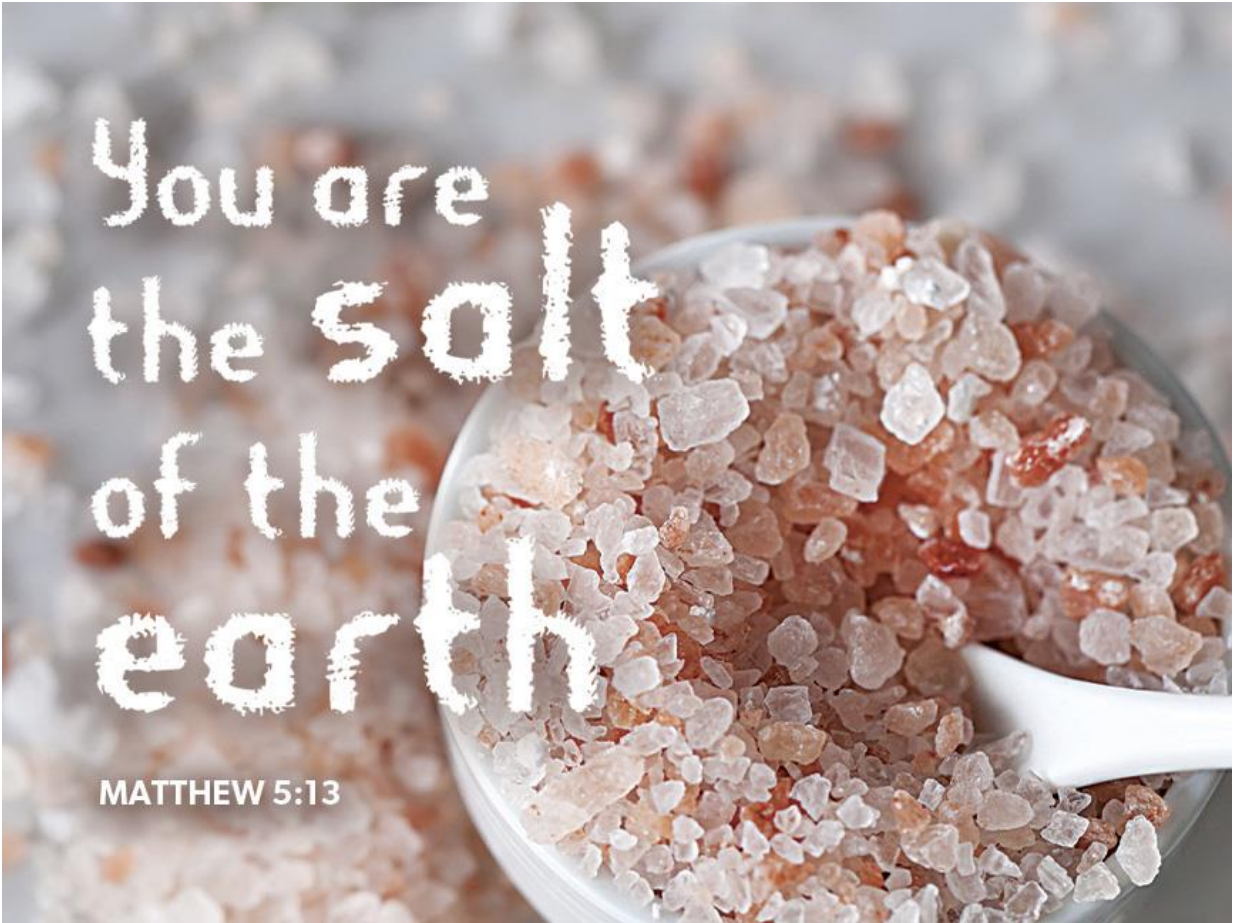


*Welcome!*



## *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 5, 2023 ~ 9:30 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, WHO MAKES ALL THINGS NEW, WHOSE MERCY ENDURES FOREVER.

**Amen.**

TRUSTING IN GOD'S MERCY, LET US CONFESS OUR SIN.

*Please kneel if able.*

HOLY ONE, SOURCE OF OUR RENEWAL,

**we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

THUS SAYS OUR GOD: "THE FORMER THINGS HAVE COME TO PASS AND NEW THINGS I NOW DECLARE." GOD'S MERCY MAKES US NEW. WE ARE FORGIVEN IN THE NAME OF ✚ CHRIST OUR SAVIOR.

**Amen.**

### \* The Gathering Hymn

*"My Lord of Light"*

WOV No. 796

**My Lord of light who made the worlds, in wisdom you have spoken,  
But those who heard your wise commands your holy law have broken.**

**My Lord of love who knew no sin, a sinner's death enduring:  
For us you wore a crown of thorns, a crown of life securing.**

**My Lord of life who came in fire when Christ was high ascended:  
Your burning love is now released, our days of fear are ended.**

**My Lord of lords, one Trinity, to your purename be given  
All glory now and ever-more, all praise in earth and heaven.**

### \* 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** *(Celtic Alleluia ELW 174)*

**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 5<sup>TH</sup> CHAPTER:

*(spoken)* **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*(After the Gospel)*

THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD

*(spoken)* **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **The Sermon**

*Pastor Cindy White*

## **\* The Hymn of the Day**                      **"Go, Make Disciples"**

ELW No. 540

**"Go, make disciples, baptizing them, teaching them.**

**Go, make disciples, for I am with you till the end of time.**

**Go, be the salt of the earth. Go, be the light for the world.**

**Go, be a city on a hill, so all can see that you're serving me. *(Repeat)***

**Go, make disciples."**

## **\* 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**

**CALLED TOGETHER TO FOLLOW JESUS, WE PRAY FOR THE CHURCH, THE WORLD, AND ALL IN NEED.**

*A brief silence.*

CALL YOUR PEOPLE TO SEEK YOUR WISDOM IN DIFFICULT CONVERSATIONS AND ACTION. GIVE THE CHURCH EVERYWHERE COURAGE TO REPENT FOR THE WAYS WE HAVE TOLERATED AND PRACTICED INJUSTICE. MERCIFUL GOD,

**receive our prayer.**

INSPIRE OUR WONDER AT CREATION, FROM THE LIGHT OF DAWN TO THE BEAUTY OF THE DARK NIGHT. SUSTAIN THE UNSEEN DEPTHS OF THE OCEAN TO THE PLANTS AND ANIMALS WE KNOW WELL. BRING HEALING TO LANDS AND COMMUNITIES EXPERIENCING NATURAL DISASTERS. MERCIFUL GOD,

**receive our prayer.**

INSTRUCT THE POWERFUL IN YOUR WAYS. PROVIDE UPRIGHT LEADERSHIP IN BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY, THAT WORKERS ARE NOT OPPRESSED. THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, INSPIRE VOTERS AND RAISE UP POLITICIANS TO HEED YOUR CALL FOR NATIONS TO PRACTICE RIGHTEOUSNESS. MERCIFUL GOD,

**receive our prayer.**

LOOSEN THE BONDS OF INJUSTICE IN OUR MIDST. GRANT PEACE TO ENDLESS QUARRELS, PUT AN END TO HUNGER, AND BREAK EVERY YOKE OF OPPRESSION. SHELTER ALL WHO FLEE ABUSE IN THEIR HOMES OR VIOLENCE IN THEIR COMMUNITIES. SATISFY THOSE AFFLICTED IN ANY WAY ESPECIALLY KATHRYN, CAROLYN, MARLIN, JOHN, TIM, ROBERT, DEREK, ELIZABETH, MARY, RALPH, JOSEPH, AND ALL OUR MEMBERS WHO ARE HOMEBOUND. MERCIFUL GOD,

**receive our prayer.**

SHAPE OUR CONGREGATION TO BE SALT FOR THE EARTH. GIVE US DELIGHT IN YOUR COMMANDMENTS, THAT WE ARE GENEROUS WITH THOSE IN NEED. MAKE US STEADFAST IN OUR TRUST IN YOU, READY WITH TANGIBLE MERCY AND COMPASSION FOR OUR NEIGHBORS. MERCIFUL GOD,

**receive our prayer.**

THE CROSS AND RESURRECTION BRING REDEMPTION FROM SIN AND DEATH. WE PRAISE YOU FOR ALL WHOSE UNSHAKEN FAITH IN CHRIST SHINES FORTH IN THEIR WITNESS. KEEP THEM IN OUR REMEMBRANCE AND BRING US WITH THEM INTO THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN. 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.**

WE BRING TO YOU OUR NEEDS AND HOPES, O GOD, TRUSTING YOUR WISDOM AND POWER REVEALED IN CHRIST CRUCIFIED.

**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](http://ziontamaqua.com) for our Vanco 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: LIBERATING GOD, YOU BREAK THE BONDS OF INJUSTICE AND LET THE OPPRESSED GO FREE. RECEIVE THESE OFFERINGS IN THANKSGIVING FOR ALL YOUR WORKS OF MERCIFUL POWER, AND SHAPE US AS PEOPLE OF YOUR JUSTICE AND FREEDOM. YOU WE MAGNIFY AND ADORE, THROUGH JESUS OUR SAVIOR,  
**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**

COME AND TASTE THE JOY OF GOD!

**\* 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 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: HOLY ONE, WE THANK YOU FOR THE HEALING THAT SPRINGS FORTH ABUNDANTLY FROM THIS TABLE. RENEW OUR STRENGTH TO DO JUSTICE, LOVE KINDNESS, AND JOURNEY HUMBLY WITH YOU.

**Amen.**

**The Senior Choir Anthem “Simple Gifts from God” – Williams/ Martin**

**~The Sending~**

**\* The Benediction & Dismissal**

THE GOD WHO FAITHFULLY BRINGS FORTH JUSTICE AND BREAKS THE OPPRESSOR’S ROD

✠ BLESS, STRENGTHEN, AND UPHOLD YOU, TODAY AND ALWAYS.

**(Sung) Amen. Amen. Amen.**

**\* The Sending**

GO IN PEACE. FOLLOW THE WAY OF JESUS.

**Thanks be to God.**

**\* The Sending Hymn**

**“Thy Strong Word”**

No. 233 Stanzas 1,2,5

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## **First Reading: Isaiah 58:1-9a-12 – Not Printed**

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-16** - <sup>1</sup>When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. <sup>2</sup>For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. <sup>3</sup>And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. <sup>4</sup>My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, <sup>5</sup>so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. <sup>6</sup>Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. <sup>7</sup>But we speak God’s wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. <sup>8</sup>None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. <sup>9</sup>But, as it is written, “What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him”—<sup>10</sup>these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. <sup>11</sup>For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God’s except the Spirit of God. <sup>12</sup>Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. <sup>13</sup>And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual. <sup>14</sup>Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God’s Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. <sup>15</sup>Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else’s scrutiny. <sup>16</sup>“For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?” But we have the mind of Christ.

**Gospel: Matthew 5:13-20** - [Jesus said:] <sup>13</sup>“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. <sup>14</sup>“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. <sup>15</sup>No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup>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.

<sup>17</sup>“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. <sup>18</sup>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. <sup>19</sup>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. <sup>20</sup>For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

**February 12, 2023 readings are:**

Deuteronomy 30:15-20  
1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Psalm 119:1-8  
Matthew 5:21-37



# ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

February 4-5, 2023

*\*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 loving memory of family and friends by Bill and Lori Krell

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the Glory of God and

In loving memory of McKayla Ann Wall on the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of her death, by Mom & Dad (Lauren & Jesse), Nicholas & Kallia Wall

**THE BULLETINS** are given to the Glory of God and

In honor of the Culinary Crew by Glenn & Lorie Fritzinger

**CURRENT FUND DONATIONS** are given to the Glory of God and

In loving memory of Nancy Betz by Ann Marie and David Hadesty and family

In loving memory of Nancy Betz by John, Beth, and Olivia Lattanzi

In loving memory of Nancy Betz by Mike and Kathy Miller

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

In loving memory of Nancy Betz by Mark and Charlene Valentine

**Altar Flower and Bulletin sponsors are needed for March.**

**Please sign up on the church bulletin board.**

*Please remember the following in your prayers Dr. Kathryn Kropp, Carolyn and Marlin Tirpak, John Eckert, Tim Phillips, Robert Dolbin, Derek Hill, Elizabeth Zimmerman, Mary Richards, Ralph Derr, Joseph Harvilla, John Lattanzi, and all our members who are homebound.*

## **Welcome!!**

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Tuesday: 8:00 am - 1:00 pm

**Zion's 2023 Church Council officers:** Michael Haspe, President, Brian Lawfer, Vice-President, Ernie Henritz, Secretary, Dave Gensure, Treasurer, and Ann Marie Hadesty, Financial Secretary. Other members of Council include: Judy Brennan, Arlene Derr, Glenn Fritzinger, Carol Hartung, Darien Moyer, Kailey Richards, 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, February 5, 2023

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

## WEDNESDAY

- 6:00 NA Meeting
- 7:00 Finance Meeting

## FRIDAY

Kitchen Reserved

## SATURDAY

- 12:00 Hoagie/ Pierogi Pick-Up
- 5:30 Saturday Evening Worship

## NEXT SUNDAY, February 12, 2023, Annual Meeting

- 8:00 Confirmation Class
- 9:00 The Service of Word & Sacrament
- 10:15 Annual Meeting

### **Supporting Zion's Ministries**

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

Received 1/29/23 in support of Zion Ministries:

From our gifts	\$6,702.11
From Thrift Store	\$0.00
From Culinary	\$0.00
From (other)	\$0.00

Received for Endowment: \$255.00

Received for Capital Campaign: \$1,883.95

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

From offering/gifts/memorials:	\$16,465.88
From Thrift Store:	\$5.00
From Endowment:	\$0.00
From Culinary:	\$0.00

Year-to-date total for Zion's mission/ministries: \$16,470.88

## Upcoming Events

**February 11** – Hoagie and Pierogies Sale Pick-Up

**February 12** – Annual Congregational Meeting

**February 22** – Ash Wednesday Service

**February 24, March 10 & 24** – Lenten Dinner

**Hoagie sale** - The Culinary Team is holding a hoagie sale. Regular Hoagies are \$7 each. Order by February 5<sup>th</sup>, at <https://www.ziontamaqua.com> or by calling 570-668-4451. Pick up is Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup> from noon until 3:00 pm.

**Pierogi Sale** - The Culinary crew is selling fresh pierogies homemade by the Raczka group from Minersville. \$6.00/dozen. No preorder: first come basis. Pick up is Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup> from noon until 3:00 pm.

*Altar Flower and Bulletin Sponsors needed for 2023 - The Altar Flower and Bulletin Sponsor list for 2023 is on the bulletin board. The costs of the flowers are \$36.80 (please note price increase) 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 12, 2023, following the 9:00 am Service. Our agenda will consist of the approval of the 2022 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.

**The Lenten season begins with Ash Wednesday on February 22, 2023.** A worship service will be held at Zion beginning at 7:00 pm with Holy Communion and the Imposition of Ashes.



**Ash  
Wednesday**



I would like to thank everyone for the recognition dinner. It was a big surprise and greatly appreciated. The gifts will be put to good use, especially on Super Bowl Sunday.  
Thanks again, Mark

**2022 financial statements have been mailed.** Please contact the church office as soon as possible if you have any questions or did not receive a statement at 570-668-2180 or [zionlcof@verizon.net](mailto:zionlcof@verizon.net) and a statement will be sent to you.

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. Thank you for your participation in this program. **We just received a check for \$297.13 from Boyer's! Keep using those cards!**



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## Zion Lenten Fish Dinner

**February 24, & March 10 & 24, 2023**

4:00 PM to 7:00 PM or sell-out

Adult \$12.00 – Children up to age 10 \$7.00

Take-Outs Available

Menu: Haddock, Crab Cakes or Chicken Fingers. Sides: Mac & Cheese, Stewed Tomatoes, and Cole Slaw. Sit in or take out available.  
Hope to see you there!