

# *Zion Lutheran Church*



*2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after  
Epiphany  
January 15<sup>th</sup> 2017*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by Ben & Megan Meyer in Honor of Lexi's 3<sup>rd</sup> Birthday!
- **ETERNAL LIGHT** is given by Wayne & Kathleen Conn in Memory of Loved Ones.
- **THIS WEEK'S FAVORITE BIBLE VERSE...** is from President Emeritus Jay Anderson. Ephesians 2:8-9 (NIV) For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast.
- **SPOTLIGHT MINISTRY... BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES!** Start 2017 getting closer to God, the great I AM. Check the display in the back corner of the sanctuary. Contact person: Vicar Joshua.
- **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY...** it's brand new and a perfect time to study *ALL THINGS NEW* by Kelly Minter, an 8-session study of 2 Corinthians. We will begin on **Tuesday, January 31, 7:15-8:45 PM**. Please sign up in the narthex or email Linda Kroeger, linda.w.kroeger@gmail.com.
- **CHECK OUT THE SPOTLIGHT MINISTRY ...** and enjoy a chocolate in the rear corner of the Sanctuary.
- **HAPPY NEW YEAR...it's BACK-TO-SCHOOL** time! See you in Sunday School and Adult Bible Class on Sunday morning, Wednesday night Bible Study and Breakfast, and Women's Bible Study TBD.
- **VICAR'S BOOK OF THE MONTH** for January is Robert Kolb's "The Christian Faith". You can check it out of the Zion library!
- **MARK YOUR CALENDAR** for our upcoming Women's retreat! We are heading to Camp Pioneer March 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>. This weekend is full of fellowship, Bible Study, Games & Fun. Contact Megan Pasquini with any questions – secretary@zlc.org. More detailed information coming soon. Sign-up sheet is in the Narthex!
- **PRAYER & PREACHING** has started! We are using a new format for 2017. We are having a Bible Study and a time of prayer together rather than a service and a sermon. We hope to see you this coming Wednesday at 7:00 pm.
- **BIGGEST LOSER** has started! If you are participating in this fun New Years Challenge make sure you weigh in monthly and pay your \$20. Keep up the hard work...there are prizes along the way!! Good luck to all of those participating. Contact Vicar with any questions!
- **SEAMLESS BIBLE STUDY** for Teen girls – 7<sup>th</sup> grade & up has started. It is not too late to join this group on Sundays @ 11:45am. Contact Katie Gielarowski - sundayschool@zlc.org with any questions.
- **WELCOME CENTER!** Are you a guest or visitor looking for information about Zion? Hello and welcome to Zion! Stop by the table in the foyer after the service and we'll try to help.
- **CHURCH NURSERY:** Is available for kids age 0-2 during the 10:30 Service! The Nursery ("Little Lions") is open during the late service in the lower level of the building. (If you need help locating the nursery, please ask an Usher or Greeter for assistance.)
- **NEED PRAYER?** Stephen Ministers and Elders will be available to pray with or for you following the Service in the Chancel area.
- **TODAY'S GOSPEL READING AND SERMON** will be posted to the ZLCB.org website later today. For an archive of older sermons, visit [www.zlc.org/sermons](http://www.zlc.org/sermons)

# Welcome to worship!

Isaiah is often called the evangelist of the Old Testament. Sometimes the book of Isaiah is humorously (but accurately) referred to as the "Gospel of Isaiah". While Isaiah never mentions Jesus by name, his book is FULL of proclamation that points to Jesus and what he has done. Consider Isaiah 53:5:

"But he was pierced for our transgressions;

he was crushed for our iniquities;

upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,

and with his wounds we are healed." As Christians, we CAN'T read this passage without thinking of Jesus and His work on the cross. The authors of the New Testament help us by referring to Isaiah over and over again as they explain who Christ is and what he has done.

In the immediate context, Isaiah deals with Israel in a time of prosperity, bringing a message of judgment and exile. But he also gives a message of hope and restoration to come. God will preserve a remnant for himself among those in Israel, and will redeem them through the work of his servant. Good news is shown to be greater news as we learn that Yahweh's salvation will be extended not only Israel, but the gentiles as well through the work of His servant.

We have lot's to explore this morning, as we look at the second so called "servant song". We'll examine the passage in its' context. we'll talk about the work of Christ on our behalf. We will rejoice that the good news is for everyone and we will think about our role in making known the Salvation given to us by the Servant of Yahweh, Jesus Christ. There is a sermon notes handout to keep us on track. May God bless your worship this morning!

-Vicar Joshua

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**ZION EQUIPS, EDUCATES, AND ENCOURAGES BELIEVERS IN CHRIST, SENDING THEM INTO THE WORLD TO SHARE THE GOSPEL.**

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# The Service of the Word

(Please take a moment to fill out the Attendance books, located at either end of the pew. If you are visiting us this morning and would like to be contacted by the church, please indicate so in the Attendance Book. We are glad you chose to worship at Zion this morning!)

## *Prelude*

## *Introduction to Worship and Announcements*

## *Opening Hymn: Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

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## *The Invocation*

Vicar: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

## *Confession of Sins*

Vicar: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**People: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Vicar: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**People: 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.**

## *Declaration of Grace by the Vicar*

## ***Kyrie-LSB 152***

V In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

V For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

V For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

V For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

V Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C Amen.**

## ***Salutation and Collect of the Day***

V The Lord be with you

**C And also with you**

V Let us pray. .. through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen**

## ***The Sharing of the Peace***

V The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

## **Old Testament Reading:**

## **Isaiah 49:1-7**

Listen to me, O coastlands, and give attention, you peoples from afar. The Lord called me from the womb, from the body of my mother he named my name. He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." But I said, "I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my right is with the Lord, and my recompense with my God."

And now the Lord says, he who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him; and that Israel might be gathered to him— for I am honored in the eyes of the Lord, and my God has become my strength— he says: “It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.” Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation, the servant of rulers: “Kings shall see and arise; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves; because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

**Reader:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God**

*Hymn: Faith and Truth and Life Bestowing*

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**Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9**

Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes,

To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge— even as the testimony about Christ was

confirmed among you— so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Reader:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God**

***The Alleluia and Verse (please stand)***

**C Alleluia! Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life  
Alleluia!**

**Vicar:** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 1<sup>st</sup> Chapter.

**People:** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Gospel Reading: John 1:29-42a**

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.' I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John bore witness: "I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God."

The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. Jesus turned and

saw them following and said to them, "What are you seeking?" And they said to him, "Rabbi" (which means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and you will see." So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means Christ). He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon the son of John. You shall be called Cephas" (which means Peter).

Vicar: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to you, O Christ.**

(Please be seated)

### ***Children's Message***

***Sermon Hymn: Salvation unto Us Has Come***

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### ***Sermon***

(Please stand)

### ***The 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,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.



## ***The Collection of the Offering***

If you are visiting with us this morning, know that your presence here means far more to us than any gift of money you could make; please do not hesitate to let the plate pass you by. Please stop by the welcome desk on your way out of church this morning.

## ***Offertory***

## ***Prayer of the Church***

## ***The Lord's Prayer***

V Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C **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.**

## ***Benedicamus***

V: Let us bless the Lord

C Thanks be to God

## ***Benediction***

V The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

C **Amen.**

***The Recessional: Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise***      917

## ***Postlude***

### † *Service Participants* †

Vicar:	Joshua Ulm
Music Director:	Mark Killinger
The Organist:	Doug Krantz
The Elders:	John Gielarowski & Mike Sterba
The Acolyte:	Ava Pasquini (8:00) Lara Luedeman (10:30)
The Greeters:	Robert & Diana Schmidt (8:00) Chuck & Debbie LaJeunesse (10:30)
The Ushers:	Kathleen Conn, Bill Schrag (8:00) Janet & Larry Zreliak Sam Dragan, Loren Luedeman (10:30)
Altar Guild:	Kari & John Gresh Mary Hutula & Elsie DallaPiazza
Nursery:	Megan Pasquini & Marian Oelschlager

### **Last Week in Worship**

Sunday Worship Attendance (1/8) – 196

Sunday Offering (1/8) - \$4,097.29

~Online giving is now available by going to the Zion web site: [www.zlcb.org](http://www.zlcb.org)~

## Week of Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> - Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup>

<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>1/15</b>	8:00 AM – Worship 9:15 AM – Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM – Worship 11:45 AM – Teen Girls Bible Study - Seamless 11:45 AM – Children’s Choir
<b>MONDAY</b> <b>1/16</b>	7:00 PM – Confirmation
<b>TUESDAY</b> <b>1/17</b>	7:00 PM – Choir Practice
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>1/18</b>	7:00 PM – Bible Study & Prayer
<b>THURSDAY</b> <b>1/19</b>	10:00 AM – Bible Study
<b>FRIDAY</b> <b>1/20</b>	
<b>SATURDAY</b> <b>1/21</b>	8:00 AM – Men’s Bible Breakfast 9:30 AM – Men’s Choir Practice
<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>1/22</b>	8:00 AM – Worship w/ Communion 9:15 AM – Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM – Worship w/ Communion 11:45 AM – Teen Girls Bible Study - Seamless 11:45 AM – Children’s Choir Practice 11:45 AM – Stephen Ministry Meeting


SAVE THE DATE!

*Zion Women's Retreat*  
MARCH 10<sup>TH</sup> - 12<sup>TH</sup> AT CAMP PIONEER

Join us for a weekend of Bible Study,  
Fellowship, Games, Food, and Wine!  
Friends welcome!



More information to come!  
Interested? Sign up in the Narthex  
or contact Megan Pasquini!



**Operation:  
Bags of Love**



Help support our  
troops!

Last year, we sent **264** bags  
of love to American troops  
in Afghanistan, Korea and  
Greenland.

**Help make our 5<sup>th</sup> year the BEST EVER.**

Your mission? Bring the following items and place in one of  
the Operation Stars and Stripes collection boxes:

**Ramen Noodles**

**Drink Mix Singles** (Propel, Coffee, etc.)

Snack sized packages of **Granola Bars**

Snack sized packages of **Jerky** or **Slim Jims**

Chewing **Gum**

Gallon-sized **ZipLok** Bags

**Other ways you can help:**

Monetary donations to help with shipping costs (*make  
checks payable to Zion Lutheran church and label  
"OSS"*)

Write a **Letter of Encouragement** to a soldier. Must be  
written on provided letterhead.

Draw a **Picture** on our Operation: Bags of Love drawing  
page.

**Pray for our troops.**

Help Sunday school kids assemble items on February 19<sup>th</sup>  
at 9:15am.

*(Letterhead and drawing pages are available in the Narthex, school  
lobby and on the Sunday school tab at [www.zlcb.org](http://www.zlcb.org).)*

**Collections begin Sunday, December 11th**

Thank you for your donations!

~Zion Lutheran Sunday school

For more information about Operation: Stars  
and Stripes, Inc., please visit their website at  
[www.operationstarsandstripes.com](http://www.operationstarsandstripes.com).



(Jesus said), “**Behold, I am making ALL THINGS NEW.**” Rev. 21:5 (ESV)

**Brand New Year...Brand New Bible Study!**  
**Kelly Minter’s ALL THINGS NEW,**  
**an 8-session **Women’s Bible Study** of 2**  
**Corinthians**

The city of ancient Corinth was much like our own modern-day cities: a melting pot of electrifying cultural experiences with all the pitfalls of spiritual depravity. Still, Paul wrote to the Church of God in Corinth - meaning **God’s Church is meant to thrive in any city and every circumstance.** *Paul’s letter is as timely as ever!*

Explore the anchoring truths of: 1. Bearing **treasures in jars of clay** 2. Meeting Christ through a **pressing thorn** 3. Opening wide your heart in the midst of **hurtful relationships** 4. What it means to embrace **the lost and lonely** as ministers of the new covenant.

Each of us has a message to proclaim and live by:

**Because of Jesus the old has gone, the new has come.**

**WHEN: Tuesday, January 31, 7:15-8:45 PM**

**HOW: Please sign up in the narthex or email**

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