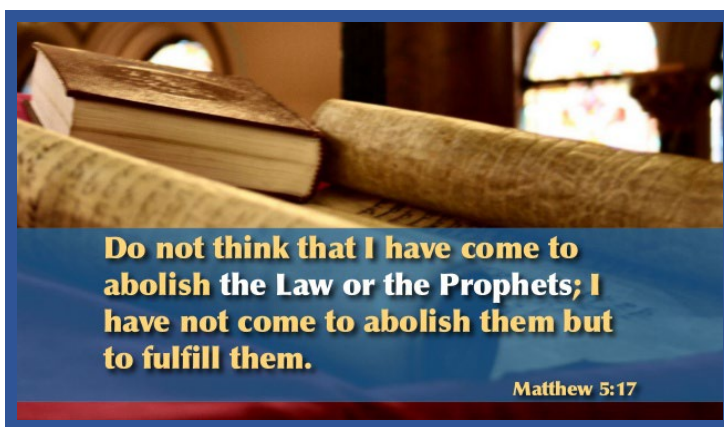


# Zion Lutheran Church



February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany



## **Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church & Preschool!**

Thank you for joining us in worship of the Lord. We would love to get to know you, and for you to learn more about our church family at Zion. Please stop by our welcome table as you leave worship. We cordially invite you to talk with Pastor Grimenstein, our Elders, or any of our church members to learn more about our fellowship. At our website -- **zlcg.org** -- you can find out more about the many worship, Christian education, and fellowship opportunities at Zion.

### **Communion Statement**

We believe that in the Lord's Supper, Christ's physical body and blood are present in the bread and wine (1 Cor. 11:23-25). We also believe receiving the Lord's Supper is an act of church fellowship. Scripture cautions that those who receive without recognizing Christ's body and blood will bring judgment upon themselves (1 Cor. 11:27-29). Therefore, out of love to our guests, we invite to our altar to receive the Lord's Supper those who are baptized, confirmed, repentant members of Lutheran Church -- Missouri Synod congregations or sister congregations. If you are visiting us today from another Christian denomination, we welcome you to come to the altar to receive a baptismal blessing. Please signify by crossing your arms over your chest upon kneeling.

In preparation to receive the Lord's Supper in a worthy manner please consider reading "Christian Questions with their Answers" on Page 329-330. If you are interested in exploring membership, please talk with Pastor Grimenstein or call the church office.

### **Our Worship**

Our worship services are based on traditional church liturgies in which God speaks to us in His Word and we respond to Him. These liturgies were used by the early church almost 2000 years ago and are rich in scriptural meaning, connecting us to our past -- and future -- in Christ Jesus. There is a depth to Lutheran worship that can take time to appreciate, thus you may find that you don't understand everything that is happening the first week you visit. That's OK, we encourage you to keep visiting!

# Opening Hymn – Come, Thou Bright and Morning Star

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1 Come, Thou bright and Morn - ing Star, Light of Light with -  
 2 Let Thy grace, like morn - ing dew Fall - ing soft on  
 3 May Thy fer - vent love de - stroy Our cold works, in  
 4 Ah! Thou Day - spring from on high, Grant that at Thy  
 5 Light us to those heav'n - ly spheres, Sun of grace, in



out be - gin - ning; Shine up - on us from a - far  
 bar - ren plac - es, Com - fort, quick - en, and re - new  
 us a - wak - ing Ar - dent zeal and ho - ly joy  
 next ap - pear - ing We who in the graves do lie  
 glo - ry shroud - ed; Lead us through this vale of tears



That we may be kept from sin - ning.  
 Our dry souls and dy - ing grac - es;  
 At the pur - ple morn's first break - ing.  
 May a - rise, Thy sum - mons hear - ing,  
 To the land where days un - cloud - ed,



Drive a - way by Thy clear light Our dark night.  
 Bless Thy flock from Thy rich store Ev - er - more.  
 Let us tru - ly rise ere yet Life has set.  
 And re - joice in our new life, Far from strife.  
 Pur - est joy, and per - fect peace Nev - er cease.

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**P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**G** Amen.

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

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

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**G** 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.

**P** 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  $\dagger$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**G** Amen.

### The Service of the Word

Introit -- Psalm 119:9–16; antiphon: v. 12



**P** Blessèd are you, | O LORD;  
teach me your | statutes!

**C** How can a young man keep his | way pure?

By guarding it according | to your word.

With my whole heart I | seek you;

let me not wander from your com- | mandments!

I have stored up your word | in my heart,

that I might not sin a- | gainst you.

Blessèd are you, | O LORD;

teach me your | statutes!

With my lips | I declare

all the just decrees | of your mouth.

In the way of your testimonies | I delight

as much as in all | riches.

I will meditate on your | precepts

and fix my eyes | on your ways.

I will delight in your | statutes;

I will not for- | get your word.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*

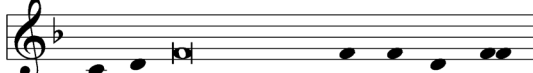
and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,\*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

**P** Blessèd are you, | O LORD;\*  
teach me your | statutes!

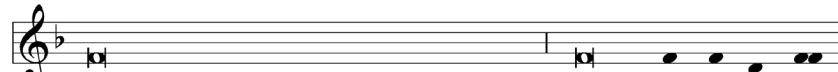
# Kyrie



**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.




**C** Lord, have mer - cy.




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



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



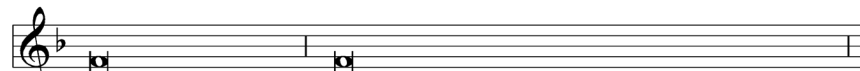
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,




and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



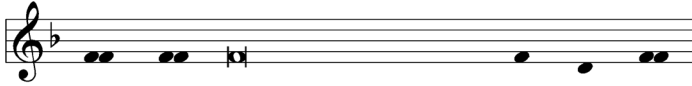
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



**C** A - - men.

### This Is the Feast



**C** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 — Wor-ty is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and  
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and  
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to  
 5 For the Lamb ——— who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*  
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*  
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*  
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - - men. *Refrain*  
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

*Final Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-tory for our God.

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.

O Lord, keep Your family the Church continually in the true faith that, relying on the hope of Your heavenly grace, we may ever be defended by Your mighty power; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** A - men.

### Old Testament Reading – Isaiah 58:3–9a

“Why have we fasted, and you see it not?

Why have we humbled ourselves, and you take no knowledge of it?  
Behold, in the day of your fast you seek your own pleasure,  
and oppress all your workers.

Behold, you fast only to quarrel and to fight  
and to hit with a wicked fist.

Fasting like yours this day  
will not make your voice to be heard on high.

Is such the fast that I choose,  
a day for a person to humble himself?  
Is it to bow down his head like a reed,  
and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him?  
Will you call this a fast,  
and a day acceptable to the LORD?  
“Is not this the fast that I choose:  
to loose the bonds of wickedness,  
to undo the straps of the yoke,  
to let the oppressed go free,  
and to break every yoke?  
Is it not to share your bread with the hungry  
and bring the homeless poor into your house;  
when you see the naked, to cover him,  
and not to hide yourself from your own flesh?  
Then shall your light break forth like the dawn,  
and your healing shall spring up speedily;  
your righteousness shall go before you;  
the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.  
Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;  
you shall cry, and he will say, ‘Here I am.’”

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Grace Bell Choir** – *We Three Kings* (8:00 am)

**Choir** – *Thy Kingdom Come* (10:30 am)

### **Epistle Reading – 1 Corinthians 2:1–12**

And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the





“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

**Hymn of the Day – Thy Strong Word #578**



1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; At Thy  
 2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, Dark as  
 3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us righ - teous; Bright with  
 4 From the cross Thy wis - dom shin - ing Break - eth



speak - ing it was done. For cre - at - ed  
 night and deep as death, Broke the light of  
 Thine own ho - li - ness, Glo - rious now, we  
 forth in con - qu'ring might; From the cross for -



light we thank Thee, While Thine or - dered sea - sons run.  
 Thy sal - va - tion, Breathed Thine own life - breath - ing breath.  
 press toward glo - ry, And our lives our hopes con - fess.  
 ev - er beam - eth All Thy bright re - deem - ing light.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to  
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Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,  
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al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!  
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al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!  
al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!

5 Give us lips to sing Thy glory,  
Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,  
Throats that shout the hope that fills us,  
Mouths to speak Thy holy name.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
May the light which Thou dost send  
Fill our songs with alleluias,  
Alleluias without end!

△6 God the Father, light-creator,  
To Thee laud and honor be.  
To Thee, Light of Light begotten,  
Praise be sung eternally.  
Holy Spirit, light-revealer,  
Glory, glory be to Thee.  
Mortals, angels, now and ever  
Praise the holy Trinity!

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## Sermon

### Apostles' Creed

- ☐ I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.  
And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life † everlasting. Amen.

### Prayer of the Church

**P** ... Let us pray to the Lord.

**C** ... Lord have mercy.

### Gathering of Offerings

*Offering plates are located on the tables at the main and side entrances to the sanctuary.*

### Offertory



**C** What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to



me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-



va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my

vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the  
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

### Service of the Sacrament

#### Preface

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**P** 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 archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### Sanctus

**C** 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. 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 in the high - est.

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

**P** 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.

**C** Amen.

## The Words of Our Lord

**P** 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  $\text{✠}$  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  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

**P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**C** **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

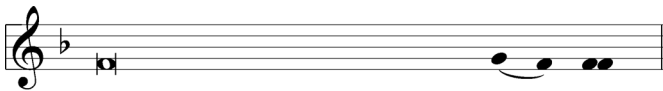
**P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

## Lord's Prayer

**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.**

## Pax Domini



**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



### Agnus Dei

**C** 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.

### Distribution

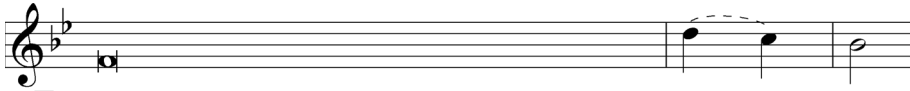
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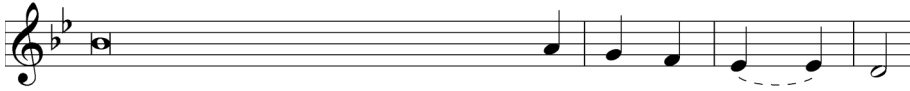
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I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light	#411
The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord	#634



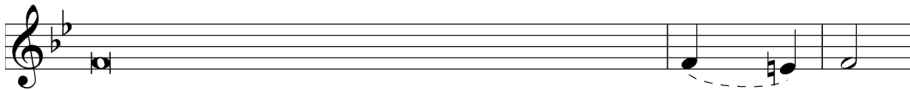
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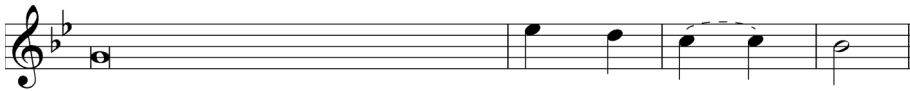
- 1 We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord.  
2 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of . . . . . Sab - a - oth;  
3 The noble army of martyrs . . . . . praise— You.



- 1 All the earth now worships You, the Fa-ther ev - er - last - ing.  
2 heaven and earth are full of the majes - ty of Your glo - ry.  
3 The holy Church throughout all the world does ac - knowl-edge You:

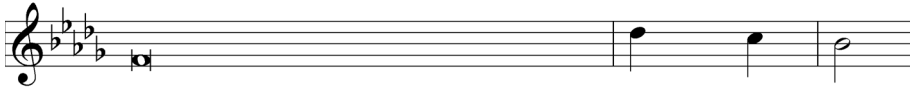


- 1 To You all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the pow'rs there-in.  
2 The glorious company of the apostles . . . . . praise— You.  
3 The Father of an infinite majesty; Your adorable, true, and on - ly Son;  
4 You are the king of glory, . . . . . O— Christ;

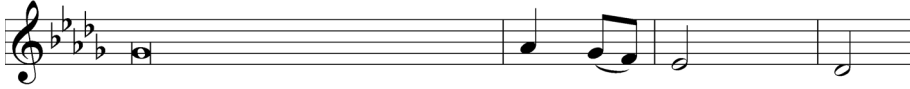


- 1 To You cherubim and seraphim con - tin - ual - ly do cry:  
2 The goodly fellowship of the . . . . . proph-ets praise— You.  
3 also the Holy . . . . . Ghost, the Com - fort - er.  
4 You are the everlasting Son . . . . . of the Fa - ther.

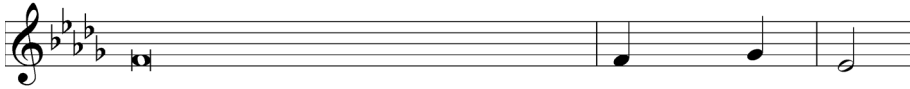




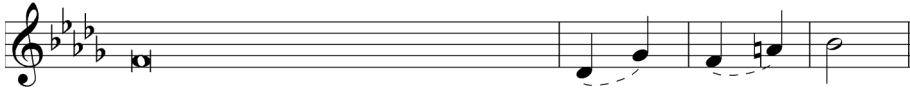
5 When You took upon Yourself to de - liv - er man,  
6 You sit at the right . . . . . hand of God



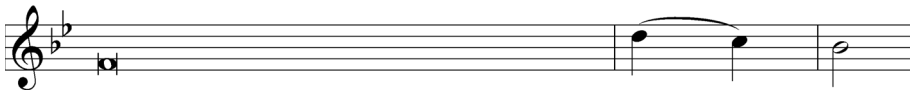
5 You humbled Yourself to be born of a vir - gin.  
6 in the glory . . . . . of the Fa - ther.



5 When You had overcome the . . . . . sharpness of death,  
6 We believe that . . . . . You will come



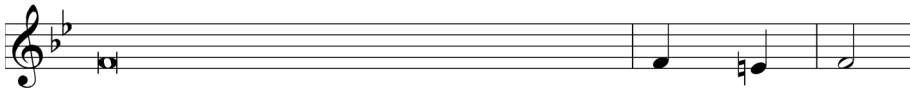
5 You opened the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev - ers.  
6 to . . . . . be our judge.



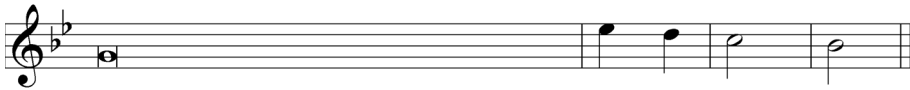
7 We therefore pray You to help Your . . . . . ser - vants,



7 whom You have redeem - ed with Your pre - cious blood.



7 Make them to be numbered . . . . . with Your saints



7 in glory . . . . . ev - er - last - ing.

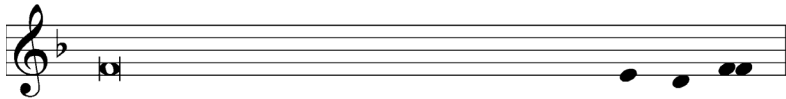
## Post-Communion Collect

**P** Let us pray.

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.



## 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.



*Closing hymn on next page ...*

Closing Hymn – Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service #848



1 Lord, whose love through hum-ble ser-vice Bore the weight of  
2 Still Your chil-dren wan-der home-less; Still the hun-gry  
3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi-sion, Till Your love's re-  
4 Called by wor-ship to Your ser-vice, Forth in Your dear



hu-man need, Who up-on the cross, for-sak-en,  
cry for bread; Still the cap-tives long for free-dom;  
veal-ing light In its height and depth and great-ness,  
name we go, To the child, the youth, the a-ged,



Of-fered mer-cy's per-fect deed, We, Your ser-vants, bring the  
Still in grief we mourn our dead. As, O Lord, Your deep com-  
Dawns up-on our quick-ened sight, Mak-ing known the needs and  
Love in liv-ing deeds to show; Hope and health, good-will and



wor-ship Not of voice a-lone, but heart, Con-se-  
pas-sion Healed the sick and freed the soul, Use the  
bur-dens Your com-pas-sion bids us bear, Stir-ring  
com-fort, Coun-sel, aid, and peace we give, That Your



crat-ing to Your pur-pose Ev-'ry gift that You im-part.  
love Your Spir-it kin-dles Still to save and make us whole.  
us to tire-less striv-ing, Your a-bun-dant life to share.  
ser-vants, Lord, in free-dom May Your mer-cy know and live.

## Prayer Requests for Family & Friends

### *The Church:*

-**For our homebound members:** Tom Bicusky, Florence Boehme, Gladys Cimarolli, Ron Valentino, Ted & Marian Siek.

-**Healing & Strength for:** Pastor Ernest Knoche, Jack Ewing, Barbara Libengood, Jim and Lisa Kress, Rose Steranko, Tom Carthy, Millie Thielet, Jen Fitzgerald, Barbara & Kara Koski, Mike Wallace, Darrell Molinari, Joanne Garloff, Neil Ackerman, Richard Hultman, Rita Sheldon, Dennis Finney, Eva Bukovitz, Kami Snow, Judy Graziano, Alyssa Mance, Shannon Mance, Dave Hutula, and Mabel Granke.

-**For our missions/missionaries,** especially Rev. Phil & Deaconess Rachel Jaseph and The Siberian Lutheran Mission Society.

-For the ministry of Zion Lutheran Sunday School and Preschool.

### *The World:*

-For peace in Ukraine.

-For an end to the pandemic, and for the safety of all who are fighting it.

-For an end to abortion and human trafficking.

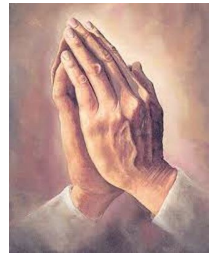
-For the youth in our community.

### *Our Nation:*

-For our leaders and government officials.

-For those in foster care and those looking to adopt.

-For the disabled, unborn and aged.



## † *Service Participants* †

Pastor:	Rev. Dr. Edward Grimenstein
Music Director:	Mark Killinger
Organist:	Sandy Quinlan
The Elders:	Sam Garloff, Mike Wallace (8:00) Bill Bishop, Roger Diederich (10:30)
The Acolytes:	Emily Trentini (8:00); Daniel Grimenstein (10:30)
The Ushers:	Brian & Decklan Pasquini, Noah Wallace, Ron Meier (8:00) Dan & Tracey Harris, Sam & Jack Bishop (10:30)
Altar Guild:	Janet & Marian Oelschlager

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by Shane & Sandy Bryant in celebration of their son's 40<sup>th</sup> birthday; and by Elsie Dalla Piazza in memory of her mother, Lill Dalla Piazza.

**ETERNAL LIGHT** is given by Sharon Bogdan in memory of Ruth Collura.

**PARENTS ...** A Nursery Room for children 3 and under is available on Sundays in the lower level near the Fellowship Hall (Room 101) Parent supervision is required, and audio is available so you don't miss the service. In addition, the Family Care Room in the narthex (near the main entrance) is equipped with a nursing chair and changing station items. *(please note, this area is not sound-proofed from the sanctuary).*



### Last Week in Worship

Sunday Worship Attendance (1/29) – 45 (8 am); 96 (10:30 am)

Mid-Week Worship Attendance (2/1) -- 10

Plate Offerings (1/29) - \$1784 Online Offering – \$15,755

*Online giving is available on Zion's website at [www.zlcb.org/donate](http://www.zlcb.org/donate)*

## *This Week at Zion*

<b>SUN</b> <b>2/5</b>	8:00 AM – Worship 9:15 AM – Adult/Teen Bible Study & Children's SS 10:30 AM – Worship
<b>MON</b> <b>2/6</b>	6:00 PM – 1 <sup>st</sup> Year Confirmation 6:15 PM – Grace Bells 7:00 PM – Trustees Mtg. 7:00 PM – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Year Confirmation 7:15 PM – Choir 8:15 PM – Faith Bells
<b>TUE</b> <b>2/7</b>	7:00 PM – Board of Education Mtg.
<b>WED</b> <b>2/8</b>	2:00 PM – Worship & Bible Study
<b>THU</b> <b>2/9</b>	7:00 PM – Council Meeting
<b>FRI</b> <b>2/10</b>	
<b>SAT</b> <b>2/11</b>	
<b>SUN</b> <b>2/12</b>	8:00 AM – Worship 9:15 AM – Adult/Teen Bible Study & Children's SS 10:30 AM – Worship



### *Interested in becoming a member?*

Pastor Grimenstein will be starting an Adult Confirmation Class in February for those interested in learning more about the Lutheran faith who are considering church membership. This class will meet on Thursdays from 6:00-6:45 for six weeks and will cover topics ranging from Baptism to the Ten Commandments. (ZOOM is available for anyone not able to attend in person.)

Please email Zion secretary Susie Bishop [secretary@zlcg.org](mailto:secretary@zlcg.org) to let her know you're interested in joining the class.



### The season of Lent begins **February 22<sup>nd</sup> -- Ash Wednesday**

Beginning on 2/22, we will have two Lenten services each week ... an afternoon spoken service at 2 pm and our regular 7 pm service.

**Wed. 2/22 — 2 & 7 pm Ash Wednesday services**  
*6 pm Lenten dinner in Fellowship Hall*

**Wed. 3/1 — 2 & 7 pm Lenten services**

**Wed. 3/8 — 2 & 7 pm Lenten services**

**Wed. 3/15 — 2 & 7 pm Lenten services**

**Wed. 3/22 — 2 & 7 pm Lenten services**

**Wed. 3/29 — 2 & 7 pm Lenten services**





## This Week in Zion Sunday School

A recap of today's SS teaching for parents & students

### BIBLE VERSE

My help comes from the LORD.

Psalm 121:2

### SCRIPTURE SNAPSHOT

Confident in their wall, the people of Jericho shut themselves up inside the city. Following God's unusual battle plan, Joshua gathers the priests, trumpets, ark of the covenant, and people. Six days they march once around the city, then seven times on the seventh day, giving a shout at the conclusion of the last circuit. The city walls come tumbling down, and the Israelites wipe out the citizens and livestock while plundering precious metals for the tabernacle. Yet Rahab and her family are spared.

### TAKING IT HOME

- ▶ **On the Go**—Jericho's walls were strong, yet it only took a shout to bring them down. Is there anything God cannot do? Explain your answer.
- ▶ **At Mealttime**—Remember God's promises to Abraham (see Genesis 15:1–6). Beginning with Isaac's birth and in as much detail as you can remember, describe how God kept these promises.
- ▶ **Something to Do**—Make a ram's horn using rolled paper. Shout out your favorite Bible verse from it to remind you of God's might and power.
- ▶ **Before Bed**—The names *Joshua* and *Jesus* both mean "the Lord saves." How did Joshua and Jesus both help save people? Why is it so important to believe that Jesus saves you?



## KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE



### Why was it so important for Jesus to be born as a man?

Jesus had a big job ahead of Him when He was born! If you really think about it, Jesus was born to die on the cross to pay for the sins of the whole world. But before He died, He lived a perfect life under God's Law. That means that during His entire life, Jesus never sinned. Not even once! As a man, Jesus took the place of mankind under the Law and fulfilled it. That means that for every time we failed to keep the Law, Christ succeeded!

### Why was it important for Jesus to be true God?

It would take more than an ordinary man to suffer and die on the cross to pay for the sins of the whole world. Jesus had to be true God so that He could live a perfect life and fulfill the requirements of the Law, die a perfect death on the cross, and rise from the dead victorious over sin, death and the devil! All of this He did in obedience to the Father and out of complete and total love for us. Through faith, the Holy Spirit delivers all of the great things Jesus won for us in His death and resurrection!



**Parents:** Review the Ten Commandments with your child (Ex. 20:1–17). Discuss the commandments and be sure to point out just how often we fail to keep them. Remind your child that because of Christ's perfect sacrifice on the cross, in faith we have the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation.

