

# ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



*Title: Christ Calling the Apostles James and John. Date: 1869. Artist: Unknown.*

## *Gospel Acclamation*

*Alleluia. Jesus preached the good news of the kingdom  
and cured every sickness among the people. Alleluia. (Matt. 4:23)*

# SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

Congregational participation in bold font.

Please silence your cell phone.

## PRELUDE AND WELCOME

*Invited by the minister, we turn to face the baptismal font.*

*We make the sign of the cross, ✠ the sign that is marked at baptism, as the minister begins.*

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,  
the Creator of heaven and earth,  
the Word who spoke life into being,  
the Wind stirring the waters.

**Amen.**

We turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

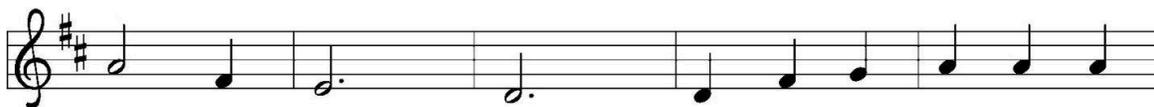
Mighty God, lover of justice,  
**you call us to life in community,**  
**but we have served our own interests**  
**at the expense of our neighbors.**  
**We have sown deceit where honesty was needed.**  
**We say the right words,**  
**but our hearts are far from you.**  
**Turn us to seek your face.**  
**Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ,**  
**that we may do justice, love mercy,**  
**and walk humbly with you, our God.**  
**Amen.**

The former things have passed away,  
and new things God now declares:  
Like a spring of water that never fails,  
God covers you in the righteousness of Christ,  
and forgives your sin in ✠ Jesus' name.  
May the Spirit give you strength to live for others,  
and bless you with the gift of peace.

**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 exultation; 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.

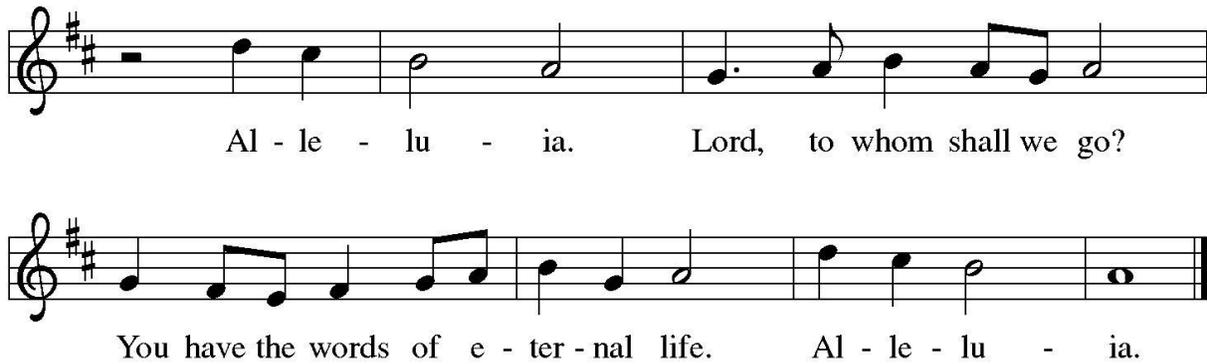
[St. Paul writes:] Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you but that you be knit together in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been made clear to me by Chloe's people that there 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 fishers. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of 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 all 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.*

**CHILDREN’S TIME**

**SERMON**

**REFLECTION SONG**

*We rise in body and spirit as we are able.*

**NICENE CREED**

We profess our faith saying: **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our**

salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father (and the Son), who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the  $\ddagger$  resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Each petition concludes with the following:* Merciful God, receive our prayer.

## PEACE AND OFFERING

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

*As you greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, saying, "Peace be with you," we thank you for joining us in sharing God's love. You can share your gift either by scanning the QR code provided, giving online at [zionbickory.org](http://zionbickory.org), or placing your offering in the offering plate as you leave worship.*



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow;

Praise God, all crea - tures here be - low;

Praise God a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host;

Praise Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

We pray: God of majesty, no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

The musical score consists of four staves of music in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The notes are simple, mostly quarter and eighth notes, with some slurs. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

## PREFACE

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. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. 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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical score consists of four staves of music in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of two sharps (D major). The notes are simple, mostly quarter and eighth notes, with some slurs. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy One... We proclaim the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

...We look with hope for his coming. **Come, Lord Jesus.**

...Bring the gift of peace on earth. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

...one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

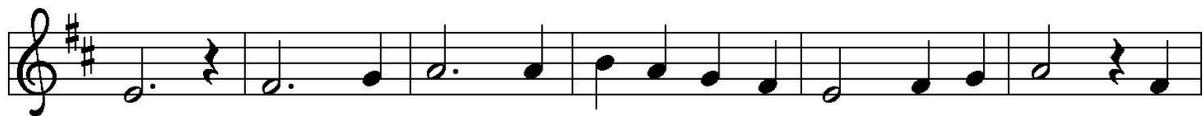
Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION AND LAMB OF GOD

Come to the table; taste and see. **Thanks be to God.**



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



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

*Be seated. All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion at Christ's table. Today, we receive by intinction, dipping bread into wine. For the sake of good order, musicians will commune first. After communing, you may kneel at the rail or return to your seat for private prayer.*

**COMMUNION SONG**

**'When Morning Gilds the Skies'**  
**Handbell Choir**

**arr. Lloyd Larson**

*We rise in body and spirit as we are able.*

**COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER**

May the precious and true body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

We pray: Radiant God, we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. In the sacrament of his body and blood you have drawn us to your heart. Send us from this table with delight, that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love, and bear witness to all we have seen and heard, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**BLESSING**

May the triune God, who has put a new song in your mouth and tuned your heart for praise ☩ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

**SENDING SONG**

**'Shine, Jesus, Shine'**  
*See page 10.*

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**DISMISSAL AND POSTLUDE**

Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.  
**We will! Thanks be to God!**

**PARTICIPANTS**

*If anyone is interested in reading scriptures, please contact the Church Office.*

- Senior Pastor.....The Rev. David T. Drysdale II
- Guest Musician..... Rev. Rhonda Smith
- Handbell Choir Director.....Elaine Vaughn
- Assisting Minister.....Maryanne DeCesare
- Children's Message.....Angela Beard
- Altar Guild.....Dottie Crowder, Nancy Yoder
- Ushers.....Greg Walters, Doug Eckard, Todd Jarrett
- Tellers.....Kay Dodd, Bill Milner, Patrick Dodd



1. Lord, the light of your love is shin-ing, in the midst of the dark-ness, shin-ing;  
 2. As we gaze on your king-ly bright-ness, so our fac-es dis-play your like-ness,



Je-sus, light of the world, shine up-on us; set us free by the truth you now bring us.  
 ev-er chang-ing from glo-ry to glo-ry, mir-rored here, may our lives tell your sto-ry



Shine on me; shine on me.



Shine, Je - sus, shine; fill this land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry.



Blaze, Spir - it, blaze; set our hearts on fire.



Flow, riv - er, flow; flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy.



Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.

## PRAYER CONCERNS

*Please pray for those who are in sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially the following:  
(Names in BOLD have been added or updated this week.)*

**Zion Members...** Joey & Jennifer Brown, Jack Cooke, Tom Crowder, Randy Hefner, Ron & Sandra Herman, Ruth Ann Hollar, Kim Hollars, Maxine Huffman, Camilla Isenhour, Amy Jarrett, Janice Jeffreys, Gary Kanipe, Leigh Ann Lackey, Mike McRee, Alan Mull, Kenny Mull, Kenny Lee Mull Family, Patrick Mull, Barron & Lois Whitener, Matthew Whitener, Stephen Whitener, Martha Wrike, Rosie Yoder.

**Homebound...** Mary Jo Hilton, Gary Johnson, Nellie Lutz, Violet Michael, Barbara Scronce, Janey Whitener, Dottie Yoder, Jerry Yoder.

**Friends of Zion...** Gary Abernethy, Vicky Annas, Ann Arney, Michelle Barger, Davey Beard, Jeff Beck, Charlie Boger, Sue Bolick, Easton Case, Patty Cook, Ruth Cook, Ulrike Cox, Bryant Early, Cindy Elder, Kathy Freeman, Alice Greer and Family, Sandra & Stamey Hardin, Sandra & Don Hefner, Pastor Betty Helms, Tim Hewitt, Myrtle Hilton, Tina Holloway, Alice Huffman, Dixie Icard, David Icenhour, Alma Jacobs, Gary Jarvis, Anaisha Jaykumar, Ann Journey, John Keck, Alice Keenan, Caroline Keller, Toni Kenerly, Savannah Klein, Joyce Ladnier, Kay-Kay Ladnier, Yolanda Ladnier, Jay Lamb, Dale Love, Sophia Marlowe, Tim Martin, Teresa Mays, Jim & Anne Rhyne McCoy, Frances McCracken, Mario Molina, Terry Mooneyham, Randy Neill, Sharon Oxford, Meghan Paris, Steve Pilkenton, David Pruett, Fred Prince, Wayne Reed, Lacey Reeves, Dr. J. David & Jena Rhyne, Rusty Rhyne, Bryson Romero, Betty Shook, Gina Sigmon, Greg Sigmon, Pat Stilwell, Andy Tomah, Michelle Whitener.

## FEATURED HOMEBOUND MEMBER

*Please encourage this special member by sending a card or note this week.*

**Barbara Scronce, 2025 Zion Church Rd., Hickory, NC 28602**

## THIS WEEK AT ZION

**Today:** 9:15 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
9:30 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion  
11:00 a.m. Sunday School  
7:00 p.m. Young Adults Meet in the Parish Center

**Mon:** 3:00 p.m. Zion Eagles  
6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts  
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

**Tues:** 9:30 a.m. Quilting Group Meets Downstairs  
3:00 p.m. Zion Eagles

**Wed:** 7:00 p.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Playground Update...** Work on the new playground began last week with the removal of the old equipment and grading of the site. Thank you to everyone who has generously contributed to this project! As of January 18, the remaining balance needed to fully fund the playground is **\$6,721.73**. Let's work together to pay off the remaining balance and bring this playground project to completion as soon as possible!

**Annual Reports...** Ministry chairpersons/council liaisons are reminded that 2025 year-end reports for the *Booklet of Annual Reports* are due in the Church Office. A few of the reports have not been received. Please email your report "copy ready" to [office@zionhickory.org](mailto:office@zionhickory.org). We also need a current list of members for each church ministry. Questions? Contact Sandra in the Church Office.

**Looking Ahead...** Mark your calendar for these special events—more details coming soon!  
**February 11**—Valentine's Date Night (for parents); **February 17**—Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper;  
**February 18**—Ash Wednesday Worship; **February 19**—JOY Group Soup and Sandwich Lunch;  
**March 12**—Red Cross Blood Drive; **March 29**—Easter Egg Hunt and Covered Dish Lunch.

### 2026 GENERAL FUND GIVING REPORT

December Year-to-Date Giving	December Year-to-Date Budgeted Giving	January Giving Thru 01/18/26	January Budgeted Giving
\$398,011.69	\$409,839.00	\$14,791.36	\$32,940.50

### ZION PLAYGROUND PROJECT

Total Project Cost	Project Contributions as of 01/18/26	Refundable Sales Tax	Balance Needed
\$88,820.00	\$76,288.27	\$5,810.00	\$6,721.73

CALLING ALL KIDS!

# VALENTINE'S PARENTS NIGHT OUT

Enjoy pizza, crafts, games and more!

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11  
5:30 PM – 8:00 PM  
ZION PARISH CENTER

RSVP to Kim Walters at 828-612-8863