

WELCOME TO ZION'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
2nd Sunday after Epiphany January 19, 2025

Pastor Caitlin M. Kurtz
Every Week at Zions: @ 10:30 Worship, 9:15 Sunday School
Wednesday night activities 5:30 meal, 6:15 Rejoicing Spirits worship, 6:50 Bible Study

Zion's worship services are live-streamed and archived on YouTube. While the focus is always on the worship leaders and the sanctuary at large, your voice and image may be included as part of the recording. If you do not wish to appear on film, please sit in, or under, the balcony and ask an usher for communion to be brought to your seat. If you have any other questions, please speak with Pastor Caitlin. Thank you for your understanding and support in spreading the Gospel message!

**(Congregation please stand as able)*

Welcome and Announcements and Prelude

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, our creator, our protector, and our wellspring of life. **C: Amen.**

P: Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection

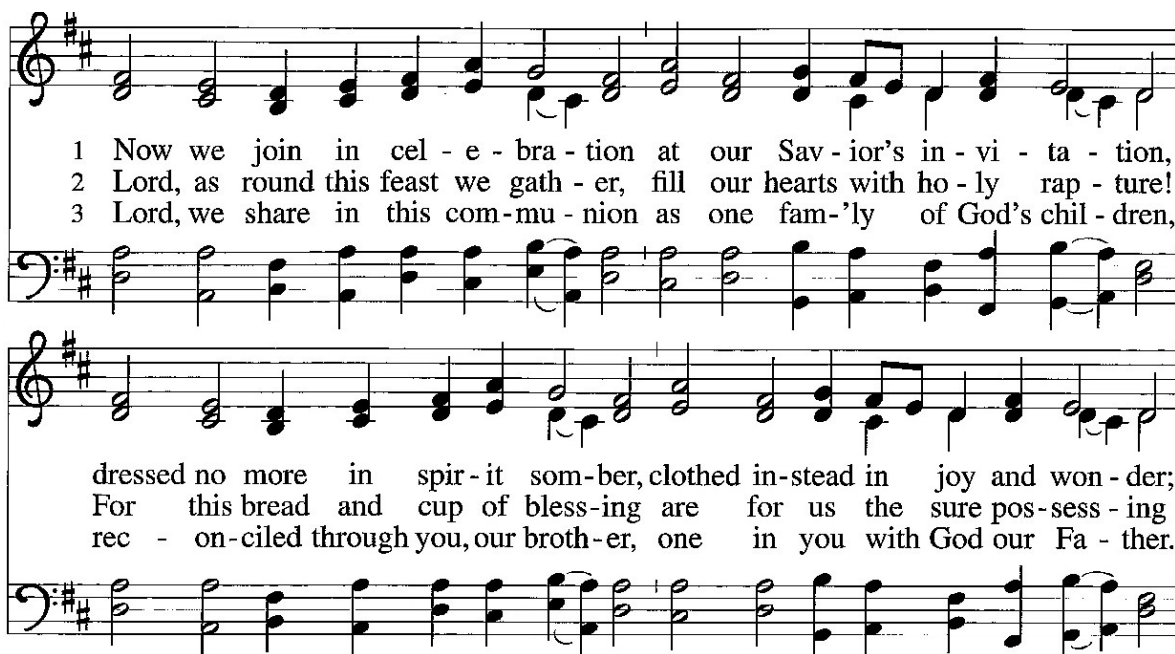
P: Merciful God,

C: you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your loving kindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.

P: God proclaims these words of assurance: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine." In Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God. **C: Amen.**

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN: ELW 462** *Now We Join in Celebration*

You are invited to face the back of the church for the opening hymn. As the cross is processed into the congregation you may continue to sing toward it.



1 Now we join in cel - e - bra - tion at our Sav - ior's in - vi - ta - tion,
2 Lord, as round this feast we gath - er, fill our hearts with ho - ly rap - ture!
3 Lord, we share in this com - mu - nion as one fam - 'ly of God's chil - dren,
dressed no more in spir - it som - ber, clothed in - stead in joy and won - der;
For this bread and cup of bless - ing are for us the sure pos - sess - ing
rec - on - ciled through you, our broth - er, one in you with God our Fa - ther.

for the Lord of all ex - is - tence, put - ting off di - vine tran - scen - dence,
of your lov - ing deed on Cal - v'ry, of your liv - ing self, our vic - t'ry,
Give us grace to live for oth - ers, serv - ing all, both friends and strang - ers,

stoops a - gain in love to meet us, with his ver - y life to feed us.
pledge of your un - fail - ing pres - ence, fore - taste here of heav'n - ly glad - ness.
seek - ing jus - tice, love, and mer - cy till you come in fi - nal glo - ry.

Text: Joel W. Lundeen, 1918–1990 Music: Johann Crüger, 1598–1662 Text © Joel W. Lundeen, admin. Augsburg Fortress SCHMÜCKE DICH LMD

*** APOSTOLIC GREETING**

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

C: And also with you.

*** HYMN OF PRAISE**

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. 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.
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. 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. 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. 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. 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.

SCRIPTURE & SERMON

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Lord God, source of every blessing, you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son, who brought gladness and salvation to his people. Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Isaiah 62:1-5 *(pg. 604 in pew Bible)*

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

After the reading: **Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: 36:5-10 *(pg. 443 in pew Bible, also below)*

Leader: Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.

Congregation: Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your judgements are like the great deep; you save humans and animals alike, O Lord.

L: How precious is your steadfast love, O God! All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

C: They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

L: For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.

C: O continue your steadfast love to those who know you, and your salvation to the upright of heart!

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 *(pg. 933 in pew Bible)*

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says 'Let Jesus be cursed!' and no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

After the reading: **Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON *as the children come forward, please join in singing:*

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



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

***GOSPEL:** John 2:1-11 (pg. 863 in pew Bible)

Before reading: P: The Holy Gospel According to St. John, the 2nd Chapter. C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**
On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

After the reading: P: The Gospel of our Lord. C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY:** WOV 648 *Jesus, Come! For We Invite You*



1 Je - sus, come! for we in - vite you, guest and mas - ter,
2 Je - sus, come! trans - form our plea - sures, guide us in - to
3 Je - sus, come! in new cre - a - tion, heav'n brought near in
4 Je - sus, come! sur - prise our dull - ness, make us will - ing
friend and Lord; now, as once at Ca - na's wed - ding,
paths un - known; bring your gifts, com - mand your ser - vants,
pow'r di - vine; give your un - ex - pect - ed glo - ry,
to re - ceive more than we can yet im - ag - ine,

speak and let us hear your word: lead us through
 let us trust in you a - lone: though your hand
 chang-ing wa - ter in - to wine: rouse the faith
 all the best you have to give: let us find

our need or doubt - ing, hope be born and joy re - stored.
 may work in se - cret, all shall see what you have done.
 of your dis - ci - ples— come, our first and great - est Sign!
 your hid - den rich - es, taste your love, be - lieve, and live!

Text: Christopher Idle, b. 1938 UNION SEMINARY
 Music: Harold Friedell, 1905-1958 878787

OUR OFFERINGS: OUR TRUST, PRAYERS & GIFTS

*APOSTLES' CREED

P: Let us confess our faith together, using the words of the Apostles' Creed.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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.

Note: the word "catholic" here means the church around the world.

*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(after hearing, "God, in your mercy," respond: **Hear our Prayer**)

(after hearing the final prayer petition, "We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people." respond: **Amen.**)

*SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

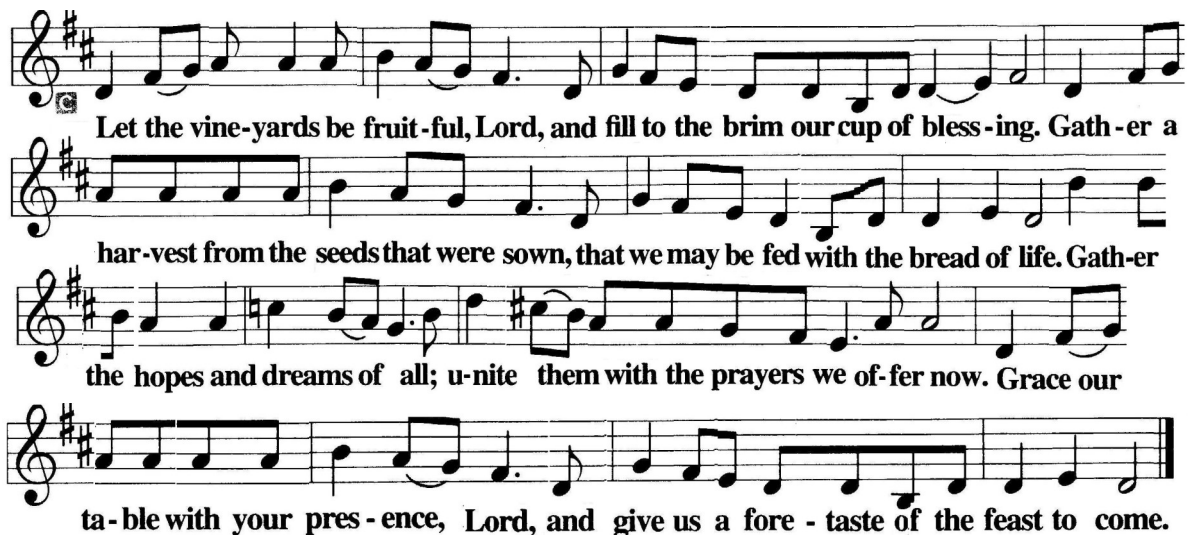
P: The peace of Christ be with you all. C: **And also with you.**

OFFERING WITH OFFERTORY

During this portion of the worship service, we offer to God a portion of what God has first given us, trusting that God will use these gifts to do God's work in the world. We offer thanks to God with financial gifts, song, and prayer. Or you can scan this QR code to go to our electronic giving website: <http://www.zionsjonestown.com/giving/>, where you can choose to give either through PayPal, or Simply Giving, which is our regular electronic offering service, offering both one-time, and regular, automatic options.



***POST OFFERING VERSE**



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of bless-ing. Gath-er a
har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er
the hopes and dreams of all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer now. Grace our
ta-ble with your pres-ence, Lord, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

***OFFERING PRAYER**

P: 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. C: Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

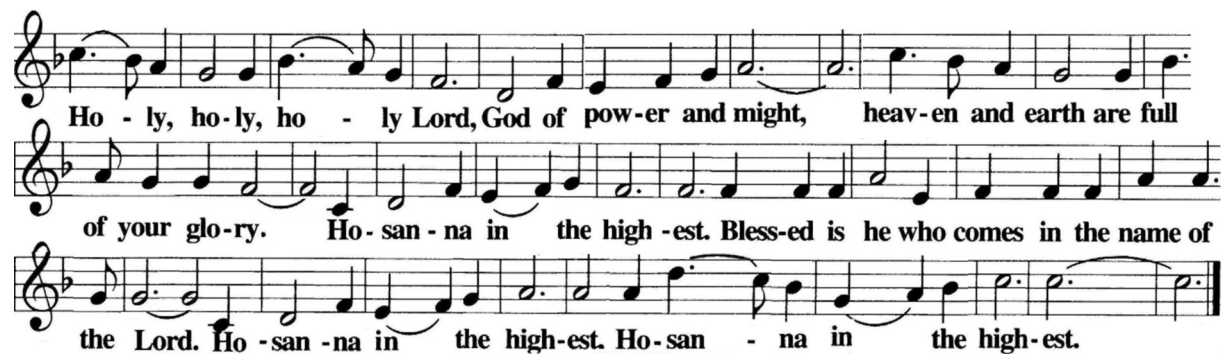
Please stand as you are able.

P: The Lord be with you. C: And also 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.

P: 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 the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn: ***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**



Ho - ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, heav-en 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. Ho-san - na in the high-est.

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

P: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, in the beginning you formed the heavens and earth and created us in your likeness. You made us guardians of your good creation and left the earth in our care.

All through our weary years and our silent tears, you did not abandon us to ourselves, but sought us out in love. When we were captives in Egypt, you did not abandon us.

When we wandered in the wilderness, you did not abandon us.

When we turned to false gods, you did not abandon us. Through your holy prophets you called us to return to your graciousness, to your mercy, and to your steadfast love.

In the crowing act of love you gave your only Son, that whoever believes in him will have eternal life. For you sent Jesus not to condemn the world, but to save the world from sin. Through his death on the cross, we who were once far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: With this bread and cup, we remember Christ's life among us; his association with outcasts, his eating with sinners, his healing of the sick, his care for the poor.

Send, we pray, your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and wine, that we who share this meal may become a holy communion, the body of Christ in the world.

C: 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**

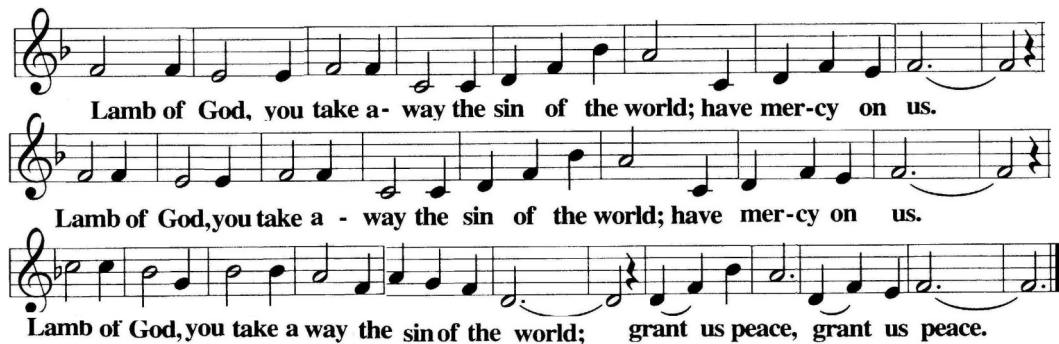
P: Let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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**

P: This joy of the Lord is our strength. Come, eat this meal of gladness.

LAMB OF 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.

At the ushers instruction, you are invited to come forward, pick up either a pre-filled grape juice cup, or empty communion cup, and kneel or stand at the communion railing. (gluten free wafers are available for those who need that accommodation, please let Pastor know when you are communing) Here, you will first receive the bread, and then either a blessing of your grape juice, or the wine poured into your glass. After consuming both elements, return to your seat by the side aisle, placing your empty glass in the tray.

*Those who are worshipping at home this morning are invited to **pray this prayer**, trusting that Christ's spiritual presence is with you at all times and places. If you would like Pastor Caitlin to bring communion to your home, call her at 717 865 3652 and she will be glad to do so.*

“Loving Jesus, since I cannot at this moment receive you in bread and wine according to your promise in the sacrament of Holy Communion, I ask you to come to me in Spirit. Feed me, for I am hungry; strengthen me, for I am weak; enliven and sanctify me with Your sacred Body and Blood. Deliver me from all sin and make me always obedient to Your commands. Let me never be separated from You, my Savior, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit live and reign one God forever and ever. Amen.”

COMMUNION HYMNS: #205 *Now the Silence (sing twice)*
 (green book) #214 *Come, Let Us Eat*
 # 89 *How Good, Lord, to Be Here!*

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P: 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 then name of Christ we pray. **C: Amen.**

***BENEDICTION**

P: The Spirit of the triune God bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love. **C:Amen.**

SENDING HYMN: WOV 755 *We All Are One in Mission

As the cross is processed to the rear of the sanctuary as we sing, you are invited to turn towards it, symbolic of our desire to follow Christ out into the world.

1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,
 2 We all are called to ser - vice, to wit - ness in God's name.
 3 Now let us be u - nit - ed, and let our song be heard.

our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
 Our min - is - tries are dif - frent; our pur - pose is the same:
 Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing Word.

A sin - gle great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove
 to touch the lives of oth - ers with God's sur - pris - ing grace,
 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,

to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.
 so ev - 'ry folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.
 our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955 Music: Finnish folk tune, 19th cent.; arr. Joel Martinson Text © 1986 Hope Publishing Co. Arr. © 1992 Augsburg Fortress KUORTANE 7 6 7 6 D alt. tune: WEBB

***DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Live in hope.

C: Thanks be to God!

This week we especially remember in our prayers: Tom Mohn, Andy Bomberger, Nancy Bowman, hurricane victims and all victims of violence.

We're glad you're here! Whether today is your first day at Zion's, or your thousandth, we're glad you're here, and we look forward to worshipping with you. If you're new, or it's been a while, we invite you to fill out one of the "We're glad you're here" white envelopes located in the pew back to ensure our records are correct, and so we can connect with you further. Completed cards can be placed in the offering plate. Thank you, and welcome!

Today we **welcome Lauren Forgas** as our musician. Thank you for sharing your musical gift with us.

Zion's Annual Congregational Meal and Celebration will be held on Sunday, January 26 after worship in the Social Hall and YOU are invited and encouraged to attend. We will look back, with gratitude for what God has done through our congregation this year, and look forward to how God is calling us to serve, and grow, and live in the year to come. *Sign ups on the Bulletin Board outside the Church Office are greatly appreciated.*

This Week at Zions:

Jan. 20, Monday @ 6:30 pm Worship & Music committee meeting

Jan. 22, Wednesday @ 9:00 am Quilting **NOTE CHANGE IN DAY**

Jan. 22, Wednesday @ 5:30 community meal, 6:15 pm Rejoicing Spirits worship, 6:50 Bible Study, 7:30 adult choir rehearsal

Next Week at Zions:

Jan. 26, Sunday following worship: Annual Congregational Meal & Celebration

Jan. 27, Monday @ 6:30 pm Mission Ministry meeting

Jan. 29, Wednesday @ 9:00 am Quilting **NOTE CHANGE IN DAY**

Jan. 29, Wednesday @ 5:30 community meal, 6:15 pm Rejoicing Spirits worship, 6:50 Bible Study, 7:30 adult choir rehearsal

Notice! ! Peace in pieces quilting has moved from Tuesday to Wednesday mornings!!!

"The Kingdom of God is like a mustard seed..." NEW study on Jesus' parables begins Wednesday January 15 at 6:50 PM. Jesus uses parables to illustrate the kingdom of God-- highlighting how God works in surprising places and through surprising people. We will study a parable each week, hand in hand with a chapter from the new book "Small and Mighty: Twelve Unsung Americans Who Changed the Course of History, from the Founding to the Civil Rights Movement" by Sharon McMahon. This book will give us a glimpse into our country's history, and a real life example of how God has worked through ordinary people to shine light and love in the world--especially appropriate themes for the season of Epiphany (which begins today and lasts until Lent) and the dark winter months. Together we will find hope in the promises of scripture and stories of those who have gone before us. *Free copies of the book will be available in the Gathering Area. It's also available on Kindle. For the first gathering, please read "The Angel of the Rockies"*

New Communication Plan for Emergencies As Council worked on congregational communication this last year, we discovered that we needed a good way to contact people in case of a church emergency/closure (namely inclement weather, or a problem with the building). We've decided upon a low-cost text/phone system that will text or call people with a message from our leadership *as necessary* -- this will ONLY be used in case of emergencies. To get set up, **we need you to review your text/call preferences, and phone number, on the sheets in the Gathering Area.** You are welcome to opt out, but please know we will only be using this system, Facebook, and ABC27 to communicate emergency closures.

Zion's Preschool registration opens for Zion's families (and current and former Zion's Preschool families) on Tuesday, January 21. There are two class options: Tu/Th (for children who are at least 3 by September 1) and M/W/F (for children who are at least 4 by September 1). Both classes meet from 9 - 11:45 AM. For a registration packet, email zionspreschool@verizon.net Registration opens to the public at our Open House on Tuesday, February 4 from 5:30-7 PM.

Highlights from December's Council meeting are sent out via email after the meeting. Copies are then available at the small bulletin board in the Gathering Area.

Serving at Zion's		Today	Next Sunday
Lector		Christine Techky	Youth of Zions
Prayer		Michelle Bucks	Youth of Zions
Children's sermon		Ed Ludwig	Youth of Zions
Comm. Assts.		Deb Long, Kelly Rittle	Youth of Zions
Greeter		Elaine Ludwig	Youth of Zions
Acolyte		Derek Wolfe	Madelyn Rittle
Crucifer		Daryl Hess	Logan Livingston
Altar Guild		McQuaide family	McQuaide family
Elevette		Tom Frey	Noel Strattan
Ushers	Jim Fowler		

MUSICIAN: Maryann Guldin
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We are thrilled to welcome Girl Scout Troop 70112 to Zion's! On the day this Troop learned they could no longer meet in their previous location, four different people contacted Pastor Caitlin to ask if they could come to Zion's. We believe "we are in Jonestown for a reason", and rejoice that our community now knows this! They will typically meet on the second and fourth Thursdays, in a classroom in the basement, and we'll get to interact during different special events throughout the year. THANK YOU for your financial contributions that help care for our building, and, in turn, care for our community by providing a home for groups like the Girl Scouts.

You are invited to complete a Spiritual Gifts Inventory to learn more about the ways God has uniquely created YOU (more info in the sermon!) Paper copies, which you'll need to manually score, are available in the windowsills downstairs. Or, you can complete an online version using this QR code.

