

Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 24, 2021

9:00 am

Communion



*277 Years Of
"Joyously proclaiming the good news of God's love"*

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

SPRING CITY, PENNSYLVANIA

Founded in 1743

THIS WEEK AT ZION

Sunday 1/24	9:00	am	Worship Confirmation
Monday	7:30	pm	AA Meeting
Tuesday	5:00	pm	Tai Kwan Do
	7.30	pm	Property Committee Meeting
Sunday 1/31	9:00	am	Worship

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This week	
Steve Moore	Assistant Minister
Anna Moore	Lay Reader
Shawn Rogers	Greeter
Maggie Munz	Greeter
Amy Kirk	Altar Guild
Barbara Grubb	Hymns

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<i>Maggie Munz</i>	<i>Greeter</i>
<i>Christopher Kirk</i>	<i>Altar Guild</i>

We thank you for your service to the church.

Sunday, January 24th 2021

INTRODUCTION

All the baptized have a calling in God's world. God calls not just pastors and deacons but also the youngest child, like Samuel. The story of the calling of Nathanael plays with the idea of place. Nathanael initially dismisses Jesus because he comes from Nazareth. But where we come from isn't important; it's where—or rather whom—we come to. Jesus refers to Jacob, who had a vision in a place he called "the house of God, and . . . the gate of heaven" (Gen. 28:17). Jesus says he himself is the place where Nathanael will meet God.

PRELUDES

On Tannenbergs- "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" by William B. Bradbury Arr. by Richard Unfried
"All the Way My Savior Leads Me" by Robert Lowry, Arr. by Richard Unfried
"Melody" by Johannes Brahms from Opus 105. No. 1. Arr. by Dorothy Wells

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

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

A: And also with you.

Hymn

"Will You Come and Follow Me"- #798 ELW vs. 1 & 2
Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949 Music: Scottish traditional

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: 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.

A: Amen.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: For my adoption into the family of God,

A: thank you!

P: For being called to be a sibling of Jesus Christ,

A: thank you!

P: For entering into a deep friendship with the Holy Spirit,

A: thank you!

P: For welcoming me into a new family, the Church, the People of God,

A: eternal thanks!

P: For the forgiveness of my sin,

A: I praise you.

P: For bathing me in your amazing grace;

A: my heart overflows with gratitude!

P: For freeing me from the bondage of the evil.

A: Thanks be to God!

P: For allowing me through the grace of baptism to attain to eternal life,

A: Lord, a million times, thank you!

The Baptismal Blessing

P: Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through Jesus you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in each one of us the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

A: Amen.

Hymn of Praise

Text: Susan Palo Cherwien © 1995 Augsburg Fortress

Glory to you, God, for yours is the earth; Yours is the promise, the blessing, the birth.
Ours the rejoicing for Word given frame; Ours the thanksgiving to your holy name.
Ours be the telling of deeds greatly done; Yours be the glory, O God, yours alone!

Please be seated

First Reading: 1 Samuel 3:1-10 [11-20]

At a time when visions are rare and unexpected, the Lord comes to Samuel and calls him to speak the divine word. Though just a boy, Samuel responds to God obediently, as Eli the priest has taught him to respond. This marks the beginning of Samuel's prophetic ministry.

R: A reading from the book of Samuel:

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." Then the Lord said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever."

Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the Lord. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the Lord; let him do what seems good to him."

As Samuel grew up, the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan to Beersheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the Lord.

R: The Word of the Lord.

P & A: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: : Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

You have searched me out and known me. (Ps. 139:1)

R: LORD, you have searched me out; O LORD, you have known me.

P & A: You know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.

R: You trace my journeys and my resting places and are acquainted with all my ways.

P & A: Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, but you, O LORD, know it altogether.

R: You encompass me, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

P & A: Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

R: For you yourself created my inmost parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

P & A: I will thank you because I am marvelously made; your works are wonderful, and I know it well.

R: My body was not hidden from you, while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.

P & A: Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were written in your book; my days were fashioned before they came to be.

R: How deep I find your thoughts, O God! How great is the sum of them! If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

Those able, please stand

ACCLAMATION

"Halle, Halle, Hallelujah"

ELW #172

Music: Caribbean traditional; arr. Mark Sedio, b. 1954, © Public Domain, Arr. © Augsburg Fortress

Gospel: John 1:43-51

In John's gospel, Jesus' ministry begins with the call of disciples, who then bring others to Jesus. Philip's friend Nathanael moves from skepticism to faith when he accepts the invitation to "Come and see."

P: The Holy Gospel according to John

A: Glory to you, O Lord.

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

A: Praise to you, O Christ

(Please be seated)

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE by Pastor Tina Mackie

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

You can add names to the prayer list by contacting the church office. After three weeks names will be removed from the prayer of intercession unless resubmitted. These removed people will still be in our private prayers.

(Please stand)

A: Responding together to Christ's call, let us offer our prayers for all in need, responding to each petition with words from today's psalm, "Our hope is in you."

A: We pray for the church, especially our bishops, pastors, deacons, musicians, and servers, that God's Spirit empower all the baptized with wisdom to follow Christ's call.

O God our salvation, receive our prayer:

P: Our hope is in you.

A: We pray for Sunday schools and for all parish education, for teachers and participants, young and old, that God form the faithful even when classes cannot regularly meet in person.

O God our power, receive our prayer:

P: Our hope is in you.

A: We pray for the earth, its seas, lakes, and rivers, for their myriad creatures, and for those whose livelihood depends upon them, that God raise up advocates and scientists to guide an ecological care for creation.

O God our rock, receive our prayer:

P: Our hope is in you.

A: We pray for the nations, for our elected and appointed leaders, for racial concord in our cities, and for those who have been considered our enemies, that God lead the world into commonwealths of justice and peace.

O God our stronghold, receive our prayer:

P: Our hope is in you.

A: We pray for those who are charged with maintaining an ordered society, for state and local law enforcement, and for the military, that God guide the powerful to serve the common good.

O God our stronghold, receive our prayer:

P: Our hope is in you.

A: We pray for relief from COVID-19, for the fearful, the sick, and the dying, for medical workers, for all who await the vaccine, for the unemployed and the quarantined, that God uphold the world's people through this time of affliction. Receive our prayers for **Fawn** Keenan, **Ralph** Finkbiner, **Mezekiah** Bazzley,

O God in whom we trust, receive our prayer:

P: Our hope is in you.

P: We pray for all who are sick, distressed, or grieving, that God sustain and comfort those who suffer.

Others for whom you may wish to pray: (names submitted by our members): Moriah Finkbiner, Roxanne Robinson and Christine Roleski.

O God our deliverance, receive our prayer:

A: Our hope is in you.

P: We pray finally for ourselves, that as we pour out our hearts to God, our faith in divine mercy be renewed.

O God of steadfast love, receive our prayer:

A: Our hope is in you.

P: We join in thanksgiving for all your people from ancient times until today who have lived and died in faith, and we pray that at our end God unite us with them in everlasting peace. We pray especially for Linda Tracy and family as they mourn the passing of **Brian Tracy**. Bring us with them through our wilderness into the fulfillment of your promises.

O God of eternal might, receive our prayer:

A: Our hope is in you.

P: Merciful God, receive the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

A: Amen.

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

A: And also with you.

Let us share the peace with one another

OFFERING INVITATION

(Please be seated)

OFFERING with Special music

"Fishers of Men" by Becky Buller- Brian Mickewicz ,Vocals

OFFERING PRAYER

A: O God, receive these gifts as you receive us: like a mother receives her child, with arms open wide. Nourish us anew in your tender care, and empower us in faithful service to tend to others with this same love, through Jesus Christ, our saving grace.

P: Amen.

(Please stand)



SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION



Believing in the real presence of Christ, this church practices communion hospitality. All baptized persons are welcome to participate in the Lord's Supper. Parent(s)/Grandparent(s) will place their hands on untutored young people for a blessing given by the Pastor. The response when receiving the bread and wine could be: "Amen" or "I believe." (Grape juice and Gluten Free wafers are available)

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

A: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

A: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

A: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: Holy are you, God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Before you breathed the Word which tamed the deep waters of chaos, you named us your children, heirs of all the goodness you desired for us. Yet, we walked into the shadows of the world, leaving your goodness behind. You persisted in your hopes for us, knowing that where no life is anticipated, no hope is expected, no future is seen, there you gather us up to carry us into your kingdom.

We lift our voices to the One who journeys with us through the waters of baptism and who feeds us at the Table of hope.

Hymn – Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: 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 in 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 in remembrance of me.

P: Holy Spirit, fill us with the Bread of forgiveness and the Cup of hope. Flow through us with baptismal waters, so we might become a river of reconciliation; grant us your peace, so we might carry it to others; set our hope on Christ, so we might build such hope in our neighborhoods and communities.

And then, when the river of time stops flowing, and we gather around your Table, we will join our voices as one people, singing "Glory!" to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, God in Community, Holy in One.

A: Amen.

P: Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray,

A: 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: Beloved: here is bread; here is wine. Here is Jesus. Come and be fed.

A: Amen.

SHARING IN COMMUNION

P: This is the Body of Christ given for you

A: I believe or Amen (Congregation will eat the wafer)

P: This is the Blood of Christ given for you

A: I believe or Amen (Congregation will drink the wine)

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in His grace.

A: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Christ Jesus, at this table we have feasted on your very life and are strengthened for our journey.

Send us forth from this banquet nourished in body and in spirit to proclaim your good news and serve others in your name.

P: Amen.

BLESSING

P: God the creator strengthen you; Jesus the beloved fill you; and the Holy Spirit the comforter ☩ keep you in peace.

A: Amen

THE SENDING HYMN

"You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore"- #817 ELW Vs. 1 & 4

Text: Cesáreo Gabaráin, 1936-1991; tr. Madeleine Forell Marshall, b. 1946 Music: Cesáreo Gabaráin

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

P & A: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah by John Hughes Arranged by Richard Unfreid

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BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday	I Samuel 9:26-10:8	Samuel anoints Saul king
Tuesday	I Samuel 15:10-31	Samuel rebukes King Saul
Wednesday	Luke 18:15-17	Jesus blesses little children
Thursday	Genesis 16:1-14	Hagar sees God and is blessed
Friday	2 Corinthians 6:11-7:1	Believers are called out
Saturday	Psalms 86	Walking in God's way