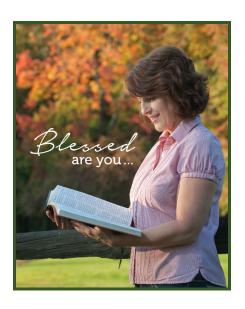
Zion Lutheran Church



February 13th, 2022 Sixth 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 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 after the service, or call the church office.



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

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- Amen.
- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- 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.
- 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

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **G** Amen.

The Service of the Word

Introit -- Psalm 119:1-2, 4-5; antiphon: v. 7



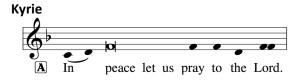
- P I will praise you with an | upright heart, when I learn your just and righ- | teous decrees.
- Blessèd are those whose way is | blameless, who walk in the law | of the LORD!

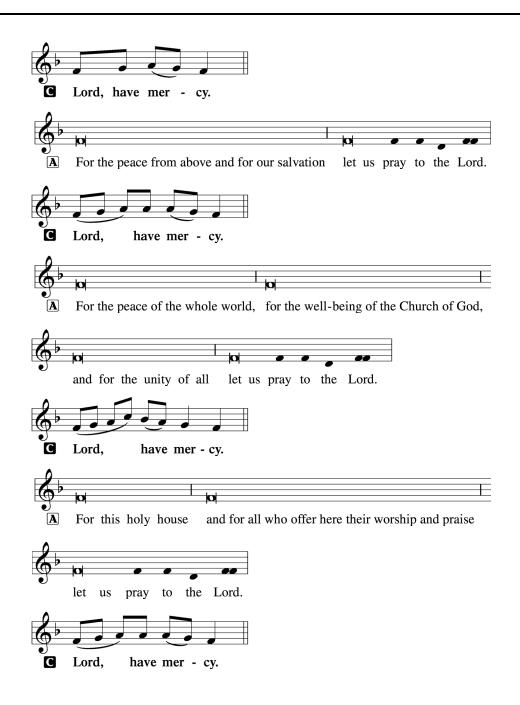
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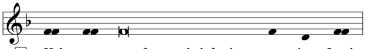
 You have commanded your | precepts to be kept dil- | igently.

 Oh that my ways may be | steadfast in keeping your | statutes!

 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.
- I will praise you with an | upright heart, when I learn your just and righ- | teous decrees.







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



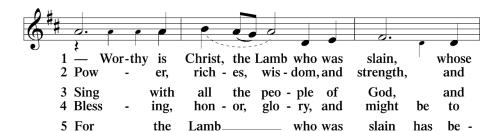


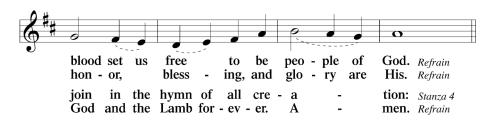
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Salutation and Collect of the Day





P Let us pray.

O Lord, graciously hear the prayers of Your people that we who justly suffer the consequence of our sin may be mercifully delivered by Your goodness to the glory of Your name; 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 – Jeremiah 17:5–8

Thus says the LORD:

"Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength, whose heart turns away from the LORD.

He is like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see any good come.

He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land.

"Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD.

He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit."

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

Epistle Reading – 1 Corinthians 15:1–20

Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

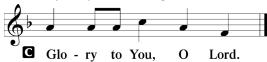
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Alleluia and Verse



Holy Gospel

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixth chapter.

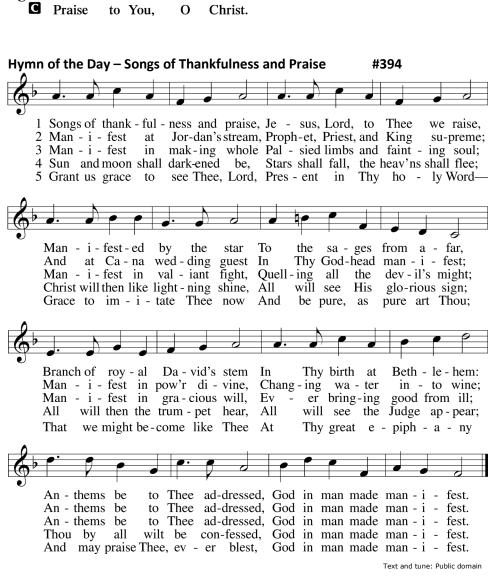


[Jesus] came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, who came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. And those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all the crowd sought to touch him, for power came out from him and healed them all.

And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said:

- "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.
- "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied.
- "Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh.
- "Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man! Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets.
- "But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.
- "Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry.
- "Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep.
- "Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets.





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,

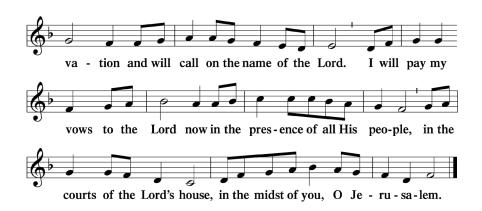
Prayer of the Church

P ... Let us pray to the Lord.

and the life + everlasting. Amen.

C ... Lord have mercy.



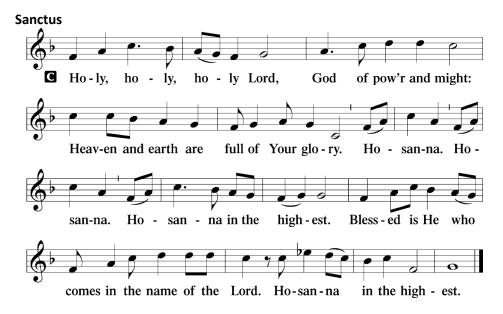


Service of the Sacrament





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:



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.

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 ⅓ 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."
- 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.
- 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

Our Father who art in heaven,

hallowed be Thy name,

Thy kingdom come,

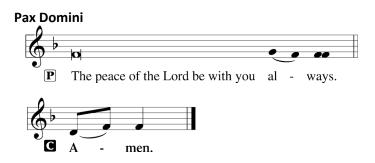
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;

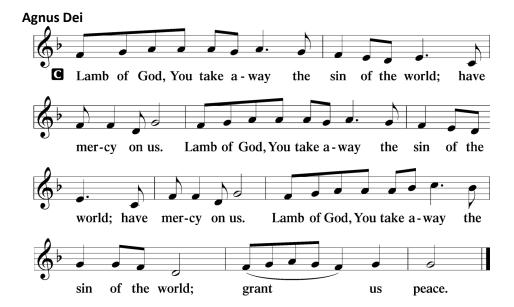
give us this day our daily bread;

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.



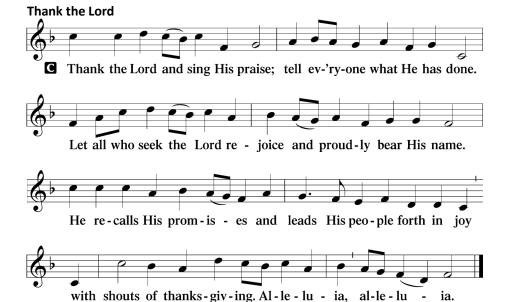


Distribution

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Distribution Hymns

Jesus Sat with His Disciples	#932
Come unto Me, Ye Weary	#684
The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord	#634



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

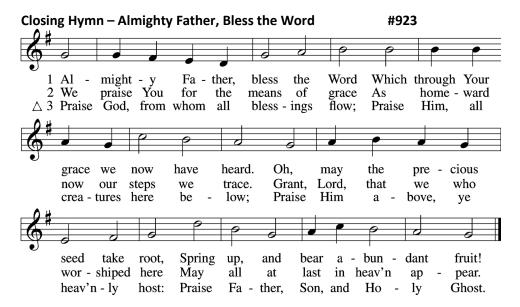


The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.





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Prayer Requests for Family & Friends

The Church:

- -For our homebound members: Tom Bicusky, Florence Boehme, Lois Dittmer, Joan Cisko, Dottie Heslop, Vince Kimberland, Gladys Cimarolli, and Ron Valentino.
- -Healing for: Jim Neill, Joanne Garloff, Neil Ackerman, Mike Wallace, Richard Hultman, Rose, Rita Sheldon, Joyce Wood, Dennis Finney, Pastor Bob McCanless, Grant German, Albert Hatala, Eva Bukovitz, Al Riske, Kami Snow, Ruth Rostron, Judy Graziano, Alyssa Mance, Shannon Mance, Elias Kazas, Marian Siek, Dave Hutula, and Mabel Granke.
- -For our missions/missionaries, especially Rev. Phil & Deaconess Rachel Jaseph 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

Organist: Doug Krantz

The Elders: Brian Pasquini, Mike Sterba, Roger Diederich

The Acolyte: Decklan Pasquini (8:00)

Lizzie Lemonovich (10:30)

The Ushers: Gene Koop, Ron Meier, Noah Wallace, Larry Zreliak (8:00)

Sam Bishop, Dan & Tracey Harris, Luke Lemonovich (10:30)

Altar Guild: Janet & Marian Oelschlager, Sarah Ali

ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Linda Kroeger in memory of her mother Jean Walker; and by Paul & Nancy Klemash to the Glory of God.

ETERNAL LIGHT is given by Paul & Terry Hayes in memory of Terry's father Bob Johnson.

CHOCOLATE COVERED STRAWBERRIES are available for sale after both services today for \$15/dozen as a youth fundraiser. Get yours in time for Valentine's Day and support our Youth Group!



PARENTS ... A Nursery Room for children 3 & under is available on Sundays in the lower level near the Fellowship Hall (Rm 101). Parent supervision is required. In addition, the Family Care Room in the back of the sanctuary has a nursing chair and changing station items.

Last Week in Worship

Sunday Worship Attendance (2/6) – 43 (8 am); 79 (10:30 am) Mid-Week Worship Attendance (2/9) – 11 (2 pm); 16 (7 pm) Plate Offerings (2/6) – \$3848 Online Offering (2/6) – \$2728.66 Online giving is available on Zion's website at www.zlcb.org/donate

This Week at Zion

SUN 2/13	8:00 AM – Worship 9:15 AM – Adult/Teen Bible Study & Children's Sunday School 10:30 AM – Worship Youth Chocolate Covered Strawberries Sale
MON 2/14	6:00 PM – 1 st Year Confirmation 6:15 PM Grace Bells 7:00 PM – Trustees Meeting 7:00 PM – 2 nd Year Confirmation 7:15 PM Choir 8:15 PM – Faith Bells
TUE 2/15	
WED 2/16	2:00 PM – Mid-Week Worship & Bible Study 7:00 PM – Mid-Week Worship & Bible Study
THU 2/17	
FRI 2/18	
SAT 2/19	1:00 PM – Youth Make Chocolate Covered Strawberries at church
SUN 2/20	8:00 AM – Worship 9:15 AM – Adult/Teen Bible Study & Children's Sunday School 10:30 AM – Worship
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Youth Group Happenings

Waffle Breakfast

The youth will hold a waffle breakfast fundraiser Sunday 2/27 at 9 am in the Fellowship Hall. Funds raised will go toward the Youth Trip to the LCMS Nat'l Gathering in Houston this July.



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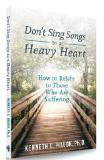
Now What?

Encouragement for those Facing Difficult Times

Two Books from Stephen Ministries provide Help and Hope for Christians

Dealing with Hardship

Cancer: Now What? is a practical guide for those with cancer and their loved ones. It is a comprehensive, easy-to read tool for navigating the medical, emotional, relational and spiritual challenges that cancer brings.



Don't Sing Songs to a Heavy Heart offers real-world advice on how to relate to those who are suffering. The reader will learn what to say and do -- and what NOT to say or do -- when people are hurting. The book is a valuable resource for those who work in a caregiving field, as well as for volunteers or anyone who wants to relate to people who are suffering in ways that ease their pain, instead of adding to their burden.

Both books are available for loan in Zion's library (located in our large conference room downstairs), **or for purchase at**

www.stephenministries.org.



This Week in Sunday School

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

BIBLE VERSE

God . . . richly provides us with everything.

1 Timothy 6:17

SCRIPTURE SNAPSHOT

A crowd of at least five thousand men, plus women and children, had gathered to hear Jesus preach. When challenged to find a way to feed the hungry crowd, the disciples question how this is possible. But Andrew brings one boy's lunch—five barley loaves and two fish. Miraculously multiplying this meager meal, Jesus feeds them all, with abundant leftovers.

TAKING IT HOME

- On the Go—The feeding of the five thousand shows how God meets all our earthly needs. Talk about the "bread and fish blessings" God has multiplied in your family.
- At Mealtime—What did Jesus do before He handed out the bread and fish? How might this action affect your behavior before you begin a meal?
- Something to Do—Think about the ways God richly provides for your family. Each day this week, give each member of the family a coin to place in a jar, listing different ways God has made you rich. At the end of the week, put the money in the offering basket at church.
- Before Bed—Pray together before bed: Dear Lord, thank You for dying and rising to cleanse me from my sins. Because of the blessings You richly provide, I have all I need now and forever. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.





What is the "church"?

much more than a building!

When someone says the word "church," we usually think of a place people go to worship. The Lutheran Confessions teach us that the church is the "assembly of all the believers among whom the Gospel is preached in its purity and the Holy Sacraments are administered according to the Gospel." Wow! The church is so

If the church is more than just the building, then why is the building and everything in it so important?

The church building, or the "sanctuary," is a place where God is present. We know that our Lord has promised to come to us in His Sacraments. Since God is actually here with us in His house, we should be very reverent, or respectful. We don't want anything in the church pulling us away from what God gives us in His Word and Sacraments. Everything should direct our attention toward Him.



Parents: Before or after the service, direct your children to the wonderfully Gospel-rich symbolism found in the sanctuary, including the on the altar, windows and banners. Remind them that the Lord truly comes to us here in His Word and Sacraments. He brings us what we really need: the forgiveness of sins.



Become a Concordia Hospice Volunteer

Make a difference today!

What do volunteers do?

Volunteers help our patients with everyday tasks so they may live each day to the fullest. Our volunteers enhance the quality of life for those receiving hospice care by simply holding a hand, sharing a story or being a friend. No prior knowledge is needed, just an open heart and a desire to change a life!

Our volunteers:

OFFER companionship and support to patients

GIVE caregivers much needed breaks

SHARE prayer or spiritual support

PLAY music or sing

VISIT with a therapy dog

HELP patients write or tell their life stories

SIT quietly with someone during the last hours of life

PROVIDE haircuts or massages

ASSIST staff with administrative tasks

Because hospice patients have diverse needs, Concordia welcomes individuals and groups with varied skills and talents. Our volunteers have been gardeners, hairstylists, artists, musicians, carpenters, quilters, housekeepers and writers. Every special skill and talent can be used when you're a hospital volunteer!

Concordia is blessed to offer hospice volunteer opportunities throughout our western PA service area. If you are interested in volunteering in southern Allegheny, Washington or Greene counties, visit **www.ConcordiaHW.org** or call our Concordia Hospice of Washington volunteer team at 724-250-4500. For those interested who live north of Pittsburgh, visit

www.good-samaritanhospice.org or call 1-800-720-2557 to be connected with our Good Samaritan Hospice volunteer coordinator!









