Welcome to those visiting for the first time. Here's a little of what to expect:

Communion (1st & 3rd Sundays) -Please fill out a communion card found in the pew holder. All who have prayer concerns or questions, please note these on your communion card. If you are a visitor, please use the card to introduce yourself to us and know that you are always welcome at Zion.

We practice open communion at Zion. White grape juice is available. All who believe that Christ is present in the meal are invited forward. The ushers will guide you. We will be serving Holy Communion by stations.

As you come forward, please take the bread (gluten-free wafers are available upon request) from the pastor and then proceed to the next station to receive the wine. If you are unable to come forward and desire communion, please inform the ushers, as they will advise the pastor, who will bring communion to you.

Hearing Aid Assistance –We have available Personal PA Listening receivers. They can be found in the narthex. Please feel free to ask an usher for assistance.

Busy Bags—Parents, if you have young children, we have activity bags available hanging in the narthex. Please use and return to the hooks when you are finished.

TODAY'S WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Greeters: Rachael Gabe

Ushers: Terry & Darlene Paulson

Reader: Terry Paulson

Communion: Mary Melroe, Virg Kollar

Media Room: Willem Pesch, Ryan Pesch, Ilene Trittin-Anderson

We are always in need of filling time slots for Lay Ministry services. If you find that you are available to usher, serve communion, greet or read, please find the sheet on the narthex table and sign up. Thank you!

Attendance Last Sunday: 66 General Fund giving 2/9/25: \$2,075

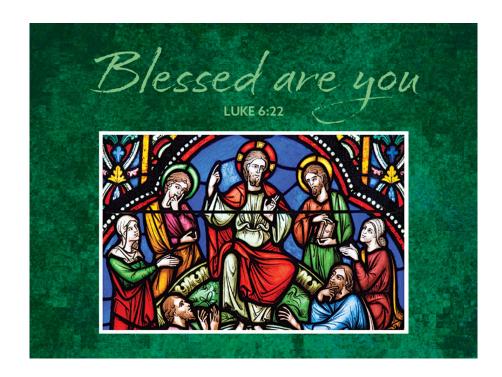
Mortgage Fund giving 2/9/25: \$100 Monthly mortgage payment: \$ 3,850.79

Capital Campaign: Total giving as of 2/11/25: \$387,000;

pledged to date \$689,000. (Updated monthly)

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Zion Lutheran Church on Franklin Lake February 16, 2025



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Blessings and curses abound on the sixth Sunday after Epiphany. We would do well to listen closely to whom the "blessed ares" and the "woe tos" are directed and to find our place in the crowd among those who desire to touch Jesus. The risen Christ stands among us in the mystery of the holy supper with an invitation to live in him, and offers power to heal us all.

> Mission Statement: Zion Lutheran Church's mission is to Gather, Grow, and Go in Jesus Christ.

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This Week's Readings

Psalm 1

Happy are those

who do not follow the advice of the wicked,

or take the path that sinners tread,

or sit in the seat of scoffers;

but their delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law they meditate day and night.

³ They are like trees

planted by streams of water,

which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither.

In all that they do, they prosper.

The wicked are not so,

but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

⁵ Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgement, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

⁶ for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

Luke 6:17-26

17 He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. ¹⁸They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

20 Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

'Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹ 'Blessed are you who are hungry now,

for you will be filled.

'Blessed are you who weep now,

for you will laugh.

22 'Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

'But woe to you who are rich,

for you have received your consolation.

25 'Woe to you who are full now,

for you will be hungry.

'Woe to you who are laughing now,

for you will mourn and weep.

26 'Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

GATHER, GROW & GO

- Quilters ~ Tuesdays from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. You don't have to sew to help! Coffee is at 10.
- Women's Devotional Group ~ Wednesdays, 8:30 a.m. at the Cornfield Café.
- MEN'S DEVOTIONAL GROUP ~ Thursdays, 8:30 a.m. at the Cornfield Café.
- **CHOIR** ~ Choir is on break for January and February.
- **DINING OUT GROUP** ~ Tuesday, February 18th at 6 p.m. at Billy's Corner Bar & Grill in Vergas. Order off the menu. Tuesday night is broasted chicken night. Signup is on the table in the narthex.
- BOOK CLUB ~ Next meeting is Thursday, February 27th at 6:30 p.m. The February book is *The Borrowed Life of* Frederick Fife by Anna Johnston. All are welcome to attend!

COMMUNITY EVENTS:

**Noisy offering for 2/2/25 was \$81.87.

The church office will be closed on Monday, February 17th in observance of Presidents Day.

S'more-gasbord of S'mores!

Sunday, Feb. 23rd during Fellowship

Sunday School families are providing s'mores-themed snacks. Anyone is welcome to bring something to share! Proceeds of fellowship will benefit the Zion Bible Camp Fund which helps students pay for Bible camp experiences.

Pastor Lauryl Ivers Contact Information:

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Pastor Lauryl will be covering any immediate needs for Zion while Pastor Anna is on parental leave.

Welcome to all who come to worship God. We GATHER this morning to give Him thanks and praise, to ask His help and guidance, to pray for those in need, to hear His word and to seek strength to GROW and Go serve Him when we leave.

Visitors, we're made especially joyful in your presence and welcome you to worship with us again. If you have no church home, we invite you to become part of our family at Zion Lutheran Church on Franklin Lake.

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Next Week's Readings

Genesis 45:3-11, 15 Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50 Luke 6:27-38



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6th Sunday after Epiphany **February 16, 2025**

Rev. Lauryl Ivers Organist: Lori McCauley Band of Faith Director: Mike Nettestad

*indicates stand as you are able **PRELUDE Band of Faith** "A Friend Remembered" "On a Hymnsong of Lowell Mason" WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS *MEET & GREET LBW #165 *GATHERING HYMN "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty" v. 1, 2

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS Projected GREETING LBW p.78 **KYRIE** "In peace..." **HYMN OF PRAISE** "This is the feast..." **LBW p.81** *PRAYER OF THE DAY (All) Projected SPECIAL MUSIC "The Solid Rock" **Band of Faith**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE/DISMISSAL TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

READINGS *Psalm 1 (read responsively)* **Projected** GOSPEL ACCLAMATION "Glory to you..." LBW p. 83 **GOSPEL** *Luke 6:17-26* Projected **GOSPEL RESPONSE** "Praise to you..." LBW p. 83 **TODAY'S MESSAGE**

*HYMN OF THE DAY **Projected** "On a Hill Far Away" v. 1, 4 *APOSTLES' CREED **Projected** PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE **Projected OFFERING**

SPECIAL MUSIC "Spiritual Contrasts" **Band of Faith** *OFFERTORY PRAYER **Projected**

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION **LBW p.89 Projected** THE LORD'S PRAYER **COMMUNION**

Band of Faith

SPECIAL MUSIC "The Water Is Wide" POST COMMUNION BLESSING

*THE BENEDICTION *SENDING HYMN

LBW #439

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus" v.1-3 **DISMISSAL**

Projected POSTLUDE Band of Faith

"O Worship the King"

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"