



Use the Tools Jesus Gives

ZION EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH, MONROE, MI

(Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod)

IN JESUS' NAME WE WELCOME YOU!

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 5 & 9, 2025

WELCOME TO ZION. It is our hope and prayer that the message you hear today from God's Word will strengthen your faith and fill your heart with the peace only God can give and the joy we have in believing that JESUS CHRIST is our Savior from sin.

Worship Focus: Jesus reveals himself as the holy Lord and moves people to follow him.

This is the Fifth Sunday in the season of Epiphany. The readings during the Epiphany season carry forward the emphasis in the readings for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, the theme of Jesus revealing himself to us as God and Savior. In Christmas and Epiphany our attention is on getting to know Jesus, who he is and how he works; thus there is not so much emphasis on our response beyond the response of faith, which itself is always seen as his work and not ours.

LITURGY: Service of the Word

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OUR FAMILY AT WORSHIP

BATHROOMS While we are in the construction phase, the bathrooms that are functional are located in the East Foyer or down in the school hallway. Please ask an usher for help finding them.

HEARING ASSISTANCE EQUIPMENT is available as part of our sound system. Individual hand-held units are available. Please check with an usher if you would like a unit for today's worship service.

VISITORS are asked to please sign our fellowship registry in the back of church so that we will have a record of your visit. Thank you for joining us today!

HYMNS OF THE LITURGY

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Holy God, We Praise Your Name

Te Deum



1 Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we
 2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial song An - gel choirs a -
 3 Blest Re - deem - er, vir - gin's Son, O - ver death his
 4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it,



bow be - fore you. All on earth your scep - ter claim;
 bove are rais - ing; Proph - ets, mar - tyrs join the throng,
 vic - t'ry claim - ing, Now as - cend - ed to his throne,
 three we name you; Though in es - sence on - ly one,



All in heav'n a - bove a - dore you. In - fi - nite your
 In un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing With the Church in
 Judge and king, his grace pro - claim - ing, O - pens heav'n to
 Un - di - vid - ed God we claim you, Then, a - dor - ing,



vast do - main, Ev - er - last - ing is your reign.
 one ac - cord: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!
 all his own. Praise and thanks to God a - lone!
 bend the knee And con - fess the mys - ter - y.

Text: *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, Vienna, 1774, abr., adapt., st. 1-2, 4; Ruth M. Glaeske, b. 1941, st. 3;
 tr. Clarence A. Walworth, 1820-1900, st. 1-2, 4, alt.
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 Tune: GROSSER GOTT, WIR LOBEN DICH (78 78 77) *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, Vienna, 1774, alt.

P: The grace of our Lord (✠) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: **Amen.**

PRAYER AND PRAISE

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are
they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -
ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -
ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -
ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.
Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

The musical score is written on a single staff in treble clef, with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of six lines of music. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

The minister says the Prayer of the Day.

P: Almighty God, you sent your one and only Son as the Word of life for our eyes to see and our ears to hear. Help us believe what the Scriptures proclaim about him and do the things that are pleasing in your sight; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

The musical score is written on a single staff in treble clef, with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The melody consists of a single line of music with a double bar line at the end. The lyrics 'A - men.' are printed below the notes.

THE WORD

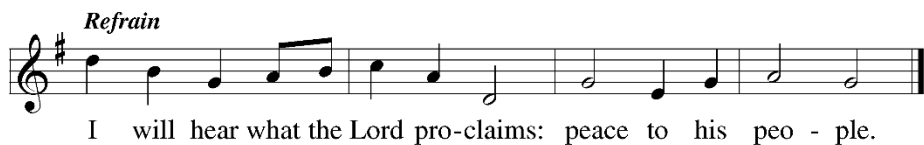
First Lesson

Isaiah 6:1-8

6 In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and exalted, and the train of his robe filled the temple. ² Above him stood the seraphim. Each one had six wings. With two they covered their faces. With two they covered their feet. With two they flew. ³ One called to another and said, Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of Armies! The whole earth is full of his glory! ⁴ The foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of the one who called, and the temple was filled with smoke. ⁵ Then I said, "I am doomed!^[a] I am ruined, because I am a man with unclean lips, and I dwell among a people with unclean lips, and because my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of Armies!" ⁶ Then one of the seraphim flew to me, carrying a glowing coal in his hand, which he had taken from the altar with tongs. ⁷ He touched my mouth with the coal and said, "Look, this has touched your lips, so your guilt is taken away, and your sin is forgiven." ⁸ Then I heard the Lord's voice, saying, "Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here I am. Send me!" (EHV)

Psalm 85

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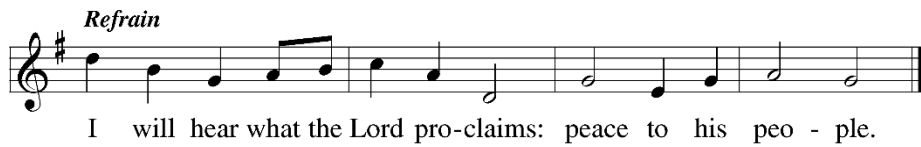


You showed favor to your land, O LORD;*
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

You forgave the iniquity of your people*
and covered all their sins.

Show us your unfailing love, O LORD,*
and grant us your salvation.

Refrain



I will listen to what God the LORD will say;*
he promises peace to his people, his saints.

Surely his salvation is near those who fear him,*
that his glory may dwell in our land.

Love and faithfulness meet together;*
righteousness and peace kiss each other.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Refrain

Refrain Tune: From *The Psalmody for the Day, Series C*. © 1976 Fortress Press.

Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 14:12b-20

¹²So also with you: Since you are eager for spiritual gifts, seek to use them abundantly in a way that will build up the church. ¹³That is why a person who speaks in a tongue should pray that he may interpret. ¹⁴For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my understanding is unfruitful. ¹⁵So what is to be done? I will pray using my spirit, and I will pray also using my understanding. I will sing using my spirit, and I will sing also using my understanding. ¹⁶Otherwise, how will an uninformed person say the “Amen” after you give thanks, since he does not know what you are saying? ¹⁷To be sure, you are giving thanks well enough, but the other person is not being built up. ¹⁸I thank God that I speak in tongues more than all of you. ¹⁹But in the church I would rather speak five words with my understanding, in order to instruct others, than ten thousand words in a tongue. ²⁰Brothers, do not be children in your thinking, but be like babies in regard to evil, and be mature in your thinking. (EHV)

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. Jesus said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.” Alleluia. (John 8:12 cf. NIV)

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

GOSPEL:

Luke 5:1-11

5 One time, while the crowd was pressing in on Jesus and listening to the word of God, he was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret. ²He saw two boats there along the lakeshore. The fishermen had left them and were washing their nets. ³Jesus got into one of the boats, which belonged to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from the shore. He sat down and began teaching the crowds from the boat. ⁴When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into the deep water, and let down your nets for a catch.” ⁵Simon answered him, “Master, we worked hard all through the night and caught nothing. But at your word I will let down the nets.” ⁶When they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their nets were about to tear apart. ⁷They signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. They came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸When Simon Peter saw this, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, “Go away from me, because I am a sinful man, Lord.” ⁹For Peter and all those with him were amazed at the number of fish they had caught, ¹⁰and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Jesus said to Simon, “Have no fear. From now on you will be catching people.” ¹¹After they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him. (EHV)

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY: CW 560

“I Hear the Savior Calling”

I Hear the Savior Calling



1 I hear the Sav - ior call - ing! The gos - pel comes to
 2 I hear the Sav - ior call - ing! He leads a soul to
 3 I hear the Sav - ior call - ing! He gives this charge to
 4 I hear the Sav - ior call - ing! He chang - es hearts for
 5 I hear the Sav - ior call - ing! His call has ur - gen -



me. My eyes once closed in blind - ness Are o - pened
 me, A soul in bit - ter an - guish, One need - ing
 me: To serve the best I'm a - ble, What - e'er the
 me. From door to door I wit - ness To share my
 cy! Each mo - ment souls are dy - ing; Soon comes e -



now to see That I my - self was help - less To
 to be free. The gift I have to of - fer Is
 call may be. Thus hand in hand with oth - ers Who
 Sav - ior's plea; Yet noth - ing can be add - ed, No
 ter - ni - ty. And so, my pre - cious Sav - ior, This



live e - ter - nal - ly, But, dy - ing, Christ did
 Christ, my Lord's de - cree That all have been for -
 share the gos - pel key We spread the gos - pel
 word on bend - ed knee, Be - yond the sim - ple
 is my hum - ble plea: Pre - pare me for my



save me, And now he calls for me!
 giv - en— My Sav - ior calls for me!
 tid - ings— My Sav - ior calls for me!
 gos - pel— My Sav - ior calls for me!
 mis - sion For you are call - ing me!

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 Tune: ANTHES (76 76 D) Friedrich K. Anthes, 1812–after 1857.

SERMON TEXT AND TITLE: LUKE 5:1-11

Use the Tools Jesus Gives

APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING: *(Sunday only) The collection of the offering in the service is an opportunity for the members of Zion to give back to God a small portion of what he has given us in order to support the Gospel ministry of Zion Lutheran Church and School and of the WELS throughout the world. If you are a visitor today, while we appreciate an offering from you, please do not feel obligated to give.*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: O Lord, our God, you are wise and powerful, good and gracious. Your mercies are new every morning. Each day you open your hand and provide for the needs of your children on earth.

C: We praise you for every grace and blessing.

P: Strengthen your Church in all the world. Let your comforting message of salvation in Christ Jesus be proclaimed to troubled souls everywhere.

C: Use our ministries and offerings to extend your healing and your hope.

P: We bring you our requests for the various structures of our society. Bless our national, state (provincial), and local governments.

C: Grant us civil servants who are worthy of honor and respect.

P: Grant prosperity to our businesses and industries. Give employers a sense of fairness toward their workers, and employees a feeling of joy and pride in their workmanship.

C: Help us find satisfaction in all work well done.

P: Invigorate the schools of our land. Give success to every effort that helps students read, think, and communicate in ways that will promote an informed and responsible citizenry. Arouse curious minds to discover the wonders of your created order.

C: Give us teachers and students who pursue excellence.

P: Strengthen the families of our country. Give fathers and mothers a renewed commitment to be good parents. Give children and young people the wisdom to regard their parents as your representatives.

C: Lead us to love one another as you have loved us.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

P: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

P: Gracious Father, we pray boldly as Jesus taught, with the confidence that you will hear and with the faith that you will respond for our welfare.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

**C: 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.**

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Praise to You and Adoration

1 Praise to you and ad - o - ra - tion, Bless - ed Je - sus,
 2 Hold me ev - er in your keep - ing; Com - fort me in

Son of God, Who, to serve your own cre - a - tion,
 pain and strife. In my laugh - ter and my weep - ing

Came to share our flesh and blood. Guide me that I
 Be with me through - out my life. Give me great - er

nev - er may From your fold or pas - tures stray,
 love for you, And my faith and hope re - new

But with zeal and joy ex - ceed - ing
 In your birth, your life, and pas - sion,

Fol - low where your steps are lead - ing.
 In your death and res - ur - rec - tion.

Text: Thomas H. Kingo, 1643–1703; tr. composite.

Tune: FREU DICH SEHR (87 87 77 88) *Trente quatre Pseaumes de David*, Geneva, 1551.

CLOSING PRAYER

P: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

BENEDICTION

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (✠) give you peace.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

CLOSING HYMN: CW 436

“Jesus, Shepherd of the Sheep”

TRUST

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Jesus, Shepherd of the Sheep



1 Je - sus, shep - herd of the sheep, Who your
2 In your prom - ise firm we stand; None can
3 By your blood our souls were bought; By your
4 Fa - ther, draw us to your Son; We with
5 We, in robes of glo - ry dressed, Join th' as -



Fa - ther's flock does keep, Safe we wake and
take us from your hand. Speak— we hear— at
life sal - va - tion wrought; By your light our
joy will fol - low on Till the work of
sem - bly of the blest, Gath - ered to e -



safe we sleep, Guard - ed still by you.
your com - mand, We will fol - low you.
feet are taught, Lord, to fol - low you.
grace is done, There to live with you.
ter - nal rest In the fold with you.

Text: Henry Cook, 1788–1868, alt.

Tune: CAPETOWN (777 5) Friedrich Filitz, 1804–76, alt.

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CALL MEETING— The Joint Call committee was led to call Pastor Benjamin Kempfert to be the Associate Pastor. Please keep him in your prayers as he deliberates his call.

PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR CALL MEETING: A meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 9th to call for a Preschool Director/Teacher. We will announce the time for the meeting.

FRIENDS IN FAITH: Friends in Faith is holding a Christian Book Study – Living the Chocolate Life. Everyone is invited to join for two Sundays on February 9th & 23rd from 2-4 pm. Each meeting will involve discussing two chapters of the book, enjoying fellowship and tasting chocolates.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS: The 2024 Contribution statements are available in the church office. Please pick up your statements as soon as possible. If you did not pick your statement up it was mailed out on Thurs., Feb. 6th.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE: The Outreach Committee has some questions they would like to ask congregation members and visitors alike:

- Did you visit a new church over the holidays?
- Did you feel a little nervous walking through the doors for the first time?
- Did someone welcome you with a smile?
- Would you like visitors to Zion to feel warmly welcomed?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, you may want to learn more about Zion's new Greeter Program. Please use the sign-up sheet, and there will be orientation/training on Sunday, February 2nd.

FRIENDS IN FAITH WORK BEE- Friends In Faith will host a work bee on Sunday, February 16th, following Bible Class. We will be arranging pots of Easter Lilies for the upcoming Easter season and refurbishing our potted Poinsettias that decorate the back of our church at Christmas time. PLEASE JOIN US! No crafting experience needed. Many helping hands will make our task quick and easy!

Zion's Sweetheart – Daddy Daughter Dance: Zion school is having their annual Daddy/Daughter Dance on Saturday, February 22nd from 5-7:00 p.m. There is more information on the back table along with the form to fill out to purchase tickets. Please come and enjoy.

BOTTLE DRIVE: Our Congregation is participating in the Change for Life program to support the ministry of New Beginnings—A Home for Mothers. New Beginnings is a WELS-based ministry that helps single mothers pave the way to self-sufficiency in a Christ-centered home. We will give gifts of LOVE to support the mothers and babies they serve. The bottle drive display is located in the back of the church and the school hallway. The fundraising effort is going to run from January 1st through February 23rd. Pick up a baby bottle, take it home and have everyone in your household fill it with their spare change. On Sunday, February 23rd please make sure all bottles are returned so we can send the money to New Beginnings. Thank you.

ZION SCHOOL BI-ANNUAL AUCTION: It is that time again for Zion School CEA to hold its auction. This auction helps fund many activities, school sport uniforms, classroom supplies and even the curtains in the gym. This year the auction is on Sunday, March 2nd. If you would like to donate any NEW items, homemade items or baked goods, please pick up a slip at the back of the sanctuary and turn into the office. Thank you.

ZION FINE ARTS FAIR: Zion's annual fine arts fair will be held on Sunday, March 9th from 12-2. Not only are only members invited to attend they are invited to submit art! If you have any works of art to display, please have them to the office between Monday, March 3rd and Thursday, March 6.

Make sure to label your art with your name. If you are interested in performing a musical piece, dance or reading, please email Stacey Sordahl at ssordahl@zionmonroe.org or send a text to (248) 345-3525. Suggested items to display – paintings, sketches, crafts, photography, sculptures, poetry, and short stories.

STEWARDSHIP GIFT OF TIME OPPORTUNITY: Zion is in need of members who would be willing to input the attendance information into Church 360 following the service each week. Training will be provided and this is something that can be done from home. We hope that if we get five or six people to help it would have to be done once every month to month and a half. If interested, please reach out to Rob Krueger at 734-770-1149.

FRIENDS IN FAITH: In the East foyer Friends in Faith is selling greeting cards for \$1.00 each. There are different occasion cards available. The money raised from the sales is going towards future Friends in Faith projects, such as the Kleenex box ministry project and other shut in projects they do throughout the year.

Coming up at Zion

Sunday	9:00 a.m. Worship Service
	10:15 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Class
	11:30 a.m. Greeter Orientation
Tuesday	10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Class
	1:30 p.m. Worship Service (IC)
Wednesday	7:00 p.m. Worship Service (IC)
Sunday	9:00 a.m. Worship Service (IC/CC)
	10:15 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Class
	11:30 a.m. Friends in Faith – Work Bee
	1:00 p.m. Jesus Cares Worship Service

February Volunteers

	Jan. 29 & Feb. 2	Feb. 5 & 9	Feb. 12 & 16	Feb. 19 & 23	Feb. 26 & Mar. 2
Altar Guild			Linda Selvidge		
Live Stream Helpers	Miller Sordahl	William Robinson	Miller Sordahl	Steve Sordahl	Erich Freiny
Ushers	<p><u>Jan. 29</u> Mark Kipf Keith McBee Joe Schmeling</p> <p><u>Feb. 2</u> Mark Kipf Keith McBee Joe Schmeling</p>	<p><u>Feb. 5</u> Dave Bengé Alan Bober Matthew Hill Joe Koch Jeremy Robinson Jacob Robinson William Robinson</p> <p><u>Feb. 9</u> Dave Bengé Alan Bober Matthew Hill Joe Koch Jeremy Robinson Jacob Robinson William Robinson</p>	<p><u>Feb. 12</u> Ray Chandonnet Erich Freiny Rob Krueger Matthew Loos Zach Turner</p> <p><u>Feb. 16</u> Ray Chandonnet Erich Freiny Rob Krueger Matthew Loos Zach Turner</p>	<p><u>Feb. 19</u> Jake Burke Rich Heusman Jeff Heusman Juergen Koenig Matt McCormick Zach McCormick</p> <p><u>Feb. 23</u> Jake Burke Rich Heusman Jeff Heusman Juergen Koenig Matt McCormick Zach McCormick</p>	<p><u>Feb. 26</u> Tony Affholter Jeff Douglas Mark Fuerstenberg Bryce Mueller Ray Palmatier</p> <p><u>March 2</u> Tony Affholter Jeff Douglas Mark Fuerstenberg Bryce Mueller Ray Palmatier</p>
Communion Helpers	<p><u>Jan. 29</u> Alan Bober</p> <p><u>Feb. 2</u> Erich Freiny Ron Krueger</p>		<p><u>Feb. 12</u> Ken Vagt</p> <p><u>Feb. 16</u> Jeremy Robinson Jeff Heusman</p>		<p><u>Feb. 26</u> Alan Bober</p> <p><u>March 2</u> Mark Kipf Ray Palmatier</p>