

THIS IS  
MY SON,  
THE  
BELOVED

MATTHEW 3:17



# Baptism of Our Lord

January 11, 2026

Zion Lutheran Church, Hollidaysburg, PA

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The flowers on the altar have been given to the glory of God and in thanks for our girl's and their birthday by Greg & Sue Swope.

## New to Zion? Welcome!

**Children's activity bags** are at the back of the sanctuary.

**Need space?** The service can be heard in the Chapel on the first floor.

**Communion:** Please tell the pastor if you prefer a blessing instead of communion. Exit the pew on the outside aisle. Empty cups are for wine, and filled cups contain grape juice. The pastor gives out wafers (gluten free upon request), and the communion assistant pours wine or blesses grape juice. Return by the center aisle.

**Restrooms** are on the first floor, including a family/ADA restroom. Additional restrooms are found through the doors at the front of the sanctuary, where you can also access our **elevator**.

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## PRELUDE

### \*CONFESSiON AND FORGIVENESS

**P:** Blessed be the holy Trinity, <sup>†</sup> one God, the Creator of heaven and earth, the Word who spoke life into being, the Wind stirring the waters. **C: Amen.**

**P:** Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

**P:** Mighty God, lover of justice, **C: you call us to life in community, but we have served our own interests at the expense of our neighbors.** We have sown deceit where honesty was needed. We say the right words, but our hearts are far from you. Turn us to seek your face. Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ, that we may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. **Amen.**

**P:** The former things have passed away, and new things God now declares: Like a spring of water that never fails, God covers you in the righteousness of Christ, and forgives your sin in <sup>†</sup> Jesus' name. May the Spirit give you strength to live for others, and bless you with the gift of peace. **C: Amen.**

\*THE ENTRANCE HYMN: “Shall We Gather at the River” (ELW 423)



1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,  
2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,  
3 Ere we reach the shin-ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;  
4 Soon we'll reach the shin-ing riv - er, soon our pil-grim-age will cease;



with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow-ing by the throne of God?  
we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.  
grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro-vide a robe and crown.  
soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.

*Refrain*



Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;



gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

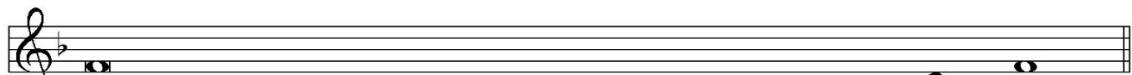
\*THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

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



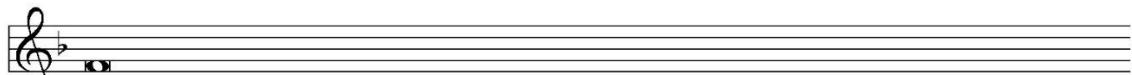
**A** In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



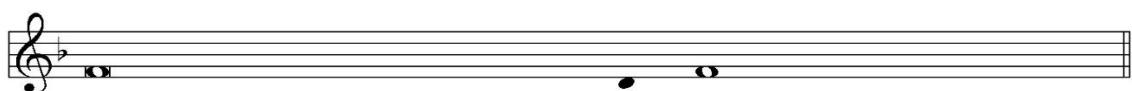
**A** For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



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



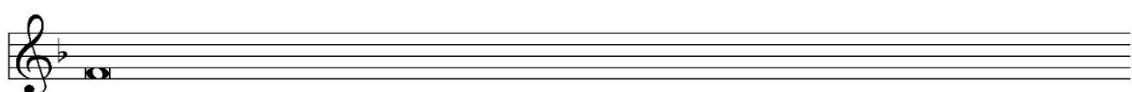
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



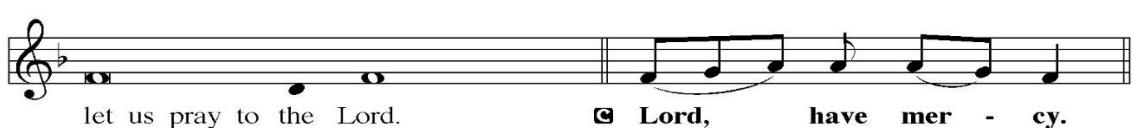
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



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



**A** For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **C** A - men

## \*HYMN OF PRAISE

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

## \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. C: O God our Father, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

## FIRST READING: Isaiah 42:1-9

<sup>1</sup> Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. <sup>2</sup> He will not cry out or lift up his voice or make it heard in the street; <sup>3</sup> a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. <sup>4</sup> He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth, and the coastlands wait for his teaching. <sup>5</sup> Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: <sup>6</sup> I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness; I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, <sup>7</sup> to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. <sup>8</sup> I am the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. <sup>9</sup> See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

A: The word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

## (Sat & 8:00) PSALMODY: Psalm 29 (Spoken)

<sup>1</sup> Ascribe to the <sup>1</sup> Lord, you gods,

    ascribe to the Lord glo- <sup>1</sup> ry and strength.

<sup>2</sup> Ascribe to the Lord the glory <sup>1</sup> due God's name;  
    worship the Lord in the beau- <sup>1</sup> ty of holiness.

<sup>3</sup> The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of <sup>1</sup> glory thunders;  
    the Lord is upon the <sup>1</sup> mighty waters.

<sup>4</sup> The voice of the Lord is a pow- <sup>1</sup> erful voice;  
    the voice of the Lord is a <sup>1</sup> voice of splendor.

<sup>5</sup> The voice of the Lord breaks the <sup>1</sup> cedar trees;  
    the Lord breaks the ce- <sup>1</sup> dars of Lebanon;

<sup>6</sup> the Lord makes Lebanon skip <sup>1</sup> like a calf,  
    and Mount Hermon like a <sup>1</sup> young wild ox.

<sup>7</sup> The voice <sup>1</sup> of the Lord  
    bursts forth in <sup>1</sup> lightning flashes.

<sup>8</sup> The voice of the Lord <sup>1</sup> shakes the wilderness;  
    the Lord shakes the wilder- <sup>1</sup> ness of Kadesh.

<sup>9</sup> The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the <sup>1</sup> forests bare.  
    And in the temple of the Lord all are <sup>1</sup> crying, "Glory!"

<sup>10</sup> The Lord sits enthroned a- <sup>1</sup> bove the flood;  
    the Lord sits enthroned as king for- <sup>1</sup> evermore.

<sup>11</sup> O Lord, give strength <sup>1</sup> to your people;  
    give them, O Lord, the bless- <sup>1</sup> ings of peace.

## (10:45) PSALMODY: “How Majestic in Your Name” (Song of Zion)

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth. (2x)

O Lord, we praise Your name, O Lord we magnify Your name:

Prince of Peace, Mighty God:

O Lord God Almighty.

## SECOND READING: Acts 10:34-43

<sup>34</sup> Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality,

<sup>35</sup> but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup> You know

the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup> That

message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup> how God

anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing

all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup> We are witnesses to all that he did both in

Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, <sup>40</sup> but God raised him on the third

day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup> not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and

who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup> He commanded us to preach to the people and

to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup> All the prophets testify

about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

A: The word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

## \*VERSE “Listen! You Nations” (LBW 14)

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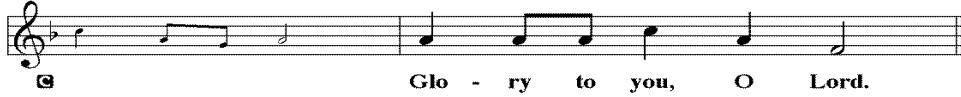
Lis - ten! you na - tions of the world: lis - ten to the Word of the Lord. An -



nounce it from coast to coast; de - clare it to dis - tant is - lands.

## \*GOSPEL: Matthew 3:13-17

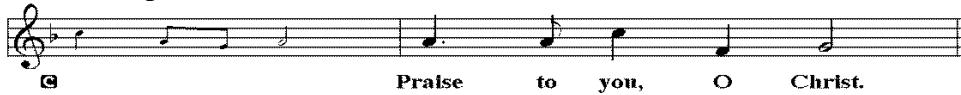
P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the third chapter.



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

<sup>13</sup> Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup> John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” <sup>15</sup> But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. <sup>16</sup> And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw God’s Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. <sup>17</sup> And a voice from the heavens said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

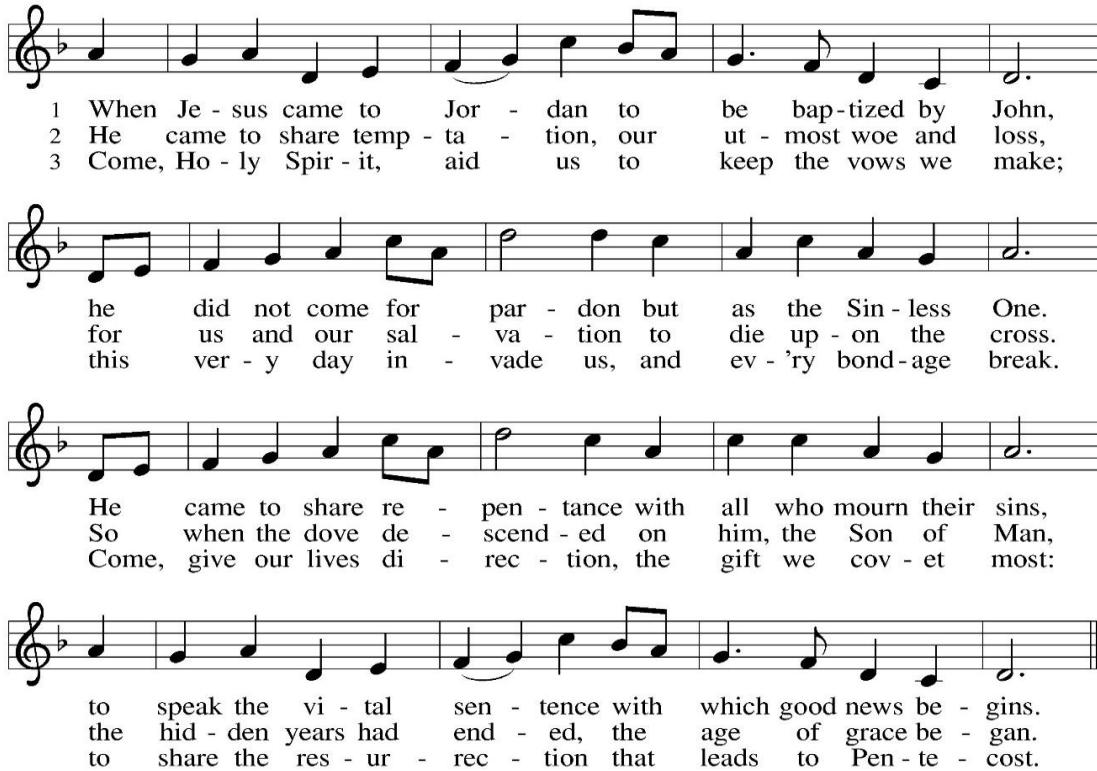


Praise to you, O Christ.

# CHILDREN'S SERMON

## SERMON

### \*HYMN OF THE DAY “When Jesus Came to Jordan” (ELW 305)



1 When Je - sus came to Jor - dan to be bap - tized by John,  
2 He came to share temp - ta - tion, our ut - most woe and loss,  
3 Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, aid us to keep the vows we make;

he did not come for par - don but as the Sin - less One.  
for us and our sal - va - tion to die up - on the cross.  
this ver - y day in - vade us, and ev - 'ry bond - age break.

He came to share re - pen - tance with all who mourn their sins,  
So when the dove de - scend - ed on him, the Son of Man,  
Come, give our lives di - rec - tion, the gift we cov - et most:

to speak the vi - tal sen - tence with which good news be - gins.  
the hid - den years had end - ed, the age of grace be - gan.  
to share the res - ur - rec - tion that leads to Pen - te - cost.

### (Saturday) SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM – Chiara Mae Brady

#### INTRODUCTION

**P:** In Holy Baptism our gracious heavenly Father liberates us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; in the waters of Baptism we are reborn children of God and inheritors of eternal life. By water and the Holy Spirit we are made members of the Church which is the body of Christ. As we live with him and with his people, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

#### PRESENTATION

I present *Chiara Mae Brady* to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

**P:** In Christian love you have presented *Chiara* for Holy Baptism. You should, therefore, faithfully bring her to the services of God's house, and teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments. As she grows in years, you should place in her hands the Holy Scriptures and provide for her instruction in the Christian faith, that, living in the covenant of her Baptism and in communion with the Church, she may lead a godly life until the day of Jesus Christ. Do you promise to fulfill these obligations? **R: I do.**

## THANKSGIVING

**P:** The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

**P:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

**P:** Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: We give you thanks, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and you created heaven and earth. By the gift of water you nourish and sustain us and all living things.

By the waters of the flood you condemned the wicked and saved those whom you had chosen, Noah and his family. You led Israel by the pillar of cloud and fire through the sea, out of slavery into the freedom of the promised land. In the waters of the Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Spirit. By the baptism of his own death and resurrection your beloved Son has set us free from the bondage to sin and death, and has opened the way to the joy and freedom of everlasting life. He made water a sign of the kingdom and of cleansing and rebirth. In obedience to his command, we make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, so that *Chiara* who is here baptized may be given new life. Wash away her sin as *Chiara* is cleansed by this water and word. Bring her forth as an *inheritor* of your glorious kingdom.

To you be given praise and honor and worship through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **C: Amen**

## RENUNCIATION

**P:** I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

**P:** Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God? **R: I renounce them.**

**P:** Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God? **R: I renounce them.**

**P:** Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God? **R: I renounce them.**

## PROFESSION (CREED)

**P:** Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

**C: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**P:** Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

## BAPTISM

**P:** *Chiara Mae*, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

## LAYING ON OF HANDS

**P:** The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

**P:** God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks for freeing your sons and daughters from the power of sin and for raising them up to a new life through this holy sacrament. Pour your Holy Spirit upon *Chiara*: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence. **C: Amen**

## **SIGNING WITH THE CROSS**

**P:** *Chiara Mae, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.* **R:** Amen

## **GIVING OF THE LIGHT**

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

## **WELCOME**

**P:** Through Baptism God has made *this new sister a member* of the priesthood we all share in Christ Jesus, that we may proclaim the praise of God and bear his creative and redeeming Word to all the world.

**C: We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, a child of the same heavenly Father, and a worker with us in the kingdom of God.**

## **(8:00 & 10:45) \*NICEANE CREED**

**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

## **\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

**A:** Let us pray for the whole people ... according to their needs.

**A:** Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

**P:** Into your hands ... through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.**

**\*PEACE**      **P:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.      **C: And also with you.**

**(10:45) SPECIAL MUSIC** “Prelude in C Major, BMV 939” by Bach, and “Sonatina No. 2, 3. Allego” by Clementi (Piano: Addison Pisanick)

## \*DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

## \*PREFACE

It is indeed right and salutary.....and join their unending hymn.

## \*SANCTUS

**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:

Heav- en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## \*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

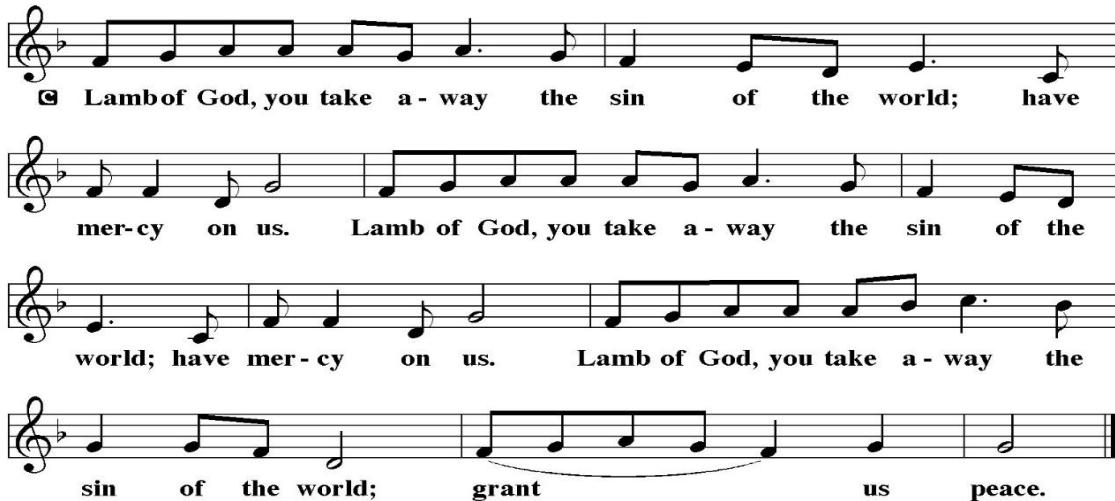
## \*THE LORD'S PRAYER (Traditional)

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

P: At Jesus' table, heaven and earth are joined as one. Come and see. C: Thanks be to God.

## \*AGNUS DEI

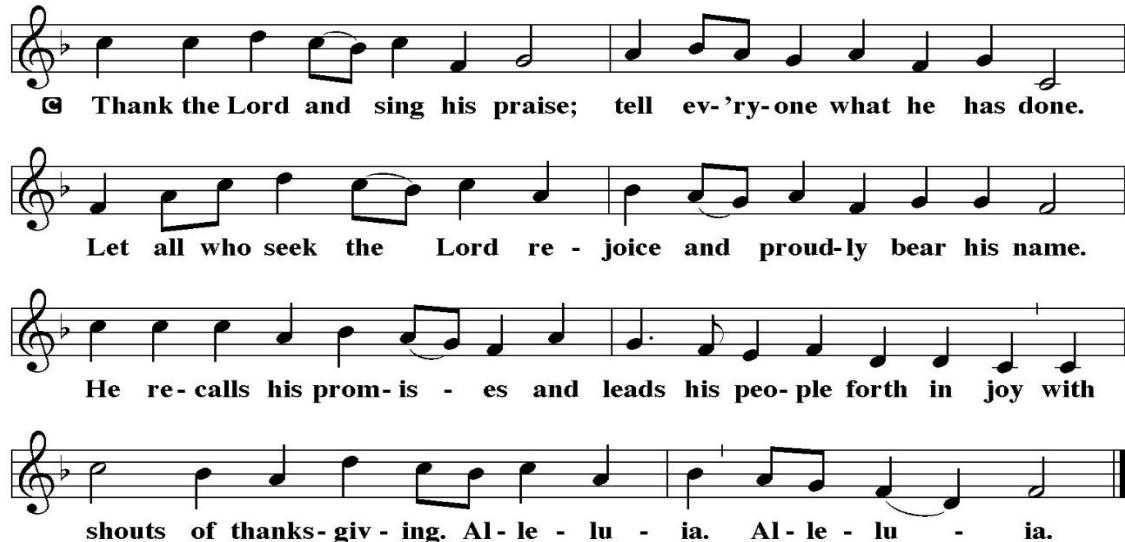


Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

## COMMUNION

\*P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. C: Amen

## \* CANTICLE



Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev'-ry-one what he has done.  
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name.  
He re-calls his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with  
shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

## \*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Let us pray. C: Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever. Amen.

## \*BLESSING

P: Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. C: Amen

## \*SENDING HYMN: *"The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve"* (ELW 551)



1 The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we go in  
2 We go to com - fort those who mourn and set the  
3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scat - ter  
4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gos - pel



Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings  
bur - dened free; where hope is dim, to  
joy like seed and, all our days, to  
to pro - claim. God's Spir - it has em -



to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.  
share a dream and help the blind to see.  
cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.  
pow - ered us; we go in Je - sus' name.

## \*DISMISSAL: A: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord. C: Thanks be to God!

## POSTLUDE

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**The Ministers:** The People of Zion  
**Pastor:** David Bowman  
**Organists/Accompanists:** Doug Rhodes  
Gail Nedimyer  
  
**Choir Directors:** Ryan Custead  
**Noiz & Big Noiz**

**STAFF**  
**Dir. of Faith Formation & Outreach** Ryan Custead  
**Sexton/Custodian** Rick Fairhead  
**Administrative Assistant** Joni Hammaker

## This Week at Zion – 1/11/26 – 1/18/26

**Sunday 1/11**  
8:00 a.m. Eucharist Service  
9:00 a.m. NOIZ Rehearsal  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages  
10:45 a.m. Eucharist Service  
12:00 p.m. Youth Gathering Planning Committee  
6:30 p.m. Girl's Bible Study

### Monday 1/12

**Tuesday 1/13**  
4:00 p.m. Property Board Meeting

**Wednesday 1/14**  
9:00 a.m. Stitch & Sew  
6:30 p.m. Wreath of Christ Wednesday  
7:00 p.m. Cr@zy & Cr@zy Lite  
7:00 p.m. Special Music/Choir Rehearsal



The People of Zion  
David Bowman  
Doug Rhodes  
Gail Nedimyer  
  
Ryan Custead

## DAILY BIBLE READING January 12<sup>TH</sup> ~ January 18<sup>TH</sup>

The following weekly Daily Bible Reading Guide is provided for your personal devotion.

12 Exodus 26.1-37  
13 Exodus 27.1-21  
14 Exodus 28.1-43  
15 Exodus 29.1-28  
16 Exodus 29.29-46  
17 Exodus 30.1-38  
18 EPIPHANY 2  
ISAIAH 49:1-7  
PSALM 40:1-11 (8)  
1 CORINTHIANS 1:1-9  
JOHN 1:29-42

## Thursdays at Zion

**Thursday 1/15**  
10:00 a.m. ThuMBS  
7:00 p.m. CPC Meeting

## Fridays at Zion

**Saturday 1/17**  
8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast  
8:30 a.m. AA Meeting (Chapel)  
6:00 p.m. Eucharist Service

## Sundays at Zion

**Sunday 1/18**  
8:00 a.m. Eucharist Service  
9:00 a.m. NOIZ Rehearsal  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages  
10:00 a.m. Big NOIZ  
10:45 a.m. Eucharist Service

## Coffee Hour

Following the Sunday services there will be a time for fellowship with light refreshments in the Fellowship Hall. Come for the coffee, stay for the conversation!

Interested in hosting? As we reestablish Coffee Hour we will need hosts. Individuals, families, and small ministry groups from the church are all welcome to sign up and provide this service. No elaborate presentation is needed, only coffee and a snack.

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## **Wreath of Christ Wednesday**

**Wednesday, January 14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM**

Need to take a breath in the midst of a busy week? Enjoy a short, contemplative prayer service complete with prayer beads, chimes, and breathing exercises. Bring your own Wreath of Christ or borrow a set of ours for use during the service.



# **stephen MINISTRY.**

## **CHRIST CARING FOR PEOPLE THROUGH PEOPLE**

That's the motto of Stephen Ministry. The Ministers role is to bring God's love into the lives of people going through a difficult time or experiencing a crisis. What do Stephen Ministers do? They listen, care, support, encourage and pray with and for a person who is hurting. And in the midst of this confidential, one-to-one caring relationship, God's healing love comes pouring through. If someone you know is facing a crisis-large or small-and could benefit from the caring presence of a Stephen Minister, talk to our Stephen Leaders: Karen Wagner and Connie Counsman, or contact Pastor Dave. Stephen Ministry is ready to care for you!

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## **SPECIAL MUSIC**

Thinking about performing a musical offering for worship? Doug Rhodes will be available for rehearsal in the Choir Room from 7:00 – 7:30 PM on Wednesdays. Contact Doug with any questions.

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## **Young Adult Small Group**

**January 21<sup>st</sup> at 7 PM.**



The small group will be geared for those 18 through 30-something to help build faith and relationships. We'll gather to discuss God, some scripture, and what's going on in this transitional part of life.



The Faith Riders invite you to a mid-winter lunch for food and fellowship. Come enjoy a relaxed time together as we reconnect and share community.

**Saturday, January 31, 2026 ~ Noon at Marzoni's, Duncansville**

Please reply by **January 24** so we can plan seating.

**Questions or RSVP:**

Sam McClure ~ 814-695-6904 ~ [mcclures283@gmail.com](mailto:mcclures283@gmail.com)

## SERVING SQUAD & OUTREACH

The next Serving Squad kitchen day will be held on 1/26. We will be preparing Turkey & Rice Casserole. The group gets together at 11:00 a.m. in Zion's kitchen to prepare meals that are donated to the Hope Drop-In Center in Altoona. Any questions, please contact LeeAnn Lightner at 814-931-2373.



### Donation Requests:

Large Cans of Cream of Chicken & Cream of Mushroom Soup (due 1/25)

**Donations of Desserts, Coffee, Tea, Hot Chocolate, Fruit Cups, & Applesauce** are always accepted. Please place your donations in the Outreach Room. Donations of Bibles are appreciated.

\*\*Any person who can't attend a kitchen day, but would still like to cook food, can do so. Please be sure to drop off any donation by 11:00 a.m. on Serving Squad days so it can be included with the Hope Drop-In Center delivery.

**zion** Lutheran Church  
HOLLIDAYSBURG, PA

# SHROVE TUESDAY

Basket Raffle &

# PANCAKE SUPPER

FEBRUARY 17TH

SERVED FROM  
5:30-7:00PM

Free will donation collected for the 2027 ELCA Youth Gathering!

ELCA Youth Gathering 27

Zion's Youth will be serving and decorating. Come see the fellowship hall turned into New Orleans!

Youth and adult helpers will meet at 4:30pm. We will also need volunteers to help clean up after. Thank you!

### Girls' Bible Study

For youth, 4th-12th Grade and an optional accompanying grown up

Sunday evenings (bimonthly)\*, 6:30-8:00pm  
@ The Donlan home (to start!)



\*Upcoming Dates: Sundays 1/11, 1/25, 2/8 (NO GBS!), 2/22, 3/8, 3/22, 4/5 (NO GBS!), 4/19, 5/3, 5/17

RSVP to Brigitte Donlan at [educatorpsu@yahoo.com](mailto:educatorpsu@yahoo.com) or 814-207-0646 with any questions and for directions to the Donlan home.

\$5 donation per participant (can be given at Bible Study or church office. RSVP will not be required to attend!)

# 2026 Zion Family Winter Retreat

February 6th-8th at Camp Sequanota

*Sign up online or in the bulletin below!*



Take time to grow in faith with us at the **2026 Family Winter Retreat** at Camp Sequanota! Attendees will stay in the comfortable Bowersox Center (“hotel style” private rooms and bathrooms) as we play games, worship around a fire, enjoy the outdoors, and more. Families (or individuals), sign up today. Arrival and “move in” time at Sequanota is Friday evening (2/6) from 7:00-8:00pm. At 8:00pm we kick things off with group activities and finish after a 10:30am brunch on Sunday (2/8). You may remain at camp afterwards to enjoy the outdoors for a while afterward.

We will spend time together with group activities, bible study, and worship. There will also be lots of free time for exploring camp, relaxing inside, and playing games. **If there is snow, plan on some great sledding and winter fun!**

Price is \$60 for adults, \$25 for children and youth in rooms with parents, and kids 4 and under are free. (Price includes room and all meals) Sign up online from congregational emails, in the weekly bulletin, or call the church office at 695-0091. Contact us at the church office or at [office@zionholidaysburg.org](mailto:office@zionholidaysburg.org) with any questions or if you have a Zion youth who would be interested in attending without family. Make checks payable to “Zion Lutheran Church”.



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## Zion Family Winter Retreat Sign-up – February 6-8, 2026

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Adults (19 & up) # \_\_\_\_\_ Youth (12-18) # \_\_\_\_\_ Children (5-11) # \_\_\_\_\_ Under 4 # \_\_\_\_\_

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### ELCA Youth Gathering Envelope Fundraiser

Offer support to Zion’s trip to the 2027 ELCA Youth Gathering in Minneapolis with our ‘envelope fundraiser’.



There are numbered envelopes posted on the youth bulletin board (*outside the start of the office hallway from the Union Street entrance*). Simply take your choice of envelope, deposit the numbered amount in dollars, and return the filled envelope to the church office or with your offering. For example, #1 is \$1.00, #2 is \$2.00, #3 is \$3.00, etc. Donations can be made as cash or check. Make checks out to Zion with “National Youth Gathering” in the memo line. This is an easy way to invest our youth’s growing faith. Thank you!

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## Winter IGNITE Youth Retreat

@ Camp Sequanota

**Grades 2nd-8th** (older youth welcome as helpers!)

January 24th, 11:00am - January 25th, 1:30pm



Registration is on Camp Sequanota's website. *Please see regular congregational emails* or email Ryan Custead (Dir. of Faith Formation & Outreach) at [ryncust@gmail.com](mailto:ryncust@gmail.com) for sign up instructions and more information.



## It's Back!! The Annual Chili & Soup Cook Off!

February 8<sup>TH</sup>

following the 10:45 service in the Fellowship Hall

Sign up for your group, family, or individually to submit a soup or chili entry to this highly competitive contest!

Guests will impartially determine the winning soup and chili. Sign up quick! When the spaces are gone, so is your opportunity to win the major award!

All congregation members and friends are invited to attend to kick off the Super Bowl in style by participating in the all American custom of eating too much and then sitting in front of the TV!

### RULES:

1. Make a soup or chili and bring to Zion in a large pot or crockpot.
2. Share it and eat it.

The sign up will be posted on a bulletin board outside of the Library or talk to Ruth Lucey or anyone on Adult Board.

**Please bring an item to donate to Zion's food pantry or American Rescue Workers ~ Canned Food, Non-perishable Food items, and Personal Care Items are all appreciated!**



## Offering Envelopes & Online Giving

2026 offering envelopes are available in the Fellowship Hall. Please pick them up (and any you might be able to deliver to friends, neighbors and family) in the fellowship hall and **discard any old ones**. Using old envelopes may cause a discrepancy on your giving statement, so please do not use them.

Also a reminder that the church has online giving available for a more streamlined giving option. You can define how your money is distributed just like on your giving envelopes. Please consider this giving option as it allows for more consistent income flow to the church. If you are interested in online giving please contact the church office.

**If you cannot find your envelope box or you are a newer or prospective member who has not received envelopes yet, please call the church office and we will make sure you receive them.**

### **A Brief Explanation of the Sections on your Giving Envelopes**

**Current Expenses:** All money stated in the Current Expenses section of your envelope will be applied towards the operation of the church. These expenses are paid based on the budget that is voted on and approved by the congregation at the Annual Meeting. This money is intended to offset all budgeted expenses. (See Financial Report below)

**Benevolences:** All money stated in the Benevolences section of your envelope will be forwarded to the Allegheny Synod, the ELCA, and beyond.

**Special:** All money in this section should be designated by the giver to a specific fund. (i.e. Building, Lutheran World Relief, Faith Riders, Stitch & Sew, National Youth Gathering, Helping Hand, Mission Trips, Youth Activities, etc.) These funds will be held for future use when needed. If you do not define a fund when you complete this section of your envelope, the money goes into an "Undesignated Specials" fund and will be used towards a project or need approved by the CPC.

If you have any questions regarding your donations, please don't hesitate to call the church office 814-695-0091.

## Zion Music Groups NOIZ & "BIG" NOIZ



Did you know that Zion has regularly meeting music groups for all ages? **NOIZ**, age 4 through 6th Grade, and **"Big" NOIZ**, 7th Grade and up, provide opportunity for singing, hand bells, music theory, and even songwriting. Participants are not required to sing and no musical experience is necessary. Sessions are led by our Dir. of Faith Formation & Outreach, Ryan Custead and explore how we use music in our life of faith. NOIZ and "BIG" NOIZ also offer music in worship throughout the year. All ages are welcome to start attending any time! The schedule is below:

**NOIZ** (age 4 through 6th Grade): **Every Sunday**, September-May from **9:00am-9:30am** in the upstairs music room.

**"BIG" NOIZ** (7th Grade and up, includes adults): Every **first and third Sunday**, September-May from **10:00am-10:30am** in the upstairs music room.



### **ALTAR FLOWERS**



The Worship Board would like to remind the congregation of the sponsorship program for the flowers that are placed on the altar each week. The altar flower arrangement consists of an arrangement in a rectangular container approximately 9" x 4" and will sit between the candelabras. As always, you are welcome to sponsor the flowers in memory of loved ones, in honor of a special event, or in thanks for God's many blessings.

If you are interested in signing up, **the sign-up sheet for the new year will be on the bulletin board outside the office door**. Also, when you sign up, be sure to mark the column stating if you want to take the flowers after services.

The cost for **altar flowers for 2026 will remain \$65.00 for one center arrangement**. Checks can be made payable to Zion Lutheran Church or you can include payment in your offering envelope by marking it "Altar Flowers". **Thank you** in advance for participating in this ministry.