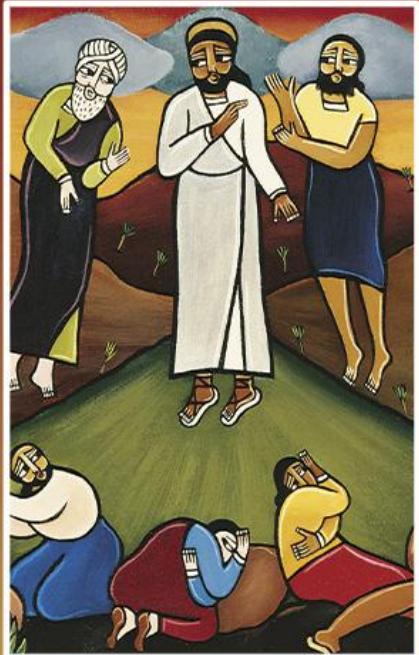


Welcome!



Jesus was
transfigured
before them

MATTHEW 17:2

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

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

The Transfiguration of Our Lord

February 15, 2026 ~ 9:00 am

The Liturgy of Word and Sacrament

Today's festival is a bridge between the Advent-Christmas-Epiphany cycle that comes to a close today and the Lent-Easter cycle that begins in several days. On a high mountain Jesus is revealed as God's beloved Son, echoing the words at his baptism. This vision of glory sustains us as Jesus faces his impending death in Jerusalem. We turn this week to Ash Wednesday and our yearly baptismal journey from Lent to Easter. Some churches put aside the alleluia at the conclusion of today's liturgy. This word of joy will be omitted during the penitential season of Lent and will be sung again at Easter.

**Congregation please stand*

The Pre-service Music

~ The Gathering ~

*** The Confession and Forgiveness**

BLESSED BE THE HOLY TRINITY, \ddagger 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 \ddagger JESUS' NAME. MAY THE SPIRIT GIVE YOU STRENGTH TO LIVE FOR OTHERS, AND BLESS YOU WITH THE GIFT OF PEACE.

Amen.

*** The Gathering Hymn**

“How Good, Lord, to Be Here!”

No. 89

*** 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:

O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

~The Word~

The First Lesson Exodus 24:12-18

At Mount Sinai, Moses experienced the presence of God for forty days and forty nights. The “glory of the LORD” settled on the mountain, and on the seventh day God called out to Moses. On the mountain God gave Moses the stone tablets inscribed with the ten commandments.

(*After the reading*)

THE WORD OF THE LORD

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm 2 Tune “*O Holy Spirit, Enter In*” No. 459

“I HAVE SET MY KING ON ZION, MY HOLY HILL.”

**Oh, haste, my soul, your song to raise; Do not delay your Lord to praise;
Bow down in adoration.**

THE LORD SAID TO ME, “YOU ARE MY SON; TODAY I HAVE BEGOTTEN YOU. ASK OF ME, AND I WILL MAKE THE NATIONS YOUR HERITAGE, AND THE ENDS OF THE EARTH YOUR POSSESSION. YOU SHALL BREAK THEM WITH A ROD OF IRON, AND DASH THEM IN PIECES LIKE A POTTER’S VESSEL.”

**All glory to the Lord belongs, Whose praise resounds in grateful songs,
The Lord of all creation.**

NOW THEREFORE, O KINGS, BE WISE; BE WARNED, O RULERS OF THE EARTH. SERVE THE LORD WITH FEAR; TREMBLE AND BOW DOWN TO HIM, LEST HE BE ANGRY, AND YOU PERISH IN THE WAY; FOR HIS WRATH IS QUICKLY KINDLED.

Hearing, fearing, bow before him And adore him, ev’ry nation.

BLESSED ARE ALL WHO TAKE REFUGE IN HIM.

Praise the God of our salvation!

The Second Lesson 2 Peter 1:16-21

At the transfiguration, God’s voice was heard, declaring Jesus to be the beloved Son. By the activity of the Holy Spirit, God’s voice continues to be heard through the word of scripture.

(*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 17:1-9

Shortly before he enters Jerusalem, where he will be crucified, Jesus is revealed to Peter, James, and John in a mountaintop experience of divine glory called the transfiguration.

(Before the Gospel)

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT MATTHEW THE 17TH 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

“Shine, Jesus, Shine”

WOV No. 651

(Refrain) Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father’s glory;

Blaze, spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.

Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with love and mercy;

Send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!

Lord, the light of your love is shining,

In the midst of the darkness, shining; Jesus, light of the world,

Shine upon us, set us free by the truth you now bring us.

Shine on me, shine on me. (Refrain)

As we gaze on your kingly brightness,

So our faces display your likeness, Ever changing from glory to glory,

Mirrored here, May our lives tell your story. Shine on me, shine on me. (Refrain)

* 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.

REVEALING GOD, YOUR SPIRIT SUSTAINS THE CHURCH. STRENGTHEN THE FAITHFUL WITH THE REVELATION OF CHRIST TRANFIGURED, THAT WE MAY JOYFULLY FOLLOW HIM IN THE WAY OF THE CROSS. MERCIFUL GOD,

receive our prayer.

LIFE-GIVING GOD, CREATION IS FULL OF YOUR MAJESTY. NURTURE IN US A DEEP RESPECT FOR THE INTERDEPENDENCE OF ALL LIFE, AND MAKE US WISE AND VIGILANT STEWARDS OF YOUR GOOD EARTH. MERCIFUL GOD,

receive our prayer.

PEACEMAKING GOD, THE NATIONS ARE IN TURMOIL. WE PRAY FOR AN END TO VIOLENT CONFLICT. GIVE WISDOM TO NEGOTIATORS AND SANCTUARY TO REFUGEES. DEFEND ANY WHO ARE IN DANGER. MERCIFUL GOD,

receive our prayer.

HEALING GOD, YOU DESIRE WHOLENESS FOR ALL PEOPLE. BRING HEALING TO ANY WHO ARE EXPERIENCING ILLNESS, CHRONIC PAIN, OR MENTAL ANGUISH ESPECIALLY GARY, BETTY, WALTER, FORREST, STEVE, CHRISTINE, EDDIE, GEORGE, AND ALL OUR MEMBERS WHO ARE HOMEBOUND. COMFORT THE DYING AND THOSE WHO GRIEVE. MERCIFUL GOD,

receive our prayer.

HOLY GOD, IN OUR WORSHIP WE GLIMPSE YOUR GLORY, HEAR YOUR VOICE, AND RECEIVE ASSURANCE OF YOUR LOVE. INSPIRE ALL WHO PREPARE, LEAD, AND PARTICIPATE IN WORSHIP TO SERVE YOU WITH REVERENCE AND JOY. MERCIFUL GOD,

receive our prayer.

TRANSFORMING GOD, YOU BRING LIFE FROM DEATH. WE GIVE THANKS FOR THE WITNESS OF THOSE WHO HAVE DIED IN FAITH, AND WE PRAISE YOU FOR THE HOPE WE HAVE IN CHRIST, OUR MORNING STAR. 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 “*Surely the Presence of the Lord is in this Place*”

– arr. Schrader

~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 “*Farewell to Alleluia!*” *Tune “The Church’s One Foundation” No. 369*

Farewell to “Alleluia!” exalted word of praise,
Which now in faith we forfeit throughout these forty days.
While ashes of contrition our true repentance prove,
Till Easter’s alleluias the veil once more remove.

Lord, sanctify the silence with which we contemplate
Your boundless love for sinners, your sacrifice so great,
And grant us hope and patience that, when the fast is gone,
New songs of “Alleluia!” may greet your Easter dawn!

**When angels join the chorus, and white-robed saints above,
As patriarchs, before us, proclaim their praise and love
For God, the Father, Spirit and Christ, the One in Three,
Our shouts of “Alleluia” shall ring eternally!**

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First Reading: Exodus 24:12-18 – Not Printed

Second Reading: 2 Peter 1:16-21 - ¹⁶ We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷ For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.” ¹⁸ We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

¹⁹ So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. ²⁰ First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, ²¹ because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9 - ¹ Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ² And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. ³ Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴ Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” ⁵ While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” ⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷ But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” ⁸ And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

February 22, 2026 readings are: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7
Romans 5:12-19

Psalm 32
Matthew 4:1-11

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

February 14-15, 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.*

GIFTS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God and

In loving memory of my mom and dad for Valentines Day by Pastor Cindy

THE BULLETINS are given to the Glory of God and

In loving memory of her father, Jasper Collura's birthday on February 18th by Ann Marie & David Hadesty & family

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 and March 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.



Moved by the Holy Spirit, we share our gifts by scanning the QR code.

This Week in Our Church

SUNDAY, February 15, 2026

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

MONDAY

	Office Closed/ Newsletter Deadline
5:45	Property Meeting
6:30	Council Meeting

WEDNESDAY

6:00	Ash Wednesday Service
7:00	Senior Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY

5:30	Diaper Depot Prep
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SATURDAY

9:00	Diaper Depot Distribution
6:00	Saturday Evening Worship

SUNDAY, February 22, 2026

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

Supporting Zion's Ministries

“Empowered and inspired by God to bring others to Christ”

Received 2/8/26 in support of Zion Ministries:

From our gifts	\$2,988.33
From Thrift Store	\$0.00
From Endowment (other)	\$0.00
From Culinary	\$0.00

Received for Endowment: \$115.00

Received for Capital Campaign: \$701.00

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

From offering/gifts/memorials:	\$14,427.89
From Thrift Store:	\$0.00*
From Endowment:	\$0.00
From Culinary:	\$700.00

Year-to-date total for Zion's mission/ministries: \$15,127.89

* 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.

GIFTS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

ENDOWMENT FUND DONATIONS are given to the Glory of God and

In loving memory of Jan McRoberts by Gerry Zeigler

In loving memory of Jan McRoberts by Don and Kay Barr

In loving memory of Fern Woodring on her birthday February 14th, love her family

Upcoming Events

February 18 – Ash Wednesday Service

February 27 - March 13 & 27 – Lenten Fish Dinners

March 6 – Blessings Thrift Store

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!

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 Lenten Fish Dinner, February 27, March 13 and 27 from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM or sell-out. Adult \$14.00 – Children up to age 10 \$7.00. Take-Outs Available. Menu includes Baked Haddock, Crab Cakes or Chicken Fingers, Mac & Cheese, Stewed Tomatoes, Cole Slaw and Dessert. Combinations and ala carte are not available. Dinners may be pre-ordered on the website (www.ziontamaqua.com) or by calling 570-668-4451. Deadline to order dinners is **February 22, March 8 & 22.** Walk-ins welcome. Hope to see you there

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.**

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!



Please continue to use your Boyer's key tag every time you shop in any Boyer's Markets. If you do not have a Boyer's tag, they are located in the Gathering room. Please use the swipe card, the receipt does not need to be turned in. Thank you for your participation in this program. **We just received a check for \$311.33.** Keep using those cards!

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES 2026 - St. John's and Zion will once again hold combined Mid-Week Lenten Services at 7:00 pm. The service will follow the Holden Evening prayer from the ELW. You don't want to miss it. Lent is such a sacred time in the church year. Let's walk these weeks together in faith. Schedule is as follows: **February 25 - Zion, March 4 -St. John's, March 11 - Zion, March 18 - St. John's, March 25 - Zion, April 1 - St. John's.** If Tamaqua school district has early dismissal or cancels school, the mid-week Lenten service - is cancelled.

Instead of giving up smoking, sweets, or something like that during Lent, why not give something else up, the most valuable thing you have--YOUR TIME! Volunteer to do something for your Church, your neighbor, your community. You might find that giving yourself brings back rewards that you just never imagined. And then, keep on doing it long after Lent, make it a lifestyle.