



JANUARY 22, 2023

3RD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

Tuesday 11am Bible Study at Zion and on Zoom!

New Bible Study– Jan.18, 2023 – @ 6:30pm - "The Chosen"!_season 3. Connie Pinkowski's home – 4E 26th St. Everyone is welcome to join us!

Annual Meeting – Jan. 29th after worship.

INAGURAL ZION LADIES' DAY OUT RETREAT! Wed., Feb. 1st from 9:30 AM - 12:30. "Journey to the Promised Land." Harvey Cedars Bible Conference, Cost \$10. More Info call Sharon Joyce Sharon Joyce at 267-566-5640 or sandbjoyce79@gmail.com.

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One, source of our renewal,

**we confess that at times we are wrapped up in sin,
and cannot free ourselves.**

We have not practiced your righteousness.

Our hearts have turned away from you.

**For the sake of the world you so love,
forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another
and to you who live forever and ever. Amen.**

Thus says our God:

"The former things have come to pass
and new things I now declare."

God's mercy makes us new.

We are once again forgiven and set free in the name of ✝ Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn: ELW#532 – Gather Us In

Prayer of the Day – Lord God, your loving kindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC – ZION'S CHOIR – Director – Harold Hawkes
"Make me a Channel of Your Peace" - Temple

God's Holy Word

First Reading: Isaiah 9:1-4

¹There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time [the LORD] brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

²The people who walked in darkness
 have seen a great light;
 those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
 on them light has shined.

³You have multiplied the nation,
 you have increased its joy;
 they rejoice before you
 as with joy at the harvest,
 as people exult when dividing plunder.

⁴For the yoke of their burden,
 and the bar across their shoulders,
 the rod of their oppressor,
 you have broken as on the day of Midian.

The Word of the Lord...**THANKS BE TO GOD!**

Psalm 27:1, 4-9

¹The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?
The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

⁴**One thing I ask of the LORD; one thing I seek;
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of
my life; to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek
God in the temple.**

⁵For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter,
hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me
high upon a rock.

⁶**Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who
surround me.**

**Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary,
sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and make music to
the LORD.**

⁷Hear my voice, O LORD, when I call;
have mercy on me and answer me.

⁸**My heart speaks your message— "Seek my face."
Your face, O LORD, I will seek.**

⁹Hide not your face from me, turn not away from
your servant in anger.

**Cast me not away—you have been my helper;
forsake me not, O God of my salvation.**



A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew 4:12-23-
Glory to You, O Lord!

¹²Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

¹⁵"Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,
 on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the
 Gentiles—

¹⁶the people who sat in darkness
 have seen a great light,
 and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death
 light has dawned."

¹⁷From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁹And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." ²⁰Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²²Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

²³Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

The Gospel of the Lord...**PRAISE TO YOU, LORD JESUS CHRIST!**

REFLECTIONS

HYMN- #631 – Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Prayers of Intercession

Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need. *A brief silence.*

Make your church one in purpose, proclaiming the message of the cross. **Help us to work together across differences and denominational traditions.**

We rejoice at the bounty of your creation. Fill the land and sea with your abundance. **Bless our harvests and our preparation for a new season of planting.**

In Jesus Christ your reign O God comes near and calls all to repentance. **Dispel the shadow of death in places of war and persecution.**

O Lord, Our Lord, Be a stronghold for those in trouble and a rock for all who are afraid. **Rouse communities to care for neighbors who need shelter or are isolated and lonely.**

We pray for those who are sick among us especially...NAMES ARE READ ALOUD...

O Lord, Our Lord we bring to you our needs and hopes trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Jesus Christ, Our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

OFFERTORY

Offering Prayer - Merciful God, receive the gifts we bring, our selves, our time, and our possessions. Through this meal unite us as your body, shining with the light of your justice and mercy; for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen!**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

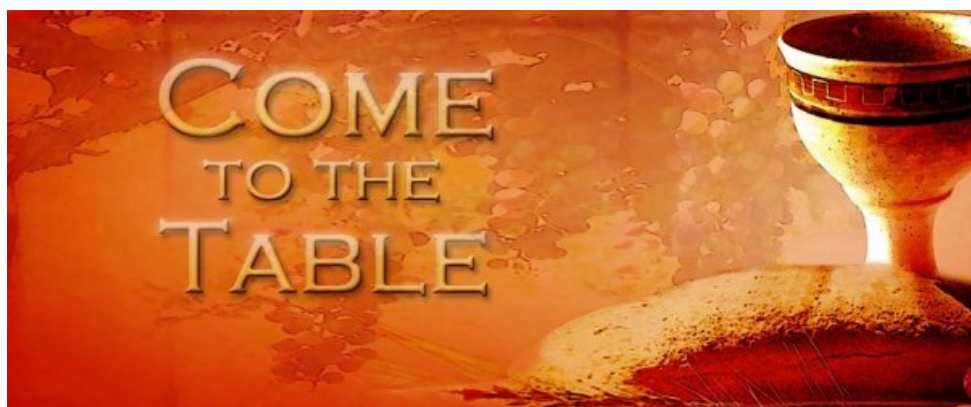
LORD'S PRAYER

**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 to Communion – The Lamb of God has taken away the sins of the world! Come now and receive the Bread of Life!

*[Ushers will escort you to the Communion Rail to receive.
After receiving the wafer, (GLUTEN FREE WAFERS AVAILABLE)
you will be able to take a small cup of wine (red)
or grape juice (white) from a tray.
Deposit the empty cup in the basket.
Then return to your seat.]*

OUR TIME OF COMMUNION WITH THE LORD!



Communion Hymn:

Let Us Break Bread Together



1 Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees;
 2 Let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees;
 3 Let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees;



let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees.
 let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees.
 let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees.



When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing



sun, O Lord, have mer-cy on me.

Prayer after Communion - 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.**

Blessing - The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod ✠ bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN – #661 – I Love To Tell the Story

Dismissal - Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.



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***"God calls us to share our faith in Christ
with the community in all seasons."***