

Zion Lutheran

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



4th Sunday after Epiphany
January 28, 2024

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN #254 “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

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

Compassionate God, you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in our confusion, that all creation will see and know your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

A reading from Deuteronomy.

[Moses said:] ¹⁵The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. ¹⁶This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." ¹⁷Then the Lord replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. ¹⁸I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. ¹⁹Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. ²⁰But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die."

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

PSALM 111

Sung to the hymn melody
"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

All praise I'll give with all my heart, Bring thanks to God and
sing Come, gather all you upright ones, Delight- the Lord is
King!

Enjoy the great works of the Lord; Fail not to see, adore.
Great and majestic are His deeds; His righteousness endures.

In all my mem'ry He has placed Just acts and wondrous deeds.
Know that the Lord's compassionate; Love and kind grace is He.

Mercy He gives to those who fear, No food they lack or need. O
He remembers covenant, Provides eternally.

Quickly He shows His mighty power; Rewards with gifts of land.

His just and faithful works; Trustworthy, His law stands.

Upright and steadfast are His ways; Vibrant in faithfulness.

Well has He saved His cov'nant ones—extol His holiness!

You will find wisdom when you seek the fear of God the Lord.
Zealously follow His commands—praise to Him evermore!

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

A reading from 1 Corinthians.

¹Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. ²Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; ³but anyone who loves God is known by him. ⁴Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “no idol in the world really exists,” and that “there is no God but one.”

⁵Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—⁶yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist. ⁷It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. ⁸“Food will not bring us close to God.” We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. ⁹But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. ¹⁰For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? ¹¹So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. ¹²But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. ¹³Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

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 1:21-28

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

²¹[Jesus and his disciples] went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. ²²They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. ²³Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, ²⁴and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." ²⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" ²⁶And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." ²⁸At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

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

SERMON

Pastor Karen Jewell

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Cast Out, O Christ"

Cast Out, O Christ



1 Cast out, O Christ, cast far a - way the
 2 Our rag - ing griefs, our jeal - ous fears are
 3 Once long a - go, from Gal - i - lee, you
 4 Your word breathes life and health and hope that
 5 So come, O Christ, and cast a - way the



de - mons that de - stroy: the haunt - ing dreads that
 Le - gion in their name. Our shack - led hearts im -
 sailed to storm - tossed shores. And still, in pow'r, you
 break through e - vil's thrall. You send us, strength - ened,
 de - mons that de - stroy. Trans - form our lives to



choke our souls, the hates that sti - fle joy.
 plore your grace, to loose our bind - ing shame.
 brave new paths to breach our bolt - ed doors.
 home in peace to live your gos - pel call.
 sense your love and spread a - broad your joy.

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 HYMN

**Tower Ringerz Bellchoir
"O Worship the King"
arr. Kevin McChesney**

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.

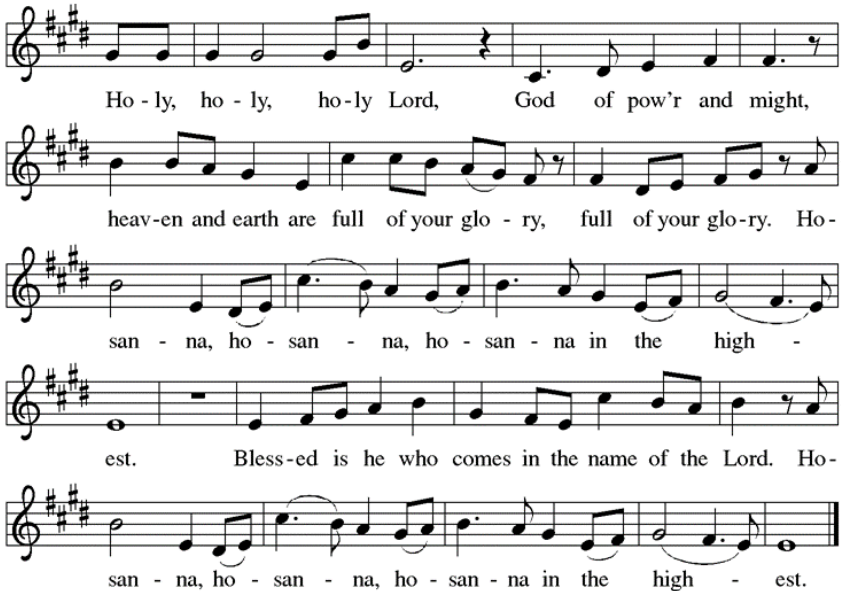
GREAT THANKSGIVING

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#612

“Healer of Our Every Ill”

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 #543 "Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

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 February 4th at 10:45AM.

There are index cards available at the back of the sanctuary that members may use to submit questions for the council. Cards may be left in the offering plate, or given to an usher by January 28th. Questions may also be submitted via email to Gail Hunter at: gdutch1228@gmail.com

Copies of the January messenger are in the back of the sanctuary. Due to circumstances the January messenger was not mailed out. It will be in the future.

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:

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

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.

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.

Zion's Call Committee met Monday Jan.15th. We continue to work on our interview skills, to keep fresh for when we are given a candidate to consider. The process continues to be slow due to the shortage of clergy at this time, but we are positive that the right fit will come at the right time. We have explored the many positive things going on at Zion, and our gratitude for the volunteerism and positivity that Zion is blessed with. We pray for Zion and its congregants in this time of waiting and appreciate your prayers for our team, and Zion Congregation. "Not only so, but we also glory in our suffering, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope." Romans 5:3-Zion Pastoral Call Committee (Deb Reis, Tricia Kasten, Cheryl Meyer, Jon Meyer, Kyle Moseng, Ray Pittman)

THIS WEEK AT ZION

Monday, February 19, 2024

Submissions due for March's calendar

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
 Assisting Minister: Grace Van Eyck
 Acolyte: Lily Gruselle
 Musician: William Surtees
 Opens: Gene Wiese
 Closes: Greg Pettigrew

Sunday, January 28

Fourth Week of Epiphany

Deut 18:15-20, Ps 111
 1 Cor 8:1-13, Mark 1:21-28
 Choir Rehearsal 8-8:45 am
Worship Service 9:00 am
 followed by
 Coffee Hour
 Sunday School & Confirmation

Pastor Karen Jewell
 Assisting Minister: Gwen Schwandt
 Reader: Tricia Kasten
 Acolyte: Ava Dorn
 Musician: William Surtees
 Opens: Gwen Schwandt
 Closes: Greg Pettigrew

Monday, January 29

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

Tuesday, January 30

Staff Meeting 10:30am-11:30am

Wednesday, January 31

Tower RingerZ Rehearsal 4:15pm