

# **Second Sunday of Christmas**

*A Service of Word & Sacrament*

*January 4, 2026*



**The Word  
became flesh  
and lived  
among us**

JOHN 1:14

**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.



# Second Sunday of Christmas

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

## † THE GATHERING †

### INTRODUCTION

P: Keep the Main Thing

C: **the Main Thing**

God loved us → **so we love.**

God forgave us → **so we forgive.**

God fed us → **so we feed others.**

Not to show **we are good.**

Not to prove **we are right.**

We love

**because we were loved first.**

We forgive

**because mercy found us.**

We feed

**because God did not turn away.**

**So we love others.**

**So we forgive others.**

Even in a world that does not yet know Jesus, we gather to hear, to believe, to be renewed. God moved into the neighborhood—became human among us—and calls us to share grace upon grace.

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

*Prelude on “El Desembre Congelat”*

**Anthony Giamanco**

*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: 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.**





1 Cold De - cem - ber flies a - way at the rose - red splen - dor.  
 2 In the hope - less time of sin shad - ows deep had fall - en.  
 3 Now the bud has come to bloom, and the world a - wak - ens.



A - pril's crown-ing glo - ry breaks while the whole world won - ders  
 All the world lay un - der death. Eyes were closed in sleep - ing.  
 In the lil - y's pur - est flow'r dwells a won - drous fra - grance.



at the ho - ly un - seen pow'r of the tree which bears the  
 But, when all seemed lost in night, came the sun whose gold - en  
 And it spreads to all the earth from the mo - ment of its



flow'r. On the bless - ed tree blooms the red - dest flow'r. On the tree blooms the  
 light brings un - end - ing joy, brings the end - less joy of our hope, high - est  
 birth; and its beau - ty lives. In the flow'r it lives, in the flow'r, and it



rose here in love's own gar - den, full and strong in glo - ry.  
 hope, of our hope's bright dawn - ing, Son be - lov'd of heav - en.  
 spreads in its heav'n - ly bright - ness sweet per - fume de - light - ful.

Text: Catalanian carol; tr. Howard Hawhee, b. 1953  
 Music: EL DESEMBRE CONGELAT, Catalanian carol  
 Text © 1978 *Lutheran Book of Worship*, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

## 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: Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, through 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 †

### JEREMIAH 31:7-14

*Jeremiah spent most of his career criticizing Israelites for their injustice and idolatry, and warning of judgment to come. However, once that judgment actually occurred – with the destruction of the Temple and the exile of much of the population to Babylon – his message changed drastically. Now he promised, beyond hope, return from exile and a rebuilding of Israel as a nation.*

A: <sup>7</sup> Thus says the Lord: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, “Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel.” <sup>8</sup> See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor together; a great company, they shall return here. <sup>9</sup> With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back; I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path where they shall not stumble, for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

<sup>10</sup> Hear the word of the Lord, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, “He who scattered Israel will gather him and will keep him as a shepherd does a flock.” <sup>11</sup> For the Lord has ransomed Jacob and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. <sup>12</sup> They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. <sup>13</sup> Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy; I will comfort them and give them gladness for sorrow. <sup>14</sup> I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the Lord

The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM 147:12-20**

*Please chant responsively.*

*This psalm serves as an apt response to Jeremiah's hopeful message, affirming God's continuing love for Jerusalem and the Israelites.*

A: <sup>12</sup> Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem; praise your God, O Zion,  
<sup>13</sup> **who has strengthened the bars of your gates and has blessed your children within you.**

<sup>14</sup> God has established peace on your borders and satisfies you with the finest wheat.

<sup>15</sup> **God sends out a command to the earth, a word that runs very swiftly.**

<sup>16</sup> God gives snow like wool, scattering frost like ashes.

<sup>17</sup> **God scatters hail like bread crumbs. Who can stand against God's cold?**

<sup>18</sup> The Lord sends forth the word and melts them; the wind blows, and the waters flow.

<sup>19</sup> **God declares the word to Jacob, statutes and judgments to Israel.**

<sup>20</sup> The Lord has not done so to any other nation; they do not know God's judgments. Hallelujah!

### **EPHESIANS 1:3-14**

*While many letters in the New Testament are written to address particular problems in a specific community, Ephesians seems to be more general teaching, perhaps intended from the beginning for wider distribution. It has the luxury, therefore, of affirming the breadth of God's gift in Christ Jesus.*

A: <sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup> just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. <sup>5</sup> He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, <sup>6</sup> to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup> In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace <sup>8</sup> that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup> he has made known to us the

mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, <sup>10</sup> as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. <sup>11</sup> In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, <sup>12</sup> so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup> In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; <sup>14</sup> this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## CHILDREN'S CHAT & DISMISSAL FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

*Please stand if you are able.*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



### JOHN 1:1-18

*The prologue of John gives a glimpse of many of the images the Evangelist will return to in the Gospel and in his letters: light, truth, flesh, new birth, rejection, and fullness or completion.*

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

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

**P:** [<sup>1</sup> In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup> All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being <sup>4</sup> in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. <sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it.



<sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. <sup>9</sup>The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.]

<sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world came into being through him, yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup>He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. <sup>12</sup>But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, <sup>13</sup>who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

<sup>14</sup>And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. <sup>15</sup>(John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") <sup>16</sup>From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. <sup>17</sup>The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup>No one has ever seen God. It is the only Son, himself God, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated.*

## MESSAGE

**Pastor Tim Seitz-Brow**



*Please stand if you are able.*



1 In the bleak mid - win - ter, frost - y wind made moan,  
 2 Heav - en can - not hold him, nor . . . earth sus - tain;  
 3 What . . . can I give him, poor . . . as I am?

earth stood hard as i - ron, wa - ter like a stone;  
 heav'n and earth shall flee a - way when he comes to reign;  
 If I were a shep - herd I would bring a lamb;

snow had fall - en, snow on snow, snow on snow,  
 in the bleak mid - win - ter a sta - ble place suf - ficed  
 if I were a wise . . . man I would do my part;

in the bleak mid - win - ter, long a - go.  
 the Lord . . . God al - might - y, Je - sus Christ.  
 yet what I can I give him— give my heart.

## 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: Empowered by the news of Christ’s birth, let us pray boldly for the church, creation, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

O God, you reveal yourself wherever two or three are gathered in your name. Be with us now, not only in the infant Jesus and resurrected Christ, but in the beloved people of this assembly. Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

You reveal yourself in the waters of the womb; in brooks, ponds, and oceans; and in the waters of baptism. Grant us wisdom to tenderly care for the earth as a garden watered by your grace. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You reveal yourself in blessed diversity. Help us to look for you in people near and far, in bodies of all kinds, and in kindred young and old. Let us seek you in many places, praising you in many tongues. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You reveal yourself in new life. Support those beginning a new job, a new relationship, or a new living situation, especially those displaced because of tragedy or loss. Be with all others who need your life-giving touch this day. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You reveal yourself in holy communion. Sustain all who provide food and fellowship in this congregation and in the wider community. Make our tables signs of your welcoming presence among us. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

P: You promise to turn mourning into joy and to comfort those who weep. We remember those who have died and look to being united with them in your glory. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

With the joy of Christ's birth in our hearts, we commend our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your boundless mercy and eternal love; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **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 glory, great are your wonders among us and many are the blessings you bestow. Use us and these your gifts for the needs of the world, that all the ends of the earth may rejoice in your saving grace, through Christ our Savior.
- 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: God is now in flesh appearing. Come to the feast of joy!

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

### **COMMUNION MUSIC**

*Variations on "Morning Star"*

**Lynn Trapp**

*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. Incarnate God, you are among us at this table. May we treasure this gift and ponder in our hearts the mystery of your presence. Move us to discover the wonders of your love in the everyday moments of our lives, through Christ born in us.

C: Amen.

## † THE SENDING †

## BLESSING

P: The triune God, glorious Mystery, holy Incarnate One, abiding Comforter, † bless you with endless grace, peace, and joy.

C: Amen.

## SENDING HYMN

### *Brightest and Best of the Stars*

ELW 303

1 Bright-est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,  
2 Cold on his cra - dle the dew - drops are shin - ing;  
3 What shall we give him, in cost - ly de - vo - tion?  
4 Vain - ly we of - fer each am - ple ob - la - tion,  
5 Bright-est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,

dawn on our dark - ness and lend us your aid.  
low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;  
Shall we bring in - cense and of - f' rings di - vine,  
vain - ly with gifts would his fa - vor se - cure;  
dawn on our dark - ness and lend us your aid.



Star of the east, the ho - ri - zon a - dorn - ing,  
 an - gels a - dore him in slum - ber re - clin - ing,  
 gems of the moun - tain and pearls of the o - cean,  
 rich - er by far is the heart's ad - o - ra - tion,  
 Star of the east, the ho - ri - zon a - dorn - ing,

guide where our in - fant re - deem - er is laid.  
 mak - er and mon - arch and sav - ior of all.  
 myrrh from the for - est or gold from the mine?  
 dear - er to God are the prayers of the poor.  
 guide where our in - fant re - deem - er is laid.

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783–1826, alt.  
 Music: MORNING STAR, James P. Harding, 1850–1911, adapt.

## DISMISSAL

P: Glory to God in the highest!

C” **And peace to God’s people on earth!**

Go in joy. Embody God’s redeeming grace.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE





## **THIS WEEK AT ZION**

### **Sunday, January 4, 2026**

*\* The altar flowers, bulletins, and 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\\_pExuVhcUfI2cSw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIy_3AeK_pExuVhcUfI2cSw)

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

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

### **Monday, January 5**

Food Pantry – 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

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

### **Tuesday, January 6**

Bible Study – 9 a.m. (Parlor)

12<sup>th</sup> Day of Christmas Luncheon for Widows and Widowers – 12 Noon (Zone)

### **Wednesday, January 7**

Food Pantry – 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

### **Thursday, January 8 – *John on vacation***

Community Meal – 5 p.m. (Social Room)

No Choir

### **Friday, January 9 – *John on vacation***

### **Saturday, January 10**

### **Sunday, January 11 – *Baptism of Our Lord Sunday; John on vacation***

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

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

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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. Please get yours today!

### **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!

### **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>

## STAY UP TO DATE WITH WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THE SYNOD & ELCA

Interested in knowing what is going on in the Synod and around the world in other congregations? Subscribe to the weekly email, "WE News." The homepage for the Synod is: <https://www.lss-elca.org/> and the direct link to subscribe is:

<https://www.lss-elca.org/we-news-signup/>

### LUNCHEON THIS TUESDAY (JAN. 6) at 12 Noon in the Zone

A luncheon for widows & widowers to celebrate the 12 Days of Christmas

~Sponsored by the Care Team~

#### FOOD PANTRY REQUESTED ITEMS

Peanut butter (1 pound size)

Spaghetti sauce

Canned pineapple

Canned chicken (regular size)

Strawberry jelly

Canned mandarin oranges

Canned chick peas

Lentils (1-pound bags)

Tomato paste

Canned pears

Canned spinach

Canned red beets

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

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

### WORK DAY AT NAWAKWA!

**WHEN?** January 6, Beginning at 9:00 a.m. and ending whenever you need to leave!

*There will be coffee and donuts!*

**WHAT?** Anything from maintaining the trails to hanging pictures/plaques.

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

**WHERE?** Please meet in the camp office.

### RETREAT: PUTTING FAITH INTO ACTION!

**WHERE:** Camp Nawakwa

**WHEN:** January 16-19, 2026

**WHAT?** A weekend of service to the camp and local organizations, games, hiking, and worship!

**WHO:** This retreat is for adults, families, and youth!

**HOW MUCH:** \$210 per person  
All meals on Saturday and Sunday, and Monday Brunch are included.

**Register online:**



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

*Optional \$15 donation per family*

## UPCOMING GATHERINGS

**Saturdays:  
February 7  
&  
March 7**

# **CHURCH EVENTS AT A GLANCE**

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

## **JANUARY**

6: Twelve Days of Christmas Luncheon for Widows & Widowers  
(12 Noon; Zone)

8: Community Meal (5 p.m.; Social Room)

17: Social Room & Kitchen Reserved (1–5p.m.)

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

22: Community Meal (5 p.m.; Social Room)

## **FEBRUARY**

12: Community Meal (5 p.m.; Social Room)

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

18: Ash Wednesday Worship (7 p.m.; Sanctuary)

26: Community Meal (5 p.m.; Social Room)

## **MARCH**

12: Community Meal (5 p.m.; Social Room)

15: Elizabethtown College Choir Performance (During Worship)

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

26: Community Meal (5 p.m.; Social Room)

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)

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)

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: Community Meal (5 p.m.; Social Room)

## ***PRAYER LIST***

### ***HEALING***

Joan Mays  
Janet Musselman  
Al Alsedek  
Julia Grove  
Holly Hoover  
Deb Overly  
John Gerlach  
Dave Wauls  
Connie Alsedek  
Bob Shirk  
Dave Wise  
Kathryn Kochel  
Joe Adams  
Jess Barcaro  
Bill Grove  
Kay Crawford  
Judie Ingersoll  
Barb Williams  
Kate Donnan  
Sam King  
Tom Grzybowski  
Dennis Barcaro (Jess Barcaro's father-in-law)  
Sandy Marrs (Mother of John Marrs)  
Tina Weigner (Friend of Adele King)  
Lissa James (Niece of Connie Alsedek)  
Jack Taylor (Son of Deb Grube's niece)  
Arabelle Page (Student of Amy Thompson)  
Fred Boyle (Friend of Bob & Judy Traup)  
Joanne Myers (Friend of Connie Alsedek)  
Bob Hobaugh (Friend of Deb & Rick Long)  
Mike LaFata (Son-in-law of Bill & Julia Grove)  
Ron Kessler (Brother-in-law of Ann Seitz-Brown)  
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!**

5<sup>th</sup>: Pamela Gunzenhauser  
6<sup>th</sup>: Randy Miller, Jordan Provanzo  
7<sup>th</sup>: Dianne Coons  
8<sup>th</sup>: Joanne Marrs

## 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:	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/@zelc_landisvillepa7249">https://www.youtube.com/@zelc_landisvillepa7249</a>
Bible Study Class (Parlor)	Sundays @ 10:30 a.m.
Wired Word Class (Zoom)	Sundays @ 10:30 a.m.
Children's Class Sundays:	Start in service, then excused until communion
Morning Bible Study	Tuesdays @ 9:00 a.m.
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Pastor	717-332-4216
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