

## Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

*National Lutheran Schools Week*

January 31/February 1, 2026

5:00 PM, 8:00/10:30 AM

### Welcome To Our Guests

Thank you for joining us in worshiping the Savior at Zion this day. We pray that your time here serves to build your faith and equip you for the week ahead. Please come again.

If you desire to find out more about becoming part of the Zion family, please contact Vickie Adams, [vadams@zionharvester.org](mailto:vadams@zionharvester.org), in the church office. Our family loves to grow and we'd love to have you join us!

### Welcome Center

The Welcome Center is a place for the Zion family and its guests to gather for fellowship with each other and where information about Zion is readily accessible. Every weekend opportunities to connect are highlighted and publications and ministry brochures are made available. Please visit the Welcome Center before or after worship to greet one another and to stay connected to God's mission through Zion.

### Children in Worship

Since children become members of the Christian Church through baptism, we desire to nurture their faith by engaging them in God's story of faith and in our corporate worship of Jesus. Resources to "build a worship bag" can be found just outside the Sanctuary doors. Please find items that will help engage your child in worship and return these after the service.

Children's Messages are designed for children between the ages of two through elementary school; however, all children are welcome. A team of members and staff who are gifted for this ministry invite you to accompany and assist your young child and join the children in the chancel.

### Nursery and Cry Room

During all Worship Services, a Cry Room is available in the back of church for you to calm your child or change a diaper. During the Education Hour on Sundays, childcare for infants and toddlers is offered in the Nursery located on the lower level opposite the Fellowship Hall.

### Worship Decorum

Please silence your cell phones during Worship Services.



# Service of the Word

*With music by James Moore,  
Stephen Pishner and David Haas*

## Prelude

*Blest Are They* – arr. Henry Gerike

## Ringing of the Bell

## Welcome

*Stand*

## Sharing of the Peace

*This ancient but significant gesture in worship is a tradition rooted in Scripture. It embodies our identity as peacemakers and trains our hearts, hands, and mouths in the ways of peace.*

*From the beginning Christians have exercised this practice. “Peace be with you” is a greeting that Jesus himself used with his disciples after He had risen from the dead (Luke 24:36). The apostle Paul opened each of his letters with the words “Grace and peace be with you” (Romans 1:7; 1 Cor. 1:3, 2 Cor. 1:2).*

*When we share the peace, we leave the comfort of our seat, turn to our neighbors, grasp their hands, and speak the words, “The peace of the Lord be with you.” The gesture is simple, but the meaning is profound. When we extend our hand to another, we identify with Jesus, who extended his life to the point of death to make peace with humanity (Col. 1:20-21). What’s more, in the midst of divisions we symbolize our unity through handshakes and hugs (Eph. 2:14-21). Likewise, when we regularly pass the peace we practice God’s call to make every effort to maintain the bond of peace (Eph 4:3).*



## Opening Hymn: Let Us Go to the House of the Lord

Psalm 122:1

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord." I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."

Called from ev - 'ry na - tion, called from ev - 'ry race,  
Here the poor are wel-come, here the lost are claimed,  
Words that must be spo - ken, grace that must be heard,

gath-ered here for wor-ship in this ho - ly place;  
Bro-ken lives are mend-ed, deep - est fears are named;  
Mer - cy and for-give-ness from God's ho - ly Word,

God is here a-mong us, lift your hearts and sing,  
Here the wise are child-ren and the weak are strong,  
Here, will be re-peat-ed; Peace! to all pro-claimed,

make the walls and raf - ters ring.  
Here, in Christ, we all be - long.  
Shout - ed out in Je - sus' name.

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# Confession and Absolution

## Invocation

*Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Confession of Sins

**P** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

**C** **Merciful Father in heaven, we are altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways we have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your children. But trusting in Jesus, our Savior, we pray: Have mercy on us according to your unfailing love. Cleanse us from our sin, and take away our guilt. Amen.**

## Declaration of Grace

**P** God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear children. May God give you strength to live according to His will.

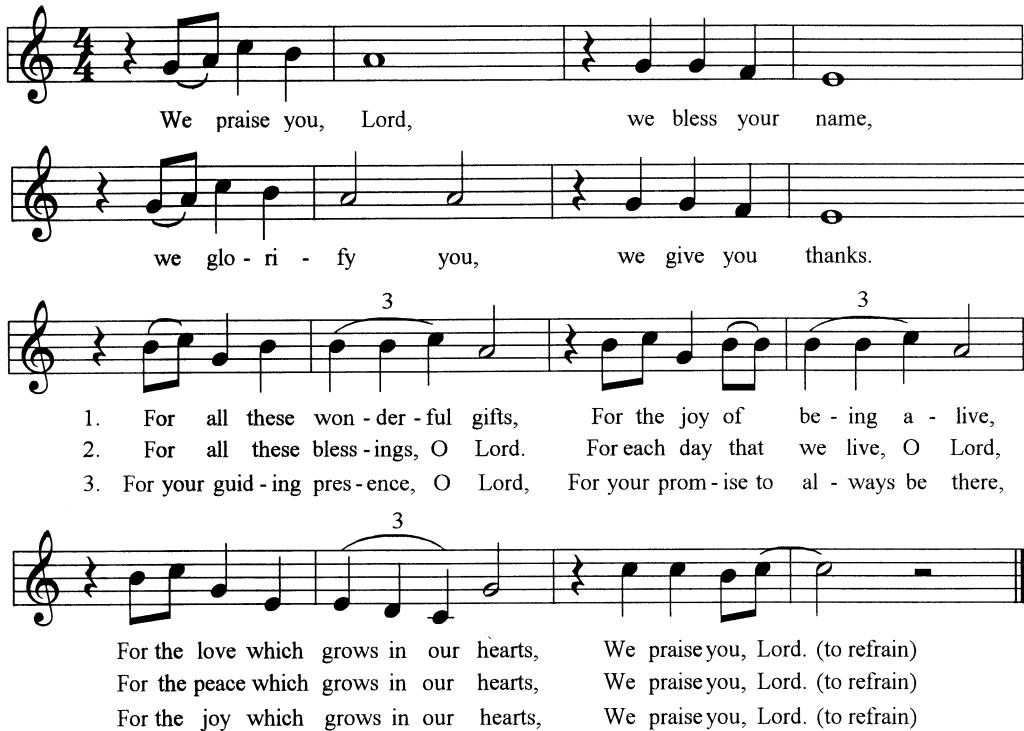
**C** Amen.

**P** In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord in song.



# Praise and Thanksgiving

## Hymn of Praise: Litany of Thanksgiving



We praise you, Lord, we bless your name,  
we glo - ri - fy you, we give you thanks.

1. For all these won - der - ful gifts, For the joy of be - ing a - live,  
2. For all these bless - ings, O Lord. For each day that we live, O Lord,  
3. For your guid - ing pres - ence, O Lord, For your prom - ise to al - ways be there,

For the love which grows in our hearts, We praise you, Lord. (to refrain)  
For the peace which grows in our hearts, We praise you, Lord. (to refrain)  
For the joy which grows in our hearts, We praise you, Lord. (to refrain)

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## Greeting and Prayer of the Day

*2 Timothy 4:22*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.  
Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

# Holy Scripture

## Old Testament

*Micah 6:1-8*

### The Indictment of the LORD

<sup>1</sup>Hear what the LORD says:

Arise, plead your case before the mountains,  
and let the hills hear your voice.

<sup>2</sup>Hear, you mountains, the indictment of the LORD,  
and you enduring foundations of the earth,

for the LORD has an indictment against his people,  
and he will contend with Israel.

<sup>3</sup>“O my people, what have I done to you?

How have I wearied you? Answer me!

<sup>4</sup>For I brought you up from the land of Egypt

and redeemed you from the house of slavery,

and I sent before you Moses,

Aaron, and Miriam.

<sup>5</sup>O my people, remember what Balak king of Moab devised,

and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him,

and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,

that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.”

### What Does the LORD Require?

<sup>6</sup>“With what shall I come before the LORD,

and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,

with calves a year old?

<sup>7</sup>Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,

with ten thousands of rivers of oil?

Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,

the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”

<sup>8</sup>He has told you, O man, what is good;

and what does the LORD require of you

but to do justice, and to love kindness,

and to walk humbly with your God?

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Psalm of the Day: Who May Live, O Lord

*Psalm 15, paraphrase*

### *Refrain*



Who may live, O Lord, in your dwelling place?



Who may stand forgiven before your face?



Those whose lives accord with your rule of grace:



they shall see the kingdom of God. ||

**A** Refrain

**C** Refrain

**A** If you lead a pure, blameless life; if you do those deeds which are right; if you speak the truth with integrity; if you put away all duplicity.

**C** Refrain

**A** If to others you do no wrong; if you have no spite on your tongue; if you stand opposed to the fraudulent; if you stand for all those who fear the Lord.

**C** Refrain

**A** If you will be true to your word; if you speak for those never heard; God will grant the longings within your heart, fill your life with praises in every part.

**C** Refrain

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**Christ the Wisdom and Power of God**

<sup>18</sup>The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup>For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

<sup>20</sup>Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup>For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup>For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup>For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

<sup>26</sup>For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup>But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; <sup>28</sup>God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, <sup>29</sup>so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. <sup>30</sup>He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. <sup>31</sup>Therefore, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Alleluia Verse

John 6:68



Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

**C** Refrain

**A** Speak, Lord, your servant is listening; You have the words of everlasting life.

**C** Refrain

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## Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12

### The Sermon on the Mount

<sup>1</sup>Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

### The Beatitudes

<sup>2</sup>And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

<sup>3</sup>"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup>"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

<sup>5</sup>"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup>"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

<sup>7</sup>"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

<sup>8</sup>"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

<sup>9</sup>"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

<sup>10</sup>"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup>"Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Sit*

## Hymn of the Day: 932 - Jesus Sat with His Disciples

sts. 1-2



1 Je - sus sat with His dis - ci - ples, On a  
2 "Bless-ed are the meek and hum - ble, All the  
moun - tain - side one day; As the crowds of peo-ple  
earth to them is willed. Those who hun - ger to be  
gath - ered, He be - gan to teach and say:  
ho - ly, They are bless'd and will be filled.  
“Bless-ed are the poor in spir - it, Heav - en's  
Yes, the mer - ci - ful are bless - ed, Mer - cy  
king - dom they will share. Bless-ed are the sad and  
will to them be shown. And the pure in heart are  
mourn - ing, Joy and com - fort will be - theirs.  
bless - ed, They have eyes for God a - lone.

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## Children's Message

*Children may come forward as soon as the leader appears in the chancel. If you have a young child that needs assistance, please accompany your child and join the children in the chancel.*

## Hymn of the Day: 932 - Jesus Sat with His Disciples

sts. 1, 3

1 Je - sus sat with His dis - ci - - ples, On a  
3 "Bless-ed are God's sons and daugh - - ters, Mak - ing

moun - tain - side one day; As the crowds of peo-ple  
peace where there is strife. Bless - ed are the per - se -

gath - ered, He be - gan to teach and say:  
cut - ed, Who for righ - teous - ness lose life;

"Bless-ed are the poor in spir - it, Heav - en's  
Their re - ward is great in heav - en, In the

king - dom they will share. Bless-ed are the sad and  
king - dom up a - bove— So be glad to share My

mourn - ing, Joy and com - fort will be theirs.  
suf - f'ring And re - joice to know My love."

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## Sermon

*Stand*

## Apostles' Creed

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life  $\ddagger$  everlasting. Amen.

*Sit*

## Offering

*Members and guests, please use this time to fill out an Attendance Card, located in the pew racks.  
At the end of the offering, the ushers will collect all Attendance Cards.*

5:00/10:30, *Jesus Sat with His Disciples* – arr. J. Wayne Kerr

8:00, *Offertory* – John Ness Beck

With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high?  
Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings? Shall I come before Him with yearling calves?  
Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of oil?  
Shall I give Him my firstborn for my transgressions, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?  
He has shown you, O man; He has shown you what is good. And what does the Lord require of you,  
but to do justice and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

*Text: Micah 6:6-8*

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# Prayers of the Church

*Stand*

## Song of Prayer: Increase Our Faith

Matthew 6:9-13

*Refrain*



Lord, in - crease our faith. With all our  
heart, may we al - ways fol - low you.  
Teach us to pray al - ways.

**C Refrain**

**A** So, I say to you: "Ask, you will receive; seek and you will find.  
Knock, it shall be opened to you."

**C Refrain**

**A** Whoever asks, they shall receive; whoever seeks shall find.  
Whoever knocks, the door will be opened.

**C Refrain**

**A** If you, with all your sins, know how to give,  
How much more will God give to all those who cry from their hearts!

**C Refrain**

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## Prayer of the Church

**P** Let us pray for the whole church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

*After each petition the following bid is spoken.*

**P** Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Into Your hands, O Lord we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
**C** Amen.

## Lord's Prayer

*Matthew 6:9–13*

**L** Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:  
**C** 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.

## Blessing

2 Corinthians 13:14

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

**C** Amen.

## Closing Hymn: We Are Called

*Micah 6:8, Matthew 5:14-16*



1. Come! Live in the light!  
2. Come! O - pen your heart!  
3. Sing! Sing a new song!



Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord! We are  
Show your mer - cy to all those in fear! We are  
Sing of that great day when all will be one! God will



called to be light for the king - dom, to  
called to be hope for the hope - less so  
reign, and we'll walk with each oth - er as



live in the free - dom of the cit - y of God.  
ha - tred and blind- ness will be no more.  
sis - ters and broth - ers u - nit - ed in love.

*Refrain*

We are called to act with justice, we are called to  
 love tender-ly we are called to serve one an-  
 other, to walk humbly with God.

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## Postlude

*Church of God, Elect and Glorious* – arr. Jacob Weber

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	10:30	Grade 1
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