

# Second Sunday after Epiphany

*A Service of Word & Sacrament*

*January 18, 2026*



HERE IS THE

*Lamb  
of God*

JOHN 1:29

**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.

## **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](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.



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

## † THE GATHERING †

### INTRODUCTION

P: At the font,  
**C: God names us beloved.**

P: Through the Scriptures,  
**C: we hear the story of God's love centered in Christ.**

P: From the pulpit,  
**C: we hear the Good News.**

P: At the table,  
**C: God feeds us with mercy.**

P: Loved people,  
**C: love people.**

P: Fed people,  
**C: feed people.**

P: Forgiven people,  
**C: forgive people.**

P: This is the heart of the gospel, the center that holds us—not arguments or achievements, not religious performance.

Here, in these holy signs, Jesus meets us: hidden and given, like the servant in Isaiah; named in the water, spoken in the word, made known in the broken bread. Here he is called Lamb of God, Son of God, Teacher, Messiah. Gathered around this center, we come and see, we bear witness, and

**C: we are sent to abide in God's mercy for the life of the world.**

P: Keep the Main Thing  
**C: the Main Thing.**

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please stand if you are able.*

**OPENING SONG*****Rising******Intro*****BB 48**

From the rising of the sun 'til the sun goes down

Let the Name of the Lord be praised;

*Repeat intro*

1. We've gathered to worship,  
Becoming a choir to sing Your praise;  
Lifting our voices,  
Joining our hearts in this house today  
People of God, in the power of God  
For the kingdom of God, we sing.

***Chorus***

From the rising of the sun 'til the sun goes down

Let the Name of the Lord be praised;

From the rising of the sun 'til the sun goes down

Let the Name of the Lord be praised;

From the sky to the depths,

From the east to the west, we give You praise.

2. We're gathered to go out

To cities and towns; we'll take your name

Into the nations,

Shining Your light in the darkest place;

People of God, in the power of God,

For the kingdom of God, we live.

*Chorus 2x*

***Ending***

We give you praise; Lord we give You praise;

We give You praise;

*Sing intro twice through*

**CONFESSiON AND FORGIVENESS**

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

P: In the name of the Father, and of the **☩** Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
C: **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

**Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of **☩** Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**Amen.**

## GATHERING HYMN

### *Hosanna (Praise is Rising)*

BB 43

1. Praise is rising, eyes are turning to You;  
We turn to You;  
Hope is stirring, hearts are yearning for You;  
We turn to You;

### *Pre-chorus*

‘Cause when we see You, we find strength to face the day;  
In Your presence all our fears are washed away, washed away.



*Chorus*

Hosanna, hosanna, You are the God who saves us,  
Worthy of all our praises;  
Hosanna, hosanna, come have Your way among us;  
We welcome You here, Lord Jesus.

2. Hear the sound of hearts returning to You;  
We turn to You;  
In Your Kingdom broken lives are made new,  
You make us new;  
*Sing pre-chorus, then chorus twice through*

**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.**

**KYRIE**

**A** Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **C** Lord, have mer - cy.  
*Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:*

**A** Chri - ste e - le - i - son: **C** Christ, have mer - cy.  
*Christ, . . . . have mer - cy:*

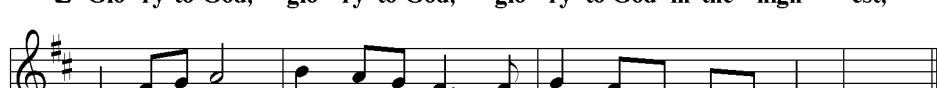
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*Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:*

## HYMN OF PRAISE

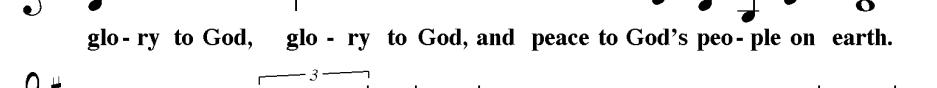
### *Glory to God*



Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;  
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, heav-en - ly king, al-might - y God and Fa - ther, we



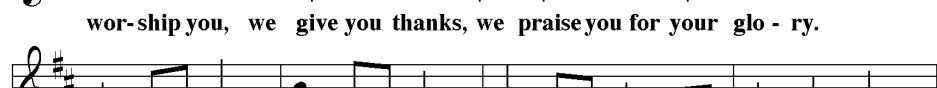
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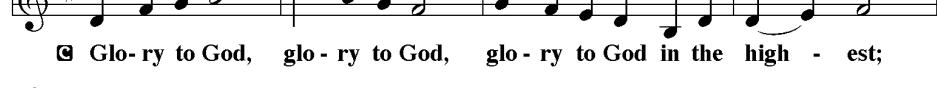
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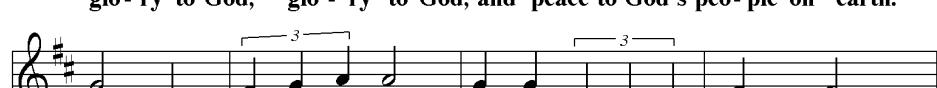
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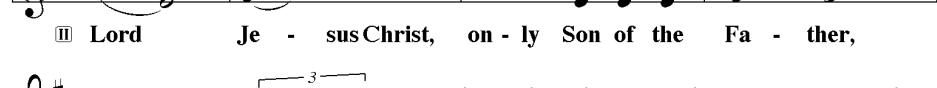
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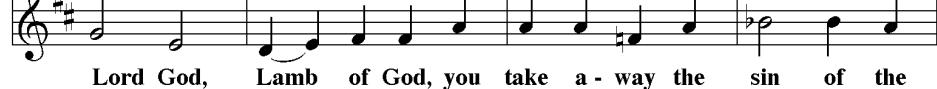
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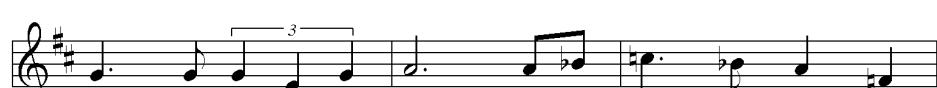
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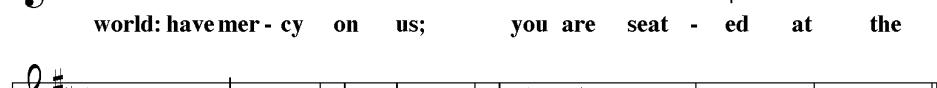
Lord God, Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



C Glo- ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;  
 glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo- ple on earth.  
 I For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,  
 you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly  
 Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa- ther, A - men.  
 C Glo- ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;  
 glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo- people on earth,  
 and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

*Please be seated.*

## † THE WORD †

### ISAIAH 49:1-7

*This section of Isaiah addresses the exiles who have, beyond hope, returned home from Babylon. This reading is another of the “Servant Songs,” in which the servant – which may be the prophet, the king, or Israel itself – receives consolation and an expanded mission.*

A: Listen to me, O coastlands; pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born; while I was in my mother’s womb he named me.  
<sup>2</sup> He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away. <sup>3</sup> And he said to me, “You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.” <sup>4</sup> But I said, “I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord and my reward with my God.”

<sup>5</sup> And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength—<sup>6</sup> he says, “It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”

<sup>7</sup> Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, “Kings shall see and stand up; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 40:1-11

*Please read responsively.*

*This psalm is the song of one who, like the servant in the first reading, has been chosen to proclaim the Word of God*

A: <sup>1</sup> I waited patiently upon the Lord, who stooped to me and heard my cry.  
<sup>2</sup> The Lord lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a high cliff, making my footing sure.

<sup>3</sup> The Lord put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God; many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the Lord.

**<sup>4</sup> Happy are they who trust in the Lord! They do not turn to enemies or to those who follow lies.**

<sup>5</sup> Great are the wonders you have done, O Lord my God! In your plans for us, none can be compared with you! Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! But they are more than I can count.

**<sup>6</sup> Sacrifice and offering you do not desire; you have opened my ears: burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required.**

<sup>7</sup> And so I said, “Here I am; I come. In the scroll of the book it is written of me:

**<sup>8</sup> ‘I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep within me.’ ”**

<sup>9</sup> I proclaimed righteousness in the great assembly; I have not restrained my lips, O Lord, you know.

**<sup>10</sup> I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; I have not concealed your steadfast love and truth from the great assembly.**

<sup>11</sup> You are the Lord; do not withhold your compassion from me; may your steadfast love and your truth continually keep me safe.

## **1 CORINTHIANS 1:1-9**

*For the rest of this season, we will be reading from Paul’s first letter to the church he had founded in Corinth. This opening passage is ironic; it seems flattering, but the Corinthian community has split into antagonistic factions. They have indeed received spiritual gifts, but they have not used them as God intended, for the building up of the whole community.*

A: <sup>1</sup> Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, <sup>2</sup> To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: <sup>3</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup> I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup> for in every way you have been enriched in him,

in speech and knowledge of every kind <sup>6</sup> just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you <sup>7</sup> so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup> He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup> God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM**

*Sing Praise to the Lord Above!*

John Wyatt Burson

**CHILDREN'S CHAT**

*Please stand if you are able.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Purify My Heart*

BB 73

Purify my heart.

Touch me with Your cleansing fire.

Take me to the cross; Your holiness is my desire.

Breathe Your life in me.

Kindle a love that flows from Your throne.

Oh, purify my heart, purify my heart.

**JOHN 1:29-42**

*The day before this story takes place, John the Baptist had warned that he was only preparing the way for one greater than himself.*

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter.

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

**P:** <sup>29</sup> John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!” <sup>30</sup> This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ <sup>31</sup> I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” <sup>32</sup> And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. <sup>33</sup> I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit

descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’<sup>34</sup> And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One.”

<sup>35</sup> The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples,<sup>36</sup> and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!”<sup>37</sup> The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus.<sup>38</sup> When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?”

<sup>39</sup> He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon.

<sup>40</sup> One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother.<sup>41</sup> He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed).<sup>42</sup> He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

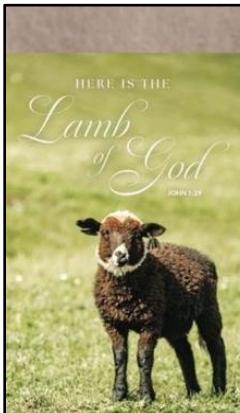
The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

*Please be seated.*

MESSAGE

Pastor Tim Seitz-Brown



**The sin of the world** is our ignorant killing, that is, the belief that “sacred violence” can create peace.

That’s why Jesus becomes the **Lamb of God**, not because the Father wants violence, but because we do.

Jesus allows himself to be rejected, accused, and killed.

**By doing this, he exposes the lie at the center of the system: violence does not bring real peace.**

*Please stand if you are able.*

## SERMON SONG

### *Spirit Song*

BB 94

1. Oh, let the Son of God enfold you  
With his Spirit and his love;  
Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.  
Oh, let him have the things that hold you, and his Spirit like a dove,  
Will descend upon your life and make you whole.

### *Refrain*

Jesus, Oh Jesus, come and fill your lambs.  
Jesus, Oh Jesus, come and fill your lambs.

2. Oh, come and sing this song with gladness  
As your hearts are filled with joy;  
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to His name.  
Oh, give Him all your tears and sadness,  
Give Him all your years of pain,  
And you'll enter into life in Jesus' name. *Refrain.*

## 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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. 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.**

*ELW note: "and the Son" reflects the Western tradition.*

## **PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

**A:** As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

*A brief silence.*

Gracious God, gather the church into one great fellowship. Equip your people to work together for justice and peace, following the example of Martin Luther King Jr., renewer of society, whose birth we remember this week. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Creating God, sustain the web of life on this planet. Protect wild places, endangered species, and vulnerable habitats. Come to the aid of those affected by natural disasters. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Just God, you desire respect and equality for everyone. Raise up prophets who speak truth to the nations. Embolden leaders and those in authority to advocate for people in need. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Healing God, you lift up those who are bowed down by trouble, oppression, or illness. Bring an end to social injustice and inequities of every kind, so that all people may have abundant life. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Abiding God, you are present with this congregation. Keep us mindful of our mission and guide our ministries in this community. Kindle in us a desire to help one another. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

P: Faithful God, you promise to be with us always. We remember with gratitude the faithful departed who now rest in you. Strengthen us to the end, that we may see you face to face. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior.

C: **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. God of majesty, no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

### **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

P: Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:

Blessed are you for the birth of creation.

Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.

Blessed are you for your promise to your people.

Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.

Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.

Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

**P:** With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

**C:** **Come, Lord Jesus.**

**P:** Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

**C:** **Come, Holy Spirit.**

**P:** All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.

**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:** Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! Come to the table; taste and see.

*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

## *What the Lord Has Done in Me*

BB 24

1. Let the weak say, “I am strong.”  
Let the poor say, “I am rich.”  
Let the blind say, “I can see.”  
It’s what the Lord has done in me.

*Repeat verse I*

### *Refrain*

Hosanna, hosanna to the Lamb that was slain.  
Hosanna, hosanna. Jesus died and rose again. (*repeat*)

2. Into the river I will wade.  
There my sins are washed away.  
From the heaven's mercy stream  
Of the Savior's love for me.

3. I will rise from waters deep  
Into the saving arms of God.  
I will sing salvation songs.  
Jesus Christ has set me free.

*Refrain (sing twice)*

## *Ending*

Jesus died and rose again. Jesus died and rose again.

### *Lamb of God*

1. Your only Son, no sin to hide;  
But You have sent Him from Your side,  
To walk upon this guilty sod,  
And to become the Lamb of God.

2. Your gift of love they crucified;  
They laughed and scorned Him as He died.  
The humble King they named a fraud,  
And sacrificed the Lamb of God.

### *Refrain*

Oh Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God.  
I love the holy Lamb of God.  
Oh, wash me in His precious blood,  
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

3. I was so lost I should have died;  
But You have brought me to Your side  
To be led by Your staff and rod,  
And to be called a lamb of God. *Refrain*

*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. Radiant God, we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. In the sacrament of his body and blood you have drawn us to your heart. Send us from this table with delight, that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love, and bear witness to all we have seen and heard, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

## † THE SENDING †

### BLESSING

P: May the triune God, who has put a new song in your mouth and tuned your heart for praise † bless you now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

### SENDING SONG

#### *Go Ye Therefore*

**BB 47**

Go ye therefore and make disciples of all nations,  
Of all nations.

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Of all nations.

Baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son  
and the Holy Spirit.

Go ye therefore and make disciples of all nations,  
Of all nations.

*Repeat*

### DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE

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## THIS WEEK AT ZION

### **Sunday, January 18**

\* *The altar flowers are sponsored by Jeff & Amy Thompson in memory of Jake Woodward, Cameron's father-in-law.*

\* *The communion elements are sponsored by the Gundel families to the glory of God, along with their prayer that the love of our Savior Jesus Christ will continue to surround the precious family of Zion during the coming year.*

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

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIy\\_3AeK\\_pExuVhcUfl2cSw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIy_3AeK_pExuVhcUfl2cSw)

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

Adult Sunday School – 10:30 a.m.

Bible Study Class – Parlor

*This class is beginning a 6-week series focusing on a major tenet of the Confessional Christian Church: the Apostles Creed. Credo is a Latin expression meaning "I believe." This video course, led by Adam Hamilton, will explain this fundamental statement of our Christianity. Join us in the opportunity to explore who we are by what we believe.*

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

*This class considers the scripture lessons through discussion centering around their relevance and application to contemporary issues.*

### **Monday, January 19 -- John on vacation**

Food Pantry – 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Council – 7 p.m. (Zone)

### **Tuesday, January 20 -- John on vacation**

Bible Study – 9 a.m. (Parlor)

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

### **Wednesday, January 21 -- John on vacation**

Food Pantry – 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

### **Thursday, January 22 -- John on vacation**

Community Meal – 5 p.m. (Social Room)

No Choir

### **Friday, January 23 -- John on vacation**

### **Saturday, January 24**

### **Sunday, January 25 -- John on vacation (Welcome James!)**

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

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIy\\_3AeK\\_pExuVhcUfl2cSw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIy_3AeK_pExuVhcUfl2cSw)

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

### **DAILY DEVOTIONALS**

Our Daily Bread and Christ in Our Homes devotionals can be found on the ushers' table and on the window sill ledge in the back hallway across from the choir room. The January-March Christ in Our Homes booklet is now available. Help yourself!

### **2026 OFFERING ENVELOPES**

Offering envelopes for the new year have been distributed in church mailboxes. Some envelope numbers have changed from last year's ... be sure to use the correct envelopes!

### **JOYFUL NOISE OFFERING: JANUARY**

Through January this social outreach special collection will go to Grace Lutheran Church to help offset the rental and cleaning costs of the port-a-potty at their homeless shelter. The ongoing expense of this ministry is \$100/month – the church is grateful for all contributions that help support their mission to provide adequate facilities for those in need.

### **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. Questions? See Denise Haun.

### **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**

Journeys will continue to meet in 2026 on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the parlor: January 20, February 17, March 17, April 21, May 19.

### **ANNUAL REPORTS**

Attention All Ministry Teams: Please email Anne your end of year report and goals for 2026! Short and sweet is perfectly fine – the main thing is that it reflects what was accomplished and how the team plans to carry out the mission of the church in 2026.

### **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>

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



Zion's Men's Group has tickets to the PSU basketball game on Sat., Feb. 28 at 12 Noon at the Bryce Jordan Center at Penn State University. There are tickets for 20 seats – first come, first served! Ticket price is \$10/person. If you are interested in carpooling, meet at the church at 8:30 a.m. This will give us enough time to stop en route. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for those who wish to attend. This has become an annual event and we hope that you will join us! Questions? See Dave Dumeyer or John Marrs.

## 2026 FLOWER, BULLETIN, AND COMMUNION ELEMENTS SPONSORS

The sign-up sheets for all three of these sponsorship opportunities are posted on the bulletin board in the narthex across from the mailboxes. Cost is \$40 for flowers, \$40 for bulletins, and \$35 for communion elements. You can pay online using the new VANCO giving site (<https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZM24/home>).

## SUPER BOWL FOR CARING

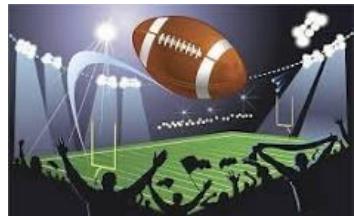


With the biggest game of the year coming up, let's have a winning drive! On February 8, the top teams from the AFC and the NFC (which will be determined by the playoff games over the next few weeks) will go head-to-head in the Super Bowl.



Meanwhile here at Zion, we will have our own playoffs as we collect food and monetary donations for the pantry. Donations can be dropped off in the narthex where you will see a display of the teams. You can show your support of either team by putting your donations in the team's bin. This year, the goal is 500 items and \$500.

On Super Bowl Sunday, you are invited to wear your favorite team's jersey or colors. And, of course, at the heart of it here, the pantry is the real winner for providing food to those in need.



## 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON FOR WIDOWS & WIDOWERS



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

FOR MORE INFO & TO REGISTER: <https://www.lutherancamping.org/>

Lutheran Camping Corporation

# PARENTS GROUP AT NAWAKWA

Whether you are a parent with older or younger kids, you are invited to find a community and talk about the joys and struggles of parenting. Find a community that can lift you up and remind you of the blessings of parenting through the journey.

**COME ON YOUR OWN**

**COME WITH YOUR  
SPOUSE**

**COME WITH YOUR KIDS**

**COME WITH A FRIEND**

## Details

First Saturday of the month at Nawakwa's Lower Camp Dining Hall

10-12 children activities provided  
12-1pm lunch provided

**UPCOMING  
GATHERINGS**  
**Saturdays:**  
**February 7**  
**&**  
**March 7**

## CHICKEN & WAFFLES AT NAWAKWA

*Spend a Sunday afternoon at camp with a homemade chicken & waffles meal! Invite a neighbor or grandchild and have them bring their sled (if there's snow!)*

Sunday,  
January 18  
12:00-2:00 p.m.

*A free will offering will be taken.*

**RSVP 717-677-8211**



## WINTER FUN DAYS AT KIRCHENWALD

*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!*

Sunday, January 18  
Sunday, February 15  
1:00-5:00 p.m.

**RSVP 717-677-8211**



## TUESDAY MORNING WORK DAYS AT NAWAKWA

*Join Paul Askey, our property manager, in assisting with work around Nawakwa on the first Tuesday of each month. Work is anything from maintaining our trails to hanging pictures/plaques.*

*Nawakwa is a large property, and your help will not only help us maintain our property and buildings but make them better.*

*Your hands, God's work.*

*Start time is 9 a.m. Meet in the camp office. End time is flexible with your personal schedule.*

*We will have coffee and donuts!*



## **FOOD PANTRY UPDATE**

Last month, Zion contributed 270 pounds of food items to the pantry. 609 children, 954 adults, and 384 seniors – a total of 1,947 people – were served! Additionally, 12 new families were registered and 46 individuals volunteered a total of 626 hours.

### **FOOD PANTRY REQUESTED ITEMS**

Canned pineapple	Canned spinach	Canned beets	Canned tomato paste
Granola bars	1lb. bag dried beans	Regular size creamy peanut butter	
Pancake syrup	No corn; No greens; No glass jars		



### **FROM JOAN MAYS**

Dear Zion, For my birthday on December 30, thank you for the beautiful yellow rose from the altar, the cards and the birthday wishes from the congregation on December 28.

### **FROM LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF**

Thank you so much for your gift of \$80 to Lutheran World Relief's Quilt & Kit Shipping Fund. Your generosity will ensure that the lovingly handmade blessings reach the people who need them most. I am so grateful for your dedication to blanketing the world with the peace of Christ ... until your love reaches every neighbor.

## **MEN'S BREAKFASTS**

**All men are invited to breakfast on the  
second Saturday of each month at 8 a.m.!**

**The next gathering will be on February 14.  
Stay tuned for location!**

## **PRAYER LIST**

### **HEALING**

Joan & Burnell Hostetter      Joan Mays      Janet Musselman      Al Alsedek  
Julia Grove      Holly Hoover      Deb Overly      John Gerlach  
Dave Wauls      Bob Shirk      Connie Alsedek      Dave Wise  
Kathryn Kochel      Joe Adams      Jess Barcaro      Bill Grove  
Kay Crawford      Judie Ingersoll      Barb Williams      Kate Donnan  
Sam King      Tom Grzybowski      Sandy Marrs (Mother of John Marrs)  
Elaine Aulenbach (Wife of Dave Aulenbach)  
Lissa James (Niece of Connie Alsedek)  
Arabelle Page (Student of Amy Thompson)  
Bob Hobaugh (Friend of Deb & Rick Long)  
Dennis Barcaro (Jess Barcaro's father-in-law)  
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)  
Randy Smith (Father-in-law of Adele King's daughter)  
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)  
Jennifer Kready (Daughter of Dave & Donna Dumeyer)  
Brooke Ross (Friend of Barb Williams)  
Dennis & Marie Dezort and the extended family of Thelma Pearson

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

Doug Kautter      Chris Andrew      Evan Benedict      Justin Gorlaski  
Christopher Wright      Thom Whitesel  
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      Yehiel Curry (Presiding Bishop, ELCA)  
Pastor Lucille ("CeCee") Mills (Secretary, ELCA)  
Geoffrey Samuel Mwaihaba (Bishop, Konde Diocese)  
Imran M. Siddiqui (Vice President of the ELCA)

### **CELEBRATING**

#### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

19<sup>th</sup>: Lisa Bernhard, Dylan Gromen      20<sup>th</sup>: Jess Barcaro  
22<sup>nd</sup>: Dolly Overly, Emma Baumgardner

## MINISTRY LEADERS

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

Members of the Congregation  
Rev. Timothy Seitz-Brown  
John Landis  
Anne Rankin  
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](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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