

7th Sunday after Epiphany
A Service of Word & Sacrament of Holy Baptism
February 23, 2025



Love
your enemies

LUKE 6:27

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. 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.



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

† THE GATHERING †

INTRODUCTION

Mercy. Mercy. Mercy. Joseph lives it in Egypt. Jesus preaches it in the gospel. The Spirit guides us into merciful lives with the power of forgiveness to reconcile what is fractured and divided. Such merciful living is the baptismal blessing of having put on Christ. It is the gift of the life-giving Spirit. It is a reflection of God's glory revealed in Christ.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

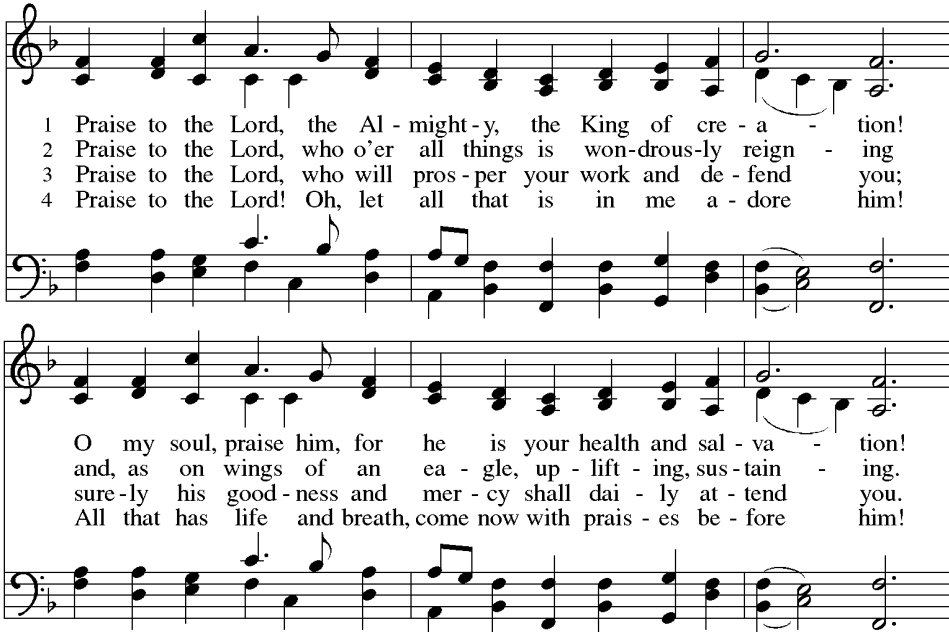
PRELUDE

Please stand if you are able.

OPENING HYMN

Praise to the Lord

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1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!
2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly reign - ing
3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de - fend you;
4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a - dore him!

O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion!
and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.
sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.
All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!



Let all who hear now to his tem - ple draw near,
 Have you not seen all that is need - ful has been
 Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do
 Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain.

join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?
 if with his love he be - friend you.
 Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

Text: Joachim Neander, 1650–1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
 Music: LOBE DEN HERREN, *Ernewerten Gesangbuch*, Part II, Stralsund, 1665

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. O Lord Jesus, make us instruments of your peace, that where there is hatred, we may sow love, where there is injury, pardon, and where there is despair, hope. Grant, O divine master, that we may seek to console, to understand, and to love in your name, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Please be seated.

† THE WORD †

GENESIS 45:3-11, 15

Joseph forgives his brothers.

A: ³ Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. ⁴ Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come closer to me.” And they came closer. He said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵ And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶ For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷ God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸ So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹ Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. ¹⁰ You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your

children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹ I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.' ” ¹⁵ And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 37:1-11, 39-40

Please read responsively.

A: ¹ Do not be provoked by evildoers; do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

C:. ² **For they shall soon wither like the grass, and like the green grass fade away.**

³ Put your trust in the LORD and do good; dwell in the land and find safe pasture.

⁴ **Take delight in the LORD, who shall give you your heart's desire.**

⁵ Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust in the LORD, and see what God will do.

⁶ **The LORD will make your vindication as clear as the light and the justice of your case like the noonday sun.**

⁷ Be still before the LORD and wait patiently. Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

⁸ **Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; do not be provoked; it leads only to evil.**

⁹ For evildoers shall ¹ be cut off, but those who hope in the LORD shall possess the land.

¹⁰ **In a little while the wicked shall be no more; even if you search out their place, they will not be there.**

¹¹ But the lowly shall possess the land; they will delight in abundance of peace.

³⁹ **But the deliverance of the righteous comes from you, O LORD; you are their stronghold in time of trouble.**

⁴⁰ You, O LORD, will help them and rescue them; you will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them, because in you they seek refuge.

1 CORINTHIANS 15:35-38, 42-50

The mystery of the resurrection of the body.

A: ³⁵ But someone will ask, “How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?” ³⁶ Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. ³⁷ And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. ³⁸ But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

⁴² So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. ⁴³ It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. ⁴⁴ It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. ⁴⁵ Thus it is written, “The first man, Adam, became a living being”; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. ⁴⁶ But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. ⁴⁷ The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. ⁴⁸ As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. ⁴⁹ Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

⁵⁰ What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Make Us One

arr. Russell Mauldin

CHILDREN’S CHAT

Please stand if you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *A New Commandment*

A new com-mand-ment I give un-to you, that you love one an-oth-er as

I have loved you, that you love one an-oth-er as I have loved you.

By this shall peo-ple know you are my dis-ci-ples, if

you have love one for an-oth-er; by this shall peo-ple know

you are my dis-ci-ples: if you have love one for an-oth-er.

Text: John 13:34–35
Music: NEW COMMANDMENT, anonymous

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Music: NEW COMMANDMENT, anonymous

LUKE 6:27-38

Love your enemies.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 6th chapter.

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

P: [Jesus said:] ²⁷ “But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸ bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹ If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰ Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. ³¹ Do to others as you would have them do to you.

³² “If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³ If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴ If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. ³⁵ But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. ³⁶ Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

³⁷ “Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸ give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated.

MESSAGE

Pastor Tim Seitz-Brown

Steve Garnaas-Holmes (unfoldinglight)

"Love your enemies; do good to those who hate you."

This is not an impossible command.

It's your secret power.

This is what love is: for the other, not for what you want, or fear, or resent.

(Love is not a payment for services rendered, even being decent.)

Love is how you stay connected with the world.

Love is the only connection.

This is power that can't be taken from you.

This is your salvation, your joy.

Only when you are free to love like that are you truly free.



1. Ask "wonder questions."

2. Practice telling a different story.

3. Dilemma actions

4. **Imagine and try to visualize**

God's love

for the enemy or our enemies.



Please stand if you are able.

1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found;
2 With grate - ful joy and ho - ly fear, God's char - i - ty we learn;
3 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells Christ, God's ho - ly Son;
4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known; let all con - ten - tions cease.
5 Let us for - give each oth - er's faults as we our own con - fess,

brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.
let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in re - turn.
as mem - bers of each bod - y joined, in him we are made one.
Be God's the glo - ry that we seek; be his our on - ly peace.
that we may love each oth - er well in Chris - tian gen - tle - ness.

Text: Latin hymn, 9th cent.; tr. Omer Westendorf, 1916–1997, alt.

Music: TWENTY-FOURTH, attr. Lucius Chapin, 1760–1842

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Please be seated.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Carson Ezekiel Smith

April 29, 2024

Parents: Jamie and Brandon Smith

Grandparents: John and Joanne Marrs

Sponsors: Luke and Jessica Zampelli

PRESENTATION

P: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Parents: We present Carson Ezekiel Smith for baptism.

P: As you bring Carson to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with him among God's faithful people, bring him to the word of God and the holy supper, teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer, so that he may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace. Do you promise to help Carson grow in the Christian faith and life?

Parents: We do.

P: The responsibilities of baptism are not solely borne by parents and families, but by the congregation and the whole people of God. Zion pledges to support and uphold you as Carson grows in the Word of God and his commitment to the Lord Jesus and his church. Do you promise to help Carson grow in the Christian faith and life?

C: **We do.**

PROFESSION OF FAITH

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

C: **I renounce them.**

P: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

C: **I renounce them.**

P: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

C: **I renounce them.**

Please stand if you are able.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: **I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C: **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.**

THANKSGIVING

Assisting Minister pours water into the font.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you. Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Please be seated.

BAPTISM

P: Carson Ezekiel Smith is baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

C: **You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia.**

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Sustain Carson with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: Carson Ezekiel, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

C: Amen.

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

The Baptismal Candle is presented.

A: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

P: Let us welcome the newly baptized, Carson Ezekiel.

C: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

Please stand if you are able.

HYMN

Borning Cry

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1. "I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized
To see your life unfold.
I was there when you were but a child,
With a faith to suit you well;
In a blaze of light you wandered off
To find where demons dwell."
- 2 "When you heard the wonder of the Word
I was there to cheer you on;
You were raised to praise the living Lord,
To whom you now belong.
If you find someone to share your time
And you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme
From dusk till rising sun."



3. "In the middle ages of your life,
Not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night,
Complete what I've begun.
When the evening gently closes in
And you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been,
With just one more surprise."

4. "I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized
To see your life unfold."

Text: John C. Ylvisaker, b. 1937
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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. Surprising God, you call us to love our enemies and to show kindness in the face of cruelty. Let our actions be a shining witness of your overwhelming grace for all. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

As animals hibernate and fields lay dormant, let them be a reminder that life and faith are not static but always changing and growing. May we, with all creation, trust that the ending of one thing promises life in a new way. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

We pray for leaders and policymakers who work to reduce violence in our nations, cities, and towns. Give your wisdom and discernment amid heated arguments and differing viewpoints. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

We pray for the victims of abuse and violence. Provide safe shelter and new beginnings to those experiencing domestic violence and dangerous situations. Enfold with love all who seek your healing care. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Empower our faith communities to be signs of your gracious love. Bless the local ministries of parish nursing and caregiving, that they will be a voice for those in need in our communities. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

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

P: We give thanks for the enduring witness of those who have died before us. May their lives in you provide a witness of your everlasting grace. 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.

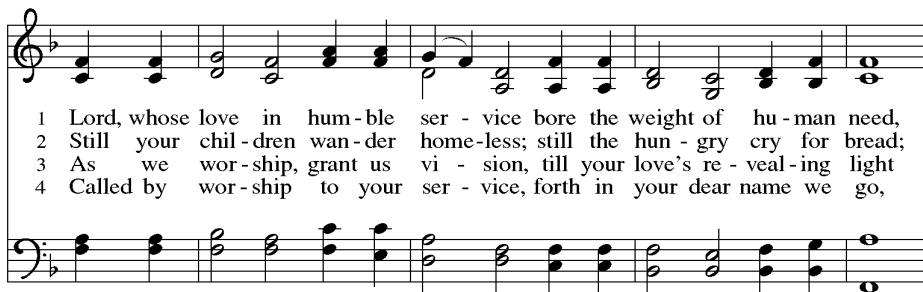
For those not able to have red wine, there is grape juice in the outer circle of every tray. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. When given the bread and cup, the communion ministers will say: “The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you,” to which you may respond: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

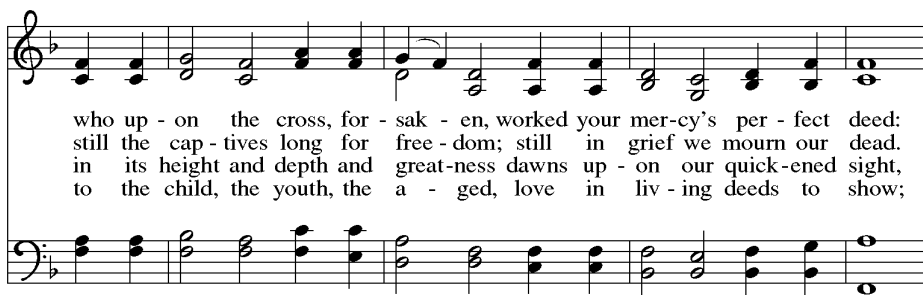
COMMUNION SONGS

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

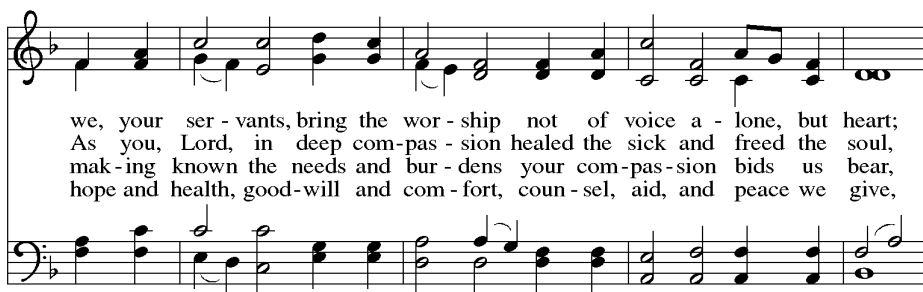
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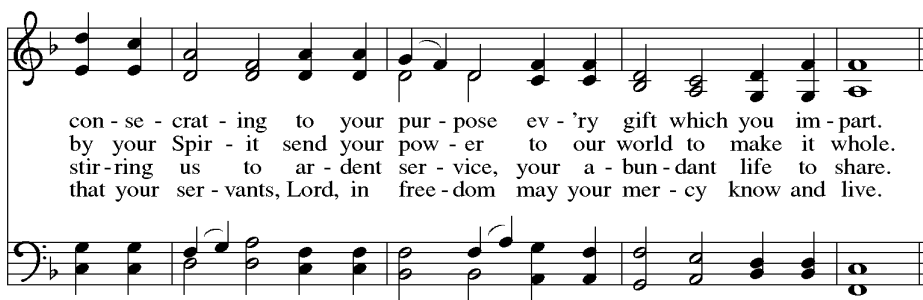
1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu - man need,
 2 Still your chil - dren wan - der home-less; still the hun - gry cry for bread;
 3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re - veal - ing light
 4 Called by wor - ship to your ser - vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, worked your mer - cy's per - fect deed;
 still the cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
 in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up - on our quick-ened sight,
 to the child, the youth, the a - ged, love in liv - ing deeds to show;



we, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship not of voice a - lone, but heart;
 As you, Lord, in deep com - pas - sion healed the sick and freed the soul,
 mak - ing known the needs and bur - dens your com - pas - sion bids us bear,
 hope and health, good-will and com - fort, coun - sel, aid, and peace we give,



con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - 'ry gift which you im - part.
 by your Spir - it send your pow - er to our world to make it whole.
 stir - ring us to ar - dent ser - vice, your a - bun - dant life to share.
 that your ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.

Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901–1984

Music: BEACH SPRING, *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844; arr. *Selected Hymns*, 1985

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Healer of Our Every Ill

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Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,



give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.



- 1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your
- 2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is
- 3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - 'ry sis - ter,
- 4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your



peace and glad-ness; Spir-it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.
still un - fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.
ev - 'ry broth - er; Spir-it of all kind-ness, be our guide.
way of heal - ing; Spir-it of com-pas - sion, fill each heart.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL, Marty Haugen

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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.**

Please be seated.

† THE SENDING †

BLESSING

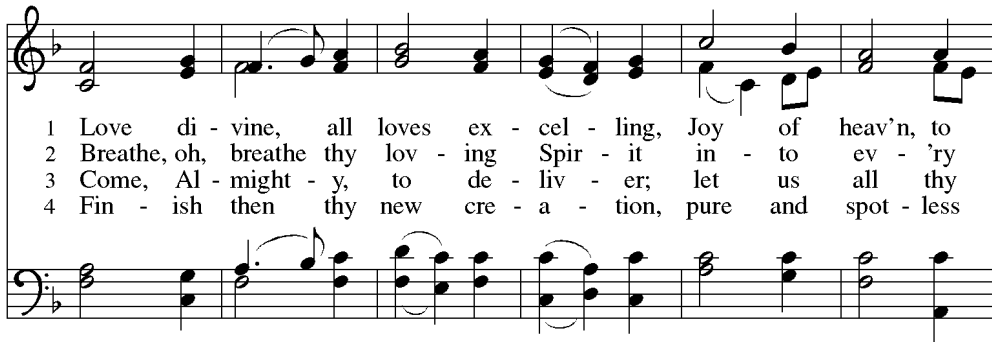
P: The Spirit of the triune God † bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion,
and send you in love.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

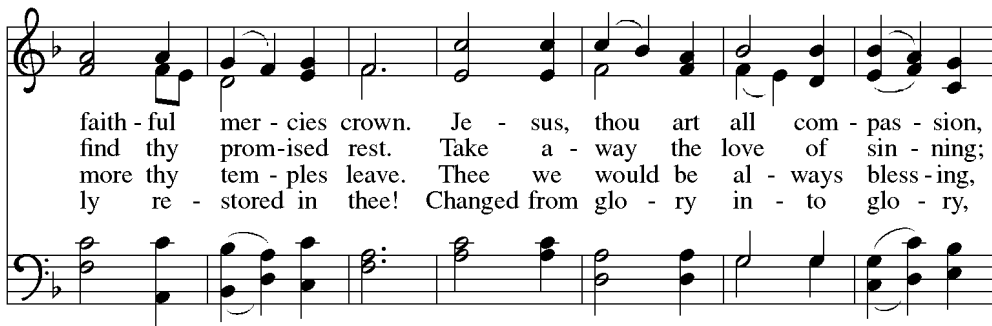
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1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to
2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry
3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less



earth come down! Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
find thy prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
ly re - stored in thee! Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,



pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788
 Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Live in hope.
 C: Thanks be to God. We will!

Please be seated.

POSTLUDE

Postlude on “Hyfrydol”

THIS WEEK AT ZION

Sunday, February 23 – *Baptism of Carson Ezekiel Smith*

** The altar flowers are sponsored by Lisa Nelson in honor of her daughter Kacey's, son-in-law Ben's, and granddaughter Juliette's birthdays all in this coming week!*

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

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIv_3AeK_pExuVhcUfI2cSw

Adult Sunday School – 10:30 a.m.

Bible Study Class – Parlor

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

Konde Diocese Event (and Tanzania Trip Workshop) – (Advent Lutheran, York)

Monday, February 24

Food Pantry – 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Tuesday, February 25

Bible Study – 9 a.m. (Parlor)

Scouts – 6:30-8 p.m.

Wednesday, February 26

Food Pantry – 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Thursday, February 27

Community Meal – 5 p.m.

Choir – 6 p.m.

Friday, February 28

Saturday, March 1

Sunday, March 2

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

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIv_3AeK_pExuVhcUfI2cSw

Adult Sunday School – 10:30 a.m.

Bible Study Class – Parlor

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS, UPDATES, & EVENTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 10:30 a.m.

- The parlor class is beginning video series on the Gospel of John.
- The Wired Word class will meet in the Zone and on Zoom (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2283229266>)

FLOWER, BULLETIN & COMMUNION ELEMENTS SPONSORS

- Flower sponsorships are open on March 2, 9, 16, April 6, and 20
- Bulletin sponsorships are open each Sunday through April 20
- Monthly communion elements sponsorship is open for 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>).

SERVICES DURING LENT & HOLY WEEK

ASH WEDNESDAY (with imposition of ashes)	Wednesday, March 5 at 7:00 p.m.
HEALING SERVICES	Wednesday, March 12 at 1:00 p.m.
	Wednesday, March 19 at 6:00 p.m.
	Wednesday, March 26 at 1:00 p.m.
	Wednesday, April 2 at 6:00 p.m.
	Wednesday, April 9 at 1:00 p.m.
MAUNDY THURSDAY	Thursday, April 17 at 7:00 p.m.
GOOD FRIDAY	Friday, April 18 at 7:00 p.m.

ADDRESS & PHONE UPDATE

Deb Overly: c/o Middletown Home, 999 West Harrisburg Pk., Middletown 17057
717-944-3351

ANNOUNCEMENTS DURING WORSHIP: A REMINDER

The announcements will begin prior to the start of the service each Sunday, at 8:55 a.m. The prelude music will begin at 9:00. If you want to be sure to hear the announcements prior to the start of the service, plan to arrive early!

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/>

COMMUNITY MEAL

Meals this spring will be held **THIS THURSDAY** (Feb. 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)!



...From Al & Connie Alsedek

Thank you to all who sent cards and called, for the beautiful altar flowers, and for your prayers during Al's recent illness. We are so blessed to be a part of such a supportive and caring church family!

...From Lutheran World Relief

Dear Friends, Thank you for your generous gift of \$341 to LWR's Quilt and Kit Shipping Fund! ... Thank you for ensuring these items get where they need to go. Your kindness brings comfort and hope to people, just when they need it most. God bless you and your generous spirit. -- Ambassador Daniel V. Speckhard, President and CEO



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 or
call 717-677-8211 by March 7.*



TRANSPORTATION LIST UPDATE

Care Ministry is looking to update our list of members (both men and women), who are willing to provide transportation for Zion members who need to get to things like doctor appointments when the need arises. There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board by the water fountain.



Thank you to everyone who donated to the Souper Bowl drive! A total of \$49 was collected for the AFC and \$132 was collected for the NFC! And, a total of 158 pounds of canned goods were collected. **THANK YOU!**

CHURCH EVENTS AT A GLANCE

February

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

4: Liederkrantz Concert (4 p.m.)

17: Walk for Love (Safe Families for Children)

29: Choir Festival (7 p.m.)

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

Thank you for the 100 pounds of food collected and the financial contributions made in January. Monetary contributions are used to purchase food items at the Central Penn Food Bank in Harrisburg at prices that are below supermarket costs (many items at 76 cents a pound). Financial contributions also allow our managers to purchase food items on sale at local grocery stores and markets such as eggs, fresh produce, meats, dairy products, and other pantry supplies.

In January, the pantry served 438 children, 777 adults, 326 seniors: a total of 1,541 people were helped. The pantry registered 8 new families in January and 44 volunteers contributed 482 hours last month.

Current donation requests include: canned tuna, canned tomato paste, canned cream of celery soup, canned cream chicken soup, canned cream of mushroom soup, cereal, and peanut butter.

Many thanks for your support to the Hempfield Pantry!

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS SPONSORED BY THE PARISH RESOURCE CENTER

Holding Space: for yourself and others

February 27,
7-8:30pm



Dr. Lesley Huff
Psychologist

Dr. Lesley Huff holds a Doctorate of Psychology with a specialization in Family and Marriage Therapy. She is a licensed psychologist and a certified teacher of Mindful Self-Compassion. She leads the Change Through Compassion program at the Samaritan Center and routinely facilitates trainings on boundaries for those in ministry.

**REGISTER
ONLINE
OR CALL:
<https://connectprc.org/events/holding-space-for-ourselves-and-others/>**

299-1113

**COST: \$13
Held on
Zoom**

When we hold space for other people, we offer them breathing room which allows them to open up and express their feelings. We open our hearts and let go of judgement and control. But that is often easier said than done, especially because we may not realize when our desire to help is causing harm. As Anne Lamott wrote, "Help is the sunny side of control."

Join us to learn how to align your actions and impacts with your good intentions. We will learn what actions and words to avoid, what supports we may need, and more skillful ways to help.

Humans are constantly experiencing growth and transformation, and this workshop will help you navigate that by learning how to better hold space for others as well as yourself. We will also discuss what to do when you are struggling to hold space and the role of self-care.

Reimagining Grief

a contemplative retreat

March 22
9am - 12pm



Dr. Jamie
Eddy-Chism
Grief Doula

Rev. Dr. Jamie Eddy-Chism, affectionately known as Dr. J, is a thanatologist, public theologian, and grief doula whose life's work centers on guiding individuals through life's most challenging transitions. As the founder and CEO of Thoughtful Transitions, LLC, Dr. Jamie combines her extensive expertise in grief, loss, trauma-informed care, and holistic healing to create sacred spaces for processing grief without shame or stigma. With over 20 years of experience, her work is rooted in a commitment to justice, liberation, and faith.

Are you experiencing grief from any form of loss, whether it be death, relationships, identity, or transitions? Are you going through change or uncertainty? This half-day retreat offers a compassionate, contemplative space for processing those experiences.

We will address the often overlooked emotional and spiritual dimensions of grief that occur not only after the loss of life but also during shifts in identity, purpose, and belonging that accompany life's changes. This retreat will help you develop skills and practices for processing grief in a way that centers mindfulness, self-compassion, and community through both individual and collective reflection.

Navigating grief can also be an opportunity for growth and reimagining one's life path. Learn strategies to navigate major life transitions with a sense of groundedness, purpose, and self-compassion.

REGISTER ONLINE OR CALL:

<https://connectprc.org/events/reimagining-grief/>

299-1113

COST: \$55

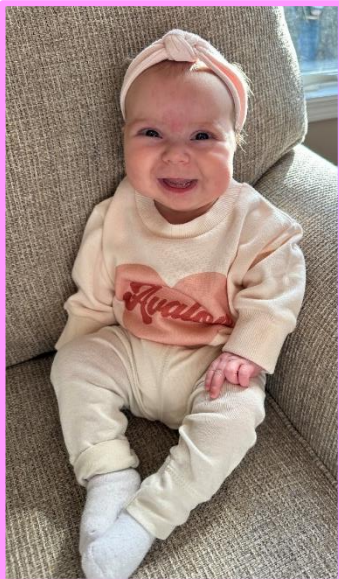
Held at St. Thomas Episcopal Church (301 St. Thomas Road, Lancaster 17601)

CONGRATULATIONS to Phil & Pam Houseal who became grandparents again in 2024 – twice! They are overjoyed and want to share this news with the congregation:



*Carter James Houseal
was born on August 2,
2024 in Atlanta, GA to
Josh and Caroline and big
brother Grayson (age 2).*

*Avalon Bailey Houseal
was born on November 14,
2024 in Pittstown, NJ to
Brett and Lori and big
brother Archer (age 3).*



**STEWARDSHIP TEAM’S CONDENSED FINANCIAL REPORT
JANUARY 2025**

<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Salaries & Benefits	12,344	12,344
Administration	1,474	1,474
Property	17,875	17,875
Stewardship: Synod & Other Benevolence	2,333	2,333
Worship & Music, Ministry Teams & Other	1,909	1,909
Total Expenses	35,935	35,935
<u>Income</u>		
Offerings & Special Giving	16,922	16,922
Other	(295)	(295)
Total Income	16,627	16,627
Difference	(19,308)	(19,308)

INTRODUCING...

THE PURSE PROJECT

This initiative which will support women living in shelters is sponsored by the Care Team.

Over the next few months, you are invited to bring in new or gently used medium to large sized handbags. Check your closets for bags that you can donate, or consider purchasing one at a consignment shop or thrift store.

Bags will then be filled with “must haves” for the women in the shelters. A list of these items will be shared soon.

This collection is starting now to be sure enough bags are collected by May.

Please place bags in the bin across from the coffee table in the narthex.

When donating, write your name on a piece of paper and place inside the bag in case there are questions about it.



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>

JOYFUL NOISE OFFERING

Today is the last day to contribute to the Food Pantry through the Joyful Noise offering! Next month, the collection will go to Lutheran Disaster Relief to provide aid in the aftermath of the wildfires and mudslides in California.

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
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)
Joanne Myers (Friend of Connie Alsedek)
Amy Jones (Neighbor of Bob & Judy Traup)
Pam (Friend of the congregation)
Dennis Barcaro (Jess Barcaro's father-in-law)
Mike LaFata (Son-in-law of Bill & Julia Grove)
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)
Kara Escalante (Goddughter of Barb & Tom Williams)
Rev. Pam & Ed Illick (Pastor at Zion (East Pete) & her husband)
James Marks (Grandson of Thelma Pearson and nephew of Dennis & Marie Dezort)

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
Elizabeth Eaton (Presiding Bishop, ELCA)
James Dunlop (Bishop, LSS) Geoffrey Samuel Mwaihaba (Bishop, Konde Diocese)

CELEBRATING

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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

MINISTRY LEADERS

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

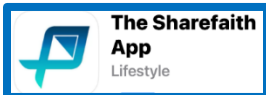
Members of the Congregation
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John Landis
James Landis
Anne Rankin
David Albin
Diane Gerlach
Kim Paternoster
Denise Haun
Tom Miller

WORSHIP, SUNDAY SCHOOL, & CONTACT INFORMATION

Worship	Sundays @ 9:00 a.m.
Livestream Link:	https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIy_3AeK_pExuVhcUfI2cSw
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
Morning Bible Study	Tuesdays @ 9:00 a.m.
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