

Zion Lutheran Church



Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
January 29, 2023
11:00 a.m.

**Welcome to worship on this holy day of celebration.
*We are glad you are with us today for worship.
If you have any questions, please see an usher.***

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



Sunday 11:00 a.m. Worship Service

**Denotes Congregation is to stand, if able*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One, source of our renewal,

we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves.

We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

Thus says our God: "The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare." God's mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of ✝ Christ our Savior.

Amen.

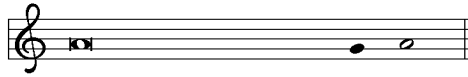
***GATHERING HYMN** *Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life* ELW 719

*APOSTOLIC 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.

***KYRIE**



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



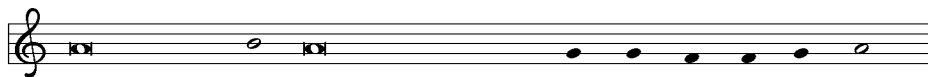
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

***GLORIA**

Assisting minister



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

All



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.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

FIRST READING

Micah 6:1-8

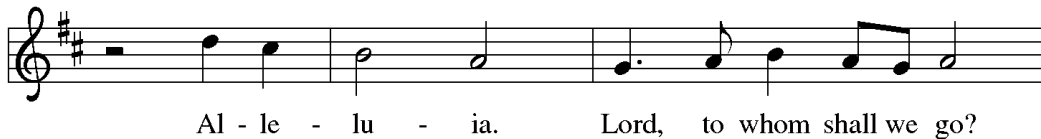
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY

Psalm 15

¹Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? Who may abide upon your holy hill?
²**Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right, who speak the truth from their heart;**
³they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends; they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.
⁴**In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the LORD. They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.**
⁵They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

***GOSPEL VERSE**



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew, the 5th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

***GOSPEL READING**

Matthew 5:1-12

(after the reading of the Gospel)
The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Looking in the Wrong Place

***HYMN**

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

ELW 712

***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.

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

***PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

Please take a moment to look around at your sisters and brothers and offer a sign of peace through a wave, a smile, or a message.

OFFERING

Thank you all for the gifts of time, talent, and treasures you give to support the mission at Zion. We cannot do our work without your participation in all three areas. To give financially, please give either online or in the offering plate that the ushers will pass in between pews. You can also scan the QR code to be taken to our online giving portal.



CHOIR ANTHEM

Trust and Obey (J. Raney)

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

***GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The pastor will continue with the proper preface:

It is indeed...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***SANCTUS**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

***EUCHARISTIC 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.

***FRACTION SENTENCE**

AGNUS DEI



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion this day. During communion distribution, an usher will invite your pew row to come forward. If you need the pastor to bring you communion, please let an usher know. When you come forward for communion, the pastor or assisting minister will say similar words: "The body of Christ, given for you," and "The blood of Christ, shed for you." Your response to each is "Amen." There is a gluten free and grape juice option available if you need this. Know that Christ is fully present in the bread and the wine. If you are only able to receive one kind (such as only the host or only the wine), know that you will receive the same benefits as receiving both. Return your empty glass to the baskets. Children and those not ready to receive communion this day may receive a blessing.

***POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

***POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

***BENEDICTION**

***SENDING HYMN** *The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve* ELW 551

***DISMISSAL**

The worship has ended, now the service begins. As we go out into the world, let us remember our mission.

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

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Our Mission

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



Our Vision

At Zion we strive to provide a sanctuary for prayerful and Joyous worship within a respectful and welcoming environment and to meet the spiritual needs of our intergenerational congregation and community, using Christian ideas and values.

Servants in God's House January 29, 2023

11 a.m.

Linda Huckleberry (Greeter)
Karol Koogle (Acolyte)
Joe McIntosh (Crucifer)
Sharon Finley (Asst Minister)
Judy Turley (Lector)
Jim Huckleberry (Head Usher)
Bruce McIntosh (Sanctuary Usher)
Karol Koogle (Comm Asst)
Barry Poffinberger (Sound System)

Servants in God's House February 5, 2023

10 a.m.

Ike Ahalt (Greeter)
Sharon Finley (Lector)
Jim Huckleberry (Head Usher)
Rosella Wilson (Sanctuary Usher)
Lois Ahalt (Comm Asst)
Wendi Kishimoto/Karol Koogle
(PowerPoint)
Wendi Kishimoto/Karol Koogle
(Livestream/Sound System)



The altar flowers are given by Sharon Finley to the glory of God and in honor of Penney's 7th birthday.



Zion Prayer List 1-24-2023

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

Nancy Allen, Trish Tollefson, Jack Boglitsch, Nena Rhoderick, Paul Phillimore, Ron Trusty, Bill Eisentrout, Clark Kline, Joel Engel, Frances Eaves, Doris Taylor, Donna Musser, Dolores Para, Eric Kinna, Skippy Zimmerman, Helene Keefner, Sarah Danner, Pat Rudy, Melvin Smith, Harold "Bubby" Webber, Tom & Bonnie Remsberg, Matthew Schantz, Janet Young, John Bagent Jr., Evelyn Hawker, Jackie Bello, Sarah Gladhill, Wayne Smith, Bob Guyton, Anna Hough, Kathi Hayter, Shirley Smith, Anna Kepler, Marianna Bere, Marty Appleby, Ruby Pyles, Gene Appleby, Addison Hopson, Kevin Kinna, Deb Kahihikolo, Janice Wisner

Death: Jennifer Harne-Keller, Nancy Coppola

Please be sure the church is notified if you are hospitalized and if you wish to be placed on the prayer list or would like visitation.



At Home in the Middletown Valley
ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Zion Lutheran Church

107 West Main Street
Middletown, MD 21769
301-371-6500

Website: www.zionmiddletown.org

*For emergency pastoral care or to
schedule an appointment, please call the church
office for additional information.*

The Reverend Diane Day—Co-Pastor

ext. 202, pastordiane@zionmiddletown.org

The Reverend Matt Day—Co-Pastor

ext. 209, pastormatt@zionmiddletown.org

Wendi Kishimoto - Church Administrator/

Director of Youth & Family Ministry

ext. 203, wendik@zionmiddletown.org

Melissa Cregger - Administrative Assistant

ext. 201, melissac@zionmiddletown.org

Deb Reichelt - Treasurer

treasurer@zionmiddletown.org

Kaye Derr-Financial Secretary

financialsecretary@zionmiddletown.org

Matt Puziss - Director Worship Team

mattpuziss@gmail.com

Bobby Staples - Director of Music Ministry/Organist

rstaples93@gmail.com

Liturgy and hymns reprinted from Sundays and Seasons.com. Copyright 2012 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. Reprinted by permission under Augsburg Fortress Liturgies Annual License #24159.

New Revised Standard Version Bible, copyright 1989, Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America. Used by permission. All rights reserved.