

Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany

ZION EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH, MONROE, MI (Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod) IN JESUS' NAME WE WELCOME YOU!

Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany Jan. 31 & Feb. 4, 2023 **WELCOME TO ZION**. It is our hope and prayer that the message you hear today from God's Word will strengthen your faith and fill your heart with the peace only God can give and the joy we have in believing that JESUS CHRIST is our Savior from sin.

Worship Focus: Our Epiphany Lord provides meaning for life.

This is the Fifth Sunday in the season of Epiphany. The readings during the Epiphany season carry forward the emphasis in the readings for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, the theme of Jesus revealing himself to us as God and Savior. In Christmas and Epiphany our attention is on getting to know Jesus, who he is and how he works; thus there is not so much emphasis on our response beyond the response of faith, which itself is always seen as his work and not ours.

LITURGY: Common Service

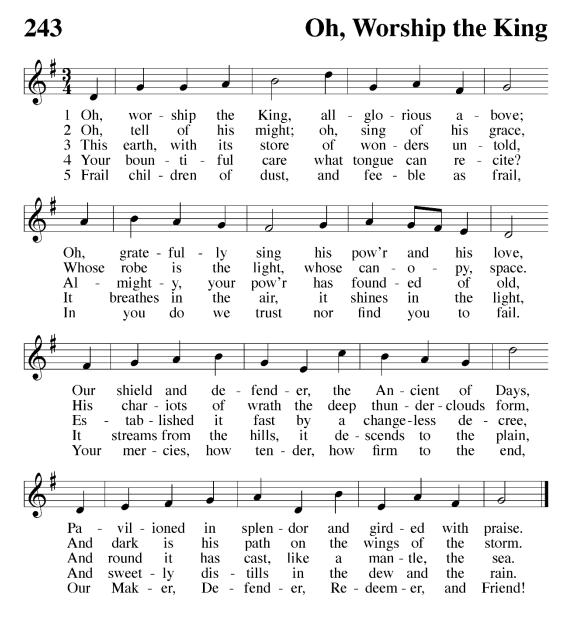
OUR FAMILY AT WORSHIP

- **BATHROOMS** are located in the back of church, just down the hall toward the school. Please ask an usher for help finding them.
- **HEARING ASSISTANCE EQUIPMENT** is available as part of our sound system. Individual hand-held units are available. Please check with an usher if you would like a unit for today's worship service.
- **VISITORS** are asked to please sign our fellowship registry in the back of church so that we will have a record of your visit. Thank you for joining us today!

For most of you, putting on perfume, cologne, or aftershave before coming to church is just routine. But for a growing number of us in the congregation, those smells will lead to nausea, headaches, shortness of breath, and migraines. We are asking if you could please re-evaluate your use of fragrances before you come to church, especially during the winter months when the enclosed heated space will magnify the effects of the fragrances. If you could wait until you get home from church to spritz on the smells, it would be greatly appreciated!

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WORSHIP AND PRAISE



Text: Robert Grant, 1779–1838, abr., alt. Tune: HANOVER (10 10 11 11) William Croft, 1678–1727.

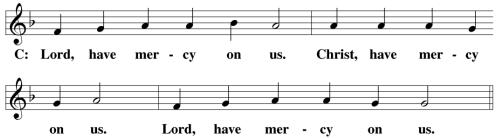
P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



CONFESSION OF SINS

- P: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Lord, Have Mercy



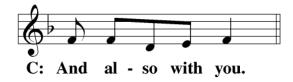
P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (¹/₄) and of the Holy Spirit.



PRAYER AND PRAISE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.



P: Almighty God, you sent your one and only Son as the Word of life for our eyes to see and our ears to hear. Help us believe what the Scriptures proclaim about him and do the things that are pleasing in your sight; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Be Seated

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

¹Isn't man's time on earth like being compelled to serve in the army? Aren't his days like those of a hired man? ²Like a slave, he longs for shade, or like a day laborer, he waits for his pay. ³In the same way, I have been allotted months of futility, and nights of agony have been assigned to me. ⁴ When I lie down, I think, "How long before I get up?" But the night drags on, and I am filled with restlessness until dawn. ⁵My flesh is clothed with maggots and caked with dirt. My skin scabs over and then oozes again. ⁶My days pass by more swiftly than the shuttle of a weaver's loom. They come to an end without hope. ⁷Remember that my life is just a breath. My eyes will never again see good fortune. (EHV)

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 103





Praise the LORD, <u>O</u> my soul;* all my inmost being, praise his <u>ho</u>ly name.

He forgives <u>all</u> your sins* and heals all your dis<u>eas</u>es;

he redeems your life <u>from</u> the grave* and crowns you with love and com<u>pas</u>sion. рд. 105

Job 7:1-7





Refrain

The LORD is compassionate and <u>gra</u>cious,* slow to anger, abound<u>ing</u> in love.

He does not treat us as our <u>sins</u> deserve* or repay us according to our in<u>iq</u>uities.

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For as high as the heavens are a<u>bove</u> the earth,*
so great is his love for those who <u>fear</u> him;
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as far as the east is <u>from</u> the west,* so far has he removed our transgressions <u>from</u> us.

Refrain

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As a father has compassion on his <u>chil</u>dren,*
so the LORD has compassion on those who <u>fear</u> him;
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for he knows how <u>we</u> are formed,* he remembers that <u>we</u> are dust.

Our days are like grass, like a flower <u>of</u> the field;* the wind blows over it and <u>it</u> is gone.

But the LORD'S love is with those who <u>fear</u> him* from everlasting to ever<u>last</u>ing.

Glory be to the Father and <u>to</u> the Son* and to the Holy <u>Spir</u>it, as it was in the be<u>gin</u>ning,* is now, and will be forever. <u>A</u>men.

Refrain

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SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

¹⁶ You see, if I preach the gospel, I have nothing to boast about, because an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not preach the gospel! ¹⁷ If I do this as a volunteer, I receive compensation. But if not, I have been entrusted with a responsibility as a steward. ¹⁸ What then is my compensation? To present the gospel of Christ free of charge when I preach it, instead of making use of the right I have when I preach the gospel. ¹⁹ In fact, although I am free from all, I enslaved myself to all so that I might gain many more. ²⁰ To the Jews, I became like a Jew so that I might gain Jews. To those who are under the law, I became like a person under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might gain those who are under the law. ²¹ To those who are without the law, I became like a person without God's law but am within the law of Christ) so that I might gain those who are without the law. ²² To the weak, I became weak so that I might gain the weak. I have become all things to all people so that I may save at least some. ²³ And I do everything for the sake of the gospel so that I may share in it along with others. (EHV)

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." Alleluia. (John 8:12 cf. NIV)



GOSPEL

Mark 1:29-39

²⁹ They left the synagogue and went with James and John to the home of Simon and Andrew. ³⁰ Simon's mother-in-law was lying in bed, sick with a fever. Without delay they told Jesus about her. ³¹ He went to her, took her by the hand, and raised her up. The fever left her, and she began to serve them. ³² That evening, when the sun had set, the people kept bringing to him all who were sick and demon-possessed. ³³ The whole town gathered at the door. ³⁴ He healed many people who were sick with various diseases and drove out many demons. But he did not allow the demons to speak, because they knew who he was. ³⁵ Jesus got up early in the morning, while it was still dark, and went out. He withdrew to a solitary place and was praying there. ³⁶ Simon and his companions searched for him, ³⁷ and, when they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is looking for you!" ³⁸ He told them, "Let's go somewhere else, to the neighboring villages, so that I can preach there too. In fact, that is why I have come." ³⁹ Then he went throughout the whole region of Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and driving out demons. (EHV)



We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.



Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854, abr., alt.

Tune: FREUT EUCH, IHR LIEBEN CHRISTEN (76 76 D) Leonhart Schröter, c. 1532–c. 1601.

MARK 1:29-39

Jesus Heals the Hopeless

CREATE IN ME



PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

THE SACRAMENT

P: The Lord be with you. C: And al - so with you.

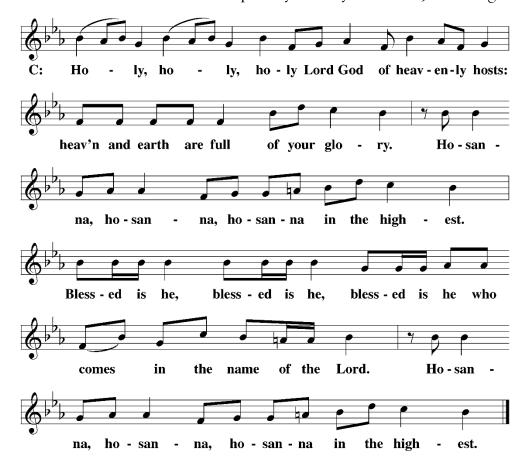
P: Lift up your hearts.



P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



P: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lived among us as a human being and revealed his glory as your only Son, full of grace and truth. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

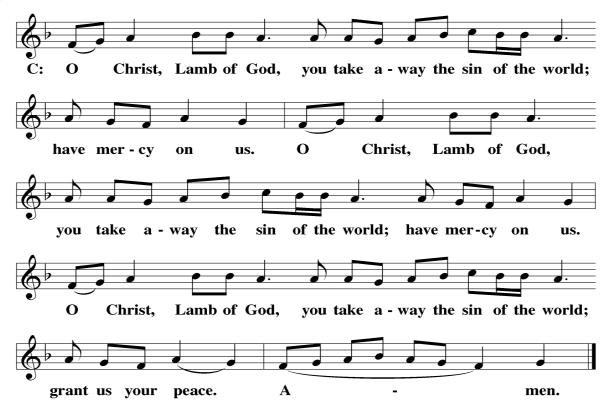
P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.



Agnus Dei



BE SEATED

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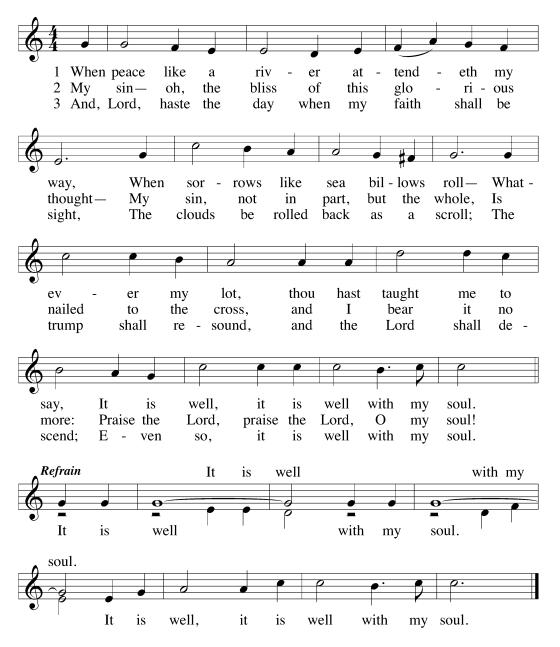
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8 For your consoling supper, Lord, Be praised throughout all ages! Preserve it, for in ev'ry place The world against it rages.
Grant that this sacrament may be A blessed comfort unto me When living and when dying.

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When Peace Like a River



Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828–1888, alt. Tune: VILLE DU HAVRE (11 8 11 9 and Refrain) Philip P. Bliss, 1838–1876

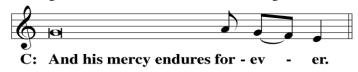
THANKSGIVING

SONG OF SIMEON

Nunc Dimittis



P: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



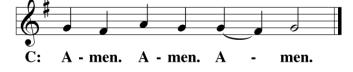
P: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



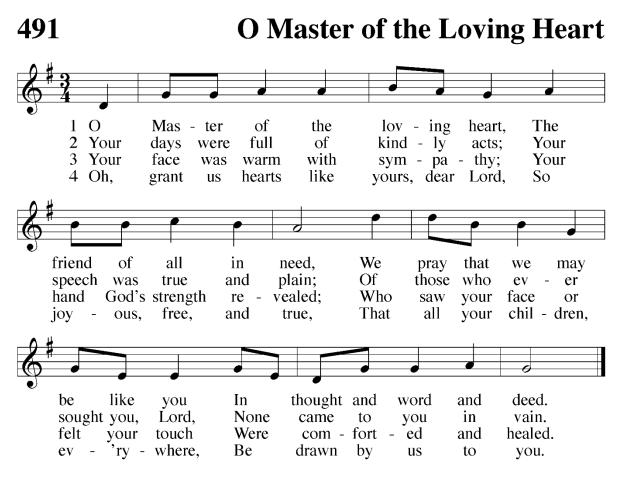
P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (\mathbf{r}) give you peace.



CHRISTIAN LOVE



Text: Calvin W. Laufer, 1874–1938, alt.

Tune: AZMON (CM) Carl G. Gläser, 1784–1829, alt.

Officiants Accompanist: Dottie Bober Liturgist & Preacher: Pastor Greg Sitzman

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VOTER'S MEETING— A call meeting was held on Sunday, January 28th. Zion has extended a call to Benjamin Workentine. Please pray as he deliberates his call.

THANK YOU:

The Grubb family would like to thank all who reached out with kind words and support to help us through our time of grief after the passing of Jeff's father, Larry Grubb. It is greatly appreciated.

The Pritchett family would like to extend a thank you to everyone who supported them with Jim's illness and passing. Thank you also to everyone who provided meals through Zion's Meal Train. An a very special thank you to Melissa Freiny for organizing the meal train and doing all the coordination for such a wonderful gift.

BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP:

Dear Members of Zion,

Since the Capital Campaign kicked off in April of 2022 Zion has received just over \$200,000 in major gifts and weekly offerings, what a blessing!

The funds have been used for a number of improvements including:

- New furniture has been purchased for the west foyer.
- A new security system has been installed. This project included the installation of multiple cameras on the property, both inside and outside of the building, a keyless entry system, and more
- Generator backup switches have been installed on each church own parsonage/teacherage
- Professional design services for handicap bathroom remodeling plans
- Miscellaneous repairs to church owned properties

The Voters approved the following items in order of priority:

- Electric panel replacements (two panels at ~\$6,160 per panel)
- Tunnel water issues with mold remediation if found necessary
- Parking lot repair (patch and seal)
- Basement handicap access (lift)
- Backup power generator for the church and school

There is currently \$2,874.39 available that is not committed to a certain project. If you are moved to give to the capital campaign, please **mark your donations as "Capital Campaign".**

Thank you for your support as Zion undertakes some large and much needed projects.

Sincerely, Board of Stewardship

ZION CEA: At the past Zion CEA Meeting on Wednesday, January 17th it was decided that the Zion Rummage Sale will be headed by Deborah Hill this year, with Melissa Freiny assisting. The proceeds for the sale are going to be put towards replacing the yellow curtains in the gymnasium.

ALTAR GUILD: We are in desperate need of volunteers to help with Altar guild. It only takes about a half hour a week to take care of the candles and maybe an hour a week when there is communion. We only have a few months with volunteers, so please ladies and gentlemen, if you can spare some time to help out it would be greatly appreciated. If you have never done it before someone can teach you very quickly what to do. Thank you for considering to help.

HELPING OUR CHURCH FAMILY: Friends in Faith has a "Zion's Meal Train" program. The "Zion Meal Train" is a program that assists members of the Congregation with meals for situations such as surgeries/recovery, unexpected hospital stays, loss, birth of a child, etc. The meal train is open to all male and female members of the Congregation interested in providing meals for fellow members in need. We will be utilizing the official Meal Train website (<u>www.MealTrain.com</u>) to stay organized. When many friends provide support through a meal it means you may only have to volunteer once in a while to make a meal. The Meal Train program keeps schedules, as well as provides locations and dietary restrictions. If you are interested in volunteering to prepare an occasional meal as needed, please sign up in the west foyer or contact Melissa Freiny at 734-652-1638. Thank you in advance for considering to use your time and talents to support our church family.

Shut-In Visit Information: To help Pastor Sitzman with ministering to our shut-ins, Ken Vagt has been asked to serve our shut-ins with the Word and Sacrament. During those visits there is fellowship, then a devotion on God's Word followed by the offering of absolution and Holy Communion. If you are a shut-in or a family member of a shut-in, please contact Pastor Sitzman or Ken Vagt to schedule a visit with you or the family member on a monthly rotation.

MLS News:

MLS JR CARDINAL WINTER POMS CLINIC

Members of the MLS Poms team would like to invite girls from grades K-6 to their Winter Poms Clinic. The MLS Jr. Cardinal Poms Winter Clinic is scheduled for February 11, 2024! The clinic is for girls from K-5th grade in a WELS/ELS church or school. Each participant will be taught a routine that they will perform with the MLS poms team at halftime of the MLS varsity basketball game on Friday night, February 16, 2024. The cost of the clinic is \$20 and includes a shirt and snack. Poms and hair bows can be added on if needed. To register, visit <u>www.mlsem.org</u>. Deadline to register is January 31 at midnight. Questions? Please contact MLS Public Relations Coordinator, Michael Priebe at mdp@mlsem.org

MLS FOUNDATION DINNER & AUCTION

Tickets are still available for our MLS Foundation Dinner & Auction. Our event will take place on Sunday, February, 18th at the Great Hall in Midland. Join us for an evening of fun, food, and entertainment to support Christian education at Michigan Lutheran Seminary. There will also be an online auction with separate items beginning on February 5th! Go to https://auctria.events/MLS2024 to get your tickets and to register for the online portion of our auction!

Coming up at Zion

Sunday	9:00 a.m. Worship Service (IC/CC)				
	10:30 a.m. Sunday School, Youth Group, and Adult Bible Class				
	11:30 a.m. Friends in Faith Luncheon				
Monday	4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Culver's Zion Fundraiser				
Tuesday	10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Class				
	5:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting				
	7:00 p.m. Elders Meeting				
Wednesday	7:00 p.m. Worship Service				
Sunday	9:00 a.m. Worship Service				
	10:30 a.m. Sunday School, Youth Group, and Adult Bible Class				

	Jan. 31 & Feb. 4	Feb. 7 & 11	Feb. 14 & 18	Feb. 21 & 25	Feb. 28 & March 3
Altar Guild		Liz Seibert &	Deanna Schneck		
Live Stream Helpers Ushers	Erich Freiny Jan. 31 Ray Chandonnet Erich Freiny Rob Krueger Zach Turner Zach Turner <u>Feb. 4</u> Tony Affholter Jeff Douglas Mark Fuerstenberg Ray Palmatier	Rob Krueger <u>Feb. 7</u> Tony Affholter Jeff Douglas Mark Fuerstenberg Ray Palmatier <u>Feb. 11</u> Dave Benge Alan Bober Mathew Hill Joe Koch Jeremy Robinson Jacob Robinson	Ryan Roth <u>Feb. 14</u> Dave Benge Alan Bober Matthew Hill Joe Koch Jeremy Robinson Jacob Robinson William Robinson <u>Feb. 18</u> Jake Burke Rich Heusman Jeff Heusman	Steve Sordahl <u>Feb. 21</u> Jake Burke Rich Heusman Jeff Heusman Juergen Koenig Matt McCormick Zach McCormick <u>Feb. 25</u> Mark Kipf Keith McBee Joe Schmeling Russ Vitale	Miller Sordahl Feb. 28 Mark Kipf Keith McBee Joe Schmeling Russ Vitale March 3 Ray Chandonnet Erich Freiny Rob Krueger Zach Turner
Communion Helpers	Jan. 31 Ken Vagt Feb. 4	William Robinson	Juergen Koenig Matt McCormick Zach McCormick <u>Feb. 14</u> Alan Bober <u>Feb. 18</u>		<u>Feb. 28</u> Ken Vagt <u>March 3</u>
	Mark Kipf Jake Burke		Ray Palmatier Mark Fuerstenberg		Jeff Heusman Jake Burke

February Volunteers





Saturday, February 24th 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. In Zion's Gymnasium Dads. Grandpas. and Uncles come dance

Dads, Grandpas, and Uncles come dance the night away with your Sweetheart… Your night includes dancing, dinner,

> sweet treats, glitter tattoos, and a take away photograph!

> > TICKETS ON SALE NOW Suggested Donation \$10 Per Couple Each Additional Daughter is \$5 Please RSVP by 2-23-24

Tickets Sold at door as well

If you have any questions please contact Melissa Freiny 734-652-1638 Marleise Gutschow 734-755-6844