

Committed to God's Truth

We believe in a holy God who exists eternally in three persons – the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

We believe the Bible is the written word of God, and we hold to it as our authority in all matters of faith and life.

We believe all people are sinners, justly deserving God's displeasure, and incapable of saving themselves.

We believe that Jesus Christ – God the Son who became man – lived a sinless life, died on the cross and rose again to accomplish our salvation. We receive this gracious gift through faith alone.

We believe the Holy Spirit gives Christians the daily strength and wisdom they need to walk according to His will and grow in holiness.

We believe that Jesus Christ will return to judge all mankind and to receive His people unto Himself.

For more explanation and resources go to zionpca.com/beliefs

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ZION
CHURCH

TRANSFORMED BY GRACE
POURED OUT FOR OTHERS

12 January 2025

First Sunday After the Epiphany

His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire.

2 Peter 1:3-4

WELCOME!

We're glad you're here! If you are a newcomer, visitor, or guest:

- ◆ Please take a **Zion coffee mug** from the welcome table in the foyer!
- ◆ **Nursery** is provided for children up to age 3 during Sunday school and the morning worship service.
- ◆ **Sunday School** classes for children, youth, and adults are available at the 10:15 education hour.
- ◆ **Busy Bags** for young children are hanging on racks at the back of the worship hall.
- ◆ Please explore the rest of your worship folder for opportunities to **connect** and **serve** at Zion. **We're glad you're here!**

WORSHIP AT ZION

The Zion worship service has a structure and sequence that reflects the way scripture shows how God meets his people. God has made himself known to the world in Jesus Christ, who is God the Son, who took on human flesh, bled and died for our sins, rose from the dead, ascended to the Father's right hand, intercedes for us now, and will come again to receive us at the end. The church assembles on the Lord's day to name the name of Jesus, which is above every name.

- We enter his courts with thanksgiving and praise
- We kneel before him in confession and repentance
- We stand and hear again the Gospel's promise of mercy and forgiveness
- We bring our tribute offerings to our King
- We hear the voice of God from scripture
- We eat at the table Jesus has provided for us
- We depart with his blessing and promise that He will be with us until he comes for us again.

THE MISSION OF ZION CHURCH

By God's grace Zion Church will be a Christ-centered ministry committed to worship God by proclaiming the truth of Scripture and relating to one another on the basis of the transforming power of the Gospel.

As God's people living in community, we will equip one another to pour out our lives for Christ at home, in the city, on the campus, across the Midwest, and to the ends of the earth. This vision rests upon the supernatural work of Christ who alone can build His church through the Spirit's work in our lives together.

Secure Dropoff

Put checks, cash, or other sensitive information in the new Secure Dropoff mail slot in the main office.

Nursery: zionpca.com/nursery

Nursery care is available during the worship service and the Education Hour. If you have any questions or would like to serve, please contact our nursery director **Kelsey Nyenhuis** at nursery@zionpca.com.

How to Give at Zion: zionpca.com/give

God provides all we have, and Christians return a portion of that in thanksgiving. You can put cash and checks in the **black box on the foyer table**. To give online, use this QR code, go to zionpca.com/give, or Venmo @Zion-Church-2.



Year-to-Date

Budget: \$742K

Giving: \$751K

Expenses: \$765

Weekly Ways to Connect: zionpca.com/groups

Sundays, 8:00: **Prayer in Library** (*everyone welcome*)

Sundays, 10:15am: **Education Hour**

Tuesdays, 9:30am: **Women's Bible Study** (resumes January 14)

Thursdays, 6:30am: **Men's Bible Study**

Saturdays, 8:15am: **Foodnet Distribution** (*you can help!*)

One Worship Service

Beginning in January, for the next months of transition, we will have one, unified worship service at 9:00am. The education hour will begin at 10:15 for kids, 10:30 for adults.

Women's Tuesday Bible Study: January 14

The Tuesday morning Bible study with Amy Handeland will resume January 14th using the book *Job, Trusting God When Suffering Comes* by Lydia Brownback. 9:30. Hearth Room.

Women's Wednesday Bible Study: January 29

Wednesdays with Zion Connection, Evann Gardels will lead a women's study in the book of Isaiah. Please look for the sign up sheet in the coffee house to help us get a good count for materials to order.

Rochester L'abri: February 14-15

Zion will have a contingent again this year at the annual L'abri conference in Rochester, Minnesota. This year's theme: *Pilgrimage In Uncertain Times*. Share rides, share meals, sit together ... contact John Anderson. <https://www.rochesterlabriconferences.org/>.

Sunday Mornings: zionpca.com/visit

Corporate Public Worship in the Worship Hall. Streaming to zionpca.com/livestream, Facebook (@zionpca), and Youtube @ZionPCA

Welcome Anne Ramsey, Music Director

Search committees met, job descriptions were drafted (and revised), applications were received, interviews were conducted, and we are happy to announce that Anne Ramsey joins the Zion staff as Music Director in January.

LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

Prelude

Gathering Song — This Is the Day the Lord Has Made (*Trinity Hymnal 389*)

Welcome and Announcements

ENTRANCE TO WORSHIP

† **Call to Worship** *Psalm 98:1-3*

Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things! His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him. The LORD has made known his salvation; he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations. He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

WORSHIP THROUGH CONFESSION AND PRAISE

† **Come Into His Presence With Singing**

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah (Trinity Hymnal 598)

Christ the True and Better

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Prayer of Praise

Confession of Faith – *The Lord's Prayer*

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Preparation for Confession *James 3:9-10*

With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in God's likeness. Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers, this should not be.

Silent Confession of Sin

Come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our maker.

† **Declaration of Grace** 1 Corinthians 15:54-57

When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: "Death has been swallowed up in victory." "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Song of Gratitude – *Jesus, Thank You*

Giving Moment – *All Good Gifts*

WORSHIP THROUGH WORD AND SACRAMENT

*Children are always welcome in the main worship hall.
We also stream the service in the Hearth Room at the north end of the front hallway.*

Preaching of the Word

Title: "All Things for Life & Godliness"

Text: 2 Peter 1:3-4

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

All baptized Christians who are members in good standing with their home congregation are welcome to join us at the Lord's table today.

The communion trays have wine in the outside ring of wine-colored cups and a juice option in the inner ring of clear cups.

† **Hymn of Celebration**

Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart (Trinity Hymnal 604)

† **Benediction**

Postlude



Join Zion's Wednesday evening Women's Bible Study of 'Isaiah,' beginning January 29! We will meet 7pm-8pm, during Connection Night.

If your stress level, worry, and lack of peace are getting to you, it's time to get back to relying on God! Let go of striving and learn to trust God for who He is and how He reveals Himself in Scripture.

Grow, grasp, and discover the book of Isaiah with your sisters in Christ. Register by emailing your name and phone number to Evann Gardels at egardels@neb.rr.com.

Register for this small group Bible Study by Jan 15!



Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

Who may ascend the hill of the LORD?... He who has clean hands and a pure heart.
Ps. 24:3, 4

"All Things for Life & Godliness"

2 Peter 1:3-4

Sermon Notes: 5 January 2025

1. Re - joice, ye pure in heart, re - joice, give thanks, and sing;
2. Bright youth and snow-crowned age, strong men and maid-ens meek,
3. With all the an - gel choirs, with all the saints on earth,
4. Yes, on through life's long path, still chant - ing as ye go,

your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.
raise high your free, ex - ult - ing song; God's won-drous prais - es speak.
pour out the strains of joy and bliss, true rap - ture, no - blest mirth!
from youth to age, by night and day, in glad-ness and in woe.

Re - joice, re - joice, re - joice, re - joice, give thanks, and sing.
Re - joice, re - joice,

- 5. At last the march shall end,
the wearied ones shall rest;
the pilgrims find their Father's house,
Jerusalem the blest.
- 6. Then on, ye pure in heart,
rejoice, give thanks, and sing;
your glorious banner wave on high,
the cross of Christ your King.

2 Peter 1:3-4

3 His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, 4 by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire.

This Is the Day the Lord Has Made

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This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Ps. 118:24

1. This is the day the Lord has made; he calls the hours his own;
2. To - day he rose and left the dead, and Sa - tan's em - pire fell;
3. Ho - san - na to th'a - noint - ed King, to Da - vid's ho - ly Son!
4. Blest be the Lord, who comes to men with mes - sag - es of grace;
5. Ho - san - na in the high - est strains the church on earth can raise!

let heav'n re - joice, let earth be glad, and praise sur - round the throne.
to - day the saints his tri - umphs spread, and all his won - ders tell.
• Help us, O Lord; de - scend and bring sal - va - tion from the throne.
who comes in God his Fa - ther's name to save our sin - ful race.
The high - est heav'ns in which he reigns shall give him no - bler praise.

All Good Gifts

All good gifts a - round us are sent from heav'n a - bove;

then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord for all his love.

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JESUS, THANK YOU

as performed by Brook Hills Music

Music and Words by Pat Sczebel

VERSE $\text{♩} = 136$

1. The mys - t'ry of the cross I can - not com - pre - hend,
 2. By Your per - fect sac - ri - fice I've been brought near,
 the ag - o - nies of Cal - va - ry.
 Your en - e - my You've made Your friend.

You the per - fect Ho - ly One crushed Your Son Who
 Pour - ing out the rich - es of Your glo - rious grace, Your
 drank the bit - ter cup re - served for me.
 mer - cy and Your kind - ness know no end.

CHORUS

blood has washed a - way my sin; Je - sus, thank You. The
 Fa - ther's wrath com - plete - ly sat - is - fied; Je - sus, thank You.
 Once Your en - e - my now seat - ed at Your ta - ble; Je - sus,
 thank You.

BRIDGE

Lov - er of my soul, I want to live for You.

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

He will be our guide even to the end. Ps. 48:14

1. Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
 2. O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing
 3. When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious
 bar - ren land; I am weak, but thou art might - y; hold me with thy
 stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me all my
 fears sub - side; Death of death, and hell's De - struc - tion, land me safe on
 pow'r - ful hand; Bread of heav - en, Bread of heav - en,
 jour - ney through; strong De - liv - 'rer, strong De - liv - 'rer,
 Ca - naan's side; songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es
 feed me till I want no more, feed me till I want no more.
 be thou still my strength and shield, be thou still my strength and shield.
 I will ev - er give to thee, I will ev - er give to thee.

Christ the True and Better



1. Christ, the true and bet-ter Ad - am, Son of God and Son of Man;
 2. Christ, the true and bet-ter Is - aac; hum - ble Son of sa - cri - fice;
 3. Christ, the true and bet-ter Mo - ses; called to lead a peo - ple home;
 4. Christ, the true and bet-ter Da - vid; low - ly Shep - herd, might - y King.



who, when tempt - ed in the gar den nev er yield ed, nev er sinned.
 who would climb the fear-ful moun - tain, there to of - fer up his life.
 stand - ing bold to earth-ly pow - ers, God's great glo - ry to be known.
 He, the cham - pion in the bat - tle, where, O death, is now thy sting?



He, who makes the man - y right - eous, brings us back to life a - gain;
 Laid with faith up - on the al - tar, Fath - er's joy and on - ly Son,
 With his arms stretched wide to heav - en, see the wat - ers part in two.
 In our place he bled and con - quered; crown him Lord of ma - jest - y.



dy - ing, he re - versed the curse, then, ri - sing, crushed the ser - pent's head. *[to v.2]*
 there sal - va - tion was pro - vi - ded, oh, what full and bound - less love! *[to Chorus]*
 See the veil is torn for - ev - er, cleansed with blood, we pass now through.
 His shall be the throne for - ev - er; we shall e'er his peo - ple be.



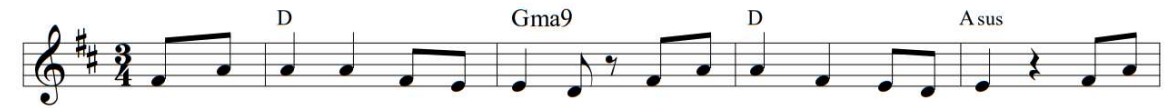
Chorus: A - men, a - men, from be - gin - ning to — end. Christ, the



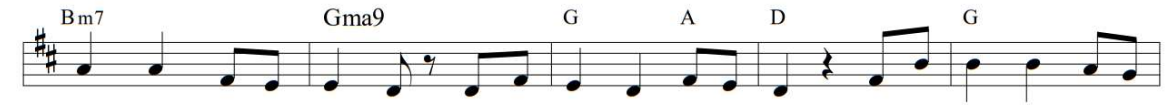
sto - ry, his, the glo - ry, al - le - lu - ia, a - men.

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Words and Music by
 Matt Boswell, Matt Papa,
 and Michael Bleecker



Come be - hold the won - drous mys - try, in the dawn - ing of the King. He the
 Come be - hold the won - drous mys - try, He the per - fect Son of Man. In His
 Come be - hold the won - drous mys - try, Christ the Lord up - on the tree. In the
 Come be - hold the won - drous mys - try, slain by death, the God of life. But no



theme of hea - ven's prais - es, robed in frail hu - man - i - ty. In our long - ing in our
 liv - ing, in His suf - fring, nev - er trace, nor stain of sin. See the true and bet - ter
 stead of ru - ined sin - ners hangs the Lamb in vic - to - ry. See the price of our re -
 grave could e'er re - strain Him. Praise the Lord, He is a - live! What a fore - taste of de -



dark - ness, now the light of life has come. Look to Christ, who con - de - scend - ed, took on
 Ad - am, come to save the hell - bound man. Christ, the great and sure ful - fill - ment of the
 demp - tion, see the Fa - ther's plan un - fold. Bring - ing man - y sons to glo - ry; grace un -
 liv - 'rance, how un - wa - ver - ing our hope. Christ in pow - er res - ur - rect - ed, as we



flesh to ran - som us.
 law, in Him we stand.
 mea - sured, love un - told.
 will be when he comes. What a fore - taste of de - liv - 'rance, how un - wa - ver - ing our hope.



Christ in pow - er res - ur - rect - ed, as we will be when He comes!