

Isaiah 9:1-4 (ESV)

9 But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.² The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone.³ You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil.⁴ For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

1 Corinthians 1:10-18 (ESV)

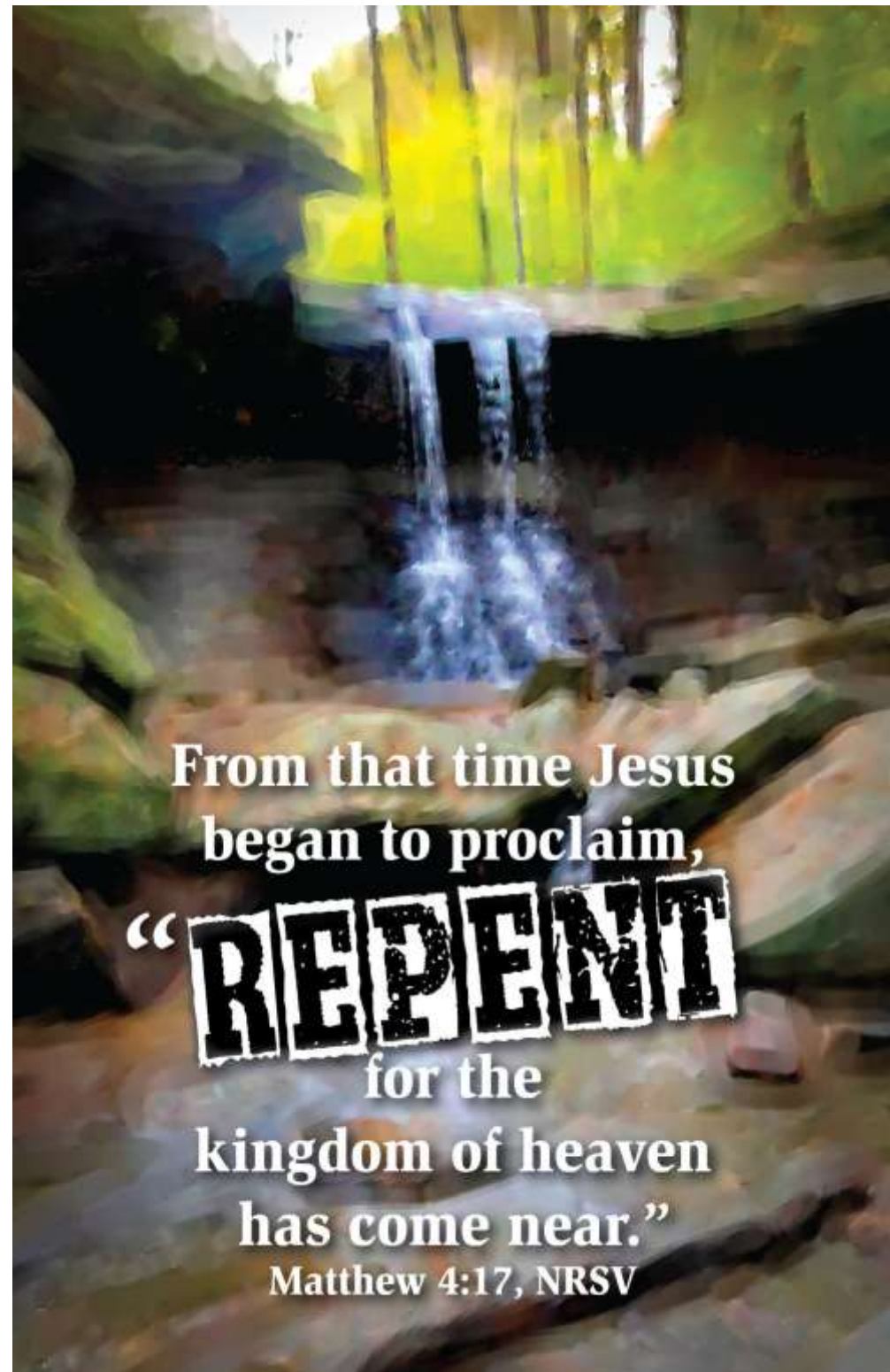
¹⁰ I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. ¹¹ For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers. ¹² What I mean is that each one of you says, "I follow Paul," or "I follow Apollos," or "I follow Cephas," or "I follow Christ." ¹³ Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴ I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵ so that no one may say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶ (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷ For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power. ¹⁸ For the word of

the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Matthew 4:12-25 (ESV)

¹² Now when he heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee. ¹³ And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴ so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: ¹⁵ "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—¹⁶ the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned." ¹⁷ From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." ¹⁸ While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. ¹⁹ And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." ²⁰ Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹ And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. ²² Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. ²³ And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people. ²⁴ So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, those having seizures, and paralytics, and he healed them. ²⁵ And great crowds followed him from Galilee and the

Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.



From that time Jesus
began to proclaim,
“REPENT
for the
kingdom of heaven
has come near.”
Matthew 4:17, NRSV

✠ **In the Name of Jesus** ✠

As We Gather ~ The Lord Manifests His Glory through His Office of the Holy Ministry. By His coming in the flesh and by His preaching and miracles, the Lord Jesus shines the light of His Gospel upon “the people who walked in darkness” and “who dwelt in a land of deep darkness” (Is. 9:2). He also has “multiplied the nation” and “increased its joy” (Is. 9:3) by calling disciples to Himself from the ends of the earth. For this purpose, He calls Peter and Andrew, with James and John, to follow Him and be “fishers of men” (Matt. 4:19). As Jesus did, they also go forth “proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people” (Matt. 4:23). They preach the foolishness of the cross of Christ as the very power and wisdom of God. This word and preaching of the cross divides “those who are perishing” from “us who are being saved” (1 Cor. 1:18), but it unites the Church, the one Body of Christ, “in the same mind and the same judgment” (1 Cor. 1:10).

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Pastor	Larry Warsinski
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A/V	Paul Bohn
Ushers	Dale Rohde and Joel Hutfilz
Altar Guild	Suzanne Schultz and Diane Schultz

Our Measure of Love and Gifts

Attendance last week – 67 *Needed for The Lord’s Work at Zion* \$4,729 ~ *Received for the Lord’s Work* \$1,965 (includes \$170 in memory of Bud Parker); Capital Projects \$35; God’s Helping Hands \$40 in memory of Bud Parker.

Please pray for your fellow Christians on their birthday: January 25- Lindsey Grillo; January 26- Bill Beyersdorf, Aaron Brown; January 27- Jerry Neuenfeldt, Jacob Valliere, January 31, Mike Walton.

Today’s Memory Verse ~ “You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.” Leviticus 19:18

Right to Life Sunday~ We will receive a door offering following the service for the Saginaw Valley Right to Life in recognition of Sanctity of Human Life Sunday.

January Voters’ Assembly meeting will not be held as we have no immediate business to discuss. We will have meetings as needed as we continue the process of calling a pastor.

Dear People of Zion,

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all of you, and especially to those who planned, organized, and attended the celebration of my birthday last Sunday. The cards, birthday wishes, and sharing of special memories was so overwhelming, humbling, and endearing to me as you helped me recall the very special way God has blessed me through you. May God continue to smile upon you and bless you richly. Pastor Schiefer.



Zion Lutheran, Auburn 4th Grade Teacher Search: Zion Lutheran, Auburn is looking for a 4th grade teacher for the 2026/2027 school year. While we hope to fill this position with a called LCMS church worker, we are open to a contracted candidate as well. If you or someone you know is interested, please call the office at 989-662-4264.

Thrivent Choice Dollars - Thanks to all those who have already directed their Thrivent Choice dollars to Zion which goes into Zion’s Capital Projects Fund. If you are an eligible member, another consideration is to direct Choice Dollars to Camp Lu Lay Lea. Call 1-800-847-4836 and say “Thrivent Choice” to be connected to a customer service rep. or go online to www.Thrivent.com/thriventchoice. You will need your Thrivent ID number or your social security number for proper identification. You can still designate dollars until March 31, 2026. After that any dollars not designated remain with Thrivent.