

#### OFFERTORY PRAYER

Merciful God, receive the gifts we bring, our selves, our time, and our possessions. Through this meal unite us as your body, shining with the light of your justice and mercy; for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

#### GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

#### EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

#### 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 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, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*We sit.*

#### COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

*We receive communion this morning at the head of the center aisle. We commune by intinction, hold your bread to dip in wine. Return to your seat by the side aisles.*

*We remain seated.*

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

*We stand.*

#### BLESSING

#### SENDING HYMN # 866

***We Are Marching in the Light of God***

#### PEACE

*We share the Peace of Christ with one another as we depart.*

# 2nd Sunday after Epiphany



**January 15, 2017 + 8:30 am**

**Zion Lutheran Church  
Lexington, South Carolina**

**Morning Communion Worship**

You are invited to use this time before worship begins  
for quiet prayer and meditation.

*We stand.*

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

*We kneel. Silence is kept for reflection and confession.*

Gracious God, **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strength you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

*We stand.*

**GATHERING HYMN # 314**

*Arise, Your Light Has Come!*

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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.**

*We sit.*

**FIRST READING**

**Isaiah 49:1-7**

*After the reading:* The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*We stand.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

**GOSPEL READING**

**John 1:29-42**

*Before the reading:* The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*After the reading:* The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*We sit.*

**SERMON**

Pastor Nathan Gragg

*Silence for reflection. Pastoral prayer.*

*We stand.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY # 592**

*Just as I Am, without One Plea*

**APOSTLES' CREED**

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*Each petition ends:* Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**