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and offered Him gifts:
gold, frankincense, and myrrh.”

Matthew 2:11

ZION EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH, MONROE, MI

(Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod)

IN JESUS' NAME WE WELCOME YOU!

Third Sunday After the Epiphany

January 22, 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: Jesus fulfills the prophet's words as he begins to preach the good news in Galilee. He thus manifests himself as the Savior.

LITURGY: Service of Morning Praise

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OPENING HYMN: CW 82

"Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"

EPIPHANY

82 Songs of Thankfulness and Praise



1 Songs of thank - ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to
2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, Proph - et, Priest, and
3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole Pal - sied limbs and
4 Sun and moon shall dark - ened be; Stars shall fall, the
5 Grant us grace to see you, Lord, Mir - rored in your



you we raise, Man - i - fest - ed by the star
King su - preme, And at Ca - na, Wed - ding Guest,
faint - ing soul; Man - i - fest in val - iant fight,
heav'ns shall flee. Christ will then like light - ning shine;
ho - ly Word. May our lives and all we do



To the Ma - gi from a - far, Branch of roy - al
In your God - head man - i - fest; Man - i - fest in
Quell - ing all the dev - il's might; Man - i - fest in
All will see his glo - rious sign. All will then the
Im - i - tate and hon - or you That we all like



Da - vid's stem, In your birth at Beth - le - hem.
pow'r di - vine, Chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine.
gra - cious will, Ev - er bring - ing good from ill.
trum - pet hear; All will see the judge ap - pear.
you may be At your great e - piph - a - ny



An - thems be to you ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
An - thems be to you ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
An - thems be to you ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
You by all will be con - fessed, God in man made man - i - fest.
And may praise you, ev - er blest, God in man made man - i - fest.

STAND

M: O Lord, o - pen my lips.

C: And my mouth shall de - clare your praise.

M: Has - ten to save me, O God.

C: O Lord, come quick - ly to help me.

- M:** (Advent) Behold the _____ King comes: let us wor - ship him.
 (Christmas) Unto us the _____ Christ is born: let us wor - ship him.
 (Epiphany) The glory of Christ _____ is re - vealed: let us wor - ship him.
 (Lent) Behold the _____ Lamb of God: let us wor - ship him.
 (Easter) The Lord is _____ ris - en: let us wor - ship him.
 (Pentecost) The Spirit of the Lord _____ fills the world: let us wor - ship him.
 (General) Praise be to God, the Father,
 the Son, and the Holy _____ Spir - it: let us wor - ship him.

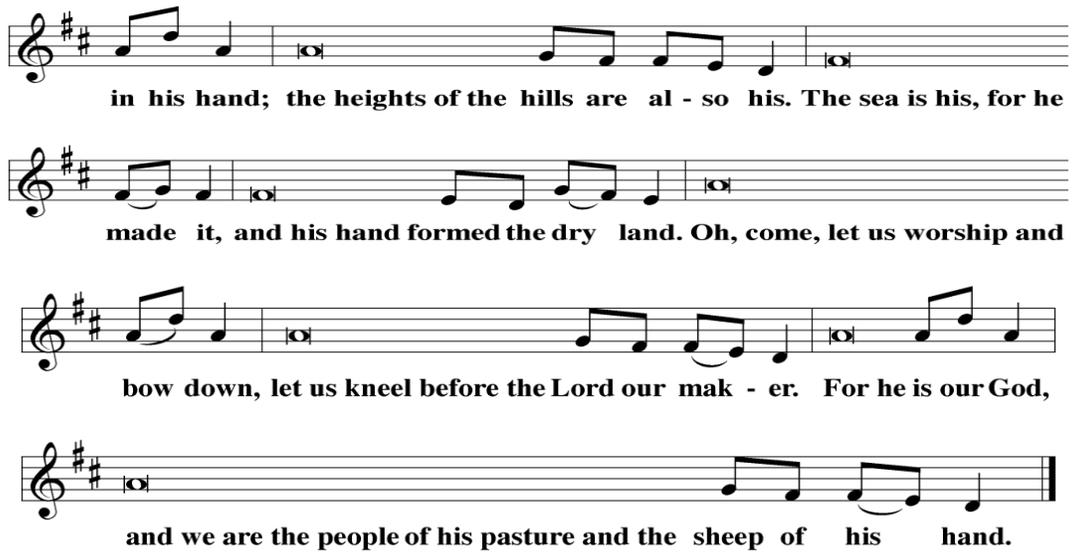
BE SEATED

C: Oh, come, let us sing to the Lord, let us make a joyful noise to the rock of

our sal - va - tion. Let us come into his presence with thanks - giv - ing,

let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise. For the Lord is a

great God and a great king a - bove all gods. The deep places of the earth are



in his hand; the heights of the hills are al - so his. The sea is his, for he
made it, and his hand formed the dry land. Oh, come, let us worship and
bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our mak - er. For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

THE WORD

First Lesson

Isaiah 9:1-4

¹ Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for the land that was in anguish. In former times, he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will cause it to be glorious, along the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, in Galilee of the Gentiles. ² The people walking in darkness have seen a great light. For those living in the land of the shadow of death, the light has dawned. ³ You have multiplied the nation. You have increased its joy. They rejoice before you like the joy at harvest time, like the celebration when people divide the plunder. ⁴ For you have shattered the yoke that burdened them. You have broken the bar on their shoulders and the rod of their oppressor, as you did in the day of Midian. (EHV)

Refrain

At the works of your hands, O Lord, I
lift up my voice in song; I sing for joy.

Psalm tone *

I will sing of the LORD'S great love forever.*

I will make your faithfulness known through all generations.

I will declare that your love stands firm forever.*

that you established your faithfulness in heaven itself.

The heavens praise your wonders, O LORD,*

your faithfulness too, in the assembly of the holy ones.

Refrain

O LORD God Almighty, who is like you?*

You are mighty, O LORD, and your faithfulness surrounds you.

Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim you,*

who walk in the light of your presence, O LORD.

They rejoice in your name all day long;*

they exult in your righteousness.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son*

and to the Holy Spirit,

as it was in the beginning.*

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Refrain

¹⁰ Brothers, I am making an appeal to you using the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. I ask that you all express the same view and not have any divisions among you, but that you be joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment. ¹¹ For the news I heard about you, my brothers, from members of Chloe’s household, is that there are rivalries among you. ¹² What I mean is that each of you says, “I belong to Paul,” or “I belong to Apollos,” or “I belong to Cephas,” or “I belong to Christ.” ¹³ Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized into the name of Paul? ¹⁴ I thank God that I did not baptize any of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵ so that no one can say that I baptized you into my own name. ¹⁶ (I also baptized the household of Stephanas. Besides them, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷ For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel—not with the wisdom used in speeches, so that the cross of Christ would not be emptied of its power. (EHV)

HYMN: CW 485

“We Give Thee but Thine Own”

STEWARDSHIP

485

We Give Thee but Thine Own



1 We give thee but thine own, What - e'er
 2 May we thy boun - ties thus As stew -
 3 Oh, hearts are bruised and dead, And homes
 4 To com - fort and to bless, To find
 5 The cap - tives to re - lease, To God



the gift may be; All that we have is
 ards true re - ceive And glad - ly, as thou
 are bare and cold, And lambs for whom the
 a balm for woe, To tend the lone and
 the lost to bring, To teach the way of



thine a - lone, A trust, O Lord, from thee.
 bless - est us, To thee our first - fruits give.
 shep - herd bled Are stray - ing from the fold.
 fa - ther - less, Is an - gels' work be - low.
 life and peace— It is a Christ - like thing.

6 And we believe thy Word
 Though dim our faith may be:
 Whate'er for thine we do, O Lord,
 We do it unto thee.

¹¹ After they went into the house and saw the child with Mary, his mother, they bowed down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts: gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

**“THEN THEY OPENED THEIR TREASURES
AND OFFERED HIM GIFTS:
GOLD, FRANKINCENSE, AND MYRRH.”**

WE PRAISE YOU, O GOD



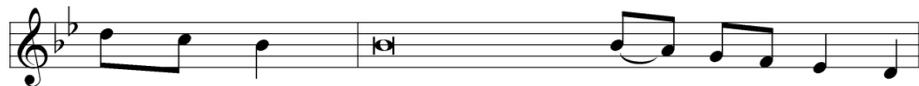
C: We praise you, O God, we acclaim you as Lord; all creation worships you,



Fa-ther ev - er - last - ing. To you all angels, all the pow'rs of heav'n,



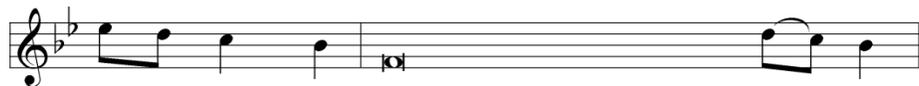
cherubim and seraphim, sing in end-less praise: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of



heav'n - ly hosts, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry.



The glorious company of apostles praise you. The noble fellowship of



proph - ets praise you. The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.



Throughout the world the ho - ly Church ac - claims you:



Father of majesty unbounded, your glorious, true, and on - ly Son,

and the Holy Spirit, ad - vo - cate and guide. You, Christ, are the King of
 glo - ry, the eternal Son of the Fa - ther. When you became man to
 set us free, you humbled yourself to be born of a vir - gin. You overcame the
 sting of death and opened the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev - ers.
 You sit at the right hand of God in the glory of the Fa - ther.
 We believe that you will come to be our judge.
 Come then, Lord, and help your peo - ple, bought with the price of
 your own blood, and bring us with your saints to glory ev - er - last - ing.

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:

CW 124

P: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God and Mary's son, in the fullness of time you came into our world to save us from sin and death:

C: **You ushered in the day of grace so long foretold.**

P: Beloved Son of the Father, revered by the Magi, baptized by John, you came preaching and teaching, healing and comforting, forgiving and encouraging:

C: **You brought the light of life to those walking in darkness, and the joy of salvation to those doomed to death.**

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.



M: Let us praise the Lord.



C: Thanks be to God.

BLESSING



M: The grace of our Lord + Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the fellowship of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



C: A - men.

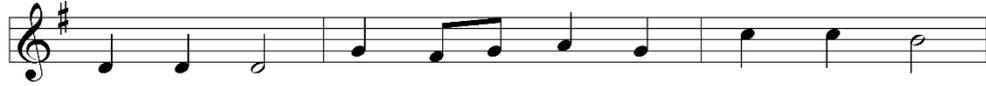
EPIPHANY

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As with Gladness Men of Old



1 As with glad - ness men of old Did the guid - ing
 2 As with joy - ful steps they sped, Sav - ior, to your
 3 As they of - fered gifts most rare At your cra - dle,
 4 Ho - ly Je - sus, ev - 'ry day Keep us in the
 5 In the heav'n - ly coun - try bright Need they no cre -



star be - hold, As with joy they hailed its light,
 low - ly bed, There to bend the knee be - fore
 rude and bare, So may we with ho - ly joy,
 nar - row way; And, when earth - ly things are past,
 a - ted light; You its light, its joy, its crown,



Lead - ing on - ward, beam - ing bright, So, most gra - cious
 You whom heav'n and earth a - dore, So may we with
 Pure and free from sin's al - loy, All our cost - liest
 Bring our ran - somed souls at last Where they need no
 You its sun which goes not down. There for - ev - er



Lord, may we Ev - er - more your fol - lowers be.
 will - ing feet Ev - er seek your mer - cy seat.
 treas - ures bring, Christ, to you, our heav'n - ly King.
 star to guide, Where no clouds your glo - ry hide.
 may we sing Al - le - lu - ias to our King!

Text: William C. Dix, 1837–98, alt.
 Tune: DIX (77 77 77) Conrad Kocher, 1786–1872, alt.



Officiants

Accompanist: Wednesday – Mona Vitale

Sunday - Kayla Liechty

Wednesday Liturgist & Preacher: Pastor Ross Ulrich

Sunday Liturgist: Pastor Greg Sitzman

Sunday Preacher: Pastor Ross Ulrich

ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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SECURITY UPDATE: Zion Church Council has decided that starting on **Sunday, January 8th** for security reasons they will be **locking the school door entrance at 9:10 a.m.** If you get to church after 9:10 a.m. please use the other church entrances. Thank you.

PLAYGROUP AT ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH: Come join parents and littles, children kindergarten or younger and their parents, to come have fun. They are meeting on Monday mornings from 8:30 until 10:00 a.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church on Albain Rd. Join for snacks, play and Christian fellowship. Contact Chelsea Kowalski at 507-766-5679 for any questions.

ZION CONGREGATION PARTICIPATION:

ART FAIR – The Zion Art Fair is planned for Sunday, March 5th. We would love items from the Zion Congregation to put in alongside the Zion School art projects. Please have all items into the Zion office by Monday, February 27. We look forward to all the beautiful artistic items. Thank you in advance for your participation.

ZION SCHOOL AUCTION – Zion is holding their bi-annual auction on Sunday, March 5th at noon. There will be live auction, silent auction, and raffle ticket items. We will also have some fun games to play before and after the auction. There will be a free will offering lunch available. If we have enough participation, we would love to have a bake sale this year – due to the pandemic at the last auction we were not able to have the bake sale.

SERVICE AND FELLOWSHIP NOTE: There will be no Stewardship Experience in the upcoming months due to lack of volunteer speakers. No one has come forward to volunteer their life experiences to share with the congregation. If anyone would like to volunteer to share their life stories please contact Mel White, Mark Fuerstenberg or Ken Vagt.

PASTOR ULRICH RETIRING – Pastor Ulrich has announced his retirement effective June 30, 2023. The Board of Elders has recommendations for Zion in light of Pastor Ulrich's retirement.

BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP:

Dear Members of Zion,

Did you know that we have a capital campaign going on RIGHT NOW?

Within the past 14 months Zion has received two estate gifts totaling approximately \$80,000 and an additional \$25,000 through member offerings. These donations have helped seed a couple exciting projects and complete others. A list of projects that have been completed include:

- New furniture has been purchased for the west foyer (some furniture still pending delivery)
- 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

Here is a list of projects that will be approved **as the funds are available**. It is important to note that the current plan is to only pursue these projects once funds are collected through the capital campaign. This will remain true unless the repair becomes urgent or emergency in nature.

- A major update to the restrooms to make them handicap accessible
- A backup generator allowing worship services and school to continue during times without power
- Repair and/or replacement of the roof

These are all very exciting projects that will serve Zion well for many years. As you consider a year end gift, please consider giving to these important projects and **mark your donations as “Capital Campaign”**.

Thank you for your support as Zion undertakes some large and much needed projects.
Sincerely, Board of Stewardship

THE BOARD OF SERVICE AND FELLOWSHIP is planning to hold a marriage retreat in March 17-19, 2023. WELS Pastor Randy Hunter will lead the discussions. We would start on Friday evening and run through Sunday at noon. A worship service will be conducted on Sunday morning. We need to get an approximate number of persons who would attend. If you sign up, it does not mean you are locked into attending. If you have any questions, please contact Ken Vagt.

HVL NEWS:

New Year Greetings! What a joy it is to go into a new year with the confidence that in Christ all of God's promises are assured. God's blessings to you and yours in the new year.

Introducing Hope Christian Academy

HVLHS is becoming Hope Christian Academy beginning with the 2023-24 school year. HCA will serve students in grades 6th-12th with innovative, Christian education.

Why Change?

HVLHS has been serving students and families in our association for nearly 50 years. (What a blessing!) Over that time our association and community has undergone a great deal of change. For this reason, it was time to build a new program to better serve the needs of our association and community.

New Name - Same Mission

HCA will be operated by the same association of churches as HVLHS was and will retain its mission of Christian education, our faculty and staff, our extraordinary culture of connectedness, and our identity and purpose. We will be changing our branding and marketing, the grades we offer, and our efforts in reaching out to our community. (In the next update we will release our new logo!)

COMING UP AT ZION

Sunday 9:00 a.m. Worship Service
 10:15 a.m. Sunday School, Youth Group and NO Adult Bible Class
 10:15 a.m. OPEN FORUM
 11:30 a.m. Friends in Faith

Tuesday Pastor’s Circuit Meeting @ Pastor Bater’s, Onsted
 10:00 a.m. Bible Class

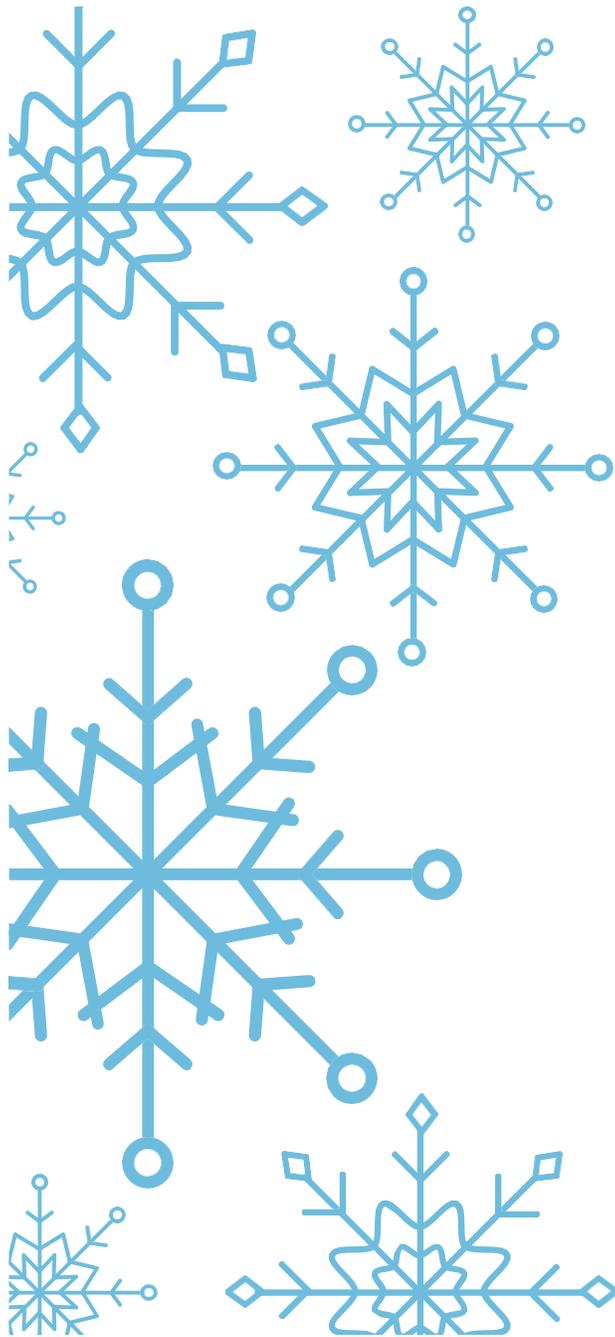
Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Worship Service – Pastor Joel Gaertner, “JESUS CARES MINISTRY”

Thursday 6:30 p.m. Service & Fellowship Meeting

Sunday 9:00 a.m. Worship Service - Pastor Joel Gaertner, “JESUS CARES MINISTRY”
 10:15 a.m. Sunday School, Youth Group and Adult Bible Class
 11:30 a.m. Quarterly Voter’s Meeting featuring Annual Reports

JANUARY VOLUNTEERS

	Jan. 1	Jan. 4 & 8	Jan. 11 & 15	Jan. 18 & 22	Jan. 25 & 29
ALTAR GUILD			Pastor Ulrich		
LIVE STREAM HELPERS		Steve Sordahl	Rob Krueger	NEED HELPER	Miller Sordahl
USHERS	<u>Jan. 1</u> Joe Koch Dave Bengel Joe Schmeling	<u>Jan. 8</u> Jeremy Robinson Jacob Robinson William Robinson Alan Bober	<u>Jan. 11</u> Jeremy Robinson Jacob Robinson William Robinson Alan Bober <u>Jan. 15</u> Rich Heusman Jeff Heusman Jake Burke Juergan Koenig Matt McCormick	<u>Jan. 22</u> Russ Vitale Keith McBee Mark Kipf	<u>Jan. 25</u> Russ Vitale Keith McBee Mark Kipf <u>Jan. 29</u> Rob Krueger Ralph Naveaux Ray Chandonnet Erich Freiny



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Join Us
for an
Informational
Luncheon and
Fellowship

Friends In Faith

Sunday, January 22nd 11:30am
Zion Lutheran Auditorium

ALL WOMEN OF THE
CONGREGATION ARE
INVITED

