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EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



4th Sunday after Epiphany

Worship with Prayers and Anointing for Healing

January 28, 2024

9:15 am Worship

Live streamed on Zion's facebook page

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Order for Worship

MUSIC FOR GATHERING “Ratisbon”

Timothy Albrecht

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

*OPENING HYMN “Rise, Shine, You People”



1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered
2 See how he sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;
3 Come, cel - e - brate; your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,
4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent the Son to save us.



our hu - man sto - ry; God in him is cen - tered. He comes to
he brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing. All men and
your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark - ness hurl - ing. To all the
Tell of the Son, who life and free - dom gave us. Tell how the



us, by death and sin sur - round - ed, with grace un - bound - ed.
wom - en, who by guilt are driv - en, now are for - giv - en.
world go out and tell the sto - ry of Je - sus' glo - ry.
Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry na - tion God's new cre - a - tion.

*ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Sisters and brothers in Christ, God knows our needs before we ask, and in our asking prepares us to receive the gift of grace. As we worship this morning, let us open our lives to God's healing presence and forsake all that separates us from God and neighbor. Let us be mindful not only of personal evil, but also of our communal sins of family, class, race and nation. Let us confess to God whatever has wounded us, or brought injury to others, that we may receive mercy and become for each other instruments of God's grace.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination

Let us confess our sins together

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, your face is hidden from us by our sins, and we forget your mercy in the blindness of our hearts. Cleanse us from all our offenses and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires. In reverence and humility may we draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and our strength: Through Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn?

Only Christ, and Christ died for us

Christ rose for us,

Christ reigns in power for us,

Christ prays for us.

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Friends, believe the good news: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

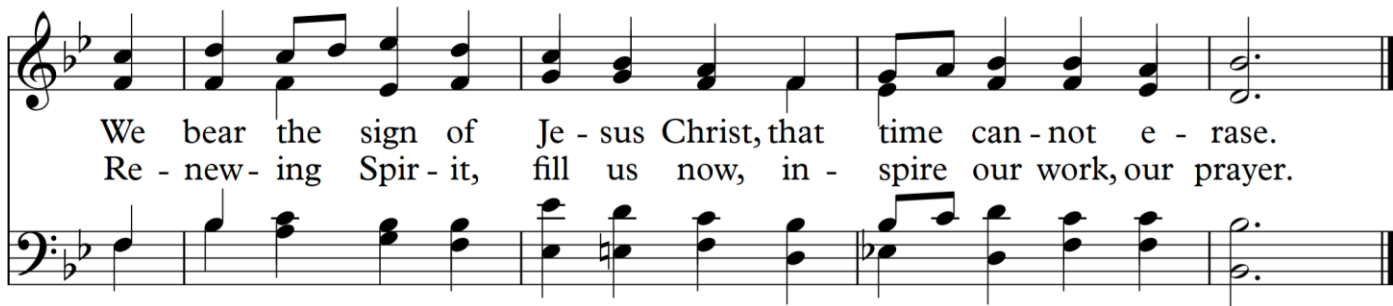
*GREETING

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.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE



Re - mem - ber and re - joice, re - newed by floods of grace.
God bless us by your grace; re - mind us of your care.



We bear the sign of Je - sus Christ, that time can - not e - rase.
Re - new - ing Spir - it, fill us now, in - spire our work, our prayer.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Compassionate God, you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in our confusion, that all creation will see and know your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

[Moses said:] ¹⁵The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. ¹⁶This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: “If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die.” ¹⁷Then the LORD replied to me: “They are right in what they have said. ¹⁸I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. ¹⁹Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. ²⁰But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die.”

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 111

¹Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

²**Great are your works, O LORD,
pondered by all who delight in them.**

³Majesty and splendor mark your deeds,
and your righteousness endures forever.

⁴**You cause your wonders to be remembered;
you are gracious and full of compassion.**

⁵You give food to those who fear you,
remembering forever your covenant.

⁶**You have shown your people the power of your works
in giving them the lands of the nations.**

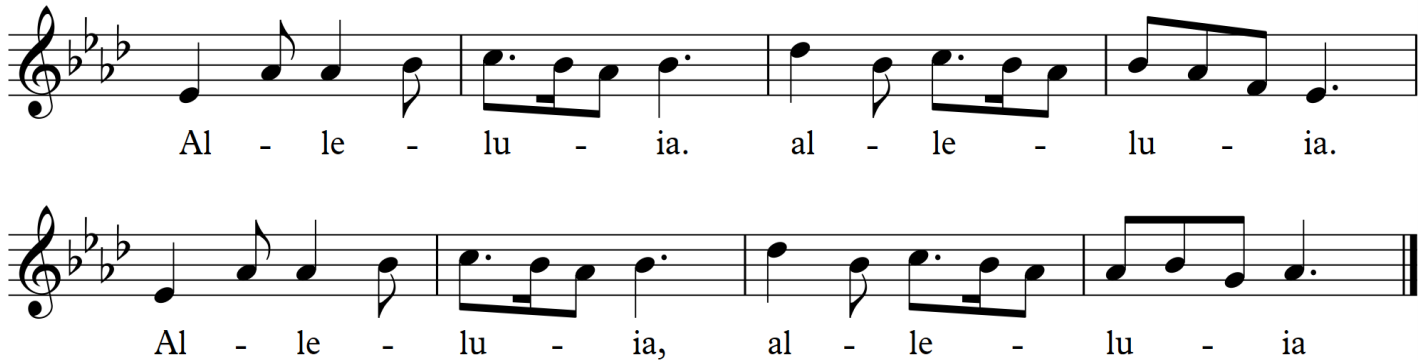
⁷The works of your hands are faithfulness and justice;
all of your precepts are sure.

⁸**They stand fast forever and ever,
because they are done in truth and equity.**

⁹You sent redemption to your people and commanded your covenant forever;
holy and awesome is your name.

¹⁰**The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
all who practice this have a good understanding. God's praise endures
forever.**

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 1st chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

***GOSPEL: Mark 1:21-28**

²¹[Jesus and his disciples] went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. ²²They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. ²³Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, ²⁴and he cried out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.” ²⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” ²⁶And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, “What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” ²⁸At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*HYMN OF THE DAY “Faith Begins by Letting Go”



1 Faith be - gins by let - ting go, giv - ing up what had seemed sure,
2 Faith en - dures by hold - ing on, keep - ing mem - 'ry's roots a - live
3 Faith ma - tures by reach - ing out, stretch - ing minds, en - larg - ing hearts,

tak - ing risks and press - ing on, though the way feels less se - cure:
so that hope may bear its fruit; prom - ise - fed, our souls will thrive,
shar - ing strug - gles, liv - ing prayer, bind - ing up the bro - ken parts;

pil - grim - age both right and odd, trust - ing all our life to God.
not through mer - it we pos - sess but by God's great faith - ful - ness.
till we find the com - mon - place ripe with wit - ness to God's grace.

*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 FOR HEALING

Our Lord Jesus healed many as a sign of the reign of God and sent the disciples to continue this work of healing – with prayer, the laying on of hands, and anointing. In the name of Christ, the great healer and reconciler of the world, we now entrust to God all who are in need of healing.

Silence for reflection and prayer.

Great God our creator, by your power, Jesus healed the sick and gave hope to the hopeless. In his name and for his sake,

look upon us with mercy and bless us with your healing Spirit.

Bring us comfort in the midst of pain, strength to transform our weakness,
and light to illuminate the shadows.

Grant your healing grace to all who are sick, injured, or disabled and all those we name before you now (aloud and in our hearts)..... that they may be made whole; Lord in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Grant to all who are lonely, anxious, or despondent, the awareness of your presence; Lord in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Mend broken relationships, and restore those in emotional distress to soundness of mind and serenity of spirit. Lord in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Breathe your Spirit of peace into all those places where conflict and violence destroy lives and hope. Break down walls of separation and fear; make reconciliation a present possibility. Lord in our mercy,

hear our prayer.

Bless physicians, nurses, EMT's, therapists, and all others who minister to the suffering; grant them wisdom and skill; sympathy and patience. Grant your wisdom to public officials, and to all whose work is to promote and sustain the well-being of local communities. Lord in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Grant to the dying a peaceful death, and with your grace strengthen those who mourn; Lord in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Restore to wholeness whatever is broken in our lives, in this nation, and in the world. Lord in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Gracious God, in baptism, you anointed us with the oil of salvation, and joined us to the death and resurrection of your Son. Bless all who seek your healing presence in their lives. As we seek to live in faith and hope, draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love, that following Christ in the way of the cross we may know the power of his resurrection; who lives and reigns forever and ever.

Amen

ANOINTING WITH OIL

Friends in Christ, I invite those of you who wish, to come and receive a sign of healing and wholeness in God's name.

Those who wish to receive laying on of hands and anointing may come forward. The minister anoints the person's forehead with oil, making the sign of the cross and offering a brief prayer.

*CONCLUDING PRAYER

God of mercy, source of all healing, we give you thanks for your gifts of strength and life, and especially for the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ, through whom we have health and salvation. Help us by your Holy Spirit to feel your power in our lives and to know your eternal love. **Amen.**

*THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

A stewardship note: *Offering plates have been placed near the entrance to receive your gifts. An additional offering plate is on the stand near the organ. If you miss the chance to drop off your offering when you arrive, you are welcome to place your offering in the plate at the close of the service.*

SPECIAL OFFERING for the Fasnacht Family

MUSIC OFFERING "We Come to You For Healing"
Sanctuary Choir

Ruth Schram

OFFERTORY (vs. 1&3)



As we gath - er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to you
Turn our wor - ship in - to wit - ness in the sac - ra - ment of
Gra-cious Spir - it help us sum - mon oth - er guests to share that
word, help us know, O God your pres-cense; let our hearts and minds be
life; send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is
feast where tri - um - phant Love will wel - come those who had been last and
stirred. Nour-ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as your
strife. Give us, Christ, your great com - pas - sion to for - give as you for -
least. There no more will en - vy blind us nor will pride our peace de -
own; teach us through this ho - ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic - tory known.
gave; may we still be - hold your im - age in the world you died to save.
stroy, as we join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound-ing joy.

OFFERING PRAYER

Holy God, gracious and merciful,
**you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn
our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your
care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our
Savior and Lord. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.
It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,...
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

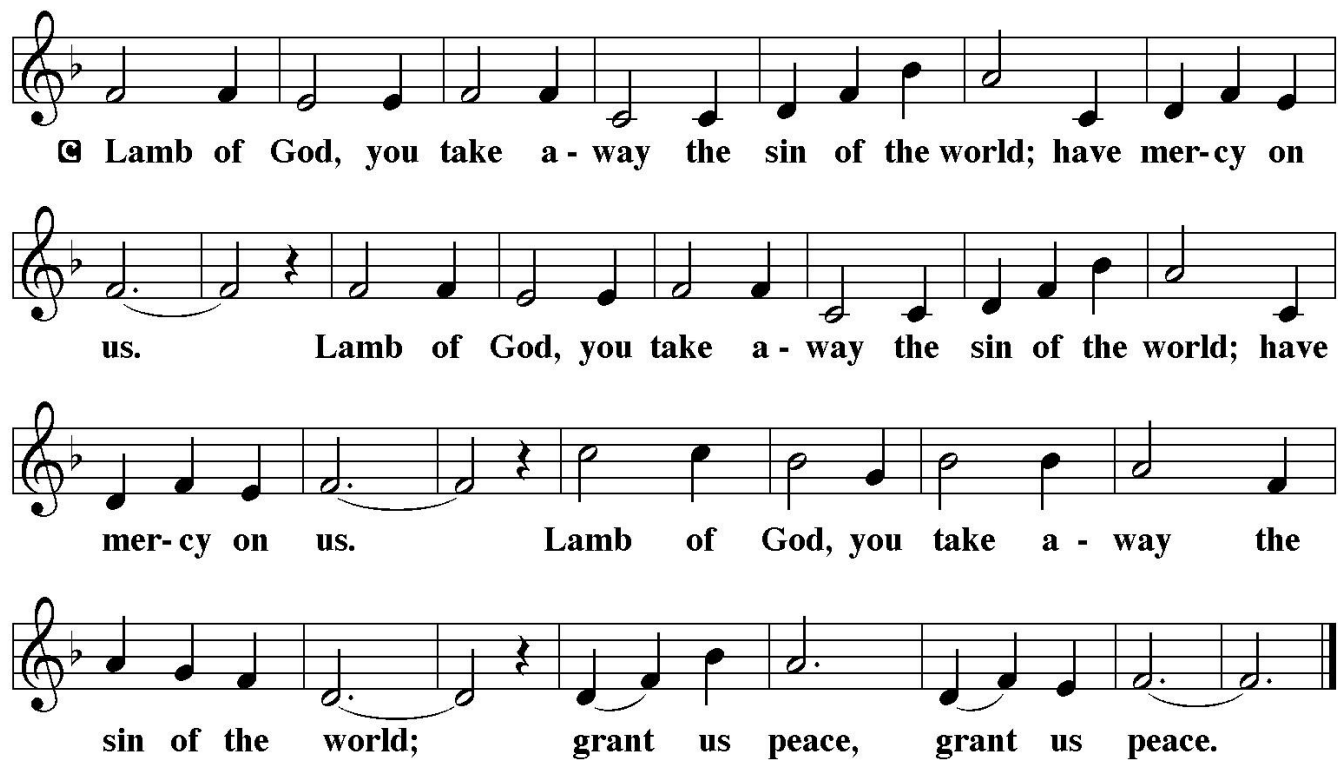
THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 AND DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

We gather at Christ's table and all are welcome. Communion will be distributed by continuous progression at the front of the sanctuary, and you are welcome to come forward by side, as directed by the pastor. In addition to the pre-poured cups of communion wine, grape juice (darker in color) is available in the center of each tray, and gluten free wafers are available upon request. You are welcome to kneel at the rail for prayer after receiving the elements. The communion cups may be placed in the small baskets near the end of the pews as you return to your seat.

COMMUNION MUSIC



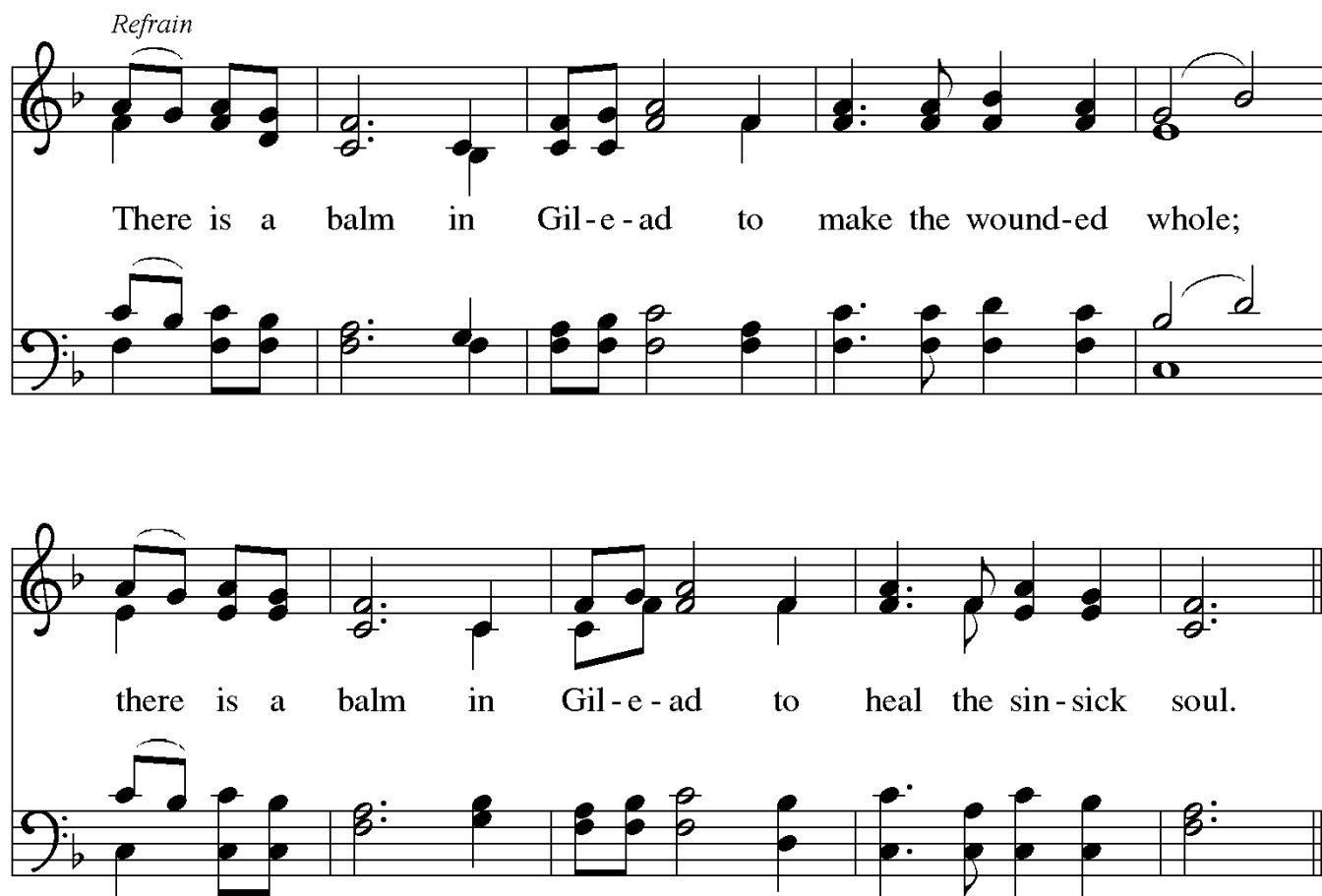
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on

us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

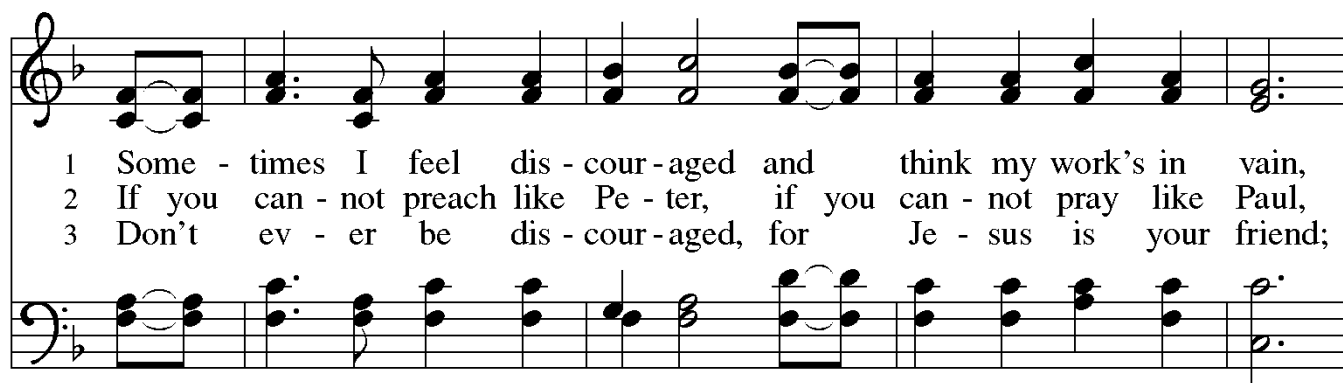
“There is a Balm in Gilead”



Refrain


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;

Refrain



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.

***POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

***POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

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.

***BENEDICTION**

***CLOSING HYMN "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"**

1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to thee we raise;
 2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, proph-et, priest, and king su - preme;
 3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole weak-ened bod - y, faint-ing soul;
 4 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, pres - ent in thy ho - ly word;

man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far,
 and at Ca - na wed - ding guest in thy God-head man - i - fest;
 man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell-ing all the dev - il's might;
 grace to im - i - tate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;

branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem:
 man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, chang-ing wa - ter in - to wine;
 man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring-ing good from ill:
 that we might be - come like thee at thy great e - piph - a - ny,

an - thems be to thee ad-dressed,
 an - thems be to thee ad-dressed, God in flesh made man - i - fest.
 an - thems be to thee ad-dressed,
 and may praise thee, ev - er blest,

***THE DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. You are God's beloved.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE "Salzburg"

David N. Johnson

Weekly Record	Last week	Mo. Total	Budget
Attendance (in-person)	36	110	-----
Attendance (on-line)	17	23	-----
General Fund offering	3,775	12,220	18,963
Greater Zion Fund	97	2,751	-----

Flowers are presented in honor of Esther Brosey's birthday
by her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren

Bulletins are sponsored by Bob & Mary Ann Greiner in memory of loved ones

TODAY'S WORSHIP TEAM:

Worship Leaders: Pastor Kate, Karen Kline

Greeters/Ushers – Bob & Mary Ann Greiner

Lay Reader – Norm Drescher

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Sunday, January 28, 2024

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Mark 1:21-28

The Gospel of Mark describes Jesus as speaking with divine authority; his words have the power to replace the reign of evil with the kingdom of God. This excerpt lays out central questions of Mark's gospel: who is Jesus, and from where comes his authority? Mark tells the Christian community that even though crucified, Jesus is the Holy One of God, and although Jesus is a hidden messiah, the powers of evil recognize his power.

Throughout the Gospel of Mark, we encounter stories of Jesus moving in and out of villages, teaching on the scriptures. The people are astonished at the way he teaches with an authority they have not previously witnessed. In today's gospel, while teaching in the synagogue, Jesus is confronted by a man "with an unclean spirit" (Mark 1:23). While the people in the crowd are just starting to become aware of who Jesus is, the unclean spirit recognizes Jesus' holy authority immediately: "I know who you are, the Holy One of God" (v. 24). When do we have trouble recognizing God? What stumbling blocks might be getting in the way of our honoring God's authority?

In the New Testament, Jesus heals persons afflicted with an **unclean spirit**. In some narratives, the person is described as if physically, mentally, or emotionally ill. But the gospels always mean more than a first-century medical diagnosis. The Holy Spirit of our Lord Christ comes then and now to replace the might of evil with the power of God.

Oftentimes in today's culture, we do not talk about things like "unclean spirits" or "demons" or "possession." However, the gospels mention these topics a few times. Why do you think we have moved away from this language? Should we return to it? What are the risks of not discussing this? What are the risks of using this language?



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Announcements

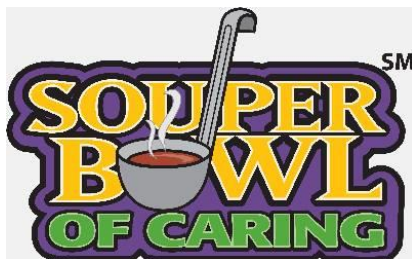
Please join us following worship for a Bible Study on the book of Ruth. We gather in the Rose Parlor to explore God's word together.

We are "passing the plate" to collect funds for the Fasnacht family, who recently lost their husband and father, Brandon. He was a member at Zion, but had been inactive for some time.

2023 Annual Giving Statements are available on the table at the back of the Sunday School Room. You may take a relative or friend's along with you who you will see in the near future. Thank you.

Zion's Annual Bulletin of Reports will be available next Sunday. Feel free to pick one up on your way out from worship on that day.

We need Communion Assistants each week. Please sign up on the roster posted outside the office. Thank you.



Souper Bowl of Caring: Our annual ingathering of soup (beef stew, canned chili, also) for the Manheim Food Pantry will be January 28 – February 11 (Super Bowl Sunday). This year the Manheim Ministerial Association is challenging the community to donate 5,000 cans of soup. Together, let's see what we can do!

MC Food Pantry is in need of boxed rice (no bags), Spam, and soup. They could use some reusable grocery bags. No plastic bags are needed at this time.