

Zion's Weekly Announcements

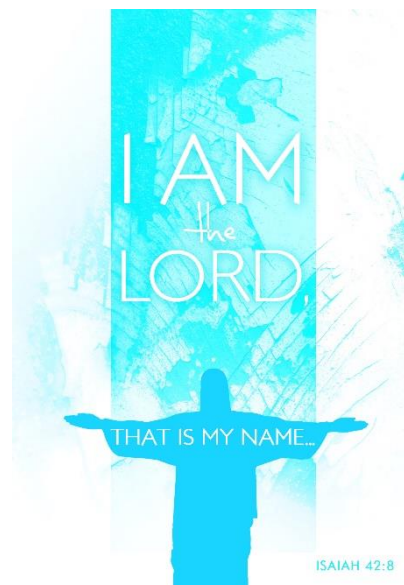
Sunday, January 17, 2021

The Lord be with You!

A happy and joyous Sunday morning everyone!

Welcome as we thank and worship God for His wonderful works and listen to His powerful Word for us today. How good it is to be in the house of the LORD!

As I prepare my heart for worship today, I pray like young Samuel: "Speak, for your servant is listening" (1 Samuel 3:10).



There will be **Drive-In Communion today, Sunday, January 17** from 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM. An **ONLINE** and **IN-PERSON** services will be at **9:00 AM**. You can register for next Sunday's "In-Person" worship service on the church's website. If you need assistance, call the church office (507) 373-8609.

LOOKING AT TODAY'S LESSONS - The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

The Lord God Is with You and Reveals Himself to You by the Preaching of His Word

The Lord Jesus calls Philip and Nathanael to "come and see" that He is "the Son of God" and "the King of Israel" (John 1:43–49). And they shall see even "greater things than these" (John 1:50). For His body is the temple of God on earth, and by His priestly sacrifice the heavens will be opened to all who believe and are baptized into Him. Therefore, He calls Philip and Nathanael, first to hear His Word and then to speak as apostles, even as He once called Samuel and established him "as a prophet of the LORD" (1 Sam. 3:20). As the Lord was with Samuel "and let none of his words fall to the ground" (1 Sam. 3:19), He also accompanies and upholds the preachers of His Word in our day. Thus, by the Gospel that is preached to you, "your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you" (1 Cor. 6:19). Since your body thus belongs to the Body of Christ, is meant "for the Lord" and shall be raised up like Him, now "glorify God in your body" (1 Cor. 6:13–20).

MEMORY VERSE FOR THE WEEK

Colossians 2:8–9 – "See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily."

OUTREACH THOUGHT

John 1:43–51: Philip's evangelism to Nathaniel consisted of three words – "Come and see!" It doesn't take a lengthy sermon or speech to witness for Christ. A friendly invitation to "come and see" may be just what someone you know is looking to hear and see. May God use your invitation to bring someone into His house or form a relationship with a believer so that they can hear the Good News of salvation through Christ!

STEWARDSHIP PONDERING

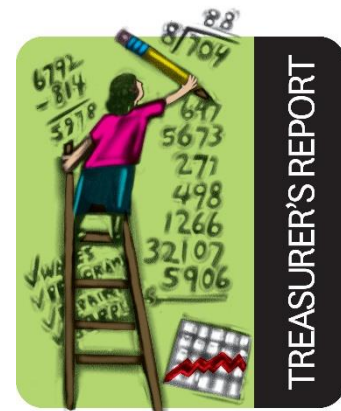
1 Corinthians 6:19b-20 – “You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.” God owns everything, including our very selves. We were made to serve Him and glorify Him and will never truly be happy or find our fulfillment until we learn that lesson. Jesus has redeemed us and brought us back into the Kingdom of the Father, and that has set us free to serve Him in joy, generosity, liberty, and faith.

FROM ZION'S TREASURER

For 1-1-20 through 12-31-20

Referring to the Income and Expense Sheet:

1. Actual income for the entire year of 2020 is \$201,407.48. Budgeted Income was projected at \$211,460.00
2. Actual Expenses for the year was \$168,167.86. Anticipated Budgeted Expenses were \$219,234.00.
3. This leaves us with a remaining balance of Income Less Expenses of \$33,239.62.
4. We are still maintaining a balance surplus for the year.



Referring to the Balance Sheet:

1. Ending Total Assets Balance through 12-31-20 is \$377,391.97. We started the year with \$335,241.45.
2. Notable restricted fund balances
 - a. Food for Backpacks balance at \$6,211.75; \$2,345.14 was spent of the program for the year.
 - b. Stain Glass Windows balance at \$10,202.00; \$6,553.00 worth of donations were made in 2020.
 - c. Mission Central contributions for year \$10,402.50
3. The Assets less Liabilities ending balance at \$104,667.94
4. The Assets less Liabilities change, matches up to the Income Less Expenses found on the Income and Expense Sheet which is \$33,239.62

Respectfully submitted,

Keith Kemkes

LUTHERAN HOUR – Today on KATE Radio at 6:00 pm

"Lost in Wonder, Love, and Praise!" (Mark 3)

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer

The word of Jesus turns us out from ourselves and our problems to the faith, hope, and love that He brings.

FUNDING THE LUTHERAN HOUR BROADCAST

The weekly broadcast of Lutheran Hour on KATE Radio is \$65.00. If you are looking for another way to support the mission ministry of Zion Lutheran Church might be it. Many people around the Albert Lea listening area hear the Good New of Jesus Christ each Sunday night at 6:00 PM. KATE Radio's airwaves travel a long way in southern Minnesota and northern Iowa. Earmark your check or your offering envelope to support this mission ministry. Thank you!

SUFFICIENT FOR THE DAY

John Newton (1725-1807), author of "Amazing Grace," wrote: "We may easily manage if we will only take, each day, the burden appointed for it. But the load will ... be too heavy for us, if we carry yesterday's burden over again today, and then add tomorrow's." This maxim might be easy to dismiss unless we knew about Newton's troubled life.



Having been pressed into naval service and then slavery, Newton was finally rescued but became a slave-ship captain. He faced abuse, contemplated murder-suicide, suffered a stroke and was caught in a storm. When he cried out to God, the waves subsided, prompting a spiritual conversion for Newton, who became a priest and abolitionist.

We never know how God will transform our sinful past into future good, but we can trust he will. That adds power to Newton's advice, which echoes Jesus' words: "Sufficient for the day is its own trouble" (Matthew 6:34, ESV).



Camp Omega Summer registration is open!

Get ready for a summer that changes lives! Visit the Camp Omega website to learn more about their programs for all interests and ages. Regardless of the camper's age, summer camp at Camp Omega is a life-changing and Christ-filled experience where campers will build community outdoors.

Early registration discounts end on March 1st, so secure your spot today!

Camp has plans in place regarding the safety of guests and campers in the midst of the pandemic.



WINTER WARMTH

O God, you give the winter's cold,
as well as summer's joyous rays.
You warmly in your love enfold,
and keep us through life's wintry days.

—Samuel Longfellow

BIBLE QUIZ

What did Jesus say brings greater joy in heaven than 99 righteous people?

- A. The singing of angels C. 100 righteous people
B. One sinner who repents D. None of the above

Answer: B (See Luke 15:7.)



+ This Week's Calendar +

Sunday, January 17, 2021 – The Second Sunday after Christmas

- 9:00 AM – Online Service Available
- 9:00 AM – In-Person Service with Holy Communion
- 10:30 AM – Drive-In Communion Begins
- 1:00 PM – Drive-In Communion Ends
- 6:00 PM – Lutheran Hour on KATE Radio (1450 AM)

Monday, January 18, 2021

Tuesday, January 19, 2021

Wednesday, January 20, 2021

- 6:00 PM – Confirmation on Zoom

Thursday, January 21, 2021

Friday, January 22, 2021

- Pastor's Day Off

Saturday, January 23, 2021

- Recording Worship Service

Sunday, January 24, 2021 – The Third Sunday after Epiphany

- 9:00 AM – Online Service Available
- 9:00 AM – In-Person Service with Holy Communion
- 10:30 AM – Drive-In Communion Begins
- 1:00 PM – Drive-In Communion Ends
- 6:00 PM – Lutheran Hour on KATE Radio (1450 AM)

PREPARE FOR NEXT SUNDAY

The appointed Scripture readings for this Third Sunday after the Epiphany are Jonah 3:1-5, 10; Psalm 62; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 (32-35), and Mark 1:14-20.

	<u>January 3, 2021</u>	<u>January 10, 2021</u>
In-Person Attendance:	39	41
YouTube Views:	79	82
In-Person Communion:	38	38
Drive-In Communion:	7	8