

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 8, 2026

Zion Lutheran Church, Hollidaysburg, PA

814-695-0091

www.zionhollidaysburg.org

The flowers on the altar have been given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Cassie Weikert by John & Lisa Mancinelli.

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**.

PRELUDE

*CONFESSiON AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, **☩** 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 **☩** 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: “*Lord of Light*” (LBW 405)

1 Lord of light, your name out - shin - ing all the stars and
 2 By the toil of faith - ful work - ers in some far out -
 3 Grant that knowl - edge, still in - creas - ing, at your feet may
 4 By the prayers of faith - ful watch - ers, nev - er si - lent

suns of space, use our tal - ents in your king - dom
 ly - ing field, by the cour - age where the ra - diance
 low - ly kneel; with your grace our tri - umphs hal - low,
 day or night; by the cross of Je - sus, bring - ing

as the ser - vants of your grace; use us to ful -
 of the cross is still re - vealed, by the vic - to -
 with your char - i - ty our zeal; lift the na - tions
 peace to all and heal - ing light; by the love that

fill your pur - pose in the gift of Christ your Son.
 ries of meek - ness, through re - proach and suf - f'ring won:
 from the shad - ows to the glad - ness of the sun:
 pass - es knowl - edge, mak - ing all your chil - dren one:

Refrain

Fa - ther, as in high - est heav - en, so on earth your will be done.

*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

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: 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 mercy.**

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **C: Amen.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE



A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



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



We wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo- ry.



Lord 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.



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

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. C: Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

FIRST READING: Isaiah 58:1-9a

¹ Shout out; do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. ² Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments; they want God on their side. ³ “Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?” Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day and oppress all your workers. ⁴ You fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. ⁵ Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD? ⁶ Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? ⁷ Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them and not to hide yourself from your own kin? ⁸ Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you; the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. ^{9a} Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, “Here I am.”

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

PSALMODY: Psalm 112:1-9 (Spoken)

¹ Hallelujah! Happy are they who ¹ fear the LORD and have great delight in ¹ God's commandments!

² Their descendants will be mighty ¹ in the land; the generation of the upright ¹ will be blessed.

³ Wealth and riches will be ¹ in their house, and their righteousness will ¹ last forever.

⁴ Light shines in the darkness ¹ for the upright; the righteous are merciful and full ¹ of compassion.

⁵ It is good for them to be generous in lending and to manage their affairs with justice.

⁶ For they will never be shaken; the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.

⁷ They will not be afraid of any ¹ evil rumors; their heart is steadfast, trusting ¹ in the LORD.

⁸ Their heart is established and ¹ will not shrink, until they see their desire upon their enemies.

⁹ They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands ¹ fast forever; they will hold up their ¹ head with honor.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12

¹ When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the testimony of God to you with superior speech or wisdom. ² For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³ And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. ⁴ My speech and my

proclamation were made not with persuasive words of wisdom but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power,⁵ so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.⁶ Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are being destroyed.⁷ But we speak God's wisdom, a hidden mystery, which God decreed before the ages for our glory⁸ and which none of the rulers of this age understood, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.⁹ But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him"—¹⁰ God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God.¹¹ For what human knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God.¹² Now we have received not the spirit of the world but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

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

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

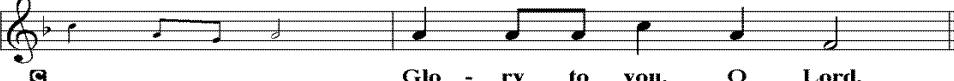
Refrain



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 5:13-20**

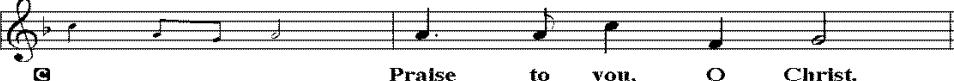
P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:]¹³ "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot.¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid.¹⁵ People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house.¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.¹⁷ "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill.¹⁸ For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished.¹⁹ Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.²⁰ For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

*HYMN OF THE DAY “Christ, Be Our Light” (ELW 715)



*APOSTLES' CREED

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

*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.

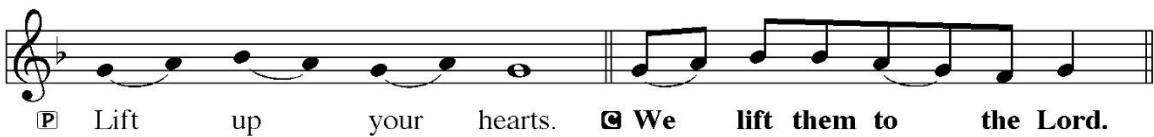
P: Into your hands ... through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. C: Amen.

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

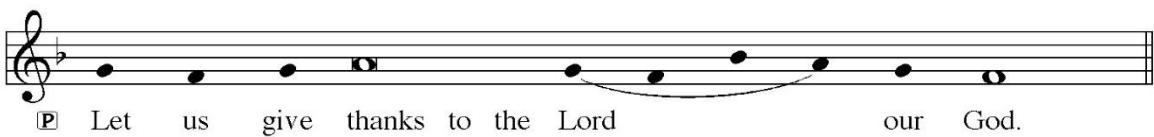
*DIALOGUE



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



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



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

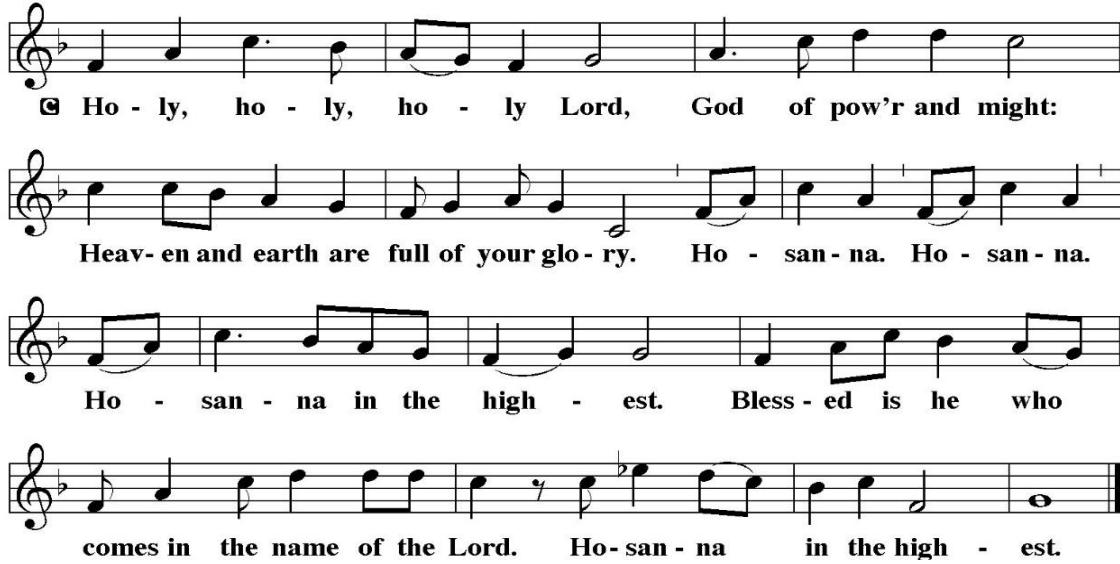


C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*PREFACE

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

*SANCTUS



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

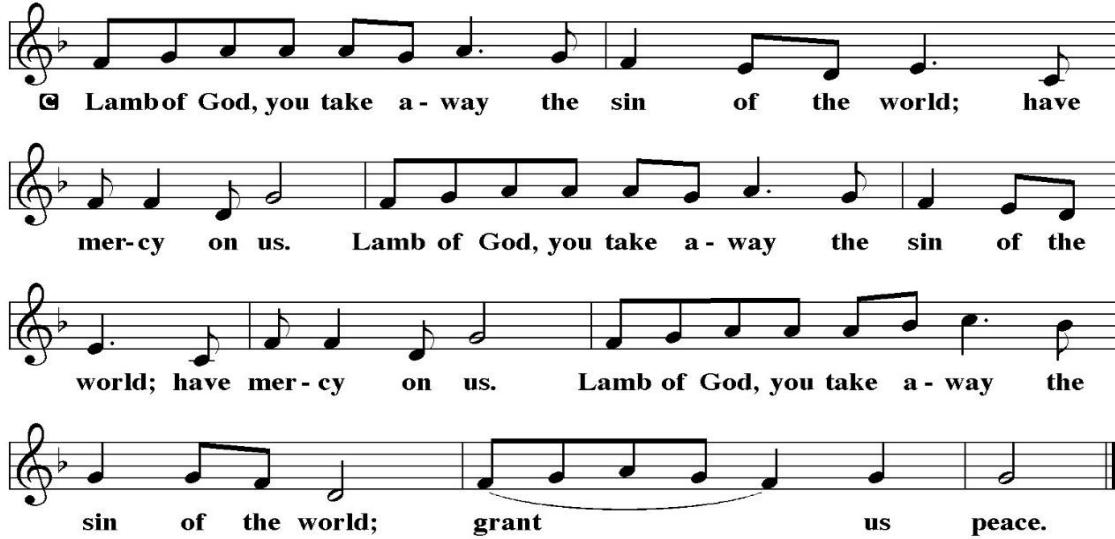
*THE LORD'S PRAYER (Traditional)

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



Lambof 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: “My Life Flows On in Endless Song” (ELW 763)**

A musical score in G minor, common time. The melody is in soprano clef. The notes are primarily quarter and eighth notes, with some sixteenth-note patterns. The lyrics are integrated into the musical lines.

1 My life flows on in end - less song; a - bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion,
2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu - sic ring - ing.
3 What though my joys and com-forts die? The Lord my Sav-ior liv - eth.
4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun - tain ev - er spring-ing!

A musical score in G minor, common time. The melody is in soprano clef. The notes are primarily quarter and eighth notes, with some sixteenth-note patterns. The lyrics are integrated into the musical lines.

I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.
It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?
What though the dark - ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

Refrain

A musical score in G minor, common time. The melody is in soprano clef. The notes are primarily quarter and eighth notes, with some sixteenth-note patterns. The lyrics are integrated into the musical lines.

No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.

A musical score in G minor, common time. The melody is in soprano clef. The notes are primarily quarter and eighth notes, with some sixteenth-note patterns. The lyrics are integrated into the musical lines.

Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

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

POSTLUDE

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The Ministers:**Pastor:****Organists/Accompanists:****Choir Directors:****Noiz & Big Noiz****STAFF****Dir. of Faith Formation & Outreach****Sexton/Custodian****Administrative Assistant**

The People of Zion

David Bowman

Doug Rhodes

Gail Nedimyer

Ryan Custead

DAILY BIBLE READING**February 9TH ~ February 15TH**

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

9 Hebrews 9:1-28**10 Hebrews 10:1-39****11 Jeremiah 7:1-34****12 Jeremiah 8:1-22****13 Jeremiah 9:1-26****14 Jeremiah 10:1-25****15 TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD****EXODUS 24:12-18****PSALM 2 (7) OR PSALM 99 (9)****2 PETER 1:16-21****MATTHEW 17:1-9****This Week at Zion – 2/8/26 – 2/15/26****Sunday 2/8**

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

Monday 2/9**Tuesday 2/10**

4:00 p.m. Property Board Meeting

Wednesday 2/11

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. Communication Board Meeting

7:00 p.m. Special Music/Choir Rehearsal

Thursday 2/12

10:00 a.m. ThuMBS

Friday 2/13**Saturday 2/14**

8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast

8:30 a.m. AA Meeting (Chapel)

6:00 p.m. Eucharist Service

Sunday 2/15

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 Rehearsal

10:45 a.m. Eucharist Service

12:00 p.m. Soup & Chili Cook-off

**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.

Wreath of Christ Wednesday

Wednesday, February 11th & 25th 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

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!

CHRIST CARING FOR PEOPLE THROUGH PEOPLE

Stephen Ministry News

Finding Stephen Ministers as well as Stephen Leaders is the next step for our congregations Stephen Ministry program. We are currently praying for the individuals God is calling to serve as caregivers as well as those called to lead. Please include this need in your prayers - and if you're interested in the opportunity to serve, contact Karen Wagner, Connie Counsman or Pastor Dave.

SPECIAL MUSIC/CHOIR REHEARSAL

Thinking about performing a musical offering for worship or you would like to perform with the choir? Doug Rhodes is leading rehearsal in the Choir Room from 7:00 – 7:30 PM on Wednesdays. Contact Doug with any questions.

Young Adult Small Group

February 4th & 18th 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.





SHROVE TUESDAY

Basket Raffle & PANCAKE SUPPER

Free will donation collected for the 2027 ELCA Youth Gathering!

FEBRUARY 17TH
SERVED FROM 5:30-7:00PM

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!





ASH WEDNESDAY

February 18th
Holy Communion
with Ashes
12:10 PM and 7:00 PM
in the Sanctuary



TAIZÉ TUESDAY PROGRAM

Beginning at 7:00 p.m.
February 24, & March 3, 10, 17 & 24

The Lenten Tuesday Program will begin with light discussion, followed by a Taizé style of Evening Prayer utilizing simple chants, silence, and candles.

Shrove Tuesday

Basket Raffle

Baskets needed!

Our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on Tuesday, February 17th (served from 5:30-7:00pm) will include a basket raffle fundraiser. Tickets will be available to purchase and enter into a raffle for each basket. The ELCA Youth Gathering Committee is gathering special, themed baskets from local businesses, organizations, or individuals. **If you or someone you know would be willing to provide a basket for the raffle, please let Ryan Custead (Dir. of Faith Formation & Outreach) know at (814) 695-0091 or ryncust@gmail.com. Baskets can be any theme and include anything appropriate for a church event!**

Baskets should be dropped off at the church by **Tuesday, 2/17 at 4:30pm**.

Salvation Army ARC Dinner



Friday, March 20th
(4:30pm - 7:00pm)
***Donations Needed!**

Zion will be hosting the men from the Altoona Salvation Army Adult Rehabilitation Center for a dinner and night of encouragement on **Friday, March 20th**. Outreach and Children, Family, and Youth Board are partnering in this effort. **Zion families are invited to help with the evening and welcome the men.** Helpers should meet at the church at **4:30pm**. We will finish by 7:00pm.

To attend the dinner with the men of the ARC: Contact Ryan Custead at ryncust@gmail.com or at (814) 695-0091 with your name and number of people looking to attend.

***To support the men of the ARC with a donation:** We are looking for monetary donations to assist with purchasing items for care bags for the men! These gifts can be made with your weekly offering, marked "Salvation Army Dinner" or in the church office.



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!



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

(Note date change) February 15th
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!

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!

Valentine Caring Tree

On this Valentine's Day, the Adult board will be sponsoring a special project to help needy seniors through Blair Senior Services. Please see the bulletin board outside the Fellowship Hall for The Caring Tree with hearts that name items that will be helpful. These items are **due by February 8** to be delivered shortly before Valentine's Day to brighten the lives of those in need. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Renney at 814-693-7789.



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 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!)



VBS at Zion is a wonderful opportunity for us to help kids grow in relationship with God, have fun, and learn great lessons!

All interested volunteers should plan to attend a VBS Volunteers meeting on **Sunday, 3/8 directly after the 10:45am worship service** (about 11:50am). This should be a 30-40 minute meeting.

Please contact the church office or Ryan Custead at ryncust@gmail.com if you are interested in volunteering or helping but can not attend the meeting.

First Communion 2026

Zion recommends that children should be receiving communion by age 8.

Sign up by Sunday, **March 8th!**



**Trainings are Sundays,
March 15th and 22nd
at Noon**

**First Communion is received
on Palm Sunday or Easter**

Scan the QR Code (with your phone camera) to find more information and how to sign up!



SCAN ME

VBS Volunteers Meeting

Sunday, 3/8 after 10:45am worship

VBS is **Sunday, May 31st - Thursday, June 4th**
(watch for more info!)

We are starting to get ready for "Rainforest Falls": Vacation Bible School 2026 on **May 31st - June 4th, 5:15-8:15pm** each evening here at Zion. We are looking for station leaders, crew leaders, extra adult help, youth helpers, decorating team, etc. There are ways to help with VBS that mean attending the program and working with children, and there is plenty of behind the scenes help needed too.



ELCA Youth Gathering

Pre-registration is open!

DEADLINE: Sunday, May 10th

Youth 7th-11th Grade must pre-register with Zion to attend the Gathering in 2027!

Scan the QR Code for more information and to pre-register youth.



SCAN ME

Capital Campaign Final Tally

As the Zion Accountants close the books on the three-year capital campaign, a huge congratulations and thank you goes out to our congregation for its astounding success! The final tally is \$511,898.91.

For the final project, volunteers completed demo of the basement restrooms, painted the walls, and installed new ceiling tiles. Ceramic wall and floor tile will be installed over the coming weeks by a contractor. The new stall partitions, plumbing and new fixtures will follow. Completion is expected by mid-March.

It is projected that there will be a small surplus of funds, which will be rolled into the building fund. Most certainly the congregational generosity and love of Zion are unbelievable! The members seem to be enjoying the many improvements and upgrades made to the church building. The benefits of the congregation's efforts will be enjoyed for many years to come!



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.





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.

Winter Jam 2026

Saturday, February 28th (meet at 1:30pm)

PPG Paints Arena, Pittsburgh

***Sign up by Tuesday, February 24th**

(Snow date, Saturday, March 28th in State College)



Everyone is invited to join Zion as we head to Winter Jam at the PPG Paints Arena on **Saturday, February 28th**. The concert opens at 5:00pm, so **we will be meeting at the church at 1:30pm**. We will return to the church late night (midnight or later). We will travel in the church van and a few additional vehicles, so transportation can be provided. *We will be standing in line outside for a good amount of time. Dress accordingly!*

We will have sandwich dinners packed for everyone on the ride there. The cost of admission is covered, but you may want some money for a snack stop on the way home or any band merch. *(The cost of admission is \$15 if you would like to contribute. Contributions can be made to the church office.)*

Winter Jam is an annual winter tour featuring a variety of contemporary Christian bands and artists. This is always a great event, and you won't want to miss it! Bands and artists this year include: Chris Tomlin, Matthew West, Disciple and more! *(Note that we will use Saturday, March 28th in State College as a "back up" date in case of bad weather.)*

TO SIGN UP BY TUESDAY, February 24th, Please send an email to Ryan Custead at ryncust@gmail.com with the subject "Winter Jam" and the number of people you have coming or contact the church office with the same information at (814) 695-0091. *(Youth and children may attend without an accompanying grown up, but will need a signed release form. Forms will be emailed to the congregation and blank forms will be available when dropping youth off on 2/28.)*



Zion Bowling and Skating

All ages!

Friday, March 13th
@ Morrison's Cove
Memorial Park

Join us for some Zion roller skating (rental skates provided) and bowling at Morrison's Cove Memorial Park in Martinsburg on Friday, 3/13 from 6:30-9:00 p.m. We will have a pizza dinner together at 7:00 p.m.

201 S Walnut St, Martinsburg, PA



7TH-12TH GRADE LOCK IN

Friday, April 10th 7:00pm-

Saturday, April 11th 10:00am



At the church. Games, movies, snacks, "night games", and more!

FRIENDS ARE WELCOME!



A parent/gaurdian
will need to sign a
release when
dropping youth off.

Easter Flowers (Orders Due by February 15)

The Easter flowers that are used to decorate our sanctuary during our Easter Services may be ordered in memory or honor of a loved one(s) or in thanks for blessings received. The price will vary depending on which type of plant you order(see below). Orders are due no later than February 15th. The plants may be taken home following the 10:45 worship service on Easter Sunday.

*Please be sure to note what type of flowers you are ordering so
everyone gets the correct flowers after Easter services.*



I would like to order:

LILY(\$17.00) DAFFODILS(\$12.50) TULIPS(\$12.50) PANSY BOWL(\$13.00) MINI DAFFODILS(\$11.50)

In memory of: _____

By: _____

In honor of: _____

By: _____

In thanks for: _____

By: _____

Please return form and payment to the church office. PAID:\$ _____

SERVING SQUAD & OUTREACH

The next Serving Squad **kitchen days** will be held on 2/9 & 2/23. We will be preparing Spaghetti with Meat Sauce & French Bread on 2/9, and Taco Tater Tot Casserole on 2/23. 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.



Donation Requests:

Tater Tots (due 2/22)

Taco Seasoning (due 2/22)

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.