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Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church on this Fourth Sunday after Epiphany, when we celebrate the Presentation of Our Lord. In the Gospel, we hear Simeon's confession that this baby Jesus was "a light for revelation to the Gentiles" and a light for glory to Israel. Let the light of every candle in church be a little epiphany of the love of God for all people in the person of God's son, Jesus, the light of the world.

Thank you for joining us! If you are visiting us today, please fill out a Visitor Card, located in your pew rack, if you would like to have us contact you. We practice an open communion table at Zion. All who believe in Christ as Lord and Savior are welcome to celebrate Holy Communion with us, from the youngest to the oldest members of the body of Christ present in worship.

Children are welcome to fully participate in worship. What could be better than the whole family of God being together in worship? There are Children's worship bags available near the usher's table in the narthex. Should you or your child need a break, there is a nursery located across from Fellowship Hall for your use.

Nursing mothers are welcome to use the Mothers' Room, just one door down the hall from the nursery. Please knock before entering.

+ Indicates that you are invited to rise as you are able

BOLD PRINT INDICATES CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSES

Hymn numbers are the large numbers at the top of the page in the red hymnal, *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, which is located in the pew racks. Thank you for silencing all electronic devices.

PRELUDEOpen Now Thy Gates of BeautyHeinrich FleischerIn His Temple Now Behold HimGerhard Krapf

Charles Potter

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS BELL CALLING US TO WORSHIP

GATHERING ‡

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

Zion Bell Choir



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+ 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, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life. Amen.

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin. *Silence is kept for reflection*.

Merciful God,

you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. **Cleanse us from our faults** and release us from their grasp. Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen. God proclaims these words of assurance: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine." In + Christ, you are forgiven.

In the Spirit, you are not free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God. **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



+ CANTICLE OF PRAISE – Now the Feast and Celebration

ELW 167



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+ PRAYER OF THE DAY The Lord be with you And also with you. Let us pray: Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and love; and that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

ANTHEM

Gonna Be a Great Day

Zion Choir

WORD

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

FIRST READING Jeremiah 1:4-10

⁴ Now the word of the Lord came to me saying,

⁵ "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,

and before you were born I consecrated you;

I appointed you a prophet to the nations."

⁶ Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy."

⁷ But the Lord said to me,

"Do not say, 'I am only a boy';

for you shall go to all to whom I send you,

and you shall speak whatever I command you.

⁸ Do not be afraid of them,

for I am with you to deliver you,

says the Lord."

⁹ Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth.

¹⁰ See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms,

to pluck up and to pull down,

to destroy and to overthrow,

to build and to plant."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 71:1-6

¹ In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame.

 $^{\rm 2}$ In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free; incline your ear to me and save me.

³ Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe; you are my crag and my stronghold.

⁴ Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.

⁵ For you are my hope, O Lord GOD, my confidence since I was young.

⁶ I have been sustained by you ever since I was born; from my mother's womb you have been my strength; my praise shall be always of you.

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

¹ If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ² And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³ If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

⁴ Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶ it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. ⁷ It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

⁸ Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. ⁹ For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; ¹⁰ but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. ¹¹ When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. ¹² For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³ And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love. The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S SERMON



+ GOSPEL READING

Luke 4:21-30

The Holy Gospel according to Luke **Glory to you, O Lord**

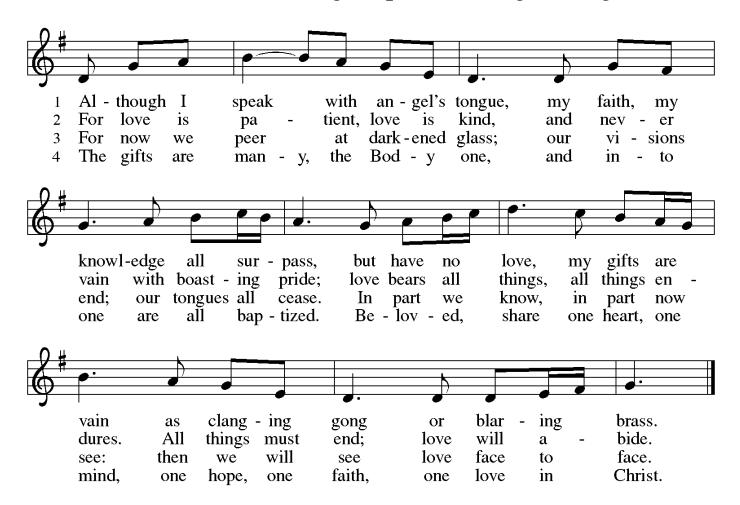
²¹ Then [Jesus] began to say to [all in the synagogue in Nazareth,] "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." ²² All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" ²³ He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" ²⁴ And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. ²⁵ But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; ²⁶ yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. ²⁷ There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." ²⁸ When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. ²⁹ They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. ³⁰ But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way. This is the gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

+ HYMN OF THE DAY

Although I Speak with Angel's Tongue ELW 644



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Installation of Leaders in the Congregation

The assembly is seated. The presiding minister addresses the assembly.

The following people have been elected to positions of leadership. We give thanks for their willingness to serve. In baptism we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God; we rejoice now that these siblings in Christ will lead us in our common life and our mutual mission as a congregation.

Jim Haage – Council President

Braeden Garrett – Council Vice President

Kim Sears – Council Secretary

Wendy Brendel – Council Treasurer

Terri Hanson – Council Member At-Large

Peggy Starkweather – Zion Trust Fund Committee Chairperson Judy Carlson – Social Ministry Committee Chairperson Kathleen Schippers – Worship Committee Chairperson Wendy Brendel – Finance Committee Chairperson David Starkweather – Property Committee Chairperson Stacey Ramos – Parish Ed and Youth Chairperson

The presiding minister addresses those being installed.

A reading from First Corinthians: There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. (1 Corinthians 12:4-7)

The presiding minister continues.

You have been elected to positions of leadership and trust in this congregation. You are to see that the words and deeds of this household of faith bear witness to God, who gathers us into one together with the whole church.

You are to seek to involve all members of this congregation in worship, learning, witness, service, and support, so that the mission of Christ is carried out in this congregation, in the wider church, in this community, and in the whole world.

You are to be faithful in your specific area of serving, that the Spirit who empowers you may be glorified.

You are to be examples of faith active in love, fostering peace, harmony, and mutual understanding in this congregation.

The presiding minister addresses those being installed.

On behalf of your sisters and brothers in Christ, I ask you:

Will you accept and faithfully carry out the duties of the offices

to which you have been *elected*?

I will, and I ask God to help me.

The assembly stands. Those being installed face the assembly. The presiding minister addresses the assembly.

People of God, I ask you:

Will you support these, your *elected* leaders,

and will you share in the mutual ministry

that Christ has given to all who are baptized?

We will, and we ask God to help us.

Those being installed face the presiding minister, who addresses them.

I now declare you installed as officers of this congregation. Thank you for your leadership!

Almighty God bless you, and direct your days and your deeds in peace,

that you may be faithful servants of Christ.

Amen.

+ PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

Each petition ends with:Lord, in your mercyCongregational response:Hear our prayer

We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people. **Amen.**

+ SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always **And also with you.**

* MEAL *

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MUSICAL OFFERING Thee We Adore, O Savior Charles Callahan Charles Potter

+ OFFERING PRAYER

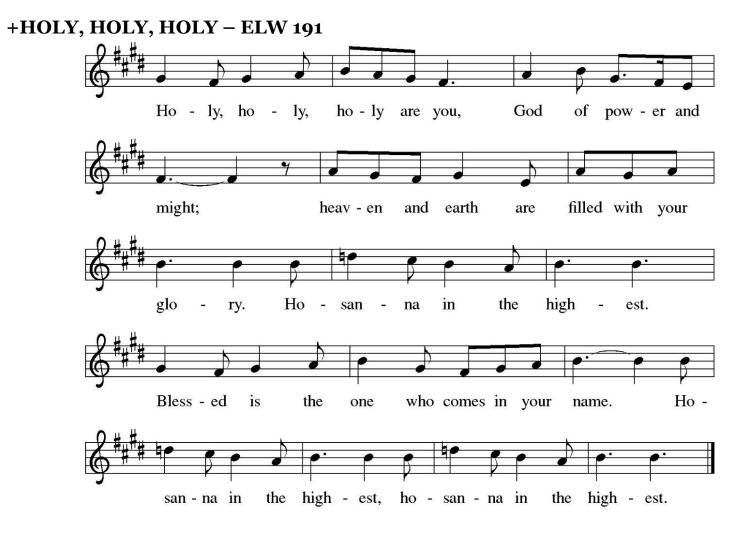
God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always.

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

+PROPER PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise... ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



+ WORDS OF INSTITUTION On the Night

+ THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us, using the language of your heart:

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

The joy of the Lord is our strength. Come, eat this meal of gladness.

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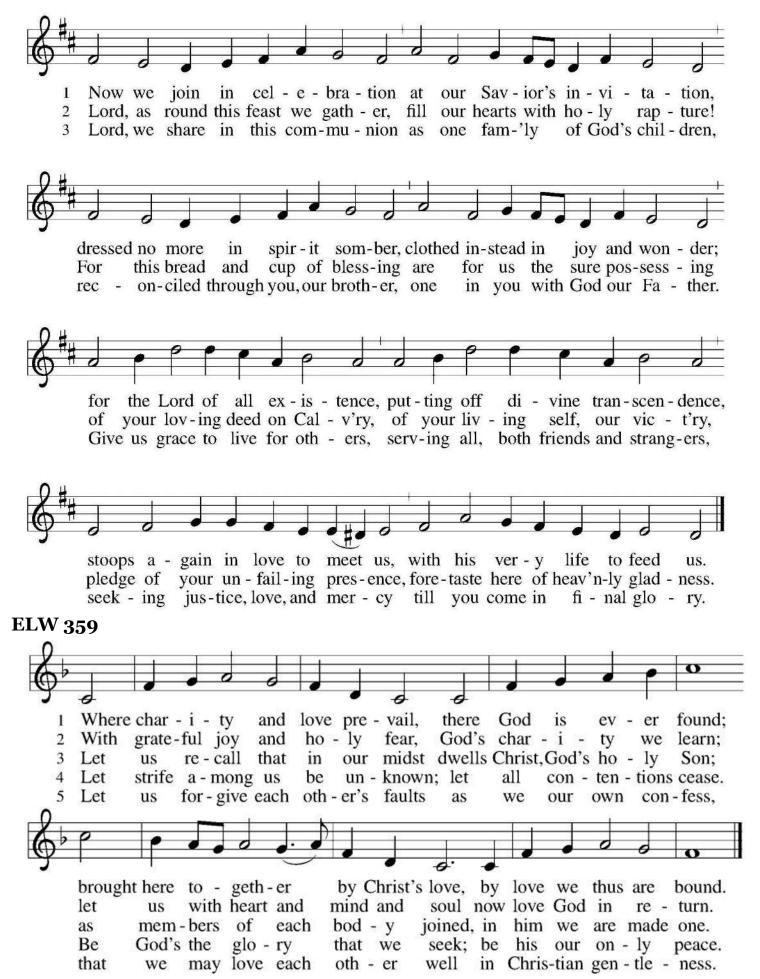
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Where Charity and Love Prevail	ELW 359
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 1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord; 2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth, 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed, 4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war, 5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,
she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word. her char-ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth: by schisms. rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed, she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more; and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.
From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride; one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food, yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?" till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest, Oh, bless - ed heav'n-ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died. and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued. and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song. and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest. that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

+ 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.

Amen

+ PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

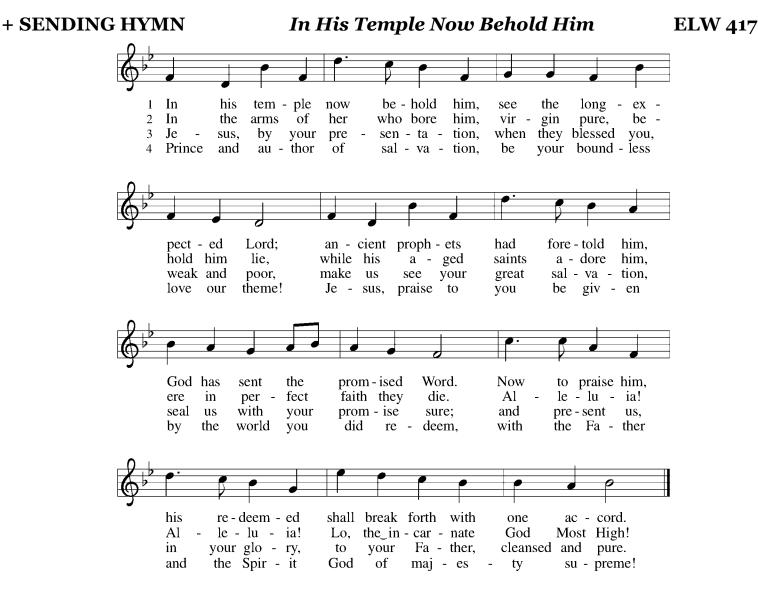
Nourishing God,

at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray,

Amen.

\$ SENDING *God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world*

+ BLESSING The Spirit of the triune God + bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love. Amen.



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+**Dismissal** Go in peace. Live in hope. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *The Only Son from Heaven* Johann Gottfried Walther **Charles Potter**

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