PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of grace, it is our delight and our devotion to return these gifts to you. All we are and all we have are yours alone. Accept this joyful offering as a token of our abiding love: use it to bring peace, justice and comfort to all the world; through Christ we pray. Amen.

+RECESSIONAL HY	MN
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Insert Here I Am, Lord

+BENEDICTION

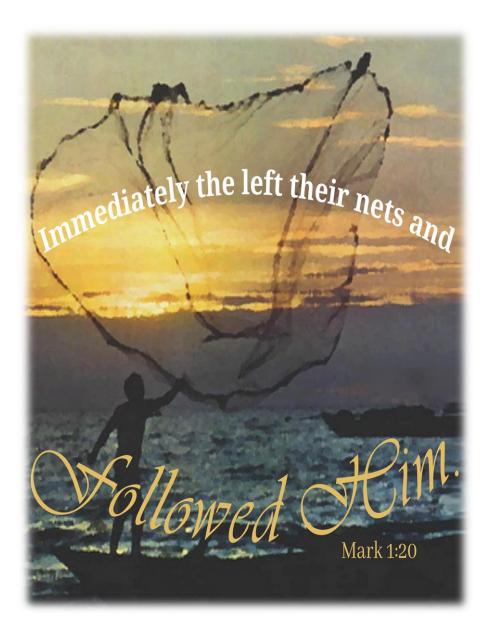
+RESPONSE

May the Lord Be Always With You

+POSTLUDE







Zion United Church of Christ Le Sueur, Minnesota The Rev. Janet Crissinger, Pastor THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 21, 2024

9:00 a.m.

You will know as much of God, and only as much as God, as you are willing to put into practice. *Olympic Champion Eric Liddell*, *The Disciplines of the Christian Life*

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING REFLECTION

Love – No Exceptions Shift Worship Media

CALL TO WORSHIP

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and do not forget all God's benefits—

Who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, Who redeems your life from the grave, Who satisfies you with good things as long as you live.

#HYMN OF PRAISE NCH #27 From All That Dwell Below the Skies

THE RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS NCH #44-47 Evan and Vanesa Schlueter INVITATION QUESTIONS OF THE CANDIDATES +AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed NCH #881

WELCOME

Let us, the members of Zion, express our welcome and affirm our mutual ministry in Christ.

Eileen Wells

We welcome you with joy in the common life of this church. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Savior.

In the name of Jesus Christ, and on behalf of Zion United Church of Christ, we extend to you the hand of Christian love, welcoming you into the company of our congregational family.

+SHARING THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH LORD'S PRAYER THREE-FOLD AMEN

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Reader: Delores Loewe

Acts 16:6-15 May God add a blessing to the reading and hearing of the word. Amen.

+GOSPEL Mark 1:14-20 *The word of God for the people of God.* **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN	Accidental Disciples	Insert
Would I Have Answered When You Called?		

OFFERING OFFERTORY DOXOLOGY **Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow**