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LENTEN MIDWEEK SERVICE
FEBRUARY 21, 2024
THE CALL TO "I AM"

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: Pastor Connie Tiede

ASSISTING: Pastor Brent Campbell, Pastor Sue Wallager

ORGANIST: Deb Oas Koepsell - NOON

Mary Jo Gothmann - 6:30 PM



The Call to "I AM"

Lent is the season to remember one very important thing about what it means to be a Christian: that when Jesus goes to the cross, there goes God. The "I AM" statements in the Gospel of John reveal in all fullness, the identity of Jesus. "I AM" is the name of God – as God revealed to Moses by the burning bush. In John's gospel we are reminded that to believe in Jesus is to hold together the fullness of Jesus' humanity and Jesus' divinity.

Each time Jesus says, "I AM", the whole of that statement reveals who Jesus is for us: bread, resurrection, light, God. We cannot separate God and the Word made flesh, the divinity, and the human Jesus.

This Lenten series helps us imagine that what Jesus puts after "I AM" shapes our reality as well. As it's been said, "I AM. Two of the most powerful words; for what you put after them shapes your reality."

PRELUDE

GATHERING

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING:

The Love of God poured into our hearts, the saving grace of Jesus Christ, and the abundant life of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

OPENING PRAYER:

O God, rich in mercy, full of kindness, out of your great love, you raise us up from sin and death and make us alive together with Christ. Write your word upon our hearts and restore in us the image of your love that, by your Spirit, our way of life may become the way of Christ, through whom we pray. Amen.

Silence

OPENING HYMN: *Christ, Be Our Light*, vs 1 715



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone




your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.

Refrain



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

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WORD

LESSON: John 8:12-20

SERMON: *"I AM the Light of the World"* by Katie Weiland

OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:

After each petition

Lord of the cross...

hear our prayer.

LORDS 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.

SENDING

HYMN: *Christ, Be Our Light*, vs 2 (see previous page) 715

BLESSING:

Christ Jesus dwell in our hearts through faith, as we are being rooted and grounded in love, strengthened by the Spirit, and filled with all the fullness of God.

Amen.

SHARE GOD'S PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

As you go, please share Christ's peace with one another.

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TO WORSHIP**

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*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 wheel-
chair or walker will fit.
Ushers can assist you.*

Children Welcome

*Activity bags are avail-
able outside the sanctu-
ary. 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
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**The Call to "I AM" – A Lenten Series
NOON & 6:30 PM
Continues**

FEBRUARY 28: *I AM the Door*

John 10:1-10 Pr Sue Wallager - preaching

MARCH 6: *I AM the Good Shepherd*

John 10:11-18 Pr Connie Tiede- preaching

MARCH 13: *I AM the True Vine*

John 15:1-11 Pr Connie Tiede - preaching

MARCH 20: *I AM the Resurrection and the Life*

John 11:17-27 Pr Steve Schmidt - preaching

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday

MARCH 23/34 | 5PM, 8, 9 & 11 AM

Maundy Thursday

MARCH 28 | | NOON, 6:30 PM

I AM the Bread of Life

John 6:35-40 Pr Sue Wallager - preaching

Good Friday

MARCH 29 | NOON, 6:30 PM

I AM He = the Absolute I AM

John 8:21-30 Pr Connie Tiede - preaching

Easter

SATURDAY MARCH 30 | 5 PM

SUNDAY MARCH 31 | 8, 9:30 & 11 AM