

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH PEMBROKE
SERVICE OF THE WORD
THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
FEBRUARY 5 2023

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG *Gather Us In* (ELW 532)

1 Here in this place the new light is streaming,
now is the darkness vanished away;
see in this space our fears and our dreamings
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,
gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.

2 We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry,
we are the old who yearn for your face;
we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,
called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty,
gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage to enter the song.

3 Here we will take the wine and the water,
here we will take the bread of new birth,
here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

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4 Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light years away--
but here in this place the new light is shining,
now is the kingdom, and now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever,
gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

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GREETING (ELW p. 213)

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.**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW p. 213)

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

1 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.

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

2 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.

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

3 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.

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY (ELW p. 215)

Let us pray.

Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 58:1-9a [9b-12]

A reading from Isaiah.

¹Shout out, do not hold back!

Lift up your voice like a trumpet!
Announce to my people their rebellion,
to the house of Jacob their sins.

²Yet day after day they seek me
and delight to know my ways,
as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness
and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;
they ask of me righteous judgments,
they delight to draw near to God.

³"Why do we fast, but you do not see?
Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?"
Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day,
and oppress all your workers.

⁴Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight
and to strike with a wicked fist.
Such fasting as you do today
will not make your voice heard on high.

⁵Is such the fast that I choose,
a day to humble oneself?
Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush,
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?
Will you call this a fast,
a day acceptable to the Lord?

⁶Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the thongs of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?

⁷Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them,
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

⁸Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you,
the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.

^{9a}Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 112:1-9

¹Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord and have great
delight in God's commandments!

²**Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of
the upright will be blessed.**

³Wealth and riches will be in their house, and their
righteousness will last forever.

⁴**Light shines in the darkness for the upright; the righteous are
merciful and full of compassion.**

⁵It is good for them to be generous in lending and to manage
their affairs with justice. ⁶**For they will never be shaken; the
righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**

⁷They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; their heart is
steadfast, trusting in the Lord. ⁸**Their heart is established
and will not shrink, until they see their desire up- on their
enemies.**

⁹They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness
stands fast forever; they will hold up their head with honor.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 [13-16]

A reading from 1 Corinthians.

¹When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come
proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or
wisdom. ²For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus
Christ, and him crucified. ³And I came to you in weakness and in
fear and in much trembling. ⁴My speech and my proclamation were
not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of
the Spirit and of power, ⁵so that your faith might rest not on
human wisdom but on the power of God.

⁶Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a
wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed
to perish. ⁷But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which
God decreed before the ages for our glory. ⁸None of the rulers
of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not
have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹But, as it is written,
"What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,

nor the human heart conceived,
what God has prepared for those who love him"—
¹⁰these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. ¹²Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.
Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 216)

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

Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:13-20

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ¹³"You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

¹⁴"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

¹⁷"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON (ELW p. 217)

HYMN OF THE DAY *We Are Called* (ELW 720) (No words from Sundays and Seasons)

CREED (ELW p. 217)

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.

*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.

Call your people to seek your wisdom in difficult conversations and action. Give the church everywhere courage to repent for the ways we have tolerated and practiced injustice Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Inspire our wonder at creation, from the light of dawn to the beauty of the dark night. Sustain the unseen depths of the ocean to the plants and animals we know well. Bring healing to lands and communities experiencing natural disasters. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Instruct the powerful in your ways. Provide upright leadership in business and industry, that workers are not oppressed. Throughout the world, inspire voters and raise up politicians to heed your call for nations to practice righteousness. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Loosen the bonds of injustice in our midst. Grant peace to endless quarrels, put an end to hunger, and break every yoke of oppression. Shelter all who flee abuse in their homes or violence in their communities. Satisfy those afflicted in any way. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Shape our congregation to be salt for the earth. Give us delight in your commandments, that we are generous with those in need. Make us steadfast in our trust in you, ready with tangible mercy and compassion for our neighbors. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

The cross and resurrection bring redemption from sin and death. We praise you for all whose unshaken faith in Christ shines forth in their witness. Keep them in our remembrance and bring us with them into the kingdom of heaven. 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. 217)

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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OFFERTORY PRAYER

Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know you care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ our Saviour and Lord.

Amen.

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD (ELW p. 220)

Let us pray.

Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being. For your Word of life, O God,

we give you thanks and praise.

By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God,

we give you thanks and praise.

Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God,

we give you thanks and praise.

Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER (ELW p. 221)

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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.

BLESSING (ELW p. 221)

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 *Thy Strong Word* (ELW 511)

1 Thy strong word did cleave the darkness;
at thy speaking it was done.
For created light we thank thee,
while thine ordered seasons run.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise to thee who light dost send!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia without end!

2 Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness,
dark as night and deep as death,
broke the light of thy salvation,
breathed thine own life-breathing breath.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise to thee who light dost send!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia without end!

3 Thy strong Word bespeaks us righteous;
bright with thine own holiness,
glorious now, we press toward glory,
and our lives our hopes confess.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise to thee who light dost send!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia without end!

4 From the cross thy wisdom shining
breaketh forth in conqu'ring might;
from the cross forever beameth
all thy bright redeeming light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise to thee who light dost send!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia without end!

5 Give us lips to sing thy glory,
tongues thy mercy to proclaim,
throats that shout the hope that fills us,
mouths to speak thy holy name.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
May the light which thou dost send
fill our songs with alleluias,
alleluias without end!

6 God the Father, light-creator,
to thee laud and honor be.
To thee, Light of Light begotten,
praise be sung eternally.
Holy Spirit, light-revealer,
glory, glory be to thee.
Mortals, angels, now and ever
praise the holy Trinity!

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annual Meeting

This year's annual meeting will be held on Sunday February 26th in the sanctuary immediately following the worship service. If we are unable to hold the meeting on this date, our backup

date is Sunday March 5th. The annual reports will be ready for pickup on Sunday February 12th. Looking forward to seeing everyone on the 26th. Susan Dupuis

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 Monday Feb 6, 5:30-7:30pm.

Youth Group Bowling Friday February 17 - 6:30-9:30pm - 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.

The next "**Living Stones**" worship is **Feb 19 at 12:00pm**. It is an intergenerational service. It is in the gym and is led by a praise team. If you have musical gifts you would like to share please contact Pastor Scott or Pastor Sue. Please bring a canned good to support the food bank. Those that want to come to worship can come early for coffee.

COFFEE HOUR

Please join us for coffee!

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

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.

TABLE TALKS OUTCOME

Thank you to everyone who stayed following worship 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.

UPCOMING LENTEN EVENTS TO LOOK FORWARD TO

Shrove Tuesday pancake supper Feb 21st 5:30pm – 6:00pm

Ash Wednesday service Feb 22nd 7:00pm

Soup and sandwich dinners beginning March 1st at 6:00pm 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.

PASTOR SCOTT AT BISHOP'S SPIRITUAL RETREAT

Pastor Scott and Pastor Sue will be away from Sunday February 5th – Wednesday February 8th. In case of emergency, please call the church office and June will get in touch.

JOINT CHOIR ANTHEM

The Mixed and Men's Choirs will be reprising their joint anthem "We Are Not Alone", next Sunday, February 12th. They first shared this new anthem back in late November, on the 1st Sunday of Advent. We hope you will enjoy this 'a cappella' number a second time, featuring a soloist and 4-part harmony.

Today's Scheduled Worship Volunteers

Presiding Minister:	Wayne Kirk
Worship Assistant:	Lorraine MacKenzie
Sexton:	Koiti Rull
Projector Operator:	Diane Hammel
Video Recorder:	Daniel Reid
Sound Operator:	
Counters:	Kathy Godin & Kathy Hoffman
Altar Care:	Sandra Graham
Ushers:	Kevin & Jean Rutz
Coffee Hour:	Jill & Al Kellough

This Week at Zion –February 5 – February 12

Mon:	5:30 pm	Messy Church
Tues:	9:30 am	Tai Chi
	7:00 pm	Narcotics Anonymous
Wed:	7:00 pm	Men's Choir Practice <i>No Confirmation Class</i>

Thurs:

9:30 am Tai Chi

7:00 pm Mixed Choir Practice

7:00 pm Music Healing Vets

Sun:

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