

Zion Lutheran Church



***10 a.m. Combined Worship
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
February 2, 2025***

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

Sunday 10:00 a.m. Worship Service

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life.
Amen.

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.

God proclaims these words of assurance: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.

I have called you by name. You are mine." In † Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God.

Amen.

*OPENING SONG

Holy is The Lord

Worship Team

*APOSTOLIC GREETING (📖 And also with you.)

*PRAYER OF THE DAY (📖 Amen.)

FIRST READING (📖 Thanks be to God.)

Jeremiah 1:4-10

PSALMODY

Psalms 71:1-6

¹ In you, O Lord, have taken refuge; let me never be put to shame.

² **In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free; incline your ear to me and save me.**

³ Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe; you are my crag and my stronghold.

⁴ **Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.**

⁵ For you are my hope, O Lord God, my confidence since I was young.

⁶ **I have been sustained by you ever since I was born; from my mother's womb you have been my strength; my praise shall be always of you.**

*Gospel Acclamation

The holy gospel according to St. Luke, the 4th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

***GOSPEL READING**

Luke 4:21-30

(After the reading of the Gospel)

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

***SONG OF THE DAY**

Beautiful King

Worship Team

*** 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**

***PEACE (☪ 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

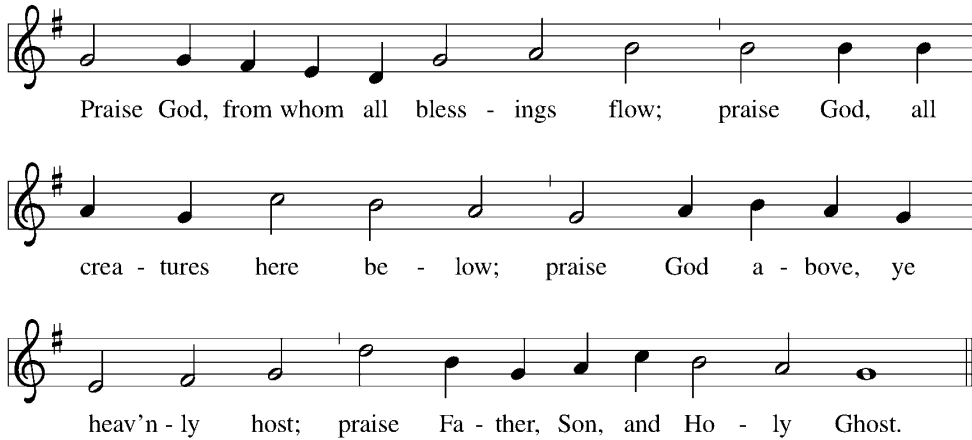
Lord, Speak to Me

-Hal Hopson

Worship Choir

***OFFERTORY CANTICLE**

ELW 885



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise God, all
crea - tures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

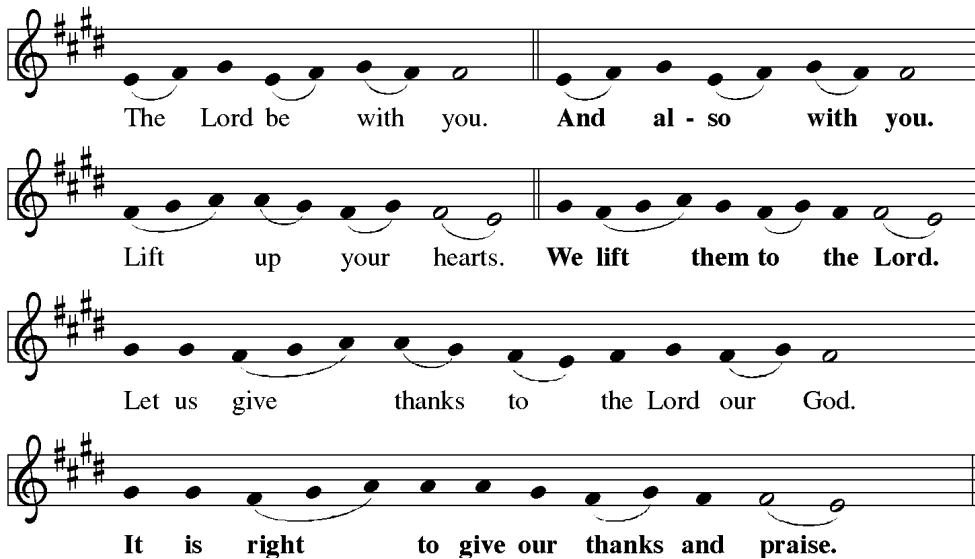
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Music: OLD HUNDREDETH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

***OFFERTORY PRAYER (B Amen.)**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

***SURSUM CORDA**

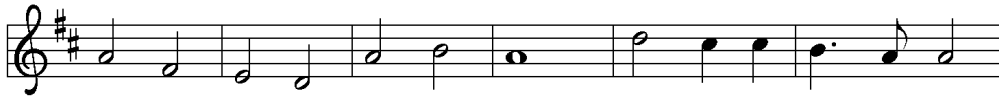


The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

***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.

***EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER (☒ Amen.)**

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

***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. There is a gluten free and grape juice option available if you need this. Return your empty glass to the baskets. Children and those not ready to receive communion this day may receive a blessing.

COMMUNION MUSIC *Schoenster Herr Jesu (Beautiful Savior)* -C. Ore Kirk Denton, organ

***POST-COMMUNION BLESSING** (℞ Amen.)

***POST-COMMUNION PRAYER** (℞ Amen.)

***BENEDICTION** (℞ Amen.)

***SENDING HYMN** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* ELW 631

***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 *Faith of Our Fathers* -D. Johnson Kirk Denton, organ



The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Lynn Palmer, loving wife, mother, and grandmother, by her husband Donald Palmer and family

Servants in God's House
February 2, 2025 - 10 a.m. Worship

Lois Ahalt (Greeter)
Bruce McIntosh (Acolyte)
Gene Appleby (Asst Minister)
John Gruner (Lector)
Jim Huckleberry (Head Usher)
Leslie Lent-Santora (Usher)
Rosella Wilson (Comm Asst)
Barry Poffinberger (Sound System)
Rick Milauskas (Live Stream)

Servants in God's House

February 9, 2025

9 a.m. Contemporary Worship

Kathy and Bob Hetrick (Greeter)
Sonja Harsch (Lector)
Jack Newkirk (Head Usher)
Terry Poffinberger (Sanctuary Usher)
Nancy Allen (Comm Asst)
Levi Derr (Sound System)
11 am (Live Stream)

Servants in God's House

February 9, 2025

11 a.m. Traditional Worship

Sue Whitter (Greeter)
Clinton Appleby (Acolyte)
Clinton Appleby (Asst Minister)
Sharon Finley (Lector)
Kenneth Basler (Head Usher)
Bob Rockwell (Sanctuary Usher)
Linda Kinna-Engel (Comm Asst)
Doug Davis (Sound System)
Doug Davis (Live Stream)



Zion Prayer List 2-2-2025

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

Brenda Ward, Gwen Bowlus, Mike Main, Christa Grunwald, Kathi Hayter, Junior Wiles, J. Richard Staples, Samn Huffer, Ruth Ann Derr, Barry B., Katana Lewis, Debby Knipple, Larry DiGiulio, Ken Young, Carol O'Brien, Mike Fath, John Lettiere, Jr., Ursula Powell, Pat Hansen, Jane Nalborczyk, Eric Kinna, Ronnie Kinna, Linda Stottlemeyer, Anita, Gary, Kay Wachter, Michael Easton, Tristan Vail, Beth Smith, Lorene Huffer, Bruce Albright, Marty Appleby, Judith Smith, Jackie Bello, Trish Tollefson, Skippy Zimmerman, Sarah Gladhill, Ruby Pyles, Addison Hopson, Kevin Kinna, Deb Kahihikolo

Death: James Palmer

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.



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