

**Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
February 6, 2022**



Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

Celebrating God's Call

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*Please be sure that all electronic devices are silenced. *Indicates to stand, as able.*

GATHERING *The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

The fifth Sunday after Epiphany continues to highlight unlikely instruments and circumstances appointed to reveal God's glory. "Who will go for us?" God asks. A person of unclean lips, a former persecutor of the church of God, and three fishermen who couldn't catch a thing. More surprising still, perhaps, is that we are also called.

Prelude

Welcome

***Confession**

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who creates us, redeems us, and calls us by name.

A: Amen.

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

L: Most merciful God,

A: we confess that we have sinned against you and your beloved children. We have turned our faces away from your glory when it did not appear as we expected. We have rejected your word when it made us confront ourselves. We have failed to show hospitality to those you called us to welcome. Accept our repentance for the things we have done and the things we have left undone. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe in the glory of your Son born among us and reflect your love for all creation. Amen.

***Absolution (Receive God's Forgiveness)**

L: Rejoice in this good news: In Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven... Live as freed and forgiven children of God.

A: Amen.

***Gathering Hymn**

Let the Whole Creation Cry

ELW 876
vs 1, & 2

***Greeting**

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

A: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

L: Let us pray, Most holy God....and by your grace make us heralds of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

A: Amen.

WORD *God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

Psalm 138 (Please read responsively – all join in on the even verses)

- ¹ I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart;
before the gods I sing your praise;
- ² **I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name
for your steadfast love and your faithfulness;
for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.**
- ³ On the day I called, you answered me,
you increased my strength of soul.
- ⁴ **All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord,
for they have heard the words of your mouth.**
- ⁵ They shall sing of the ways of the Lord,
for great is the glory of the Lord.
- ⁶ **For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly;
but the haughty he perceives from far away.**
- ⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies;
you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.
- ⁸ **The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me;
your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever.
Do not forsake the work of your hands.**

A Reading from the 1st Letter to the Corinthians

15:1-11

Paul delivers in a nutshell the story of the gospel that was given to him. In the lineage of the Christian faith, we have received the good news of God's love from generations of believers before us, and we continue to tell this story to the world.

R: The word of the Lord.

A: Thanks be to God.

***Gospel**

Luke 5:1-11

L: The holy gospel according to Luke the 5th chapter.

A: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus' teaching of God's word has begun to draw great crowds. For Simon, James, and John, Jesus' teaching inspires hospitality, then obedience, and then risk. After Jesus' creative power is revealed, fear and amazement lead these three fishermen to leave everything behind to become apostles.

L: The gospel of the Lord.

A: Praise to you, O Christ.

Message

Special Music

***Offering**

L: Let us pray... Blessed are you, O God,

A: Sovereign of the universe. You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey. Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world, in the name of Christ our light. Amen.

***Prayers of the People**

The response to "God of grace," is "**Hear our prayer.**"

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

***GREAT THANKSGIVING**

L: The Lord be with you.

A: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

A: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

A: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

***Words of Institution**

***Lord's Prayer**

L: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

L: Come to God's table. There is a place for you and enough for all.

Sharing the Supper

Each row will be dismissed by an usher, to maintain proper social distancing. Communicants will walk down the center aisle to the rear of the sanctuary where communion will be received. Please remain near the center of the aisle to avoid crowding the ends of pews. Masks must be kept on until standing in front of communion assistant where you will receive bread and wine. Juice and gluten free options are available upon your request. There will be a small trash can to dispose of your cup. Masks are to be returned to proper wearing, covering nose and mouth, prior to returning to your seat via the side aisle. If you need communion brought to you in your pew, please notify an usher. All baptized believers are welcome at God's table.

***Prayer after Communion**

L: We give you thanks, gracious God...strengthened with the richness of your grace in your Son, Jesus Christ.

A: Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

***Blessing**

L: God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness, who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name, bless your going out and your coming in, today and forever.

A: Amen.

***Sending Hymn**

I Love to Tell the Story

ELW 661
vs 1, 3

Announcements

***Dismissal**

L: Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news.

A: We will! Thanks be to God.

Financial Information: We are in the process of updating the financial information for the church and will provide the information you have come to expect each week in next week's bulletin.

Sunday, February 6, 9:00 AM

	Greeter	Reader	Usher	Technology Assistant	Worship Monitor	Communion Bread Server	Communion Wine / Juice Server
Sunday, 9:00 AM	Cindy Carruthers	Della Brown	Howard Carruthers	Missy Gibboney	Leo Kaufman	Wendy Kaufman	Forrest Airhart

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SPECIAL NOTES ABOUT CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Please read through the names of people who have requested prayer for one reason or another. God knows the reason, and we are called to care. We offer care by; praying, picking up the phone to offer a word of encouragement, sending a note or text, and offering help where a need arises. That is Christian Care. Let's show the world what it means to be God's Church!!!

PRAYER is how we communicate with the God of the universe. Those we hold in our fervent prayers include: Dona Harmon, Gary Harmon, Marge Harrold, Rich Harrold, Shirley Hasenmeier, Donna Morefield, Pat Tomazic, Mathew Ward, Ben Hasenmeier, Sandie Kvasnika, Jean Lyren, John Lyren, Michael Miller, John Neuman, Dick Schenk, Laura, Paul, Ridley, those at risk for illness, health care workers, first responders, "essential" workers, and the homeless.

GENERAL INFORMATION

WORSHIP is a time to connect with God and others, say thank you to God for everything we have been given, a time to learn and grow our faith and understanding and be challenged to follow the teachings of Jesus, a time to be in community. Please join us each Sunday at 9:00 am as we come together for worship.

CONGREGATIONAL CARING In an effort to keep our congregation and community safe and well, please be reminded that in this time of flu, colds, COVID and its variants, if you are not feeling well, please be kind to yourself and others and stay home!!! Sunday worship continues to be streamed weekly on Facebook. If you have a special need ie; groceries or prescriptions picked up or would like to be held in prayer please contact the church office. Let's do our best to stay well together!

PASTOR KRIS OFFICE HOURS Pastor Kris welcomes your visits and appointments. To better plan, please email or call her or the office directly to set up a time to meet: Zionhuron@gmail.com or pastorkrisschroeder@gmail.com or by phone at 419-433-4711. During this time of staff transition, Pastor Kris's scheduled office hours will vary week to week.

OFFICE HOURS Normal office hours are Mon – Thurs from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm when voicemails (419-433-4711) and emails (zionhuron@gmail.com) are addressed. Please visit our website at zionhuron.org for "everything Zion" and our Facebook page for general updates and live streaming of Sunday services.

NEW MEMBERS If you are interested in becoming a part of our Zion family, please contact Pastor Kris by leaving a message at the church office or emailing her at pastorkrisschroeder@gmail.com. New members will be received in early 2022! We are eager to have you join our family and help us share Jesus with the world!!!

FAMILY CHIMES, with the help from Mr. Walt, had so much fun preparing and sharing our music Christmas Eve that we are gearing up to continue in 2022! All are welcome to join no matter age or ability as “WE ARE FAMILY!” (A little flashback to 1979 for you!) To start, we plan to meet 2-3 times/month briefly after Sunday morning worship. Our first practice will be **next Sunday, February 6th!** Come if you are interested! Any questions, please reach out to Walt: wbaughman53@gmail.com or Missy Gibboney: magibboney@hotmail.com.

BERLIN HEIGHTS KIWANIS CLUB CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER Please join in at Chipotle on Rt. 250 in Sandusky on Wednesday, Feb 2nd from 4:00 – 8:00 pm. This fundraiser will benefit Berlin Heights community projects, including the Huron Helping Hand Food Pantry. When you order, hand the cashier the orange flyer, (located on the table in the narthex) or tell the cashier that you are part of the Berlin Heights fundraiser **PRIOR** to ordering! If you order online, use code TW36PE9. Thanks for participating!

AS WE VENTURE INTO WINTER, a reminder regarding cancellation of worship and other church events. If we are at Level 3 by the Sheriff’s Office, all events, including worship, will be canceled. If we are at Level 2, please check the church voicemail and website for updates. Stay safe this winter!

2022 ENVELOPES ARE IN THE NARTHEX: Please be sure to take yours home, and we ask for your assistance in distributing them to your family and friends! Thank you.

END OF THE YEAR GIVING 2021 Statements can be requested by emailing the office at zionhuron.com or calling 419-433-4711.

CHURCH MASTER CALENDAR We ask that **NO** event, meeting, or announcement be written on the church master calendar without first notifying the office of the date and time. Also, if you host an event, it is your responsibility at all tables, chairs, flip charts, etc. be put away before you leave from your meeting. Thank you for your cooperation.

TODAY’S ALTAR FLOWERS have been by given by Howard and Cynthia Carruthers to the glory of God.

FLOWER CHART The 2022 Sign-up Flower Chart is posted on the bulletin board in the narthex. Cindy Carruthers (419-602-7269) will again coordinate this ministry for 2022. Flowers are purchased from Sweet Pea Flower Truck and are \$25.00 per side. Invoices are placed in the cubby marked “Sweet Pea Invoice” in the upper room and can be picked up there. Payments should be mailed directly to Sweet Pea. Cindy will contact you before the flowers are ordered. If the flowers are to celebrate a special occasion or in honor or memory of a loved one, please notify Cindy or the office at 419-433-4711 or zionhuron@gmail.com so it can be listed properly in the bulletin.

CONTINUOUS COMMUNION We ask everyone to comply with mask-wearing before and after communion. An Usher will dismiss rows to maintain proper social distancing. Individuals will walk down the center aisle to the rear of the sanctuary, where you will receive communion. Remain near the center of the aisle to avoid crowding the ends of pews. Masks must be kept on until standing in front of the communion assistant, where you will receive bread and wine placed in your hand. Juice and gluten-free options are available upon your request. After receiving communion, place the small cup in the trash can and don your mask, covering your nose and mouth. Mask must be on before returning to your seat via the side aisle. Please notify an usher if you need communion brought to you in your pew.

Additional Hymnals Have Been Placed Back in the Pews Please keep in mind the hymnals were originally spaced out to encourage social distancing between social/family groups. This continues to be one of our mitigation strategies to keep us all safe from COVID-19. Thank you for your understanding

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

BABY SHOWER FOR JESUS The Women of the ELCA (ZLCW) will host a baby shower for Jesus! Our collection runs from Thursday, Jan 6th (Epiphany Day) to Sunday, Feb 20th. Items can be placed in the bin in the narthex or added to the "Mission Bin" located under the portico. All items will be donated to Heartbeat of Sandusky. Suggested items include crib quilts & sheets, receiving blankets, PJ's, onesies, gowns, infant towels & washcloths, baby bottles, pacifiers, travel and full-size baby lotions, powder, and shampoo. *Formula and diapers of ALL sizes are the greatest need. **The Zion Lutheran Church Women (ZLCW) would like to challenge the congregation to exceed last year's donation of 1000 diapers, 2400 baby wipes and 8 cans of formula. If you would prefer not to shop, monetary gifts are gladly accepted. Checks should be made out to Zion and have Heartbeat notated in the memo. The ZLCW will match monetary donations up to \$200.** Questions can be directed to Karen Munsterman at 419-433-7710 or Joyce Keane.

HURON HELPING HANDS FOOD PANTRY is always looking for items to fill their shelves, to provide to those in need. Needed items include canned fruit, boxed cereal, canned ravioli, canned pasta, canned beef stew, Rice-a-Roni, baking mix, pancake mix, body wash, and shampoo. Egg cartons are also currently needed.

SONSHINE PROJECT We continue to collect items for the residents of our Rye Beach neighborhood. To get involved, please contact Shelia and Tom Preston, 419-433-8504.

Activity Bags are back for our younger members and visitors. The Activity Bags are located at the entrance of the Sanctuary. Please use a bag during the worship service. We ask that you put all items back into the bag and return to the proper place, so that others may also enjoy.

We are looking for 1-2 individuals to assist with the upkeep of the Activity Bags. Minimal time commitment is required. Please reach out to Missy Gibboney at magibboney@hotmail.com or the church office if you are interested or would like more information.

PRAYER & SPIRITUALITY

The **HURON COMMUNITY PRAYER PATH & LABYRINTH** is open year-round from dawn to dusk. There are three separate prayer paths. The upper path is wooded and is one mile long. The lower path follows a brook, transformation bridge, and hilly wooded terrain provides a serene way to commune with nature. The third path traverses the meadow leading to the labyrinth.

The labyrinth is a meditative path that has one entry that leads you to the center. As you walk, find your own pace, let the world drop away, and turn inward to what you feel and think. In the center, pause, reflect, and be open to the whispers of your heart and God's message to you. Please take time and experience God on the path!

The Prayer Path - HOLY GROUND

The Prayer Path has published a book, ***Holy Ground***, that describes how the Prayer Path and Labyrinth got started, how it came together, the blessings people have received, and lives changed. The books are a fundraiser to help collect money for a replacement tractor and are available for \$15.00 in the narthex or see Shelia Preston. Please spread the word!

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