

January 18, 2026



**“This is my Son,
the Beloved, with whom
I am well pleased.”**



MT. ZION

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2nd Sunday in Epiphany

Pre-Service Personal Prayer: *We thank You, gracious Father in heaven, for the priceless blessings You have given us in and through Your Word. Bless our hearing of that holy Word. Grant that we may receive it with meekness, apply it to our lives and daily needs and make it known to others. Above all, strengthen and keep us in our saving faith unto eternal life through this blessed Means of Grace. We ask this in Jesus' name, Amen.*

Today's Order of Service

Greeting and Prayer

Opening Hymn 396 *Arise and Shine in Splendor*

1 *Arise and shine in splendor; Let night to day surrender.
Your light is drawing near. Above, the day is beaming,
In matchless beauty gleaming; The glory of the Lord is here.*

2 *See earth in darkness lying, The heathen nations dying
In hopeless gloom and night. To you the Lord of heaven—
Your life, your hope—has given Great glory, honor, and delight.*

3 *The world's remotest races, Upon whose weary faces
The sun looks from the sky, Shall run with zeal untiring,
With joy Your light desiring That breaks upon them from on high.*

4 *Lift up your eyes in wonder— See, nations gather yonder
From sin to be set free. The world has heard Your story;
Her sons come to Your glory; Her daughters haste Your light to see.*

5 *Your heart will leap for gladness When from the realms of sadness
They come from near and far. Your eyes will wake from slumber
As people without number Rejoice to see the Morning Star.*

The Invocation

We invoke ("call upon") the name of the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

P In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen!

The Confession and Absolution of Sins

We come before our Holy God admitting that we are sinful and need His forgiveness.

P We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

C Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

P God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will!

C Amen!

Lord, Have Mercy

Kyrie – Latin for “O Lord.” We approach our Lord with a cry for help in all the needs of our earthly life.

Lord, have mer-cy on us. Christ, have mer-cy
on us. Lord, have mer-cy on us.

Glory to God in the Highest

Gloria in Excelsis – Latin for “Glory in the Highest (to God).” A hymn glorifying and praising our God.

Glo-ry to God, we give you thanks and praise; Of
Lord Je-sus Christ, the Fa-ther's on-ly Son, You
A-lone, O Christ, You on-ly are the Lord, At
heav'n-ly joy and peace on earth we sing. We wor-ship
bore for us the load of this world's sin. O Lamb of
God's right hand in maj-es - ty most high: Who, with the
You, to You our hearts we raise, Lord God, al -
God, Your glo-rious vic - t'ry won, Re - ceive our
Spir - it wor-shiped and a - dored, With all the
might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.
prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.
heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

The Prayer for the Day

The main thoughts for the day are collected together in this prayer.

- P** Let us pray. . . through Christ Jesus, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

Old Testament Reading: *Isaiah 42:1-9*

Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. ² He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; ³ a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. ⁴ He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law. ⁵ Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people on it and spirit to those who walk in it: ⁶ "I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, ⁷ to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. ⁸ I am the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols. ⁹ Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them."

Responsive Psalm Reading: *Psalm 29*

- P** Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- C** Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.
- P** The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over many waters.
- C** The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.
- P** The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.
- C** He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.
- P** The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.



C The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

P The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth and strips the forests bare, and in his temple all cry, "Glory!"

C The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.

P May the LORD give strength to his people!

C May the LORD bless his people with peace!

Epistle Reading: *Romans 6:1-11*

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ² By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³ Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. ⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶ We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷ For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸ Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰ For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹ So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

P Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le-lu - ia! These words are
writ - ten that we may believe that Je-sus is the Christ, the
Son of God. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le-lu - ia!

The Apostle's Creed

We boldly confess what we believe.

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven; And is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Installation of 2026 Church Officers

**Installed last Sunday*

President Randy Wittorp (1yr)*

Vice President Ben Mueller (1yr)*

Secretary Jesse Wilke (1yr)*

Treasurer Carl Ryan (1yr)

Financial Sec. Dave Troyan (1yr)*

Trustee Nicholas Jakel (3yr)*

Elder Dave Troyan (3yr)*

Bd. Education: Carl Ryan (3yr)

Board of Finance: Mason Dzakowic, James Voelzke*, Peter Voelzke (1yr)*

Hymn 594 *God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It*

1 *God's own child, I gladly say it: I am baptized into Christ!
He, because I could not pay it, gave my full redemption price.
Do I need earth's treasures many? I have one worth more than any
That brought me salvation free, Lasting to eternity!*

2 *Sin, disturb my soul no longer: I am baptized into Christ!
I have comfort even stronger: Jesus' cleansing sacrifice.
Should a guilty conscience seize me, since my baptism did release me
In a dear forgiving flood, sprinkling me with Jesus' blood?*

3 *Satan, hear this proclamation: I am baptized into Christ!
Drop your ugly accusation; I am not so soon enticed.
Now that to the font I've traveled, all your might has come unraveled,
And, against your tyranny, God, my Lord, unites with me!*

4 *Death, you cannot end my gladness: I am baptized into Christ!
When I die, I leave all sadness to inherit paradise!
Though I lie in dust and ashes faith's assurance brightly flashes:
Baptism has the strength divine to make life immortal mine.*

5 *There is nothing worth comparing to this lifelong comfort sure!
Open-eyed my grave is staring: Even there I'll sleep secure.
Though my flesh awaits its raising, still my soul continues praising:
I am baptized into Christ; I'm a child of paradise!*

The Sermon: Matthew 3:13-17

Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴ John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" ¹⁵ But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. ¹⁶ And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; ¹⁷ and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

THEME: JESUS IS ON THE JOB!

- I. He fulfills all righteousness. (13-15) II. He is anointed by the Spirit. (16)
III. He has the Father's approval. (17)

Sermon Worksheet:

How did John the Baptist and Jesus know each other?

What does it mean that Jesus was baptized to "fulfill all righteousness"?

Rather than olive oil, with what (or who) was Jesus anointed? Why?

How is your baptism similar to Jesus' baptism? (hint: 3 in 1)

The Offertory

Having heard God's Word, we pray for spiritual healing through the gift of the Holy Spirit.



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir-it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Your pres - ence. Take not Your Ho - ly
Spir-it from me. Re store to me the joy of Your sal -
va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir - it free.

Hymn 405 *To Jordan's River Came Our Lord*

1 *To Jordan's river came our Lord, The Christ, whom heav'nly hosts adored,
The God from God, the Light from Light, The Lord of glory, pow'r, and might.*

2 *The Savior came to be baptized— The Son of God in flesh disguised—
To stand beneath the Father's will And all His righteousness fulfill.*

3 *As Jesus in the Jordan stood And John baptized the Lamb of God,
The Holy Spirit, heav'nly dove, Descended on Him from above.*

4 *Then from God's throne with thund'rous sound Came God's own voice with words
profound: "This is My Son," was His decree, "The one I love, who pleases Me."*

5 *The Father's word, the Spirit's flight Anointed Christ in glorious sight
As God's own choice, from Adam's fall To save the world and free us all.*

6 *Now rise, faint hearts, be resolute; This man is Christ, our substitute!
He was baptized in Jordan's stream, Proclaimed Redeemer, Lord supreme.*

The Offering of Thankful Hearts

In tangible evidence of our gratitude, we offer the Lord the gift of our money, remembering that He has first given to us that we might have to give to Him. If you wish to give your church offering electronically, you can do so by using the CashApp on your mobile device. The church's \$cashtag is "Sclcmztzion". While the usher brings the offering plate forward we sing the following hymn verse

**As they offered gifts most rare At Thy cradle, rude and bare,
So may we with holy joy, Pure and free from sin's alloy,
All our costliest treasures bring Christ to Thee our heav'nly King!**

Prayer of the Church – The 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.

The Benediction *The blessing given by God for His people (Numbers 6:24-26)*

Closing Hymn 548:3 *Thanks to Thee, O Christ Victorious*

3 *For the joy Thine advent gave me, For Thy holy, precious Word;
For Thy Baptism, which doth save me, For Thy blest Communion board;
For Thy death, the bitter scorn, For Thy resurrection morn,
Lord, I thank Thee and extol Thee, And in heav'n I shall behold Thee.*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

If the LORD wills, we will do this or that. James 4:15

WELCOME EVERYONE! We pray that God's Word and our worship today will help you grow in the grace and knowledge of our Savior Jesus.

- † Restrooms are located to the left after you exit down the main aisle.
- † A Parents Room is located in the back of the sanctuary.
- † If you are visiting with us today, please sign the Guest Book in the back.
- † If you are looking for a church home, ask Pastor Tom about a free one-on-one Bible study for new people. Where & when? Your convenience.

THE Q1 VOTERS MEETING has been rescheduled again to Sunday, Feb 1 at 11am. 2025 Board/Committee Chairmen are asked to please submit their annual reports to President Wittorp by January 25 for the congregation's annual report.

CLC VIRTUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT – MT. ZION WATCH PARTY: Last year we had a great turnout! We are again inviting all to church on Saturday, January 31 from 12:00-2:00pm to participate in a watch party for the virtual CLC women's retreat held via Zoom. Questions? Speak with Ashley Naumann for more information.

NEW COMPENSATION GUIDELINES FOR CALLED WORKERS: The Compensation Committee has produced new guidelines for Mt. Zion's called workers (pastor and future teacher). Copies are available in the back of church. The voters will discuss adoption of these guidelines at the Q1 meeting on Feb 1. The compensation of our called workers is an important matter for all members of the congregation. Please read carefully and share your thoughts with a voter!

UPCOMING CALENDAR

Sun. 1/25	9am	Bible Class/Sunday School
	10am	Divine Worship Service (Layservice)
Sat. 1/31	12-2pm	CLC Virtual Women's Retreat (meet at Mt. Zion)
Sun. 2/1	11am	Q1 Voters Meeting (rescheduled from 1/18)
Wed. 2/18	7pm	Ash Wednesday Service (Lent begins)

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

Last Sunday Attendance = 30

General Fund Offerings Budgeted YTD: TBD	Weekly General Fund Offerings Budgeted: TBD
General Fund Offerings Received YTD: 3,188.00	Last Week's General Fund Offerings Received: \$1,230.00
Building Fund: \$9,624.45	Missions Offerings YTD: TBD
School Fund (Maisie Wittorp Christian Education Fund): \$106,346.09	

SERVING US THIS MONTH:

Usher: Carl Ryan *Church Cleaners:* Ryans

IN OUR PRAYERS <> ENCOURAGEMENT LIST

Be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. Ephesians 6:18

Jackie McGruder remains homebound as she continues to suffer from lupus. **Dave and Peggy Green** remain homebound as Dave continues to suffer from a very debilitating form of Parkinson's disease.

CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION SYNODWIDE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity! Psalm 133:1

CALL NEWS Teacher Claire Abbas of Berea Ev. Lutheran School, Inver Grove Heights, MN, has **received** the call to Redeemer Lutheran School, Cheyenne, WY. <> Pastor Emeritus John Schierenbeck has **returned** the vacancy call to Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Spokane, WA. <> Pastor Michael Wilke of Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Saginaw, MI, has **returned** the part-time call to Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church, Red Wing, MN. <> Pastor Joe Naumann of Immanuel Ev. Lutheran Church, Mankato, MN, has **returned** the call to Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church, Phoenix, AZ. <> Pastor Jonah Albrecht of Redemption Ev. Lutheran Church, Lynnwood, WA, and Ascension Lutheran Church, Tacoma, WA, has **received** the call to Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI. <> Pastor Johnathan Schnose of Bethel Ev. Lutheran Church, Morris, MN, has **received** the call to Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Spokane, WA. <> Mr. Peter Reim has **returned** the vacancy call to Our Redeemer's Church, Red Wing, MN.

RETIREMENT Pastor John Hein of Grace Lutheran Church, Fridley, MN, has announced his **retirement** as of January 31, 2026. Pastor Hein has also resigned from the CLC Board of Regents.

Last Chance to Apply for the 2026 CLC Mission Helper Trip: The application deadline for the 2026 Mission Helper Trip to Africa is quickly approaching. Applications need to be submitted by Sunday, January 18, 2026. There are still spots remaining, so please apply soon. For more information and to apply, visit www.mht.lutheranmissions.org.

CLC National Women's Retreat Coming in January! Before your 2026 calendar begins to fill up, we want you to mark your calendars and get ready to *Press Pause* with women across the country!

- **What:** Press Pause for the National Women's (Virtual) Retreat 2026
- **When:** Saturday, January 31, 2026 // 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. (Pacific Time)
- **How:** Join us virtually via Zoom
- **Cost:** Free event – all are welcome!
- **Register now:** <https://tinyurl.com/PressPause26>