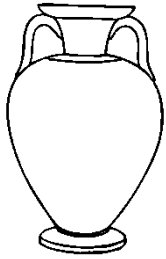


Zion Lutheran Church Mission Statement:

“Bonded in Christ’s love, we teach, preach, and equip God’s people for discipleship here and throughout the world.”



**Second Sunday after the Epiphany
with Holy Communion
January 19, 2025**

For those who are hearing challenged, Zion has digital listening devices for your use during worship. Please ask an usher or council member for one and they will show you how to use it.

Prelude – Bell

St. Paul’s poetic chapter on the depth and breadth of love stands at the center of this season’s readings and provides a keystone to hold the remainder of Epiphany and texts in place.

While the second reading throughout the season of Epiphany provides a sweeping time overview of Paul’s wisdom and counsel to the troubled church at Corinth, the gospel texts give us a glimpse into the early ministry of Jesus through Luke’s theological lens.

Gathering

P- The Sundays after Epiphany continue to celebrate the revelation of God’s glory to us as it was made known to the magi and to those on Jordan’s banks Jesus’ baptism—today using wedding imagery.

C- **We feast upon the abundance of your house, O Lord.**

P- Our God rejoices over His people as those being married rejoice over one another. By the power of the Holy Spirit there are gifts for everyone. In Christ the best wine is saved for last. Taste and see!
C- We feast upon the abundance of your house, O Lord.

Gathering Hymn – As with Gladness Men of Old ELW 302

1 As with gladness men of old
did the guiding star behold;
as with joy they hailed its light,
leading onward, beaming bright;
so, most gracious Lord, may we
evermore be led by thee.

2 As with joyful steps they sped,
Savior, to thy lowly bed,
there to bend the knee before
thee, whom heav'n and earth adore;
so may we with willing feet
ever seek thy mercy seat.

3 As they offered gifts most rare
at thy cradle, rude and bare,
so may we with holy joy,
pure and free from sin's alloy,
all our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to thee, our heavenly King.

4 Holy Jesus, ev'ry day
keep us in the narrow way;
and when earthly things are past,
bring our ransomed souls at last
where they need no star to guide,
where no clouds thy glory hide.

5 In the heav'nly county bright
need they no created light;
thou its light, its joy, its crown,
thou its sun which goes not down;
there forever may we sing
alleluias to our king.

Confession and Forgiveness

As you are able, please stand. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as pastor begins.

P- Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + one God,
creator of darkness and light,
word of truth,
wind sweeping over the waters.

C- Amen

P- Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P- God, our rock and refuge,

C- 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

P- 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.

C- Amen

Children's Time – Miracles vs. Magic

Can anyone tell the difference between a miracle and a magic trick? A miracle involves an amazing change—a real change—that happens by the power of God.

Readings

Isaiah 62:1-5

Lector – *The people return to Judah after the exile was marred by economic and political troubles. Nevertheless, the prophet declares, Jerusalem and Judah will be restored. God will rejoice over Jerusalem as a bridegroom rejoices over the bride, and the people are called to celebrate.*

Awake, awake,
put on your strength, O Zion!
Put on your beautiful garments,
O Jerusalem, the holy city;
for the uncircumcised and the unclean
shall enter you no more.
Shake yourself from the dust, rise up,
O captive Jerusalem;
loose the bonds from your neck,
O captive daughter Zion!

For thus says the LORD: You were sold for nothing, and you shall be redeemed without money. For thus says the Lord GOD: Long ago, my people went down into Egypt to reside there as aliens; the

Assyrian, too, has oppressed them without cause. Here ends this reading.

Psalm 36:5-10 – *Read responsively.*

Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the clouds.

Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains,
your judgements are like the great deep;
you save humans and animals alike, O LORD.

How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

They feast on the abundance of your house,

and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

For with you is the fountain of life;

in your light we see light.

O continue your steadfast love to those who know you,

and your salvation to the upright of heart!

1st Corinthians 12:1-11

Lector – The congregation at Corinth experienced division as people were comparing their spiritual gifts, thinking some to be superior to others. Paul invites this fractured community to trust God's Holy Spirit has gifted them all perfectly for their mission together. Paul writes to the Church in Corinth

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God

ever says 'Let Jesus be cursed!' and no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. Here ends this reading.

Prayer of the Day

As you are able, please stand.

P- Lord God,

C- source of every blessing, you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son, who brought gladness and salvation to his people. Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, amen.

Gospel – John 2:1-11

P- Turning water to wine at the wedding in Cana is described as the first of Jesus' signs. Through many such epiphanies, Jesus reveals that he bears God's creative power and joyful presence in the world.

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him. The Gospel of the Lord.

C- Praise to you, O Lord! *Please be seated.*

Special Music – Men's Choir

Message – Glad Surprise

*When we have exhausted our store of endurance,
When we reach the end of our hoarded resources,
Our Father's full giving is only begun. -By Howard Thurman*

- 1. “Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?”**
- 2. “Will you wave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare,
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer pray'r in you and you in me?”**
- 3. “Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the pris'ners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean,
and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?”**
- 4. “Will you love the you you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?”**
- 5. Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.**

Offering Prayer

As you are able, please stand.

P- Blessed are you, Holy One,

C- for all good things come from you.

Meet us in this life,

that we receive what we seek,

and follow your Son, Jesus,

in whose name we pray.

Amen

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,

the Father, the Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth,

of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,

God from God, Light from Light,

true God from true God,

begotten, not made,

of one Being with the Father;

through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven,

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary

and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the scriptures;

**he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the
dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and
glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of the Church – *When the pastor says, “Lord in your
mercy” please respond with “**hear our prayer!**”*

Words of Institution - Song of Consecration

Please join in singing the final verse in bold print.

The night of his betrayal, our Lord took bread.
He broke it as he blest it, and then he said,
“My body broken for you...is what this means;
remember now my children what you have seen!”

And then he took the chalice and raised it high,
“My blood is given for you, a full supply...
a covenant, a promise...a cleansing stream;
remember now my children what you have seen!”

**We share this food together, remem'bring Christ:
we share a common treasure and know the price;
we share it without measure...a gift of love;
we share our life forever, with God above!**

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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.**

Invitation to Communion

P- At Jesus' table, heaven and earth are joined as one.
Come and see.

The ELCA and Zion Lutheran Church practices open communion. If you confess Jesus as your Lord and Savior you are welcome to

*come forward and partake in the bread and wine of communion.
Please fill out a communion card in the pew rack. Please hand your
communion card to the usher when you come forward.*

Communion Hymn – Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

ELW 789

1 Savior, like a shepherd lead us,
Much we need Thy tender care;
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us,
For our use Thy folds prepare:
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
Thou hast bought us, Thine we are;
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.

2 We are Thine, do Thou befriend us,
Be the guardian of our way;
Keep Thy flock, from sin defend us,
Seek us when we go astray:
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
Hear, O hear us when we pray;
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
Hear, O hear us when we pray.

3 Thou hast promised to receive us,
Poor and sinful though we be;
Thou hast mercy to relieve us,
Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free:
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
Early let us turn to Thee;
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
Early let us turn to Thee.

4 Early let us seek Thy favor,
Early let us do Thy will;
Blessed Lord and only Savior,
With Thy love our bosoms fill:
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
Thou hast loved us, love us still;
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
Thou hast loved us, love us still.

Post Communion Prayer

P- 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.

C- Amen.

Announcements in the Life of Our Church

Blessing & Dismissal

As you are able, please stand.

P- God who names,
Christ who claims you,
and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you,
+ bless you and remain with you always.

C-Amen.

P- Go in peace. You are God's beloved!

C- Thanks be to God! ZION...a place to belong, a place to believe, a place to become!

Sending Hymn- Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized

ELW 304

1 Christ, when for us you were baptized,
God's Spirit on you came,
as peaceful as a dove,
and yet as urgent as a flame,
as urgent as a flame.

2 God called you, "My beloved Son";
you are God's servant true,
sent to proclaim the reign of heaven,
God's holy will to do,
God's holy will do to.

3 Straightway and steadfast until death
you then obeyed the call
to serve with free and willing heart,
to give your life for all,
to give your life for all.

4 Baptize us with your Spirit, Lord;
your cross on us be signed,
that likewise in God's service we
may perfect freedom find,
may perfect freedom find.

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Helping out Today – Annual Meeting

Pastor..... Jerry Gilbreath
Organist.....Alnora Daubendiek
Acolytes.....Presleigh Borgman
 Korbin Busboom
Lector.....Lynette Jurgens
Greeters.....Jim & Carol Young
 Steve & Rose Gronewold
Special Music.....Men's Choir
Serve Breakfast Club.....Jennifer Mahler

Vital Statistics for last Sunday

Worship	173	Giving	\$11,879.56
Sunday School	56	Giving	\$ 59.20

THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF ZION

Today -Annual Meeting

8:45 am Sunday School

9:00 am BKF Club / Adult SS

10 am Worship/Men's Choir/Communion

Annual Meeting following worship

Monday

7 pm Men’s Choir

Wednesday

6 pm 7 & 8 grade Confirmation

Next Sunday

8:45 am Sunday School

9:00 BKF Club/Adult SS

10 am Worship/Endless Hallelujah/Amigos

WELCA General meeting following worship

Monday – January 27th

Print Newsletter

7 pm Men’s Choir

Helping out next Sunday

Pastor..... Jerry Gilbreath

Keyboard.....Janelle Ideus

Guitar.....Deric Bloom

Acolytes.....Colt Rinne
Nora Glynn

Lector.....Pam Trauernicht

Greeters.....Pam & Kevin Trauernicht
Art & Sharon Schuster

Special Music.....Endless Hallelujah
Amigos

Breakfast Club.....Jess Ideus

January Altar Guild – Susan Buss (Leader), Patti Behrens, Lynette Jurgens, Caroline Ideus

January Table Troop – Don Schuster (Leader), John Gronewold, Paul & Shellie Remmers, Les & Mert Rademacher, Linda & Robert Ideus

Snow Brigade

For the week of Jan 20th – Steve Oltman – Captain, Eric Parde – tractor, Chris Fossler – tractor, Jordan Busboom. Greg Robinson, Hunter Blackwell, Keith Parde, Kyle Schlake

For the week of Jan 27th – AJ Wiese – Captain, James Meints – tractor, Alan Wiese, Kenny Newman, Paul Jurgens, Gerald Ideus, Todd Bohlmeier, Brian Garton, Josh Gronewold

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to worship! A Warm Welcome to all our visitors. We would love to have you visit again! We ask you please sign a visitor card located in the pews and bring the information section of the card to the information center desk, located in the Fellowship Hall or place it in the offering plate. We are so glad you are here!

HANDICAP PARKING - We encourage you to reserve parking between the parsonage and the north doors for those joining us with mobility difficulties. Thank you! ~ The Church Council

IF INTERESTED IN SPONSORING A WEEKLY BULLETIN you may do so by contacting the Church secretary and making a check out to Zion Church for \$75.00.

Today's bulletin is sponsored by Steve & Diane Oltman in loving memory of their sister Angela Klaseks – her birthday is today January 19th. Happy Heavenly birthday Angela.

Thank you to Alnora and the Men's Choir for their special music today!

Thanks to all who donated food & supplies to the BPS Mini Mart program last month. Items have been delivered & were greatly appreciated!



Annual Meeting is today, January 19th following worship.

Please plan to stay so we will have a quorum.

Any committees that had your books audited last Sunday can pick up your folders or books in the Church office today. Thank you to Mary Lenner, Jordan Freeman & Cindy Lieneman for auditing the books this year.

Congratulations to Connor & Caylee Mason on the birth of their son Callahan Dale Mason born January 10th. Grandparents are Chris & Renae Mason.

SUNDAY 9 am Adult Coffee Fellowship in February

Starting after Sunday, February 9th there will be ongoing wall and ceiling repair in the fellowship hall. So that the crew doing the repairs do not have to pick up tarps, scaffolding and etc. **we will NOT be having adult coffee fellowship until the repairs are done.**

The Willie & Anna Meints scholarship applications are located on the welcome center located in the Fellowship Hall. Students entering college can apply for the scholarship for up to 4 years. Applications must be received by February 16, 2025 following the start of the student's first college year. Applications received after the February 16, 2025 deadline will not be considered. **Committee Members: DeAnn Oltman, Steve Oltman & Laura Fikar**

A QR code has been added to the Sunday bulletins. Simply scan the QR Code to the right to access Zion's Venmo account and submit your offering.

Offering envelopes and online giving via Vanco are still available to members as well. **Any members with questions regarding these options can reach out to a church council member.**

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“Souper” Bowl of Caring time is here again!

This year it is being sponsored by Zion's 3rd Grade Sunday School class!

Soups, crackers and any & all food items are welcome! **The drive will go from January 19th till Super Bowl Sunday, February 9th.** Please bring items to the table set up in the fellowship hall or in the baskets provided in each of the hallways in the church.

Special thanks to Doreen Remmers for writing a \$250 Thrivent Grant to support this project!

Together we can work at tackling food insecurities in our community!

The Next Upcoming Hospitality Event

Join us for a fun and creative afternoon at our Handmade Card Party, where you'll make four unique cards—perfect for every occasion! Whether you're celebrating love, offering sympathy, wishing a happy birthday, or sending a simple note of encouragement, you'll leave with cards that are as personal as they are beautiful.

In this class, you'll create:

- A Valentine's Card to express your love and affection
- A Sympathy Card to offer comfort in times of loss
- A Birthday Card to brighten someone's special day
- A General Occasion Card with a supportive and encouraging theme.

All supplies and tools will be provided, so you can focus on enjoying the process! No previous crafting experience is required—just bring your positive vibes.

Details:

- Date & Time: February 2nd, 1:00 – 2:30 PM
- Location: Zion Lutheran Church hosted by the Hospitality Committee
- Cost: \$10 non-refundable supplies fee (via Venmo to Deb Rinne or cash).
- RSVP: Please reserve your spot by January 19th to ensure we have enough supplies for everyone. Contact: Deb Rinne (402-499-3420) Cash or Venmo: @Deb-Rinne

We can't wait to see you there and help you make beautiful, personalized cards for all of life's moments!

Gold Crest - Mildred Meints, Janice Jurgens, Doreen Wallman,
Marilyn Robinson,
Homestead House - Anora Schoen
Our Homes Assisted Living – Randy Oltman
Wilbur Care Center – Ernie Jurgens

