderfully made; Your works are wonderful to me—on them my mind is stayed.

My frame was known to You and was not hidden from Your sight, When I was made in secret depths; wrought by You far from light.

Your eyes there saw my unformed frame; and all the days for me were written in Your book before one of them came to be.

How precious are Your thoughts to me, O God, how vast the sum!

Were I to count them, more than grains of sand they would become.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

A reading from 1 Corinthians.

¹²“All 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. ¹³“Food 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

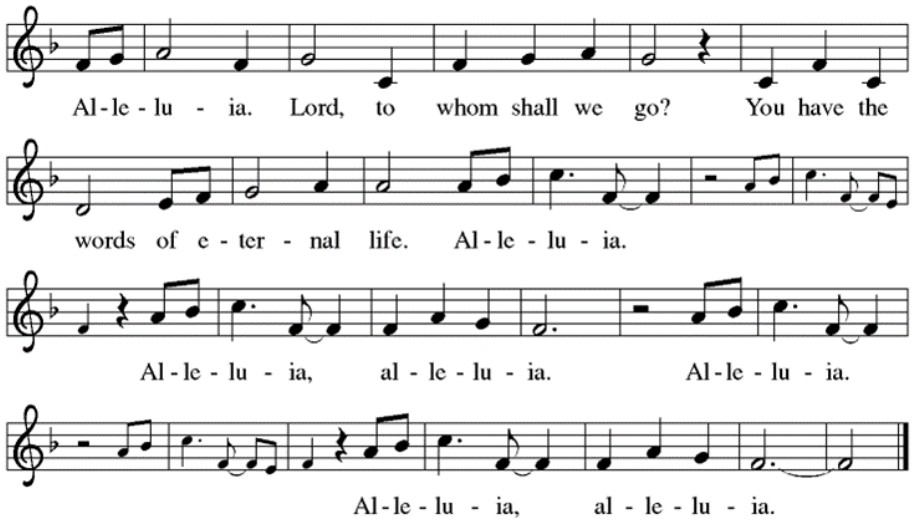
is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? ²⁰For you were bought with

a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

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

John 1:43-51

The holy gospel according to John. **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!" ⁵⁰Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." ⁵¹And 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."

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

SERMON

Pastor Jan LaVake

HYMN OF THE DAY#798

“Will You Come and Follow Me”

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

“Listen! God Is Calling”

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.**

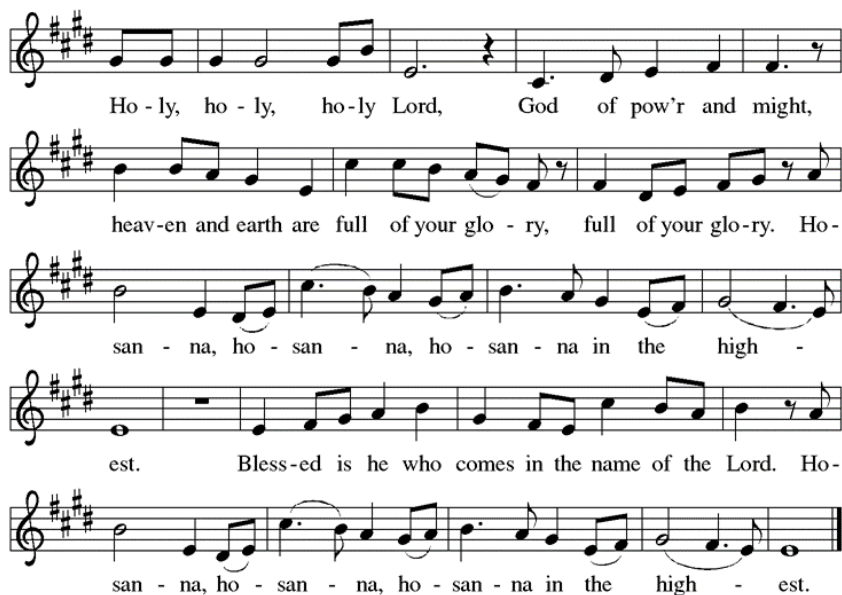
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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.

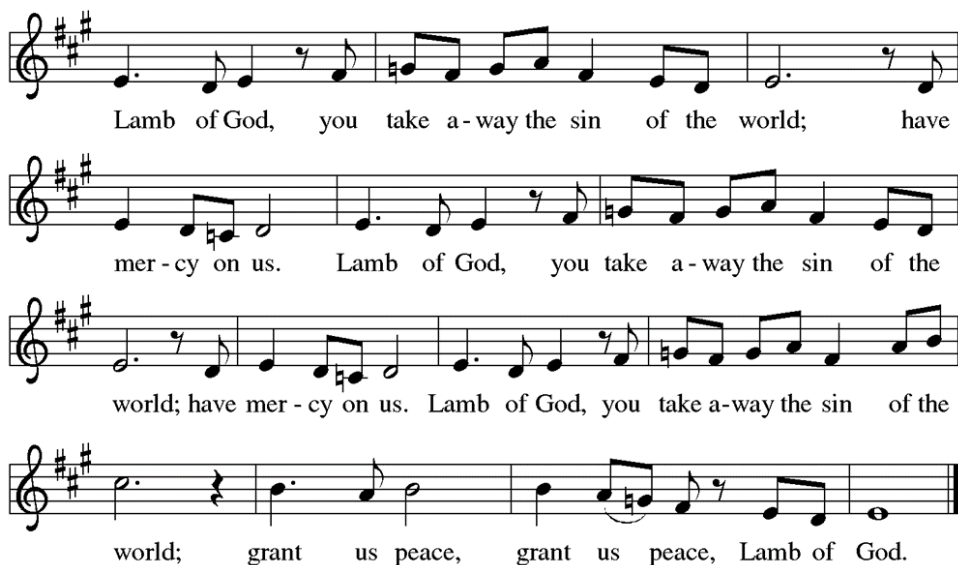
THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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#477

"I Received the Living God"

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 #551

“The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve”

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

Extra copies of the January messenger are in the back of the sanctuary. If you receive a copy in the mail it will still be mailed to you.

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:

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| 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 |

Fox Valley Advance Care Planning Partnership & The University of Wisconsin Extension are presenting a fun, innovative, five-week program titled "Aging Mastery Program," on topics related to senior wellness with expert speakers. The program costs \$25 and includes a light lunch. It is hosted on Mondays from January 22-February 19 from 12:00pm-2:00pm at the Fox West YMCA in Greenville. The deadline to sign up is January 17th. <https://bit.ly/AMPJan24> or call (920)832-4763. There is a flyer for this posted on the bulletin board outside of the chapel.

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 when the locker is open people can come in and request them for free. 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/fvml/home>.

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.

THIS WEEK AT ZION

Sunday, January 14

1 Sam 3:1-10 [11-20], Ps 139:1-6, 13-18
 1 Cor 6:12-20, John 1:43-51
 Choir Rehearsal 8-8:45 am
Worship Service 9:00 am
 Followed by
 Coffee Hour
 Sunday School & Confirmation

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

Monday, January 15

Development Team Meeting with Bonnie Nussbaum 4:30-6:00pm

Tuesday, January 16

Parish Council Meeting 6:30pm
 Staff Meeting 10:30am-11:30am
 Faith Based Advisory Team Meeting 4:30-6:00pm
 Tower RingerZ Rehearsal 4:15pm

Wednesday, January 17

Sunday, January 21

Jonah 3:1-5, 10, Ps 62:5-12
 1 Cor 7:29-31, Mark 1:14-20
 Choir Rehearsal 8-8:45 am
Worship Service 9:00 am
 followed by
 Coffee Hour
 Sunday School & Confirmation

Third Sunday of Epiphany

Pastor Karen Jewell
 Assisting Minister: Tom Meltz
 Reader: Pennie Reis
 Acolyte: Charlee Weiland
 Musician: Heather Watney
 Opens: Jim Schley
 Closes: Greg Pettigrew
 Fellowship: Karen & Elmer Luedtke