

**Sixth Sunday After Epiphany  
February 12, 2023, 9:00 a.m.**

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**Zion Lutheran Church**

**Presiding Minister – Rev. Willie Rosin**

**Assisting Minister – Janice Pohl**

**Music Minister – Charles Potter**

*Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church on this Sixth Sunday After Epiphany - we are glad you have joined us for worship. Today we are called to choose life by loving and obeying God. Much of today's gospel reading echoes portions of the Ten Commandments. Jesus' instructions to the crowd reveal a pattern of behavior that honors both God and the neighbor, resulting in life and health for the whole community. We too are invited to embrace these commandments, not out of fear of retribution, but because God has promised that to do so means life for us. 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** "Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death" Hal H. Hopson (Hal H. Hopson, "Praise to the Lord." The Sacred Music Press, 1988.)

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Charles Potter

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **‡ GATHERING ‡**

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

## **BELL CALLING US TO WORSHIP**

+ GATHERING HYMN *Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling*

ELW 582



1 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev - er dwell-ing in the ho - liest realms of light;  
2 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev - er liv - ing as the church's ver - y life;  
3 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev - er work-ing through the church's min - is - try;



Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er brood-ing o'er a world of gloom and night;  
Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er striv - ing through us in a cease - less strife;  
quick-'ning, strength-'ning, and ab - solv - ing, set - ting cap - tive sin - ners free;



Ho-ly Spir-it, ev - er rais - ing those of earth to thrones on high;  
Ho-ly Spir-it, ev - er form-ing in the church the mind of Christ:  
Ho-ly Spir-it, ev - er bind-ing age to age and soul to soul



liv - ing, life - im - part - ing Spir - it, you we praise and mag - ni - fy.  
you we praise with end - less wor - ship for your gifts and fruits un - priced.  
in com - mu - nion nev - er end - ing, you we wor - ship and ex - tol.

+ **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

ELW 157

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.**



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.



2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of



God; to make all things new.

**+ PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you

**And also with you.**

Let us Pray: Holy God,

**O God, the strength of all who hope in you, we accomplish nothing good apart from you. Help us to see and understand the things we you have sent us to do, and give us grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

## **ANTHEM**

### **‡ WORD ‡**

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

#### **FIRST READING** - Deuteronomy 30:15-20

*The LORD sets before the people of God a clear choice. Life and prosperity will come to the faithful; loss of the land will be the consequence of disobedience. Choosing life entails loving and holding fast to the Lord. Life in God's presence presupposes the promise made to the ancestors.*

[Moses said to the people:] <sup>15</sup>See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death, and adversity. <sup>16</sup>If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. <sup>17</sup>But if your heart turns away and you do not hear but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, <sup>18</sup>I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. <sup>19</sup>I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before your life and death, blessings, and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, <sup>20</sup>loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God!**

#### **Psalm 119:1-8**

*Happy are they who follow the teaching of the LORD. (Ps. 119:1)*

<sup>1</sup>Happy are they whose way is blameless,  
who follow the teaching of the LORD!

<sup>2</sup>**Happy are they who observe your decrees  
and seek you with all their hearts,**

<sup>3</sup>who never do any wrong,  
but always walk <sup>l</sup> in your ways.

<sup>4</sup>**You laid down your commandments,**



**that we should fully keep them.**

<sup>5</sup>Oh, that my ways were made so direct  
that I might keep your statutes!

<sup>6</sup>**Then I should not be put to shame,  
when I regard all your commandments.**

<sup>7</sup>I will thank you with a true heart,  
when I have learned your righteous judgments.

<sup>8</sup>**I will keep your statutes;  
do not utterly forsake me.**

## **SECOND READING** 1 Corinthians 3:1-9

*Human leaders in the church are not the ones who control ministry. Rather they are coworkers who belong to God, the one who truly controls and continuously empowers the ministry of the church.*

<sup>1</sup>Brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. <sup>2</sup>I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, <sup>3</sup>for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? <sup>4</sup>For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human?

<sup>5</sup>What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. <sup>6</sup>I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. <sup>7</sup>So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. <sup>8</sup>The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. <sup>9</sup>For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

### **+ GOSPEL READING** Matthew 5:21-37

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

#### **Glory to you, O Lord**

*In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus exhorts his followers to embrace standards of righteousness that exceed legal requirements and traditional expectations.*

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>21</sup>"You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not murder'; and 'whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.' <sup>22</sup>But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, 'You fool,' you will be liable to the hell

of fire. <sup>23</sup>So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, <sup>24</sup>leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. <sup>25</sup>Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. <sup>26</sup>Truly I tell you; you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

<sup>27</sup>“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ <sup>28</sup>But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. <sup>29</sup>If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. <sup>30</sup>And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.

<sup>31</sup>“It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ <sup>32</sup>But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

<sup>33</sup>“Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.’ <sup>34</sup>But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, <sup>35</sup>or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. <sup>36</sup>And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. <sup>37</sup>Let your word be ‘Yes, Yes’ or ‘No, No’; anything more than this comes from the evil one.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ**

## **SERMON**



Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,



give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.



- 1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your
- 2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is
- 3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - 'ry sis - ter,
- 4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your



peace and glad - ness; Spir - it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.  
 still un - fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.  
 ev - 'ry broth - er; Spir - it of all kind - ness, be our guide.  
 way of heal - ing; Spir - it of com - pas - sion, fill each heart.

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 Music: HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL, Marty Haugen  
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## + APOSTLES' CREED

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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

Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need, responding to each petition with "hear our prayer"

*A brief silence.*

*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** "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!" Gerhard Krapf (Gerhard Krapf, "Sing and Rejoice," Volume 6. The Sacred Music Press, 1986.) 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.*

**First Communion**

This morning we will invite Josephine Gillespie and her family to receive Holy Communion at the beginning of the distribution. We celebrate with her as she receives the body and blood of Christ for the first time!

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

*Refrain*  
 sod and to be - come the Lamb of God. O Lamb of  
 fraud and sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.  
 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.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

*Come With Joy*

ELW 482

1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and  
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are  
 3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion  
 4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er  
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has

free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in  
 fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in  
 ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and  
 near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -  
 done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the

love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.  
 Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.  
 strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.  
 live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.  
 love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936  
 Music: DOVE OF PEACE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835  
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There is a balm in Gil-e - ad to make the wound-ed whole;



there is a balm in Gil-e - ad to heal the sin-sick soul.



- 1 Some - times I feel dis - cour-aged and think my work's in vain,
- 2 If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, if you can-not pray like Paul,
- 3 Don't ev - er be dis - cour-aged, for Je - sus is your friend;



but then the Ho - ly Spir - it re - vives my soul a - gain.  
 you can tell the love of Je - sus and say, "He died for all."  
 and if you lack for knowl-edge, he'll ne'er re - fuse to lend.

Text: African American spiritual  
 Music: BALM IN GILEAD, African American spiritual

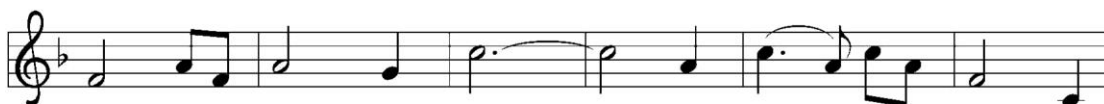
## DISTRIBUTION HYMN

*Amazing Grace*

ELW 779



1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that  
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his  
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but  
 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that  
 have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me  
 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and  
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found; was blind, but now I see.  
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

## DISTRIBUTION HYMN

*Lord Jesus, Think on Me*

ELW 599



1 Lord Je - sus, think on me, and purge a - way my sin;  
 2 Lord Je - sus, think on me, by anx - ious thoughts op - pressed;  
 3 Lord Je - sus, think on me, nor let me go a - stray;  
 4 Lord Je - sus, think on me, that, when the flood is past,



from self - ish pas - sions set me free and make me pure with - in.  
 let me your lov - ing ser - vant be and taste your prom - ised rest.  
 through dark - ness and per - plex - i - ty point out your cho - sen way.  
 I may the e - ter - nal bright - ness see and share your joy at last.

Text: Synesius of Cyrene, 375–430; tr. Allen W. Chatfield, 1808–1896, alt.  
 Music: SOUTHWELL, W. Daman, *The Psalmes of David*, 1579, alt.



### + 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

*Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways* ELW 772



- 1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways to keep his stat - utes still!
- 2 Or - der my foot-steps by your word and make my heart sin - cere;
- 3 As - sist my soul, too apt to stray, a strict - er watch to keep;
- 4 Make me to walk in your com-mands, 'tis a de-light - ful road;



Oh, that my God would grant me grace to know and do his will!  
let sin have no do - min-ion, Lord, but keep my con-science clear.  
and should I e'er for - get your way, re - store your wan-d'ring sheep.  
nor let my head or heart or hands of - fend a - gainst my God.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.  
Music: EVAN, William H. Havergal, 1793–1870

### +Dismissal

Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

### Thanks be to God

**POSTLUDE** "Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death" Charles Callahan (Charles Callahan, "Great American Hymns." Morning Star Music Publishers, 1993.

‡ Happening This Week ‡

<b>SUN, Feb 12</b>	<p>9:00 a.m. Worship            10:15 a.m. Fellowship            10:30 a.m. Sunday School            10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study</p>
<b>WED, Feb 15</b>	<p>6:30 a.m. Men's Bible            6:00 p.m. FFN            6:15 p.m. Bell Choir            7:00 p.m. Choir</p>
<b>SUN, Feb 19</b>	<p>9:00 a.m. Worship            10:15 a.m. Fellowship            10:30-11 a.m. Sunday School            10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study</p>

‡ SERVING IN MINISTRY ‡

DATE	2/5	2/12	2/19	ASH WEDNESDAY 2/22 5:30
ACOLTYES	Dalton Bozarth	Preston Schroeder	Mason Smith	Preston Schroeder
A.M./READER	Bob Nicolai AM	Jan Pohl AM	Rev. Bill Dyar AM	
COMM. ASST.	Shawn Baars	Julie Haage	Peggy Starkweather	
HOSPITALITY	Senior Choir	Council	Finance/Stewardship	

‡ ANNOUNCEMENTS ‡

**Altar flowers** this week were provided by Tasha & Casey Cantrell to celebrate their 23<sup>rd</sup> Wedding Anniversary!

**Next Sunday** is “Quarters for Hunger”. All quarters in the offering plate go to “Quarters for Hunger”.

**First Communion**

This morning we will invite Josephine Gillespie and her family to receive Holy Communion at the beginning of the distribution. We celebrate with her as she receives the body and blood of Christ for the first time!

**Next Week’s Readings:** Exodus 24:12, Psalm 99, 2 Peter 1:16-21, Matthew 17:1-9.

**Please Pray** for Kristy Keith, Bill Tiecke, Patty Lange, Butch Doyle, Mary Butcher, Gary Sebbert, Evelyn Christopherson, Rose Marie Paul, and Billy Rueckert

**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 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 10:30 a.m. in the chapel area. We are using *The Greatest Story* and participant books are available. You are welcome to join us!

**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.

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#### **Zion Lutheran Church Midweek Lenten Gatherings-**

The season of Lent begins with our Ash Wednesday service at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 22nd. We will have the Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion during the service. There is not a congregational meal following the Ash Wednesday service. We will continue with our midweek Lent services on Wednesday, March 1st at 5:30 p.m. We will use the theme of UNFINISHED: Out of the Depths, a series on the book of Jonah. We will use the Holden Evening Prayer liturgy for the midweek services. We will serve a congregational meal

following the midweek Lent services on March 1, 9, 15, 22, 29, (free will offering). Hope to see you here!

**Shepherd of the Cross Midweek Lenten Gatherings - 6:30-7:30pm**

If our 5:30 midweek Lent worship time does not work for your schedule or if you are looking for something a little different than strictly midweek worship, you are invited to join Shepherd of the Cross on Wednesday evenings during the season of Lent. And we have invited Shepherd of the Cross folks looking for a midweek worship service to join Zion! The following is the midweek Lent information that Shepherd is providing for their people which is centered in large group and small group time rather than a formal worship service:

This Lent, we'll be gathering on Wednesday evenings to dive further into the themes presented on Sunday mornings. Embracing our Lenten theme of "Seeking," our Wednesday gatherings will encourage us - individually and collectively - to authentically seek God and seek relationship with one another. Our time each week will be a combination of large group and small group time and will incorporate Scripture, prayer, and music. If families with kids are interested in joining us, we'll be sure to have opportunities for our kiddos as well!

**Grace Lutheran Church Midweek Lenten Gatherings-6:00-6:30 pm**

After Ash Wednesday, they will meet the next 5 weeks through Lent for a mid-week service which will last approximately 30 minutes. Grace confirmation students will help conduct those services.

**Free binders and books** are available for anybody to take, from the table in the back hallway. Check back often as "spring cleaning" commences.

**Trivia Night** is March 18th. Doors open @5:30, Trivia starts @6.

**Food Pantry** is accepting food and monetary donations!! Help us fill the grocery carts across from the elevator downstairs.