Zion Lutheran Church



Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 17, 2021

As a people of God, we share Christ's love, grow in faith, and serve others.

10:00 A.M. SERVICE

PRELUDE

WELCOME

GREETING

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

HYMN

Will You Come and Follow Me?

ELW 798

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose voice is upon the waters, whose mercy is poured out upon all people, whose goodness cascades over all creation. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,

you search us and know us. You are acquainted with all our ways. We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin—our own sins and the broken systems that bind us. We turn inward, failing to follow your outward way of love. We distrust those who are not like us. We exploit the earth and its resources and fail to consider generations to come. Forgive us, gracious God, for all we have done and left undone. Even before the words are on our tongues, you know them; receive them in your divine mercy. Amen.

How vast is God's grace! Through the power and promise of + Christ Jesus, our sins are washed away and we are claimed as God's own beloved. Indeed, we are forgiven. In the wake of God's forgiveness, we are called to be the beloved community living out Christ's justice and the Spirit's reconciling peace. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

FIRST READING 1 Samuel 3:1-10

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

GOSPEL John 1:43-51

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

HYMN In Christ Alone

¹LORD, you have searched me out; O LORD, you have known me.

²You know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.

³You trace my journeys and my resting-places and are acquainted with all my ways.

⁴Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, but you, O LORD, know it altogether.

⁵You encompass me, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

⁶Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

¹³For you yourself created my inmost parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

¹⁴I will thank you because I am marvelously made; your works are wonderful, and I know it well.

¹⁵My body was not hidden from you, while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.

¹⁶Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were written in your book; my days were fashioned before they came to be.

¹⁷How deep I find your thoughts, O God! How great is the sum of them!

¹⁸If I were to count them, they would be more in number | than the sand; to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING ANNOUNCEMENT

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

...Lord, in your mercy.

Congregational response after each petition: Hear our prayer

THE 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.

BENEDICTION

God the creator strengthen you; Jesus the beloved fill you; and the Holy Spirit the comforter + keep you in peace. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

Jesus Calls Us, O'er the Tumult

ELW 696

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ. **Thanks be to God**

POSTLUDE

At 10:45 a.m. a Congregational Meeting will be held on Zoom to vote on the Pastoral Couple:

Details are as follows:

To Join the Meeting online:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81497607649

Meeting ID: 814 9760 7649 Passcode: 124046

To dial in via telephone:

301-715-8592

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Requests remain on the prayer list for 30 days unless requested otherwise.

Nancy Bybel, Skippy Zimmerman, Haley Bergman, Marty Appleby, Ronnie Butler, Glenn Stroupe, Dennis Kim, Donna Jean Brandenburg, Greg, Jim and Paula Pearson, Liz Kurtz, Christa Grunwald, Cathy Smith, Cathy Kehoe, Ruby Pyles, Carolyn Al-

bright, Morissa Travers, Jackie Bello, Ruth Davis, Randy Andersson, Jessica Catechis, Heidi Witmer, Sherri Myers, Fletcher Robinson, Glen Burris, Matthew Schaffert, Mike Mauro, Mike Lawrence, Naomi Hayes, Ray Murphy, Janice Wisner, Ricky Routzahn, Priscilla Hughes, Gene Appleby, Addison Hopson, Tristan Vail, Kevin Kinna, Marianna Bere, Amii Fritz, Mitchell Bidle, David Shupe, Deb Kahihikolo



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