

Zion's Weekly Announcements

Sunday, February 6, 2022

So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.



LUKE 5:11, NIV

As God called the prophets and as Jesus called the disciples, the Holy Spirit has called us — to this time of worship and to life in God's love always.
Welcome!

PRAYER: God, when you call me to a task this week, help me to respond like Isaiah: "Here am I; send me!" (6:8). Amen.

A QUOTE FOR THE WEEK:

"Though our feelings come and go, God's love for us does not." —C.S. Lewis

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. **Bible Class** begins at 10:20 AM.

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 Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany
Jesus Comforts His People and Builds Up His Church by the Ministry of His Gospel

When Isaiah "saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up," he was overcome with an

awareness of his sin and "*unclean lips*" (Is. 6:1, 5). But the Lord atoned for his sin, took away his guilt and sanctified his lips with "*a burning coal*" from the altar (Is. 6:6-7). Not only was he rescued from death, but he was called and sent as a prophet of the Lord's Word (Is. 6:8-9). Similarly, when Simon Peter and his companions "*enclosed a large number of fish*" at the Word of Jesus, he humbled himself and said, "*Depart from me, for I am a sinful man*" (Luke 5:4-8). But Jesus comforted Simon, called him to discipleship and declared that he would be "*catching men*" (Luke 5:10-11). So in the Office of the Ministry, the Church remains the little boat from which Jesus teaches His people (Luke 5:3). Thus are we instructed in the faith, so that we say "Amen" and return thanks with heart, mind, tongue and life. For the preaching of Christ Jesus is a manifestation of the Holy Spirit, by which He builds up His Church on earth (1 Cor. 14:12-19).

STEWARDSHIP PONDERINGS

Luke 5:5 – "And Simon answered, 'Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets.'"

In Peter's words there are both exasperation and trust. He's tired. He tried his best and failed. But he is still ready to trust God's Word – and act on it. Our stewardship is also a matter of trusting God's Word and acting on it.

WITNESS AND OUTREACH

Luke 5:1-11: Jesus used the miracle of catching a huge number of fish to encourage His disciples to become "fishers of men." As they spent more time with Jesus, the disciples became more effective "fishers of men." By reading, studying and reflecting upon the powerful Word of God, we grow in our effectiveness as God's witnesses. Spending time with Jesus is just as important for us as it was for His first disciples.

MEMORY VERSE

"Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act." - **Psalm 37:5**



SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS

Jesus performed 37 miracles that are recording the Holy Gospels. Today, learn about a woman with an issue of blood from Mark 5:21-34. Loving words from Christ (Mark 5:34), "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering." The class will begin at 10:20 AM in the Conference Room. All are welcome to join us!

MONDAY MORNING MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Men of Zion, join us for Bible study tomorrow morning, Monday,

February 7!

"Cracking
Revelation's
Code" is our study
theme. Class

begins at 6:30 AM in the conference room. The coffee will be on!



Revelation Symbols and Meanings

Numbers:

- **3½** (half of 7), a definitely limited period of time
- **4** means the created world
- **6** means imperfection—i.e. wanting to be like 7—God's number—but not able to)
- **666** is an intensification of 6 equaling the worst evil there can be (In Revelation 12-13, John portrays an evil anti-Trinity trio who work against the people of God. This threesome is made up of "the dragon" (i.e. Satan) the "first beast rising out of the sea" (i.e. broad political power like that of the Roman emperors who persecuted the church) and the "second beast rising out of the land" (i.e. false prophets arising from within the church). The three-fold number—666—may represent the members of this anti-Trinity trio, each of whom seeks to be like the Holy Trinity.
- **7** means the works God alone can do and either does or has done
- **10** means all of
- **1,000** means really, absolutely all of ...
- **12** is used for the people of God—12 tribes in Old Testament, 12 apostles in New Testament
- **144,000** is a combination of 12s (12 x 12) and 10s (10 x 10 x 10) meaning really, absolutely,

totally all of God's people in the Old and New Testament times

- **addition** of two numbers together means both numbers are assumed as the result
- **squaring or cubing** a number intensifies its meaning (i.e. if 10 means all of, then 1,000 means really, absolutely all of)

Objects:

- **Armageddon** literally means the mountain of Megiddo in Revelation, symbolic for the final battleground between God and the forces of evil
- **Babylon** stands for Rome and its emperors who persecuted Christians
- **book or scroll** is the heavenly record
- **bowls** carry things from heaven to earth or vice versa - dragon represents the devil
- **eye** is symbolic of knowledge
- **Gog and Magog** represent the entire anti-Christian world
- **harlot, prostitute, or fornicators** represent people from within the church who should be faithful to the Lord and His Word but are not—they're "false prophets"
- **virgin** faithful believers who refuse to worship anything but the Trinity
- **horns** represent power, like the horns of an animal
- **incense** is prayer - jewels represent glory
- **lampstands** are churches
- **land** represents organized non-Christian religions
- **living water** equals life and truth
- **sea** represents evil human government
- **seals** designate something as private property. In antiquity, lumps of clay impressed with a signet ring or cylinder seal were used to indicate ownership. To seal a scroll, a lump of clay was placed over the strings that tied up the roll and then stamped.
- **stagnant water** represents death - trumpets announce an event
- **winepress** portrays God's judgment and hell. In a winepress the juice or blood of grapes was crushed underfoot to make wine. In God's judgment, the blood of sinners is poured out in eternal death under the crushing burden of His wrath.

BIBLE QUIZ

In Luke's account of Jesus calling the first disciples from their work as fishermen to follow him and "fish for people" (NIV), which disciple is not named?

- A. James C. Simon
B. John D. Andrew

Answer: See Luke 5:1-11.



CONFIRMATION CLASS

Wednesday, February 9, 2022

Study Topic: Holy Baptism

Memory Work:

- Holy Baptism – Parts 1 & 2
- O.T. Books of the Bible:
Matthew-Acts

LOVING KINDNESS



A Sunday school teacher asked her class, "What do you think the Bible means when it speaks of loving kindness?"



"Well," answered a young boy, "If I was hungry and someone gave me bread with butter on it, that would be kindness. And then if they put a spoonful of jam on it, that would be loving kindness."



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

Puzzle!

Answer each statement (based on Matthew's gospel) True or False by circling the letter in the correct column.

Then write each circled letter on the appropriately numbered line below to discover why Jesus died.

TRUE	FALSE
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1. Jesus healed Peter's wife

(Matthew 8:14).

E N

2. Jesus fed the 5,000 with two loaves and five fish (14:17).

R A

3. At Jesus' Transfiguration, Peter saw Jonah and Elijah (17:3).

M S

4. The rich, young ruler decided not to follow Jesus (19:22).

T C

5. Jesus said the temple had become a "den of robbers" (21:13).

I G

6. Famines and earthquakes are signs of the end of the age (24:7).

V D

7. Jesus tells a story of the six wise and six foolish maidens (25:1-13).

F A

8. Judas betrayed Jesus with a secret handshake (26:48).

P L

9. The Roman governor Polonius interrogated Jesus (27:11-14).

W O

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3 2 8 6 7 4 5 9 1

Answer: N, A, S, T, I, V, A, L, O; salvation

LWML MITE BOX SUNDAY

Today is MITE SUNDAY! All mite offerings of coins, dollars, or a check of any monetary size are welcome! All mite offerings go to the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) for mission work. Place your mites or mite boxes into the new wooden mite box as you enter the sanctuary. Thank you!!



• This Week's Calendar •

Sunday, February 6, 2022 – The Fifth 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)

Monday, February 7, 2022

6:30 AM – Men's Bible Class (Conference Room)
6:30 PM – Albert Lea Cantori Rehearsal - Women's Sectional (Sanctuary)
7:40 PM – Albert Lea Cantori Rehearsal - Men's Sectional (Sanctuary)

Tuesday, February 8, 2022 - (Office Closed)

9:00 AM – Austin Pastoral Circuit Meeting @ Holy Cross, Austin, MN
6:00 PM – Girl Scouts @ Zion (Fellowship Hall)
6:00 PM – Council Meeting @ Zion (Conference Room)

Wednesday, February 9, 2022

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

Thursday, February 10, 2022

6:45 PM – GA Meeting (Conference Room)

Friday, February 11, 2022

Pastor's Day Off (Office Closed)

Saturday, February 12, 2022

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

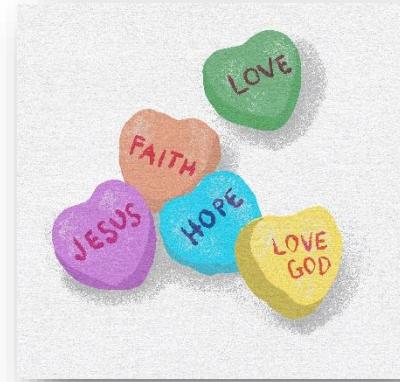
Sunday, February 13, 2022 – The Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

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)

PREPARE FOR NEXT SUNDAY: The Scripture readings for **the Sixth Sunday after Epiphany** – Jeremiah 17:5-8, Psalm 1, 1 Corinthians 15:(1-11) 12-20, and Luke 6:17-26. Holy Communion will not be celebrated next Sunday, as Ella Freeman and her sister Ava Haukoos will receive the gift of new life through the water and Word of Holy Baptism.

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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OUR UNFAILING HELPER

A pastor preached about Christ healing the man with the withered hand (Matthew 12:10). A few days later, the pastor visited a man who had suffered a stroke that had left him with a withered arm and hand. This man had heard the pastor's sermon and said to the pastor, "I know of no one who can touch and heal me, but I can tell you one thing. I have learned that Christ is the only one who can help me deal with it. Others are nice to me, but Christ is the only one who can really help me."

Because of the depth of his faith, the man had found healing for his spirit and thus could handle the weakness of his body.

The Verse for **the Sixth Sunday after Epiphany** is from Matthew 6:23a, "Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven."

The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany **Week of January 30, 2022**

In-Person Attendance:	72
In-Person Communion:	61
YouTube Views:	54
Drive-In Communion:	0
Sunday Adult Bible Class:	8
Men's Bible Class:	7
Confirmation Class:	10