



A WELCOMING FAITH COMMUNITY.
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FEBRUARY 22/23, 2025
7TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Welcome to Worship

If you are a visitor please stop at the Welcome Desk in the lower level for a visitor bag.

PREACHING:

Pastor Sue Wallager

ASSISTING:

5 PM Deb Oas Koepsell

8 AM Pastor Mike Pancoast

9 AM Pastor Connie Tiede

11 AM Pastor Connie Tiede

ORGANIST: Mary Jo Gothmann

PRELUDE (8 & 9 AM): "Carillon"by D. Wagner
Ringmasters; Jonathan Campbell, dir

GATHERING

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

There is only one God – Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

God of endless love: help us admit our sinfulness. Forgive us as only you can, so we can fully love you and each other. **Amen.**

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

A time of silence

Loving God,

We confess that we have turned from your way to follow our own ways. Forgive us our sins: for those we have spoken or acted and those not spoken or acted at all. Forgive us for failing to love those around us, both those closest to us and those we do not know. Forgive us for loving ourselves more than you, and our will more than yours. Forgive us, turn us around, and give us a fresh start, so that we can live again as your children. Amen.

Beloved of God: Hear the good news! Even when we have messed up, God gives us a fresh start. His love never runs out, and He never tires of calling us His children. Hear God say to you now: Your sins are forgiven.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG: When Peace like a River 785

1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when
 2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
 3 He lives— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my
 4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the

sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast
 this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my
 sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I
 clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the

taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
 help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
 bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
 Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.

Refrain

It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.
 It is well with my soul,

Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828–1888
 Music: VILLE DU HAVRE, Philip P. Bliss, 1838–1876

GREETING:

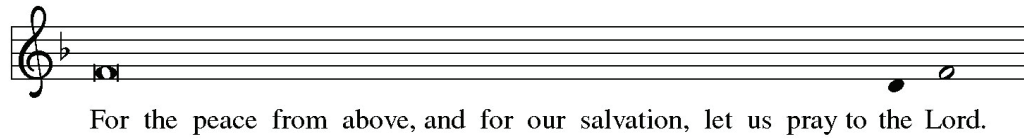
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

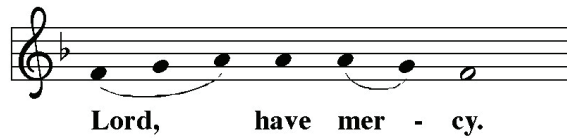
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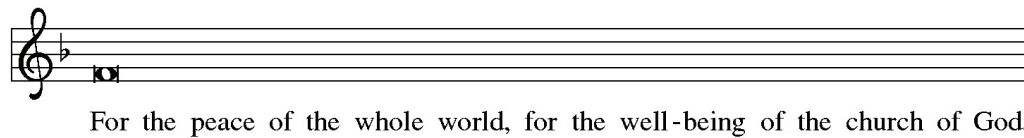
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



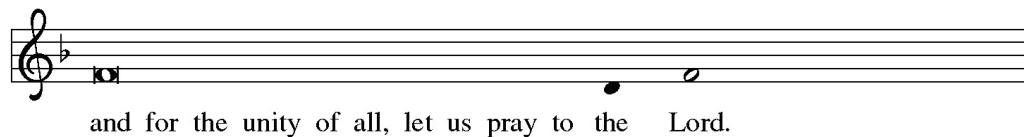
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



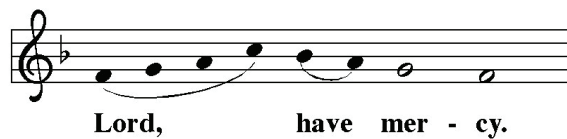
Lord, have mer - cy.



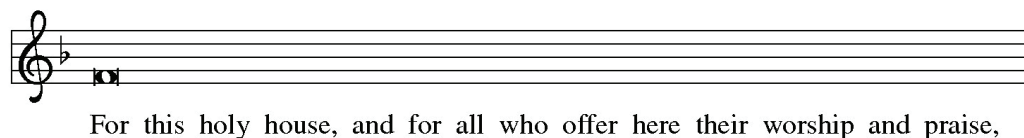
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



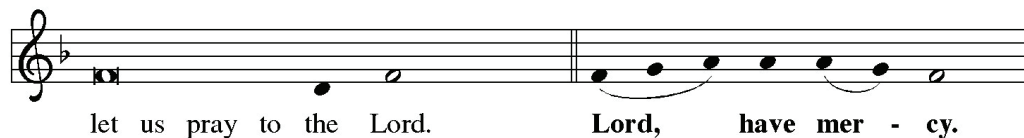
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



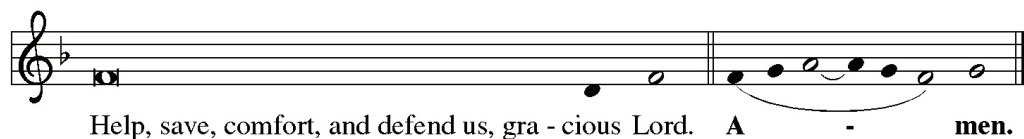
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



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



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

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

O Lord Jesus, make us instruments of your peace, that where there is hatred, we may sow love, where there is injury, pardon, and where there is despair, hope. Grant, O divine master, that we may seek to console, to understand, and to love in your name, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

WORD FOR KIDS (9 & 11 AM)

LESSONS: Psalm 7:1-11,39-40

Refrain:

The low - ly shall pos - sess the land; they will de -
light in a - bun - dance of peace.

Tune:

- Do not be provoked by | evildoers;
do not be jealous of those | who do wrong.
- ²For they shall soon wither | like the grass,
and like the green grass | fade away.**
- ³Put your trust in the LORD | and do good;
dwell in the land and | find safe pasture.
- ⁴Take delight | in the LORD,
who shall give you your | heart's desire. *Refrain***
- ⁵Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust | in the LORD,
and see what | God will do.
- ⁶The LORD will make your vindication as clear | as the light
and the justice of your case like the | noontday sun.**
- ⁷Be still before the LORD and wait | patiently.
Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in | evil
schemes.
- ⁸Refrain from anger, leave | rage alone;
do not be provoked; it leads on- | ly to evil. *Refrain***
- ⁹For evildoers shall | be cut off,
but those who hope in the LORD shall pos- | sess the land.
- ¹⁰In a little while the wicked shall | be no more;
even if you search out their place, they will | not be there.**
- ¹¹But the lowly shall pos- | sess the land;
they will delight in abun- | dance of peace.

39 But the deliverance of the righteous comes from | you, O LORD;
you are their stronghold in | time of trouble.

40 You, O LORD, will help them and | rescue them;
you will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them, because in you | they
seek refuge. *Refrain*

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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

THE SERMON TEXT

The Holy Gospel according to Luke 6:27-38

Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

THE SERMON: by Pastor Sue Wallager



1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev-ry-where their high com - mu - nion find;
 3 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what-e'er your race may be.
 4 In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;

but one com - mu - ni - ty of love through-out the whole wide earth.
 his ser - vice is the gold - en cord close bind - ing hu - man - kind.
 All chil - dren of the liv - ing God are sure - ly kin to me.
 all Christ - ly souls are one in him through-out the whole wide earth.

Text: John Oxenham, 1852-1941, alt.
 Music: MCKEE, African American spiritual; adapt. Harry T. Burleigh, 1866-1949

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:

After each petition

God of Light

Hear us we pray.

SHARING THE PEACE:

The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

(Share the peace with a wave and word of peace.)

MANY WAYS TO GIVE

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MEAL

OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC (8 & 9 AM):

“Brilliant Light”..... by Childers
Ringmasters; Jonathan Campbell, dir

OFFERTORY: Thank You Lord; vs 1 ACS 1092

The image shows a musical score for the Offertory 'Thank You Lord; vs 1'. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: 'Thank you, Lord, thank you, Lord, thank you, Lord, I just want to thank you, Lord.'

Text: Traditional
Music: THANK YOU, LORD, Traditional

OFFERTORY PRAYER:

God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always.

Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:

The Lord be with you.

And also 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.

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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.

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: In the Singing 466



1 In the sing - ing, in the si - lence, in the hands ex - pect - ant, o - pen,
2 In the ques - tion, in the an - swer, in the mo - ment of ac - cept - ance,



in the bless - ing, in the break - ing, in your pres - ence at this ta - ble,
in the heart's cry, in the heal - ing, in the cir - cle of your peo - ple,

Refrain



Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the wine of grace;



Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the bread of peace.

Text: Shirley Erena Murray, b. 1931

Music: BREAD OF PEACE, Carlton R. Young, b. 1926

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1 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a word of peace.
 2 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a world re - leased
 3 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry that the hun - ger cease,



To hun - gry hearts un - sat - is - fied the love of God is
 from hun - gry folk of ev - 'ry kind, the poor in bod - y,
 and know - ing, though we eat our fill, the hun - ger will stay



not de - nied. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
 poor in mind. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
 with us; still we come, we come to the hun - gry feast.

Text: Ray Makeever, b. 1943
 Music: HUNGRY FEAST, Ray Makeever
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POST COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER:

Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray,

Amen.

SENDING

BENEDICTION

The Spirit of the triune God † bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love.

Amen.

1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,
 2 Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
 3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,

who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
 with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
 the Son, and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven,

who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way
 and keep us all in grace, and guide us when perplexed,
 the one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;

with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.
 and free us from all harm in this world and the next.
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

Text: Martin Rinkhart, 1586–1649; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878
 Music: NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

DISMISSAL:

Go in peace. Live in hope.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

HOSPITAL VISITS AND PASTORAL CARE

If you or a family member are in the hospital or have had a change in your health status and would like a pastoral visit, please call the church office at 763-421-4656, email Kristine at kjohnson@zionanoka.org or Pr. Sue at swallager@zionanoka.org or let any of the pastors know. The pastoral staff will be very happy to visit you and provide pastoral care. Thank you.

COMMUNION FOR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

One of Zion's most important ministries is reaching out to our homebound members. We do this by radio, Cable-TV and livestreaming of worship services, visits by our Visitation Minister Ken Johnson, Zion's monthly newsletter "The Herald" and monthly services at assisted living facilities. Sharing Holy Communion is one of the most meaningful ways we connect with our homebound members. Zion has a visitation team that provides this ministry. If you or a family member would like a monthly home communion visit please call the church office at 763-421-4656. We are also looking for kind, caring souls to add to our visitation team. Please contact Pastor Sue at swallager@zionanoka.org if you would like to become part of the *Home Communion Visitation Team*.

CONGREGATIONAL GODPARENTS NEEDED

Every child needs AAA (authentic, available and affirming) adults in their lives – the more the better! At Zion we believe in "marinating" our children in prayer and being present from the beginning. That is why we have Congregational Godparents – AAA adults who are willing to be present at the baptism of a child and pray for them every day and send cards (which are provided) on their birthdays and the anniversary of their baptism. It's an easy job, but a vital one. We are in need of people who would like to be part of this ministry and be present at the baptism. Contact Kristine Johnson or Pastor Connie for more information.

GREEN PRAYER CARDS are available in the pew holders for you to write a prayer request. Place them in the wooden prayer collection boxes located in the Sanctuary, Chapel or at the Welcome Desk. All prayer concerns or thanksgivings are confidential and are shared only with the Prayer Team.

WE WELCOME YOU TO WORSHIP

Hearing Assistance Units Available

Hearing assistance units are available at the sound booth at the back of the Sanctuary.

Mobility Concerns

We have areas in the Sanctuary where a wheelchair or walker will fit. Ushers can assist you.

Children Welcome

Activity bags are available outside the Sanctuary. We have two "pray grounds" in the Sanctuary with plenty of places just outside the Sanctuary as well where children can sit and play.

LIVE STREAM

SUNDAY 9 & 11 AM

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SUPPORT OUR RADIO BROADCAST ON BOB-FM

Every Sunday morning at 9:10 AM, Zion's traditional worship service is broadcast on BOB-FM (106.1). Our radio broadcast covers a good portion of Minnesota and reaches several hundred listeners each Sunday, including many who do not have internet capability. Special gifts to support Zion's Radio Broadcast Fund are welcome. Gifts may be given in memory of a loved one or in honor of a special occasion such as a wedding anniversary. Thank you to recent supporters of the Radio Broadcast Fund.

MEMORIAL FUNDS DESIGNATION

Following the loss of a loved one, Zion members frequently name Zion Lutheran Church to be a recipient of Memorial gifts in memory of their loved one. We are sometimes asked about the ministry areas families may designate or " earmark " their memorial gifts.

Here is the current list of established Memorial Funds:

- Children and Youth Ministry Memorial Fund
- Music and Worship Ministry Memorial Fund
- Radio Broadcast Ministry Fund
- Camp Scholarship Fund
- Hospitality Ministry Fund
- Undesignated Memorial Fund
- Technology & Building Renewal Fund
- General Mission Fund
- Mortgage Reduction Fund

If you have questions about Memorial Funds please feel free to call the church office and talk to Tracy Kinn, Director of Finance or Pastor Connie. Memorial checks may be made out to Zion Lutheran Church and the memo line of the check should indicate the Memorial Fund for which the donation(s) are intended.