

# Zion Lutheran Church



January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Second Sunday after 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. Please stop by our welcome table as you leave worship. 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 -- [zlc.org](http://zlc.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 (1 Cor. 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 or call the church office.

### **Our Worship**

Our worship services are based on traditional church liturgies in which God speaks to us in His Word and we respond to Him. These liturgies were used by the early church almost 2000 years ago and are rich in scriptural meaning, connecting us to our past -- and future -- in Christ Jesus. There is a depth to Lutheran worship that can take time to appreciate, thus you may find that you don't understand everything that is happening the first week you visit. That's OK, we encourage you to keep visiting!

Opening Hymn -- Arise and Shine in Splendor

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1 A - rise and shine in splen - dor; Let night to day sur -  
 2 See earth in dark - ness ly - ing, The hea - then na - tions  
 3 The world's re - mot - est rac - es, Up - on whose wea - ry  
 4 Lift up your eyes in won - der— See, na - tions gath - er  
 5 Your heart will leap for glad - ness When from the realms of



ren - der. Your light is draw - ing near. A - bove, the  
 dy - ing In hope - less gloom and night. To you the  
 fac - es The sun looks from the sky, Shall run with  
 yon - der From sin to be set free. The world has  
 sad - ness They come from near and far. Your eyes will



day is beam - ing, In match - less beau - ty  
 Lord of heav - en— Your life, your hope— has  
 zeal un - tir - ing, With joy Your light de -  
 heard Your sto - ry; Her sons come to Your  
 wake from slum - ber As peo - ple with - out



gleam - ing; The glo - ry of the Lord is here.  
 giv - en Great glo - ry, hon - or, and de - light.  
 sir - ing That breaks up - on them from on high.  
 glo - ry; Her daugh - ters haste Your light to see.  
 num - ber Re - joice to see the Morn - ing Star.

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**P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar,

let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**C** Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. 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  $\text{†}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

### Service of the Word

Introit -- Psalm 40:1–5; antiphon: vv. 10a, b



**P** I have not hidden your deliverance with- | in my heart;  
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your sal- | vation;

**C** I waited patiently | for the LORD;  
he inclined to me and | heard my cry.

He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the | miry bog,  
and set my feet upon a rock, making my | steps secure.

He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise | to our God.  
Many will see and fear, and put their trust | in the LORD.

Blessèd is the man who makes the | LORD his trust,  
who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray af- | ter a lie!

You have multiplied, O LORD my God, your won | drous deeds;

I will proclaim and tell of them, yet they are more than | can be told.

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 have not hidden your deliverance with- | in my heart;  
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your sal- | vation.

## Kyrie



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

## Gloria in Excelsis



**C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.
- P** Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### **Old Testament Reading -- 1 Samuel 3:1–10**

The young man Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. And the word of the LORD was rare in those days; there was no frequent vision.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his own place. The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was.

Then the LORD called Samuel, and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down.

And the LORD called again, "Samuel!" and Samuel arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him.

And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the young man. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant hears.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

And the LORD came and stood, calling as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant hears."

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Faith Bell Choir -- *O Morning Star How Fair and Bright* (8 am)**

### **Epistle Reading -- 1 Corinthians 6:12–20**

"All things are lawful for me," but not all things are helpful. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be enslaved by anything. "Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food"—and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make

them members of a prostitute? Never! Or do you not know that he who is joined to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, “The two will become one flesh.” But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Alleluia and Verse



**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



**C** These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### Holy Gospel

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

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.” Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.” Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, “Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!” Nathanael said to him, “How do you know me?” Jesus answered him, “Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.” Nathanael

answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

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

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

### 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  $\dagger$  of the world to come. Amen.



# Hymn of the Day -- The Only Son from Heaven

#402



1 The on - ly Son from heav - en, Fore - told by an - cient seers,  
2 O time of God ap - point - ed, O bright and ho - ly morn!  
3 O Lord, our hearts a - wak - en To know and love You more,  
△ 4 O Fa - ther, here be - fore You With God the Ho - ly Ghost



By God the Fa - ther giv - en, In hu - man form ap - pears.  
He comes, the king a - noint - ed, The Christ, the vir - gin - born,  
In faith to stand un - shak - en, In spir - it to a - dore,  
And Je - sus, we a - dore You, O pride of an - gel host:



No sphere His light con - fin - ing, No star so bright - ly  
Grim death to van - quish for us, To o - pen heav'n be -  
That we, through this world mov - ing, Each glimpse of heav - en  
Be - fore You mor - tals low - ly Cry, "Ho - ly, ho - ly,



shin - ing As He, our Morn - ing Star.  
fore us And bring us life a - gain.  
prov - ing, May reap its full - ness there.  
ho - ly, O bless - ed Trin - i - ty!"

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## Sermon

## Installation of Officers

## Prayer of the Church

**P** ... Lord in your mercy.

**C** ... Hear our prayer.

## Gathering of Offerings

## Service of the Sacrament

### Preface

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### Sanctus



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho- san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

As the glory of Your presence once filled Your ancient temple, so in the incarnation of Your Son, Jesus Christ, You manifested the fullness of Your glory in human flesh.

We give You thanks that in His most Holy Supper You reveal Your glory to us. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood so that we may one day behold Your glory face to face.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

### **Lord's Prayer**

**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.

### **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  $\text{✠}$  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  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

### **Pax Domini**

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

## Agnus Dei



1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;



O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,



Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

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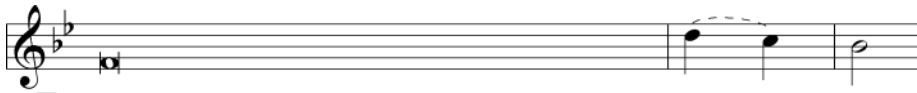
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### Distribution Hymns

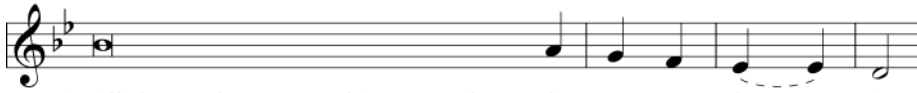
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"Come, Follow Me," the Savior Spake	#688
What Is This Bread	#629



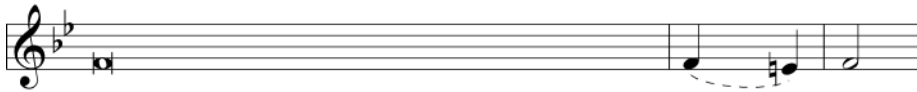
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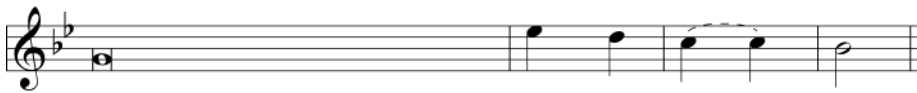
- 1 We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord.  
2 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of . . . . . Sab - a - oth;  
3 The noble army of martyrs . . . . . praise — You.



- 1 All the earth now worships You, the Fa-ther ev - er - last - ing.  
2 heaven and earth are full of the majes - ty of Your glo - ry.  
3 The holy Church throughout all the world does ac - knowl-edge You:

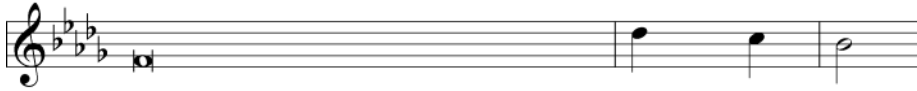


- 1 To You all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the pow'rs there-in.  
2 The glorious company of the apostles . . . . . praise — You.  
3 The Father of an infinite majesty; Your adorable, true, and on - ly Son;  
4 You are the king of glory, . . . . . O — Christ;

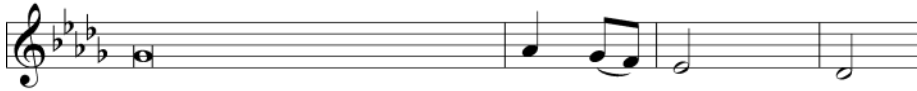


- 1 To You cherubim and seraphim con - tin - ual - ly do cry:  
2 The goodly fellowship of the . . . . . proph-ets praise — You.  
3 also the Holy . . . . . Ghost, the Com-fort - er.  
4 You are the everlasting Son . . . . . of the Fa - ther.

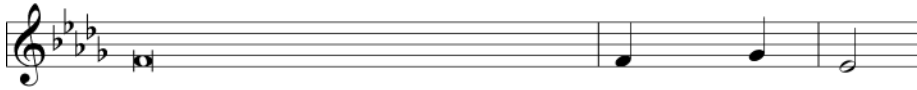




5 When You took upon Yourself to de - liv - er man,  
6 You sit at the right . . . . . hand of God



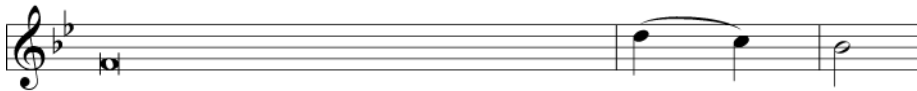
5 You humbled Yourself to be born of a vir - gin.  
6 in the glory . . . . . of the Fa - ther.



5 When You had overcome the . . . . . sharpness of death,  
6 We believe that . . . . . You will come



5 You opened the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev - ers.  
6 to . . . . . be our judge.



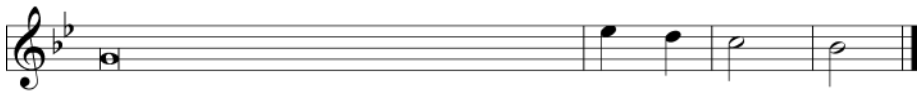
7 We therefore pray You to help Your . . . . . ser - vants,



7 whom You have redeem - ed with Your pre - cious blood.



7 Make them to be numbered . . . . . with Your saints



7 in glory . . . . . ev - er - last - ing.

### **Post-Communion Collect**

**P** Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; 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**

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### **Benediction**

**P** 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.

**C** Amen.

*Closing Hymn on next page ...*

Closing Hymn — Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning

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1 Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,  
 2 Cold on His cra - dle the dew - drops are shin - ing;  
 3 Shall we not yield Him, in cost - ly de - vo - tion,  
 4 Vain - ly we of - fer each am - ple ob - la - tion,  
 5 Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,



Dawn on our dark - ness and lend us thine aid;  
 Low lies His head with the beasts of the stall;  
 Fra - grance of E - dom and of - f'rings di - vine,  
 Vain - ly with gifts would His fa - vor se - cure.  
 Dawn on our dark - ness and lend us thine aid;



Star of the East, the ho - ri - zon a - dorn - ing,  
 An - gels a - dore Him in slum - ber re - clin - ing,  
 Gems of the moun - tain and pearls of the o - cean,  
 Rich - er by far is the heart's ad - o - ra - tion;  
 Star of the East, the ho - ri - zon a - dorn - ing,



Guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.  
 Mak - er and Mon - arch and Sav - ior of all.  
 Myrrh from the for - est and gold from the mine?  
 Dear - er to God are the prayers of the poor.  
 Guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.

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## Prayer Requests for Family & Friends

### *The Church:*

- For our homebound members:** Florence Boehme.
- Healing & Strength for:** Amy Eastman (sister-in-law of Connie Canale), Celia Evans, Amy (niece of Jodi Fitzgerald), Michelle Hopkins (sister of Mark Killinger), Tabitha Riley (friend of Bobbie Hoelle), Tom & Kim Erbrecht, Mary Lou Neill, Dante (cousin of Maryann McClure), Pastor Ernest Knoche, Jen Fitzgerald, Barbara & Kara Koski, Mike Wallace, Joanne Garloff, Richard Hultman, Rita Sheldon, Dennis & Esther Finney, Eva Bukovitz, Judy Graziano, Alyssa Mance, Shannon Mance, Dave Hutula, and Mabel Granke.
- For the ministry of Zion Lutheran Sunday School and Preschool.

### *The World:*

- For peace in Ukraine and Israel.
- 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.



## *Service Participants*

<b>Pastor:</b>	Rev. Dr. Edward Grimenstein
<b>Music Director:</b>	Mark Killinger
<b>Organist:</b>	Sandy Quinlan
<b>Elders:</b>	Bob Schmidt & Mike Kroeger (8:00) Tom Erbrecht & Jim Neill (10:30)
<b>Acolytes:</b>	Elder (8:00); Pippa Carter (10:30)
<b>Ushers:</b>	Joshua Grimenstein, Tim Sheldon, Larry & Janet Zreliak (8:00) Max Gresh, Aaron & Mike Kozak, Chuck LaJeunesse (10:30)
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Tevia, Lydia and Rachel Grimenstein

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by Barb Fisher in memory of husband Peter; and by Zion Lutheran Church in honor of the Triune God.

**ETERNAL LIGHT** is given by Kathleen & Wayne Conn in memory of Lois Dittmer.



### **2024 ALTAR FLOWERS & ETERNAL LIGHT**

**SPONSORSHIPS** are now available. Sign up sheets are on the table in the back of the sanctuary. Members may sponsor in memory -- or honor of -- loved ones; or in celebration of special occasions.

### **ALL-CHURCH VOTERS' MEETING SUNDAY 1/28**

**AFTER SECOND SERVICE.** There will be several important items on the agenda! A light lunch will be served.



### **Last Week in Worship**

Sunday Worship Attendance (1/7) -- 38 (8 am); 79 (10:30 am)

Mid-Week Worship (1/10) -- 4 (2 pm)

Plate Offerings (1/7) -- \$3614 Online Offering -- \$5690.84

*Online giving is available*

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## *This Week at Zion*

<b>SUN</b> <b>1/14</b> <b>FOOD BANK</b> <b>COLLECTION</b>	8:00 AM -- Worship 9:15 AM -- Adult/Teen Bible Study & Sunday School 10:30 AM -- Worship 6:00 PM -- Youth Group Mtg./Movie Night
<b>MON</b> <b>1/15</b>	6:00 PM -- 1st Yr Confirmation 6:30 PM -- Faith Bell Choir 7:00 PM -- 2nd Yr Confirmation
<b>TUE</b> <b>1/16</b>	6:15 PM -- Grace Bells 7:15 PM -- Choir
<b>WED</b> <b>1/17</b>	2:00 PM -- Mid-Week Worship & Bible Study
<b>THU</b> <b>1/18</b>	6:00 PM -- Adult Confirmation Class 6:30 PM -- Events Committee Meeting
<b>FRI</b> <b>1/19</b>	
<b>SAT</b> <b>1/20</b>	
<b>SUN</b> <b>1/21</b>	8:00 AM -- Worship 9:15 AM -- Adult/Teen Bible Study & Sunday School 10:30 AM -- Worship

## **Zion Officers and Board Members**

**Chairman** -- Paul Klemash  
**Vice-Chairman** – Bill Bishop (*newly elected for 1-yr term*)  
**Treasurer** – John Migyanko  
**Financial Secretary** -- Mary Lou Rilee  
**Sunday School Directors** – Jon & Connie Canale  
**Recording Secretary** – Kari Gresh (*re-elected*)  
**Events & Planning Committee Chair**-- Megan Glasser  
**Altar Guild Director** – Marian Oelschlager  
**Usher Directors** – Mike & Aaron Kozak

### **Board of Elders**

Bob Schmidt, Chair  
Roger Diederich (*re-elected*)  
Tom Erbrecht (*newly elected*)  
Sam Garloff  
Mike Kroeger  
James Neill  
Mike Sterba (*newly elected*)  
Mike Wallace

### **Board of Education**

(Members appointed)  
Andy Weldon, Chair  
Susie Bishop  
Judy Bridges  
Tracey Johnson  
Carrie Lemonovich  
Diana Schmidt

### **Board of Trustees**

Paul Hayes, Chair (*re-elected*)  
Mike Debowski (*newly elected*)  
Lee Glasser  
John Gresh  
Dan Harris  
Linda Kroeger  
Ben Meyer  
Jim Oelschlager (*re-elected*)  
Deborah Sterba



## Youth Group BBQ Fundraiser



Just in time for you Super Bowl celebration, Zion youth group is selling "ready to heat & eat" pulled pork, baby back ribs, and sauces from South Fayette company Rib Raiser BBQ. A

percentage of each sale will help with expenses for our trip to the 2025 LCMS Youth Gathering in New Orleans. The sale runs through January 21st.



Details and order forms on the table in the back of the sanctuary.



We are truly blessed to have such a wealth of musical talent in our congregation. If you are interested in becoming involved with the music ministry through singing or ringing, please contact Mark Killinger

[killingermed@hotmail.com](mailto:killingermed@hotmail.com).

No experience necessary when it comes to ringing bells ... we will teach you!

Spots are available in both groups.



**LUTHERANS  
FOR LIFE**

Several of our Zion teens and their parents will be attending the conference below and participating in the **March for Life** next week in Washington, DC. Please include them in your prayers for safe travel and may they be bold witnesses for the sanctity of life!

**in Washington, D.C.**  
January 18-20, 2024

**Y4Life**

**Conference and March**  
*Open to all high school and college students!*

**Just As . . . I AM -**  
**With Courage and Compassion** @ 6 PM ET

**Thursday**  
**18**  
**January**

- Registration and Exhibits
- Opening Devotions
- Introductions and Icebreakers
- Y4Life Conference Session 1: Just as . . . I AM with Courage and Compassion with Rev. Trevor Sutton
- Music, Sign-making, Exhibits, and Social Time

**Friday**  
**19**  
**January**

**As Male or Female** @ 9 AM ET

- Y4Life Conference Session 2: Just as . . . I AM with Melissa Ohden
- Pre-March Devotion: Rev. Harrison Goodman
- March for Life: Rally, March, and Testimonials
- Dinner on own
- Exhibits, Social Time
- Devotion and Post-March Discussion
- Y4Life Conference Session 3: Just as . . . I AM as Male or Female (Panel Discussion on Gender)

**Saturday**  
**20**  
**January**

**For Blessing and Service** @ 9 AM ET

- Y4Life Conference Session 3: Just as . . . I AM for Blessing and Service
- Y4Life Conference Session 4: Just as . . . I AM Joy Despite Brokenness
- Closing Devotion: Rev. Michael Salemink

**Ends @ Noon ET**

**Location:** Hilton Arlington National Landing (near Reagan National Airport)  
2399 Richmond Hwy, Arlington, VA 22202

**Cost:** Conference is FREE for registered youth. Rooms cost \$124 per night with group rate, up to 4 people per room. Breakfast included. Limited availability.

**Registration:** Register with QR code or at [y4life.org](http://y4life.org)

**Conference registration closes**  
**Dec. 15, 2023**

For more information, visit: [Y4life.org](http://Y4life.org)  
Or email Director of Y4Life, Michelle Bauman, at: [michelle@y4life.org](mailto:michelle@y4life.org)

# KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE



## What is “The Epiphany of Our Lord”?

The word “epiphany” (pronounced ee-PIF-uh-nee) comes from the Greek word meaning “manifestation.” Jesus was made known to all people simply by being born. If we had been alive back then, we could have actually reached out and touched Jesus! He was real, and the evidence was in His birth!

## Why do we celebrate Epiphany?

Epiphany is the third part of the Christmas season. During this special season in the Church Year, we remember the visit of the Wise Men. Traditionally, this visit is celebrated on Jan. 6.



Epiphany also brings to mind many other important events in Jesus’ life. For example, we remember Jesus’ Baptism, the star that guided the Wise Men, and most importantly, His birth! Wow! There sure is a lot happening after Christmas!



**Parents:** “God in flesh made manifest” is a hard statement for children to understand. Be sure to remind them that Jesus is real, alive and once walked on the earth for all to see. When Holy Communion is offered, be sure to let your children attend with you. Instruct them that this is where Christ manifests and gives His true body and blood for us.

