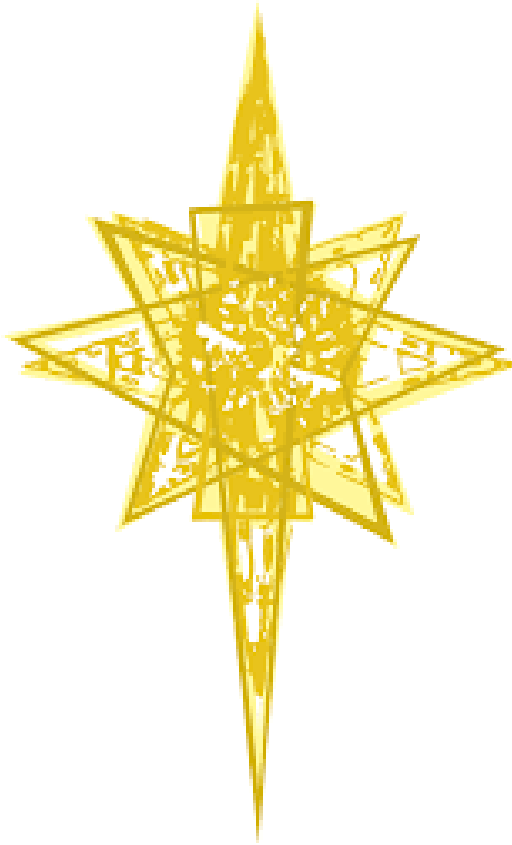


2nd Sunday after Christmas

Epiphany Sunday

A Service of Word & Sacrament

January 3, 2021



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 with in-person or online. For in-person worshippers, all words and parts of the service will be projected on the screen in the front of the sanctuary. If you prefer a printed bulletin, you may pick one up on the table in the Narthex by the entrance to the Sanctuary. The service contains the four parts of the Lutheran liturgy (The Gathering, The Word, The Meal, and The Sending). Should you have any questions concerning our service, please do not hesitate to talk with Pastor Sell.

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AT ZION

IN-PERSON: All are invited to join us for worship at 9:00 a.m. each Sunday morning. Although the gathering guidelines allow us to have more people in the Sanctuary making only one service possible, pre-registration is still required. Please call or text Anne Rankin (717-945-4585) to reserve seating.

ONLINE: The worship service each week is live-streamed. If you are unable or prefer not to watch during the livestream, the recording is available to view any time after the service concludes. The link for the church YouTube channel where you can find livestream and recorded services is: http://bit.ly/Zion_Live

FOR THOSE WORSHIPPING IN-PERSON

- ❖ Please social distance at all times and sanitize your hands using the hand sanitizer units located on the walls in the hallways, Connection Zone, and Social Room.
- ❖ Please wear masks at all times.
- ❖ A no-touch temperature screening is required by all who enter the church prior to worship.
- ❖ Only one individual may be in restrooms at a time. Please follow the signs on the restroom doors.
- ❖ Children are welcome to be active participants in the worship service. Currently, nursery care is not available.
- ❖ Ushers are located near the front and back of the worship area to direct people to seating and to the offering plates.

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS EPIPHANY SUNDAY

A Service of Word & Sacrament

P: Pastor A: Assisting Minister C: Congregation

ABOUT TODAY'S READINGS

Within the gospel reading's profound words lies the simple message that God is revealed in a human person. Though we may try to understand how the Word existed with God from the beginning of time, the wonder we celebrate at Christmas is that the Word continues to dwell among us. Christ comes among us in the gathered assembly, the scriptures, the waters of new birth, and the bread and the wine. Through these ordinary gifts we receive the fullness of God's grace and truth.

CHIMES

The playing of the chimes marks the beginning of a prayerful quiet time prior to the start of the service. This is a time to prepare your hearts and minds for worship.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

G. Smoke

Please stand if you are able.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who was in the beginning, who makes a dwelling among us, who covers us with justice and mercy.

C: **Amen.**

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

Silence for reflection.

P: God of goodness and loving-kindness,

C: **we confess that we have sinned against you and our neighbors. We have turned away from your invitation to new life. We have turned away from the lowly and downtrodden. In your abundant mercy, forgive us our sins, those**

we know and those known only to you, for the sake of the one who came to live among us, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

P: Hear the good news of peace and salvation! God forgives us all our sins, not through our own work, but through † Jesus Christ, made known to all people. With all who come to the manger, rejoice in this amazing gift of grace.

C: **Amen.**

SONG

Christ, Be Our Light

ELW 715

You are invited to hum along.

THE 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 †

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:7-14

A: ⁷Thus 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." ⁸See, 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. ⁹With 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 in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

¹⁰Hear 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 a flock." ¹¹For the LORD has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. ¹²They 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. ¹³Then 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. ¹⁴I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty,

A: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

Ephesians 1:3-14

A: ³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹In 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, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In 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; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

A: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S CHAT

Please stand if you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Good Soil

H. Hanson

GOSPEL READING

John 1:10-18

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 1st chapter.

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

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

¹⁴And 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. ¹⁵(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.'") ¹⁶From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Melody Sell

SPECIAL MUSIC

Introit for Epiphany

R. Lehman

Please stand if you are able.

NICENE CREED

P: Let us profess our faith together.

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

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

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

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

A: Joining our voices with the song of the angels, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Redeeming God, you gather together your people from the farthest parts of the earth. Protect your church from stumbling. Let it not be overcome by sorrow, division, or despair. Make us radiant with goodness, that we might live always to the praise of your glory.

You bring together heaven and earth. All creation testifies to your splendor. Hold the ecosystems of this earth in delicate balance, from coastlands to farmlands, forests to wetlands, deserts to rainforests. Show us new ways to live in harmony with the world around us.

You overflow with grace upon grace. Expand the imaginations of those who serve in positions of authority. Open their hearts to the needs of their nations and communities. Protect all those in harm's way and those risking danger for the sake of others.

You bring consolation to those who weep. Embrace those who feel far-off, excluded, or defeated. Accompany those living with chronic and invisible illness. Sustain the weak and weary. Refresh those who labor under the weight of pain or sickness.

You come to us in the beauty of darkness and of light. Bring justice and reconciliation to communities divided by oppressions and misuse of power. Guide us to speak holy words of advocacy and truth. Help us to honor your image in one another.

You turn our mourning into joy. We give thanks for those who have died in faith. With all the saints, give us our inheritance in Christ. In the fullness of time, gather us all together in your mercy.

God of mercy, come quickly to us with grace upon grace as we lift these and all our prayers to you, in the name of Jesus.

C: Amen.

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you.

C: And also with you.

† THE MEAL †

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

SETTING OF THE TABLE

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray. Gracious God, you came to us as one unknown, bringing joy and salvation to the earth. Nourish us at your banquet table, that with all who welcome your birth we may proclaim your peace, revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Dialogue

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

The Preface

P: It is indeed right and our duty and joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn with these words:

C: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: Holy God, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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

P: Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, 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: The Word is revealed in a manger, in simple bread and wine.
Come meet Christ in this meal.

C: **Amen.**

Please be seated.

PARTAKING IN THE BREAD AND CUP OF SALVATION

The congregation opens the wafer packet.

P: The body of Christ given for you.

C: **Amen.**

The congregation opens the cup.

P: The blood of Christ shed for you.

C: **Amen.**

Please place communion cups & wrappers in the trash as you exit the Sanctuary.

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. We give you thanks, gracious God, that you have once again fed us from your very self with the body and blood of Christ. Through this mystery, send us forth to proclaim your promise to a world in need, through the same Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: **Amen.**

Please stand if you are able.

† **THE SENDING** †

MUSICAL BENEDICTION

Bring Forth the Kingdom

M. Haugen

BLESSING

P: Almighty God, who sent the Holy Spirit to Mary, proclaimed joy through the angels, sent the shepherds with good news, and led the magi by a star, bless you this day † through the Word made flesh.

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Share the gift of Jesus.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Voluntary

P. Page

THIS WEEK AT ZION

Sunday, January 3 – 2nd Sunday of Christmas/Epiphany Sunday

The flowers, bulletins, and communion elements are given 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.

In-Person Worship – 9:00 a.m.

Live-stream Worship – 9:00 a.m.

Worship Link: http://bit.ly/Zion_Live

Wired Word Sunday School Class – 10:30 a.m. [Sign on any time after 10:15]

Class Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2283229266>

Monday, January 4

Food Pantry – 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Property – 7 p.m.

Tuesday, January 5

No Bible Study (Will resume 1/12)

No Scouts (Will resume 1/12)

Call Committee Meeting – 6:30 p.m. (Connection Zone)

Wednesday, January 6 – Epiphany of our Lord

Food Pantry – 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Thursday, January 7

No Community Meal Drive-Thru (Will resume 1/14)

Friday, January 8

Saturday, January 9

Sunday, January 10 – Baptism of our Lord Sunday

Valentine Care Package Collection Begins

In-Person Worship – 9:00 a.m.

Live-stream Worship – 9:00 a.m.

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Wired Word Sunday School Class – 10:30 a.m. [Sign on any time after 10:15]

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMUNITY MEAL UPDATE

The drive-thru Community Meal will resume on January 14. If you would like to help prepare, distribute, or financially sponsor a meal, please contact Mary Hetrick by email or phone (psuocn92@comcast.net or 717-333-6173). Your support of this ministry is appreciated!

WIRED WORD CLASS

The WW class meets via Zoom each Sunday morning at 10:30. You can sign on any time after 10:15. The link for the class is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2283229266>

2021 OFFERING ENVELOPES

If you have not picked up your offering envelopes from your church mailbox or if you have not arranged to pick yours up at the church office, please do so as soon as possible since we are now into 2021. Contact Anne (adminzelc@comcast.net) if you prefer to have yours mailed.

WINTER FUN DAY

Everyone is invited to come for an afternoon of winter fun at Kirchenwald on Sunday, January 17. There will be a variety of activities, including (but not limited to!) going down the award-winning toboggan run, ice-skating on the lake, or drinking hot chocolate in the lodge. There is no cost...just come and have fun!

CHICKEN & WAFFLES

If you were planning to attend this event, it has been cancelled.

VALENTINE CARE PACKAGES

Beginning next Sunday, items for the children, youth, & young adult care packages will be collected. Donation ideas include: candy, crackers, microwave popcorn, granola bars, gift cards, and other snack-y treats! Items can be placed in the marked bin in the Narthex.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION TRAINING

Kairos Spiritual Direction Training (SDT) is a two-year contemplative program that teaches the art and practice of spiritual direction – deep listening, walking alongside others, and recognizing God in your own life and the lives around you. SDT is designed not only for spiritual directors, but for all those who offer spiritual care and companionship. Training in spiritual companionship provides effective tools for interpersonal relationships, especially when working with those different than yourself. Apply today:

<https://parishresourcecenter.org/kairos-school-for-spiritual-formation-at-the-parish-resource-center/kairos-spiritual-direction-training/> or contact janae@parishresourcecenter.org.

PRAYER LIST
FOR HEALING

Kathleen Gorlaski
Dave Albin
Cher Callahan
Thelma Pearson
Marvin Ruch
Kate Donnan
Barbara Williams
Dave Wise
Don Heartter
Joe Adams
Judie Ingersoll
Lucy Davis
Bill Grove
Kay Crawford
Holly Hoover
Janet & Harry Musselman
LaVon Harnish (Friend of Jeanette Bomberger)
Homer Dietz (Brother-in-law of Harry Musselman)
Ron Sahn (Friend of Dave Wise)
Loma Slike (Mother of Sue Wise)
Mike LaFata (Son-in-law of Bill & Julia Grove)
Lesli LaFata (Daughter of Bill & Julia Grove)

FOR COMFORT, PEACE, STRENGTH, & SAFETY

Betty Stoner
Arlene Miller
Deb McCartney
Marlin Zimmerman
Bette Geibel
Charlotte & George Potts
Richard and Marilyn Heim
Arlene Wise (Sister-in-law of Dave Wise)
Vaun Hile (Father of Lynda Sherwood)
Jennifer Kready (Daughter of Dave & Donna Dumeyer)

FOR PROTECTION FOR MILITARY & FIRST RESPONDERS

Christopher Wright

Chris Andrew

Thom Whitesel

Ryan Stitzel

Doug Kautter

Justin Gorlaski

Corey Landis (Nephew of Jesse & Pat Landis)

David Adams (Son-in-law of John & Kathleen Hay, and husband of Liz)

IN CELEBRATION

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

3rd – Sarah Laliberte, Eric Searle

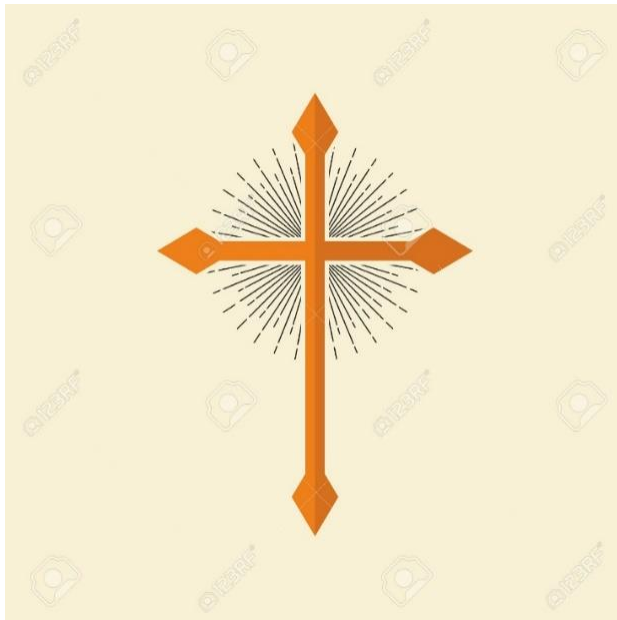
5th – Pamela Gunzenhauser

6th – Hannah Kearon, Randy Miller, Jordan Provanzo, Amber Swade

7th – Dianne Coons

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

5th – Nathan & Danielle Myers (20th)



MINISTRY LEADERS

Ministers
Interim Pastor
Assisting Minister
Dir. of Music & Worship Arts
Parish Administrator
Worship Technology Assistant
Lay Ministry Assistant
Council President
Council Vice President
Sextons

Members of the Congregation
Pastor Melody Sell
Bob Wildasin
James C. Alfieri
Anne Rankin
David Albin
Diane Gerlach
Adele King
David Wise
Brian Bourassa (a.m.)
Tom Miller (p.m.)

WORSHIP, SUNDAY SCHOOL, & CONTACT INFORMATION

In-Person Worship Services 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School Class (Zoom) <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2283229266>
10:30-11:15 a.m.
Live-stream & Recorded Worship 9:00 a.m.
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