

# SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

*A Service of Word & Sacrament*

*January 14, 2024*



**ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**85 E. Brandt Boulevard**

**Landisville, PA**

*Connecting with God; Connecting with others; Connecting others with God*

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

**WELCOME TO ZION!** We are glad you have chosen to worship with us in-person or online today! For in-person worshippers, all words and parts of the service will be projected on the screen in the front of the sanctuary. If you prefer a printed bulletin, they are available on the table in the narthex by the entrance to the sanctuary. The service contains the four parts of the Lutheran liturgy (The Gathering, The Word, The Meal, and The Sending). If you have any questions concerning our service, please do not hesitate to talk with our pastor, Pastor Tim. This morning we welcome guest organist Douglas Bomberger!

## **WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AT ZION**

**IN-PERSON:** All are invited to join us for worship at 9:00 a.m. each Sunday morning.

**ONLINE:** Indoor worship services are live-streamed on the church YouTube channel: [http://bit.ly/Zion\\_Live](http://bit.ly/Zion_Live). If you are unable or prefer not to watch during the live-stream, the recording is available to view any time after the service concludes. When the service is held outdoors, there will be no live-stream.

## **FOR THOSE WORSHIPPING IN-PERSON**

- ❖ Restrooms are available by the front entrance of the church in the narthex and in the hallway off the back door. Infant changing tables can be found in the women's and men's bathrooms in the hallway off the back door.
- ❖ Children are welcome to be active participants in the worship service. There are bags located at the back of the sanctuary with quiet worship activities and goodies to take home. Currently, nursery care is not available but you may use the parlor as a cry room while also still being able to listen to the service.
- ❖ Ushers are located near the front and back of the worship area to direct people to seating, assist with other matters, and to answer questions.

# Second Sunday After Epiphany

P: Pastor      A: Assisting Minister      C: Congregation (**bolded**)

## † THE GATHERING †

### INTRODUCTION

*All the baptized have a calling in God's world. God calls not just pastors and deacons but also the youngest child, like Samuel. The story of the calling of Nathanael plays with the idea of place. Nathanael initially dismisses Jesus because he comes from Nazareth. But where we come from isn't important; it's where—or rather whom—we come to. Jesus refers to Jacob, who had a vision in a place he called “the house of God, and . . . the gate of heaven” (Gen. 28:17). Jesus says he himself is the place where Nathanael will meet God.*

### WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, & GOD-SIGHTINGS

### PRELUDE

*Thine Be the Glory*

G. F. Handel

*Please stand if you are able.*

### HYMN

*Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak*

ELW 676

1 Lord, speak to us, that we may speak in  
2 Oh, lead us, Lord, that we may lead the  
3 Oh, teach us, Lord, that we may teach the  
4 Oh, fill us with your full - ness, Lord, un -

liv - ing ech - oes of your tone; as you have sought, so  
wan-d'ring and the wa - v'ring feet; oh, feed us, Lord, that  
pre - cious truths which you im - part; and wing our words, that  
til our ver - y hearts o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and





Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, alt.  
Music: CANONBURY, Robert Schumann, 1810–1856

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, creator of darkness and light, word of truth, wind sweeping over the waters.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence for reflection.*

P: God, our rock and refuge,

C: **we pour out our hearts before you. We have known you but have not always loved you. We have wounded one another and sinned against you. We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit dwelling in each of us. Remember your covenant. Renew your creation. Restore us, that we might proclaim your good news to all. Amen.**

P: The voice of the Lord is upon the waters. God has spoken: The time of grace is now. In Jesus, the reign of God has come near. By the authority of ✠ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are God's beloved.

C: **Amen.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE



**A** Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.



**B** Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa-ther:



We wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men

## **GREETING**

**P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C:** **And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P:** Let us pray. Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer, for the countless blessings and benefits you give. May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day praising you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## **† THE WORD †**

### **1 SAMUEL 3:1-20**

*The calling of Samuel.*

**A:** <sup>1</sup>Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

<sup>2</sup>At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; <sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>Then the LORD called, “Samuel! Samuel!” and he said, “Here I am!” <sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>The LORD called again, “Samuel!” Samuel got up 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.” <sup>7</sup>Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. <sup>8</sup>The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. <sup>9</sup>Therefore Eli said to Samuel, “Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, ‘Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.’” So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

<sup>10</sup>Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, “Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant is listening.” <sup>11</sup>Then the LORD said to Samuel, “See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. <sup>12</sup>On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. <sup>13</sup>For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. <sup>14</sup>Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli’s house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever.”

<sup>15</sup>Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. <sup>16</sup>But Eli called Samuel and said, “Samuel, my son.” He said, “Here I am.” <sup>17</sup>Eli said, “What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you.” <sup>18</sup>So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, “It is the LORD; let him do what seems good to him.”

<sup>19</sup>As Samuel grew up, the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. <sup>20</sup>And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the LORD.

Word of God. Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM 139**

*Please read responsively.*

**A:** <sup>1</sup>O LORD, you have searched me and known me.

**C:** <sup>2</sup>**You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.**

<sup>3</sup>You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

<sup>4</sup>**Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely.**

<sup>5</sup>You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

<sup>6</sup>**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.**

<sup>7</sup>Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?

<sup>8</sup>**If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.**

<sup>9</sup>If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,

<sup>10</sup>**even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast.**

<sup>11</sup>If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light around me become night,"

<sup>12</sup>**even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you.**

<sup>13</sup>For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

<sup>14</sup>**I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.**

<sup>15</sup>My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

<sup>16</sup>**Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed.**

<sup>17</sup>How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!

<sup>18</sup>**I try to count them — they are more than the sand; I come to the end — I am still with you.**

<sup>19</sup>O that you would kill the wicked, O God, and that the bloodthirsty would depart from me —

<sup>20</sup>**those who speak of you maliciously, and lift themselves up against you for evil!**

<sup>21</sup>Do I not hate those who hate you, O LORD? And do I not loathe those who rise up against you?

<sup>22</sup>**I hate them with perfect hatred; I count them my enemies.**

<sup>23</sup>Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts.

<sup>24</sup>**See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.**



## 1 CORINTHIANS 6:12-20

*Glorify God in your body.*

A: <sup>12</sup>“All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are beneficial. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be dominated by anything. <sup>13</sup>“Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food,” and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. <sup>14</sup>And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. <sup>15</sup>Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! <sup>16</sup>Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, “The two shall be one flesh.” <sup>17</sup>But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. <sup>18</sup>Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. <sup>19</sup>Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? <sup>20</sup>For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

Word of God. Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**CHILDREN'S CHAT**    A reading of “*The Runaway Bunny*”    *by Margaret Wise Brown*  
*Illustrated by Clement Hurd*

*Please stand if you are able.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**    *Lord, Be Glorified*

**ELW 744**

The musical notation is written on two staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, using quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the notes.

1 In my life, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;  
in my life, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.

## JOHN 1:43-51

*The calling of the first disciples.*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter.

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

P: <sup>43</sup>The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." <sup>44</sup>Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. <sup>45</sup>Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." <sup>46</sup>Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." <sup>47</sup>When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" <sup>48</sup>Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." <sup>49</sup>Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" <sup>50</sup>Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." <sup>51</sup>And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated.*

## MESSAGE

Pastor Timothy Seitz-Brown



**Psalm 139** is a beautiful, brutally honest prayer that, when read thoroughly, is both delightful and disturbing!

As Lutherans, we read the Bible through a ***both/and "lens"***.



The Bible both unmasks our complicity in wicked systems and the Bible reveals God at work overcoming those wicked systems, even as they seek to possess us.

**Come and see! >>>**



No matter how high or how low we go, even down into the grave, God's mercy finds us! (139:7-8)

Despite what others think about us or say about us, we are "marvelously made!" (139:14)

Amidst those times when life stops making sense (exile), we receive assurance that God's wisdom will work it all out, *even when we cannot imagine how.*

But then... this psalm takes an ugly turn.

**Come and see. >>>**



**I love this psalm,  
and yet...**

*check out 139:19,  
because the mood shifts.*



We are swift to be outraged  
at the evil  
we see in others. (139:20)

We easily equate  
our "goodness"  
with God's goodness

and put "Those People"  
out of reach  
of God's goodness (139:21).



**Come and see. >>>**



Without embarrassment

and bringing  
our real, raw  
thoughts/emotions  
to God,

we confess to  
hating  
"Those People"

with a  
*complete and total hatred!*  
(139:22)



**Come and see. >>>**



**We invite God to go ahead and search our hearts and minds for any potential wickedness inside of us. (139:23)**

To put this in terms of an earlier psalm, we petition the Lord, "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me"  
(51:10 = 139:24).



**Come and see.>>>**



Our Lutheran Confessions

are all about  
exposing  
our self-righteousness

and revealing

**how the Creator is  
re-creating us-**

and the Confessions  
recognize that this is

"easier said than done."



**Come and see. >>>**

Can anything  
good come from  
Nazareth?!

**Come  
and  
see!**



"Marvelously made  
people" recognize other  
human beings as  
"marvelously made  
people."



### Micah 4:1-5

...but they shall sit  
under their own  
vines and under their  
own fig trees, and no  
one shall make them  
afraid; for the mouth  
of the Lord has  
spoken. (4:5)



**Can anything good come from Nazareth?!!!**



How are we seeing "Those People"  
as "less than human"?

How are we seeing "Those People"  
as "marvelously made"?



God is re-creating us ...  
as Namers!

Who are you  
naming as  
Marvelously  
Made?

*Please stand if you are able.*

**HYMN**

***Here I Am, Lord***

**ELW 574**



1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.  
2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.  
3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.  
I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.  
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.  
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.  
Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"  
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"  
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

Text: Daniel L. Schutte, b. 1946

Music: HERE I AM, LORD, Daniel L. Schutte

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## NICENE CREED

P: Let us profess our faith together.

C: **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

A: As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation. Encourage the ministry and mission of the church, God of truth. Let the leaders of your church be trustworthy and accountable stewards, that all its resources and outreach bring hope and healing to communities. God of grace,

C: **receive our prayer.**

Delight in the goodness of your creation, God of fig trees and fertile soil. Heal areas of the world harmed by human greed. Restore those recovering from natural disaster. Protect our forests and waterways and all the creatures that live in them. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

Call the leaders of every neighborhood and nation to serve faithfully, God of wisdom. Give them visions of justice and unity. Lead them to action that promotes equitable partnership and uplifts those on the margins of society. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

Hold in your care any who suffer and struggle, God of compassion. You who know our inner hearts, be present with any who are oppressed, victims of racism or cultural bias, and all who long for respite or restoration. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

Give this congregation the anticipation and excitement of Samuel, so inspired and empowered to do your work in the world, God of unity. Make us faithful as we build communities of inclusion and mutual care. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

Trusting God who raised Jesus and will also raise us in spirit and truth, we remember all who have died and are at peace among the saints especially the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. whose faithful advocacy for peace and justice continues to embolden the church. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

*Additional prayers may be lifted up by the congregation and/or pastor.*

P: Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.  
C: **Amen.**

### **THE SHARING OF THE PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you.  
C: **And also with you.**

### **† THE MEAL †**

### **PRAYER**

A: Blessed are you, Holy One, for all good things come from you. In bread and cup you open heaven to us. Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek and follow your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray.  
C: **Amen.**



## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER & WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

P: Holy God, in baptism you have made our bodies parts of your Son's body. In his death we have died with him, and in his resurrection you have given us the freedom of the glory of your children.

Take the brokenness of our flesh, and through the power of your Spirit make your church a temple of your living presence and a crucible of encounter and reconciliation with you. Send your Holy Spirit upon this bread and wine that they may be for us the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ; who, at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup. Again, he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Great is the mystery of faith.

**C: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

P: Merciful God, in Christ you call us from our places of belonging and safety to the adventure of your kingdom and the wonder of your mission. Bless all who today have nowhere to lay their head, no community in which to belong, no good work through which to serve, and no future for which to hope.

In the power of your Spirit, Andrew found Simon and Philip found Nathanael: send companions to any who experience life as isolation, defeat, or disgrace. Make your church a sheepfold where the bewildered may enter a home, the abandoned may discover a welcome, the tired may find rest, and the imprisoned may be set free, until the last traces of discord disappear from your creation and you are all in all, one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

P: We pray together.

**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.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: At Jesus' table, heaven and earth are joined as one. Come and see.

*Please be seated.*

## PARTAKING IN THE BREAD AND CUP OF SALVATION

*All baptized Christians are welcome to partake of the Holy Sacrament by coming forward to receive the elements. Those who do not or choose not to partake of the sacrament may come forward and receive a blessing. If you are unable to come forward, please let one of the ushers know and the pastor will come to you.*

*For those not able to have red wine, there is grape juice in the outer circle of every tray. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers will say: "The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you," to which you may respond: "Amen."*

*Please use this time for quiet reflection or join in singing the communion hymns until all worshippers have communed and have returned to their seats.*

## COMMUNION HYMNS

### *O Jesus, I Have Promised*

ELW 810

1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;  
2 Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ev - er near.  
3 Oh, let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still  
4 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you

re - main for - ev - er near me, my mas - ter and my friend.  
I see the sights that daz - zle, the tempt - ing sounds I hear.  
a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will.  
that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be too.



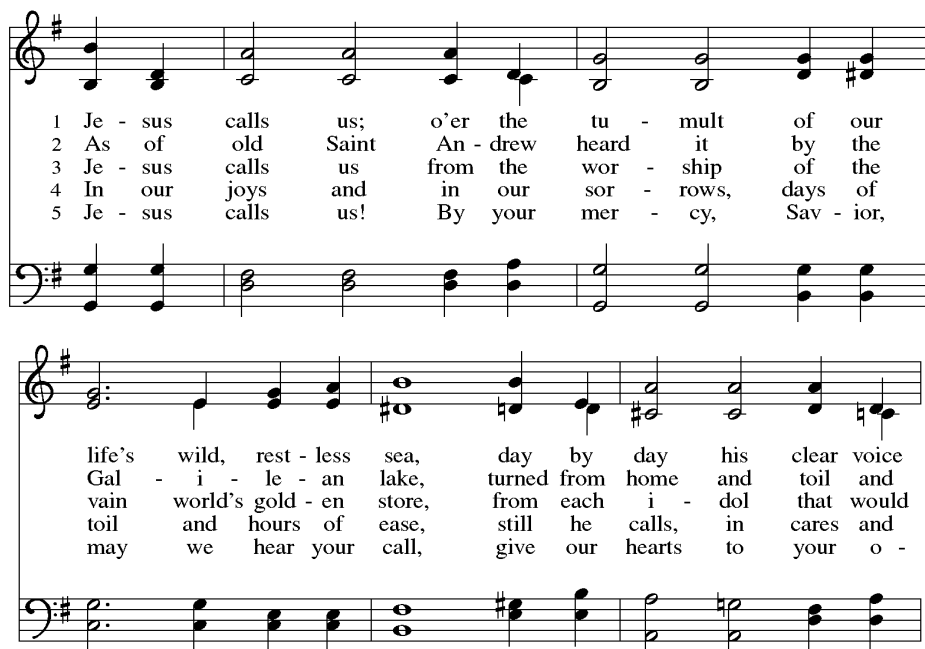


I shall not fear the bat - tle if you are by my side,  
 My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;  
 Now speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;  
 And Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;

nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.  
 but, Je - sus, then draw near - er to shield my soul from sin.  
 now speak and make me lis - ten, O Guard - ian of my soul.  
 oh, give me grace to fol - low, my mas - ter and my friend.

*Jesus Calls Us; O'er the Tumult*

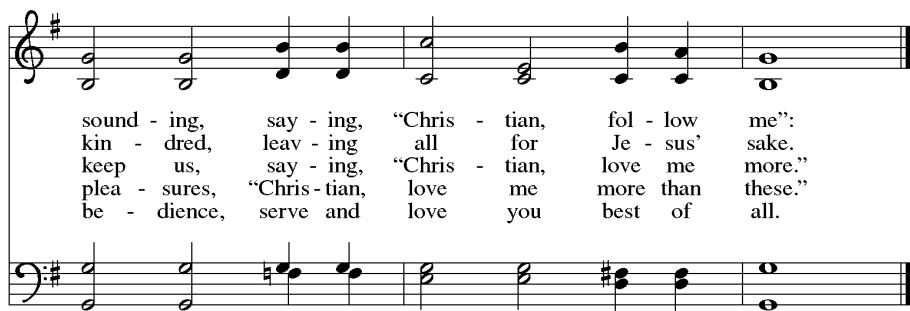
ELW 696



1 Je - sus calls us; o'er the tu - mult of our  
 2 As of old Saint An - drew heard it by the  
 3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the  
 4 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of  
 5 Je - sus calls us! By your mer - cy, Sav - ior,

life's wild, rest - less sea, day by day his clear voice  
 Gal - i - le - an lake, turned from home and toil and  
 vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would  
 toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and  
 may we hear your call, give our hearts to your o -





sound - ing, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me":  
 kin - dred, leav - ing all for Je - sus' sake.  
 keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."  
 plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."  
 be - dience, serve and love you best of all.

*Please stand if you are able.*

## POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

**P:** The body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C:** **Amen.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**A:** Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever.

**C:** **Amen.**

## † THE SENDING †

## BLESSING

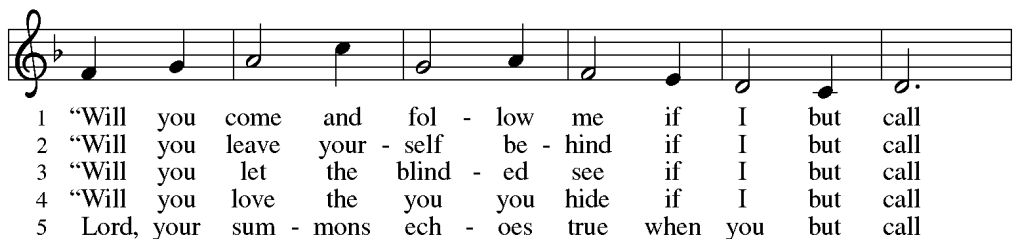
**P:** God who names you, Christ who claims you, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you, † bless you and remain with you always.

**C:** **Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

## *Will You Come and Follow Me?*

**ELW 798**



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call  
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call  
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call  
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call  
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call





your name? Will you go where you don't  
your name? Will you care for cruel and  
your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners  
my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?  
kind and nev - er be the same?  
free and nev - er be the same?  
side and nev - er be the same?  
you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my  
Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -  
Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as  
Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the  
In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be  
tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer  
this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I  
world a - round, through my sight and touch and  
foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"  
pray'r in you and you in me?"  
mean in you and you in me?"  
sound in you and you in me?"  
grow in you and you in me.

## DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. You are God's beloved.

C: Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

*Fugue*

William Selby

## **THIS WEEK AT ZION**

### **Sunday, January 14**

*\* The altar flowers are sponsored by Diane Ramer in honor of Al's birthday on Wednesday!*

*\* The communion elements are sponsored by the Gundel families to the glory of God, along with their prayer that the love of our Savior Jesus Christ will continue to surround the precious family of Zion during the coming year.*

Worship – 9:00 a.m. (In-Person & Livestreamed/Recorded)

Livestream/Recorded Link: [http://bit.ly/Zion\\_Live](http://bit.ly/Zion_Live)

Adult Sunday School – 10:30 a.m.

Bible Study Class – Parlor

Wired Word Class – Zone & Zoom (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2283229266>)

### **Monday, January 15 – MLK Day**

Food Pantry – 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Council – 7 p.m. (Zone)

### **Tuesday, January 16**

Bible Study – 9 a.m. (Parlor)

Scouts – 6:30 p.m. (Classrooms, Social Room)

### **Wednesday, January 17**

Food Pantry – 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Social Outreach – 6 p.m. (HotZ)

### **Thursday, January 18**

Choir – 6:00 p.m.

### **Friday, January 19**

### **Saturday, January 20**

### **Sunday, January 21**

Worship – 9:00 a.m. (In-Person & Livestreamed/Recorded)

Livestream/Recorded Link: [http://bit.ly/Zion\\_Live](http://bit.ly/Zion_Live)

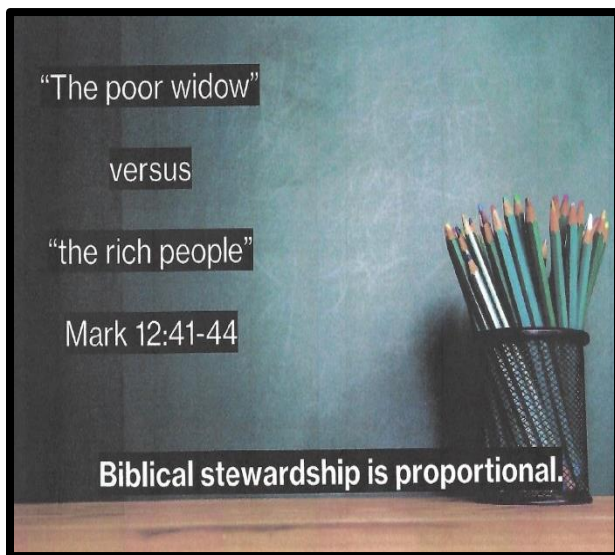
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## ANNOUNCEMENTS, UPDATES, & EVENTS

### STEWARDSHIP UPDATE



*As we start 2024, we know we are truly blessed. We usually do not see at ourselves as "rich or poor." However, as we move forward to spread God's message, we must look at the Widow's example and ask whether we are doing enough to meet God's and Zion's Vision. **Let us ponder:** What percentage of my income am I called to invest in God's mission through Zion? How is God calling me to use the resources entrusted to my care?*

*We all have to ask whether we are doing enough. If we answer that honestly and take action, we will get to December of 2024 and say "Job Well Done!"*

### 2024 CHURCH DIRECTORY

Today is the final day to review your listing in the directory on the ushers' table in the narthex. A 2024 directory will be printed by the end of January.

### JOYFUL NOISE

Through January, this outreach offering will go to Day of Smiles! This non-profit collects money for different local organizations to help bring smiles to those in need throughout the year.

### COMFORTER MINISTRY

The Comforter Ministry is still collecting colorful clean sheets and fabric! Please place any donations in the blue bin in the narthex!

### FLOWER, BULLETIN, AND COMMUNION ELEMENTS SPONSORS

The sign-up sheets for all three of these sponsorship opportunities in 2024 are posted on the bulletin board in the narthex across from the mailboxes. This is a great way to help offset the church's cost for these worship service expenses and a special way to honor, remember, and celebrate someone or an occasion! Cost is \$40 for flowers, \$40 for bulletins, and \$35 for communion elements.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

\* The Wired Word: In the Zone and on Zoom

[Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2283229266>]

\* The class that meets in the parlor will begin a new study.

## HOSPITALIZATION AND PRAYER LIST REMINDER

If you or someone you know from the church has been hospitalized or is having a procedure and want the pastor, the prayer team, or the congregation to know, please call or email Pastor Tim or the church office. The hospital doesn't always notify us anymore so please don't assume they have!

ALSO, in an effort to keep the Prayer List as up to date as possible, please let the office know if anyone can be removed from the current list. If there is anyone who should be added, please let the office know that too.



The Social Outreach team is bringing back the Souper Bowl food drive this year! As in past years, you are invited to bring in canned goods—particularly soup and fruit—on Sunday, February 11! There will be two big soup pots in the narthex, labelled with the teams who are playing the Super Bowl later that afternoon! Place the canned goods in the pot labelled

with the team who you are cheering for to win the big game! There are still a few weeks leading up to the game but it's not too early to start stocking up on canned goods to donate! All donations will go to the Food Pantry.



## 2024 OFFERING ENVELOPES

In the spirit of Zion's Stewardship Initiative and being generous followers of Jesus, be sure to pick up your offering envelopes in your church mailbox. *Please note that some envelope numbers have changed in 2024 from what they were in 2023. Make sure you use the correct box number!*

## OUR DAILY BREAD DEVOTIONALS

Devotional booklets are available on the ushers' table in the narthex, on the window ledge in the back hallway, and on the kiosk across from the mailboxes.





**The Lutheran Camping Corporation  
of Central Pennsylvania**  
Kirchenwald, Nawakwa, & The Wittel Farm

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**



➤ **TODAY! Chicken & Waffles: January 14, 12  
Noon-2 p.m. @ Nawakwa; RSVP by 1/10**

*Spend a Sunday at camp with a delicious home-made  
chicken and waffles dinner.*

*And bring your sleds (if there's snow)!*



➤ **Winter Fun Day: TODAY and February  
18, 1-5 p.m. @ Kirchenwald**

*Bring your family and  
friends to enjoy an  
afternoon on Kirchenwald's  
award-winning toboggan  
run, ice-skating on the lake, or drinking hot chocolate  
in the lodge.*



➤ **Lenten Day Apart: February 24, 9 a.m.- 3  
p.m. @ The Wittel Farm; RSVP by 2/16;  
\$15 (includes program cost and lunch)**

*Continue your Lenten journey to Easter by  
joining us for a day apart.*

# ***PRAYER LIST***

## ***FOR HEALING***

Dave Wauls  
Dick Olson  
Cindy Blough  
Bob Shirk  
Jess Barcaro  
Sam King  
Bill Grove  
Connie Alsedek  
Joe Adams  
Mary Zimmerman  
Marvin Ruch  
Kate Donnan  
Judie Ingersoll  
Joan Mays  
Holly Hoover  
Barb Williams  
Kay Crawford  
Tom Grzybowski  
Dolly Overly  
John Hay  
Bob Steinmetz (Brother of Diane Gerlach)  
James Marks (Grandson of Thelma Pearson; Nephew of Dennis & Marie Dezort)  
Renee Willamon (Friend of Pat Landis)  
Loma Slike (Mother of Sue Wise)  
Ed Illick (Husband of Pastor Pam Illick)  
Brook Ross (Friend of Barb Williams)  
William Hartman (Father of Deb Grube)  
Jeff Long (Nephew of Rick & Deb Long)  
Mike LaFata (Son-in-law of Bill & Julia Grove)  
Jack Taylor (4-year-old son of the niece of Deb Grube)  
Harmony & Family (Friends of Kim & Jim Paternoster)

***In an attempt to keep  
the Prayer List current,  
please let Pastor Tim or  
Anne know if anyone  
can be removed from  
this list or if anyone  
needs to be added.***

## ***FOR COMFORT, PEACE, STRENGTH, & SAFETY***

Thelma Pearson	Lucy Davis	Deb McCartney	George Potts
Ruth Burkett (Mother of Deb Long)		Arlene Wise (Sister-in-law of Dave Wise)	

Ed & Dotty Sites (Parents of Cathy Benedict)  
Jennifer Kready (Daughter of Dave & Donna Dumeyer)  
Peggy & Rick Dolly (Relatives of Barb Williams)

***FOR PROTECTION FOR MILITARY & FIRST RESPONDERS***

Evan Benedict                      Christopher Wright                      Chris Andrew                      Thom Whitesel  
Ryan Stitzel                      Doug Kautter                      Justin Gorlaski  
Tyler Duke (Great Grandson of Jan Reeves)  
Corey Landis (Nephew of Jesse & Pat Landis)  
David Adams (Son-in-law of John & Kathleen Hay, and husband of Liz)

***IN CELEBRATION & REMEMBRANCE***

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

17<sup>th</sup> – Al Ramer  
19<sup>th</sup> – Lisa Bernhard, Dylan Gromen  
20<sup>th</sup> – Jayann Leibley, Jessica Barcaro

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Pastor Tim and Ann on the birth of their first grandchild,  
Kay!

**CONDOLENCES** to Pat Brady and the extended Brady family as they grieve the death  
of his mother, Dorothy “Dot” Brady on January 1.

## **MINISTRY LEADERS**

Ministers  
Pastor  
Music Director  
Guest Organist  
Parish Administrator  
Worship Technology Assistant  
Lay Ministry Assistant  
Council President  
Council Vice President  
Sextons

Members of the Congregation  
Rev. Timothy Seitz-Brown  
John Landis  
Douglas Bomberger  
Anne Rankin  
David Albin  
Diane Gerlach  
Kim Paternoster  
Denise Haun  
Brian Bourassa (a.m.)  
Tom Miller (p.m.)

## **WORSHIP, SUNDAY SCHOOL, & CONTACT INFORMATION**

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Morning Bible Study	Tuesdays @ 9:00 a.m.
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