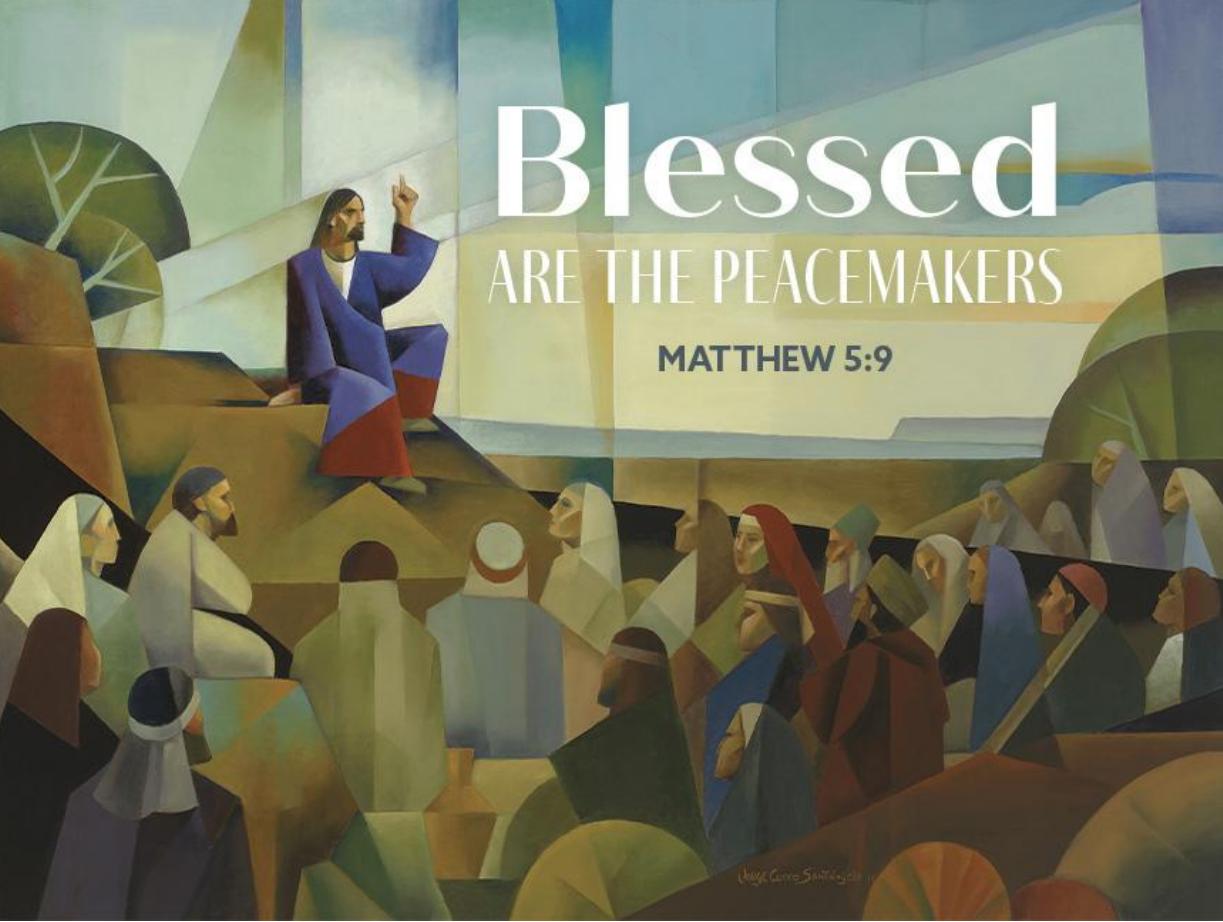


Welcome!



Blessed
ARE THE PEACEMAKERS

MATTHEW 5:9

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Our Mission: Empowered and Inspired by God to bring others to Christ.

The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

February 1, 2026 ~ 9:00 am

The Liturgy of Word and Sacrament

Who are the blessed ones of God? For Micah, they are those who do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God. For Paul, they are the ones who find wisdom in the weakness of the cross. For Jesus, they are the poor, the meek, the merciful, the pure in heart, the peacemakers, those who mourn, and those who hunger for righteousness. In baptism we find our blessed identity and calling in this countercultural way of living and serving.

*Congregation please stand

The Pre-service Music

~ The Gathering ~

*** The Confession and Forgiveness**

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.

Amen.

LET US TURN IN CONFESSION TO THE ONE WHO KNOWS US COMPLETELY.

Please kneel if able.

MIGHTY GOD, LOVER OF JUSTICE,

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.

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.

Amen.

*** The Gathering Hymn**

“Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng!” No. 553 Stanzas 1,2,3,7

*** The Greeting**

THE BOUNDLESS GRACE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, THE WISDOM OF GOD, AND THE LIGHT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT BE WITH YOU ALL.

And also with you.

*** The Kyrie Eleison (music on page 57 of LBW)**

IN PEACE, LET US PRAY TO THE LORD.

(Sung) Lord, have mercy.

FOR THE PEACE FROM ABOVE, AND FOR OUR SALVATION, LET US PRAY TO THE LORD.

Lord, have mercy.

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.

Lord, have mercy.

FOR THIS HOLY HOUSE, AND FOR ALL WHO OFFER HERE THEIR WORSHIP AND PRAISE, LET US PRAY TO THE LORD.

Lord, have mercy.

HELP, SAVE, COMFORT, AND DEFEND US, GRACIOUS LORD.

Amen.

* The Hymn of Praise (*music on page 58 of LBW*)

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST, AND PEACE TO HIS PEOPLE ON EARTH.

Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father: We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God: You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

* The Prayer of the Day

THE LORD BE WITH YOU

(*Sung*) And also with you.

LET US PRAY:

Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

~The Word~

The First Lesson Micah 6:1-8

With the mountains and the foundations of the earth as the jury, God brings a lawsuit against Israel. God has "weariéd" Israel with a long history of saving acts. God does not want or expect lavish sacrifices to attempt to earn divine favor. Rather God empowers the people to do justice, to love loyalty to God, and to walk shrewdly in God's service.

(*After the reading*)

THE WORD OF THE LORD

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm 15 Tune "As With Gladness Men of Old" No. 82

LORD, WHO MAY DWELL IN YOUR TABERNACLE?

Who may enter where you dwell, There abide, your praise to tell?

THOSE WHO LEAD A BLAMELESS LIFE AND DO WHAT IS RIGHT, WHO SPEAK THE TRUTH FROM THEIR HEART AND DO NOT SLANDER OTHERS, WHO DO NO WRONG TO THEIR FRIENDS NOR SPREAD RUMORS ABOUT THEIR NEIGHBORS,

Who is worthy in your sight, Lord, to serve you day and night?

THOSE WHO REJECT THE WICKED BUT HONOR THOSE WHO FEAR THE LORD, WHO STAND BY WHAT THEY PROMISE NO MATTER WHAT THE COST, WHO DO NOT GIVE MONEY IN HOPE OF GAIN AND CANNOT BE Bribed AGAINST THE INNOCENT.

God's good word to such is sure: Ever they shall stand secure.

The Second Lesson 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

According to the world's standards of power and might, the message of the cross seems stupid and offensive. Yet this word reveals the paradoxical way God has chosen to work power and salvation through weakness, rejection, and suffering. Hence the message of the cross becomes true wisdom and power for believers.

(*After the reading*)

THE WORD OF THE LORD

Thanks be to God.

* The Gospel Acclamation (*ELW 175*)

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

* The Holy Gospel St. Matthew 5:1-12

Jesus opens the Sermon on the Mount by naming those who are blessed in the reign of God.

(Before the Gospel)

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT MATTHEW THE 5TH CHAPTER:

(Sung) Glory to you, O Lord.

(After the Gospel)

THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD

(Sung) Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

Pastor Cindy White

*The Hymn of the Day ***“Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life”*** No. 429 Stanzas 1,2,5

* The Nicene Creed

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 worshipped 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.

* The Prayers of Intercession

AS GOD'S BELOVED CHILDREN UNITED IN CHRIST, LET US PRAY FOR THE CHURCH, THE WHOLE HUMAN COMMUNITY, AND THE WELL-BEING OF THE EARTH, OUR HOME.

A brief silence.

GOD OUR WISDOM, RENEW THE CHURCH IN THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT, THAT IT MAY DO JUSTICE, LOVE KINDNESS, LIVE HUMBLY, AND BOLDLY PROCLAIM CHRIST CRUCIFIED. WE PRAY FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND HUMANITARIAN AID MINISTRIES. MERCIFUL GOD,

receive our prayer.

GOD OUR SOURCE, WE HONOR YOU BY CARING WISELY FOR YOUR CREATION. WE PRAY FOR THE HEALTH OF OLD GROWTH FORESTS, ICE CAPS, AND OCEAN CURRENTS. PRESERVE THE DIVERSITY OF LIFE ON EARTH. MERCIFUL GOD,

receive our prayer.

GOD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS, RAISE UP VISIONARY LEADERS WHO SERVE WITH INTEGRITY AND RESPECT HUMAN RIGHTS. INCREASE FREEDOM IN EVERY NATION. PROTECT EDUCATORS, JOURNALISTS, ARTISTS, AND RELIGIOUS ACTIVISTS WHO ARE REVILED FOR SPEAKING TRUTH. MERCIFUL GOD,

receive our prayer.

GOD OUR ADVOCATE, YOU GIVE HOPE TO ALL WHO SUFFER BECAUSE OF PERSECUTION, POVERTY, OR WAR. REUNITE SEPARATED FAMILIES AND BRING ORPHANED CHILDREN TO SAFETY. COMFORT ANY WHO GRIEVE OR SUFFER IN ANY WAY ESPECIALLY THE FAMILY OF

JAN MCROBERTS; GARY, BETTY, WALTER, FORREST, STEVE, CHRISTINE, EDDIE, GEORGE, D
ALL OUR MEMBERS WHO ARE HOMEBOUND. MERCIFUL GOD,
receive our prayer.

GOD OUR BLESSING, WE PRAY FOR THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH OF THIS CONGREGATION,
AND FOR PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS, MENTORS, TEACHERS, AND YOUTH MINISTERS WHO
MODEL LOVE FOR THEIR NEIGHBOR AND CARE FOR OTHERS. MERCIFUL GOD,

receive our prayer.

GOD OUR JOY, WE GIVE THANKS FOR THE LIVES OF THOSE BEFORE US WHO JOURNEYED
HUMBLY WITH YOU. MERCIFUL GOD,

receive our prayer.

GOD OF GRACE AND MERCY, (PLEASE SHARE ANY PERSONAL PRAYER PETITIONS) HEAR
OUR PETITIONS THAT WE SPEAK OUT LOUD AND THE ONES THAT WE HOLD IN OUR HEARTS.
MERCIFUL GOD,

receive our prayer.

CONFIDENT THAT THE HOLY SPIRIT RECEIVES OUR PRAYERS AND ANSWERS US, WE
COMMEND ALL FOR WHOM WE PRAY TO GOD'S LOVING-KINDNESS MADE KNOWN TO US IN
CHRIST JESUS OUR SAVIOR.

Amen.

* The Peace of Christ

THE PEACE OF THE LORD BE WITH YOU ALWAYS.

And also with you.

~The Meal~

The Offering and Offertory

Zion members, please use your envelopes for contributions so that your offering may be officially recorded. Please mail your envelopes to Zion Lutheran Church 101 N. Greenwood Street Tamaqua, PA 18252 or visit ziontamaqua.com for our Vanco option.

* The Offertory Procession (music on page 66 of the LBW)

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.

Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, That we may be fed with the bread of life.

Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; Unite them with the prayers we offer now.

Grace our table with your presence, And give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

* The Offertory Prayer

LET US PRAY: GOD OF MAJESTY, NO EYE HAS SEEN, NO EAR HAS HEARD WHAT YOU HAVE
PREPARED FOR THOSE WHO LOVE YOU, YET IN THIS MEAL YOU REVEAL THE WIDENESS OF
YOUR MERCY. USE WHAT WE HAVE GATHERED TO FEED US WITH THE REIGN OF GOD COME
NEAR, JESUS CHRIST, OUR SAVIOR AND LORD.

Amen.

* The Preface and Sanctus (music on page 68 of LBW)

THE LORD BE WITH YOU

(Sung) And also with you.

LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS.

We lift them to the Lord.

LET US GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD OUR GOD.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

IT IS INDEED RIGHT.....THEIR UNENDING HYMN: (*ELW No. 193*)

(Sung) Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might:

Heav'n 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.

* The Prayer of Thanksgiving

HOLY ONE, THE BEGINNING AND THE END, THE GIVER OF LIFE: BLESSED ARE YOU FOR THE BIRTH OF CREATION...BLESSED ARE YOU FOR YOUR SON JESUS, THE WORD MADE FLESH.

IN THE NIGHT IN WHICH HE WAS BETRAYED, OUR LORD JESUS TOOK BREAD, AND GAVE THANKS...DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME.

AGAIN, AFTER SUPPER, HE TOOK THE CUP, GAVE THANKS...DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME.

LET US PROCLAIM THE MYSTERY OF FAITH:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

WITH THIS BREAD AND CUP WE REMEMBER YOUR WORD DWELLING AMONG US, FULL OF GRACE AND TRUTH. WE REMEMBER OUR NEW BIRTH IN HIS DEATH AND RESURRECTION. WE LOOK WITH HOPE FOR HIS COMING.

Come, Lord Jesus.

HOLY GOD, WE LONG FOR YOUR SPIRIT. COME AMONG US. BLESS THIS MEAL. MAY YOUR WORD TAKE FLESH IN US. AWAKEN YOUR PEOPLE. FILL US WITH YOUR LIGHT. BRING THE GIFT OF PEACE ON EARTH.

Come Holy Spirit.

ALL PRAISE AND GLORY ARE YOURS, HOLY ONE OF ISRAEL, WORD OF GOD INCARNATE, POWER OF THE MOST HIGH, ONE GOD, NOW AND FOREVER.

Amen.

* The Lord's Prayer

JESUS, REMEMBER US IN YOUR KINGDOM; AND TEACH US TO PRAY:

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

* The Invitation to the Holy Meal

HERE IS THE LAMB OF GOD WHO TAKES AWAY THE SIN OF THE WORLD! COME TO THE TABLE; TASTE AND SEE.

* The Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

The Distribution

All who are baptized and believe that Christ is truly present in the Sacrament are welcome to commune when we celebrate the Lord's Supper. Zion members, please complete a Communion card once a year for our records.

* The Post-Communion Blessing

THE BODY AND BLOOD OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST STRENGTHEN YOU AND KEEP YOU IN HIS GRACE.

Amen.

* The Post Communion Canticle (*music on page 72 of LBW*)

Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev'ryone what he has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name. He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia.

* The Post Communion Prayer

LET US PRAY: RADIANT GOD, WE HAVE SEEN YOUR GLORY IN THE FACE OF JESUS CHRIST. IN THE SACRAMENT OF HIS BODY AND BLOOD YOU HAVE DRAWN US TO YOUR HEART. SEND US FROM THIS TABLE WITH DELIGHT, THAT OUR LIVES MAY REFLECT THE BEAUTY OF YOUR LOVE, AND BEAR WITNESS TO ALL WE HAVE SEEN AND HEARD, THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, OUR SAVIOR AND LORD.

Amen.

The Senior Choir Anthem “Whisper to My Heart” – Angerman/ Martin

~The Sending~

* The Benediction

MAY THE TRIUNE GOD, WHO HAS PUT A NEW SONG IN YOUR MOUTH AND TUNED YOUR HEART FOR PRAISE + BLESS YOU NOW AND FOREVER.

(Sung) Amen! Amen! Amen!

* The Dismissal

GO IN PEACE. DO JUSTICE. LOVE MERCY.

Thanks be to God.

* The Sending Hymn

“Rise Up, O Saints of God!”

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First Reading: Micah 6:1-8

¹ Hear what the LORD says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. ² Hear, you mountains, the case of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth, for the LORD has a case against his people, and he will contend with Israel.

³ “O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

⁴ For I brought you up from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery, and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. ⁵ O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.” ⁶ “With what shall I come

before the LORD and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? ⁷ Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” ⁸ He has told you, O mortal, what is good, and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

¹⁸ The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹ For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.” ²⁰ Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scholar? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹ For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of the proclamation, to save those who believe. ²² For Jews ask for signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³ but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to gentiles, ²⁴ but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

²⁶ Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷ But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸ God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to abolish things that are, ²⁹ so that no one might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰ In contrast, God is why you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹ in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

¹ When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ² And he began to speak and taught them, saying: ³ “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴ “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. ⁵ “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. ⁶ “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. ⁷ “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. ⁸ “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. ⁹ “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. ¹⁰ “Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹ “Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

February 8, 2026 readings are:

Isaiah 58:1-12

1 Corinthians 2:1-16

Psalm 112:1-10

Matthew 5:13-20

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

January 31- February 1, 2026

***If you need assistance, please see one of the ushers in the back of the church; Large Print Bulletins are available. Grape juice is available in the tray for those who wish not to partake of the wine. Please Silence your cell phones during service. A Family Room is available for use during or after services, located across from the office. A changing station is available for your convenience in the restroom across from the Family Room. We respectfully ask that you refrain from taking photos during the service. Opportunities are always available after the service. Welcome visitors, please sign our guest book. Thank you.**

Please remember the following in your prayers: Gary Schrepple, Betty Ann Waidell, Walter Weston, Forrest, Steve Ristila, Christine Zimmerman, Eddie Smith, George Weaver, and all our members who are homebound.

**February Candle, Altar Flower & Bulletin sponsors are needed.
Please sign up on the church bulletin board.**

A reminder that both a record of communion AND a record of contribution is necessary to maintain voting active member status. Please remember to complete a communion card and to use your offering envelopes. Thank you, Church Council

Welcome!!

Parish office phone number and fax is 570-668-2180.

Parish office email address is zionlcof@verizon.net

Parish website is www.ziontamaqua.com

Parish Office Hours- Monday & Wednesday: 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Tuesday & Thursday: 8:00 am - 1:00 pm

Zion's 2026 Church Council officers: Brian Lawfer, President, Amanda Hascin, Vice President, Shelly Woodring, Secretary, Dave Gensure, Treasurer, and Ann Marie Hadesty, Financial Secretary. Other members of Council include Sheri Beltz, Brian Constenbader, Arlene Derr, Laura Fulmer, Thomas Graham (Youth Advocate), George Taylor, Michelle Valentine, and Brittany Voelpel; if you have suggestions or concerns, please seek out a member of Council so that we can promptly address the needs of the congregation.

This Week in Our Church

SUNDAY, February 1, 2026

9:00	The Service of Word & Sacrament
10:15	Senior Choir Rehearsal
10:15	Christian Education
11:00	Confirmation Class

SATURDAY

11:00	Hoagie Pick-up
6:00	Saturday Evening Worship

SUNDAY, February 8, 2026

9:00	The Service of Word & Sacrament
	Congregational Meeting
10:15	Senior Choir Rehearsal
10:15	Christian Education
11:00	Confirmation Class
2:00	Commissioning for Minister Michael Haspe/ Christ Lutheran, Mahanoy City

Supporting Zion's Ministries

"Empowered and inspired by God to bring others to Christ"

Received 1/18/26 in support of Zion Ministries:

From our gifts	\$0.00
From Thrift Store	\$0.00
From Endowment (other)	\$0.00
From Culinary	\$0.00

Received for Endowment: \$0.00

Received for Capital Campaign: \$0.00

Received year-to-date for Zion's mission/ministries:

From offering/gifts/memorials:	\$4,872.79
From Thrift Store:	\$0.00*
From Endowment:	\$0.00
From Culinary:	\$0.00

Year-to-date total for Zion's mission/ministries: \$4,872.79

* Thrift Store donates half of income to Outreach total income - \$0.00

Thank you for your gifts. Your gifts allow us to share the word of God and the love of Jesus with our congregation and our community.

Upcoming Events

February 7 – Hoagie Sale

February 8 – Annual Congregational Meeting

February 8 – Commissioning for Minister Michael Haspe

February 18 – Ash Wednesday Service

February 27 - March 13 & 27 – Lenten Fish Dinners

March 6 – Blessings Thrift Store

Culinary Hoagie Sale Saturday, February 7th - deadline to order is February 1st - Regular Hoagies are \$8 each. Pick up is from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm. Order at <https://www.ziontamaqua.com> or by calling 570-668-4451. Thank you for your support!!

Altar Flower and Bulletin Sponsors needed for 2026 - The Altar Flower and Bulletin Sponsor list for 2026 is on the bulletin board. The costs of the flowers are \$42.60 and individuals will be billed from the florist. The cost of the bulletin sponsorship is \$16.00 and monies are due when you place your name on the list. You can also sponsor the Candles for the month at \$40. Please remember to fill out a card with your honorarium or memorial, this information is needed for the bulletin. Please do not sign up without filling out a form. These sponsorships are on a first come first serve basis; this is to ensure that everyone has equal opportunity to sponsor these memorials. Please contact the church office if you have questions. Thank you in advance for your sponsorship!

OUR ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held Sunday, February 8, 2026, following the 9:00 am Service. Our agenda will consist of the approval of the 2025 Annual reports for all committees and organizations. As always, we encourage all members to attend this meeting as a quorum needs to be met.

Zion's Blessings Thrift Shop sale is on Friday, March 6th from 9 am to 5 pm. The sale features gently used clothing for all ages, toys, books, and general household items. Come take a look! Limited Take-Out Menu. **PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE DONATIONS OUTSIDE BY THE HANDICAP ENTRANCE.** Thank you all for your continued support!

Zion Members! You are invited to celebrate to the Commissioning of Minister Michael at Christ Lutheran Church - Mahanoy City, February 8th at 2 pm. A luncheon will follow the service. Signup sheets are in the gathering room, or you can confirm your attendance by emailing christlutheranllm@gmail.com

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1. You must have a Redner's card & swipe the Redner's card upon checkout so the save a tape amount is on the receipt.
2. Please do not cut the information with the save a tape code off the receipt.
3. Please hand in the receipt to our container in the gathering room or mail them to the church office.

If you have any questions, please see Beth Marcavage. Thank you and keep saving!

2025 financial statements have been mailed. The IRS requires us to only send statements to those who contributed \$75 and above. Please be advised that we will be following the IRS requirement and will send statements only to those who have contributed \$75 and above. If you did not meet the IRS requirement but would still wish to receive a statement, please contact the church office as soon as possible at 570-668-2180 or zionlcof@verizon.net and a statement will be sent to you.

DEADLINE: All information for the **March/ April 2026 issue of the “Herald”** is due at the church office no later than **Monday, February 16, 2026. Please note this is a combined issue.** You may e-mail your information to zionlcof@verizon.net or stop in during regular office hours. Thank you for your co-operation!

The Lenten season begins with Ash Wednesday on February 18, 2026. A worship service will be held at Zion beginning at **6:00 pm** with Holy Communion and the Imposition of Ashes. **Please note the time change.**