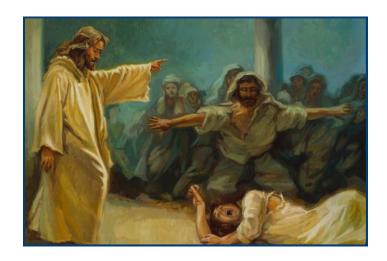
Zion Lutheran Church



January 28th, 2024 Fourth Sunday after 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 -- zlcb.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!



- ${f P}$ In the name of the Father and of the $oldsymbol{+}$ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- who made heaven and earth.
- P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- **©** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

- P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.
- Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. 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
 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit -- Psalm 32:1-2, 5-7; antiphon: v. 10



- Many are the sorrows of the | wicked, but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts | in the LORD.
- Blessèd is the one whose transgression is for- | given, whose sin is | covered.

Blessèd is the man against whom the LORD counts no in- | iquity, and in whose spirit there is | no deceit.

I said, "I will confess my transgressions | to the LORD," and you forgave the iniquity | of my sin.

Let everyone who is godly offer prayer when you | may be found; surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not | reach him.

You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from | trouble; you surround me with shouts of de- | liverance.

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.

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Kyrie



C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

Gloria in Excelsis



- C 1 To God on high be glo ry And peace to all the earth;
 - 2 To You, O sole-be got ten, The Fa-ther's Son, we pray; 3 For You a-lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro- claimed at Je-sus' birth!

O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.

For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry, You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King. Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—In God the Fa-ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us pray.

Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in

all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading -- Deuteronomy 18:15–20

"The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers — it is to him you shall listen — just as you desired of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, 'Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.' And the LORD said to me, 'They are right in what they have spoken. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him. But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Grace Bell Choir -- How Firm a Foundation (8 am) **Men's Choir --** O Morning Star How Fair and Bright (10:30 am)

Epistle Reading -- 1 Corinthians 8:1–13

Concerning food offered to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." This "knowledge" puffs up, but love builds up. If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know. But if anyone loves God, he is known by God.

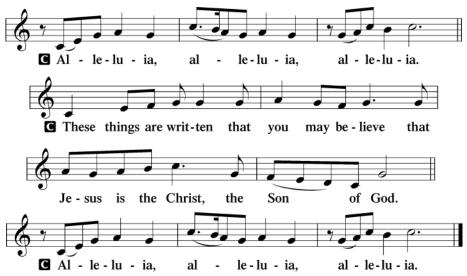
Therefore, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "an idol has no real existence," and that "there is no God but one." For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as indeed there are many "gods" and many "lords"— yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

However, not all possess this knowledge. But some, through former association with idols, eat food as really offered to an idol, and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this right of yours does not somehow

become a stumbling block to the weak. For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol's temple, will he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. Thus, sinning against your brothers and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse



Holy Gospel

- The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.
- **G** Glory to You, O Lord.

They went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath [Jesus] entered the synagogue and was teaching. And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And 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." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him. And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, "What is

this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God,

the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of 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.

Hymn of the Day -- "Away from Us!" the Demon Cried #541







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Sermon

Prayer of the Church

P ... Lord in your mercy.

C ... Hear our prayer.

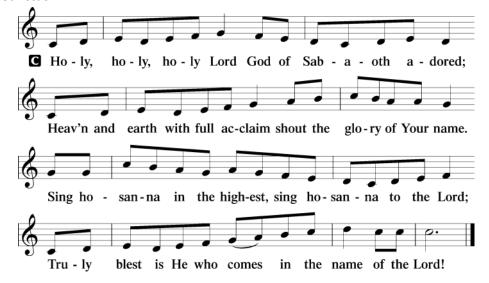
Gathering of Offerings

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **C** We lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. 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



Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

As the glory of Your presence once filled Your ancient temple, so in the incarnation of Your Son, Jesus Christ, You manifested the fullness of Your glory in human flesh.

We give You thanks that in His most Holy Supper You reveal Your glory to us. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood so that we may one day behold Your glory face to face.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

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.

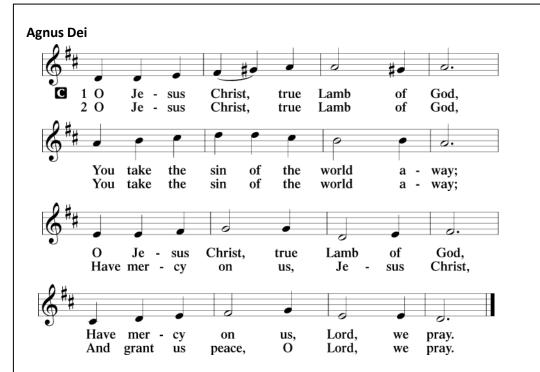
The Words of Our Lord

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 → 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 Holood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.



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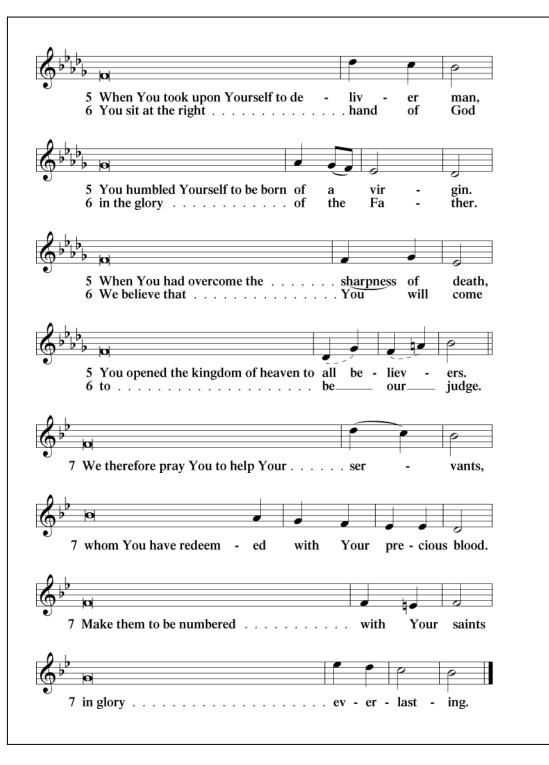
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Distribution Hymns

Jesus Comes Today with Healing	#620
When to our World the Savior Came	#551
Songs of Thankfulness and Praise	#394







Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benedicamus

- P Let us bless the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Benediction

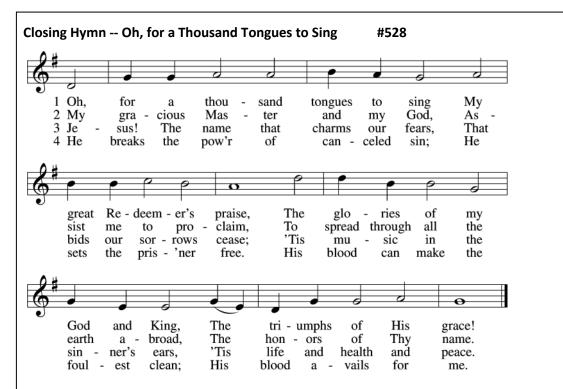
P The Lord bless you and keep you.

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.

Closing Hymn on next page ...



- Look unto Him, ye nations; own
 Your God, ye fallen race.
 Look and be saved through faith alone,
 Be justified by grace.
- See all your sins on Jesus laid;
 The Lamb of God was slain.
 His soul was once an off'ring made
 For ev'ry soul of man.
- To God all glory, praise, and love
 Be now and ever giv'n
 By saints below and saints above,
 The Church in earth and heav'n.

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Prayer Requests for Family & Friends

The Church:

- -For our homebound members: Florence Boehme.
- -Healing & Strength for: Jill Berardelli, Amy Eastman (sister-in-law of Connie Canale), Celia Evans, Amy (niece of Jodi Fitzgerald), Michelle Hopkins (sister of Mark Killinger), Tabitha Riley (friend of Bobbie Hoelle), Tom & Kim Erbrecht, Mary Lou Neill, Dante (cousin of Maryann McClure), Pastor Ernest Knoche, Jen Fitzgerald, Barbara & Kara Koski, Mike Wallace, Joanne Garloff, Richard Hultman, Rita Sheldon, Dennis & Esther Finney, Eva Bukovitz, Judy Graziano, Alyssa Mance, Shannon Mance, Dave Hutula, and Mabel Granke.
- For the ministry of Zion Lutheran Sunday School and Preschool.

The World:

- -For peace in Ukraine and Israel.
- -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

Elders: Sam Garloff & Mike Kroeger (8:00)

Tom Erbrecht & Jim Neill (10:30)

Acolytes: Elder (8:00); Pippa Carter (10:30)

Ushers: Joshua Grimenstein, Tim Sheldon, Larry & Janet Zreliak (8:00)

Max Gresh, Aaron & Mike Kozak, Chuck LaJeunesse (10:30)

Altar Guild: Tevia, Lydia and Rachel Grimenstein

ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Jim & Mary Lou Neill in celebration of their 57th wedding anniversary; and by Zion Lutheran Church in honor of the Triune God.

ETERNAL LIGHT is given by Carolyn Wible in memory of husband Richard Wible.



MANY DATES ARE STILL AVAILABLE ... for 2024 Altar Flowers & Eternal Light Sponsorships! Sign up sheets are on the table in the back of the sanctuary. Members may sponsor in memory -- or honor of -- loved ones; or in celebration of special occasions.

ALL-CHURCH VOTERS' MEETING TODAY AFTER SECOND SERVICE. Please join us. There will be several important items on the agenda! A light lunch will be served.



Last Week in Worship

Sunday Worship Attendance (1/21) -- 56 (8 am); 90 (10:30 am)
Plate Offerings (1/14) -- \$2428 Online Offering -- \$2180

Online giving is available
on Zion's website - www.zlcb.org/donate





This Week at Zion

SUN 1/28	8:00 AM Worship 9:15 AM Adult/Teen Bible Study & Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Voters' Mtg following second service (lunch served)
MON 1/29	6:00 PM 1st Yr Confirmation 6:30 PM Faith Bell Choir 7:00 PM 2nd Yr Confirmation
TUE 1/30	6:15 PM Grace Bells 7:15 PM Choir
WED 1/31	2:00 PM Mid-Week Worship & Bible Study
THU 2/1	6:00 PM Adult Confirmation Class 7:00 PM Elders Mtg.
FRI 2/2	
SAT 2/3	
SUN 2/4	8:00 AM Worship 9:15 AM Adult/Teen Bible Study & Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship

Youth Group BBQ Fundraiser

DEADLINE EXTENDED --LAST DAY TO ORDER!

If you missed church recently due to the harsh winter weather, we have extended our BBQ fundraiser to TODAY!

Last chance to get your "ready to heat & eat" pulled pork, baby back ribs, and sauces from

South Fayette company Rib Raiser BBQ. A percentage of each sale will help with expenses for our trip to the 2025 LCMS Youth

Gathering in New Orleans! <u>Items will be</u> <u>distributed February 4th.</u>



Details and order forms on the table in the back of the sanctuary.

Thank you for your contributions to the college care packages!

Last fall, thanks to your contributions, we were able to fill nine boxes with snacks, gift cards, and advent devotions ... one for each of the college/graduate students in our congregation. It's always a nice feeling to be remembered from home. Starting today, we will be collecting again for the Lenten care package mailing in February ... see the poster in the back of the sanctuary. Thank you for your support!!!

-- Cheryl Debowski, College Care Coordinator







Ash Wednesday

The Season of Lent begins February 14th -- Ash Wednesday

Beginning 2/14, we will have two Lenten services each week ... an afternoon 2 pm service and an evening 7 pm service.

Wed. 2/14 -- 2 & 7 pm Ash Wed. services

Wed. 2/21 -- 2 & 7 pm Lenten services

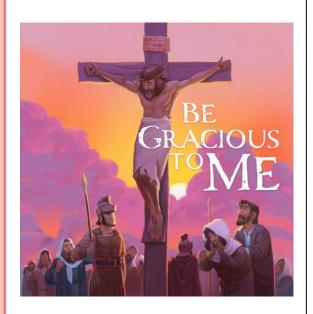
Wed. 2/28 -- 2 & 7 pm Lenten services

Wed. 3/6 -- 2 & 7 pm Lenten services

Wed. 3/13 -- 2 & 7 pm Lenten services

Wed. 3/20 -- 2 & 7 pm Lenten services

Our Lenten theme is "Be Gracious to Me" from Concordia Publishing House. We will explore how God's grace wells up in Psalm 41, where David exults in divine mercy amid his own weakness, powerful enemies, and treacherous friends. In this psalm, David tracks the flow of divine grace back to its source at the cross and, with prophetic vision, finds it springing forth in the lives of all baptized believers including 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 fulilled 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.



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