



**January 14, 2024 - Second Sunday After Epiphany
Traditional Worship Service**



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Welcome from Presiding Minister (PM)

*Please stand as you are able
Turn to follow the cross as it processes through the worship space
Welcome Jesus into our presence*

Listen, God Is Calling
Neno lake Mungu

Refrain
Leader All

Ne - no, ne - no la - ke Mu - ngu la - ku - i - ta we - we,
Lis - ten, lis - ten, God is call - ing, through the Word in - vit - ing,

ne - no la wo - ko - vu, te - na je - ma. ma.
of - fer - ing for - give - ness, com - fort, and joy. joy.

Leader All

Ye - su a - li - se - ma, Mka - hu - bi - ri.
1 Je - sus gave his man - date: share the good news
2 Let none be for - got - ten through - out the world.
3 Help us to be faith - ful, stand - ing stead - fast,

Leader All *Refrain*

Ne - no la - ke Mu - ngu la wo - ko - vu.
that he came to save us and set us free.
In the tri - une name of God go and bap - tize.
walk - ing in your pre - cepts, led by your Word.

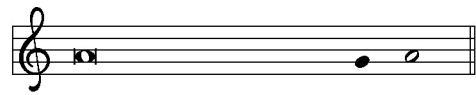
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Music: NENO LAKE MUNGU, Tanzanian tune; arr. Austin C. Lovelace, b. 1919
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Congregation responses are in bold print

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.



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



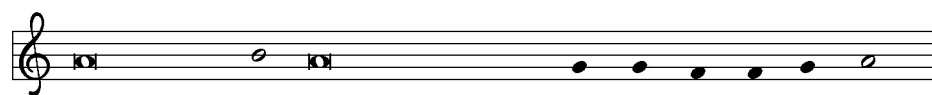
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



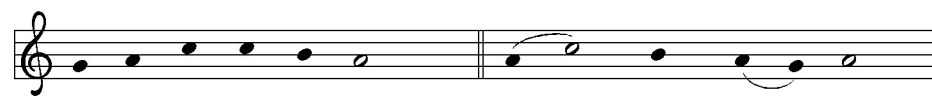
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



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



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

Assisting minister

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

All

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.

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.

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.

PM: Let us pray.

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer, for the countless blessings and benefits you give. May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day praising you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated

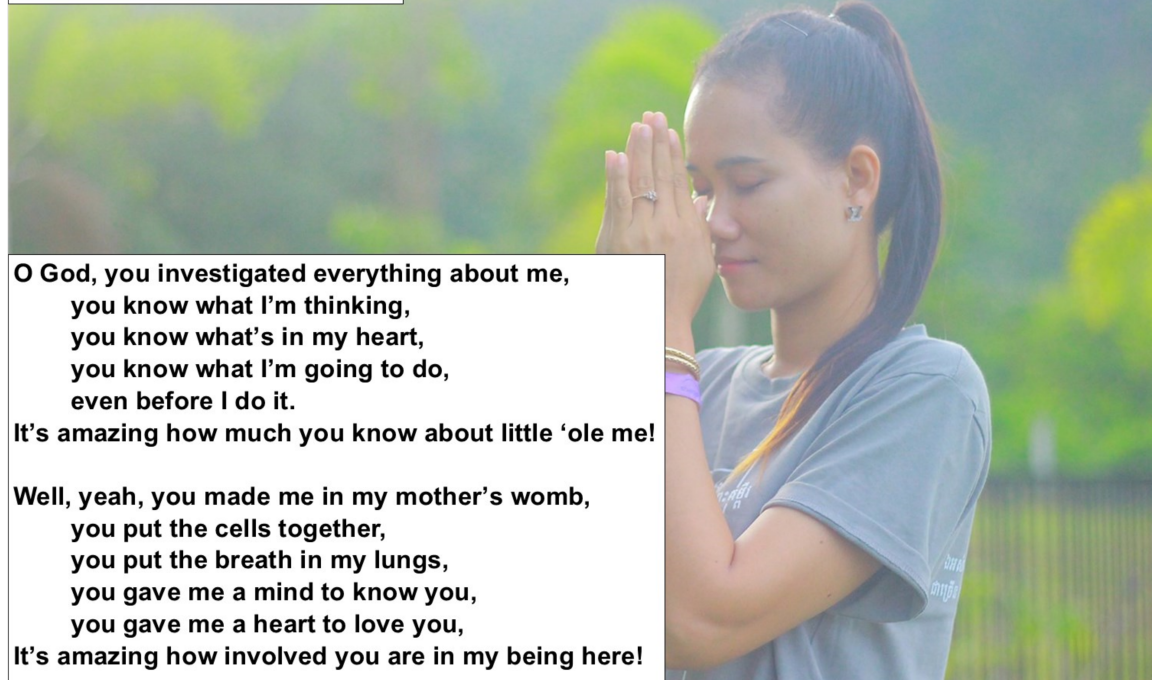
A reading from 1 Samuel: 1 Samuel 3:1-10, Pew Bible, Old Testament, page 192)

The reading concludes with:
Word of God, Word of Life
Thanks be to God

Psalm Paraphrase
(Read responsively
the indented lines)

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
Paraphrased by Pastor William

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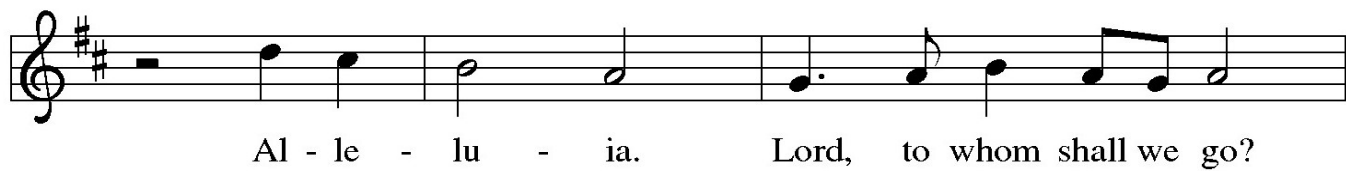
O God, you investigated everything about me,
you know what I'm thinking,
you know what's in my heart,
you know what I'm going to do,
even before I do it.
It's amazing how much you know about little 'ole me!

Well, yeah, you made me in my mother's womb,
you put the cells together,
you put the breath in my lungs,
you gave me a mind to know you,
you gave me a heart to love you,
It's amazing how involved you are in my being here!

A reading from 1 Corinthians: (1 Corinthians 6:12-20 Pew Bible, New Testament, page 129)

The reading concludes with:
Word of God, Word of Life
Thanks be to God

Please stand as you are able



The holy gospel according to St. John
Glory to you, O Lord

(John 1:43-51, Pew Bible,
New Testament, page 70)

The reading concludes with:
The gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ

Please be seated

Children's Time with Pastor

Sermon

Please stand as you are able

Here I Am, Lord

1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.

I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"

Refrain
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you
call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you
lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

Text: Daniel L. Schutte, b. 1946
Music: HERE I AM, LORD, Daniel L. Schutte
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AM: As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence for personal prayer

Encourage the ministry and mission of the church, God of truth. Let the leaders of your church be trustworthy and accountable stewards, that all its resources and outreach bring hope and healing to communities. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

Delight in the goodness of your creation, God of fig trees and fertile soil. Heal areas of the world harmed by human greed. Restore those recovering from natural disaster. Protect our forests and waterways and all the creatures that live in them. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

Call the leaders of every neighborhood and nation to serve faithfully, God of wisdom. Give them visions of justice and unity. Lead them to action that promotes equitable partnership and uplifts those on the margins of society. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

Hold in your care any who suffer and struggle, God of compassion. You who know our inner hearts, be present with any who are oppressed, victims of racism or cultural bias, and all who long for respite or restoration. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

Give all congregations the anticipation and excitement of Samuel, so inspired and empowered to do your work in the world, God of unity. Make us faithful as we build communities of inclusion and mutual care. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

We thank you for giving Kay Davis to us to know and to love. Give her family and loved ones comforting peace,
and confidence in your promise of eternal life.

Bless this week's marriage and help us support their life together.
Pastor William and Linda Weidenbach

Thank you for the life of our birthday sibling,
Juanita Cignetti

Trusting God who raised Jesus and will also raise us in spirit and truth, we remember all who have died and are at peace among the saints. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

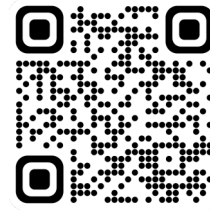
The Offering of our tithes, gifts and sacrifices is gathered for the mission of Christ's church, including the care of those in need.

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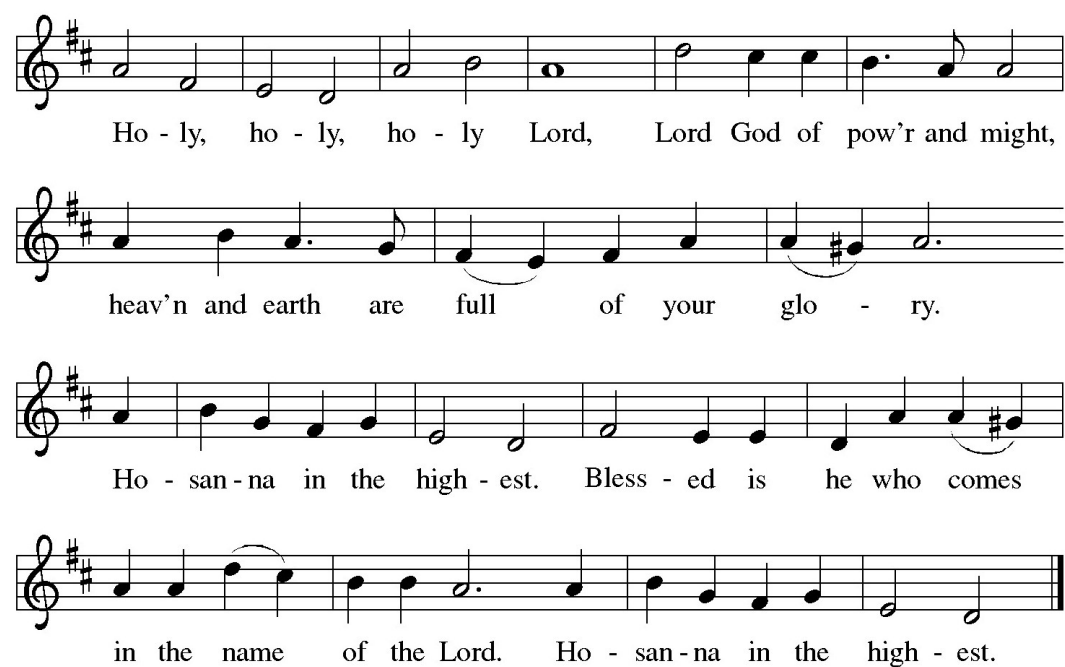
AM: Let us enthusiastically pray our prayer of stewardship, Holy Lord,
I gladly return, for your work, a portion of your abundant provision to me. All that I have is yours alone, entrusted Lord, to my care. Amen.

PM: 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.

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.

Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.

The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath.

We praise you, O God.

Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

We bless you, O God.

We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

We thank you, O God.

Words of Institution - Please look up, Pastor will be speaking these words

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

We pray for the gift of your Spirit:

**in our gathering;
within this meal;
among your people;
throughout the world.**

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end.

Amen.

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.

At Jesus' table, heaven and earth are joined as one. Come and see.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Please be seated

The Lord's Supper (Communion) at this congregation is practiced as an open table – all are welcome.
Jesus said this is his body and blood given and shed for you;
come receive the loving grace God provides for you.

Those who do not commune may come forward for a blessing, for all are loved by God.

Children who commune at their home congregation are encouraged to commune here today too.

Gluten free wafers available. Request at time of receiving communion.

Communion Music: *Take My Life, That I May Be*

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

AM: Let us pray,

Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever. Amen.

Announcements

Please stand as you are able

PM: Let us enthusiastically commit to our mission as we pray,

Lord, my hope and strength comes from you. Open my eyes and heart to become the person you want me to be; a person who cares for the widows and orphans, feeds the hungry, clothes the naked, frees the oppressed, and visits the sick and imprisoned. Give me and this congregation a vision to make a difference in our community. Enliven me to spread the good news of your Son. I pray this all for Jesus's sake. Amen.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

Amen

*Turn to follow the cross as it processes through the Worship Space.
Then follow it out to join in God's work.*

Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak

1 Lord, speak to us, that we may speak in
2 Oh, lead us, Lord, that we may lead the
3 Oh, teach us, Lord, that we may teach the
4 Oh, fill us with your full - ness, Lord, un -

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liv - ing ech - oes of your tone; as you have sought, so
 wan-d'ring and the wa - v'ring feet; oh, feed us, Lord, that
 pre - cious truths which you im - part; and wing our words, that
 til our ver - y hearts o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and

let us seek your stray - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.
 we may feed your hun - g'ring ones with man - na sweet.
 they may reach the hid - den depths of man - y_a heart.
 glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, alt.
 Music: CANONBURY, Robert Schumann, 1810–1856

AM: Go in peace. You are God's beloved.
Thanks be to God.

Please join in fellowship with a Coffee & Donut Social immediately following!

Postlude: *Allegretto*

By: Handel

John 1:43-51
 Stewardship Moment from Pastor William

Dwelling in a world created with love and entrusted to our care

Stewardship in the Gospel
 Philip tells Nathanael that they found the one about whom Moses and prophets had written. They found Jesus! The Way, of love was at hand. The Way, of life was at hand. The Way, was at hand. Jesus is The Way.

Stewardship in our Community
 So many people do not know The Way and the way of life that Jesus provides. They do not know the life-changing way of The Way. We all can benefit by following The Way; of life, love and compassion. The Way; of caring for each other and creation so that all benefit.

Stewardship in practice
 Let's start simply; smile, open your face in the heart-felt love of a smile. A long-time saying is: Be the reason some smiles today. Yes, let's endeavor to spread Jesus' love and compassion through how we interact with each other and creation. Smile, God loves you, and so do I!

Weekly News of Zion Lutheran Church

John 1:43-51
Gospel Message from Pr. William

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Jesus calls Philip to "Follow me" as a disciple. In turn, Philip invites Nathanael to "Come and see" the amazing difference Jesus is making. And there it is; the formula for spreading God's kingdom. We just tell people the difference Jesus is making in our life, then we invite them to "Come and see" for themselves. No great theological words. No quoting the Bible. No telling them of the dangers of not believing. Just share a personal experience and then say three short words: Come and see!



2023 Tax Statements are now available on request. Stop in or call the office if you wish to receive a statement.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Bible Adventure
Sundays 10:15am

Adult Christian Education
Sundays 10:15am

PRAYER REQUEST
Our team would love to pray for you.

We pray this week for The Family of Kay Davis, Mindy, Fran Gabe, Joe, Buddy Dick, Mollie, Betty, and those affected by wars.
Requests: Jayne Schrader at prayer@zion-nc.com

Today's Worship Leaders
Assisting Minister: Darlene Milavickas
Acolyte: Ava Medina
Accompanist: Carol McKimm
Audio/Visual Technicians: Linda Weidenbach & Paul Bagocius
Chancel Guild: Connie Riffle and Nikki Milek
Child Care Attendant: Amelia Milek
Presiding Minister: Rev. William C. Weidenbach Jr.
Reader: Ruth Reinoehl
Trustees: Rob Frock and Scott Gross
Flowers by: Carol Rossbach in loving memory of Barbara Kribbs

January 21, 2024 Worship Leaders
Assisting Minister: Beth Heller
Acolyte: Kenadi Medina
Accompanist: Steve Moore
Audio/Visual Technicians: Linda Weidenbach and Chris Thompson
Chancel Guild: Connie Riffle & Juanita Cignetti
Child Care Attendant: Amelia Milek
Presiding Minister: Rev. William C. Weidenbach Jr.
Reader: Nick Cignetti
Trustees: John Long and Brian Milek
Flowers by: LeBeau Family in loving memory of Dean LeBeau

FOOD PANTRY AND SHARED GOODS THIS MONDAY AND TUESDAY!!

