

Zion's Weekly Announcements

Sunday, February 13, 2022



Welcome to Zion Church, beloved children of God. We're glad you've

joined us to worship God in spirit and in truth.

This morning, we rejoice with Ava Haukoos and Ella Freeman, who will be receiving the wonderful gift of new life through the water and the Word of **Holy Baptism**. In addition, we thank God for **new members** that we will be receiving and welcoming to the Zion family. Praise the LORD!

PRAYER: Holy Spirit, you have awakened us to this new day. We praise you! Open our hearts to whatever new thing you are doing. Amen.

A QUOTE FOR THE WEEK:

"All you need is love. But a little chocolate now and then doesn't hurt."—Charles M. Schulz

MUSIC NOTES

The Prelude this morning is three short settings of Praise to the Lord. The first by Johannes

Matthias Michael, a German teacher of organ and choral music. The melody is syncopated with 5 beats in a measure. The 2nd setting is by Gottsche, also a German organist, teacher, and composer is full of jazz influence. The 3rd setting is very traditional by Walther. Listen for the melody played by the feet on the pedals. — Eileen Nelson Ness

All visitors to Zion, you are encouraged to wear your mask as COVID cases remain steady in our community. If you are feeling sick, please stay home to rest and recover.

All worshipers, please sign the Fellowship Registry book at the end of your pew. Thanks.

Join us for **Fellowship Time** after today's worship

service. Fellowship treats this morning are to celebrate Dick Mucha's 80th birthday. Happy birthday, Dick! We invite you to **Adult Bible Class** at 10:20 AM in the Conference Room.

Need **prayers** for healing or any other concerns? Request the Pastor or elders to pray for you in public worship or privately as the needs arise (James 5:14-16.) Call the church office to contact Pastor Matt (507) 373-8609.

SUMMARY OF TODAY'S LESSONS

The Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany
Christians Live by Faith in Christ and Rejoice in the Promise of His Resurrection

"Cursed is the man who trusts in man," for all the strength of his flesh is like the grass that fades away (Jer. 17:5). The one who turns away from the Lord may have food and money and laugh for now, but he "shall mourn and weep" in the judgment (Luke 6:24-25). But "the man who trusts in the LORD" is blessed with all that he needs, "like a tree planted by water." When heat comes, he survives (Jer. 17:7-8). For the Lord has come in the flesh to heal the people of all their diseases, to cleanse their spirits with forgiveness, and to preach the Gospel of the kingdom of God to the poor (Luke 6:18-20). As all of this is by way of His cross, it is solely by faith in the promise of His resurrection that Christians "rejoice" and "leap for joy" (Luke 6:21-23). "If Christ has not been raised," our faith is in vain and we are most to be pitied (1 Cor. 15:14-19). But, in fact, just as "Christ died for our sins," so has He also "been raised from the dead" (1 Cor. 15:3, 20).

STEWARDSHIP PONDERINGS

Luke 6:20-21 – "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied."

The Beatitudes are largely about emptiness. If you're poor, your pockets are empty. If you are hungry, your stomach is empty. If you are mourning, there's an emptiness in your heart that

used to be filled with the presence of a loved one. Jesus assures us in each case that the Lord will fill our emptiness. That assurance gives us not only peace, but also courage to follow the Lord faithfully.

WITNESS AND OUTREACH

Luke 6:17-26: Jesus preached and ministered to a great multitude of people in Luke 6, and He continues to do so today through His Word. We, as His disciples, have been given the awesome task and responsibility to share His Word. As we do, we can take joy and comfort in the power of His Word to create and strengthen faith in us and others.

MEMORY VERSE

"But in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect."

– 1 Peter 3:15

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS

On this blessed Sunday, we will study "the Cursing of the Fig Tree" from Mark 11:12-21. We will learn about Jesus Cleansing the Temple too. After the temple was clean, Peter remembered and said to Jesus, "Rabbi, look! The fig tree you cursed has withered!" (Mark 11:21) The class will begin at 10:20 AM in the Conference Room. All are welcome to join us!

MONDAY MORNING MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Our new study is *The Case for Christ*. It is a DVD study by Lee Strobel, who searches out the truth to determine if there is enough evidence to claim that Jesus of Nazareth really is the son of God. "Looking for Evidence" is our first session. Class begins at 6:30 AM in the conference room.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Wednesday, February 16, 2022

Study Topic: Holy Baptism

Memory Work:

- Holy Baptism – Parts 3 & 4
- O.T. Books of the Bible: Matthew-2 Corinthians



9 "VERSES" THAT AREN'T IN THE BIBLE

Several popular sayings can put biblical literacy to the test. For example, the phrases below aren't in Scripture — although some come pretty close: "Money is the root of all evil." (According to 1 Timothy 6:10, "the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil.")

- "Cleanliness is next to godliness." (The closest teaching to this might be in James 4:8.)
- "God helps those who help themselves." (This proverb originated in ancient Greece, not in Scripture.)
- "God moves in mysterious ways." (A verse kind of like this is Isaiah 55:8.)
- "Spare the rod, spoil the child." (British poet Samuel Butler coined this phrase, which could be a paraphrase of Proverbs 13:24.)
- "This, too, shall pass." (This occurs nowhere in the Bible but has been linked, incorrectly, to King Solomon.)
- "Love the sinner, hate the sin." (St. Augustine originally came up with a version of this phrase.)
- "Charity begins at home." (British theologian John Wycliffe is credited with this saying.)
- "God will never give you more than you can bear." (This seems to be a misinterpretation of 1 Corinthians 10:13.)

BIBLICAL LOVE NOTES

The following compliments from the Song of Solomon may not go over well on Valentine's Day: "I compare you, my love, to a mare among Pharaoh's chariots" (1:9). "Your hair is like a flock of goats, moving down the slopes of Gilead" (4:1). "Your teeth are like a flock of shorn ewes that have come up from the washing" (4:2). "Your neck is like the tower of David, built in courses" (4:4). "[Your] eyes are like doves beside springs of water, bathed in milk, fitly set" (5:12). "Your navel is a rounded bowl that never lacks mixed wine. Your belly is a heap of wheat" (7:2).

On the other hand, how about this one: "You are altogether beautiful, my love; there is no flaw in you" (4:7).



The ABCs OF LOVE

Use this alphabetical list of love-in-action verbs as a reminder of the many ways to reflect Christ's love:

- A**ccepts
 - B**ehaves
 - C**omforts
 - D**efends
 - E**mpowers
 - F**orgives
 - G**rows
 - H**elps
 - I**nvests
 - J**oins
 - K**neels
 - L**istens
 - M**entors
 - N**otices
 - O**verlooks
 - P**rovides
 - Q**uiets
 - R**ejoices
 - S**upports
 - T**ries
 - U**nderstands
 - V**olunteers
 - W**elcomes
 - eX**pects
 - Y**ields
- adds **Z**est to life.



often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around."

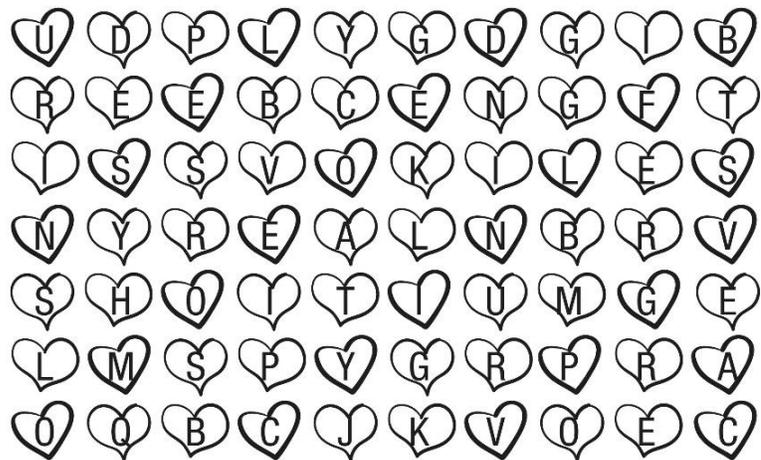
Jesus taught that loving one another is second only in importance to loving God (Matthew 22:37-40), and that when we love one another, God lives in us (1 John 4:12). There are so many ways to do that — beyond candy hearts and roses! But Valentine's Day is as good a reminder as any.



The heart of a friend

Big-hearted friendliness comes from generously serving others.

Directions: Start with the first D and move according to the arrows beneath the blanks. Then fill in the letters to complete 1 Peter 4:8-10.



Above all, love each other D ↓ ↓ ↑ ↓ ↓ , because love
 ↓ ↓ ← ↓ ← ↑ over a multitude of ← ← ↓ ↓ . Offer
 → → ↓ → ↑ → ↑ → ↓ ← ↓ to one another without
 → → ↑ → ↑ ↑ ← ↑ → . Each of you should use whatever
 ↑ → ↓ → you have received to ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ others, as faithful
 stewards of God's ← ↓ → ↓ ← in its various forms.

1 PETER 4:8-10, NIV

BEYOND CANDY HEARTS AND ROSES

The first half of February seems dominated by pink and red, cards and candy. But people not in a loving romantic relationship can sometimes feel left out of the festivities. Of course, all people need love — and certainly love is not limited to the romantic kind. Author Leo Buscaglia, who became known as "Dr. Love" for writing about the topic, said, "Too

+ This Week's Calendar +

Sunday, February 13, 2022 – The Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

- 9:00 AM – In-Person Service (Two Baptisms and New Members)
- 10:30 AM – Adult Bible Class (Conference Room)
- 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM - Drive-In Communion
- 4:00 PM – Online Worship Service (available)
- 6:00 PM – Lutheran Hour on KATE Radio (1450 AM)

Monday, February 14, 2022 – Valentine's Day

- 6:30 AM – Men's Bible Class (Conference Room)
- 3:30 PM – Food for Backpack Pick-up at Grace Lutheran, AL
- 6:30 PM – Albert Lea Cantori Rehearsal - Women's Sectional (Sanctuary)
- 7:40 PM – Albert Lea Cantori Rehearsal - Men's Sectional (Sanctuary)

Tuesday, February 15, 2022

Wednesday, February 16, 2022

- 9:00 AM – Quilters (Quilting Rooms)
- 6:00 PM – Confirmation Class (Conference Room)

Thursday, February 17, 2022

- 6:45 PM – GA Meeting (Conference Room)

Friday, February 18, 2022

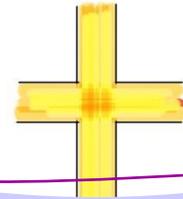
- Pastor's Day Off (Office Closed)

Saturday, February 19, 2022

- 9:00 AM – Communion Set-up (Flower and Altar)

Sunday, February 20, 2022 – The Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

- 9:00 AM – In-Person Service with Holy Communion
- 10:30 AM – Adult Bible Class (Conference Room)
- 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM - Drive-In Communion
- 4:00 PM – Online Worship Service (available)
- 6:00 PM – Lutheran Hour on KATE Radio (1450 AM)



Lent is around the corner.
Join us for our Lenten journey
to the cross of Calvary!

Midweek Services

11:30 AM and 5:30 PM

March 2 (Ash Wednesday)
March 9, 16, 23, 20, and April 6

Holy Week: April 10-April 17

PREPARE FOR NEXT SUNDAY: The Scripture readings for **the Seventh Sunday after Epiphany** – Genesis 45:3-15, Psalm 103:1-13, 1 Corinthians 15:21-26, 30-42, and Luke 6:27-38.

Drive-In Communion will be coming to an end (February 27) on Sunday mornings. Please make arrangements with Pastor Matt if you wish to have Holy Communion during the week. Thank you.

Church Office Hours

Monday-Thursday: 9:00 am to 1:00 pm
and afternoon by appointment
Friday: Office Closed - Saturday: by appointment
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The Verse for **the Seventh Sunday after Epiphany** is from Luke 6:36, "Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful."

The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany **Week of February 6, 2022**

In-Person Attendance:	87
In-Person Communion:	80
YouTube Views:	41
Drive-In Communion:	2
Sunday Adult Bible Class:	10
Men's Bible Class:	6
Confirmation Class:	7

