



Sunday, January 19, 2025
Second Sunday after Epiphany

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HOLY COMMUNION

Setting Three

Regular font: Worship Leader; Bold font: Congregation

GATHERING

WELCOME

Please stand

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life.

Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

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 lovingkindness.

Restore our hearts and repair your world,

that we may live in Christ's ways.

Amen.

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.

Amen.

OPENING HYMN “Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”

ELW 843

GREETING

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.

KYRIE

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GLORY TO GOD

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

WORD

Please be seated

FIRST READING

Isaiah 62:1-5

- ¹ 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.
- ² 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.
- ³ You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.
- ⁴ 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.
- ⁵ 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.

Word of God. Word of Life.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 36:5-10

⁵Your love, O LORD, reaches ¹to the heavens,
and your faithfulness ¹to the clouds.

⁶**Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice
like ¹the great deep;**

you save humankind and ani- ¹mals, O LORD.

⁷How priceless is your ¹love, O God!

All people take refuge under the shadow ¹of your wings.

⁸**They feast upon the abundance ¹of your house;**

you give them drink from the river of ¹your delights.

⁹For with you is the ¹well of life,
and in your light ¹we see light.

¹⁰**Continue your lovingkindness to ¹those who know you,
and your favor to those who are ¹true of heart.**

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

¹Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. ²You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. ³Therefore 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.

⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to 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. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

Word of God. Word of Life.
Thanks be to God.

Please stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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GOSPEL READING

John 2:1-11

The holy gospel according to John the 2nd chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ² Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³ When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” ⁴ And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.” ⁵ His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.” ⁶ Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷ Jesus said to them, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸ He said to them, “Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.” So they took it. ⁹ 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 ¹⁰ 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.” ¹¹ Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON

Pastor Sara Stall-Ryan

One Minute of Silence is kept for reflection.

Please stand

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Jesus Shall Reign”

ELW 434

APOSTLES’ CREED

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the

church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Giver of gifts, you form each member of the church to serve. Inspire us to boldly use gifts of welcome and healing, service and teaching, leading and preaching, for the sake of your work in the world. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Refuge of creatures, you place all the living under the shadow of your wings. Lead us in ways that tend to the needs of wild and domestic animals, creatures threatened by extinction, and the environment we share. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Voice of the oppressed, you call prophets throughout time. We remember the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., a voice for racial and economic justice and for peace. Guide our nation in continuing to heed your prophetic call. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of steadfast love, as Jesus celebrated at Cana, nurture marriages and relationships in mutual care; in times of separation or divorce hold tenderly broken hearts and broken dreams. Be present to all who are sick, grieving or in any need (especially). God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Spirit of peace, celebrating this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, we pray for neighboring congregations and ministry sites (especially). Nurture our shared commitment to embody Jesus' love, justice, and healing. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Wellspring of life, in living and dying we trust in you. We give thanks for the saints (especially Henry, Bishop of Uppsala). Guide us in our living until, at last, we rest in you. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.

Amen.

PEACE

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MEAL

Please be seated

OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN

OFFERING PRAYER

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. **Amen.**

Please Stand

GREAT THANKSGIVING pg. 144

It is indeed right...

SANCTUS pg. 144

Please kneel or sit

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD’S PRAYER *(Traditional)* pg. 145

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The joy of the Lord is our strength.
Come, eat this meal of gladness.

Please be seated

LAMB OF GOD pg. 146

Please kneel or sit

COMMUNION HYMNS

“I Come with Joy” **ELW 482**

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee” **ELW 836**

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

Please stand

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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 the name of Christ we pray. **Amen.**

BLESSING

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

SENDING HYMN

"We Are Called"

ELW 720

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live in hope.
Thanks be to God.

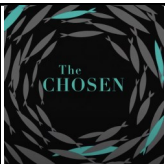
Postlude:

SERVING TODAY

Donna Cote - Lector
Michelle Schneider - Worship Assistant
Rick Borg, Donna Berndtson, Adam Stall-Ryan
- Ushers/Greeters
Donna Marlow - Altar Guild
Sarah Dzialo - Organist

Prayer List

For Health:			For Safety:
Clara W	Allen H	Peter W	Andrew C
Joyce G	Matthew A	Milluzzo and Neri families	Todd S
Bill B	Bud J	Joan A	Michael C
Cathy L	Marjorie F	Shirley C	Tyler G
Marion B	Jessica A	Diane E	Erik B
Lily V	Charlotte D	Dick C	Justin Earl B
Holly N	Jonathan A	Karen R	Evan G
Dylan G	Pauline N	Carol J	David P
Lisa A	Curt R		
Aiden J	Matthew S		
Helen A	Lloyd P		
	Phil O		



Adult Education continues this year with “The Chosen”. Episodes will be shown on the 1st and 3rd Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Discussions will be held on the 2nd and 4th Sundays at 10:30 a.m.



Annual Meeting Notice:

THE ANNUAL MEETING will take place on **Sunday, January 26, 2025** immediately following the Service. The Snow date is February 2, 2025.



The **Word in Season Daily Devotions for January, February and March** are available in the Narthex and the Red Box outside the door with the doorbell.



Make sure to use a **Goodwill Good Neighbor Donation Card** whenever you donate to Goodwill.
See Donna Berndtson for the donation cards and details.

MHVC Seeking Tenors and Basses

The Middlesex Hospital Vocal Chord family, under the direction of musical director Samuel Tucker and accompanied by an eight-piece orchestra directed by the talented Alan Dougherty, is seeking tenors and basses to join our chorus. No auditions necessary!

If you have been considering doing something this year to enhance your life, make new friends and reduce stress levels, please consider joining our musical family. Rehearsals begin Tuesday, January 21st at 6:45-9:00 at Msgr. Fox Parish Hall, St Francis Church, 10 Elm Street, Middletown, CT, for our upcoming spring concert on Saturday, May 3rd, 7:00 pm at Portland High School. New members accepted through February 4th. For more information, visit us on the web at vocalchords20.org or call Joyce at 860-342-3120. Also, check us out on Instagram, Facebook and YouTube.



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LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE LOS ANGELES WILDFIRES

JANUARY 2025

ELCA.org/wildfires

In early January, multiple wildfires broke out across Los Angeles County in California, with over 100,000 people under evacuation orders. Sparked by dry conditions, strong winds and a limited water supply, these fires have destroyed homes and businesses and have led to injuries and loss of life.

This disaster is just one of many — including hurricanes, war and famine — to which Lutheran Disaster Response is still responding. Your gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response equip us to respond quickly and generously, whenever and wherever disaster may strike.

Though we don't yet know the full impact of the fires, Lutheran Disaster

Response is here to support the families and communities that will be rebuilding their lives. Lutheran Disaster Response is coordinating with the Southwest California Synod and Pacifica Synod to assess the needs of people impacted by the wildfires. We will work with them to provide for immediate needs amid the destruction as well as to assist with recovery efforts for months and years to come.

Gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response equip us to respond to those affected by wildfires and other disasters. By giving to Lutheran Disaster Response, you give the gift of relief today and resilience tomorrow.

YES, I WANT TO HELP!

- Lutheran Disaster Response \$ _____ DDG0060
- Lutheran Disaster Response: *U.S. Wildfires* \$ _____ DDG0077

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Email address _____

Note: make your check payable to Zion Lutheran Church and write Lutheran Disaster Response or U.S. Wildfires on your check's memo line. We will send them in one check.

Today: January 19, 2025

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

9:00 a.m. Worship/Communion

10:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. The Chosen video

11:30 a.m. True Vine Church

This Week:

Monday: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Preschool/Office Closed

6:00 p.m. N/A

Tuesday: **10:00 a.m.** Happy Handz

7:00 p.m. Council

Friday: **7:00 p.m.** N/A

Next Sunday:

January 26, 2025

3rd Sunday after Epiphany

9:00 a.m. Worship/Communion

10:30 a.m. Annual Meeting

11:30 a.m. True Vine Church



Attendance: Last week - 61; Last year - 37

Next weeks readings: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Psalm 19;
1 Corinthians 12:12-31a; Luke 4:14-21

MISSION STATEMENT

As members of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, we exist to honor and proclaim the life of Jesus Christ through our words, actions and deeds.

VISION STATEMENT

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church shall be a prominent magnet in the community to draw people to a new life in Jesus Christ.

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