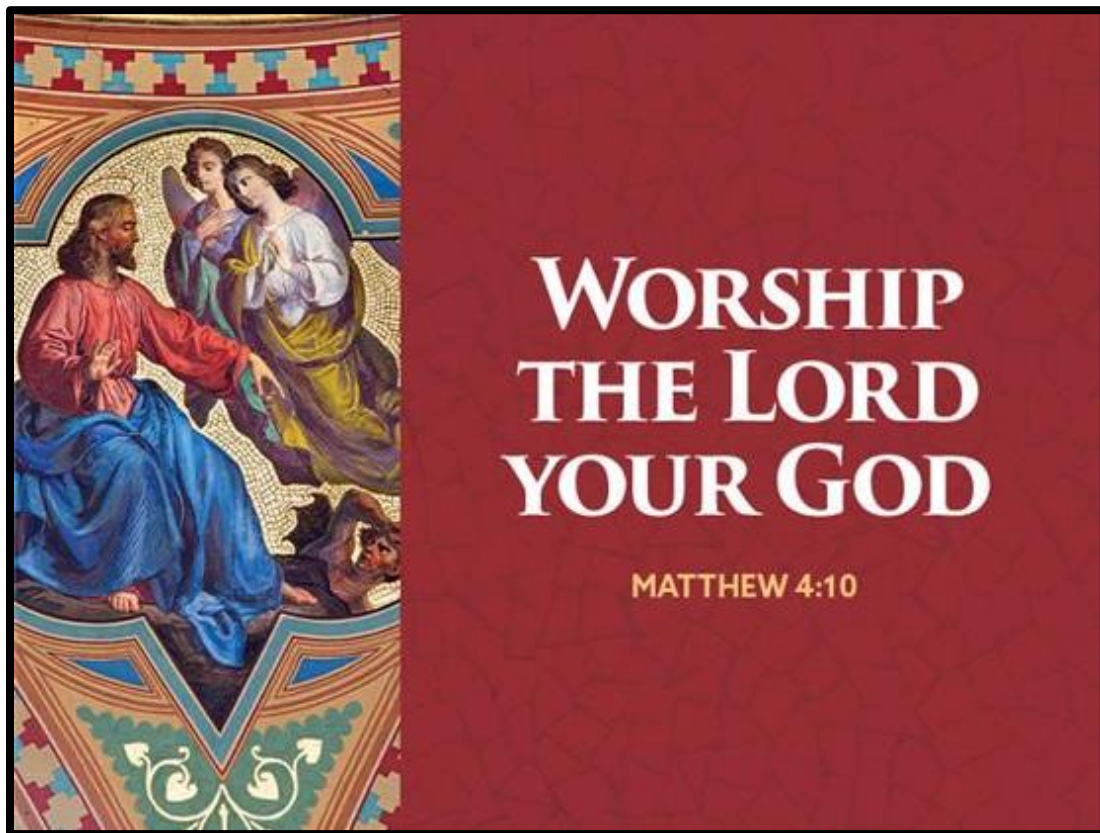


First Sunday in Lent
A Service of Word & Sacrament
February 22, 2026



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). Please note that those who are remembered in the liturgical calendar are included in the Prayers of the Faithful. If you have any questions concerning our service, please do not hesitate to talk with our pastor, Pastor Tim.

THIS MORNING WE WELCOME THE REV. CLIFF ESHBACH. Cliff is a retired pastor who served most recently at Holy Spirit Lutheran Church (Lancaster) and is a member of Saint Matthew Lutheran Church (Lancaster). He is also known for serving on the synod staff, being camp director at Nawakwa, and his interest in the Konde Diocese. Fun Fact: Pastor Tim recently realized he first met Cliff in 1976 at Bear Creek Camp in North East PA Synod!

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AT ZION

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

ONLINE: If you are unable to worship in-person, the service is live-streamed and can be viewed on the church YouTube channel:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIy_3AeK_pExuVhcUfl2cSw

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. There are bags located at the back of the sanctuary with quiet worship activities and goodies to take home. Kids of all ages are invited to come forward for the Children's Chat. After the Children's Chat, all children are welcome to leave the service to attend Sunday School. Currently, nursery care is not available but you may use the nursery room or 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.

First Sunday in Lent

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

† THE GATHERING †

INTRODUCTION

Please recite responsively

KP: At the heart of Christian worship are four central things: the font, the desk, the pulpit, and the table.

C: They tell the truth about God and about us.

At the font, water speaks grace. God forms us, breathes life into us, and entrusts us with creation's care.

We are made in God's image.

Yet we confess: we listen to false voices, we reach beyond our limits, we hide in fear.

Blessed are those whose sin is forgiven.

At the desk, a living Word is opened, a Word that names temptation and calls us to trust.

We gather to listen.

At the pulpit, good news is spoken. Grace abounds in Christ, and death does not win.

In Christ, we receive life.

At the table, bread is broken and the cup is shared. Christ gives himself for the life of the world.

Christ gives himself for us.

Washed, spoken to, and fed.

We are formed for life in the world.

We are sent by grace.

We walk in the way of Christ.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Please stand if you are able.

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, who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

C: **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt and blots out all offenses.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,
have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you: Gracious God,
have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word: Gracious God,
have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For failing to recognize your coming reign, and for hindering the work of the Spirit: Gracious God,
have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition, and for disdain the living water Christ offers: Gracious God,
have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For disregarding voices from the margin, and for distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the world: Gracious God,
have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent, and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life: Gracious God,
have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound. Through faith, the free gift of God, you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead dwells in you, pours God's love into your hearts, and gives you life and peace.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN *O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days* **ELW 319**

The musical score is written for four voices (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It features a treble clef with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and a common time signature. The lyrics are arranged in four stanzas, with the first two lines of each stanza corresponding to the four voices. The piano accompaniment is shown in a bass clef. The lyrics are: 1 O Lord, through - out these for - ty days you; 2 You strove with Sa - tan, and you won; your; 3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet you prayed and; 4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, and; prayed and kept the fast; in - spire re - pen - tance; faith - ful - ness en - dured; lend us your nerve, your; fixed your mind a - bove; so teach us to de -; all our earth - ly days, that when the fi - nal



for our sin, and free us from our past.
 skill and trust in God's eter - nal word.
 ny our - selves that we may know God's love.
 Eas - ter dawns, we join in heav - en's praise.

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: Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Please be seated.

† THE WORD †

GENESIS 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Eating of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

A: ¹⁵The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. ¹⁶And the Lord God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden, ¹⁷but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.”

^{3:1}Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God say, ‘You shall not eat from any tree

in the garden?’”² The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden,³ but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.’”⁴ But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not die,⁵ for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”⁶ So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was a delight to the eyes and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate.⁷ Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked, and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 32

Please chant responsively.



A: ¹Happy are they whose transgressions | are forgiven,
and whose sin is | put away!

²**Happy are they to whom the Lord im- | putes no guilt,
and in whose spirit there | is no guile!**

³While I held my tongue, my bones with- | ered away,
because of my groaning | all day long.

⁴**For your hand was heavy upon me | day and night;
my moisture was dried up as in the | heat of summer.**

⁵Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not con- | ceal my guilt.

I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.” Then you forgave me the guilt | of my sin.

⁶**Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in | time of trouble;
when the great waters overflow, they | shall not reach them.**

⁷You are my hiding-place; you preserve | me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts | of deliverance.

⁸**I will instruct you and teach you in the way that | you should go;
I will guide you | with my eye.**

⁹Do not be like horse or mule, which have no | understanding;
who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will | not stay near you.”

**¹⁰Great are the tribulations | of the wicked;
but mercy embraces those who trust | in the Lord.**

¹¹Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice | in the Lord;
shout for joy, all who are | true of heart.

ROMANS 5:12-19

Death came through one; life comes through one.

A: ¹²Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned ¹³for sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. ¹⁴Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who did not sin in the likeness of Adam, who is a pattern of the one who was to come.

¹⁵But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man’s trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. ¹⁶And the gift is not like the effect of the one man’s sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the gift following many trespasses brings justification. ¹⁷If, because of the one man’s trespass, death reigned through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

¹⁸Therefore just as one man’s trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man’s act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. ¹⁹For just as through the one man’s disobedience the many were made sinners, so through the one man’s obedience the many will be made righteous.

The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Hope of the World

Lloyd Larson

CHILDREN’S CHAT & DISMISSAL TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

Please stand if you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,



slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

MATTHEW 4:1-11

The temptation of Jesus in the wilderness for forty days.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 4th chapter.

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

P: ¹ Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. ² He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. ³ The tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” ⁴ But he answered, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶ saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you,’ and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’” ⁷ Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, ⁹ and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’” ¹¹ Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated.

MESSAGE

Pastor Cliff Eshbach

Please stand if you are able.

SERMON HYMN

O Jesus, I Have Promised

ELW 810

1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;
2 Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ev - er near.
3 Oh, let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still
4 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you

re - main for - ev - er near me, my mas - ter and my friend.
I see the sights that daz - zle, the tempt - ing sounds I hear.
a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will.
that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be too.

I shall not fear the bat - tle if you are by my side,
My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;
Now speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;
And Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;



nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.
 but, Je - sus, then draw near - er to shield my soul from sin.
 now speak and make me lis - ten, O Guard - ian of my soul.
 oh, give me grace to fol - low, my mas - ter and my friend.

Text: John E. Bode, 1816–1874, alt.
 Music: MUNICH, *Neuvermehrtes Gesangbuch*, Meiningen, 1693

APOSTLES CREED

P: Let us profess our faith together.

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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 THE FAITHFUL

A: Reconciled by God’s mercy and sustained by God’s presence, let us pray for the world and its needs.

A brief silence.

God of all grace, grant faith to your church, especially the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, the Lower Susquehanna Synod, the Konde Diocese, and the Lancaster Conference. Give to all the baptized the will to resist temptation and to worship and serve you alone. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of all creation, tend this earth. Bless the fields and farms of Lancaster County, the rivers and creeks, the woods and wetlands, the small towns and city streets. When human greed and disobedience threaten this land and the life it contains, lead us by your Spirit into ways of reverence, awe, and gentleness. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of all nations, you weave every people and every place into one fragile, beloved world. Hold all who live amid violence within your steadfast love, and strengthen all who labor for peace, that communities may breathe, heal, and flourish together. Stir courage in those who challenge structural oppression, so that redeeming justice may take root and the well-being of each may become the well-being of all. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of all healing, mend our wounds. Bring wholeness to all who are sick, give peace to all who groan in grief, and send companions to all who are lonely or isolated. We pray especially for those on Zion's prayer lists. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of all people, provide for our community. For any among us who hunger for bread, bring nourishment. We pray for the ministry of the seventeen congregations that support the Hempfield Food Pantry. We pray for any among us who hunger for truth, speak your life-giving word. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Protect your persecuted children, O God. Uphold all whose lives, families, and livelihoods are threatened because of their faith. Surround them with your presence, give them courage to endure, and provide safe refuge and faithful companions. Turn violence into repentance, fear into hope, and suffering into signs of your abiding love. Hear us, O God,

your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P: God of all life, bring us to you. We thank you for your free and abounding grace, and for those who, by that same grace, now rest eternally in you especially those who have gone before us at Zion, Polycarp (Bishop of Smyrna), Elizabeth Fedde (deaconess), and George Herbert (hymn writer). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation.

Amen.

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

† THE MEAL †

PRAYER

A: Let us pray. O God, maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name.

C: **Amen.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.

Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.

Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.

Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.

Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.

Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

Come, Holy Spirit.

With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

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: Come to the table. Feast on God's goodness and mercy.

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 song until all worshippers have communed and have returned to their seats.

COMMUNION SONGS

Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.



Commune with Me

BB 60

1. Commune with me, commune with me,
Between the wings of the cherubim,
Commune with me.

Commune with me, commune with me,
Between the wings of the cherubim,
Commune with me.

2. I worship You, I worship You,
Between the wings of the cherubim,
I worship You.
I worship You, I worship You,
Between the wings of the cherubim,
I worship You.

3. I'll meet You there, I'll meet You there,
Between the wings of the cherubim,
I'll meet You there.
I'll meet You there, I'll meet You there,
Between the wings of the cherubim,
I'll meet You there.

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

BB 54

Refrain

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;
Worship His holy name.

Sing like never before, O my soul;
I'll worship Your holy name.

1 The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,
It's time to sing Your song again.

Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,
Let me be singing when the evening comes. *Refrain*

2 You're rich in love and You're slow to anger.
Your name is great and Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing;
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. *Refrain*



3 And on that day, when my strength is failing,
The end draws near and my time has come;
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years, and then forevermore! *Refrain x2*

Ending

Worship Your holy name,
Lord I'll worship Your holy name.

Sing like never before, O my soul;
I'll worship Your holy name,
Worship Your holy name,
Worship Your holy name.

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: Let us pray. God of our salvation, we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

† **THE SENDING** †

BLESSING

P: Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity: God, who calls all things into existence, Jesus Christ, who redeems us, and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation, † bless you now and always.

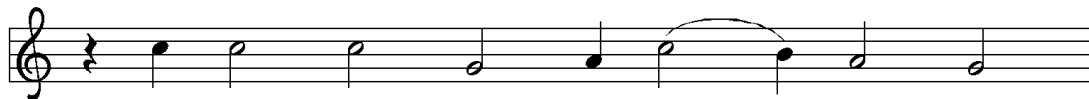
C: **Amen.**



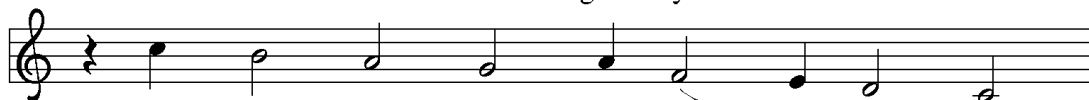
1 A might - y for - tress is our God,
 2 No strength of ours can match his might!
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide,



a sword and shield vic - to - rious;
 We would be lost, re - ject - ed.
 all threat - 'ning to de - vour us,
 no thanks to foes, who fear it;



he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod
 But now a cham - pion comes to fight,
 we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand;
 for God him - self fights by our side



and wins sal - va - tion glo - rious.
 whom God him - self e - lect - ed.
 they can - not o - ver - pow'r us.
 with weap - ons of the Spir - it.



The old e - vil foe, sworn to work us woe,
 Ask who this may be: Lord of hosts is he!
 This world's prince may rage, in fierce war en - gage.
 If they take our house, goods, fame, child, or spouse,



with dread craft and might he arms him - self to fight.
 Christ Je - sus our Lord, God's on - ly Son, a - dored.
 He is doomed to fail; God's judg - ment must pre - vail!
 wrench our life a - way, they can - not win the day.



On earth he has no equal.
 He holds the field vic - to - rious.
 One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
 The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

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DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Believe the good news.

C” Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



LENT

THIS WEEK AT ZION

Sunday, February 22

** The altar flowers are sponsored by Randy Miller in memory of his mother, Mary Keiper, who would have turned 101 on February 26.*

**The bulletins are sponsored by Steve & Denise Haun to the glory of God.*

** The communion elements are sponsored by Lisa Nelson for family birthdays and memorials in February.*

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

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Children's Sunday School – Kids are excused after the Children's Chat

Adult Sunday School – 10:30 a.m.

Bible Study Class – Parlor

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

Monday, February 23

Food Pantry – 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Tuesday, February 24

Bible Study – 9 a.m. (Parlor)

Scouts – 6 p.m. (Social Room & Classrooms)

Journeys Wellness Group – 6:30 p.m. (Parlor)

Wednesday, February 25

Food Pantry – 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Lenten Soup & Service – 6 p.m.

Thursday, February 26

Community Meal -- 5 p.m. (Social Room)

Choir – 6 p.m.

Friday, February 27

Saturday, February 28

PSU Basketball Game Outing (Depart Zion @ 8:30; Game begins at 12 Noon)

Model Club – 5 p.m. (Social Room)

Sunday, March 1

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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS, UPDATES, & EVENTS

2025 ANNUAL REPORT

Hot off the press! Get your copy today! The 2025 Annual Report can be found on the ushers' table in the narthex and on the window ledge in the back hallway across from the choir room! Read through and be reminded of how the mission and Zion's purpose was carried out last year and how it hopes to be in 2026!

DAILY & LENTEN DEVOTIONALS

Our Daily Bread, Christ in Our Homes, and Lenten devotionals can be found on the ushers' table and on the window sill ledge in the back hallway across from the choir room. Help yourself for daily and seasonal reflections.

JOYFUL NOISE OFFERING: FEBRUARY

Through February, this social outreach special collection will go to the Hempfield Area Food Pantry.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

All children are invited to go with their teachers after the Children's Chat for Sunday School. Class will be held each Sunday at this time during the service.

BIBLE STUDY

The weekly Bible Study meets on Tuesdays at 9 a.m. in the parlor and focuses on the scriptures and their related topics. Everyone is welcome – come discover the message God has for each of us!

JOURNEYS: A GROUP TO SUPPORT WELLNESS

Upcoming gatherings through the season are scheduled for: March 17, April 21, and May 19. Come on your own, or come with a friend, partner, spouse, acquaintance!

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

All men are invited to breakfast on the second Saturday of each month at 8:00 a.m. The next gathering will be on March 14 at Miss Callie's on Main St. in Landisville. Sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex. Questions about involvement in the men's fellowship? Contact Dave D. (davedumeyer@gmail.com)!

FLOWER SPONSORSHIPS OPEN

Interested in sponsoring the altar flowers in March? There are several dates open: March 1, 8, and 15. Sign up on the chart in the narthex or email Anne (adminzelc@comcast.net).

COMMUNITY MEAL

Meals this spring will be held Feb. 26, March 12 & 26, April 9 & 23, and May 14 & 23. To help with any of these in any way, contact Mary (717-333-6173)!

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>

WEDNESDAYS IN LENT

Lenten Fellowship with Scripture, Prayer, Song, and Conversation Around Our Questions

WHEN

February 25, March 4, March 11, March 18, and March 25 at 6:00 p.m.

WHERE

Social Room

WHAT

Simple Soup and Bread

And... Rich conversation, scripture, prayer, and song

WHY

Our time together is sacred. Each disciple of Jesus at Zion is made in the image of God. We will seek to create a space where curiosity is welcomed, questions are honored, and patterns in conversation are noticed. By listening deeply, we will model for others—especially younger generations—that it is safe to ask and wonder about faith and life.



HOLY WEEK WORSHIP

Join us for worship throughout Holy Week

Palm/Passion Sunday: March 29 at 9:00 a.m.

Maundy Thursday Worship: April 2 at 7 p.m.

Good Friday Worship: April 3 at 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAYS IN LENT

At our Lenten Soup Suppers, we will explore the questions of faith that *you* bring with you.

On the first night, we will take time to write down those questions—honest, searching, unfinished—and then we will return to them week by week as companions on the journey.

Because we will not yet have those questions in hand, we will begin with a simple but meaningful invitation:

“What three things do you want to be remembered for after you die?”

Just as Olympic athletes train for years to develop the muscle memory needed to compete, this is an opportunity to begin developing *spiritual muscle memory*—the habits of listening, wondering, and speaking about faith.

Together, we will practice sharing in a safe and grace-filled space. We will practice asking questions that open rather than close. We will practice speaking with curiosity instead of certainty.

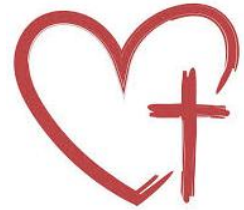
Most of all, we will practice remembering two deep truths:

That each person is made in the image of God.

And that every encounter we share is sacred.

Zion WOW Story: Hempfield Food Pantry Celebrates Life-Changing Success

Zion Lutheran Church hosts the pantry with support from 17 local congregations. A man, about fifty, recently stopped by to share wonderful news—he is getting a job! After many years of struggle, Career Link helped him train at Vo-tech and earn his CDL. He will no longer need the pantry’s help. His heartfelt thanks brought tears and smiles to volunteers. Joy filled the room as everyone celebrated a life transformed. It feels so good to do what matters to God!



The pantry is truly a WOW at Zion!

UPDATED FOOD PANTRY LIST OF REQUESTED ITEMS

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|---|---------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| *Spaghetti | *Spaghetti sauce | *Strawberry jelly | *Canned peaches |
| *Canned red beets | *Canned peaches | *Canned pears | *Cereal |
| *Elbow pasta | *Canned mixed fruit | *Canned mixed vegetables | |
| *Canned vegetable soup | | *Canned cream of chicken soup | |
| *Canned mandarin oranges | | *2-lb bags white rice | |
| <i>*No corn; No greens; No glass jars</i> | | | |

CURIOUS WHAT THE CHURCH COUNCIL IS UP TO?!

The church council recently met for their annual retreat. It was several hours of dedicated time to focus on Zion’s mission and ministry -- both within and beyond the walls of the church building. Appreciating the *connections with each other* and the ministry team liaisons, sharing how the *connections with God* through the ways the Spirit is alive and guiding the teachings and our energy, and highlighting the *connections with God* between what each of us do individually and collectively with communities near and far, made for a morning of discernment, encouragement, and consideration. It was a time to remember Zion’s history, to be present in what’s happening now, and to plan for the future!



CHURCH EVENTS AT A GLANCE

Worship: Every Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

FEBRUARY

- 25: Midweek Lenten Soup, Fellowship, & Service (6 p.m.)
- 26: Community Meal (5 p.m.; Social Room)
- 28: PSU Basketball Game Outing (Depart Zion @ 8:30; Game begins at 12 Noon)

MARCH

- 4: Midweek Lenten Soup, Fellowship, & Service (6 p.m.)
- 11: Midweek Lenten Soup, Fellowship, & Service (6 p.m.)
- 12: Community Meal (5 p.m.; Social Room)
- 14: Men's Breakfast (8 a.m.; Restaurant TBD)
- 15: Elizabethtown College Choir Performance (During Worship)
- 17: Journeys Wellness Group (6:30 p.m.; Parlor)
- 18: Midweek Lenten Soup, Fellowship, & Service (6 p.m.)
- 21: Social Room Reserved
- 25: Midweek Lenten Soup, Fellowship, & Service (6 p.m.)
- 26: Community Meal (5 p.m.; Social Room)
- 27: Pinewood Derby Set-up (Tentative) (Social Room reserved)
- 28: Pinewood Derby (Tentative) (Social Room reserved all day)
- 29: Palm/Passion Sunday Worship (9 a.m.)

APRIL

- 2: Maundy Thursday Worship (7 p.m.; Sanctuary)
- 3: Good Friday Worship (7 p.m.; Sanctuary)
- 5: Easter Sunday Worship (9 a.m.; Sanctuary)
- 9: Community Meal (5 p.m.; Social Room)
- 11: Men's Breakfast (8 a.m.; Restaurant TBD)
- 21: Journeys Wellness Group (6:30 p.m.; Parlor)
- 23: Community Meal (5 p.m.; Social Room)

MAY

- 2: Lancaster Liederkrantz Concert (4 p.m.; Sanctuary)
- 9: Men's Breakfast (8 a.m.; Restaurant TBD)
- 14: Community Meal (5 p.m.; Social Room)
- 14: Landisville Area Church Choir Festival (7 p.m.; Sanctuary)
- 19: Journeys Wellness Group (6:30 p.m.; Parlor)
- 28: Bring Your Own Lunch Picnic (11:30 a.m.; A. Herr Park)
- 28: Community Meal (5 p.m.; Social Room)

GENEROSITY TEAM'S CONDENSED FINANCIAL REPORT

JANUARY 2026

<u>Expenses</u>	<u>End of Month</u>
Salaries and Benefits	\$16,987
Administration	\$3,497
Property	\$17,631
Stewardship	\$2,750
Worship and Music and other ministry teams	\$1,123
<u>Total expenses</u>	\$41,988
<u>Income</u>	
Offerings and Special Giving	\$23,948
Other	\$1,831
<u>Total Income</u>	\$25,779
<u>Difference between Expenses & Income</u>	(\$16,209)

Thank you to Al Ramer and the Finance and Generosity Teams for their collaboration and creation of this monthly report of the church's financial stewardship.

PRAYER LIST

HEALING

Joan & Burnell Hostetter	Joan Mays	Janet Musselman	Jess Barcaro
Al & Connie Alsedek	Kathryn Kochel	Kay Crawford	John Gerlach
Bill & Julia Grove	Holly Hoover	Deb Overly	Dave Wise
Tom Grzybowski	Bob Shirk	Sam King	Kate Donnan
Judie Ingersoll	Barb Williams	Dave Wauls	
Tina Weigner (Friend of Adele King)		Jack Taylor (Son of Deb Grube's niece)	
Lissa James (Niece of Connie Alsedek)		Fred Boyle (Friend of Bob & Judy Traup)	
Arabelle Page (Student of Amy Thompson)		Joanne Myers (Friend of Connie Alsedek)	
Dennis Barcaro (Jess Barcaro's father-in-law)			
Bob Hobaugh (Friend of Deb & Rick Long)			
Mike LaFata (Son-in-law of Bill & Julia Grove)			
Angie Immel (Step-Granddaughter of Bob & Judy Traup)			
Zac & Cindy Zibura (Neighbor of John & Joanne Marrs)			
Harmony & Family (Friends of Kim & Jim Paternoster)			
Kara Escalante (Goddaughter of Barb & Tom Williams)			
James Marks (Nephew of Dennis & Marie Dezort)			

COMFORT, PEACE, STRENGTH, & SAFETY

Lucy Davis	Bill Piper	Arlene Wise (Sister-in-law of Dave Wise)
Dave Aulenbach and his family		Brooke Ross (Friend of Barb Williams)
Jennifer Kready (Daughter of Dave & Donna Dumeyer)		

PROTECTION FOR MILITARY & FIRST RESPONDERS

Doug Kautter	Chris Andrew	Evan Benedict	Justin Gorlaski
Thom Whitesel	Christopher Wright		
Benjamin Hansen (Grandson of Al & Connie Alsedek and son of Holly)			
David Adams (Son-in-law of John & Kathleen Hay; husband of Liz)			

WIDER CHURCH

Masebe congregation	Konde Diocese	Stephen Herr (Bishop, LSS)
Pastor Subi Mwakitalima	Pastor Lucille ("CeCee") Mills (Secretary, ELCA)	
Yehiel Curry (Presiding Bishop, ELCA)	Geoffrey Samuel Mwaihaba (Bishop, Konde Diocese)	
Imran M. Siddiqui (Vice President of the ELCA)		

CELEBRATING

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

22 nd : Brent Andrew	23 rd : Doug Rhoads	24 th : Jesse Landis
25 th : Amy Thompson, Kacey Moore,	26 th : Tucker Wright	
27 th : Brad Sherwood, Juliette Moore		

MINISTRY LEADERS

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

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

WORSHIP, SUNDAY SCHOOL, & CONTACT INFORMATION

Worship Sundays @ 9:00 a.m.
Livestream Link: https://www.youtube.com/@zelc_landisvillepa7249
Bible Study Class (Parlor) Sundays @ 10:30 a.m.
Wired Word Class (Zone & Zoom) Sundays @ 10:30 a.m.
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2283229266>
Children's Class Sundays: Start in service, then excused until communion
Morning Bible Study Tuesdays @ 9:00 a.m.
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