

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. ³You 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. ⁴For 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.

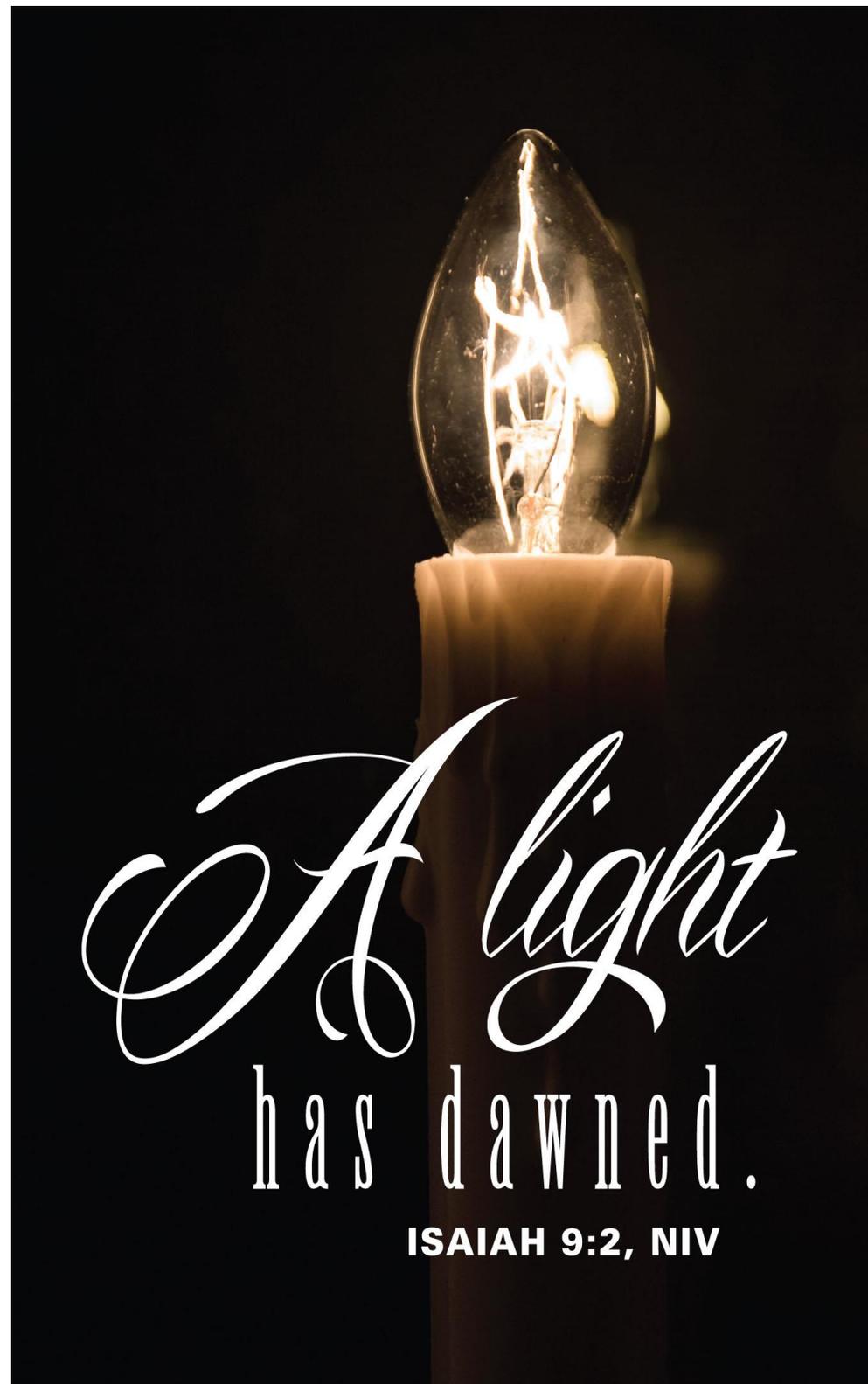
1 Corinthians 1:10-18 (ESV)

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. Christ the Wisdom and Power of God 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.



A light
has dawned.

ISAIAH 9:2, NIV

✠ In the Name of Jesus ✠

Theme of the Day ~ 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	Paul Hauser
Organist	Tami Mosher
Elder/Reader	Larry Feusse
A/V	Paul Bohn
Acolyte	Landon Zastrow
Ushers	Jerry Neuenfeldt & Joel Hutfilz
Greeters	Elmer Blehm & Myrna Pruitt
Altar Guild	Suzanne Schultz and Diane Schultz

Our Measure of Love and Gifts

Attendance last week – 56 Needed for The Lord’s Work at Zion \$4,128 ~ Received for the Lord’s Work \$11,752 = Loose Plate \$33, Envelopes \$11,679, Maintenance \$40, Memorial Fund God’s Helping Hands \$2,465, \$40 in memory of Bill McDonald.

Please pray for your fellow Christians on their birthday: Jan 31- Rusty Laurenz, Mike Walton; Feb 1- Ryan Eggebrecht, Pam McNett; Feb 2- Larry Feusse; Feb 3- Jessica Walton; Feb 4- Elizabeth Carroll, Dick Neuenfeldt (his 83rd) Feb 6- Jonathan Schuler, Jackie Yell.

Today’s Memory Verse ~ “The Lord your god commands you this day to follow these decrees and laws; carefully observe them with all your heart and with all your soul.” Deuteronomy 26:16

Voters’ Assembly meeting will be held today in the church following the worship service this morning. All confirmed members age 18 and over are encouraged to attend. Copies of the agenda, previous minutes and the agenda action item concerning the proposed wording of the LCMS constitution were in your bulletin box for your review before the meeting.

Resources for Rachel ~ Door offering will be taken next Sunday following the worship service for our sponsored Missionary Rachel Meyer in Uganda.

125th Anniversary Celebration Dinner ~ Zion Lutheran Church was organized on February 17, 1895. In honor of this milestone we invite all members, past and present, to gather on Sunday, February 16 for our 9:30 am worship service and be our guests for a Chicken and Swiss steak dinner served at 11:30 am. To help in our planning we ask that you RSVP with your name and number attending by February 1, 2020. Please email the church at admin@zionhemlock.org, or call and leave a message at 642-5909 or sign up on the sheet in the narthex. We have also extended an invitation to Immanuel, Wheeler and St. Peter, Hemlock. We look forward to everyone joining us for this celebration.

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 2020 dollars until March 31, 2020. After that any dollars not designated remain with Thrivent.

Pop Can Drive ~ A member of the Hemlock High School Pom Pon squad is collecting pop cans to raise funds needed to go and perform at Disney Land in California. Your cans may be dropped off in the barrel in the entryway. Your support is appreciated.

Brothers and sister in Christ at Zion,

Greetings in the name of our newborn Savior! I am so sad that the weather kept me from getting to greet you in person! I was looking forward to worshipping with you and sharing an update about the ministry you are involved in in Uganda. But I trust God will allow us another time to meet. I thank Him for joining us as the body of Christ, whether near or far apart. I thank God for you and your partnership in the Gospel. Thank you for your continued prayers, encouragement, and support as I serve in Uganda. God is working through you to draw others to Himself. Thank you for being a part of the work He is doing! God’s richest blessings to you.

In Christ, Rachel Meyer