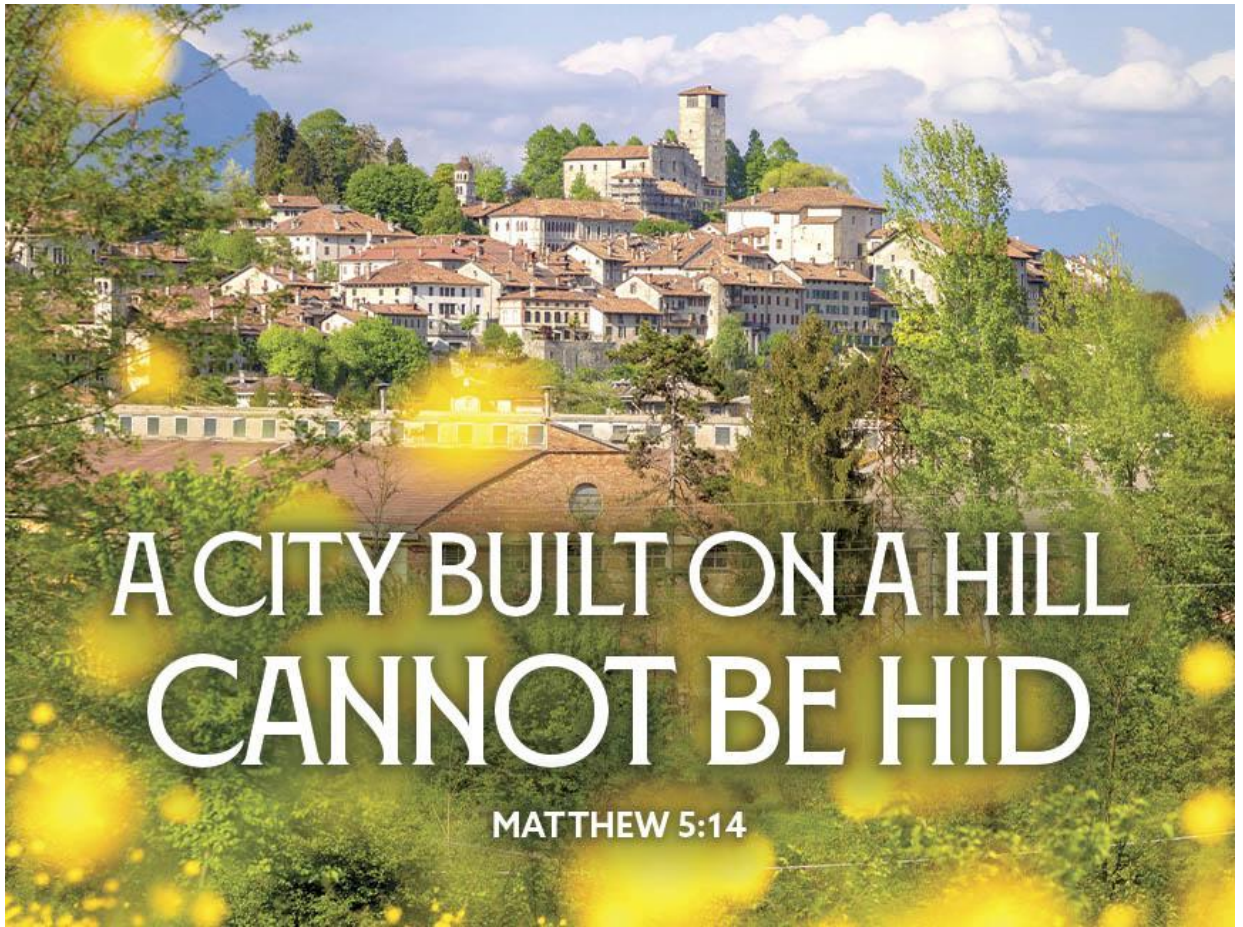


Welcome!



Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

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

The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 8, 2026 ~ 9:00 am

The Liturgy of Word and Sacrament

Light shines in the darkness for the upright, the psalmist sings. Isaiah declares that when we loose the bonds of injustice and share our bread with the hungry, the light breaks forth like the dawn. In another passage from the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus, the light of the world, calls his followers to let the light of their good works shine before others. Through baptism we are sent into the world to shine with the light of Christ.

**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**

“Gather Us In”

ELW No. 532

**Here in this place the new light is streaming, now is the darkness vanished away;
see in this place our fears and our dreamings brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken, gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken, we shall arise at the sound of our name.**

**We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry, we are the old who yearn for your face;
we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry, called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty, gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly, give us the courage to enter the song.**

**Here we will take the wine and the water, here we will take the bread of new birth,
here you shall call your sons and your daughters, call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion, give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.**

**Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away—
here in this place the new light is shining, now is the kingdom, and now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever, gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.**

*** 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:

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.

~The Word~

The First Lesson Isaiah 58:1-12

Shortly after the return of Israel from exile in Babylon, the people were troubled by the ineffectiveness of their fasts. God reminds them that outward observance is no substitute for genuine fasting that results in acts of justice, such as feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, and clothing the naked.

(After the reading)

THE WORD OF THE LORD

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm 112:1-10 Tune “As With Gladness Men of Old” No. 82

Blest are they who fear the Lord, who delight to keep his word.

THEIR DESCENDANTS WILL BE MIGHTY IN THE LAND; THE GENERATION OF THE UPRIGHT WILL BE BLESSED. WEALTH AND RICHES ARE IN THEIR HOMES, AND THEIR RIGHTEOUSNESS ENDURES FOREVER.

Blest the righteous in God's sight; to their darkness God gives light.

IT IS WELL WITH THOSE WHO ARE GENEROUS IN THEIR LENDING, WHO RUN THEIR BUSINESS HONESTLY.

No dread foe can cause them fear, those who trust in God most dear.

THE RIGHTEOUS WILL NEVER BE MOVED; THEY WILL BE REMEMBERED FOREVER.

Blest are they who fear the Lord, who delight to keep his word.

THEY GIVE GENEROUSLY TO THE NEEDY. THEIR RIGHTEOUSNESS ENDURES FOREVER. THEY ARE EXALTED AND HONORED.

Blest the righteous in God's sight; to their darkness God gives light.

THE WICKED SEE THIS AND ARE UPSET. THEY GLARE IN ANGER AND DISAPPEAR; THEIR HOPES ARE GONE FOREVER.

No dread foe can cause them fear, those who trust in God most dear.

The Second Lesson 1 Corinthians 2:1-16

Though people such as the Corinthians are enamored with human philosophy and wisdom, Paul continuously presents God's hidden wisdom which is Jesus Christ crucified. True spiritual maturity involves judging ourselves and others in light of God's revelation in the cross.

(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 5:13-20**

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus encourages his followers to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, doing good works and keeping God's commandments.

(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**

"This Little Light of Mine"

ELW No. 677

**This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine; this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

**Ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine; ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

**Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine; Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

Text: African American spiritual

* 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.

YOUR CHURCH DOES MINISTRY IN MANY AND VARIOUS WAYS. KEEP THE BAPTIZED TRUE TO THE MIND OF CHRIST, THAT OUR WORKS AND WITNESS BRING HOPE TO A TROUBLED WORLD. MERCIFUL GOD,

receive our prayer.

YOUR MARVELOUS CREATION CRIES OUT TO YOU. RESTORE POLLUTED AIR, SOIL, AND WATER SOURCES TO WHOLENESS. GUARD HONEYBEES, ELEPHANTS, GREAT WHALES AND SONGBIRDS FROM HARM, AND RENEW THE FACE OF THE EARTH. MERCIFUL GOD,

receive our prayer.

YOUR PEOPLE IN EVERY NATION SUFFER INJUSTICE, POVERTY, AND THE THREAT OF VIOLENCE. GUIDE THOSE IN AUTHORITY TO GOVERN WITH COMPASSION, AND BRING PEACE TO WAR ZONES. WE PRAY FOR OUR ENEMIES. MERCIFUL GOD,

receive our prayer.

YOUR BLESSINGS ARE POURED OUT FOR ALL IN NEED. HELP AND HEAL ANY WHO EXPERIENCE TRAUMA, DISCRIMINATION, DISEASE, HUNGER, ABUSE, OR PERSECUTION. COMFORT THOSE WHO ARE SICK OR GRIEVING ESPECIALLY GARY, BETTY, WALTER, FORREST, STEVE, CHRISTINE, EDDIE, GEORGE, AND ALL OUR MEMBERS WHO ARE HOMEBOUND. MERCIFUL GOD,

receive our prayer.

YOUR WISDOM GUIDES THIS CONGREGATION AND ITS MINISTRIES. SUSTAIN OUR ORDAINED LEADERS, STAFF, LAY LEADERS, AND VOLUNTEERS. FORM US TO BE SALT AND LIGHT FOR THE NEIGHBORS WE SERVE, FOLLOWING THE EXAMPLE OF CHRIST. MERCIFUL GOD,

receive our prayer.

YOUR SAINTS REJOICE AT YOUR HEAVENLY BANQUET. WE GIVE THANKS FOR THEIR LIVES OF FAITH, TRUSTING THAT WE ALSO WILL BE EMBRACED BY YOUR ETERNAL LOVE. 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.

<p>~The Meal~</p>

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

“The Church of Christ, in Every Age”

No. 433

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Gospel: Matthew 5:13-20

[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.”

February 15, 2026 readings are:

Exodus 24:12-18

Psalm 2

2 Peter 1:16-21

Matthew 17:1-9

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

February 7-8, 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 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 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

MONDAY

- 7:00 Finance Meeting

SATURDAY

- 6:00 Saturday Evening Worship

SUNDAY, February 15, 2026

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

Supporting Zion's Ministries

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

Received 2/1/26 in support of Zion Ministries:

From our gifts	\$4,899.75
From Thrift Store	\$0.00
From Endowment (other)	\$0.00
From Culinary	\$700.00

Received for Endowment: \$490.00

Received for Capital Campaign: \$1,396.00

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

From offering/gifts/memorials:	\$11,564.56
From Thrift Store:	\$0.00*
From Endowment:	\$0.00
From Culinary:	\$700.00

Year-to-date total for Zion's mission/ministries: \$12,264.56

* 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

CURRENT FUND DONATIONS are given to the Glory of God and

In loving memory of the February 5th birthday of her brother, Carl Gerber by Marlene McLaughlin and family

In loving memory of Jan McRoberts by Dave & Melody Gensure

ENDOWMENT FUND DONATIONS are given to the Glory of God and

In loving memory of Jan McRoberts by Joe & Rochelle Evanousky

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Upcoming Events

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

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 today, 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. Copies are available in the Gathering room.

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.

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

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 zioncof@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 zioncof@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.**