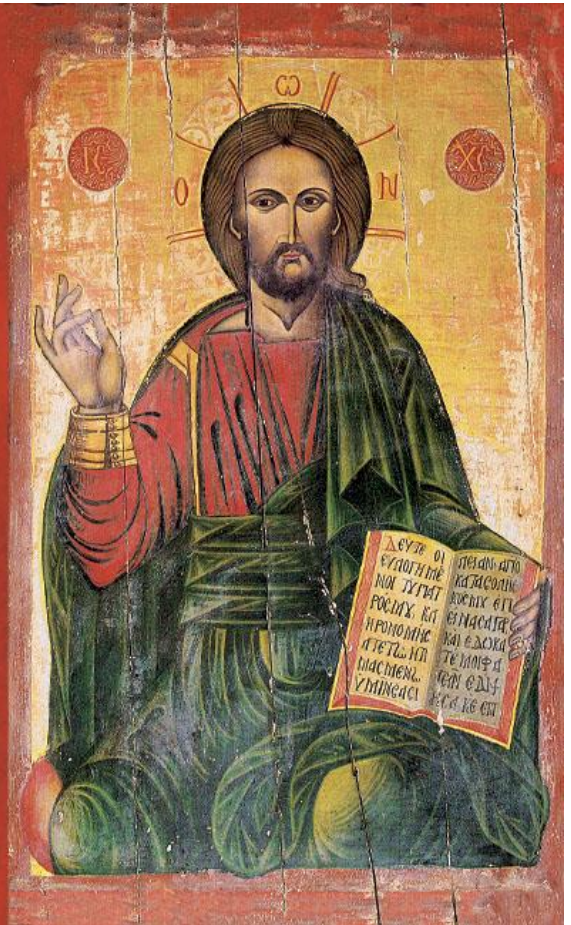


Welcome!

TODAY
THIS SCRIPTURE
HAS BEEN
FULFILLED
IN YOUR HEARING

LUKE 4:21



Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

101 N. Greenwood Street, Tamaqua, PA 18252
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Our Mission: Empowered and Inspired by God to bring others to Christ.

The Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 26, 2025 ~ 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, OUR CREATOR, OUR PROTECTOR, OUR WELLSRING 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**

"Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

No. 559

*** 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** *(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. 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**

"The Church's One Foundation"

No. 369 Stanzas 1,2,4

*** 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.

AS YOUR WORD IS OPENED IN OUR MIDST, WE GIVE THANKS FOR ALL WHO SHARE SCRIPTURE: FOR PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS, AND GODPARENTS; TEACHERS AND MENTORS; DEACONS, PASTORS, BISHOPS, AND SCHOLARS. INSPIRE PASSION FOR THE STORIES OF FAITH. GOD OF GRACE,

hear our prayer.

AS HEAVENS DECLARE YOUR GLORY AND THE SKY PROCLAIMS YOUR WORK, WE LIFT OUR VOICES IN AWE OF QUARKS AND ATOMS, VAST STARS AND SOLAR SYSTEMS. GUIDE US TO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF YOUR HANDIWORK. GOD OF GRACE,

hear our prayer.

AS JESUS PROCLAIMED LIFE AND FREEDOM IN HIS COMMUNITY, ENERGIZE COMMUNITIES AND NATIONS TO ELIMINATE POVERTY, ENGAGE IN PRISON MINISTRY AND TRANSFORMATIVE JUSTICE, AND ENVISION NEW WAYS OF WORKING TOGETHER FOR YOUR PROMISED REIGN. GOD OF GRACE,

hear our prayer.

AS YOUR WORD AND PRESENCE REVIVE THE SOUL, ACCOMPANY ALL EXPERIENCING DEPRESSION, ANXIETY, OR EATING DISORDERS; BE A SOURCE OF STRENGTH FOR ALL AFFECTED BY MEMORY LOSS AND THEIR CAREGIVERS; DRAW NEAR TO ALL UNDERGOING MEDICAL TREATMENT OR SURGERY ESPECIALLY STEVE, CHRISTINE, EDDIE, GEORGE, JAN, RALPH, AND ALL OUR MEMBERS WHO ARE HOMEBOUND. GOD OF GRACE,

hear our prayer.

AS WE ARE MADE ONE BODY IN BAPTISM, STRENGTHEN ALL WHO SERVE. RENEW AND INSPIRE ALL WHO USE THEIR GIFTS IN THIS CONGREGATION, COMMUNITY, AND THE WORLD. GOD OF GRACE,

hear our prayer.

AS OUR FAITH IS STRENGTHENED BY SAINTS WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US, WE REMEMBER LEADERS OF THE EARLY CHURCH, AND BELOVED FRIENDS AND FAMILY WHO HAVE DIED. 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 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.

*** The Sending Hymn**

“Give to God Immortal Praise!”

No. 520

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

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a - ¹² For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

¹⁴ Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵ If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶ And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸ But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹ If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰ As it is, there are many members, yet one body. ²¹ The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” ²² On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³ and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; ²⁴ whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, ²⁵ that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶ If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. ²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸ And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. ²⁹ Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰ Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ^{31a} But strive for the greater gifts.

Gospel: Luke 4:14-21 - ¹⁴ Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵ He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. ¹⁶ When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: ¹⁸ “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, ¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” ²⁰ And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹ Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

February 2, 2025 readings are:

Malachi 3:1-4

Psalm 84

Hebrews 2:14-18

Luke 2:22-24

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

January 25-26, 2025

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

In honor of Sharon Connely on her birthday by husband, Art

THE BULLETINS are given to the Glory of God and

In loving memory of Robert E. Whitenight for our 48th Anniversary by wife, Ann and daughters

ENDOWMENT FUND DONATIONS are given to the Glory of God and

In loving memory of his brother, Phil by Paul Wolfe

In loving memory of James Bynon by Paul & Betty Dombrosky

In loving memory of Dodie Whitenight by Paul & Betty Dombrosky

In honor of the 50th Anniversary of our friends, George & MaryRuth Taylor by Maynard & Susan
Mervine

DIAPER DEPOT FUND DONATIONS are given to the Glory of God and

In name of Kay & Michael Truchan

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 26, 2025

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

MONDAY

5:45 Property Meeting
6:30 Council Meeting

SATURDAY

6:00 Saturday Evening Worship

SUNDAY, February 2, 2025

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

Supporting Zion's Ministries

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

Received 1/19/25 in support of Zion Ministries:

From our gifts	\$63.00
From Thrift Store	\$0.00
From Endowment (other)	\$0.00
Received for Endowment:	\$0.00
Received for Capital Campaign:	\$0.00

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

From offering/gifts/memorials:	\$2,893.71
From Thrift Store:	\$0.00*
From Endowment:	\$0.00
From Culinary:	\$0.00

Year-to-date total for Zion's mission/ministries: \$2,893.71

* 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.

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!

Upcoming Events

February 8 – Hoagie Sale

February 9 – Annual Congregational Meeting

February 22 – CPR Class

March 2 – Lenten Bible Study

March 5 – Ash Wednesday Service

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.

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. **We just received a check for \$361.96.** Thank you for your participation in this program. Keep using those cards!

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

Lenten Bible Study: Sunday Afternoons - March 2nd - April 6th from 12:30-2pm in the Choir Room - Join us for "*The Last Days of Jesus*" 6-Session Bible Study! From Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem to His glorious resurrection, the *Last Days of Jesus* Bible study provides a fantastic overview of six major events surrounding Jesus' death and resurrection! Hosted by Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod Licensed Lay Minister Candidates Michael Haspe, & Nancy Meiser. Pre-Registration Required so we can order enough materials. Please email zionlutheraneducation@gmail.com, or signup in the Gathering Room. We hope to see you there!

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.

DEADLINE: All information for the February **2025 issue of the “Herald”** is due at the church office ASAP. You may e-mail your information to zionlcof@verizon.net or stop in during regular office hours. Thank you for your co-operation!

The Culinary Team is holding a hoagie sale, Regular Hoagies are \$8 each. Pick up is Saturday, February 8th from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm. Order by February 2nd, at <https://www.ziontamaqua.com> or by calling 570-668-4451. Thank you for your support!!

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? Michele Valentine, Michael Haspe, Dave Fetterman or George Taylor.