

ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



SERVICE OF WORD

Congregational participation in bold font.

PRELUDE

'There Is a Name I Love to Hear'

MANSFIELD

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We rise in body and spirit as we are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Those present may make the sign of the † cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the leader begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the Word made flesh,
our life and our salvation. **Amen.**

Trusting the goodness and lovingkindness of God our Savior, we confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of life,

**you promise good news of great joy for all people,
and call us to be messengers of your peace.**

We confess that too often we hoard our joy, our resources, and our security.

We nurture conflict and build barriers.

We neglect the needs of our neighbors and ignore the groaning of creation.

Have mercy on us.

Where we are self-centered, open our hearts.

Where we are reluctant, give us courage.

Where we are cynical, restore our trust.

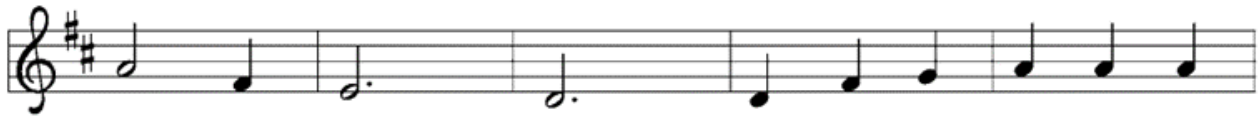
Renew us with your grace and give us again the hope of eternal life in you. Amen.

Hear the good news: We are children of God and heirs of God's promise through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. In † Jesus we are forgiven and redeemed. Sing with joy, for all the ends of the earth shall know the salvation of God. **Amen.**





1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to
 2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to
 3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to



fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give
 look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous-ness,
 be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with



light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.
 shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
 pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain



In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the



day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the



cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.**

We pray: Lord God, **your lovingkindness 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.**

Be seated.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 9:1-4

A reading from Isaiah, the 9th chapter.

There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time [the Lord] 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.**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

A reading from 1st Corinthians, the 1st chapter.

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you 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.**

We rise in body and spirit as we are able.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 4:12-23

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, 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 sea, 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 sea—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.**

Be seated.

SERMON

The Rev. David T. Drysdale II

We rise in body and spirit as we are able.

REFLECTION SONG

'Jesus, Still Lead On'

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1 Je - sus, still lead on, till our rest be won; and, al-though the
 2 If the way be drear, if the foe be near, let no faith - less
 3 When we seek re - lief from a long - felt grief, when temp - ta - tions
 4 Je - sus, still lead on, till our rest be won; heav'n - ly lead - er,



way be cheer - less, we will fol - low, calm and fear - less;
 fears o'er - take us, let not faith and hope for - sake us;
 come al - lur - ing make us pa - tient and en - dur - ing;
 still di - rect us, still sup - port, con - sole, pro - tect us,



guide us by your hand to the prom - ised land.
 safe - ly past the foe to our home we go.
 show us that bright shore where we weep no more.
 till we safe - ly stand in the prom - ised land.

APOSTLES' CREED

We profess our faith saying: **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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Called together through water and the Word, we boldly pray for the church, the world, and all who long to hear God's voice. *A brief silence.*

Holy One, your voice calls us to follow. Thank you for raising up missionaries in every generation and for all who create communities of grace today. Open our hearts to serve you near and far. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We rejoice in the beauty and abundance of the earth. Unite us in our shared calling to be stewards of creation, to reduce waste, and to simplify our lives for your sake. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Thank you for those who run for local and national office, and all who serve as elected leaders. Gather wise and courageous voices together, that your mercy and justice would dawn upon all people and nations. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Thank you for sanctuary and safety. Uplift all who live where fear governs and evil divides. Give refugees and all who seek safety a path toward hope and new life. Grant healing and wholeness to all who are sick, lonely, or grieving especially for all on our Prayer List, all named as worship began, and all we name now in the silence of our hearts or on the whispers of our lips (*we pause for the offering of names...*). Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Thank you for faithful teachers and evangelists in this and every place. Inspire our faith formation efforts with all generations as you call us to follow you. Bless our children, youth, and adults who engage in learning. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We marvel at the meaning of your resurrection. Give us faith to place all hope in you as we give thanks for the faithful departed. May their witness help us follow your call. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We place our prayers before you, God, united in your Spirit; through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PEACE AND OFFERING

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

Greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, saying "Peace be with you."

We pray: Merciful God, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us - our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Offering envelopes may be placed in the offering plate as you leave worship.
You may also mail your offering to Zion, or give online at zionhickory.org.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit we are bold 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

May Christ, the wisdom and power of God, and the source of our life together, keep you united in mind and purpose. And the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the ☩ Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you always. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

'I Love to Tell the Story'

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(See page 7)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Let your light shine.
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

'O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing'

BIRCHWOOD

PARTICIPANTS

Presiding Minister.....Rev. David T. Drysdale II
Guest Musician.....Barbara Hamrick
Assisting Minister.....Pam Lail
Pre-K/Toddler Class.....Amy Jarrett, T.J. Jarrett
L.A.B. Teachers.....Jill Matthews, Jodi Martin
Ushers.....Steve Morton, Milton Wrike
Tellers.....Elaine Vaughn, Brenda Kanipe, Curtis Schultz

THIS WEEK AT ZION

Today: 9:30 a.m. Pre/K Toddler Class Meets Downstairs
9:30 a.m. L.A.B. Time Meets in the Apostles Room
6:00 p.m. Zion Youth Meet in the Mark Room
Mon: 3:00 p.m. Eagles Program in the Parish Center
Tues: 3:00 p.m. Eagles Program in the Parish Center
6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Wed: 8:00 a.m. CC Homeschool Meets at Zion
7:00 p.m. Evening Bible Study in the Augsburg Room
Thurs: 12:00 p.m. Zion Zestful Seniors' Covered Dish Lunch in the Parish Center
1:30 p.m. Afternoon Bible Study in the Augsburg Room
6:00 p.m. Yoga Class led by Pradnya Bhendee in the Parish Center

I Love to Tell the Story



1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat
3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best



of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!
seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.



I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;
I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,



it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.
the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.
I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

Refrain



I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry



to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Please pray for those who are in sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially the following:

Zion Members... Ellen Cooke, Donna Daily, Billie Detter, Kay Dodd, Elsie Eudy, Barbara Haas, Bill Hefner, Ron Herman, Mary Jo Hilton, Terrell Huffman, Janice Jeffreys, Lynn Kahill, Leigh Ann Lackey, Barb Latimer, Mike McRee, Violet Michael, Joe Miller, Linda & Otis Morton, Jean T. Pitts, Martha Propst, Benelia Reese, Barbara Scronce, Gene Ward, Lois Whitener, Janey Whitener, Stephen Whitener, Carter Wright, and Jerry Yoder.

Homebound... Peggy Austin, Revonda Harris, Charles Hunt, Nellie Lutz, Catherine Miller, JoAnn Stafford, and Dottie Yoder.

Friends of Zion... Beth & David Blue, Tina Cash, David & Cindy Elder, Landon Elks, Sandra & Stamey Hardin, David Hollars, Chris Huffman, Lovenia Icenhour, Beth LaBarbera, Terry Mooneyham, Thomas Moretz, Steven Mowery, Amy Pope, Family of Kevin Quast, Wayne & Brenda Reed, Kip Robinson, Grant Taylor, Nadine Williams, Joyce Wood and Jim Yoder.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Plastic Bag Collection... We are collecting clean, plastic grocery bags as an ongoing service project for The Corner Table Soup Kitchen. Please recycle these bags and help our neighbors at the same time. There is a collection container located in the Narthex.

2022 Giving Statements... are available for pickup in the Narthex. If you need 2023 offering envelopes, they are also available in the Narthex. Simply take the next numbered set and write your name beside the corresponding number on the sign out sheet.

Zion Zestful Seniors... will meet in the Parish Center on Thursday, January 26, at 12 Noon, for a covered dish lunch. This meeting will also be our planning session for the year, so be sure to come with ideas of activities that you would like the seniors to participate in. All Zion members, age 60+, and their spouses are invited to attend. Questions? Contact Kay Bolick, 828.294.2282, or the Church Office, 828.294.2532.

Valentine's Date Night... On Wednesday, February 15, Zion will be hosting a Valentine's Date Night from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Drop off your kids in the Parish Center for some pizza, cookies, and activities while you go and enjoy a date night! Please register for childcare or sign up to volunteer by going to bit.ly/ZionValentineDateNight If you have any questions, see Mary Wepner or email her at kidsdirector@zionhickory.org.

In-Person Worship... attendance for Sunday, January 15, 2023, totaled 93.

2023 General Fund Giving Report

December Year-to-Date Giving	December Year-to-Date Budgeted Giving	January Giving Thru 01/15/23	January Budgeted Giving
\$312,760.16	\$345,611.00	\$10,887.31	\$30,007.58