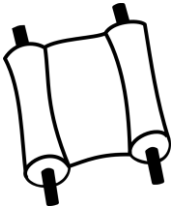


Zion Lutheran Church Mission Statement:

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



Endless Hallelujah Contemporary Worship Service

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

January 26, 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 – Endless Hallelujah - 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- God’s glory is revealed in the reading of scripture. People stand at attention. People weep. People prostrate themselves in prayer.

C- **The teaching of the Lord revives the soul.**

P- The unity of the church is another reflection of God's glory. Most gloriously, the promises of God are fulfilled in the person of Jesus Christ. Gather round. Listen up. Glimpse the glory of God.

C - The teaching of the Lord revives the soul.

Gathering Song – Jesus Name Above All Names

Verse 1

Jesus name above all names
Beautiful Savior glorious Lord
Emmanuel God is with us
Blessed Redeemer living Word

Verse 2

Jesus loving Shepherd
Vine of the branches Son of God
Prince of Peace Wonderful Counselor
Lord of the universe Light of the world

Verse 3

Jesus, Way of salvation
King of kings, Lord of Lords,
The way the truth and the Life,
Mighty creator, mine Savior and friend.

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

Special Music: Amigos

Children's Time: The Body of Christ

Readings

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

Lector – *The exiles have returned and rebuilt Jerusalem. Now Ezra, the priest, reads the law of Moses to them in the public square. When they hear it, they weep for their sins and for the long years in exile, but Ezra reminds them that “the joy of the Lord is your strength.”*

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, “Amen, Amen”, lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the LORD with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, “This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep.” For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, “Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.” Here ends this reading.

Psalm 19 - Read responsively.

The heavens are telling the glory of God;
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

Day to day pours forth speech,
and night to night declares knowledge.

There is no speech, nor are there words;
their voice is not heard;
yet their voice goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world.

In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,
which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy,
and like a strong man runs its course with joy.

Its rising is from the end of the heavens,
and its circuit to the end of them;
and nothing is hidden from its heat.

The law of the LORD is perfect,
reviving the soul;
the decrees of the LORD are sure,
making wise the simple;
the precepts of the LORD are right,
rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear,
enlightening the eyes;
the fear of the LORD is pure,
enduring forever;
the ordinances of the LORD are true
and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold,
even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey,
and drippings of the honeycomb.

Moreover by them is your servant warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.

But who can detect their errors?

Clear me from hidden faults.

Keep back your servant also from the insolent;

do not let them have dominion over me.

Then I shall be blameless,

and innocent of great transgression.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart

be acceptable to you,

O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

1st Corinthians 12:12-31a

Lector – The apostle and pastor Paul uses the metaphor of the human body to describe how intimately connected we are in the church. For this struggling congregation in Corinth, Paul delivers a vital message of unity that is a mark of the church today. Paul writes to the church in Corinth:

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit, we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot were to say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body, that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear were to say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he

chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you', nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.' On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect, whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way. Here ends this reading.

Prayer of the Day

As you are able, please stand.

P- Blessed Lord God,

C- you have caused the Holy Scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

Gospel – Luke 4:14-21

P- Near the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, he visits his hometown of Nazareth. In the words of Isaiah, he states and claims his identity, purpose, and mission.

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.”

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Message – The Body of Christ

Installation of the Council Members and Committees

Offering Song – Thy Word

Chorus

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path

Verse 1

When I feel afraid
And I think I've lost my way
Still You're there right beside me
Nothing will I fear
As long as You are near
Please be near me to the end **To Chorus**

Verse 2

I will not forget
Your love for me and yet
My heart forever is wandering
Jesus be my guide
And hold me to Your side
I will love You to the end **To Chorus**

Offering Prayer

As you are able, please stand.

P- Blessed are you, Holy One,

C- for all good things come from you.

In the bread and cup you open heaven to us.

Meet us at this table,

that we receive what we seek,

and follow your Son, Jesus,

in whose name we pray. Amen

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the Church – *When the pastor says, “Lord in your mercy” please respond by singing, “O Lord, hear the prayer we offer up to you; O Lord hear our prayer!”*

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.**

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 Song - Standing On The Promises (Promises)

Verse 1

Standing on the promises of Christ my King
Through eternal ages let His praises ring
Glory in the highest I will shout and sing
Standing on the promises of God

Chorus

Standing standing
Standing on the promises of God my Savior
Standing standing
I'm standing on the promises of God

Verse 2

Standing on the promises I cannot fall
List'ning ev'ry moment to the Spirit's call
Resting in my Savior as my All in All
Standing on the promises of God **To Chorus**

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Helping out Today

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

Vital Statistics for last Sunday

Worship 118 Giving \$ 8979.53
Sunday School 44 Giving \$ 36.18

THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF ZION

Today

8:45 am Sunday School
9:00 am BKF Club / Adult SS
10 am Worship/Endless Hallelujah & Amigos
WELCA General Meeting following worship
Parish Hall reserved for the afternoon for a piano recital

Monday

Print the newsletter

7 pm Men's Choir

Wednesday

6 pm 7 & 8 grade Confirmation

Thursday

Ladies Aid

Next Sunday

8:45 am Sunday School

9:00 BKF Club/Adult SS

10 am Worship/Communion

Helping out next Sunday

Pastor....., Jerry Gilbreath

Organist.....Alnora Daubendiek

Acolytes.....Karlee Riha

Sadie Gronewold

Lector.....Denise Schlake-Ideus

Greeters.....Council

7th graders

Special Music.....

Breakfast Club.....Sammie Garton

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

February Altar Guild: **Carrye Meints Leader**, Linda Blackwell, Denise Ideus, Cheryl Folkerts, Danelle Evers

February Table Troop: **Doug & Rhonda Dorn (Leader)**, Duane & Janice Parde, Gary Wiese, John & Marcia Busboom, LeAnn Fossler

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

For the week of Feb 3rd: **Justin Hippen (Captain)**, Gary Gronewold – Tractor, Stan Lenners – tractor, Mark Buhr, James Lenners, Billy Harms, Larry Gronewold, Dale Zimmerman, Luke Ideus

For the week of Feb 10th: **Mike Busboom (Captain)**, Dean Zimmerman – tractor, Russ Wallman – tractor, Greg Dorn, Paul Remmers, Craig Ideus, Terry Gronewold, Alex Buhr, Bob Freeman

For the week of Feb 17th: **Jason Lovitt (Captain)**, Les Lieneman – tractor, David Meints – Tractor, Matt Meints, Gary Wiese, Andy Schoen, Perry Jurgens, Kenny Jurgens, Josh Nelson, Jeff Wiese

For the week of Feb 24th: **Steve Oltman (Captain)**, Eric Parde – Tractor, Chris Fossler – Tractor, Jordan Busboom, Greg Robinson, Hunter Blackwell, Keith Parde, Kyle Schlake

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 Darwin & Susan Buss in memory of Shirleen DeBuhr for her birthday. Happy heavenly birthday Shirleen.

Any committee that had your books audited for the Annual meeting can pick up your folders or books in the Church office if you haven't already.

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.**

Our sympathy to Alex & Beth Buhr on the death of Beth's mom Charity Masters. Her funeral was held here last Monday. Please keep Alex & Beth, Nolan and Emmet in your prayers!

Flowers are from Charity's funeral this past week.

Our sympathy to the family of Preston Baehr please keep Devan and Shelby and Arnold Baehr in your prayers. Preston's funeral was here at Zion on Thursday, January 23.

Flowers are from Preston's funeral this past week.

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 February 16, 2025, deadline will not be considered. **Committee Members: DeAnn Oltman, Steve Oltman & Laura Fikar**

Thank you to the Amigos for your special music today!

Thank you to Janelle, Deric and Endless Hallelujah for leading our worship today with your special music.

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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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!

Please bear with me with the extra lines in the bulletins –

Eakes has ordered a part and could take a couple of weeks to come in.

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

