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# TRADITIONAL SERVICE JANUARY 20/21, 2024 3RD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Please silence your cell phones. Thank you!

# Welcome to Worship

If you are a visitor please stop at the Welcome Desk in the lower level for a visitor bag. For more information contact us at www.zionanoka.org.

PREACHING: ASSISTING: READER:

Pastor Brent Campbell SAT Deb Oas Koepsell 5 PM Judy Bendiske

SUN Pr Sue Wallager 8 AM Marlene Gray

9 AM Ron Gray 11 AM Steve Dussl

**ORGANIST**: Mary Jo Gothmann

PRELUDE:

# **GATHERING**

# WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENT

#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:**

Let us confess our sin to God, who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

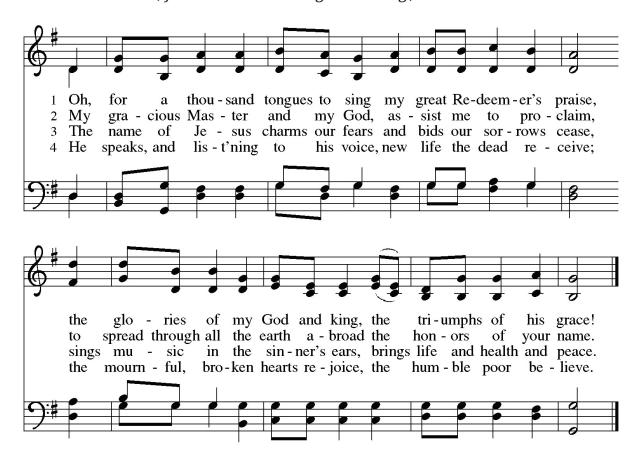
Silence for reflection

God of compassion,

We confess that we have not lived up to the example of Jesus, and that we serve and love ourselves instead of you and our neighbors. Deliver us from all that dims the light of your Holy Spirit within us, and from all that prevents us from delighting in you. Forgive our sins, merciful God, that our hearts may burn with love for you and for all people, and that our lives may bear witness to your never-failing love.

The death Christ died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also, by the power of the Holy Spirit, are dead to sin and alive to God, in Jesus Christ.

#### **Amen**



5 Look unto him, your Savior own, O fallen human race! Look and be saved through faith alone, be justified by grace!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt. Music: AZMON, Carl G. Gläser, 1784–1829; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

### **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.

# PRAYER OF THE DAY:

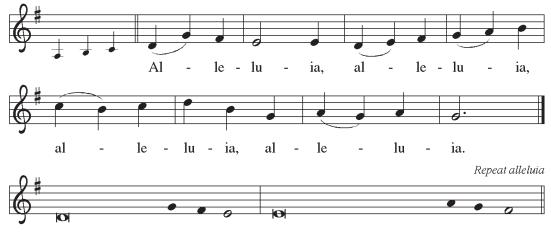
Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

# **WORD**

WORD FOR KIDS (9 & 11 AM)

LESSON: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

# **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**



Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e-ter-nal life.

# **GOSPEL**:

The Holy Gospel according to Mark 1:14-20

Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

THE SERMON: "Take It Into the World!" by Pastor Brent Campbell



Text: Tanzanian traditional; tr. Howard S. Olson, b. 1922 Music: NENO LAKE MUNGU, Tanzanian tune; arr. Austin C. Lovelace, b. 1919 Text © 1968 Lutheran Theological College, Makumira, Tanzania, admin. Augsburg Fortress. Arr. © 1968 Austin C. Lovelace, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

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#### THE 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.

# THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:

After each petition God of Light...

Hear us we pray.

#### SHARING THE PEACE:

The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

(Share the peace with a wave and word of peace.)

#### MANY WAYS TO GIVE

TEXT: 763-710-2209

ONLINE <u>www.zionanoka.org</u> click on "GIVE TODAY"

ELECTRONIC GIVING https://cutt.ly/ziongivetoday

or



# **MEAL**

#### **OFFERING**

# SPECIAL MUSIC (9 AM):

"Here I Am, Lord" ...... arr. Schute Adult Choir, Jonathan Campbell, dir.; Mary Jo Gothmann, piano

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving to God the creator triumphantly raise, who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us, who still guides us on to the end of our days. God's banners are o'er us, God's light goes before us, a pillar of fire shining forth in the night, till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished, as forward we travel from light into light.

#### OFFERTORY PRAYER:

Blessed are you, Holy One, for all good things come from you. You open heaven to us and we receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. Use us and what we have gathered to feed the world with your love, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

#### THE 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

#### 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.

DISTRIBUTION

SPECIAL MUSIC

Mary Jo Gothmann, organ

# POST COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER:

Giver of every gift, you fill us with good things to be Christ's body in the world. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever.

Amen.

# **SENDING**

# **BENEDICTION:**

God who names you, Christ who claims you, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you, † bless you and remain with you always.

Amen.



Text: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818–1895 Music: GALILEE, William H. Jude, 1851–1922

# **DISMISSAL**:

Go in peace. You are God's Beloved.

Thanks be to God.

#### **POSTLUDE**

# WE WELCOME YOU TO WORSHIP

#### Hearing Assistance Units Available

Hearing assistance units are available at the sound booth at the back of the Sanctuary.

#### **Mobility Concerns**

We have areas in the sanctuary where a wheelchair or walker will fit. Ushers can assist you.

#### Children Welcome

Activity bags are available outside the sanctuary. We have two "pray grounds" in the sanctuary with plenty of places just outside the sanctuary as well where children can sit and play.

#### LIVE STREAM

Sunday 9 & 11 am <u>www.zionanoka.org</u> (click "Worship Online") - or-

www.facebook.com/ ZionLutheranChurch AnokaMn

AVAILABLE ANYTIME

#### **CABLE TV**

Metro Cable Network Channel 6 Sunday | 10 AM & 5 PM

#### **RADIO BROADCAST**

106.1 BOB FM Sundays | 9:10 Am

#### **OFFICE HOURS**

M - Th: 9 AM - 5 PM Fri: 9 AM - 12 NOON



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# LEAD PASTOR TRANSITION UPDATE FROM CONGREGATION PRESIDENT



Dear Zion Friends in Christ,

The Church Council met Tuesday to discuss next steps of the transition process for when Pastor Brent retires on February 29. What follows is an update to the previous communication.

First, a celebration lunch for Pastor Brent and his 37 years of ministry will be held on Sunday, February 25 at 12:00 noon. More details to come but save the date as we honor Pastor Brent and wish him all the best on his well-deserved retirement!

Second, to meet our pastoral needs during the transition of leadership, the Church Council unanimously voted to name Pastor Connie Interim Lead Pastor effective March 1. Pastor Connie has worked through many transitional periods while at Zion, has a great working relationship with our church staff, and her years of ministry at Zion brings continuity to our church community during this time of change. Please keep Pastor Connie and the entire staff in your prayers during this time of transition.

Third, the Minneapolis Area Synod is working with us to find an Interim Associate Pastor to take on some of Pastor Connie's current duties. We are hopeful to have a few candidates to consider soon. More to come on this in future communications.

Lastly, with a plan in place for interim pastoral coverage, the Church Council will begin to focus on assembling a Call Committee. In accordance with our church bylaws. "When a pastoral vacancy occurs, a Call Committee of six voting members shall be elected by the Congregational Council (B13.01, b5). The goal of the Executive Committee and Council is to appoint a Lead Pastor Call Committee at the next Council meeting in February.

In Peace,

Craig Jerome Congregational President

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