

**February 4, 2024 - Fifth Sunday After Epiphany
Blended 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*

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

Words and Music 1
RICK FOUNI

mf

Lord, I lift Your name on high,

8

11

Lord, I love to sing Your praises;

14

I'm so glad You're in my life,

16

I'm so glad You came to save us.

9

You came from Heaven to earth to show the way,

20

from the earth to the cross my debt to pay;

21

From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky,

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Lord, I lift Your name on high.

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You came from Heaven to earth to show the way,

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from the earth to the cross my debt to pay;

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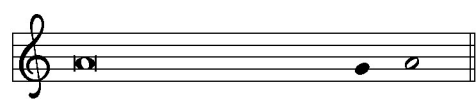
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky,

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Lord, I lift Your name on high.

Congregation responses are in bold print

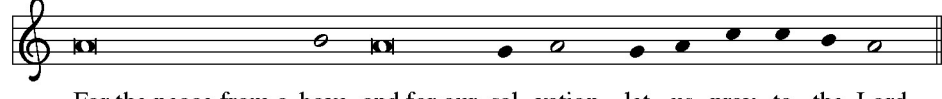
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with
you all.
And also with you.




In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



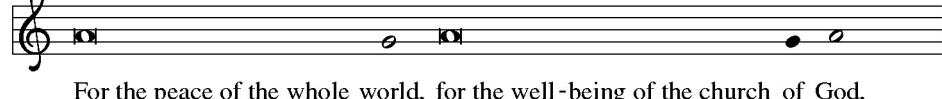
Lord, have mer - cy.



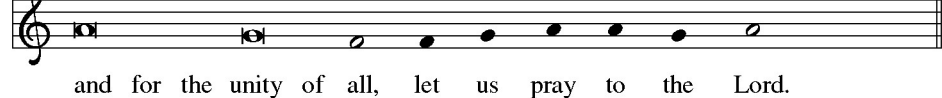
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



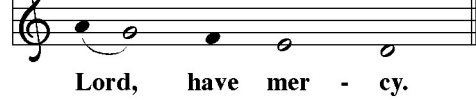
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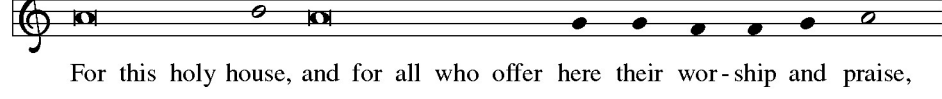
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,




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



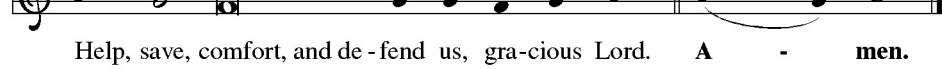
Lord, have mer - cy.



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.
Everlasting God, you give strength to the weak and power to the faint. Make us agents of your healing and wholeness, that your good news may be made known to the ends of your creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated

A reading from Isaiah:

(Isaiah 40:21-31, Pew Bible, Old Testament, page 517)

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

Psalm Paraphrase
(Read responsively
the indented lines)

A wide-angle photograph of a vast, snow-covered mountain range under a clear sky. The mountains are rugged and layered, with deep valleys and sharp peaks. The snow is bright white, contrasting with the dark shadows in the crevices. The perspective is from a high vantage point, looking across the range.

Psalms 147:1-11, 20c
Paraphrased by Pastor William

Photo by Leonhard_Niederwimmer at Pixabay.com

God, is the greatest!
I enjoy singing God's praises;
of God's kindness and compassion.

God rebuilds the broken city,
gathers in the scattered people.

God mends their broken hearts,
heals their bodies.

God knows the number of stars;
even gives them names.

God has limitless power;
too much for us to understand.

God raises the demoralized,
pushing the bullies aside.

It's time to sing a song of thanks,
play your instruments with joy.

God waters the earth from above,
grass grows, flowers bloom.

God feeds the animals,
from all the crows to all the cattle.

God is not impressed with our power,
nor our strength, nor wealth.

Instead, God delights in those
who trust, believe and love.

God is the greatest!

Open Our Eyes, Lord

Open Our Eyes, Lord

Words and Music by
BOB CULL

21
eyes, Lord, we want to see

25
Je sus, To reach out and

29
touch Him, and say that we
love Him. O - pen our
ears, Lord, and help us to
listen, ten, O - pen our
eyes, Lord, we want to see

2nd time to Coda

A reading from 1 Corinthians:

(1 Corinthians 9:16-23 Pew Bible, New Testament, page 131)

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

17



O - pen our

21



eyes, Lord, we want to see

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eyes, Lord, we want to see

53 *CODA*



Je - sus.



O - pen our eyes, Lord,

59 *molto rit.*



we want to see Je - sus.

Please stand as you are able

The holy gospel according to St. Mark

Glory to you, O Lord

(Mark 1:29-39, Pew Bible, New Testament, page 27)

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

I Will Celebrate

Words and Music by
LINDA DUVAL

Moderately, with a groove ♩ = 88

I will cel - e - brate, sing un - to the Lord, I will sing to Him a new song.

I will cel - e - brate, sing un - to the Lord, I will sing to Him a new song.

I will praise Him for He has tri - umphed vic

1. - to - ri - ous - ly I will praise Him a for

He has tri - umphed vic - to - ri - ous - ly.

1. I will cel - e - brate, sing un - to the Lord, I will sing to Him a new song.

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I will cel - e - brate, sing un - to the Lord, I will sing to Him a new song.

In His Time

Words and Music by
DIANE BAL

3 in tempo ♩ = 85

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14

mp

1. In His
(2. In Your)

time, in His time;

He makes all things beau - ti - ful in His

time. (D.S.) Lord, please show me ev - 'ry

day As You're teach - ing me Your way, That You

do just what You say in Your time.

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

Everlasting God, you bring your healing power to the church. Give your church a spirit of unity and prayer, that we discern your way for us in the world. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

Creator of the ends of the earth, you make the grass grow and send rain for the soil. Bring your creation into harmony and balance. Give animals their food and provide healthy shelter for your people. Inspire us to honor the miraculous beauty of all you have made. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

God without equal, your steadfast love endures forever. Bring the leaders, elected officials, and peacekeepers of our towns and countries into understanding and unity. Guide them to serve with compassion and understanding. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

God who strengthens, you lift up with your hand any who are suffering. Heal those who are broken-hearted and strengthen the weak and all in need. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

God who gives power to the faint, challenge us to share the faith stories of what God has done in our lives. Open us to receive the unique ways God is at work in your people, especially those whose perspectives challenge our own. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

Thank you for the life of our birthday siblings,
Sandy Cizek and Kenadi Medina

Merciful God, let your peace overflow in Mary Humbert and family as they mourn the death of her mother.

Lord, help me to be a comfort to Mary

God who calls each star by name, we remember all who have died. Shelter all who mourn with your mercy and care, and give us hope in your promised salvation. 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 image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has three staves. The top staff is a vocal line with lyrics: "In Your time,". The middle staff is a piano accompaniment line with lyrics: "in Your time; You make all things beau - ti -". The bottom staff is another piano accompaniment line with lyrics: "ful in Your time. Lord, my". The second system also has three staves. The top staff is a vocal line with lyrics: "life to You I bring; May each song I have to sing Be to". The middle staff is a piano accompaniment line with lyrics: "You a love - ly thing in Your time.". The bottom staff is another piano accompaniment line with lyrics: "You a love - ly thing in Your time.". There are some handwritten notes in the score, such as "40" and "rit.".

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: *Glory Thy Name*

By: Donna Adkins

Please stand as you are able

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.**

AM: 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.

PM: 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.*

The River Is Here

Words and Music by
ANDY PARK

2 *mf*

1. Down the moun - tain the riv - er flows, and it

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brings re - fresh - ing wher - ev - er it goes.

Through the val - leys and o - ver the fields the

riv - er is rush - ing and the riv - er is here. The

riv - er of God sets our feet a - danc - ing, the

riv - er of God fills our hearts with cheer. The

1 riv - er of God fills our mouths with laugh - ter, and

3 3rd time to Coda

5 we re - joice for the riv - er is here.

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D.S. al CODA

dance with laugh - ter giv - ing praise to the Son. The

riv - er of God sets our feet a - danc - ing, the

riv - er of God fills our hearts with cheer. The

riv - er of God fills our mouths with laugh - ter, and

3rd time to Coda *CODA*

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Through the val - leys and o - ver the fields the

riv - er is rush - ing and the riv - er is here. The

riv - er of God sets our feet a - danc - ing, the riv - er of God fills our

hearts with cheer. The riv - er of God fills our

60

mouths with laugh - ter, and we re - joice for the

62

riv - er is here, and we re - joice for the riv - er is here.


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

Please join in the reception to meet and greet the Scouts immediately following!

Postlude: *Holy, Holy, Holy*

By: Gary Oliver

Mark 1:29-39
Stewardship Moment from Pastor William



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

Stewardship in the Gospel
Jesus leaves church where he taught and healed. Then he takes the healing into the community. Why would Jesus heal people? The answer can be found in the response of Simon’s Mother-in-law. After being healed, she serves her family, Jesus, and the disciples.

Stewardship in our Community
Jesus heals so the power of God can be witnessed. The response to encountering the power of God is to give thanks and attend to those in community. God’s kingdom is to be spread and the only way to do it is to attend to those whom we encounter.

Stewardship in practice
We attend to people by being present with them; by listening to their joys and concerns. We attend to people by showing the love of God towards them. We attend to people by teaching them how to extricate themselves from unhealthy situations. We attend to people by walking alongside them through the good times and not-so-good times. It’s not about a handout, it’s about accompanying.

Mark 1:29-39
Gospel Message from Pr. William




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It is the day for church (the sabbath), and Jesus shows up, teaches them about God and then starts demonstrating his Godly power by healing people. After church is over, he goes to Simon and Andrew’s home so he can do like everyone else does after church – chill and watch football. No, wait, that’s not it. Jesus continues doing God’s work. He heals Simon’s mother-in-law. God’s kingdom work is done not just inside church for an hour; it needs to be done all day, every day. It needs to be done by us. If not by us, by whom?

Scout Sunday Participants

Readers
Trenten Craig
Mark Tropsf
Leo Kress

Ushers
Levi Kress
Evan Heil

Acolyte
Austin Draher

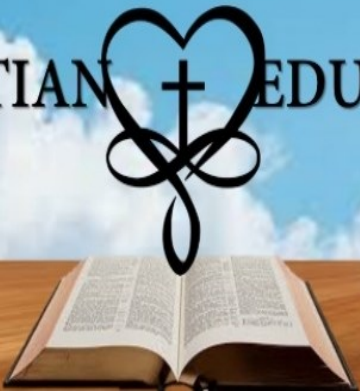
Greeters
John Ronaker
Finn Logsdon
Cooper Logsdon



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Bible
Adventure

Sundays
10:15am



Adult
Christian
Education

Sundays
10:15am



Lenten Worship Service
and community Meals
Begin
Sunday, February 18

Supper—5:30pm
Worship-6:15pm

Sign up sheets
In Coffee Bar Area

Weekly News of Zion Lutheran Church

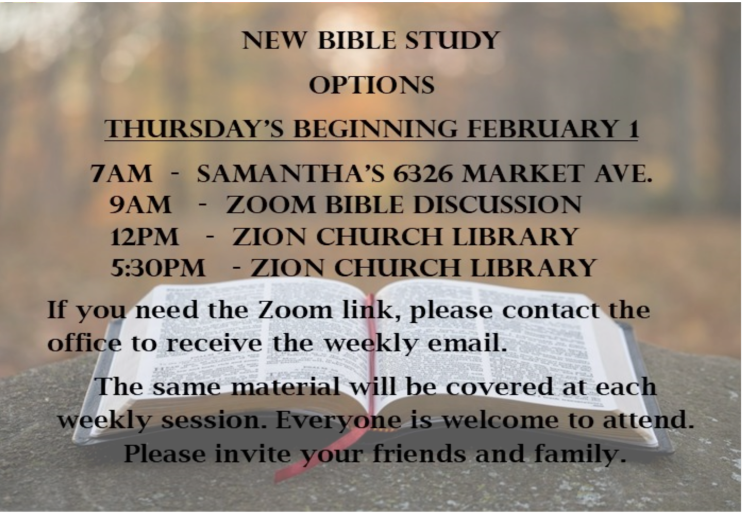


This week we pray for: Moe,
Larry, Pastor Mel, Houston
Family, Humbert & Burns
Families, Laura
and those affected by war.
Submit your prayer
requests to
Jayne Schrader at
Prayer@Zion-NC.com

NEW BIBLE STUDY
OPTIONS
THURSDAY'S BEGINNING FEBRUARY 1
7AM - SAMANTHA'S 6326 MARKET AVE.
9AM - ZOOM BIBLE DISCUSSION
12PM - ZION CHURCH LIBRARY
530PM - ZION CHURCH LIBRARY

If you need the Zoom link, please contact the
office to receive the weekly email.

The same material will be covered at each
weekly session. Everyone is welcome to attend.
Please invite your friends and family.



February 10—4pm



Bring your family & friends and
come and join the fun!!

VOLUNTEER!

Food Pantry—Shared Goods Setup
Monday 9-11am
Food Pantry—Shared Goods
Setup and Giveaway
Tuesday 9am-2pm

GET INVOLVED

TAKE A CHANCE ON LOVE!

Equal Exchange Valentine's Specials

Choose a \$5, \$10, or \$15 heart to reveal
what Equal Exchange purchase is inside.

Contact Cindy Bagocius for details!



Time to Register!



February 18
10am-2pm

Today's Worship Leaders

Assisting Minister: Cindy Bagocius
Acolyte: Scouts
Accompanist: Carol McKimm
Audio/Visual Technicians: John Rhodes &
Paul Bagocius
Chancel Guild: Corlene Coulter and Linda Smith
Child Care Attendant: Amelia Milek
Presiding Minister: Rev. William C Weidenbach Jr.
Reader: Scouts
Trustees: Rob Frock and Brian Milek
Flowers by: In Loving memory of Elaine M.
Fidler and Frances Mejstrik

February 11, 2024 Worship Leaders

Assisting Minister: George Miller
Acolyte: LJ Brown
Accompanist: Carol McKimm
Audio/Visual Technicians: John Rhodes &
Paul Bagocius
Chancel Guild: Corlene Coulter and Linda Smith
Child Care Attendant: Amelia Milek
Presiding Minister: Rev. William C.
Weidenbach Jr.
Reader: Brian Milek
Trustees: John Long and Brian Milek
Flowers by: Mike & Jayne Schrader in loving
memory of Lee & Edna Fischer