

Zion St. John Lutheran Church  
*Being the Body of Christ*

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February 23 2025 9:00 am 7th Sunday of Epiphany/ Bold Women

### ORDER OF WORSHIP

#### PRELUDE

*Living Hope`*

ZSJ Praise Team

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### *Stand*

#### BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

#### OPENING SONG

*Joy of the Lord*

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#### 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.**

#### KYRIE



P: Lord have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, hear our cry and heal \_\_\_ our land. Let



Kind-ness lead us to re-pent-ance; bring us back a - gain. \_\_\_ C: for Your name



\_\_\_ is great. and Your heart is grace Kyr-i - e E - lei \_\_\_ son! O - ver all



\_\_\_ You reign You a - lone can save Kyr - e - e E - lei - son!

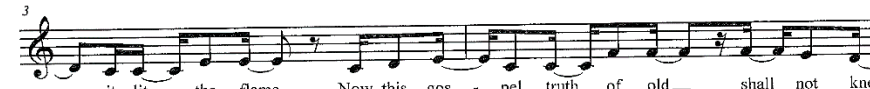


Lord have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy on \_\_\_ us now. \_\_\_

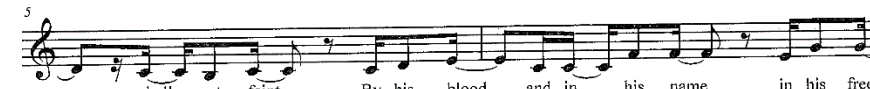
#### HYMN OF PRAISE



And the church of Christ was born, then the Spir -



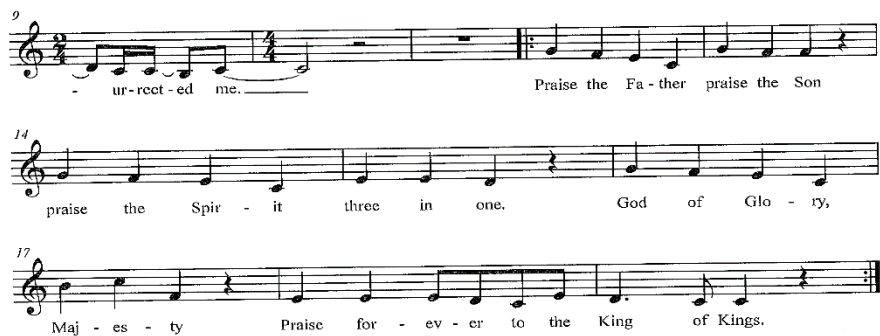
- it lit \_\_\_ the flame. Now this gos - pel truth of old \_\_\_ shall not kneel,



\_\_\_ shall not faint. By his blood \_\_\_ and in \_\_\_ his name in his free -



- dom I \_\_\_ am free for the love \_\_\_ of Je - sus Christ who has res -



### PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord Jesus, make us instruments of your peace, that where there is hatred, we may sow love, where there is injury, pardon, and where there is despair, hope. Grant, O divine master, that we may seek to console, to understand, and to love in your name, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

*Sit*

### FIRST READING: Genesis 45:3-11, 15

<sup>3</sup> Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

<sup>4</sup> Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come closer to me.” And they came closer. He said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. <sup>5</sup> And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. <sup>6</sup> For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. <sup>7</sup> God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. <sup>8</sup> So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. <sup>9</sup> Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. <sup>10</sup> You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. <sup>11</sup> I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.’” <sup>15</sup> And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

<sup>35</sup> But someone will ask, “How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?” <sup>36</sup> Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. <sup>37</sup> And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. <sup>38</sup> But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

<sup>42</sup> So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. <sup>43</sup> It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. <sup>44</sup> It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. <sup>45</sup> Thus it is written, “The first man, Adam, became a living being”; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. <sup>46</sup> But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. <sup>47</sup> The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. <sup>48</sup> As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. <sup>49</sup> Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

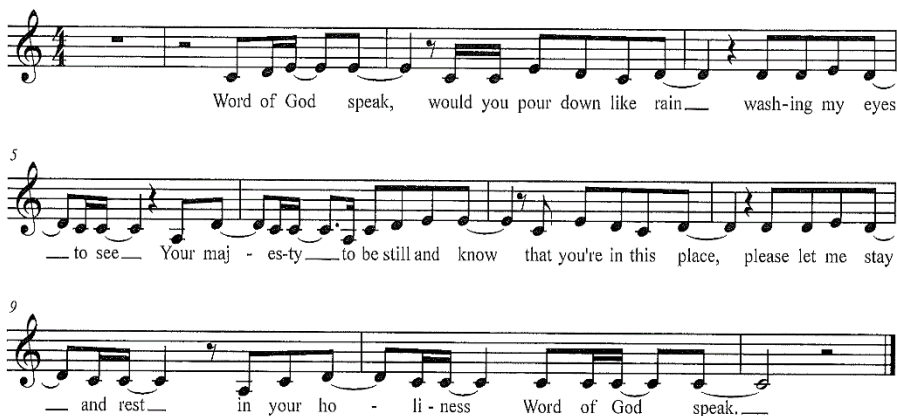
<sup>50</sup> What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



### GOSPEL: Luke 6:27-38

The Holy Gospel according to St Luke, the sixth chapter.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said: <sup>27</sup> “But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, <sup>28</sup> bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. <sup>29</sup> If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away

your coat do not withhold even your shirt. <sup>30</sup> Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. <sup>31</sup> Do to others as you would have them do to you.

<sup>32</sup> “If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. <sup>33</sup> If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. <sup>34</sup> If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. <sup>35</sup> But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. <sup>36</sup> Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

<sup>37</sup> “Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; <sup>38</sup> give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Sit*

## CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

## SERMON

## SONG OF THE DAY *Grace Medley*

1. Amazing grace how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost, but now I'm found, was blind, but now I see.
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved  
How precious did that grace appear, the hour I first believed
3. Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come.  
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far and grace will lead me home.
4. Grace, grace, God’s grace.  
Grace that will pardon and cleanse within.  
Grace, grace, God’s grace, grace that is greater than all my sin. (2x)
5. When we’ve been here ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,  
We’ve no less days to sing God’s praise, than when we’ve first begun.  
We’ve no less days to sing God’s praise, than when we’ve first begun.

## RECOGNITION OF THE BOLD WOMEN OF ZSJ

*Stand*

## APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again 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**

## THE PRAYERS

With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*After each petition:* God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people. **Amen**

*Sit*

**OFFERING** *Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God*

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1. Holy Spirit, living Breath of God,  
Breathe new life into my willing soul.  
Bring the presence of the risen Lord  
To renew my heart and make me whole.  
Cause Your Word to come alive in me;  
Give me faith for what I cannot see;  
Give me passion for Your purity.  
Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.
2. Holy Spirit, come abide within;  
May Your joy be seen in all I do—  
Love enough to cover ev'ry sin  
In each thought and deed and attitude,  
Kindness to the greatest and the least,  
Gentleness that sows the path of peace.

Turn my striving into works of grace.  
Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

3. Holy Spirit, from creation's birth,  
Giving life to all that God has made,  
Show your power once again on earth;  
Cause Your church to hunger for Your ways.  
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise.  
Lead us on the road of sacrifice  
That in unity the face of Christ  
Will be clear for all the world to see.

**OFFERTORY** *Create in Me* Praise Team 1x, Congregation 2x

Cre - ate in\_\_\_ me a clean clean heart. Cre - ate in\_\_\_  
7 me a work of art. Cre - ate in\_\_\_ me a mi\_\_\_ ra - cle;  
13 some - thing\_\_\_ real and some - thing beau - ti ful.

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Let us pray. Merciful God, **we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**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**

**BLESSING** (2x, praise team, then all; SS children are welcome to join)

The Lord bless you, and keep you.  
Make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.

Amen, Amen, Amen

**SENDING SONG** *Endless Love*

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**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Sit*  
**POSTLUDE**

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**Stewardship**

**...we offer with joy and thanksgiving what God has first given us**

**Our Selves...**

Ministers...The Members of Zion St. John Lutheran Church

Music...ZSJ Praise Team Lector...Alice G

Greeters/ Fellowship...Dawin & Lorna M

Audio/Visual...Scott C and Fred R

**Our Time...**

February 16...55 LSV...26 SS...15

**And Our Possessions...**

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**...signs of your gracious love**