

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH PEMBROKE  
THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY  
JANUARY 29 2023  
SETTING FOUR

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ELW p. 94)**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

**Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**Amen.**

**GATHERING SONG *Dearest Jesus, at Your Word* (ELW 520)**

1 Dearest Jesus, at your word  
we have come again to hear you;  
let our thoughts and hearts be stirred  
and in glowing faith be near you  
as the promises here given  
draw us wholly up to heaven.

2 All our knowledge, sense, and sight  
lie in deepest darkness shrouded  
till your Spirit breaks the night,  
filling us with light unclouded.  
All good thoughts and all good living  
come but by your gracious giving.

3 Radiance of God's glory bright,  
Light of light from God proceeding,  
Jesus, send your blessed light;  
help our hearing, speaking, heeding,  
that our prayers and songs may please you,  
as with grateful hearts we praise you.

4 Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
praise to you and adoration!  
Grant us what we need the most:  
all your gospel's consolation  
while we here on earth await you,  
till in heav'n with praise we greet you.

Text: Tobias Clausnitzer, 1619–1684, sts. 1–3; *Gesangbuch*, Berlin, 1707, st. 4; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, adapt. Text: Public Domain.

**GREETING (ELW p. 147)**

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 (ELW p. 147)



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



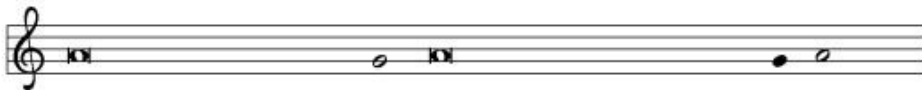
Lord, have mer - cy.



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.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW p. 148)



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



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 (ELW p. 150)**

Let us pray.

Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

**MIXED CHOIR**

**THE LORD IS MY LIGHT**

by Lillian Bouknight and Paul Gainer

**FIRST READING: Micah 6:1-8**

A reading from Micah.

<sup>1</sup>Hear what the Lord says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. <sup>2</sup>Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the Lord has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel.

<sup>3</sup>"O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! <sup>4</sup>For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.

<sup>5</sup>O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord."

<sup>6</sup>"With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? <sup>7</sup>Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" <sup>8</sup>He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 15**

<sup>1</sup>Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? Who may abide upon your <sup>1</sup> holy hill? <sup>2</sup>**Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right, who speak the truth from their heart;** <sup>3</sup>they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends; they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor. <sup>4</sup>**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.** <sup>5</sup>They 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.

**SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31**

A reading from 1 Corinthians.

<sup>18</sup>The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup>For it is written,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

<sup>20</sup>Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup>For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup>For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup>For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

<sup>26</sup>Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup>But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God

chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; <sup>28</sup>God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, <sup>29</sup>so that no one might boast in the presence of God. <sup>30</sup>He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, <sup>31</sup>in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 151)**

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.**

**Alleluia.**

**GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12**

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup>Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

<sup>3</sup>"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup>"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

<sup>5</sup>"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup>"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

<sup>7</sup>"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

<sup>8</sup>"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

<sup>9</sup>"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

<sup>10</sup>"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup>"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is



great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON (ELW p. 151)**

**HYMN OF THE DAY    *Blest Are They* (ELW 728)**

**CREED (ELW p. 152)**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.\*

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into  
heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come 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.**

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\*Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use.

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

Cultivate humility in your church. In gatherings of every size, teach us to boast only in the cross. Shape your church to be people of kindness, generosity, and justice. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

The foundations of the earth bear witness to your faithfulness; the mountains and hills echo with your holiness. When we mistreat your creation, show us the error of our ways. Inspire us with reverent awe to honor all you have made. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

You make foolish the wisdom of the world. Raise up honorable leaders who seek justice, love mercy, and pursue peace. Frustrate plans that are corrupt, wicked, and self-seeking. Prosper the work of peacemakers (*local and international reconciliation efforts may be named*). Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Bless all whom the world rejects. Accompany those who are regarded as foolish, weak, low, and despised; reveal your power and presence at work where it is least expected. Give your life, strength, and wisdom to all in need (*especially Ann, Jason, Erna, Richard, Marilyn, Margaret, Martha, Lani, Charlotte, Ella, Rhonda, Heather, Aileen, Brenda, Ruth, Anneliese, Kaitlyn, Danita, Ann* ). Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

As with your people Israel, remind this congregation of your saving acts. Remind us how your faithfulness brought us through difficulties and sustained us despite our weaknesses. Establish the cross as the center of our life together. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Praise to you for your blessed saints in every time and place (*especially*). Trusting you accompanied them in poverty, persecution, and in every trial, we trust you abide with your people always. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.  
**Amen.**

**PEACE (ELW p. 152)**

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

**OFFERING *In the Bleak Midwinter* (ELW 294) verses 1 and 3**

1 In the bleak midwinter,  
frosty wind made moan,  
earth stood hard as iron,  
water like a stone;  
snow had fallen, snow on snow,  
snow on snow,  
in the bleak midwinter,  
long ago.

3 What can I give him,  
poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd  
I would bring a lamb;  
if I were a wise man  
I would do my part;  
yet what I can give him--  
give my heart.

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**OFFERING PRAYER (ELW p. 152)**

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love,

through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ,  
our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**DIALOGUE (ELW p. 152)**

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.

**PREFACE (ELW p. 153)**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful  
God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ;  
who on this day overcame death and the grave,

and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way  
of everlasting life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ELW p. 153)**

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

Lord God of pow'r and might:

Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

**THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE (ELW p. 153)**

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.

You are most holy,

and great is the majesty of your glory

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,

so that everyone who believes in him may not perish  
but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world  
to fulfill for us your holy will  
and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of  
sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from  
this cup,  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.  
**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come  
again.**

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,  
his life-giving passion and death, his glorious  
resurrection and ascension,  
and the promise of his coming again,  
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,  
not as we ought but as we are able;  
we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and  
thanksgiving  
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your  
servants,  
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,  
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of  
Christ  
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,  
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,

may be formed to live as your holy people  
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and  
forever.

**Amen, amen, amen.**

**LORD'S PRAYER (ELW p. 154)**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as  
Jesus taught us.

**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 (ELW p. 154)**

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

**COMMUNION**

The body of Christ, given for you.  
The blood of Christ, shed for you.  
Amen.

**COMMUNION SONG (ELW p. 154)**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have  
mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have  
mercy on us.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

**SONG AFTER COMMUNION *O Master, Let Me Walk with You* (ELW 818)**

**Amen.**

1 O Master, let me walk with you  
in lowly paths of service true;  
tell me your secret; help me bear  
the strain of toil, the fret of care.

2 Help me the slow of heart to move  
by some clear, winning word of love;  
teach me the wayward feet to stay,  
and guide them in the homeward way.

3 Teach me your patience; share with me  
a closer, dearer company,  
in work that keeps faith sweet and strong,  
in trust that triumphs over wrong,

4 In hope that sends a shining ray  
far down the future's broad'ning way,  
in peace that only you can give;  
with you, O Master, let me live.

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**SONG AFTER COMMUNION *Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life* (ELW 719)**

1 Where cross the crowded ways of life,  
where sound the cries of race and clan,  
above the noise of selfish strife,  
we hear your voice, O Son of Man.

2 In haunts of wretchedness and need,  
on shadowed thresholds dark with fears,  
from paths where hide the lures of greed,  
we catch the vision of your tears.



3 From tender childhood's helplessness,  
from human grief and burdened toil,  
from famished souls, from sorrow's stress,  
your heart has never known recoil.

4 The cup of water giv'n for you  
still holds the freshness of your grace;  
yet long these multitudes to view  
the strong compassion in your face.

5 O Master, from the mountainside  
make haste to heal these hearts of pain;  
among these restless throngs abide;  
oh, tread the city's streets again;

6 Till all the world shall learn your love,  
and follow where your feet have trod;  
till glorious from your heav'n above  
shall come the city of our God.

Text: Frank M. North, 1850-1935, alt. Text: Public Domain.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (ELW p. 155)**

Let us pray.

O God, our life, our strength, our food, we give you  
thanks for sustaining us with the body and blood of  
your Son. By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his  
body in the world, that more and more we will give you  
praise and serve your earth and its many peoples,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

**BLESSING (ELW p. 155)**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**Amen.**

**SENDING SONG *The Lord Now Sends Us Forth* (ELW 538)**

The Lord now sends us forth  
with hands to serve and give,

to make of all the earth  
a better place to live. Repeat

The angels are not sent  
into our world of pain  
to do what we were meant  
to do in Jesus' name;  
that falls to you and me  
and all who are made free.

Help us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will today. Repeat

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### **DISMISSAL (ELW p. 155)**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **POSTLUDE**

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## **NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **WORSHIP AND MUSIC**

A reminder to everyone that we continue to check the suggestion boxes at the entrances to the church. If you have a favorite hymn that you would like included in a service, please let us know. Also, if you have concerns, questions or suggestions regarding our worship services, place them in one of the boxes. Everything will be included in our meetings.

### **ZION LUTHERAN WOMEN**

Please join us on Wed. Feb. 1 at 2:00 pm for a Valentine Tea with games and love songs. Coffee and snacks to follow.

### **TABLE TALKS OUTCOME**

Thank you to everyone who stayed following worship on January to discuss what you enjoy about Zion and your hopes and dreams for Zion in the future. The records that were recorded have been together and the leadership teams in those specific areas will be looking at them seriously in the near future. The worship and

Music Committee already has a plan to do so. The complete list of recordings will be printed in the March Newsletter.

**PULSE MINISTRY** consists of three different programs. Every generation is invited to worship and to Messy Church: Messy Church, Youth Group, and worship. The worship Service is called “Living Stones”.

**Messy Church** is another alternative, in addition to Sunday School (not in place of), that is held in the evening once a month. It includes Food, Crafts, Games, Faith Talk, and Fun! It is for all individuals young and old. The next event is Feb 6 5:30-7:30pm.

**Youth Group Bowling Friday February 17 -630-930pm-Youth** are invited to come bowling at the Bowling Opeongo Bowldrome in Renfrew. We will leave from church at 6:30pm. Cost is \$5.50/per game and \$2 shoe rental. Bring \$20. Need notice if you are coming to book a lane.

### **BISHOP’S RETREAT**

Pastor Scott and Pastor Sue will be away starting Sunday, February 5th to Wednesday, February 8th inclusive.

### **COFFEE HOUR**

Please join us for coffee after this Sunday’s Healing Service

It's a new year and our coffee hour volunteers are ready to greet you with smiles and a hot cup of tea or coffee. We allowed the supply of sweets to reduce greatly and are in need of replenishing the stock again. If you can help us with cookies, loaves or other sweets that would be great. Just drop them into the kitchen before the service begins and then join us afterwards for refreshments and socializing with friends. Thanking you in advance for your help. Susan Dupuis

### **UPCOMING LENTEN EVENTS TO LOOK FORWARD TO**

Shrove tuesday pancake supper Feb 21

Ash wednesday service Feb 22 7pm

Soup and sandwich dinners at 6pm before midweek (weds) lenten services

Midweek lenten services with new liturgy 7pm

### **A BIBLE STUDY: FINDING JESUS IN THE PSALMS: BARB ROOSE**

This study explores the psalms from the familiar psalm 23 to psalm 22 the words Jesus. Spoke from the cross and of course much more. For full explanation see the newsletter or the bulletin boards. The session will be offered at 10am on Thursdays and if there is enough demand it will also be run Thursday evenings at 7pm. Books are \$20.

### **POINSETTIAS**

If anyone would like to take home one of the remaining poinsettias, please pick it up in the altar guild room after today's service.

### **DONATION**

- ❖ A donation to the Organ Restoration Fund has been made by Cheryl Sack and Family, celebrating the birth of a Granddaughter to Jan & Steven Schiedt, a first Grandchild Lilly Marie born on January 5, 2023.
  
- ❖ A donation to the General Fund has been made by June Popke, to thank God for the safe arrival of Great-Grandchild #6, a little girl, Wrenley Mary Hartwig, born on January 3, 2023.

### **Today's Scheduled Worship Volunteers**

<b>Worship Assistant:</b>	Pastor Sue
<b>Sexton:</b>	Don Boldt
<b>Projector Operator:</b>	Krista Grosskleg
<b>Video Recorder:</b>	Daniel Reid
<b>Sound Operator:</b>	
<b>Counters:</b>	Susan Dupuis, Joel & Kathy Nieman
<b>Altar Care:</b>	Carol Boldt
<b>Ushers:</b>	Stan & Debbie Sitkiewicz
<b>Coffee Hour:</b>	Barry & Denise Schizkoske

### **This Week at Zion – January 30 – February 5**

<b>Mon:</b>	
<b>Tues:</b>	<b>9:30 am</b> Tai Chi <b>7:00 pm</b> Narcotics Anonymous
<b>Wed:</b>	<b>2:00</b> ZLW Mtg <b>6:15 pm</b> Confirmation Class

**Thurs:**

**7:00 pm** Men's Choir Practice

**9:30 am** Tai Chi

**7:00 pm** Mixed Choir Practice

**7:00 pm** Music Healing Vets

**Fri:**

**Sun:**

**10:00 am** Worship Service with Holy Communion &  
Sunday School

**Pastor Scott and Pastor Sue @ Bishop's Retreat**