

**Fourth Sunday After Epiphany  
January 29, 2023, 9:00 a.m.**

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Zion Lutheran Church

Presiding Minister – Rev. Willie Rosin

Assisting Minister – Kathleen Schippers

Music Minister – Charles Potter

*Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church on this Fourth Sunday After Epiphany - we are glad you have joined us for worship. Today we are invited to think about the question: Who are the blessed ones of God? For Micah, they are those who do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God. For Paul, they are the ones who find wisdom in the weakness of the cross. For Jesus, they are the poor, the meek, the merciful, the pure in heart, the peacemakers, those who mourn, and those who hunger for righteousness. In baptism we find our blessed identity and calling in this countercultural way of living and serving.*

*You are welcome at Christ's table as we celebrate the feast of Holy Communion! Instructions on receiving Holy Communion are included in the service order.*

**PRELUDE**      *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* Gilbert Martin      **Charles Potter**  
*Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness* Johann Gottfried Walther

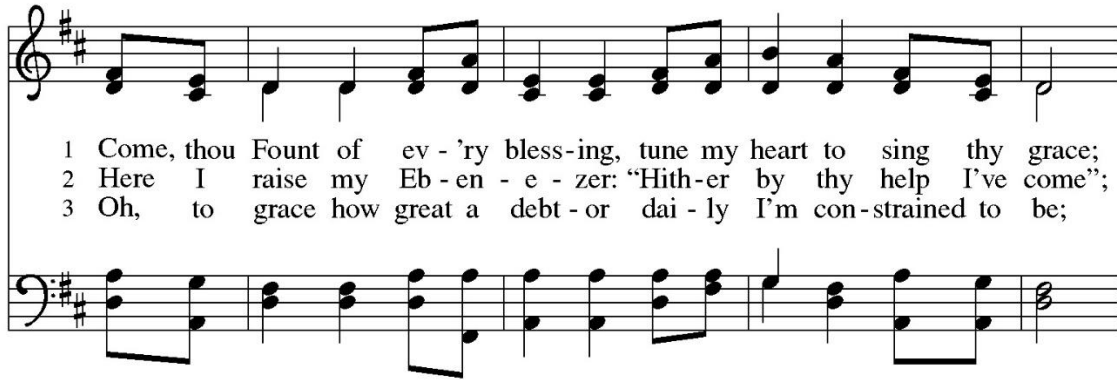
### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### ‡ GATHERING ‡

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God*

### BELL CALLING US TO WORSHIP

**INTROIT**      *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies*      arr. Jason W. Krug      **Zion Bell Choir**



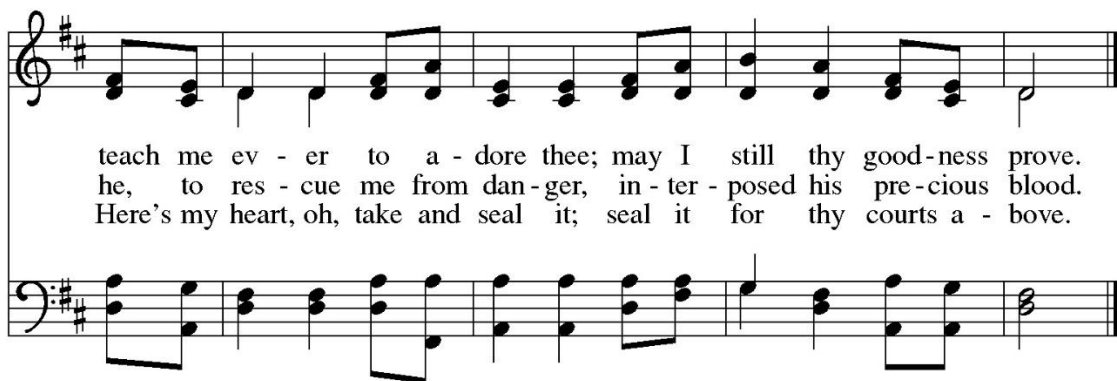
1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";  
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.  
and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.  
let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end - less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,  
Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God;  
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good - ness prove.  
he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.  
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

**+ Confession and Forgiveness**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who makes all things new,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy One, source of our renewal,  
**we confess that we are wrapped up in sin,  
and cannot free ourselves.  
We have not practiced your righteousness.  
Our hearts have turned away from you.  
For the sake of the world you so love,  
forgive us,  
that we may be reconciled to one another  
for the glory of your holy name.**

**Amen.**

Thus says our God:

"The former things have come to pass  
and new things I now declare."

God's mercy makes us new.

We are forgiven in the name of † Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

**+ 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

Leader




In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.


Assembly



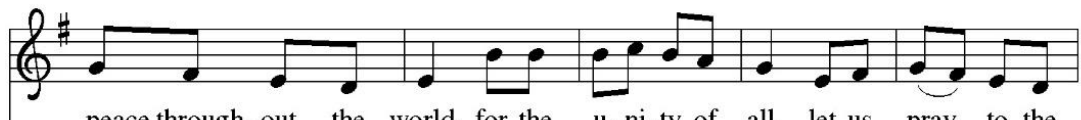
Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have



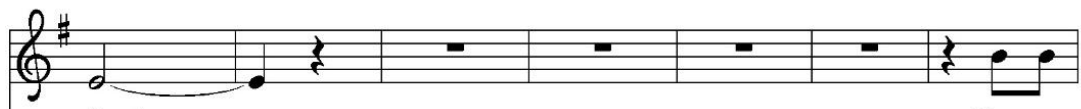

For the reign of God, and for




mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.



peace through-out the world, for the u-ni-ty of all, let us pray to the



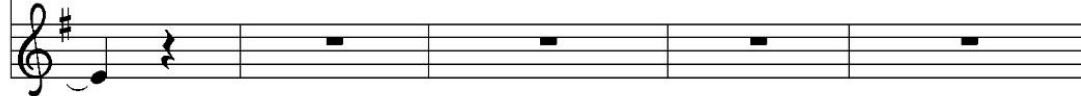
Lord. For your



Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.



peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your



word, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Lord, have

Help, save, and de-fend us, O God.

mer - cy. A - men.

**+ CANTICLE OF PRAISE**

*Refrain*

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion

sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;

praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!

1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has

freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God. *Refrain*

2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and  
*Refrain*  
glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of  
*Refrain*  
God; to make all things new.

#### + PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you

**And also with you.**

Let us pray: Holy God,

**you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart.**

**Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

**ANTHEM**      *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow* arr. Sandra Eithun      **Zion Bell Choir**

#### ‡ WORD ‡

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song*

#### FIRST READING - Micah 6:1-8

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

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

<sup>2</sup>Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD,  
and you enduring foundations of the earth;  
for the LORD has a controversy with his people,  
and he will contend with Israel.

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

In what 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 now what King Balak of Moab devised,  
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,  
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,  
that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.”

<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 mortal, 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?

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

### **Psalm 15**

<sup>1</sup>LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? Who may abide upon your holy hill?

<sup>2</sup>**Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right, who speak the truth from their heart;**

<sup>3</sup>they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends; they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

<sup>4</sup>**In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the LORD. They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.**

<sup>5</sup>They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

### **SECOND READING** Corinthians 1:18-31

<sup>18</sup>The message about the cross is foolishness 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, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup>For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness 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 God’s



foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

<sup>26</sup>Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human 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, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, <sup>29</sup>so that no one might boast in the presence of God. <sup>30</sup>He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, <sup>31</sup>in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**+ GOSPEL READING**          Matthew 5:1-12

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord**

<sup>1</sup>When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup>Then he began to speak, 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 will be comforted.

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

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

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

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

<sup>9</sup>"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children 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 people 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 in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ**

## **SERMON**

# HYMN OF THE DAY

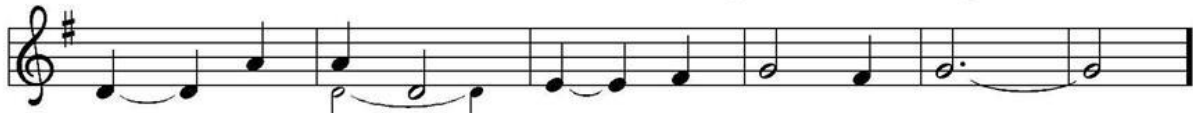
Leader or All



1 Blest are they, the poor in spir - it; theirs is the  
 2 Blest are they, the low - ly ones; . . . they shall in -  
 3 Blest are they . . . . who show mer - cy; mer - cy  
 4 Blest are they . . . . who seek peace; . . they are the  
 5 Blest are you who suf - fer hate, . . . all . . . be -



king - dom of God. Blest are they,  
 her - it the earth. Blest are they who  
 shall . . . be theirs. Blest are they, the  
 chil - dren of God. Blest are they who  
 cause . . . of me. Re - joice, be glad,



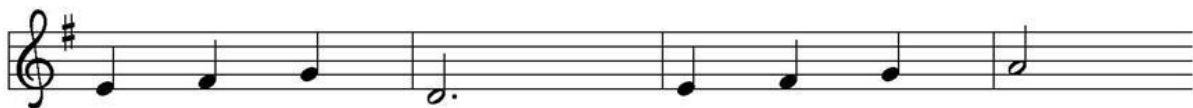
full of sor - row; they shall be con - soled.  
 hun - ger and thirst; they shall have their fill.  
 pure of heart; they . . . . shall see God.  
 suf - fer in faith; the glo - ry of God is theirs.  
 yours is the king - dom; shine for all to see.

*Refrain*

All



Re - joice and be glad!



Bless - ed are you, ho - ly are you!



Re - joice and be glad!



Yours is the king - dom of God!

## INSTALLATION OF ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL

### + PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*Each petition ends with:* Lord, in your mercy

***Congregational response:* Hear our prayer**

We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.

**Amen.**

### + SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always

**And also with you.**

### ‡ MEAL ‡

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ*

*Thank you for supporting God's ministry and mission through the people of Zion Lutheran Church. Your contributions are greatly appreciated.*

*We have online giving options available through Tithe.ly which allows you to give through the app, online, and even make weekly, biweekly, or monthly donations on a regular schedule. If you are interested in electronic giving options, please contact the church office.*

### OFFERTORY

*O How Blessed are the Faithful*

Brahms

**Charles Potter**

### + OFFERING PRAYER

Liberating God,

you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior,

**Amen.**

### + DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you

**And also with you**

Lift up your hearts

**We lift them to the Lord**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

**It is right to give our thanks and praise**

### + WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*On the Night*

## + LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

## + INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come and taste the joy of God!

## THE DISTRIBUTION

*Please come forward for communion as directed. We will serve communion by continuous distribution with one station for bread in the center and a station for wine on each side. Please receive wine from the side on which you are sitting and return to your seat by walking down the side aisle. If you are unable or would prefer not to come forward, please inform one of the ushers and communion will be brought to where you are seated. If you do not wish to receive communion, you are welcome to come forward with arms crossed to receive a blessing. Gluten-free wafers are available in the separate small dish on the bread tray. Please let Pastor Willie know if you would like a gluten-free wafer. If you wish to receive grape juice rather than wine, please indicate this preference by approaching the communion server with your hand out and palm down. The grape juice is located in the center ring of the communion tray. All who believe in Christ as Lord and Savior, young and old, are welcome at this feast.*

## LAMB OF GOD - ELW 336

1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, but you have  
2 Your gift of love we cru - ci - fied. We laughed and  
3 I was so lost, I should have died, but you have

sent him from your side to walk up - on this guilt - y  
scorned him as he died. The hum - ble king we named a  
brought me to your side to be led by your staff and

sod and to be - come the Lamb of God. O Lamb of  
fraud and sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God. O Lamb of  
rod and to be called a lamb of God.

God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God. Oh, wash me

in your pre - cious blood, my Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

1 Now we join in cel - e - bra - tion at our Sav - ior's in - vi - ta - tion,  
 2 Lord, as round this feast we gath - er, fill our hearts with ho - ly rap - ture!  
 3 Lord, we share in this com - mu - nion as one fam - 'ly of God's chil - dren,

dressed no more in spir - it som - ber, clothed in - stead in joy and won - der;  
 For this bread and cup of bless - ing are for us the sure pos - sess - ing  
 rec - on - ciled through you, our broth - er, one in you with God our Fa - ther.

for the Lord of all ex - is - tence, put - ting off di - vine tran - scen - dence,  
 of your lov - ing deed on Cal - v'ry, of your liv - ing self, our vic - t'ry,  
 Give us grace to live for oth - ers, serv - ing all, both friends and strang - ers,

stoops a - gain in love to meet us, with his ver - y life to feed us.  
 pledge of your un - fail - ing pres - ence, fore - taste here of heav' n - ly glad - ness.  
 seek - ing jus - tice, love, and mer - cy till you come in fi - nal glo - ry.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

*In the Singing*

ELW 466



1 In the sing - ing, in the si - lence, in the hands ex - pect - ant, o - pen,  
2 In the ques - tion, in the an - swer, in the mo - ment of ac - cept - ance,



in the bless - ing, in the break - ing, in your pres - ence at this ta - ble,  
in the heart's cry, in the heal - ing, in the cir - cle of your peo - ple,

*Refrain*



Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the wine of grace;



Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the bread of peace.

1 By your hand you feed your peo - ple, food of an - gels, heav-en's bread.  
 2 In this meal we taste your sweet-ness, bread for hun - ger, wine of peace.  
 3 Send us now with faith and cour - age to the hun - gry, lost, be - reaved.

For these gifts we did not la - bor, by your grace have we been fed:  
 Ho - ly word and ho - ly wis - dom sat - is - fy our deep - est needs.  
 In our liv - ing and our dy - ing, we be - come what we re - ceive:

*Refrain*

Christ's own bod - y, blessed and bro - ken, cup o'er - flow - ing, life out - poured,

giv - en as a liv - ing to - ken of your world re - deemed, re - stored.

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN***Eat This Bread (repeat until distribution is complete)***ELW 472**

“Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev - er be hun - gry.  
 or Je - sus Christ, bread of life, those who come to you will not hun - ger.



Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.”  
 Je - sus Christ, ris - en Lord, those who trust in you will not thirst.

**+ POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

Now may this body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace, † now and forever.

**+ PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Holy One,  
 we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table.  
 Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you.  
**Amen.**

**‡ SENDING ‡**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world*

**+ BLESSING**

The God who faithfully brings forth justice  
 and breaks the oppressor’s rod  
 † bless, strengthen, and uphold you,  
 today and always.  
**Amen.**



**+ SENDING HYMN**

*The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve*

**ELW 551**



1 The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we go in  
2 We go to com - fort those who mourn and set the  
3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scat - ter  
4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gos - pel



Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings  
bur - dened free; where hope is dim, to  
joy like seed and, all our days, to  
to pro - claim. God's Spir - it has em -



to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.  
share a dream and help the blind to see.  
cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.  
pow - ered us; we go in Je - sus' name.

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Music: CHESTERFIELD, attr. Thomas Haweis, 1734-1820

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**+Dismissal**

Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

*Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing* arr. Alfred V. Fedak

**Charles Potter**

**‡ Happening This Week ‡**

<b>SUN, Jan 29</b>	<p align="right"> <b>9:00 a.m. Worship</b>  <b>10:15 a.m. Fellowship</b>  <b>10:30 a.m. Sunday School</b>  <b>10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study</b> </p>
<b>WED, Feb 1</b>	<p align="right"> <b>6:30 a.m. Men's Bible</b>  <b>6:00 p.m. FFN</b>  <b>6:15 p.m. Bell Choir</b>  <b>7:00 p.m. Choir</b> </p>
<b>THU, Feb 2</b>	<p align="right"><b>6:30 p.m. All Committee Night</b></p>
<b>SUN, Feb 5</b>	<p align="right"> <b>9:00 a.m. Worship</b>  <b>10:15 a.m. Fellowship</b>  <b>10:30-11 a.m. Sunday School</b>  <b>10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study</b> </p>

**‡ SERVING IN MINISTRY ‡**

DATE	1/29	2/5	2/12	2/19
ACOLTYES	Jackson Evans	Dalton Bozarth	Preston Schroeder	Mason Smith
A.M./READER	Kathleen Schippers AM	Bob Nicolai AM	Jan Pohl AM	Rev. Bill Dyar AM
COMM. ASST.	Jim Haage	Shawn Baars	Julie Haage	Peggy Starkweather
HOSPITALITY	Ushers	Senior Choir	Council	Finance/Stewardship

**‡ ANNOUNCEMENTS ‡**

**Altar flowers** this week were provided by Dave & Peggy Starkweather in Honor of their Granddaughter Morgan's 7<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

**Next Sunday** is Bag of Blessings. Please put your donation or check (made out to Zion with "Bag of Blessings" in the memo) or in the offering.

**Next Week's Readings:** Isaiah 58:1-9a [9b-12], Psalm 112:1-9 [10], 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 [13-16] Matthew 5:13-20

**Please Pray** for Kristy Keith, Bill Tiecke, Patty Lange, Butch Doyle, Mary Butcher, Gary Sebbert, Evelyn Christopherson, Rose Marie Paul, and Billy Rueckert. The family and friends of Elaine Petersen. The family of Rachel Creamer for her Aunt Patricia McCleary.

**Please** fill out a communion registration card for 2023. Only one card per year needs to be filled out. This record is used to help create the voting roster for congregational meetings. Thank you!

The **Altar Flower Chart for 2023** has been posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex. This is a wonderful opportunity to honor your loved ones by dedicating the flowers for that week to them. The current cost is \$42.80 per week and can be paid directly to Hy-Vee or the church office. Sign up now while the dates you want are still available.

The **2022 Annual Giving Statements** have been mailed.

The next **Z book club** meeting will be Monday, March 13 at 5:30 PM at Diamond Dave's. They are reading a book called "The Keeper of Happy Endings" by Barbara Davis.

**Fellowship of Christian Athletes** meets at Louisa-Muscatine High School on Thursdays at 6:30 a.m. in Room 109. Casey Cantrell is the local Huddle leader.

**Reminder:** Men's Bible Study meets every Wednesday morning at 6:30 a.m. at the All-American Diner.

**Adult Bible Study** begins at 10:15 a.m. in the chapel area. We are using *The Greatest Story* and participant books are available. You are welcome to join us! We will resume this study today January 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Christians Underground** - We have an additional Bible study/discussion group opportunity in Muscatine called Christians Underground. Pastor Aleese Kenitzer from Shepherd of the Cross leads this group in discussion about the Revised Common Lectionary texts for the upcoming Sunday. They meet weekly on Wednesdays at 12:00 p.m. at Geo Johnz Pizza (203 E 2nd St.) for about an hour. This invitation is open to all three ELCA congregations in Muscatine.

**Family Faith Night**-Meets at Grace Lutheran Church Every Wednesday beginning with a meal at 6 pm. Groups begin at 6:20 pm with the night concluding at 7:30 pm. You and your family are invited to join as you are able. Talk with Pastor Willie or Tyler Baars to learn more.

**Communion:** Students will celebrate completion of communion classes or receive First Communion on February 5, 2023, during the 9:00 a.m. worship service.

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