

THE OFFERING

OFFERING VOLUNTARY — Jill Sousek

COMMUNION

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER [TRADITIONAL]

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BLESSING

May the triune God, who has put a new song in your mouth and tuned your heart for praise, [☩] bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Radiant God, we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. In the sacrament of his body and blood, you have drawn us to your heart. Send us from this table with delight, that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love, and bear witness to all we have seen and heard, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SENDING

BENEDICTION

HYMN #830 — *How Marvelous God's Greatness*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE — Jill Sousek



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Second Sunday after Epiphany

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WELCOME TO ZION

PRELUDE — Jill Sousek

KIDS OF THE KINGDOM — *My Lighthouse* [10:30 AM]

LOUD OFFERING [10:30 AM]

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSON & FORGIVENESS

The sign of the cross [☩] may be made in remembrance of Baptism.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, [☩] one God, the Creator of heaven and earth, the Word who spoke life into being, the Wind stirring the waters. **Amen.**

Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Mighty God, lover of justice, you call us to life in community, but we have served our own interests at the expense of our neighbors. We have sown deceit where honesty was needed. We say the right words, but our hearts are far from you. Turn us to seek your face. Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ, that we may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

The former things have passed away, and new things God now declares: Like a spring of water that never fails, God covers you in the righteousness of Christ, and forgives your sin in [☩] Jesus' name. May the Spirit give you strength to live for others, and bless you with the gift of peace. **Amen.**

HYMN #314 — *Arise, Your Light Has Come!*

GREETING

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you, and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING — *Isaiah 49:1-7*

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born, and while I was in my mother's womb, God named me. The Lord made my mouth like a sharp sword; I was hid in the shadow of God's hand. The Lord made me a polished arrow; I was hid away in God's quiver. And the Lord said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God."

And now the Lord says, who formed me as a servant in the womb, to bring Jacob back to God, and that Israel might be gathered to the Lord, for I am honored in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength — the Lord says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel, the Holy One of Israel, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Monarchs shall see and stand up, chieftains, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

SECOND READING — *1 Corinthians 1:1-9*

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in Christ, in speech and knowledge of every kind — just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you — so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. God will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord

Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the communion of the Son of God, Jesus Christ our Lord.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

The Holy Gospel according to St. John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL — *John 1:29-42*

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is the one of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'The one on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God."

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where Jesus was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. Andrew first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon, son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDRENS' SERMON

THE SERMON — Pastor Scott Ludford

HYMN #696 — *Jesus Calls Us; O'er the Tumult*

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Merciful God, receive our prayer.

Petitions conclude... name of Jesus Christ. Amen.