

# Zion Lutheran Church



3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany  
January 22<sup>nd</sup> 2017

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by Chuck & Debbie LaJeunesse in Honor of their grandson, Gabriel's Birthday.
- **ETERNAL LIGHT** is given by Megan Richards in Memory of her husband, Harry Richards.
- **THIS WEEK'S FAVORITE BIBLE VERSE....**is again from President Emeritus Jay Anderson as he departs for Canada this week. Godspeed, Jay and Kim! Ephesians 2:8-9 (NIV) For it is by GRACE you have been saved, through FAITH—and this is not from yourselves, it is the GIFT OF GOD— not by works, so that no one can boast.
- **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY...** it's brand new and a perfect time to study ALL THINGS NEW by Kelly Minter, an 8-session study of 2 Corinthians. We will begin on **Tuesday, January 31, 7:15-8:45 PM**. Please sign up in the narthex or email Linda Kroeger, linda.w.kroeger@gmail.com.
- **CHECK OUT THE SPOTLIGHT MINISTRY...**photos and chocolates!  
**FREE TO A GOOD HOME....**cheerful light blue church t-shirts with Ephesians 2:8 on the back...limited quantities in all sizes, youth and adult...check out the table in the rear of the Sanctuary or contact [linda.w.kroeger@gmail.com](mailto:linda.w.kroeger@gmail.com) to reserve. First come basis.
- **LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD NURSERY ITEMS.....**the church nursery is receiving a **makeover** and a good cleaning to both update and improve function. Please contact [teskscarter@gmail.com](mailto:teskscarter@gmail.com) if you are able to donate the following: DVD Player...Children's DVDs...Train Table...Play Kitchen...Bean Bag Chairs. Thanks!
- **VICAR'S BOOK OF THE MONTH** for January is Robert Kolb's "The Christian Faith". You can check it out of the Zion library!
- **MARK YOUR CALENDAR** for our upcoming Women's retreat! We are heading to Camp Pioneer March 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>. This weekend is full of fellowship, Bible Study, Games & Fun. Contact Megan Pasquini with any questions – [secretary@zlc.org](mailto:secretary@zlc.org). More detailed information coming soon. Sign-up sheet is in the Narthex!
- **PRAYER & PREACHING** has started! We are using a new format for 2017. We are having a Bible Study and a time of prayer together rather than a service and a sermon. We hope to see you this coming Wednesday at 7:00 pm.
- **WELCOME CENTER!** Are you a guest or visitor looking for information about Zion? Hello and welcome to Zion! Stop by the table in the foyer after the service and we'll try to help.
- **CHURCH NURSERY:** Is available for kids age 0-2 during the 10:30 Service! The Nursery ("Little Lions") is open during the late service in the lower level of the building. (If you need help locating the nursery, please ask an Usher or Greeter for assistance.)
- **NEED PRAYER?** Stephen Ministers and Elders will be available to pray with or for you following the Service in the Chancel area.
- **TODAY'S GOSPEL READING AND SERMON** will be posted to the ZLCB.org website later today. For an archive of older sermons, visit [www.zlc.org/sermons](http://www.zlc.org/sermons)

# Welcome to worship!

As we move through the lectionary this Epiphany season we come to an exciting point in the Gospel of Matthew. In our passage from Matthew this morning we get the beginning of the ministry of Jesus Christ. The Son of God is on the earth, God has become man, Jesus has broken into fallen creation! We've seen the birth of Christ, the visit of the Magi, His Baptism in the Jordan river, and now we come to the beginning of His ministry to the entire world. Matthew breaks the narrative up for us, saying "From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.""

What is Jesus going to do in His ministry? We're in uncharted waters, Jesus, true God and true man, is going about his life in the midst of sinful humanity. For the first time reader or hearer of Matthew's Gospel, there would be great excitement as Jesus begins to call disciples and move about through Galilee. This excitement is heightened with Matthew's use of Isaiah. Jesus continues to fulfill the Old Testament as He did in His Birth and Baptism. There is great excitement for us as well. As we move through the life of Jesus in our readings we will see His work on behalf of His people, Israel. We will see that He has come also to the Gentiles, that salvation would be known to ALL people. We will see the great love that He has for us as he dies for us, and we will see Him vindicated and glorified in His victorious resurrection.

May God bless your worship this morning!

Vicar Joshua

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**ZION EQUIPS, EDUCATES, AND ENCOURAGES BELIEVERS IN CHRIST, SENDING THEM INTO THE WORLD TO SHARE THE GOSPEL.**

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# The Divine Service

(Please take a moment to fill out the Attendance books, located at either end of the pew. If you are visiting us this morning and would like to be contacted by the church, please indicate so in the Attendance Book. We are glad you chose to worship at Zion this morning!)

## *Prelude*

## *Introduction to Worship and Announcements*

*Opening Hymn: As with Gladness Men of Old*

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## *The Invocation*

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

## *Confession of Sins*

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**People: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

## *Absolution Spoken by the Pastor*

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen**

## ***Psalm 27***

V The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

**C When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh, my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall.**

V Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.

**C One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple.**

V For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock.

**C And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord.**

V Hear, O Lord, When I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me!

**C You have said, "Seek my face." My heart says to you, "Your face, Lord, do I seek.**

V Hide not your face from me. Turn not your servant away in anger, O you who have been my help. Cast me not off; forsake me not, O God of my salvation!

**C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

## ***Kyrie- Sung (LSB 152)***

V In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

V For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

V For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

V For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

V Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C Amen.

### ***Hymn of Praise***

V Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

**C Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father: We Worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God: You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

### ***Salutation and Collect of the Day***

V The Lord be with you

C **And also with you**

V O Lord, almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may live and abide forever in Your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

### **Old Testament Reading:**

### **Isaiah 9:1-4**

But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God**

**New Testament Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18**

I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers. What I mean is that each one of you says, "I follow Paul," or "I follow Apollos," or "I follow Cephas," or "I follow Christ." Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one may say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God**

***Alleluia and Verse (please stand)***

*Alleluia*

*Lord, to whom shall we go?*

*You have the words of eternal life.*

*Alleluia, alleluia.*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 4<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

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

**Gospel Reading:****Matthew 4:12:25**

Now when he heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee. And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people. So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, those having seizures, and paralytics, and he healed them. And great crowds followed him from Galilee and the Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

**Pastor:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

(Please be seated)



**Sermon**

***The Nicene Creed***

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth  
and in all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made;  
who, for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

***New Member Installation – Bonacci Family (10:30am)***

Vicar:           The Lord be with you.

People:        **And also with you.**

Vicar:           **Let us Pray**

## ***Prayer of the Church***

*Please Stand*

***Offertory – Reverence (8:00am)***  
***Adult Choir (10:30am)***

## ***The Collection of the Offering***

If you are visiting with us this morning, know that your presence here means far more to us than any gift of money you could make; please do not hesitate to let the plate pass you by.

(Please stand)

## **The Service of the Sacrament**

### ***Preface***

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and arch angels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, every more praising You and saying:

### ***Sanctus***

**People: (singing) Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

## ***Prayer of Thanksgiving***

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

## ***The Lord's Prayer***

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C 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.**

## ***The Words of Our Lord***

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## ***Pax Domini (The Peace of the Lord)***

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

## ***The Sharing of the Peace***

### ***The Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)***

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*Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.*

### ***The Distribution***

We welcome to the Lord's Table all who have been baptized in the name of the Triune God, can examine themselves spiritually and believe they receive the true body and blood of the Lord Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins and as a profession of their faith. If you hold a profession of faith that differs from that of our congregation, please speak to the Pastor before the start of the service before communing.

- We believe the body and blood of Christ are truly present in the bread and wine.
- We believe Christ offers the forgiveness of sins in the Lord's Supper, but that the Lord's Supper is not necessary for salvation.
- We believe the Lord's Supper remembers the death of Christ and proclaims his death until he returns.
- We believe the Lord's Supper is a statement of unity in the body of Christ; we do not believe it creates that unity.

During the distribution, you are encouraged to sing the Distribution Hymns, pray, or meditate on the words "this is my body... this is my blood, given for you."

The cups at the center of the Individual Communion tray contain diluted wine for those with alcohol sensitivities.

### ***Distribution Hymns***

*Take My Life and Let it Be*

783

*Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face*

631

*O God of Love, O King of Peace*

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(Please stand)

### ***Post Communion Canticle (sung)***

Thank the Lord and sing his praise, tell everyone what he has done.

Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.

He recalls his promises and leads His people forth in joy

With shouts of thanksgiving Alleluia! Alleluia!

## ***Post Communion Collect***

P Let us Pray

P We give thanks to You, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen**

## ***Benediction***

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you  
and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**C Amen.**

***The Recessional: Almighty Father, Bless the Word***

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***Postlude***

## † *Service Participants* †

Pastor:	Rev. Jamison Hardy
Vicar:	Joshua Ulm
Music Director:	Mark Killinger
The Organist:	Sandra Quinlan
The Elders:	John Gielarowski & Mike Wallace
The Acolyte:	Matt Liberatore (8:00) Anna Gresh (10:30)
The Greeters:	Carl & Karen Bauer (8:00) Hunsberger Family (10:30)
The Ushers:	Kathleen Conn, Bill Schrag (8:00) Janet & Larry Zreliak Sam Dragan, Loren Luedeman (10:30) Kari & John Gresh
Altar Guild:	Mary Hutula & Elsie Dalla Piazza
Nursery:	Megan Meyer, Carly & Darla Rockovich

## **Last Week in Worship**

Sunday Worship Attendance (1/15) – 181

Sunday Offering (1/15) - \$4,617.00

Online Offering (1/9-1/13) - \$ 750.00

~Online giving is now available by going to the Zion web site: [www.zlcb.org](http://www.zlcb.org)~

# Week of Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> – Jan. 29<sup>th</sup>

<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>1/22</b>	8:00 AM – Worship w/Communion 9:15 AM – Adult Bible Study & Sunday School 10:30 AM – Worship w/Communion 11:45 AM – Children’s Choir Practice 11:45 AM – Teen Girls Seamless Bible Study 11:45 AM – Stephen Ministry Meeting
<b>MONDAY</b> <b>1/23</b>	7:30 PM – Call Committee Meeting 7:00 PM - Confirmation
<b>TUESDAY</b> <b>1/24</b>	7:00 PM – Adult Choir Practice
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>1/25</b>	7:00 PM – Bible Study
<b>THURSDAY</b> <b>1/26</b>	7:00 PM – Adult Choir Practice 10:00 AM – Bible Study
<b>FRIDAY</b> <b>1/27</b>	
<b>SATURDAY</b> <b>1/28</b>	8:00 AM – Men’s Bible Breakfast
<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>1/29</b>	8:00 AM – Worship 9:15 AM – Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM – Worship 11:45 AM – Children’s Choir Practice 11:45 AM – Teen Girls Seamless Bible Study



(Jesus said), “**Behold, I am making ALL THINGS NEW.**” Rev. 21:5 (ESV)

**Brand New Year...Brand New Bible Study!**  
**Kelly Minter’s ALL THINGS NEW,**  
**an 8-session **Women’s Bible Study** of 2**  
**Corinthians**

The city of ancient Corinth was much like our own modern-day cities: a melting pot of electrifying cultural experiences with all the pitfalls of spiritual depravity. Still, Paul wrote to the Church of God in Corinth - meaning **God’s Church is meant to thrive in any city and every circumstance.** *Paul’s letter is as timely as ever!*

Explore the anchoring truths of: 1. Bearing **treasures in jars of clay** 2. Meeting Christ through a **pressing thorn** 3. Opening wide your heart in the midst of **hurtful relationships** 4. What it means to embrace **the lost and lonely** as ministers of the new covenant.

Each of us has a message to proclaim and live by:

**Because of Jesus the old has gone, the new has come.**

**WHEN: Tuesday, January 31, 7:15-8:45 PM**

**HOW: Please sign up in the narthex or email**

**[linda.w.kroeger@gmail.com](mailto:linda.w.kroeger@gmail.com)**



SAVE THE DATE!

*Zion Women's Retreat*  
MARCH 10<sup>TH</sup> - 12<sup>TH</sup> AT CAMP PIONEER

Join us for a weekend of Bible Study,  
Fellowship, Games, Food, and Wine!  
Friends welcome!



More information to come!  
Interested? Sign up in the Narthex  
or contact Megan Pasquini!

**Operation:**

**Bags of Love**

Last year, we sent **264** bags of love to troops in Afghanistan, Korea and

**Help make our 5<sup>th</sup> year the BEST EVER.**

Your mission? Bring the following items and place in one of the Operation Stars and Stripes collection boxes:

**Ramen Noodles**

**Drink Mix Singles** (Propel, Coffee, etc.)

Snack sized packages of **Granola Bars**

Snack sized packages of **Jerky** or **Slim Jims**

Chewing **Gum**

Gallon-sized **ZipLok** Bags

Other ways you can help:

Monetary donations to help with shipping costs (*make checks payable to Zion Lutheran church and label "OSS"*)

Write a **Letter of Encouragement** to a soldier. Must be written on provided letterhead.

Draw a **Picture** on our Operation: Bags of Love drawing page.

**Pray** for our troops.

Help Sunday school kids assemble items on February 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:15am.

*(Letterhead and drawing pages are available in the Narthex, school lobby and on the Sunday school tab at [www.zlcb.org](http://www.zlcb.org).)*

**Collections begin Sunday, December 11th**

Thank you for your donations!  
~Zion Lutheran Sunday school

For more information about Operation: Stars and Stripes, Inc., please visit their website at [www.operationstarsandstripes.org](http://www.operationstarsandstripes.org).