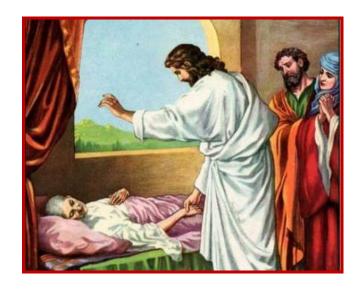
# Zion Lutheran Church



February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany



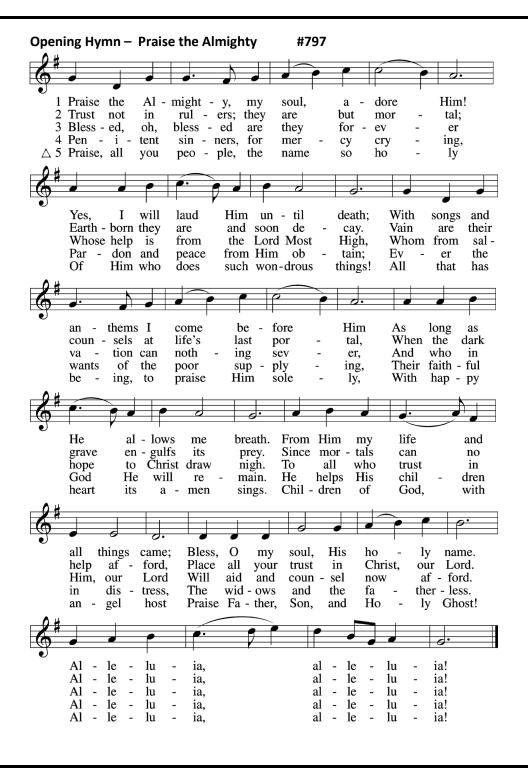
#### Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church & Preschool!

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. 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 (1Cor. 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 those who are baptized, confirmed, repentant members of Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod congregations or sister congregations. Visitors desiring to commune are asked to please announce their intentions to an elder or pastor. Everyone is welcome to sing the hymns during communion as we contemplate Christ's mercy to us.

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 after the service, or call the church office.



- **P** In the name of the Father and of the 

  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **C** who made heaven and earth.
- P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.
- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I 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



- P I will sing | to the LORD, because he has dealt bountifully | with me.
- light up my eyes, lest I sleep the | sleep of death, lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed | over him," lest my foes rejoice because I am | shaken.

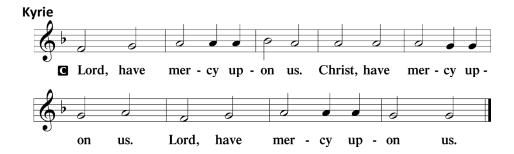
  But I have trusted in your | steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in your sal- | vation.

  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 I will sing | to the LORD,

because he has dealt bountifully | with me.



## Salutation and Collect of the Day



# 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.



# Old Testament Reading -- Isaiah 40:1-11

Do you not know? Do you not hear?

Has it not been told you from the beginning?

Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to dwell in;

who brings princes to nothing,

and makes the rulers of the earth as emptiness.

Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown,

scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,

when he blows on them, and they wither,

and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

To whom then will you compare me,

that I should be like him? says the Holy One.

Lift up your eyes on high and see:

who created these?

He who brings out their host by number,

calling them all by name, by the greatness of his might,

and because he is strong in power

not one is missing.

Why do you say, O Jacob,

and speak, O Israel,

"My way is hidden from the LORD,

and my right is disregarded by my God"?

Have you not known? Have you not heard?

The LORD is the everlasting God,

the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He does not faint or grow weary;

his understanding is unsearchable.

He gives power to the faint,

and to him who has no might he increases strength.

Even youths shall faint and be weary,

and young men shall fall exhausted;

but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength;

they shall mount up with wings like eagles;

they shall run and not be weary;

they shall walk and not faint.

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

Thanks be to God.

**Grace Bell Choir** – O Morning Star How Fair and Bright (8 am) **Adult Choir** – Hail to the Lord's Anointed (10:30 am)

# Epistle Reading -- 1 Corinthians 9:16-27

If I preach the gospel, that gives me no ground for boasting. For necessity is laid upon me. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward, but not of my own will, I am still entrusted with a stewardship. What then is my reward? That in my preaching I may present the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my right in the gospel.

For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ) that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings.

Do you not know that in a race all the runners compete, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.

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

# Alleluia



## **Holy Gospel**

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.



Immediately [Jesus] left the synagogue and entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law lay ill with a fever, and immediately they told him about her. And he came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

That evening at sundown they brought to him all who were sick or oppressed by demons. And the whole city was gathered together at the door. And he healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons. And he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed. And Simon and those who were with him searched for him, and they found him and said to him, "Everyone is looking for you." And he said to them, "Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out." And he went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons.





#### 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,

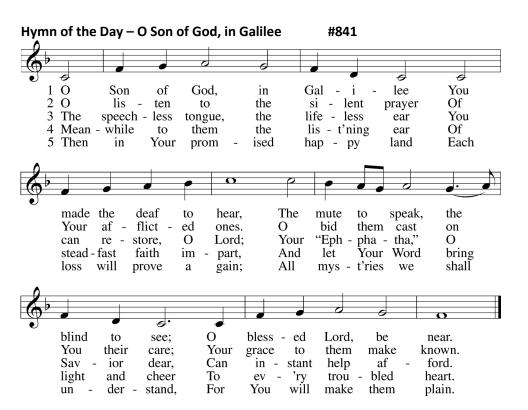
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

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  $\pm$  of the world to come. Amen.



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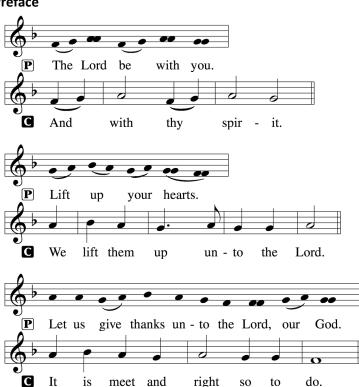
#### Sermon

## **Prayer of the Church**

- **P** ... Lord in your mercy.
- C ... Hear our prayer.

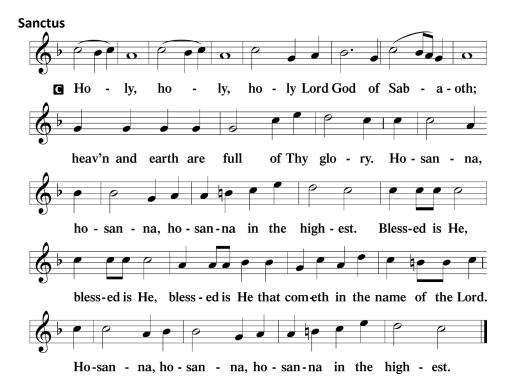
#### Service of the Sacrament





It is truly meet, 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:



# **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

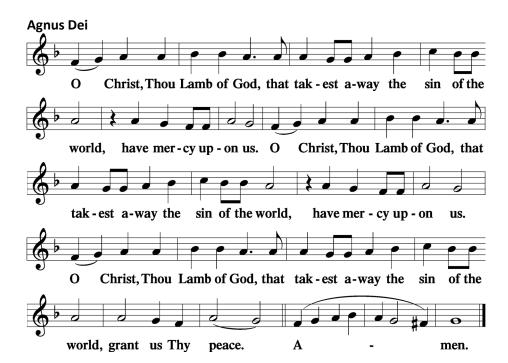
Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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





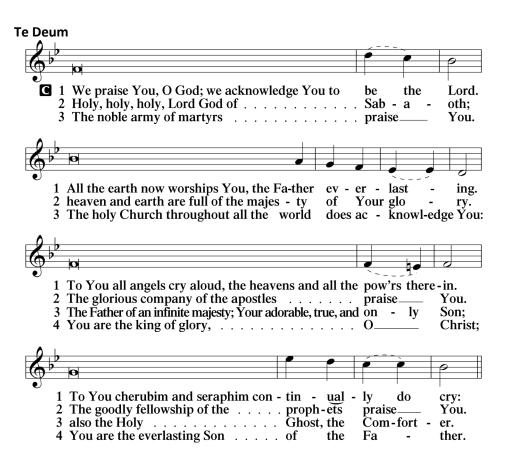


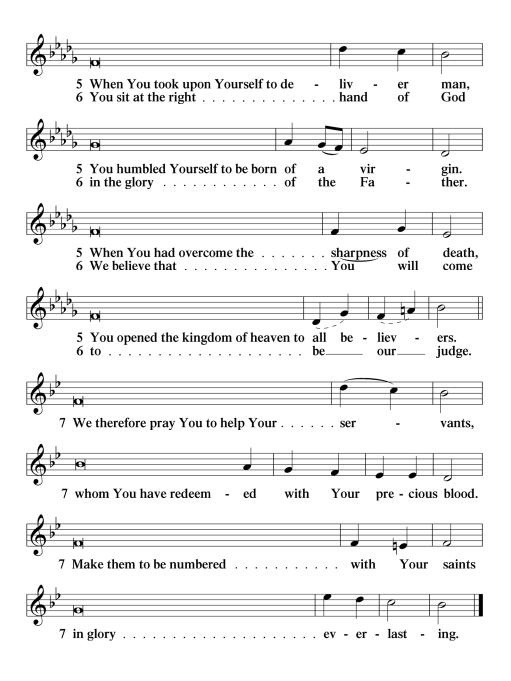


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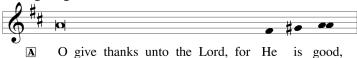
#### **Distribution Hymns**

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness #849
On Eagles' Wings #727
Come unto Me, Ye Weary #684





# **Thanksgiving**

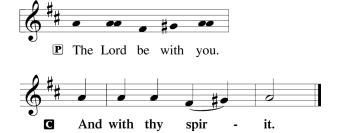




# **P** Let us pray.

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.

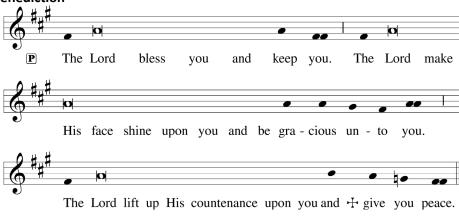
#### C Amen.



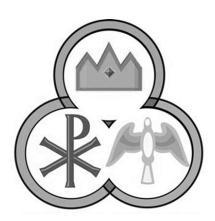
# **Benedicamus**



## **Benediction**









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# **Prayer Requests for Family & Friends**

## The Church:

- -For our homebound members: Tom Bicusky, Florence Boehme, Lois Dittmer, Dolores Preaux, Joan Cisko, Lois Sauro, and Dottie Heslop.
- -Healing for: Dwayne Kaufman, Millie Thielet, Jim Neill, Pastor Wayne Hoffman, Jean Walker, Debra Green, Mamie Papeaka, Carol Wuerthele, Ruth Rostron, Patti Neill, Judy Graziano, Alyssa Mance, Shannon Mance, Elias Kazas, Janet Hickey, Marian Siek, Joyce Wood, Don and Deana Thielet, Dave Hutula, Ron Valentino, Norma Dyson, Mabel Granke, Mary Reihing, and Jennifer Meyer.
- -For our missions/missionaries, especially Pastor Wokoma and The Siberian Lutheran Mission Society.
- -For all who care for loved ones with illnesses.
- -For the ministry of Zion Lutheran Sunday School and Preschool.

# The World:

- -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.
- -For those whose work it is to protect us.
- -For godly care of the earth.

# **†** Service Participants **†**

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Edward Grimenstein

Music Director: Mark Killinger

The Organist: Doug Krantz

The Elders: Brian Pasquini, Mike Wallace

The Acolyte: Will Schrag (8:00)

Johnny Lemonovich(10:30)

Altar Guild: Janet & Marian Oelschlager

**Ushers:** Carl Bauer, Gene Koop

Ron Meier, Dale Miller (8:00)

John & Tom Garrubba,

Dan & Tracey Harris (10:30)

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#### PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY FOR ADULTS/TEENS

has begun a new section of the Bible. Join us at 9:15 in the Fellowship Hall as we dive into the books of  $1^{st}$  and  $2^{nd}$  Thessalonians! Whether you've been part of our Bible Study for years -- or this will be your first session -- it's always a great time to study God's word!



# Last Week in Worship

Sunday Worship Attendance (1/31) – 21 (8 am); 79 (10:30 am) Wednesday Worship Attendance (2/3) – 12 Saturday Worship Attendance (1/30) -- 13 Sunday Offering (1/31) – \$2208 Online Offering – \$1840

# The Week Ahead at Zion

SUN 2/7	8:00 AM – Worship 9:15/9:20 AM – Adult/Teen Bible Study & Children's Sunday Sch. 10:30 AM – Worship
MON 2/8	6:00 PM – 1 <sup>st</sup> year Confirmation Class 6:15 PM – Grace Bell Choir 7:00 PM – 2 <sup>nd</sup> year Confirmation Class 7:15 PM – Choir 8:15 PM – Faith Bell Choir
TUE 2/9	
WED 2/10	7:00 PM – Mid-Week Worship Service
THU 2/11	7:00 PM – Council Meeting
FRI 2/12	
SAT 2/13	10:00 AM - Small-Group Service of Prayer & Preaching w/ Communion. RSVP at <u>www.signupgenius.com</u> or call Susie at 412-977-9066.
SUN 2/14	8:00 AM – Worship 9:15/9:20 AM – Adult/Teen Bible Study & Children's Sunday Sch. 10:30 AM – Worship

# The season of Lent begins with

# Ash Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>



Beginning on 2/17, we will have two Lenten services each week ... an afternoon service at 2 pm for those who are uncomfortable driving at night, and our regular 7pm service.

Wed. 2/17 — 2 pm & 7 pm Ash Wednesday services

Wed. 2/24 — 2 pm & 7 pm Lenten services

The afternoon Lenten services are being offered on a trial basis, and their continuation into March will be based on the level of attendance in February.



During this season of Lent, we will consider the theme "Return to the Lord" and examine how the call to return from the OT book of Joel played out in practical ways for the people who walked alongside Christ as He demonstrated and carried out God's grace and mercy on our behalf, taking God's wrath upon Himself, setting the stage for God to "turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind Him" (Joel 2:14).

# Donations to our Parament/Banner Fund ...

in recent years have enabled us to purchase the new white, blue, and green paraments and banners for our altar and sanctuary walls. We are hoping to raise money for the purchase of the new red banners and paraments, shown below, to beautify our sanctuary at Pentecost.

If you would like to donate to this special fund, please write "Banner Fund" on the memo line of your check or envelope. Thank 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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