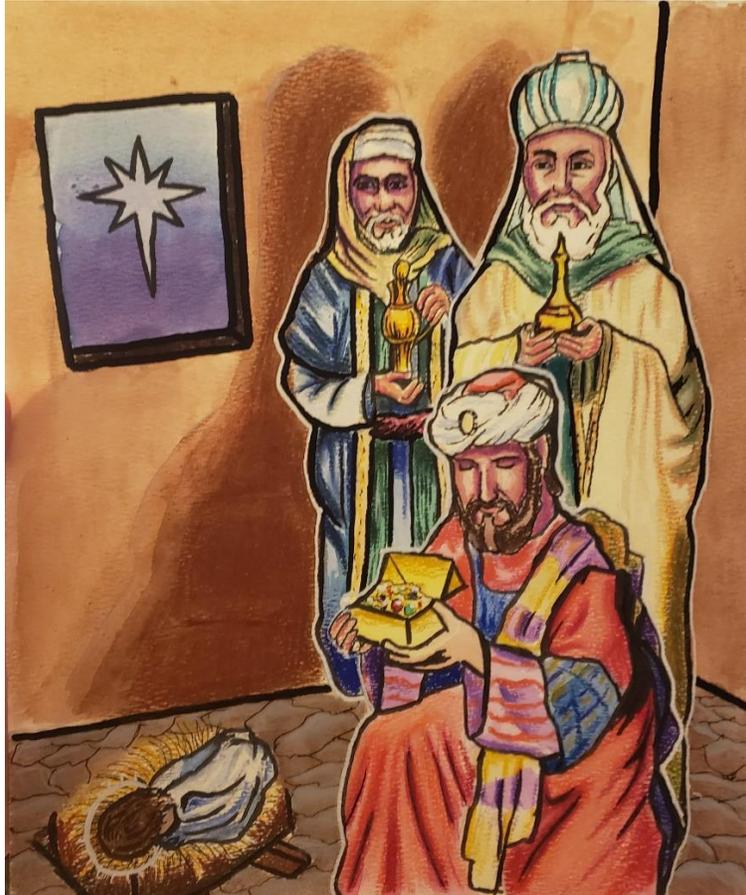


Zion Lutheran Church
Mascoutah, Illinois
January 8, 2023
Epiphany Sunday



In the Name of Christ Jesus our Lord, we bid you a warm welcome to this worship service. May your experience of worship and fellowship this morning be spiritually refreshing and ready you for the week ahead.



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Electronic Devices

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A Prayer to Begin Worship

Blessed Redeemer, to whom the Wise Men came offering gifts, fill our minds and hearts with Jesus, guide our life and living for Jesus, and take us at last into glory where at Your throne we can lay before You our praise and honor as our grateful tribute; who with the Father and the Holy Spirit are one God with dominion over us forever.

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Confession and Absolution

Prelude This Little Light of Mine arr. John Behnke

Hymn As with Gladness Men of Old LSB 397

- 1 As with gladness men of old Did the guiding star behold;
As with joy they hailed its light, Leading onward, beaming bright;
So, most gracious Lord, may we Evermore be led by Thee.
- 2 As with joyful steps they sped, Savior, to Thy lowly bed,
There to bend the knee before Thee, whom heav'n and earth adore;
So may we with willing feet Ever seek Thy mercy seat.
- 3 As they offered gifts most rare At Thy cradle, rude and bare,
So may we with holy joy, Pure and free from sin's alloy,
All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heav'nly King.
- 4 Holy Jesus, ev'ry day Keep us in the narrow way;
And when earthly things are past, Bring our ransomed souls at last
Where they need no star to guide, Where no clouds Thy glory hide.
- 5 In the heav'nly country bright Need they no created light;
Thou its light, its joy, its crown, Thou its sun which goes not down;
There forever may we sing Alleluias to our King.

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Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Exhortation

- P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father,

beseeking Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**
P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession with Absolution

- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,
C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**
P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Service of the Word

Introit

Ps. 72:1–2, 10–11; antiphon: Liturgical Text

- P** Behold the Lord, the ruler, has come,
C **and the kingdom and the power and the glory are in His hand.**
P Give the King Your justice, O God,
C **and Your righteousness to the royal Son!**
P May He judge Your people with righteousness,
C **and Your poor with justice!**
P May the kings of Tarshish and of the coastlands render Him tribute;
C **may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts!**
P May all kings fall down before Him,
C **all nations serve Him!**
P Behold the Lord, the ruler, has come,
C **and the kingdom and the power and the glory are in His hand.**

Gloria Patri



G Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;
as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

Kyrie

LSB 186



G Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187

P Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-
on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.
Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Let us pray.

O God, by the leading of a star You made known Your only-begotten Son to the Gentiles. Lead us, who know You by faith, to enjoy in heaven the fullness of Your divine presence; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and His glory will be seen

upon you. And nations shall come to your light and kings to the brightness of your rising. Lift up your eyes all around, and see; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from afar, and your daughters shall be carried on the hip. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and exult, because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall bring good news, the praises of the LORD.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Ephesians 3:1–12

For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles— assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God’s grace that was given to me for you, how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to His holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God’s grace, which was given me by the working of His power. To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things, so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was according to the eternal purpose that He has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in Him.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse



Holy Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 2nd chapter.



Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, “Where is He who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw His star when it rose and have come to worship Him.” When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet: “‘And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd My people Israel.’” Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found Him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship Him.” After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. And going into the house they saw the child with Mary His mother, and they fell down and worshiped Him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered Him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



☐ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

☐ I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

Hymn

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

LSB 395

- 1 O Morning Star, how fair and bright! You shine with God's own truth and light,
Aglow with grace and mercy! Of Jacob's race, King David's son,
Our Lord and master, You have won Our hearts to serve You only!
Lowly, holy! Great and glorious, All victorious, Rich in blessing! Rule and might o'er all possessing!
- 2 Come, heav'nly Bridegroom, Light divine, And deep within our hearts now shine;
There light a flame undying! In Your one body let us be
As living branches of a tree, Your life our lives supplying.
Now, though daily Earth's deep sadness May perplex us And distress us, Yet with heav'nly joy You bless us.
- 3 Lord, when You look on us in love, At once there falls from God above
A ray of purest pleasure. Your Word and Spirit, flesh and blood
Refresh our souls with heav'nly food. You are our dearest treasure!
Let Your mercy Warm and cheer us! O draw near us! For You teach us
God's own love through You has reached us.
- 4 Almighty Father, in Your Son You loved us when not yet begun
Was this old earth's foundation! Your Son has ransomed us in love
To live in Him here and above: This is Your great salvation.
Alleluia! Christ the living, To us giving Life forever, Keeps us Yours and fails us never!
- 5 O let the harps break forth in sound! Our joy be all with music crowned,
Our voices gladly blending! For Christ goes with us all the way—
Today, tomorrow, ev'ry day! His love is never ending!
Sing out! Ring out! Jubilation! Exultation! Tell the story! Great is He, the King of Glory!

Hymn continues on the next page.

**6 What joy to know, when life is past, The Lord we love is first and last,
The end and the beginning! He will one day, oh, glorious grace,
Transport us to that happy place Beyond all tears and sinning!
Amen! Amen! Come, Lord Jesus! Crown of gladness! We are yearning For the day of Your returning!**

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Sermon

The Star of the Show

Installation of Officers

Offering

[Please fill out a sheet in the attendance book. Visitors, please include your address. If you have a prayer request for the church prayer chain, please write it at the top of the sheet.]

Stand

Prayer of the Church

- P** Dear heavenly Father, in the darkness of this world's spiritual night, You led the Wise Men to Your Son as they followed a star.
- C** For this revelation of Your glory, we give You humble thanks.
- P** For predicting this event through Your prophet Isaiah, hundreds of years before it took place,
- C** we praise and adore You.
- P** Like Herod, we have often been guilty of being insincere in our search for Christ.
- C** Forgive us, O Lord.
- P** We have often failed to show others the way to Him, who is the Light of our life.
- C** Have mercy on us, O Lord.
- P** We confess that we have not always permitted Your Son to be the Light of our life.
- C** Forgive us, O Lord.
- P** For guiding Gentiles to the birthplace of Your Son Jesus and for accepting their worship as fellow heirs and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the Gospel,
- C** we give You thanks.
- P** For making it possible for us to become Your children through Christ,
- C** we are eternally grateful.
- P** Send us Your Holy Spirit that He may increase our understanding of the magnitude of Your love.
- C** Loosen our tongues and give us courage to tell the Good News to a world still largely in darkness.
- P** Motivate us to generosity in bringing our gifts for the extension of Your kingdom.
- C** Extend Your healing hand to the sick and Your presence to the lonely.

WE GO TO THE LORD IN PRAYER FOR

- † Paul Bretz, Viktor Hatcher, and Laurie Fournie, as they celebrate their Baptismal Anniversaries this week.
- † All officers of the congregation, including those who are beginning their time of service and those who will serve on the Church Council this year.
- † Pastor-Elect Josh Makey, as he is ordained into the Office of the Holy Ministry this afternoon at his home congregation in West Seneca, New York.
- † Wesley Dixon, father of Lesley Eads, as he is hospitalized.
- † The Twenhafel family, as Pearl Twenhafel's funeral was yesterday.
- † Zion's President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.
- † Faithfulness in Christian Worship.

P Grant all governments sincere, honest, and wise officials.

C We bring these our petitions in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

LSB 194

P The Lord be with you.

R And with thy spir - it.

P Lift up your hearts.

R We lift them up un - to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.

R It is meet and right so to do.

Proper Preface (Full)

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 195

R Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;

heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,

ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,

bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.

Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

P 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
 glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

☐ Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

Pax Domini

LSB 197

☐ The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.
☐ A - men.

Agnus Dei

LSB 198

☐ O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the
 world, have mer-cy up-on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that
 tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.
 O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the
 world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Sit

Distribution

During the Distribution, the camera will be focused on the cross at the front of Zion to allow for privacy for those who commune.

Zion Lutheran practices the policy of close communion, communing only those who share our common Biblical view of the Lord's Supper. If you are not a confirmed LCMS Lutheran, please confer with the pastor before communing.

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.
Amen.

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

Amen.

Hymn

Arise and Shine in Splendor

LSB 396

- 1 Arise and shine in splendor; Let night to day surrender.
Your light is drawing near. Above, the day is beaming,
In matchless beauty gleaming; The glory of the Lord is here.**
- 2 See earth in darkness lying, The heathen nations dying
In hopeless gloom and night. To you the Lord of heaven—
Your life, your hope—has given Great glory, honor, and delight.**
- 3 The world's remotest races, Upon whose weary faces
The sun looks from the sky, Shall run with zeal untiring,
With joy Your light desiring That breaks upon them from on high.**
- 4 Lift up your eyes in wonder— See, nations gather yonder
From sin to be set free. The world has heard Your story;
Her sons come to Your glory; Her daughters haste Your light to see.**
- 5 Your heart will leap for gladness When from the realms of sadness
They come from near and far. Your eyes will wake from slumber
As people without number Rejoice to see the Morning Star.**

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Hymn

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

LSB 621

- 1 Let all mortal flesh keep silence And with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly-minded, For with blessing in His hand
Christ our God to earth descending Comes our homage to demand.**
- 2 King of kings yet born of Mary, As of old on earth He stood,
Lord of lords in human vesture, In the body and the blood,
He will give to all the faithful His own self for heav'nly food.**
- 3 Rank on rank the host of heaven Spreads its vanguard on the way
As the Light of Light, descending From the realms of endless day,
Comes the pow'rs of hell to vanquish As the darkness clears away.**
- 4 At His feet the six-winged seraph, Cherubim with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the presence As with ceaseless voice they cry:
"Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, Lord Most High!"**

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- 1 Here, O my Lord, I see Thee face to face; Here would I touch and handle things unseen;
Here grasp with firmer hand the eternal grace, And all my weariness upon Thee lean.
- 2 Here would I feed upon the bread of God, Here drink with Thee the royal wine of heav'n;
Here would I lay aside each earthly load, Here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiv'n.
- 3 This is the hour of banquet and of song; This is the heav'nly table spread for me;
Here let me feast and, feasting, still prolong The brief bright hour of fellowship with Thee.
- 4 I have no help but Thine; nor do I need Another arm but Thine to lean upon.
It is enough, my Lord, enough indeed; My strength is in Thy might, Thy might alone.
- 5 Mine is the sin, but Thine the righteousness; Mine is the guilt, but Thine the cleansing blood;
Here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace: Thy blood, Thy righteousness, O Lord my God.
- 6 Too soon we rise; the vessels disappear; The feast, though not the love, is past and gone;
The bread and wine remove, but Thou art here; Nearer than ever; still my shield and sun.
- 7 Feast after feast thus comes and passes by, Yet, passing, points to that glad feast above,
Giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy, The Lamb's great marriage feast of bliss and love.

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Stand

In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

The Dismissal

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.
- C** Amen.

Nunc Dimittis

C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and

to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

Thanksgiving

LSB 200

A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

Salutation, Benedicamus, and Benediction

P The Lord be with you.
C And with thy spir - it.
A Bless we the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.
P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make
His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.
C A - men, a - men, a - men.

Sit

Hymn

The People That in Darkness Sat

LSB 412

- 1 The people that in darkness sat A glorious light have seen;
The light has shined on them who long In shades of death have been, In shades of death have been.**
- 2 To hail Thee, Sun of Righteousness, The gath'ring nations come;
They joy as when the reapers bear Their harvest treasures home, Their harvest treasures home.**
- 3 To us a Child of hope is born, To us a Son is giv'n,
And on His shoulder ever rests All pow'r in earth and heav'n, All pow'r in earth and heav'n.**
- 4 His name shall be the Prince of Peace, The Everlasting Lord,
The Wonderful, the Counselor, The God by all adored, The God by all adored.**
- 5 His righteous government and pow'r Shall over all extend;
On judgment and on justice based, His reign shall have no end, His reign shall have no end.**

Stand

- 6 Lord Jesus, reign in us, we pray, And make us Thine alone,
Who with the Father ever art And Holy Spirit, one, And Holy Spirit, one.**

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Sit

Postlude

Follow That Star

Brian Lewis

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LIFE AND LIVING ITEMS AT ZION



BULLETIN COVER BY JAKE LARA

Thanks to Jake Lara for the beautiful bulletin cover this morning, depicting the Wise Men visiting Jesus and presenting their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, as a star guided their way, drawn from Matthew 2:1-12. Thank you, Jake!

JANUARY ECHO – NOW AVAILABLE

The January Echo is now available in the narthex. Pick one up today!

TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL – JANUARY 8th

Lesson Title/Text: A Prophet Serves; Samuel (1 Samuel 3)

God calls us to follow Him and do His will, but we turn deaf ears to Him and refuse to listen. *God opens our ears to His saving Word in Jesus and empowers us to follow Him and serve others.*

CHURCH UN-DECORATING TODAY, JANUARY 8th

We will be taking down the Christmas decorations at Zion after the worship service today, January 8, 2023. Please stay and help, as many hands make light work. Thank you!

YOUTH GROUP CHRISTMAS PARTY - TODAY!

Our youth group Christmas party is scheduled today, January 8th, after church. This will be a drop off event for youth members, and youth are welcome to bring a friend (church undecorating will also be after church, so parents might consider helping with this while the youth attend the party). We will be doing the White Elephant Exchange as usual; this can be a funny or practical gift (price range \$5-10). We will have lunch covered as well as a hot chocolate bar for all to enjoy!

UPDATE FROM PASTOR-ELECT JOSH AND SARAH MAKEY

The Makeys are starting to get settled in the Pittsburgh area. Pastor-Elect Makey's ordination will be Sunday, January 8th at 5:00 PM (Eastern time) at his home church, Trinity Lutheran Church, West Seneca, New York, near Buffalo. The ordination service will be livestreamed on Trinity, West Seneca's YouTube page. He will then be installed the following Sunday, January 15th, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church near Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ZION'S NEW OFFICERS

At the Voter's Meeting held on Thursday, December 8, 2022, the following people were elected to offices at Zion Lutheran Church: Vice President, Ben Eatherton; Board of Elders, Geoff Phillips; Sunday School Superintendent, Marianne McDaniel; Asst. Sunday School Superintendent, Anna Pannier; Board of Trustees, Mark Hatcher; and Board of Finance, Amy Kolweier. Thanks to all those who allowed their names to be considered for elections. We pray God's blessings for diligent and Godly leadership as we look into the future. Please extend your congratulations and thanks to these individuals for being willing to serve in the Lord's church. We give thanks for Mike Twenhafel and Jon Robinson, as they continue their terms as President and Secretary. We would also like to say a big "thank you" to those who are finishing their terms in office, including Ben Eatherton, Chairman; Randy Schorfheide, Board of Elders; Amanda Ganey, Board of Education; Alicia Suedmeyer, Sunday School Superintendent; Alex Tubbs and Kurt Bretz, Board of Trustees; and Deb Heck, Board of Finance. We thank and praise God for the dedicated people He provides to give guidance and leadership in His church.

WALK WHERE JESUS WALKED

From January 22-February 1 of 2024, take a journey to walk in Jesus' footsteps on "A Miraculous Journey" to Israel, led by Pastor Clayton! We will spend several days in the Sea of Galilee area, visiting Nazareth, Cana, Capernaum, and other sites associated with Jesus' earthly ministry. Then, we will transition to several days in the Jerusalem area, where we will visit the Western/Wailing Wall, the Garden of Gethsemane, possible locations

for Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection, and other historic sites in Jerusalem. We will also visit Bethlehem and Jericho, as well as travel to the Dead Sea region. The journey will be filled with faith-strengthening opportunities to consider Jesus' words and works in the context of the location where he walked and will also feature unique cultural experiences along the way. The journey also features an optional extension to Egypt from Feb. 1-4, 2024. For more information, or to register for this journey, please go to <https://purposefuljourneys.org/journeys/a-miraculous-journey/> or contact Pastor Clayton at kmcljcuac@yahoo.com. Information packets are available on the table under the church office window in the narthex at Zion. Join in this journey to experience the Christian faith where it all started.

ADULT RETREATS AT CAMP WARTBURG

We are hosting a Women's Retreat on January 20th - 21st and a Men's Retreat on February 3rd - 4th and would love to see you and other congregation members there! The Women's Retreat will feature the editor of curriculum resources at Concordia Publishing House Lisa Krenz. The weekend's topic will be, "Unchanging Identity In An Ever-Changing World" as Lisa focuses on how our identity in Christ never changes even though our vocations and life circumstances may. You are encouraged to bring family and friends to this weekend which includes meals, devotions, fellowship time and a special "Womanly Adventure." The Men's Retreat will feature keynote speaker Jacob Youmans who is currently serving as a Professor of Ministry at Concordia University Texas and is a 5-time author. He will explore the topic, "Word Hard. Pray Hard." Men are encouraged to bring their sons as well (jr. high and older) if they would like. During the weekend, all meals will be provided and there will also be an opportunity to do some fun activities and/or a service project. Registration for both events is available online at www.campwartburg.com. They both cost \$60 to attend.

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THE FLOWERS ON THE LORD'S ALTAR

The flowers on the Lord's altar are given to the glory of God by the Ahners, in celebration of Ted and Adam's birthdays.

THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY

Proclaimer: Rev. Kirk Clayton
Lector: Matthew Clayton
Organist: Nancy Peterson
Sound Tech: Nathaniel Clayton
Acolytes: Dalton Wambold & Isaiah Clayton
Altar Guild: Karen Eldridge & Mary Kay Krausz
Elder of the Month: Joe Bloomquist

THOSE WHO SERVE NEXT WEEK, JANUARY 15

Proclaimer: Rev. Kirk Clayton
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Acolytes: Chloe Pannier & Ella Sax
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THINGS WE ARE DOING AT ZION

Sun.	Confirmation Class	8:30 AM
	Bible Class	8:45 AM
	Sunday School & Youth Bible Class	8:45 AM
	Worship DS III w/communion	10:00 AM
	Installation of Officers	
	Church Un-decorating	11:15 AM
	Youth Group Christmas Party	11:15 AM
Mon.	LifeLight	7:00 PM
Tues.	Evangelism	7:00 PM
Wed.	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM
	Hand Chime Rehearsal	8:00 PM
Thurs.	Church Council	7:00 PM
Fri.	Preschool Parent's Morning Out	9:00 – 11:30 AM
	Senior Meal Delivery	10:30 AM
Sat.	Board Goal Setting Meeting	8:00 AM
Sun.	Confirmation Class	8:30 AM
	Bible Class	8:45 AM
	Sunday School & Youth Bible Class	8:45 AM
	Worship Matins	10:00 AM

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