

January 29, 2023 – Fourth Sunday after Epiphany



WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

We are glad to be gathered with you. If you are visiting with us for the first time, please ask an usher to answer any questions you may have.

The altar flowers are given in gratitude for the family of Zion.

Assisting Minister — Brian Reilly
 Acolyte — Brooke Bredeson
 Greeters — Ted & Elaine Jermansen
 Ushers — John & Wendy Minerowicz

Entrance Hymn	<i>"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"</i>	ELW 873
Hymn of the Day	<i>"Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"</i>	ELW 719, v. 1-3, 6
Sending Hymn	<i>"To Be Your Presence"</i>	ELW 546



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ANNUAL MEETING

The 2023 **Annual Meeting of the Congregation** is being held today at the Christian Education Building following this morning's worship service. After the meeting we will enjoy a potluck luncheon. The purpose of the meeting is to receive the 2022 annual report, approve the 2023 proposed budget, and introduce 2023 council members. **Child care will be provided during the meeting.**



Zion's **Youth Mentoring** program aims to build one-on-one relationships between the youth and adults of the congregation, facilitated by special programs and suggested activities. Our hope is that this relationship will be an ongoing connection for our young people as they continue through high school, building community for our youth and adults at Zion. Special thanks to Shellie Evers and Courtney & Maisie Ronaldo for sharing their experiences with us this morning.

January 22nd Attendance

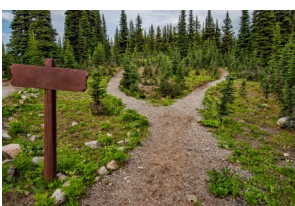
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Families who requested to receive their giving statements electronically this year should have received their 2022 year-end statement by email on January 18th. All other statements are available at the back of the church. Please pick yours up today. If you have any questions about your statement, please contact John Rustwick, Financial Secretary, at jrustwick@gmail.com or 908-638-6339.

Financial Summary 2022

<u>INCOME</u>
\$358,414
<u>EXPENSE</u>
-\$361,900
<u>DIFFERENCE</u>
-\$3,486



As announced by email, Pastor Kat is excited to introduce, "A Year of Growing in Faith," a new virtual education program for adults. This is an opportunity for adults to deepen their faith and consider how God is calling them in this time of life. If you are interested in participating or learning more, please reach out to Pastor Kat at pastor@zionoldwick.com.

First Reading: Micah 6:1-8

¹Hear what the LORD says:

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

²Hear, 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.

³O my people, what have I done to you?

In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

⁴For 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.

⁵O 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."

⁶"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?

⁷Will 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?"

⁸He 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?

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

³"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

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

⁷"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Shine on Us"

Michael W. Smith

Shine the light of your face on us, Lord; shine the light of your face on us.

Shine the light of your face on us, Lord; shine the light of your face on us.

Lord, let your light, light of your face shine on us, that we may be saved, that we may have life;

To find our way in the darkest night. Let your light shine on us.

Lord, let your grace, grace from your hand fall on us, that we may be saved; that we may have life

To find our way in the darkest night, let your grace fall on us.

Shine the light of your face on us, Lord; shine the light of your face on us.

Lord, let your love, love with no end, come over us; that we may be saved;

That we may have life to find our way in the darkest night. Let your love come over us;

Let your grace fall on us, your light shine on us, on us.

Installation of 2023 Council Members

The following people have been elected by the congregation to be members of the 2023 Church Council. 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 sisters and brothers will lead us in our common life and our mutual mission as a congregation.

The names of those who are to be installed are read by a representative of the congregation. 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.

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.

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?

Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Please stand, as you are able.

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.

I now declare you installed as council members of this congregation. Almighty God bless you, and direct your days and your deeds in peace, that you may be faithful servants of Christ.

Amen.

