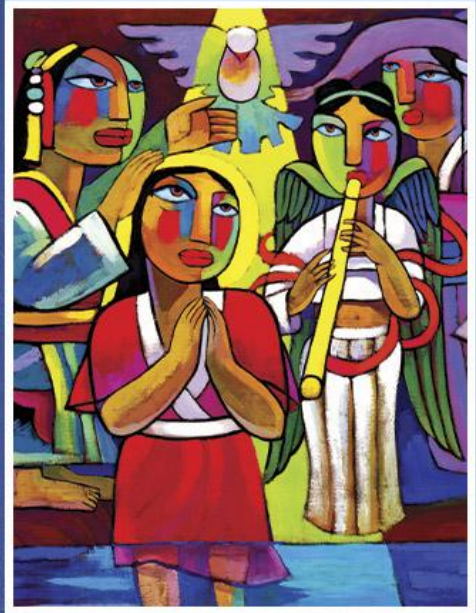


*Welcome!*

THIS IS  
MY SON,  
THE  
BELOVED

MATTHEW 3:17



## *Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church*

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

# The Baptism of Our Lord

January 11, 2026 ~ 9:00 am

## *The Liturgy of Word and Sacrament*

*In the waters of the Jordan, Jesus is revealed as the beloved Son of God. Through this great epiphany, Jesus fulfills all righteousness and becomes the servant of God who will bring forth justice and be a light to the nations. In the waters of baptism we too are washed by the Word, anointed by the Spirit, and named God's beloved children. Our baptismal mission is to proclaim good news to all who are oppressed or in need of God's healing.*

*\*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

***“Crashing Waters at Creation”***

ELW No. 455

**Crashing waters at creation, ordered by the Spirit's breath,  
first to witness day's beginning from the brightness of night's death:**

**Parting water stood and trembled as the captives passed on through,  
washing off the chains of bondage— channel to a life made new.**

**Cleansing water once at Jordan closed around the one foretold,  
opened to reveal the glory ever new and ever old.**

**Living water, never ending, quench the thirst and flood the soul.  
Wellspring, source of life eternal, drench our dryness, make us whole.**

*Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955-1993*

#### \* 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 our Father, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and  
anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their  
calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, through Jesus  
Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,  
now and forever. Amen.**

<p>~The Word~</p>
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**The First Lesson Isaiah 42:1-9**

*God's servant is endowed with God's spirit in order to bring justice to the nations. The servant will not exercise authority  
boisterously or with violence, nor will weariness ever prevent the fulfilling of the servant's task. God's old promises have  
been fulfilled; the servant's new assignment is to bring light to the nations.*

(*After the reading*)

THE WORD OF THE LORD

**Thanks be to God.**

**The Psalm 29** Tune "*Holy, Holy, Holy*" No. 165

ASCRIBE TO THE LORD, O HEAVENLY BEINGS, ASCRIBE TO THE LORD GLORY AND  
STRENGTH. ASCRIBE TO THE LORD THE GLORY DUE HIS NAME; WORSHIP THE LORD IN  
HOLY SPLENDOR.

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!**

THE VOICE OF THE LORD IS UPON THE WATERS; THE GOD OF GLORY THUNDERS, AND HIS  
VOICE ECHOES OVER THE OCEANS. THE VOICE OF THE LORD BREAKS THE CEDARS, EVEN

THE CEDARS OF LEBANON; HE MAKES LEBANON SKIP LIKE A CALF, AND MOUNT HERMON LIKE A YOUNG WILD OX.

**All thy works shall praise thy name, In earth and sky and sea.**

THE VOICE OF THE LORD IS A POWERFUL VOICE; THE VOICE OF THE LORD IS A VOICE OF SPLENDOR.

**Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!**

THE VOICE OF THE LORD FLASHES FORTH IN FLAMES OF FIRE; THE VOICE OF THE LORD SHAKES THE WILDERNESS; THE LORD SHAKES THE WILDERNESS OF KADESH. THE VOICE OF THE LORD SHAKES THE OAKS, AND STRIPS THE FOREST BARE, WHILE EVERYONE IN HIS TEMPLE SHOUTS, "GLORY TO GOD!"

**God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!**

THE LORD SITS ENTHRONED OVER THE FLOOD; THE LORD SITS ENTHRONED AS KING FOREVER.

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our songs shall rise to thee.**  
MAY THE LORD GIVE STRENGTH TO HIS PEOPLE!

**Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!**

MAY THE LORD BLESS HIS PEOPLE WITH PEACE!

**God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!**

## **The Second Lesson Acts 10:34-43**

*Peter crosses the sharp religious boundary separating Jews from Gentiles and proclaims the good news of God's inclusive forgiveness in Jesus' name to Cornelius, a Roman centurion. As a result of Peter's preaching, Cornelius and his family become the first Gentiles to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.*

*(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 3:13-17**

*Before Jesus begins his ministry, he is baptized by John, touched by the Spirit, and identified publicly as God's child.*

*(Before the Gospel)*

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT MATTHEW THE 3<sup>RD</sup> 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**

***"Wade in the Water"***

ELW No. 459

*(Refrain)* **Wade in the water, wade in the water, children,  
wade in the water, God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.**

**See that host all dressed in white, God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.  
the leader looks like the Israelite. God's a-goin'-a trouble the water. *(Refrain)***

**See that band all dressed in red, God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.  
looks like the band that Moses led. God's a-goin'-a trouble the water. *(Refrain)***

Look over yonder, what do I see? God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.  
the Holy Ghost a-coming on me. God's a-goin'-a trouble the water. (*Refrain*)

If you don't believe I've been redeemed, God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.  
just follow me down to Jordan's stream. God's a-goin'-a trouble the water. (*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.*

STEADFAST GOD, GIVE COURAGE TO YOUR SERVANT CHURCH. HEAL OUR DIVISIONS AND UNITE US IN MISSION. UPHOLD OUR LAY LEADERS, MISSIONARIES, PASTORS, AND BISHOPS, AND ALL WHO PROCLAIM HOPE IN A BROKEN WORLD. MERCIFUL GOD,

**receive our prayer.**

RESTORING GOD, CLEANSE THE LIFE-GIVING WATERS OF RIVERS, SEAS, AND SPRINGS. CREATE IN US AN URGENT DESIRE TO PRESERVE THE BEAUTY AND BOUNTY OF YOUR GOOD CREATION. MERCIFUL GOD,

**receive our prayer.**

RIGHTEOUS GOD, YOU GUIDE THE NATIONS. RECONCILE WARRING ENEMIES AND END CYCLES OF VIOLENT RETRIBUTION. DEFEND THE RIGHTS OF PRISONERS, DETAINEES, AND ALL WHO FLEE FROM PERSECUTION. SUSTAIN INTERNATIONAL AID WORKERS AND PEACEMAKERS. MERCIFUL GOD,

**receive our prayer.**

COMPASSIONATE GOD, YOU CARE FOR ALL IN DISTRESS. PROVIDE SAFETY AND SUPPORT FOR THOSE SEEKING ASYLUM OR IN NEED OF SHELTER. BE NEAR TO THE DYING, AND COMFORT ALL WHO ARE GRIEVING OR ILL ESPECIALLY THE FAMILY OF JAN MCROBERTS; GARY, BETTY, WALTER, FORREST, STEVE, CHRISTINE, EDDIE, GEORGE, D ALL OUR MEMBERS WHO ARE HOMEBOUND. MERCIFUL GOD,

**receive our prayer.**

LOVING GOD, AWAKEN THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT IN THIS CONGREGATION, THAT WE MAY SERVE CHRIST BY LOVING ONE ANOTHER, OUR NEIGHBORS, AND OUR ENEMIES. WE PRAY FOR TRAVELERS AND THOSE WHO ARE HOMEBOUND. MERCIFUL GOD,

**receive our prayer.**

PROMISING GOD, IN BAPTISM WE DIE AND RISE WITH CHRIST. WE GIVE THANKS FOR THOSE WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US, AND WE TRUST THAT WE WILL JOIN THEM IN YOUR EVERLASTING PEACE. 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](http://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 “*Like a Dove*” – Purifoy**

**~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**

**“*Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized*”** ELW No. 304

**Christ, when for us you were baptized, God's Spirit on you came,  
as peaceful as a dove, and yet as urgent as a flame, as urgent as a flame.**

**God called you, "My beloved Son"; you are God's servant true,  
sent to proclaim the reign of heav'n, God's holy will to do, God's holy will to do.**

**Straightway and steadfast until death you then obeyed the call  
to serve with free and willing heart, to give your life for all, to give your life for all.**

**Baptize us with your Spirit, Lord; your cross on us be signed,  
that likewise in God's service we may perfect freedom find, may perfect freedom find.**

**ACKNOWLEDGMENTS**

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**January 18, 2026 readings are:**

**Isaiah 49:1-7**

**Psalm 40:1-11**

**1 Corinthians 1:1-9**

**John 1:29-42**



# ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

*January 10-11, 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 granddaughter, Kendall McLaughlin by grandparents, Barry and Marlene McLaughlin and uncles, Chris and Eddie

*Please remember the following in your prayers: The family and friends of Jan McRoberts, Gary Schreppe, Betty Ann Waidell, Walter Weston, Forrest, Steve Ristila, Christine Zimmerman, Eddie Smith, George Weaver, and all our members who are homebound.*

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

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

## **Welcome!!**

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

Parish office email address is [zionlcof@verizon.net](mailto:zionlcof@verizon.net)

Parish website is [www.ziontamaqua.com](http://www.ziontamaqua.com)

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

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

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

# This Week in Our Church

## SUNDAY, January 11, 2026

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

## MONDAY

7:00 Finance Meeting

## FRIDAY

5:30 Diaper Depot Prep

## SATURDAY

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

## SUNDAY, January 18, 2026

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

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

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

Received 1/4/26 in support of Zion Ministries:

From our gifts	\$2,898.79
From Thrift Store	\$0.00
From Endowment (other)	\$0.00
From Culinary	\$0.00

Received for Endowment: \$175.00

Received for Capital Campaign: \$1,005.08

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

From offering/gifts/memorials:	\$2,898.79
From Thrift Store:	\$0.00*
From Endowment:	\$0.00
From Culinary:	\$0.00

Year-to-date total for Zion's mission/ministries: \$2,898.79

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

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

*We extend our Christian Love and Sympathy to the family and friends of Jan McRoberts, who passed away on January 2, 2026. We ask God to comfort the family at this time. Please keep them in your prayers.*

## ***GIFTS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD***

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

In loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. Francis Epler at Christmas by daughter, Joan Deitrich

In loving memory of our parents, Louis & Ruth Markel and Francis (Murph) Arner by Fran and Joyce Arner

In loving memory of his sister, Diane Miller by Fran and Joyce Arner

In loving memory of their niece, McKayla Wall by Fran and Joyce Arner

In loving memory of Jan McRoberts. May God grant unto her eternal rest. by Sharon Haldeman

Special Thank you to Mark Valentine, Bob Fisher, Charlie Long & Mike Miller for taking copper roofing material removed from bell tower and other items scrapped

### ***ENDOWMENT FUND DONATIONS are given to the Glory of God and***

In loving memory of Larry, Roger & Mary by Judy

In loving memory of loved ones by John & Carl Dietrich & family

In loving memory of my husband John and our parents and grandparents at Christmas by Sharon Haldeman

In loving memory of family & friends by Lori & Bill Krell

In loving memory of Paul Pecha Jr by Irene & family

In loving memory of McKayla Wall by Lauren & Jesse Wall

In loving memory of Jan McRoberts by Sandy & Joe Mehalko

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

In loving memory of our parents, Oliver and Jane Steigerwalt & Arthur and Ruth (Brown) Jones by Bob & Gail Jones

### ***POINSETTIA PLANTS are given to the Glory of God and***

In loving memory of Paul Pecha Jr. by Irene & family

In loving memory of loved ones by Donna & Morgan Thomas & family

In loving memory of Hubert Becker by Bonnie & Family

### ***DIAPER DEPOT DONATIONS are given to the Glory of God and***

In name of Joanne Tuckett

In name of Kay & Michael Truchan

Given in honor of Pastor Cindy White by Richard & Judith Ketz

## **Upcoming Events**

**January 12** – Annual Report Deadline

**January 18** – Acolyte Training

**January 19** – Newsletter Deadline

**February 8** – Annual Congregational Meeting

**February 18** – Ash Wednesday Service

**There will be Acolyte training on January 18, 2026** after Church during Sunday School Hour. Thank you.

**Attention Committees:** All committee chairpersons are reminded to submit a report outlining the activities of your committee in 2025 for the annual report. These reports are to be submitted to the church office no later than January 12, 2026. You can e-mail the church office at [zionlcof@verizon.net](mailto:zionlcof@verizon.net) or stop by the office. Thank you for your co-operation.

***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!***

**DEADLINE:** All information for the **February 2026 issue of the “Herald”** is due at the church office no later than **Monday, January 19, 2026. Please note this is a combined issue.** You may e-mail your information to [zionlcof@verizon.net](mailto:zionlcof@verizon.net) or stop in during regular office hours. Thank you for your co-operation!

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

**Zion’s Blessings Thrift Shop** – There will be no sale in February. The next sale will be on March 6, 2026. We **ARE NOT** accepting donations of any kind until further notice. Please watch the bulletin in February for updates on what we will accepting at that time. Thank you all for your continued support!

**When submitting Redner’s receipts:**

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

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