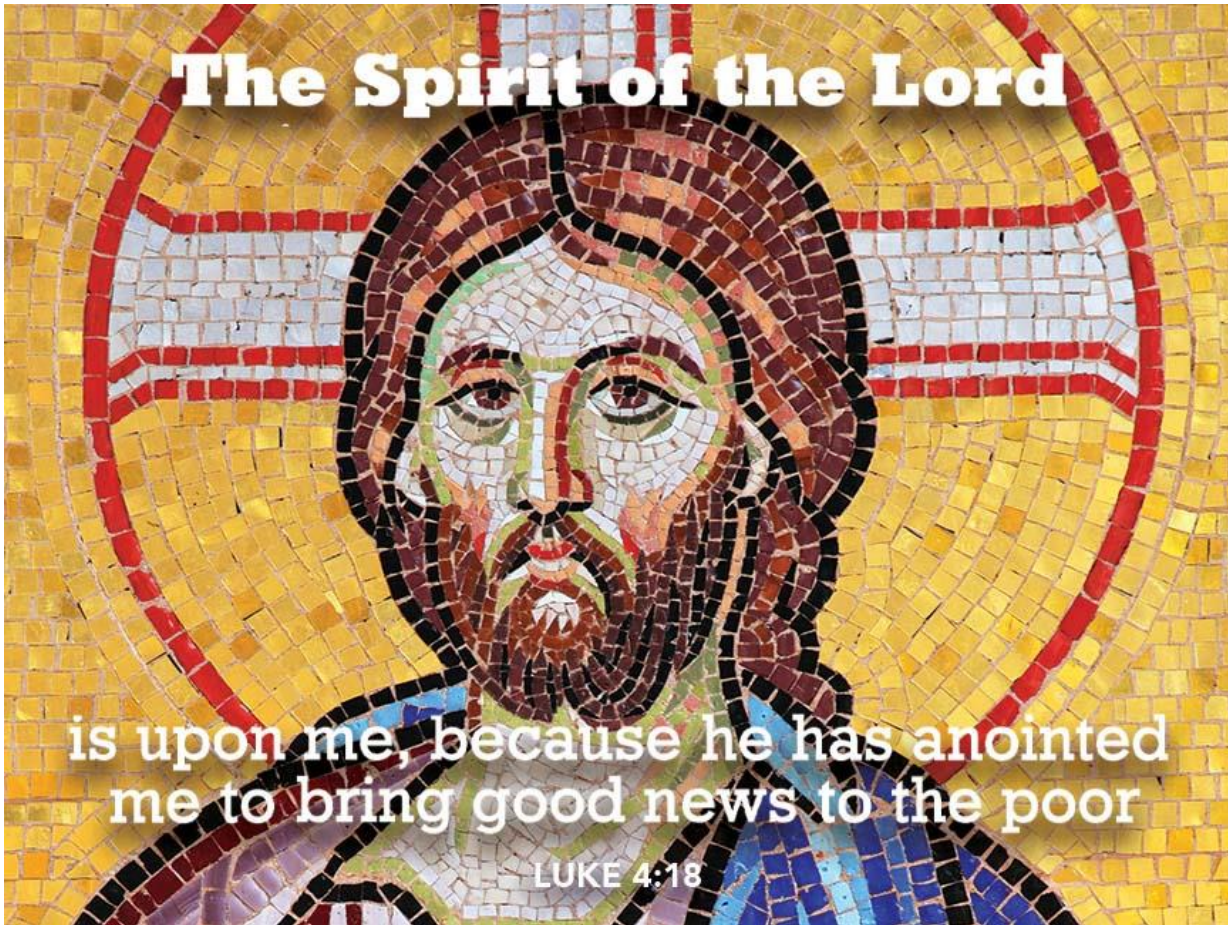


Welcome!



Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Our Mission: Zion proclaims the Gospel of Jesus Christ through Word and Sacrament as Gospel messengers in the community. We seek to be instruments through which God transforms lives and strengthens relationships within families and within our community of believers

The Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 23, 2022 ~ 9:00 am

The Liturgy of Word and Sacrament

God's glory is revealed in the reading of scripture. People stand at attention. People weep. People prostrate themselves in prayer. The unity of the church is another reflection of God's glory. Most gloriously, the promises of God are fulfilled in the person of Jesus Christ. Gather round. Listen up. Glimpse the glory of God.

**Congregation please stand*

The Pre-service Music

~ The Gathering ~

* The Confession and Forgiveness

BLESSED BE THE HOLY TRINITY, + ONE GOD, WHO CREATES US, REDEEMS US, AND CALLS US BY NAME.

Amen.

LET US CONFESS OUR SIN IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD AND OF ONE ANOTHER.

Silence is kept for reflection.

MOST MERCIFUL GOD,

we confess that we have sinned against you and your beloved children. We have turned our faces away from your glory when it did not appear as we expected. We have rejected your word when it made us confront ourselves. We have failed to show hospitality to those you called us to welcome. Accept our repentance for the things we have done and the things we have left undone. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe in the glory of your Son born among us, and reflect your love for all creation. Amen.

REJOICE IN THIS GOOD NEWS: IN + CHRIST JESUS, YOUR SINS ARE FORGIVEN. YOU ARE DESCENDANTS OF THE MOST HIGH, ADOPTED INTO THE HOUSEHOLD OF CHRIST, AND INHERITORS OF ETERNAL LIFE. LIVE AS FREED AND FORGIVEN CHILDREN OF GOD.

Amen.

* The Gathering Hymn *"Open Your Ears, O Faithful People"*

WOV No.715

**Open your ears, O faithful people, Open your ears and hear God's Word
Open your hearts, O royal priesthood, God has come to you.**

(Refrain) **God has spoken to the people, hallelujah!
God has spoken words of wisdom, hallelujah!
God has spoken to the people, hallelujah!
God has spoken words of wisdom, hallelujah!**

**They who have ears to hear the message, They who have ears, now let them hear;
They who would learn the way of wisdom, Let them hear God's Word. *(Refrain)***

**Israel comes to greet the Savior, Judah is glad to see his day,
From east and west the peoples travel, God will show the way. *(Refrain)***

* 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:

**Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment
of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them,
that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of
eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

~The Word~

The First Lesson Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

The exiles have returned and rebuilt Jerusalem. Now Ezra, the priest, reads the law of Moses to them in the public square. When they hear it, they weep for their sins and for the long years in exile, but Ezra reminds them that "the joy of the LORD is your strength."

(After the reading)

THE WORD OF THE LORD

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm 19 Tune "As With Gladness Men of Old" No.82

LET THE WORDS OF MY MOUTH AND THE MEDITATION OF MY HEART BE ACCEPTABLE IN
YOUR SIGHT, O LORD, MY STRENGTH AND MY REDEEMER.

Blest are those--most happy they--, Who the Word of God obey.

THE HEAVENS ARE TELLING THE GLORY OF GOD; AND THE FIRMAMENT PROCLAIMS HIS
HANDIWORK. NO SPEECH OR WORDS ARE USED, YET THEIR MESSAGE REACHES ALL THE
EARTH AND IT TRAVELS AROUND THE WORLD.

Lord, you gave your words that we, Might your glad salvation see.

EACH DAY THE SUN WHICH GOD MADE COMES OUT LIKE A HAPPY BRIDEGROOM, LIKE AN ATHLETE EAGER TO RUN A RACE. LIKE THE SUN, EACH DAY GOD'S WORD GOES FORTH, SHINING WARM AND BRILLIANT.

Lord, to whom else could we go? You have words of life, we know.

THE LAW OF THE LORD IS PERFECT, REVIVING THE SOUL. THE TESTIMONIES OF THE LORD ARE SURE, MAKING WISE THE SIMPLE. THE PRECEPTS OF THE LORD ARE RIGHT, REJOICING THE HEART. THE ORDINANCES OF THE LORD ARE RIGHTEOUS ALTOGETHER.

Blest are those--most happy they--Who the Word of God obey.

THEY ARE MORE DESIRABLE THAN THE FINEST GOLD, SWEETER THAN THE PUREST HONEY. BY THEM IS YOUR SERVANT ENLIGHTENED, AND IN KEEPING THEM THERE IS GREAT REWARD.

Lord, you gave your words that we, Might your glad salvation see.

BUT WHO CAN DETECT THEIR ERRORS? CLEANSE ME FROM MY SECRET FAULTS. ABOVE ALL, KEEP YOUR SERVANT FROM WILLFUL SINS; LET THEM NOT GET DOMINION OVER ME.

Lord, to whom else could we go? You have words of life, we know.

The Second Lesson 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

The apostle and pastor Paul uses the metaphor of the human body to describe how intimately connected we are in the church. For this struggling congregation in Corinth, Paul delivers a vital message of unity that is a mark of the church today.

(After the reading)

THE WORD OF THE LORD

Thanks be to God.

*** The Gospel Acclamation** *(Celtic Alleluia ELW 174)*

Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.

*** The Holy Gospel St. Luke 4:14-21**

Near the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, he visits his hometown of Nazareth. In the words of Isaiah, he states and claims his identity, purpose, and mission.

(Before the Gospel)

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT LUKE THE 4TH 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**

“Christ, Be Our Light”

ELW No. 715

Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you.

Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.

(Refrain) **Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.**

Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light!

Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair.

Your word alone has pow'r to save us. Make us your living voice. *(Refrain)*

Longing for food, many are hungry. Longing for water, many still thirst.

Make us your bread, broken for others, shared until all are fed. *(Refrain)*

**Longing for shelter, many are homeless. Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others, walls made of living stone. (Refrain)**

**Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another, signs of your kingdom come. (Refrain)**

*** The Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker 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 to the dead. 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.

*** The Prayers of Intercession**

THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS Poured OUT UPON US IN ABUNDANCE; SO WE ARE BOLD TO PRAY FOR THE CHURCH, THE WORLD, AND ALL THAT GOD HAS MADE.

A brief silence.

YOU REVEAL YOURSELF TO US IN THE READING OF SCRIPTURE. FULFILL YOUR WORD THROUGH THE FAITHFUL WITNESS OF YOUR CHURCH. SEND US OUT TO BRING YOUR LIBERATING GOOD NEWS TO ALL PEOPLE. GOD OF GRACE,

hear our prayer.

ALL CREATION PROCLAIMS YOUR HANDIWORK. TEACH US TO LOVE THE INTRICATE AND BEAUTIFUL BODIES THAT YOU HAVE CREATED. BLESS TINY INSECTS, ENORMOUS WHALES, AND EVERY CREATURE IN BETWEEN. SUSTAIN SPECIES AT RISK OF EXTINCTION. GOD OF GRACE,

hear our prayer.

YOU DESIRE THAT THERE BE NO DISSENSION AMONG US. WHERE WE ARE DIVIDED IN OUR SOCIETY, NATION, OR WORLD, COME QUICKLY TO REUNITE US INTO ONE BODY. EASE CONFLICT, DISPEL VIOLENCE, AND BRING AN END TO WAR. GOD OF GRACE,

hear our prayer.

ANOINT WITH YOUR SPIRIT ALL WHO SEEK YOUR FAVOR. GRANT PROVISION AND JUSTICE FOR PEOPLE LIVING IN POVERTY, PEOPLE LIVING WITH DISABILITY, THOSE LIVING WITH PAIN, OR THOSE LIVING UNDER OPPRESSION ESPECIALLY GEORGE, PAT, BROOKLYN, DEREK, ELIZABETH, MARY, CHRIS, NANCY, RALPH, JOSEPH, EVA, JOHN, AND ALL OUR MEMBERS WHO ARE HOMEBOUND. GOD OF GRACE,

hear our prayer.

BUILD UP THE BODY OF CHRIST IN THIS PLACE. BLESS THE VARIETY OF MINISTRIES IN THIS CONGREGATION. EMPOWER US TO FREELY WELCOME AND DEEPLY VALUE EACH PERSON WHO ENTERS INTO WORSHIP AND MINISTRY AMONG US. GOD OF GRACE,

hear our prayer.

IN THANKSGIVING WE LIFT BEFORE YOU THE SAINTS FOR WHOM THE PROMISE OF SALVATION HAS NOW BEEN FULFILLED. TEND TO THOSE WHO MOURN. BRING US TOGETHER IN YOUR EVERLASTING GLORY. GOD OF GRACE,

hear 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.
GOD OF GRACE,

hear our prayer.

SINCE WE HAVE SUCH GREAT HOPE IN YOUR PROMISES, O GOD, WE LIFT THESE AND ALL OF OUR PRAYERS TO YOU IN CONFIDENCE AND FAITH; THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR SAVIOR.

Amen.

*** The Peace of Christ**

THE PEACE OF THE LORD BE WITH YOU ALWAYS.

And also with you.

The Recognition of 1st Holy Communicant

Bradlee Dylan Lux

~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 myOffering option.

*** The Offertory Procession** Tune: “Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow” No. 565

**Praise God from whom all blessing flow; Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

*** The Offertory Prayer**

LET US PRAY: BLESSED ARE YOU, O GOD, SOVEREIGN OF THE UNIVERSE. YOU OFFER US NEW BEGINNINGS AND GUIDE US ON OUR JOURNEY. LEAD US TO YOUR TABLE, NOURISH US WITH THIS HEAVENLY FOOD, AND PREPARE US TO CARRY YOUR LOVE TO A HUNGRY WORLD, IN THE NAME OF CHRIST OUR LIGHT.

Amen.

The Anthem “What Shall I Bring to the Lord?” – Lau

*** 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.

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* **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**

COME TO GOD'S TABLE. THERE IS A PLACE FOR YOU AND ENOUGH FOR ALL.

* **The Agnus Dei "Lamb of God" (ELW No. 195)**

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 from ELW No. 205)**

Thankful hearts and voices raise; tell ev'ryone what God has done.

Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and bear Christ's holy name.

Send us with your promises, O God, and lead us forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia.

*** The Post Communion Prayer**

LET US PRAY: WE GIVE YOU THANKS, GRACIOUS GOD, FOR WE HAVE FEASTED ON THE ABUNDANCE OF YOUR HOUSE. SEND US TO BRING GOOD NEWS AND TO PROCLAIM YOUR FAVOR TO ALL, STRENGTHENED WITH THE RICHNESS OF YOUR GRACE IN YOUR SON, JESUS CHRIST.

Amen.

~The Sending~

*** The Blessing**

GOD, WHO LEADS YOU IN PATHWAYS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, WHO REJOICES OVER YOU, AND WHO CALLS YOU BY NAME, † BLESS YOUR GOING OUT AND YOUR COMING IN, TODAY AND FOREVER.

(Sung) Amen! Amen! Amen!

*** The Sending**

GO WITH CHRIST INTO A WEARY WORLD. SHARE THE GOOD NEWS.

Thanks be to God.

*** The Sending Hymn *“Let Streams of Living Justice”***

ELW No. 710

**Let streams of living justice flow down upon the earth;
give freedom's light to captives, let all the poor have worth.
The hungry's hands are pleading, the workers claim their rights,
the mourners long for laughter, the blinded seek for sight.
Make liberty a beacon, strike down the iron pow'r;
abolish ancient vengeance: proclaim your people's hour.**

**For healing of the nations, for peace that will not end,
for love that makes us lovers, God grant us grace to mend.
Weave our varied gifts together; knit our lives as they are spun;
on your loom of time enroll us till our thread of life is run.
O great weaver of our fabric, bind church and world in one;
dye our texture with your radiance, light our colors with your sun.**

**Your city's built to music; we are the stones you seek;
your harmony is language; we are the words you speak.
Our faith we find in service, our hope in others' dreams,
our love in hand of neighbor; our homeland brightly gleams.
Inscribe our hearts with justice; your way—the path untried;
your truth—the heart of stranger; your life—the Crucified.**

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January 30, 2022 readings are:

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Psalm 71:1-6

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Luke 4:21-30

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

January 22-23, 2022

**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 the hall 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 CANDLES are given to the Glory of God and

In honor of Sonia, Lisa and Linda's birthdays love, Judy

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God and

In loving memory of loving husband, Anthony D'Alonzo and Mr. and Mrs. D'Alonzo by Melissa D'Alonzo

THE BULLETINS are given to the Glory of God and

In honor of all the children & volunteers we are so blessed to have. In memory of all family loved ones. Beth & Judy

Please remember the following in your prayers: Robert Dolbin, George Bozosi, Pat Brown, Derek Hill, Elizabeth Zimmerman, Mary Richards, Mrs. Chris Miller, Nancy Betz, Ralph Derr, Joseph Harvilla, Eva (Mitzi) Koomar, John Lattanzi, and all our members who are homebound.

Welcome!!

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

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Parish website is www.ziontamaqua.com

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

Tuesday: 8:00 am - 1:00 pm

Zion's 2022 Church Council officers: Chris Henritz, President, Michael Haspe, Vice-President, Tiffany Warden, Secretary, Dave Gensure, Treasurer, and Ann Marie Hadesty, Financial Secretary. Other members of Council include: Judy Brennan, Sam Caley, Arlene Derr, Ernie Henritz, Glenn Fritzing, Brian Lawfer, Bob Maue, Steve Ristila and Mary Ruth Taylor; 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, January 23, 2022

8:00 Confirmation Class
9:00 The Service of Word & Sacrament
10:15 Christian Education
10:15 Senior Choir Rehearsal
1:00 Lecture Series

MONDAY

6:30 Council Meeting

TUESDAY

9:30 Work Session

WEDNESDAY

9:00 Morning Prayer/ Online
6:00 NA Meeting

THURSDAY

9:30 Work Session

SATURDAY

5:30 Saturday Evening Worship

NEXT SUNDAY, January 30, 2022

8:00 Confirmation Class
9:00 The Service of Word & Sacrament
10:15 Christian Education
10:15 Senior Choir Rehearsal
1:00 Lecture Series

Supporting Zion's Ministries

Contributions received for 1/16/22:

Received to meet \$4,049.75 weekly budget:	\$8,079.64
Received from Thrift Store:	\$0.00
Received for Endowment:	\$178.00
Received for Capital Campaign:	\$2,444.00

Contributions YTD to meet operating budget expenses: \$8,084.64

Received from offering/gifts/memorials:	\$8,084.64
Received from Thrift Store:	\$0.00
Received from Endowment:	\$0.00
Received from Culinary:	\$0.00

Budget operating expenses YTD: \$8,625.55

Budget status YTD: \$(540.91)

Thank you for your gifts.

Your offerings 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 E.A. Follweiler from his children & their families

In loving memory of my husband, Richard Dreisbach by Elizabeth Dreisbach

In loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. Francis Epler by daughters, Frances, Joan and Carol

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FUND DONATIONS are given to the Glory of God and

In loving memory of Brian Turton by John & Carol Dietrich

In honor of the January 3rd birthday of John W. Dietrich, by wife Carol

In honor of the January 27th birthday of our grandson, John R. Dietrich by Nanny & Pop

ENDOWMENT FUND DONATIONS are given to the Glory of God and

In loving memory of Brian Turton by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Tirpak & family

In loving memory of Brian Turton by Dennis & Gloria Praedin

In loving memory of Brian Turton by Kathy Gill

In loving memory of Brian A. Turton by Joe & Mary Zubek

In loving memory of Brian Turton from his Aunt Joan and cousins David, Dennis & Lisa

In loving memory of Brian Turton by Ray Kunkel & Sheila McArdle

In loving memory of Brian Turton by Tom Macinka

In loving memory of Brian Turton by Matt & Tamara Tirpak

In loving memory of Brian Turton by Thomas & Judy Midas

In loving memory of Brian Turton by Tom & Margie Parambo

In loving memory of Brian Turton by Jeffrey & Francine Eames, Janet Burrell & Josephine Hinkile

Upcoming Events

January 16 – March 13 – Lecture Series

February 11 – Blessings Thrift Sale

February 12 – Hoagie Pick-up

February 13 – Annual Congregational Meeting

March 1 – Take-Out Pork and Sauerkraut Dinner

Zion's Blessings Thrift Shop February sale is on February 11th from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The sale features winter coats and other gently used clothing for all ages, toys, books and general household items. Clothing can be purchased by the bag or individually. Limited Take-Out Menu. Shoppers must wear masks and maintain social distancing.

Hoagie sale - The Culinary Team is holding a hoagie sale. Regular Hoagies are \$6 each. Order by February 6th, at <https://www.ziontamaqua.com> or by calling 570-668-4451. Pick up is Saturday, February 12th from noon until 3:00 pm.

Gebert Society - If you know of someone who has remembered Zion in their will/estate with a gift (past and present), please contact the office with that information which will be used in the annual report. Names can be added to the Gebert Society at any time. Thank you.

1st Holy Communion

We congratulate Bradlee Dylan Lux who will receive his first Sacrament of Holy Communion today. He participated in the preparatory classes in November. May you always know the peace of Jesus, the light of his love, and the joy of his life within you.

Congregational Life Committee: Do you enjoy seeing your church friends every week? Don't you sometimes wish there was more opportunity for fellowship? Do you enjoy event planning? Consider joining Zion's NEW Congregational Life Committee! The committee will be responsible for organizing fun & fellowship through events & outings for our congregation! If interested contact Deb Davies at 570-778-2731! A congregational life committee meeting will be scheduled in early January to begin planning our first event! Stay tuned for the date!

Attention Committees: All committee chairpersons are reminded to submit a report outlining the activities of your committee in 2021 for the annual report. These reports are to be submitted to the church office ASAP. You can e-mail the church office at zionlcof@verizon.net or stop by the office. Thank you for your co-operation.

Our ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held Sunday, February 13, 2022, following the 9:00 am Service. Our agenda will consist of the approval of the 2021 Annual reports for all committees and organizations. As always, we encourage all members to attend this meeting as a quorum needs to met.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION - "THE DEAD SEA SCROLLS" - Jan and Jim McRoberts plan to offer a video lecture series Sunday, January 16th through March 13th at 1:00 pm in the "Choir Room" (Rear of the Gathering room). The lecturer in the videos is Rutgers University Professor Gary Rendsburg, PhD. He holds the coveted position of an endowed chair in the department of Jewish Studies at Rutgers. Each session of our series will consist of one 30-minute video lecture followed by discussion. We plan to conclude each session by 2:00 pm. There are 24 video lectures in the course by Dr. Rendsburg. We have chosen eight of them for viewing and discussion in our series at Zion. These video lectures are provided by The Great Courses under the heading "Religion and Theology". Professor Rendsburg majored in English and journalism at the University of North Carolina and received his BA in 1975. He received his PhD from New York University in Hebrew Studies in 1980. He is the author of six books and more than 120 scholarly articles, He has visited all major archaeological sites in Israel, Egypt, and Jordan and has participated in excavations. He has visited Qumran repeatedly over the span of several decades. A sign-up sheet is in the Gathering Room and downstairs.