

# Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

January 31, 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 1/31	9:00	am	Worship
Monday	7:30	pm	AA Meeting
Tuesday	5:00	pm	Tai Kwan Do
	7.30	pm	Executive Committee Meeting
Sunday 2/7	9:00	am	Worship

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

**A Congregation of the Southeastern Pa. Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**

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**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS (1/31)**

This week	
Carol Mandik	Assistant Minister
Amy Kirk	Lay Reader
Shawn Rogers	Greeter
Maggie Munz	Greeter
Amy Kirk	Altar Guild
Joe and Diane Sakal	Hymns

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS (2/7)**

Next week	
Debbie Batten	Assistant Minister
Paul Condrack	Lay Reader
Shawn Rogers	Greeter
Maggie Munz	Greeter
Christopher Kirk	Altar Guild
Michelle Favara	Hymns

**We thank you for your service to the church.**

Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup> 2021

## INTRODUCTION

*In Deuteronomy God promises to raise up a prophet like Moses, who will speak for God. We encounter that authority in God's word, around which we gather, the word that prevails over any lesser spirit that would claim power over us, freeing us to follow Jesus.*

## PRELUDES

On Tannenberg- "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken" by Franz Joseph Haydn Arr. by Richard Unfreid

"His Loving and Mysterious Ways" by Beatrice A. Miller

"Ariette" by James Mansfield

## 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

**"Son of God, Eternal Savior"- #655 ELW- vs. 1 & 3**



*Text: Somerset C. Lowry, 1855-1932 Music: Oude en Nieuwe Hollantse Boerenlitjes en Contradansen, 1710; arr. Julius Röntgen, 1855-1932*

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Compassionate God, you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in our confusion, that all creation will see and know your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**A: Amen.**

### A Discipline of Justice and Peace

P: We come from the baptismal waters to live a new life as children of God. As we grow in our faith we pledge to strive for justice and peace in all the earth. We proclaim the words Jesus taught us:

**A&P: Your kingdom come, your will be done.**

P: Where nations budget for war while Christ says, "Put away your sword":

**A&P: Your kingdom come, your will be done.**

P: Where countries waste food and covet fashion while Christ says, "I was hungry .. I was thirsty . . ."

**A&P: Your kingdom come, your will be done.**

P: Where powerful governments claim their policies are heaven blessed while Scripture states that God helps the powerless:

**A&P: Your kingdom come, your will be done.**

P: Where Christians seek the kingdom in the shape of their own church as if Christ came to build and not to break barriers:

**A&P: Your kingdom come, your will be done.**

P: Where our prayers falter, our faith weakens, our light grows dim:

**A&P: Your kingdom come, your will be done.**

P: Lord God, you have declared that your kingdom is among us. Open our ears to hear it, our hands to serve it, our hearts to hold it.

**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: Deuteronomy 18:15-20**

*Today's reading is part of a longer discourse in Deuteronomy, an updating of the law for the Israelite community as the people wait to enter the promised land. Here Moses assures the people that God will continue to guide them through prophets who will proclaim the divine word.*

R: A reading from the book of Deuteronomy:

[Moses said:] The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." Then the Lord replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. <sup>20</sup>But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die."

R: The Word of the Lord.

**P & A: Thanks be to God.**

*Those able, please stand*

**ACCLAMATION**

**"Halle, Halle, Hallelujah"**

**ELW #172**

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

**Gospel: Mark 1:21-28**

*Forces that would bring death and disease have taken hold of a man, yet they recognize Jesus and know what his power means for them. Jesus commands these forces to leave and people are amazed at his authority.*

*P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark*

**A: *Glory to you, O Lord.***

[Jesus and his disciples] went to Capernaum; and when the Sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**A: *Praise to you, O Christ***

*(Please be seated)*

## **THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**MESSAGE by Pastor Tina Mackie**

### **Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen

## **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: Let us offer to God both our praises and our petitions for all in need, responding to each prayer with the words "Hear us and help us."

A: Faithful God, we praise you for sustaining the church during this difficult time. We pray that you give to all preachers and teachers the power of your prophetic Spirit, that their words will proclaim the comfort and challenge of Christ. Lead to yourself all those who have become captive to false prophets and empty promises; free them and embrace them in your mercy.

O faithful God, we pray:

**P: Hear us and help us.**

A: Bountiful God, we praise you for continuously creating the earth and nourishing its creatures. We pray that you restore lands and waters that have been harmed by human misuse. Raise up advocates for an ecological way of life, and guide us toward an appropriate use of government in preserving the earth's natural resources.

O bountiful God, we pray:

**P: Hear us and help us.**

A: Ruling God, we praise you for an inauguration and the days following that were free from violence and marked by hope. We pray that you to give wisdom to our elected and appointed officials, to political parties, and to grassroots organizers, that in all things they endeavor to serve the common good. Guide our nation out of the ways of prejudice and into equality and justice for all.

O ruling God, we pray:

**P: Hear us and help us.**

A: Compassionate God, we praise you for each day of health and well-being, and we pray for all who are sick or suffering. Comfort those with mental illness or emotional distress, those institutionalized, or living on the streets, or residing in our homes. We praise you for the development of COVID-19 vaccines, and we pray for their fair and prompt distribution. Increase in our land a commitment to limit contagion to others. Visit all who have contracted the coronavirus and all who are experiencing the long-term effects of COVID-19. Strengthen medical workers and home health aides.

Receive our prayers for **Fawn Keenan, Ralph Finkbiner, Mezekiah Bazzley.**

O compassionate God, we pray:

**P: Hear us and help us.**

P: Reconciling God, we praise you for your Spirit of wisdom and concord. We pray for all who make ethical decisions, whether in homes, in churches, or in societies. Keep families from quarreling over which foods to eat. Instruct us when to preserve the past and when to institute change, when to maintain our own preferences and when to yield to others.

O reconciling God, we pray:

**P: Hear us and help us.**

P: Gracious God, we give you praise for your continuous untold blessings, and we offer you now the petitions of our own hearts.

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

O gracious God, we pray:

**A: Hear us and help us.**

P: Eternal God, we praise you for your servants of time past whose words and actions have inspired our lives. We mourn those who have died of Covid-19. Unite us with all our beloved dead now through our memories and at the end of time in your presence.

O eternal God, we pray:  
**A: Hear us and help us.**

P: Into your hands, merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your loving care, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, 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**



**"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"**

***Sung by Joe and Diane Sakal***

Text: John Newton, 1725-1807 Music: W. Walker, Southern Harmony, 1835; arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1851-1921

**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**

*"Hail to the Lord's Anointed"- #311 ELW vs. 1 & 4*



*Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854, alt. Music: Leonhart Schröter, 1540–1602*

**DISMISSAL**

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

P & A: Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE**

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"- Gesangbuch der Herzogl, Wirtemberg, Arr. Richard Unfreid

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**BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday	Numbers 22:1-21	King Balak asks Balaam to curse Israel
Tuesday	Numbers 22:22—38	An angel speaks God's word to Balaam
Wednesday	Mark 5:1-20	Jesus heals a man with a demon
Thursday	Jeremiah 29:1-14	Jeremiah speaks God's word
Friday	I Corinthians 7:32-40	Paul on marriage
Saturday	Psalms 35:1-10	God is our salvation