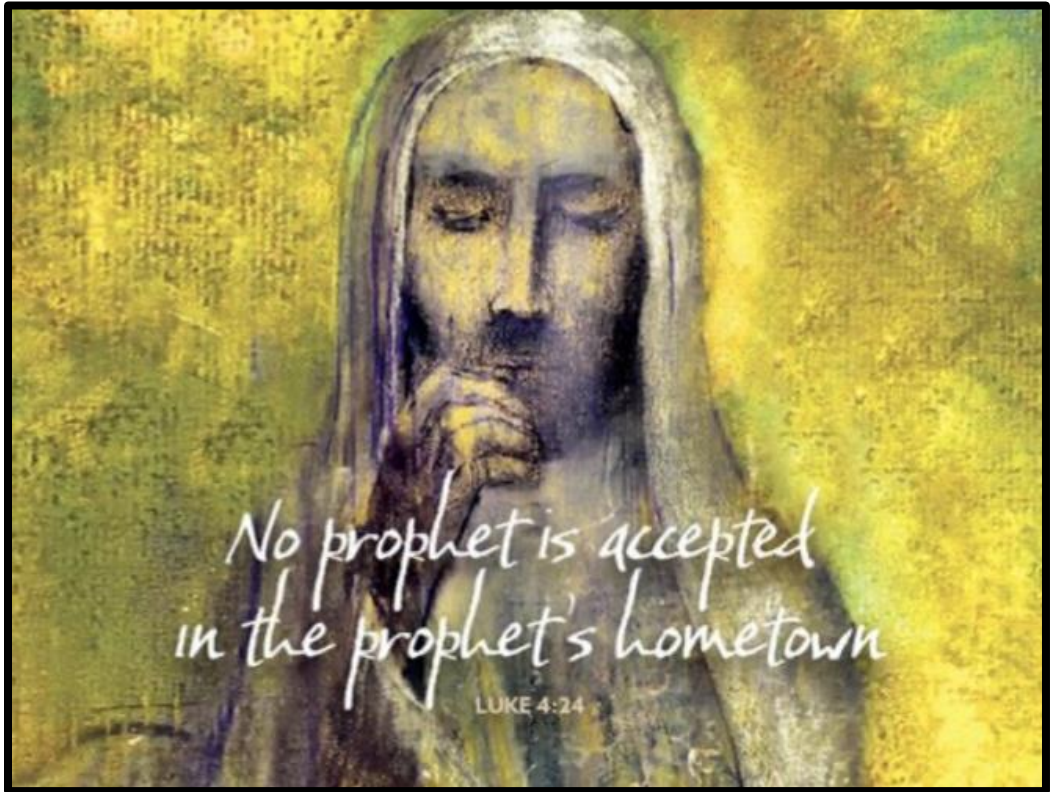


**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**  
*A Service of Word & Sacrament*  
*February 2, 2025*



**ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
85 E. Brandt Boulevard  
Landisville, PA

*Connecting with God; Connecting with others; Connecting others with God*

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

**WELCOME TO ZION!** We are glad you have chosen to worship with us this morning! The service contains the four parts of the Lutheran liturgy (The Gathering, The Word, The Meal, and The Sending). If you have any questions concerning our service, please do not hesitate to talk with our pastor, Pastor Tim.

## **WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AT ZION**

**IN-PERSON:** All are invited to join us for worship at 9:00 a.m. each Sunday morning.

**ONLINE:** Indoor worship services are live-streamed on the church YouTube channel: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIy\\_3AeK\\_pExuVhcUfI2cSw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIy_3AeK_pExuVhcUfI2cSw). If you are unable or prefer not to watch during the live-stream, the recording is available to view any time after the service concludes.

## **SUNDAY MORNING INFORMATION**

- ❖ Restrooms are available by the front entrance of the church in the narthex and in the hallway off the back door. Infant changing tables can be found in the women's and men's bathrooms in the hallway off the back door.
- ❖ Children are welcome to be active participants in the worship service. Children are invited to come forward for the Children's Chat. There are bags located at the back of the sanctuary with quiet worship activities and goodies to take home. Currently, nursery care is not available but you may use the parlor as a calming room while also still being able to listen to the service.
- ❖ Ushers are located near the front and back of the worship area to direct people to seating, assist with other matters, and to answer questions.



# 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

*P: Pastor      A: Assisting Minister      C: Congregation (bolded)*

## † THE GATHERING †

### INTRODUCTION

*The glory of God is often revealed when and where it is least expected. God uses our lips to declare that glory, inexperienced and hesitant though they may be. God uses our love to demonstrate that glory and so urges us to exercise it. God uses Jesus of Nazareth, water and the word, bread and wine, to reveal God's glory where and when God chooses. Take heed, lest the glory of God slip through our midst unnoticed.*

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please stand if you are able.*

### OPENING SONGS

***Come, Now Is the Time to Worship***

**BB 3**

*Refrain*

Come, now is the time to worship.  
Come, now is the time to give your heart.  
Come, just as you are to worship.  
Come, just as you are before your God. Come.

1. One day every tongue will confess You are God.

One day every knee will bow.

Still, the greatest treasure remains  
For those who gladly choose You now. *Refrain*

2. Willingly we choose to surrender our lives.

Willingly our knees will bow.

With all our heart, soul, mind, and strength  
We gladly choose You now. *Refrain*

*Ending*

Come. Come. Just as you are, come. Come

***King***

1. We have heard the thunder  
 And we have seen the storm  
 Echoes of Your kingdom come  
 And rumors of our home,  
 Where one day we will stand before You, Lord;  
 Our altogether beautiful reward.

***Refrain***

And we will give You glory, bring You honor.  
 King above all kings, You deserve our ev'rything.  
 We will lift our voices with Your praises.  
 Jesus, You are our King.

2. Though now we walk in darkness, though now we see in part,  
 Right now we're warmed by the burning flames of the fire in our hearts.  
 You've promised You will lead us to Your throne,  
 Where we will worship You and You alone. *Chorus*

We will give You glory, (*sing 7 times*)  
 Glory.

And we will give You glory, bring You honor.  
 King above all kings, You deserve our ev'rything.  
 We will lift our voices with Your praises.  
 Jesus, You are,  
 Jesus, You are,  
 Jesus, You are our King.

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life.

C: **Amen.**

P: Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

*Silence for reflection.*

P: Merciful God,

C: **you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.**

P: God proclaims these words of assurance: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine." In † Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God.

C: **Amen.**

### **GREETING**

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

C: **And also with you.**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and love; and that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

### **† THE WORD †**

#### **JEREMIAH 1:4-10**

*I appointed you a prophet to the nations.*

A: <sup>4</sup> Now the word of the LORD came to me saying, <sup>5</sup> "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations."

<sup>6</sup> Then I said, "Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." <sup>7</sup> But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy'; for you shall go

to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. <sup>8</sup> Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD.”

<sup>9</sup> Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me, “Now I have put my words in your mouth.<sup>10</sup> See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.”

The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM 71:1-6**

*Please read responsively.*

A: <sup>1</sup> In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame.

**C: <sup>2</sup> In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free; incline your ear to me and save me.**

<sup>3</sup> Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe; you are my crag and my stronghold.

**<sup>4</sup> Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.**

<sup>5</sup> For you are my hope, O Lord GOD, my confidence since I was young.

**<sup>6</sup> I have been sustained by you ever since I was born; from my mother’s womb you have been my strength; my praise shall be always of you.**

### **1 CORINTHIANS 13:1-13**

*If I speak without love, I am a noisy gong.*

A: <sup>1</sup> If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup> And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup> If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

<sup>4</sup> Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant <sup>5</sup> or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; <sup>6</sup> it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. <sup>7</sup> It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

<sup>8</sup> Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. <sup>9</sup> For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; <sup>10</sup> but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. <sup>11</sup> When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. <sup>12</sup> For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. <sup>13</sup> And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **ANTHEM**

*Promised Land*

**Natalie Sleeth**

## **CHILDREN'S CHAT**

*Please stand if you are able.*

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION      *Down to the River to Pray***

**BB 10**

1. As I went down to the river to pray,  
Studyin' about that good ole' way  
And who shall wear the starry crown,  
Good Lord, show me the way!  
Oh sisters let's go down, let's go down, come on down.  
Oh sisters let's go down, down in the river to pray.
2. As I went down to the river to pray,  
Studyin' about that good ole' way  
And who shall wear the starry crown,  
Good Lord, show me the way!  
Oh brothers let's go down, let's go down, come on down.  
Oh brothers let's go down, down in the river to pray.

## **LUKE 4:14-30**

*Jesus says a prophet is not accepted in his hometown.*

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

P: <sup>14</sup>Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. <sup>15</sup>He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

<sup>16</sup>When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, <sup>17</sup>and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: <sup>18</sup>"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, <sup>19</sup>to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

<sup>20</sup>And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. <sup>21</sup>Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." <sup>22</sup>All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" <sup>23</sup>He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" <sup>24</sup>And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. <sup>25</sup>But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; <sup>26</sup>yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. <sup>27</sup>There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." <sup>28</sup>When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. <sup>29</sup>They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. <sup>30</sup>But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

**MESSAGE**

**Pastor Tim Seitz-Brown**



The Roman Empire used the body as an image to show how the rich and powerful were in charge, while Paul, in *1 Corinthians 12*, talked about the body as a group where everyone, no matter who they are, is important and works together to help each other.

In *1 Corinthians 13*, Paul keeps this idea going by saying that love is the most important thing, bringing people together and showing kindness, and care for everyone.

*Please stand if you are able.*

# SERMON SONG

## *Although I Speak with Angel's Tongue*

ELW 644



1 Al - though I speak with an - gel's tongue, my faith, my  
2 For love is pa - tient, love is kind, and nev - er  
3 For now we peer at dark - ened glass; our vi - sions  
4 The gifts are man - y, the Bod - y one, and in - to



knowl - edge all sur - pass, but have no love, my gifts are  
vain with boast - ing pride; love bears all things, all things en -  
end; our tongues all cease. In part we know, in part now  
one are all bap - tized. Be - lov - ed, share one heart, one



vain as clang - ing gong or blar - ing brass.  
dures. All things must end; love will a - bide.  
see: then we will see love face to face.  
mind, one hope, one faith, one love in Christ.

Text: Andrew Donaldson, b. 1951

Music: O WALY WALY, English traditional

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## NICENE CREED

P: Let us profess our faith together.

C: **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

A: With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation. God of eternal wisdom, we pray for your church, which is being transformed by your word. Bless the church with your wisdom and guidance. Let us notice and take part in the new thing you are doing. God of grace,

C: **hear our prayer.**

Your creation sustains us and all living creatures. Grant us humility to acknowledge the ways we bring harm to the earth. Grant us courage to make effective change so that all lands and living things prosper. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Embolden leaders of nations, corporations, and all in authority, that they lovingly tend those in their charge. Help them to respond to all who cry out in need. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Provide for those whose hunger runs deep due to isolation, loneliness, or illness. Send your Spirit so that all are filled with your presence and experience welcome from their communities. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for the young people in our congregations. May their voices be celebrated. Give youth a place of honor and value among us. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

*Additional prayers may be lifted up by the congregation and/or pastor.*

P: We remember those who have gone before us. Let their faithful example continue to bear witness to us all. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.  
**Amen.**

## **THE SHARING OF THE PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

## **† THE MEAL †**

### **PRAYER**

A: God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always.

C: **Amen.**

## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER & WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

P: Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God. The universe declares your praise beyond the stars, beneath the sea, within each cell, with every breath.

C: **We praise you, O God.**

P: Generations bless your faithfulness through the water, by night and day, across the wilderness, out of exile, into the future.

C: **We bless you, O God.**

P: We give you thanks for your dear Son at the heart of human life, near to those who suffer, beside the sinner, among the poor, with us now.

C: **We thank you, O God.**

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: “Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: “This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P: We pray for the gift of your Spirit in our gathering, within this meal, among your people, throughout the world. Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end.

C: **Amen.**

## **THE LORD’S PRAYER**

P: We pray together.

C: **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, forever and ever. Amen.**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P: The joy of the Lord is our strength. Come, eat this meal of gladness.

C: **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## **PARTAKING IN THE BREAD AND CUP OF SALVATION**

*All baptized Christians are welcome to partake of the Holy Sacrament. Those who do not or choose not to partake of the sacrament may receive a blessing.*

*For those not able to have red wine, there is grape juice in the outer circle of every tray. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. When given the bread and cup, the communion ministers will say: “The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you,” to which you may respond: “Amen.”*

*Please use this time for quiet reflection or to sing the communion songs until all worshippers have communed and have returned to their seats.*

## COMMUNION SONGS

### *Beauty for Brokenness*

**BB 104**

1. Beauty for brokenness, hope for despair:  
Lord, in the suffering, this is our prayer.  
Bread for the children, justice, joy, peace;  
Sunrise to sunset your kingdom increase.

#### *Refrain*

God of the poor, friend of the weak,  
Give us compassion, we pray;  
Melt our cold hearts, let tears fall like rain.  
Come, change our love from a spark to a flame.

2. Shelter for fragile lives, cures for their ills,  
Work for the craftsmen, trade for their skills;  
Land for the dispossessed, rights for the weak,  
Voices to plead the cause of those who can't speak. *Refrain*

3. Refuge from cruel wars, havens from fear,  
Cities for sanctuary, freedoms to share;  
Peace to the killing fields, scorched earth to green,  
Christ for the bitterness, his cross for the pain. *Refrain*

4. Rest for the ravaged earth, oceans and streams,  
Plundered and poisoned, our future, our dreams.  
Lord, end our madness, carelessness, greed.  
Make us content with the things that we need. *Refrain*

5. Lighten our darkness, breathe on this flame,  
Until your justice burns brightly again;  
Until the nations learn of your ways,  
Seek your salvation, and bring you their praise. *Refrain*

## *By Our Love*

**BB 17**

1. Brothers, let us come together,  
Walking in the Spirit; there's much to be done.  
We will come reaching, out from our comforts,  
And they will know us by our love.

2. Sisters, we were made for kindness,  
We can pierce the darkness as He shines through us.  
We will come reaching, with a song of healing,  
And they will know us by our love.

### *Refrain*

The time is now, come church arise.  
Love with His hands, see with His eyes.  
Bind it around you, let it never leave you,  
And they will know us by our love.

3. Children, you are hope for justice,  
Stand firm in the Truth now, set your hearts above.  
You will be reaching long after we're gone,  
And they will know you by your love.

### *Refrain (sing twice)*

*Please stand if you are able.*

## **POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

**P:** The body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C:** **Amen.**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**A:** Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray,

**C:** **Amen.**

## † THE SENDING †

### BLESSING

P: The Spirit of the triune God † bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion,  
and send you in love.

C: Amen.

### SENDING HYMN

#### *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

ELW 836

1. Joyful, joyful we adore thee,  
God of glory, Lord of love!  
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee,  
praising thee, their sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,  
drive the gloom of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness,  
fill us with the light of day.
2. All thy works with joy surround thee,  
earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,  
stars and angels sing around thee,  
center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird, and flowing fountain  
call us to rejoice in thee.
3. Thou art giving and forgiving,  
ever blessing, ever blest,  
wellspring of the joy of living,  
ocean-depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our brother,  
all who live in love are thine;  
teach us how to love each other,  
lift us to the joy divine!

Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852-1922

### DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Live in hope.

C: Thanks be to God. We will!

### POSTLUDE

#### *Postlude on "Ode to Joy"*

## **THIS WEEK AT ZION**

### **Sunday, February 2 – Scout Sunday; Bring A Friend to Church Sunday**

*\* The altar flowers are sponsored by Cathy & Todd Benedict in honor of Evan's birthday!*

*\* The bulletins are sponsored by Randy Miller in honor of our congregation.*

Worship – 9:00 a.m. (In-Person & Livestreamed/Recorded)

Livestream/Recorded Link:

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIy\\_3AeK\\_pExuVhcUfI2cSw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIy_3AeK_pExuVhcUfI2cSw)

Adult Sunday School – 10:30 a.m.

Bible Study Class – Parlor

Wired Word Class – Zone & Zoom (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2283229266>)

### **Monday, February 3**

Comforter Ministry – 9 a.m. (Social Room/Kitchen)

Food Pantry – 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Property – 7 p.m. (Parlor)

### **Tuesday, February 4**

Bible Study – 9 a.m. (Parlor)

W & M – 6 p.m.

Scouts – 6:30-8 p.m.

### **Wednesday, February 5**

Food Pantry – 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

### **Thursday, February 6**

Choir – 6 p.m.

### **Friday, February 7**

### **Saturday, February 8 – Souper Sunday**

### **Sunday, February 9**

Worship – 9:00 a.m. (In-Person & Livestreamed/Recorded)

Livestream/Recorded Link:

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIy\\_3AeK\\_pExuVhcUfI2cSw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIy_3AeK_pExuVhcUfI2cSw)

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS, UPDATES, & EVENTS**

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

- The adult Bible class will meet in the parlor. You are welcome to come and join us for more wisdom and understanding in the parlor at 10:30 a.m.  
*Through next Sunday, this class will explore Adam Hamilton's presentation of the words of Jesus the Messiah – words that fueled his ministry and gives meaning to ours – through his program, "The Message of Jesus."*
- The Wired Word class will meet in the Zone and on Zoom.  
(<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2283229266>)

### **PROPERTY TEAM REQUEST**

We are in the process of upgrading the lighting system in the sanctuary. Our lighting system dimmers only work with 60-watt incandescent (old style) lightbulbs. These bulbs are no longer sold. We are asking members to bring in any bulbs that they can spare to maintain our lighting until the new dimmer system is installed. *There is a collection box in the narthex.* Check your attic and basement to see what you can find. Once again, that would be standard base 60-watt incandescent lightbulbs. Thanks for any you can give.

### **FOOD PANTRY REQUESTS**

If you would like to donate to the pantry, requested items include: cereal, canned peaches, canned pears, rotini, rigatoni, elbow noodles, and canned vegetable soup.

### **BULLETIN & COMMUNION ELEMENTS SPONSORS**

Bulletin sponsorships are open every Sunday now through April 27 and the monthly communion elements sponsorship is open for both February and March. Please sign up on the charts in the narthex across from the mailboxes. You can pay online using the new VANCO giving site (<https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZM24/home>).

### **ASH WEDNESDAY & LENTEN MIDWEEK HEALING SERVICES**

The Ash Wednesday service with imposition of ashes will be held at 7 p.m. on March 5. Throughout Lent, healing services will be held on Wednesdays in the afternoon or evening, depending on the week. Check the Church Events at a Glance box for details.



There is one more week to bring in donations and to fill the two big soup pots in the narthex for the Social Outreach team's Souper Bowl food drive! In addition, there are jars for monetary donations. All donations and contributions will go to the Pantry. ***ALSO next Sunday***, show your team spirit by wearing your favorite jersey!!

## WINTER BASKETBALL AT PSU: OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS & FRIENDS



Zion's Men's Group has tickets to the PSU basketball game on **Sat., Feb. 15** at the Bryce Jordan Center at Penn State University. The Nittany Lions will play the Washington Huskies in a 2:00 PM tip-off. There are tickets for 20 seats in adjacent rows. Ticket price is \$10/person. We typically meet for dinner after the game at the Clubhouse Grille in Mifflintown right off 322.



There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for those who wish to attend. Carpooling is encouraged, and there is a \$10 charge/car for parking using the HONK app. This has become an annual event and we hope that you will join us!

## ONLINE GIVING

Interested in online giving? The link is on the homepage of the church website, or go directly: <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZM24/home> Questions or need help? Contact Phil Houseal (phouseal@comcast.net) or Randy Miller (randymiller107@comcast.net).

## DAILY DEVOTIONALS

Our Daily Bread devotional booklets are available on the ushers' table and on the window sill ledge in the back hallway across from the choir room. If you are interested in an online daily devotional app, consider d365. This resource comes recommended by Pastor Tim and others in the church who use it. There is an app for it or it can be accessed online. <https://d365.org/>

## UPDATED DIRECTORY

Copies of the updated church directory are available on the ushers' table in the narthex and on the window ledge in the back hallway across from the choir room.

## 2024 ANNUAL REPORT

Copies of the 2024 Annual Report are also on the ushers' table in the narthex and on the window ledge in the back hallway across from the choir room. Thank you to all teams and team leaders for taking the time to write the report for your team and for sharing the goals for this year!

## COMMUNITY MEAL

Meals this spring will be held on Feb. 13 & 27, March 13 & 27, April 10 & 24, and May 8 & 22. To help with any of these in any way, contact Mary (717-333-6173)!



**The Lutheran Camping Corporation  
of Central Pennsylvania**  
Kirchenwald, Nawakwa, & The Wittel Farm

## **WINTER FUN DAY AT KIRCHENWALD**

**Sunday, February 16  
1:00-5:00 p.m.**



*Bring your family or neighbors and  
enjoy an afternoon on  
Kirchenwald's award-winning  
toboggan run or have fun  
ice skating on the lake. There will  
also be hot chocolate in the lodge!*

**RSVP 717-677-8211**

## **A LENTEN DAY APART** at The Wittel Farm

**Saturday, March 15  
9:00 a.m.-3:00p.m.**

***Begin your Lenten journey to Eater  
by joining us for a day apart.***

*Casual, comfortable clothing will be appropriate.  
A \$15 registration fee covers the program  
and meal costs.  
Register at [LutheranCamping.org](http://LutheranCamping.org) or  
call 717-677-8211 by March 7.*



## **PASTOR APPRECIATION DONATIONS UPDATE**

Thank you to everyone who gave a donation to one of the organizations in honor of Pastor Tim for Pastor Appreciation Month this past fall! \$100 was given to Bethany Safe Families for Children, \$575 was given to Off the Streets, and \$75 was given to Habitat for Humanity! We recently received notes of appreciation from these organizations – they are both so grateful for the generosity to help bring hope and a sense of security to those in need.

*Pastor Tim extends his thanks to everyone who donated to these ministries for Clergy Appreciation Month! What you contributed matters!*



**Safe Families  
for Children**

**OFF THE  
STREETS**

## **JOYFUL NOISE OFFERING**

Contributions this month will go to the Food Pantry. The money collected will supplement the money collected for the Souper Bowl challenge!

### **CHURCH EVENTS AT A GLANCE**

#### **February**

- 2: Scout Sunday
- 2: Bring a Friend to Church Sunday
- 9: Souper Bowl Sunday
- 12: Listening Session (7-8 p.m.)
- 13: Listening Session (10-11 a.m.)
- 15: Listening Session 10-11 a.m.)
- 15: Basketball Game Outing (PSU vs. WSU) (2 p.m.)
- 16: Listening Session (10:15-11:15 a.m.)
- 22: Annual Council Retreat
- 23: Konde Diocese Event (Advent Lutheran, York) [Re: visiting Tanzania]

#### **March**

- 5: Ash Wednesday Worship (7 p.m.)
- 12 & 26: Healing Services (1 p.m.)
- 19: Healing Service (6 p.m.)
- 30: E-Town College Choir (During Worship)

#### **April**

- 2: Healing Service (6 p.m.)
- 9: Healing Service (1 p.m.)
- 12: Sanctuary & Social Room Reserved (piano recital) (11 a.m.-3 p.m.)
- 13: Zion Arts Event (Magician) followed by a covered dish meal (4 p.m.)
- 17: Maundy Thursday Worship (7 p.m.)
- 18: Good Friday Worship (7 p.m.)

#### **May**

- 17: Walk for Love (Safe Families for Children)
- 29: Choir Festival (7 p.m.)

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS DURING WORSHIP: A REMINDER**

The announcements will begin prior to the start of the service each Sunday, at 8:50 a.m.  
The prelude music will begin at 9:00. If you want to hear plan to arrive for worship early!

# **LISTENING SESSIONS**

The Faith Sharing team with the support of Church Council has designated the week of February 9-16 as Listening Days. There will be meeting dates during that week for small group gatherings. ***You can choose which date will work best for you!*** (You only need to attend one session.)

Sessions will be held on:

- Wednesday (2/12) in the evening
- Thursday (2/13) in the morning
- Saturday (2/15) in the morning
- Sunday (2/16) after the service at 10:15 a.m.

These gatherings are designed for the team to LISTEN to your thoughts concerning questions focusing on our congregation's action statement:

## ***Connecting with God, Connecting with Others, Connecting Others with God***

The objective of these listening sessions is to provide an opportunity for you to express feelings, concerns, thoughts, and recommendations about how to continue—and to grow—in our individual and congregational faith sharing.

After the listening sessions, the Faith Sharing team will provide input and feedback to the Council. This will give the congregation's leadership key insights and a clearer direction for the coming year and beyond. Focusing our path forward, we can discern how to sustain our future's presence as a place of worship and as people who serve the Hempfield community.

## **To prepare for the Listening Sessions, consider the following:**

1. **Connecting with others** – *Practicing relational joy*
  - Do you often think that faces light up when we come together as a congregation?
  - How do you think relational joy affects the way we connect with each other in church?
2. **Connecting with others** – *Building close supportive relationships with each other*
  - How often do you feel comfortable sharing a weakness or failure in our congregation?
3. **Connecting others with God** – *Culture of gentle correction*
  - How can we each remind ourselves of our identity in an effort to help us grow and to thrive as a congregation?
4. **Connecting others with God** – *Congregation strengths*
  - Over the past year how satisfied are you with the way our congregation handles challenges in our daily lives?
5. **Connecting with God** – *Focusing too much on ourselves*
  - How might playing it safe, staying comfortable, and avoiding challenges impede our growth and change as a congregation?
6. **Connecting with God** – *Listening to God*
  - Where is God calling us as a congregation?

***We look forward to these conversations and to hear what you have to say!***

***PRAYER LIST***  
***HEALING***

Al Alsedek  
Bill Piper  
Deb Overly  
Kate Donnan  
John Gerlach  
Dave Wauls  
Connie Alsedek  
Bob Shirk  
Kathryn Kochel  
Dave Wise  
Barb Wildasin  
Joe Adams  
Jess Barcaro  
Kay Crawford  
Judie Ingersoll  
Bill Grove  
Barb Williams

Sam King  
Tom Grzybowski

Kara Escalante (Goddaughter of Barb & Tom Williams)

Rick Nickel (Friend of Randy Miller)

Wendy Gibbs (Friend of John Marrs)

Lissa James (Niece of Connie Alsedek)

Jeff Long (Nephew of Rick & Deb Long)

Amy Jones (Neighbor of Bob & Judy Traup)

Joanne Myers (Friend of Connie Alsedek)

Mike LaFata (Son-in-law of Bill & Julia Grove)

Dennis Barcaro (Jess Barcaro's father-in-law)

Rev. Janyce Jorgensen (Wife of Rev. Jorgensen)

Randy Smith (Father-in-law of Adele King's daughter)

Jack Taylor (4-year-old son of the niece of Deb Grube)

Harmony & Family (Friends of Kim & Jim Paternoster)

Rev. Pam & Ed Illick (Pastor at Zion (East Pete) & her husband)

James Marks (Grandson of Thelma Pearson and nephew of Dennis & Marie Dezort)

***To keep this list  
current, please let  
Pastor Tim know if  
anyone can be removed  
or should be added.***

***COMFORT, PEACE, STRENGTH, & SAFETY***

Lucy Davis  
George Potts  
Thelma Pearson

Brooke Ross (Friend of Barb Williams)  
Arlene Wise (Sister-in-law of Dave Wise)  
Jennifer Kready (Daughter of Dave & Donna Dumeyer)

***PROTECTION FOR MILITARY & FIRST RESPONDERS***

Ryan Stitzel  
Doug Kautter  
Chris Andrew  
Evan Benedict  
Justin Gorlaski  
Thom Whitesel  
Christopher Wright  
Corey Landis (Nephew of Jesse & Pat Landis)  
David Adams (Son-in-law of John & Kathleen Hay; husband of Liz)

***WIDER CHURCH***

Konde Diocese  
Masebe congregation  
Pastor Subi Mwakitalima  
James Dunlop (Bishop, LSS)  
Elizabeth Eaton (Presiding Bishop, ELCA)  
Geoffrey Samuel Mwaihaba (Bishop, Konde Diocese)

***CELEBRATING***

**HAPPY BELATED BIRTHDAY** to Millie Gundel who celebrated her 88<sup>th</sup> birthday on January 27!

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

3<sup>rd</sup>: Bill Barry, Meghan Brady, Rachael (Grube) Horvath  
4<sup>th</sup>: Evan Benedict  
5<sup>th</sup>: Alec Martin  
6<sup>th</sup>: Dave Dumeyer, Riley Klepper

**CARD SHOWER**



***Mary Ann Cupach's 93<sup>rd</sup> birthday is coming up on February 14!***  
Help bring Mary Ann birthday joy by sending her a card!

*Mary Ann Cupach  
c/o Kadina Physical Rehab  
125 S. Broad St.  
Lititz, PA 17544*



## MINISTRY LEADERS

Ministers  
Pastor  
Music Director  
Parish Administrator  
Worship Technology Assistant  
Lay Ministry Assistant  
Council President  
Council Vice President  
Sexton

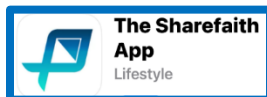
Members of the Congregation  
Rev. Timothy Seitz-Brown  
John Landis  
Anne Rankin  
David Albin  
Diane Gerlach  
Kim Paternoster  
Denise Haun  
Tom Miller

## WORSHIP, SUNDAY SCHOOL, & CONTACT INFORMATION

Worship	Sundays @ 9:00 a.m.
Livestream Link:	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIy_3AeK_pExuVhcUfI2cSw">https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIy_3AeK_pExuVhcUfI2cSw</a>
Bible Study Class (Parlor)	Sundays @ 10:30 a.m.
Wired Word Class (Zone & Zoom)	Sundays @ 10:30 a.m. <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2283229266">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2283229266</a>
Morning Bible Study	Tuesdays @ 9:00 a.m.
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