

Third Sunday after Epiphany
Sunday, January 22, 2023



*The Calling of Peter and Andrew, Duccio di Buoninsegna 1308-11,
National Gallery of Art, Washington*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The assembly remains seated or kneels

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.

You are forgiven in the name of † Christ our Savior.

Amen

ENTRANCE HYMN: ELW 520 Dearest Jesus, at Your Word

The assembly stands.

LIEBSTER JESU, WIR SIND HIER

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 OF PRAISE: Glory to God

Refrain



☉ Glo-ry to God in the high - est, 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

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, have mer-cy on us; you are seat - ed



at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

Refrain

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.

Refrain

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Lord God, your loving kindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

The assembly is seated.

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 9:1-4

A reading from Isaiah.

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 27:1, 4-9

All sing the refrain where indicated. The verses are read responsively.



The LORD is my light and my sal-va-tion; whom shall I fear?

¹The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

⁴**One thing I ask of the LORD; one thing I seek;**

that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;

to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek God in the temple.

⁵For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter,

hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high upon a rock.

⁶**Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround me.**

Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing;

I will sing and make music to the LORD. *Refrain*

⁷Hear my voice, O LORD, when I call;

have mercy on me and answer me.

⁸**My heart speaks your message—“Seek my face.”**

Your face, O LORD, I will seek.

⁹Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger.

Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not,

O God of my salvation. *Refrain*

SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 1:10-18

A reading from 1 Corinthians

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you should be in agreement and that there should be no divisions among you, but that you should be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, 'I belong to Paul', or 'I belong to Apollos', or 'I belong to Cephas', or 'I belong to Christ.' Has Christ been divided?

Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. For 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. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly stands.

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al- le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 4:12-23

The Holy Gospel according to St Matthew in the 4th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the lake, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

‘Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.’ From that time Jesus began to proclaim, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.’ As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, ‘Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.’ Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The assembly is seated.

CHILDRENS MESSAGE SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 817 You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore

The assembly stands to sing.

PESCADOR DE HOMBRES

THE APOSTLES CREED

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.

BLESSING OF THE FELMLEYS

THE PRAYERS

The assembly is seated or kneels for the prayers.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

The ministers and congregation may greet one another with a gesture of peace.

OFFERING

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.

ANTHEM: "Follow Me" Julia Simon

Follow me, follow me, come and follow. You will see,

I will make you fishers, fishers of men.

Jesus came to Galilee one day bringing good news, "Come repent, be saved."

He called to Simon and his brother Andrew and he called to James and John.

Jesus comes to us in this place with good news our hearts should embrace.

He calls to you, he calls to me, "Will you drop your nets and come?"

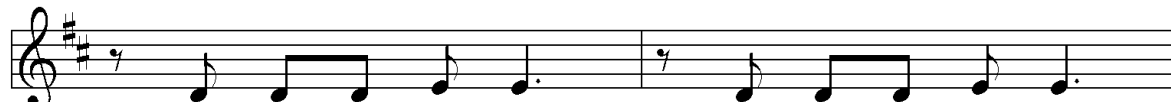
OFFERTORY SONG: ELW 460 Now the Silence NOW

The assembly stands.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Liberating God, you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.


DIALOGUE



P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.



P Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.




C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

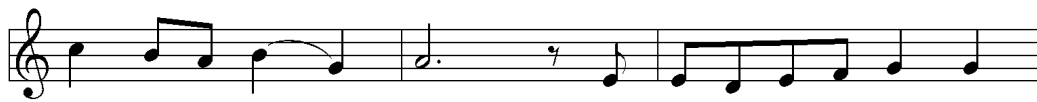
SANCTUS



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,



Lord God of pow'r and might, heav-en and earth are



full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the



Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,

who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,

who preached good news to the poor,

and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,

we await his coming in glory.

Pour out your Holy Spirit,

that by this Holy Communion we may know

the unity we share with all your people

in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen**

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.

The assembly is seated.

LAMB OF GOD (AGNUS DEI)



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

COMMUNION HYMNS:

ELW 574 Here I Am, Lord

HERE I AM, LORD

ELW 584 The Son of God, Our Christ

SURSUM CORDA

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

The assembly stands.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE:

ELW 200 Now, Lord, You Let Your Servant Go in Peace

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you. **Amen**

BLESSING

The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressors rod bless, strengthen, and uphold you today and always, in the name of the Father, ✠ and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

DISMISSAL

The worship has ended. Now the service begins.

Go in peace. Follow in the way of Jesus.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE:

“Will You Come and Follow Me?” arr. John Leavitt

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Welcome to All Visitors: We welcome you to worship at Zion this morning! The hymns that we sing will be out of the cranberry hymnal (**ELW**) or the purple hymnal supplement (**ACS**) in the pew. We commune with both gluten and gluten free options available as well as wine or grape juice. Please motion to the usher if you have any questions. You are also welcome to learn more about Zion at our Welcome Table in the back of the church as you first walked in. A greeter will be there to help answer any questions that you may have.

We hold a hospitality time after worship with coffee and goodies in our Gathering Space that you are welcome to visit to learn more about the congregation. We offer Sunday School and Confirmation for children and youth after worship as well as Adult Study time in our Gerhard Lounge. You and/or your family are welcome to drop-in and join us! We hope your worship here is fruitful and fulfilling of what you may need in your spiritual life this morning.

Worship: For those who wish to worship masked and to only sit with other masked individuals, the last 2 full length pews on the left-hand side of the Sanctuary will be reserved for that purpose. (It is not required that you sit there if you are masked, only if you wish to). If you wish to remain masked and sit where you prefer in the sanctuary, you are welcome to do so.

Blessing of the Felmley Family Today: As the Felmley family gets ready to head out on their servant trip down to Honduras, we will be blessing them for the journey during worship. Join us as we pray for them and for the work that God has called them to do.

Worship Next Sunday January 29th: With the Felmley family being away for mission work in Honduras, we will only be offering worship in-person on Sunday January 29th at 9:30am. There will be **no live-stream over Facebook or call-in with Zoom**. We invite you to either join us for worship in person on Sunday January 29th or to worship at home by means of the weekly bulletin that is emailed out (or sent out to those without email) that day. We will return to our normal worship options (in-person, Facebook, and Zoom) starting on Sunday February 5th at 9:30am

Hospitality on Sundays Update: As we attempt to find the best system for our hospitality time on Sundays, the parish life committee has decided to bring back the sign-up sheet system. Unlike before, this time, we will need just one person to help set-up and clean-up (and will pair with a member of parish life) and at least two people to help bring a goody to share. Anyone who wishes to bring things to share on a regular basis, you are still welcome to do so. Thank you!

Covid-19 Protocols: Allegheny County “low transmission” level. In light of this, masking at Zion remains at “optional status” for indoor, in-person gatherings. As with any contagious illness (flu, cold, RSV, Covid), if you or someone in your household is sick, please stay home in order to further prevent the spread of illness, especially among our vulnerable members. Thank you!

2023 Offering Envelopes: Don't forget to pick up your envelopes for 2023 on the cabinet in the Gathering Space hallway.

Inaugural Zion Chili-Cookoff: Think you have the best chili recipe out there? Or are you simply a chili connoisseur? The Zion Anniversary committee is holding a Chili Cookoff after worship on **Sunday, February 5th** in the Parish Hall. Bring your best attempt at chili (and whatever fixings you need) and let's see what you got! Prizes will be awarded including "Chili Champ" with a traveling trophy to adorn your house for the remainder of the year. Chili preparers, plan on bringing your chili in a crockpot before the service and drop it off in the Parish Hall. See the sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Questions? See Gail Snyder, Cindy Pierce, or Pastor.

Food Pantry Donations: Don't forget to bring body wash and soap for the food pantry recipients in January. The collection bin is by the coat rack in the gathering space. Thank you!

Memorial Candles: If you would like to reserve the Sanctuary candle for this new year of 2023 in memory or in honor of someone, please let the Church office know. A donation of \$5/candle/Sunday is requested. Thank you!

Sunday School and Confirmation: Sunday School and Confirmation meet today. Sunday School meets down in the Nursery and Confirmation meets in the Christian Education room (next to the main office). If you need your child or grandchild enrolled, please contact Ashley Faas, Deb Rall, or Pastor Martha. Thank you!

Adult Forum: After worship, we will meet for all those interested in the Gerhard Lounge. Our topic of conversation will be on creating a more accessible church for all people. We will be using the book "Jesus and Disability: A Guide to Creating an Inclusive Church" by Chris Hulhof. Please join us as we continue to have these conversations around Zion in the coming year.

2023 Calendars: Thanks to a donation by Pastor Hauser (from the Longwood Community) there are extra 2023 calendars for you to take if you need in the Gathering Space!

Bible Study on Wednesdays: In order to engage in a wider discussion around the topic of accessibility in the church, we will also be discussing Chris Hulhof's book "Jesus and Disability: A Guide to Creating an Inclusive Church" during our Wednesday afternoon bible study time. We meet on Wednesdays at 1pm in the Gerhard Lounge and over Zoom for all those interested in joining. Join us!

Health Ministry Update: Take time to stop by our **Health Ministry Kiosk** in the Gathering Space. It has been updated to include information on recent or upcoming health observances including Bullying Prevention, Family Caregivers & Coping with the Holidays.

Good Shepherd Ministry: This week our cards are for Robert & Alice Bartley, Robert Beresky, Marian Dailey, Paul & Mary Lou Feathers, and Theodore Stolp. Please take a moment to sign the cards and share a smile with those unable to join us for worship. Also remember them in your prayers this week.

Zion Lutheran Church Yearly Finances as of December 31st:

Offering Income: \$235,505.50
Other Income: \$27,823.31
Total Income: \$263,328.81
Total Expense: \$268,933.62
Net: (\$5,604.81)

It's Not Too Late to Get Your Updated COVID-19 Vaccine & Flu Vaccines Many will be gathering with friends and family for the upcoming winter holidays. There is still time to get vaccinated to protect yourself and those with whom you plan to gather, especially if anyone is immunocompromised. Since the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency declaration has been extended to January 11, 2023 continued access to free COVID-19 vaccines, testing, contact tracing, and treatments, among other provisions will continue to be free.

Soda Can Tabs: Don't forget to save your tabs from your soda cans to benefit the Shriners Hospital. There is a can by the kiosk for your donations. Thank you!

OREMUS:

Rehab Facility: Evelyn Lamm (Concordia, Monroeville, Room 110)
Nancy Fabel (Rosebrook Living Facility, Sarver, PA, Room 116)

Prayers Requested For: Dorothy Long, Wanda Kojzsa, Marion Ertel, Eloise Brooky, Claudia Agnew, Mary Lou & Paul Feathers, Gary Bunch (husband of Cheryl Bunch), Diane Marburger, Sandra Short, Bob Beresky, Alan Dippold, Wayne Stumpf, Lorraine Ahiemer (friend of Debbie Marks), Darnell Pope (brother of Sandra Short), Michele Williams (cousin of Rhonda Pope), Ron Jeroski (friend of Charlotte Murray), Tammy Harkins (cousin of Nick Harkins), Steve Bell (brother of Rhonda Pope), Connie Shoaf (sister of Shirley McClure), Chris Vuocolo (nephew of Mary Lou D'Ambrosio), Beth Rall, Sarah, Tom & Carolyn Schuler, Joe Hesketh, Ezra & Emery Jordan (great grandchildren of Sandra Short), Tom Santoriello (brother of Neil Santoriello), John Santoriello (brother of Neil Santoriello), Theodore Stolp, Jr., Mary Jean Hawkins (cousin of Neil Santoriello), Rachel Faulkner, Margaret Thompson (mother of Darren Thompson), Kim Paronish (sister-in-law of Kara Albrecht), Denise Capobianco (friend of Sandra Short), Judy Danik (friend of Charlotte Murray), Bekki Hessong (cousin of Diane Santoriello), Patrick Taylor, Dorothy DeLuca (sister of Evelyn Ross), and for the family and friends of Neil Santoriello.

Usher Schedule for the Month of January

Sunday, January 01	Mike Patchen	Ray Rall
Sunday, January 08	Janet Mauro	Mark Mauro
Sunday, January 15	Tony Lamorte	
Sunday, January 22	Marc Schuler	Joe Balaban
Sunday, January 29	Tony Lamorte	Mark Mauro

ZION EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday, January 22: 9:30am – Sunday Worship in person, Facebook, and Zoom
10:30am – Sunday School (Nursery)
Confirmation (CE Office)
10:30am – Adult Forum: Jesus and Disability (G. Lounge)
11:30am – CCC Church – Chapel

Wednesday, January 25: 1:00pm – Bible Study – Gerhard Lounge and Zoom
7:00 – Worship & Music

Thursday, January 26: 7:00 – Constitution meeting – G. Lounge
7:30- Choir – Chapel

Friday, January 27: Between 9-11am – Food Truck delivery