

Welcome!



*Jesus did this,
the first of
his signs,
in Cana
of Galilee*

JOHN 2:11

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

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

The Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 19, 2025 ~ 9:00 am

The Liturgy of Word and Sacrament

The Sundays after Epiphany continue to celebrate the revelation of God's glory to us as it was made known to the magi and to those on Jordan's banks at Jesus' baptism—today using wedding imagery. Our God rejoices over God's people as those being married rejoice over one another. By the power of the Spirit there are gifts galore for everyone. In Christ Jesus the best wine is saved for last. Taste and see.

**Congregation please stand*

The Pre-service Music

~ The Gathering ~

*** The Confession and Forgiveness**

BLESSED BE THE HOLY TRINITY, ✚ ONE GOD, OUR CREATOR, OUR PROTECTOR, OUR WELLSPRING OF LIFE.

Amen.

TRUSTING THAT GOD RECEIVES OUR WORDS AND THE MEDITATIONS OF OUR HEARTS, LET US CONFESS OUR SIN.

Please kneel if able.

MERCIFUL GOD,

you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.

GOD PROCLAIMS THESE WORDS OF ASSURANCE: "DO NOT FEAR, FOR I HAVE REDEEMED YOU. I HAVE CALLED YOU BY NAME. YOU ARE MINE." IN ✚ CHRIST, YOU ARE FORGIVEN. IN THE SPIRIT, YOU ARE MADE FREE. REFRESHED BY THE WATERS OF MERCY, LIVE ANEW AS BELOVED CHILDREN OF GOD.

Amen.

*** The Gathering Hymn**

"Bind Us Together"

WOV No. 748

(Refrain) **Bind us together, Lord, bind us together
with cords that cannot be broken.**

**Bind us together, Lord, bind us together,
Lord, bind us together in love.**

There is only one God. There is only one King.

There is only one Body; that is why we can sing: *(Refrain)*

You are the family of God. You are the promise divine.

You are God's chosen desire, you are the glorious new wine. *(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:

**Lord God, source of every blessing, you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by
the works of your Son, who brought gladness and salvation to his people. Transform us
by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior
and Lord. Amen.**

~The Word~

The First Lesson Isaiah 62:1-5

The people's return to Judah after the exile was marred by economic and political troubles. Nevertheless, the prophet declares, Jerusalem and Judah will be restored. God will rejoice over Jerusalem as a bridegroom rejoices over the bride, and the people are called to the celebration.

(*After the reading*)

THE WORD OF THE LORD

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm 36:5-10 Tune "As With Gladness Men of Old" No.82

YOUR LOVE, O LORD, REACHES TO THE HEAVENS.

Tow'ring as the mountains' height, Is your justice and your right.

YOUR FAITHFULNESS EXTENDS TO THE SKIES.

Boundless as the ocean tide, Is your mercy, deep and wide.

YOU SAVE HUMANS AND ANIMALS ALIKE.

Of your love creation sings, From the shelter of your wings.

YOU LET US DRINK FROM THE RIVERS OF YOUR GOODNESS.

From you, Lord, life's fountain flows; In your light the true Light glows.
WE FEAST ON THE ABUNDANCE YOU PROVIDE.

Source of faithfulness and light, In your light do we see light.
CONTINUE YOUR LOVINGKINDNESS TO THOSE WHO KNOW YOU, AND YOUR FAVOR TO
THOSE WHO ARE UPRIGHT IN HEART.

Alleluia! Glory be, To the Lord eternally!

The Second Lesson 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

The congregation at Corinth experienced division as people were comparing their spiritual gifts, thinking some to be superior to others. Paul invites this fractured community to trust that God's Holy Spirit has gifted them all perfectly for their mission together.

(After the reading)

THE WORD OF THE LORD

Thanks be to God.

*** The Gospel Acclamation** *(Alleluia Verse LWB p. 62)*

Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

*** The Holy Gospel St. John 2:1-11**

Turning water to wine at the wedding at Cana is described as the first of Jesus' signs. Through many such epiphanies, Jesus reveals that he bears God's creative power and joyful presence into the world.

(Before the Gospel)

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT JOHN THE 2ND 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**

"Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning"

No. 84

Stanzas 1,2,3

*** 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**

WITH THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST SHINING UPON US, LET US BOLDLY PRAY FOR THE CHURCH,
THE WORLD, AND ALL OF CREATION.

A brief silence.

GIVER OF GIFTS, YOU FORM EACH MEMBER OF THE CHURCH TO SERVE. INSPIRE US TO BOLDLY USE GIFTS OF WELCOME AND HEALING, SERVICE AND TEACHING, LEADING AND PREACHING, FOR THE SAKE OF YOUR WORK IN THE WORLD. GOD OF GRACE,

hear our prayer.

REFUGE OF CREATURES, YOU PLACE ALL THE LIVING UNDER THE SHADOW OF YOUR WINGS. LEAD US IN WAYS THAT TEND TO THE NEEDS OF WILD AND DOMESTIC ANIMALS, CREATURES THREATENED BY EXTINCTION, AND THE ENVIRONMENT WE SHARE. GOD OF GRACE,

hear our prayer.

VOICE OF THE OPPRESSED, YOU CALL PROPHETS THROUGHOUT TIME. WE REMEMBER THE REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR., A VOICE FOR RACIAL AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE AND FOR PEACE. GUIDE OUR NATION IN CONTINUING TO HEED YOUR PROPHETIC CALL. GOD OF GRACE,

hear our prayer.

GOD OF STEADFAST LOVE, AS JESUS CELEBRATED AT CANA, NURTURE MARRIAGES AND RELATIONSHIPS IN MUTUAL CARE; IN TIMES OF SEPARATION OR DIVORCE HOLD TENDERLY BROKEN HEARTS AND BROKEN DREAMS. BE PRESENT TO ALL WHO ARE SICK, GRIEVING OR IN ANY NEED ESPECIALLY STEVE, CHRISTINE, EDDIE, GEORGE, JAN, RALPH, AND ALL OUR MEMBERS WHO ARE HOMEBOUND. GOD OF GRACE,

hear our prayer.

SPIRIT OF PEACE, CELEBRATING THIS WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY, WE PRAY FOR NEIGHBORING CONGREGATIONS AND MINISTRY SITES. NURTURE OUR SHARED COMMITMENT TO EMBODY JESUS' LOVE, JUSTICE, AND HEALING. GOD OF GRACE,

hear our prayer.

WELLSPRING OF LIFE, IN LIVING AND DYING WE TRUST IN YOU. WE GIVE THANKS FOR THE SAINTS. GUIDE US IN OUR LIVING UNTIL, AT LAST, WE REST IN YOU. 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.

WE ENTRUST OUR PRAYERS TO YOU, O GOD, IN THE SURE AND CERTAIN HOPE THAT YOUR PROMISE IS REVEALED AMONG THE PEOPLE.

Amen.

* **The Peace of Christ**

THE PEACE OF THE LORD BE WITH YOU ALWAYS.

And also with you.

~The Meal~

The Offering and Offertory

Zion members, please use your envelopes for contributions so that your offering may be officially recorded. Please mail your envelopes to Zion Lutheran Church 101 N. Greenwood Street Tamaqua, PA 18252 or visit ziontamaqua.com for our Vanco option.

* **The Offertory Procession** “*What Child is This?*”

No. 40 stanza 3

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; Come, peasant, king, to own him.

The King of kings salvation brings; Let loving hearts enthrone him.

Raise, raise the song on high, The virgin sings her lullaby;

Joy, joy, for Christ is born, The babe, the son of Mary!

*** The Offertory Prayer**

LET US PRAY: GOD OF GRACE, YOUR LOVE REACHES TO THE HEAVENS, AND YOUR ABUNDANCE TO THE DEPTHS OF THE SEAS. BLESS WHAT WE OFFER TO YOUR SERVICE: OUR GIFTS, OUR ABILITIES, AND OUR HEARTS. LET US OVERFLOW WITH GRATITUDE AND GENEROSITY, NOW AND ALWAYS.

Amen.

*** The Great Thanksgiving**

*** 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: *(LBW page 69)*

(Sung) **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might:**

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. 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**

THE JOY OF THE LORD IS OUR STRENGTH. COME, EAT THIS MEAL OF GLADNESS.

*** The Agnus Dei “Lamb of God”** (*LBW page 72*)

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.

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: NOURISHING GOD, AT THIS TABLE YOU HAVE REFRESHED US WITH HOLY GIFTS OF FOOD AND DRINK. STRENGTHEN US FOR SERVICE AND SEND US OUT TO EMBODY YOUR GOOD NEWS OF LIBERATION AND HEALING FOR THE SAKE OF THE WORLD. IN THE NAME OF CHRIST WE PRAY,

Amen.

The Senior Choir Anthem “My Gift for Him” – Pethel

~The Sending~

*** The Blessing**

THE SPIRIT OF THE TRIUNE GOD ✚ BLESS YOU WITH JOY, ANOINT YOU WITH COMPASSION, AND SEND YOU IN LOVE.

(Sung) **Amen! Amen! Amen!**

*** The Sending**

GO IN PEACE. LIVE IN HOPE.

Thanks be to God.

(Refrain) **Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father’s glory;
Blaze, spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with love and mercy;
Send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!**

**Lord, the light of your love is shining,
In the midst of the darkness, shining; Jesus, light of the world,
Shine upon us, set us free by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on me, shine on me. *(Refrain)***

**As we gaze on your kingly brightness,
So our faces display your likeness, Ever changing from glory to glory,
Mirrored here, May our lives tell your story.
Shine on me, shine on me. *(Refrain)***

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First Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5 – Not Printed

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 – Not Printed

Gospel: John 2:1-11

¹ On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ² Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³ When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” ⁴ And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.” ⁵ His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.” ⁶ Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷ Jesus said to them, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸ He said to them, “Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.” So they took it. ⁹ When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom ¹⁰ and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.” ¹¹ Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

January 26, 2025 readings are:

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

Psalm 19

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

Luke 4:14-21

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

January 18-19, 2024

**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 BULLETINS are given to the Glory of God and

In loving memory of my mother, Ella Gerber by daughter, Marlene McLaughlin and family

A January 26th Altar Flower sponsor is needed

Altar flower sponsors are needed for February 9th, 16th, and 23rd.

Bulletin sponsors are needed for February 2nd, 9th, and 23rd.

Please sign up on the church bulletin board.

Please remember the following in your prayers: Steve Ristila, Christine Zimmerman, Eddie Smith, George Weaver, Jan McRoberts, Ralph Derr, and all our members who are homebound.

Welcome!!

Parish office phone 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 2024 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 Arlene Derr, Glenn Fritzinger, Thomas Graham, Carol Hartung, Amanda Hascin, Steve Ristila, Brittany Scalfani 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 19, 2025

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

MONDAY

- Newsletter Deadline
- 5:45 Property Meeting
- 6:30 Council Meeting

SATURDAY

- 6:00 Saturday Evening Worship

SUNDAY, January 26, 2025

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

The January Joyful Noise collection is for the American Kidney Fund: 97% of all donations goes to the programs to help people affected with this disease. Thank you for your generosity!

Attention Committees: All committee chairpersons are reminded to submit a report outlining the activities of your committee in 2024 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.

Upcoming Events

ASAP – Annual Report Deadline

January 20 – Newsletter Deadline

February 9 – Annual Congregational Meeting

March 5 – Ash Wednesday Service

Our Blessing Thrift Store will be closed January and February 2025 and will resume March 7, 2025. We would like to thank all the people that helped make this Outreach a success from the generosity of the donations that we receive, to the helpers who organize the goods, and the people who bake and donate food items. Please keep this Outreach in your prayers. **PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE DONATIONS OUTSIDE BY THE HANDICAP ENTRANCE.** Thank you, Outreach Committee

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

Our ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held Sunday, February 9, 2025, following the 9:00 am Service. Our agenda will consist of the approval of the 2024 Annual reports for all committees and organizations. As always, we encourage all members to attend this meeting as a quorum needs to be met.

*Altar Flower and Bulletin Sponsors needed for 2025 - The Altar Flower and Bulletin Sponsor list for 2025 is on the bulletin board. The costs of the flowers are \$42.40 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 **2025 issue of the "Herald"** is due at the church office no later than **Monday, January 20, 2025.** You may e-mail your information to zionlcof@verizon.net or stop in during regular office hours. Thank you for your co-operation!

CPR Class - February 22, 2025, from 8:30-12:30. We encourage our youth to participate. There is a Sign-up sheet in gathering room or Contact Art Connely at 570-778-7710 or Glenn Fritzingler at 484-560-8211. Deadline for sign-ups is February 16th.

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!

DID YOU KNOW ...Zion is now a Tamaqua Narcan distribution site? You may be wondering what is Narcan? Narcan is a life-saving medication used to reverse the effects of accidental opioid overdoses.

This medication is good to have on hand because:

1. You could end up saving a friend or neighbor in need. You never know when you'll encounter someone in need of this life-saving medication. Keep it in your purse or your car for when you might need it.
2. Parents with teenagers are encouraged to keep naloxone in their homes.
3. Senior citizens can mistakenly overdose on medications. Having more of this life-saving drug in the community is important.



Narcan kits are available free of charge. Feel free to grab one off the table. Our Parish Administrator will pass on Narcan requests to Michele Valentine who is heading this ministry. Michele will contact you by phone to facilitate your request. Questions? Perhaps Michele Valentine, Michael Haspe, Dave Fetterman or George Taylor can help.