SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
HOLY COMMUNION
Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

January 18, 2026 – 10:00 AM

WELCOME!

We are delighted you are here today.
Everyone is welcome at Zion and all – without exception – are welcome to Holy Communion.

FREE COFFEE
Why not join us for some great coffee and conversation after worship near the east entryway. See you there!

CONNECT
To connect with the Zion community, scan this QR code. You can indicate prayer requests and find a link to subscribe to Zion's newsletter.

PRAYER PODIUM
Inside the sanctuary entrance is a Prayer Podium. You can write prayer request(s) to be included in today's Prayers of Intercession.

ACCESSIBILITY
All floors of the building are accessible by elevator. Sanctuary space is available for those with wheelchairs, walkers, or strollers. Please ask an usher if assistance is helpful. Large print bulletins are available.

NAME TAGS
We want to be a place where everyone knows your name! Name tag stickers are available on the welcome table in the gathering space. When you want one, a permanent name tag will be provided.

WORSHIP LIVESTREAM
We livestream worship on YouTube and the Zion Facebook page. You might appear in the livestream, but for security purposes, our children's sermon is blurred.

WiFi Network: Zion Guest
WiFi Password: Zion5822321

CHILDREN
We welcome kids of all ages! Children are invited to enjoy the carpeted zone in the rear of the sanctuary. There are activity bags on hooks along the back wall. Check out our Kids Station in the same area. If you wish to take your child (<4 yrs) to the nursery, it is located in the lounge across from the sanctuary and staffed.

GATHERING

** Indicates stand as you are able*

PRELUDE "Coming to Grace" (medley) Young

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 314 * *Arise, Your Light has Come!*

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM *

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

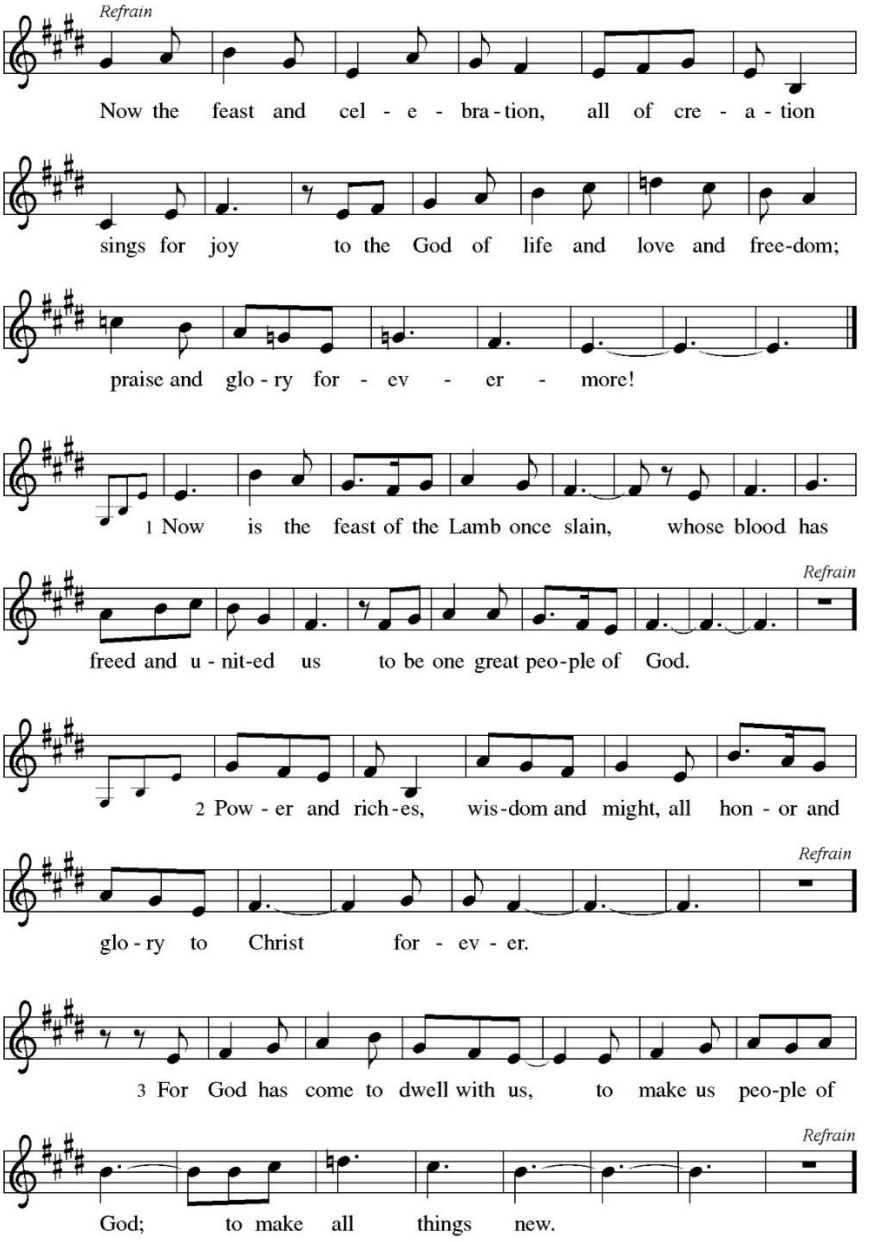
Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the unity of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. **And also with you.**

HYMN OF PRAISE *



PRAYER OF THE DAY *

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray. Holy God, **our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 49:1-7

Listen to me, O coastlands;
pay attention, you peoples from far away!
The Lord called me before I was born;
while I was in my mother's womb he named me.
He made my mouth like a sharp sword;
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;
he made me a polished arrow;
in his quiver he hid me away.
And he said to me, "You are my servant,
Israel, in whom I will be glorified."
But I said, "I have labored in vain;
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;
yet surely my cause is with the Lord
and my reward with my God."

And now the Lord says,
who formed me in the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him,
and that Israel might be gathered to him,
for I am honored in the sight of the Lord,
and my God has become my strength—
he says,
"It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
to raise up the tribes of Jacob
and to restore the survivors of Israel;
I will give you as a light to the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

Thus says the Lord,
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,
the slave of rulers,
"Kings shall see and stand up;
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,
because of the Lord, who is faithful,
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 40:1-11

I waited patiently upon the Lord,
who stooped to me and heard my cry.
The Lord lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the miry clay,
and set my feet upon a high cliff, making my footing sure.
The Lord put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God;
many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the Lord.
Happy are they who trust in the Lord!
They do not turn to enemies or to those who follow lies.
Great are the wonders you have done, O Lord my God! In your plans for us, none can be compared with you!
Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! But they are more than I can count.
Sacrifice and offering you do not desire;
you have opened my ears: burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required.
And so I said, "Here I am; I come.
In the scroll of the book it is written of me:
'I love to do your will, O my God;
your law is deep within me.' "
I proclaimed righteousness in the great assembly;
I have not restrained my lips, O Lord, you know.
I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance;
I have not concealed your steadfast love and truth from the great assembly.
You are the Lord; do not withhold your compassion from me;
may your steadfast love and your truth continually keep me safe.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

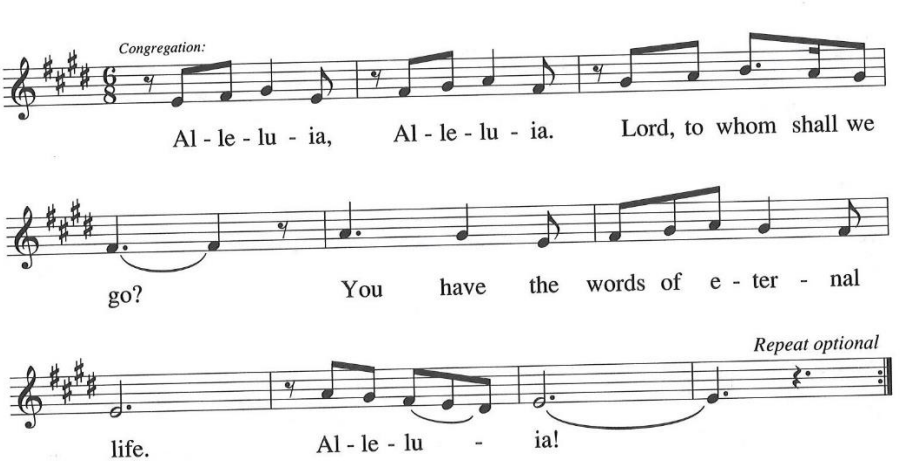
To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL VERSE *



HOLY GOSPEL: John 1:29-42 *

The Holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One."

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S TIME

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY 798 * *Will You Come and Follow Me*

APOSTLES CREED *

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, 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,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *

After each petition ending: Merciful God, *congregation responds:* **hear our prayer.**

Pastor concludes: 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 *

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY COMMUNION

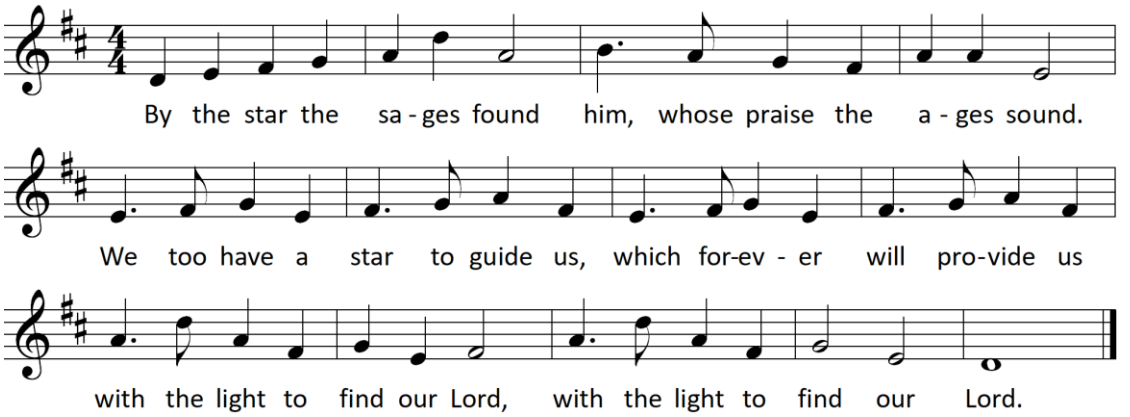
OFFERING

With gratitude, we receive offerings during worship to support the mission and ministries of Zion Lutheran Church. You may make your Sunday offering in one of two ways:

- By placing your offering in the plate that is passed now or
- Scan the QR code with your phone.

MUSIC AT THE OFFERING "Sonata in A Minor, III. Adagio" G.P. Telemann

OFFERTORY *



OFFERING 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.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING *

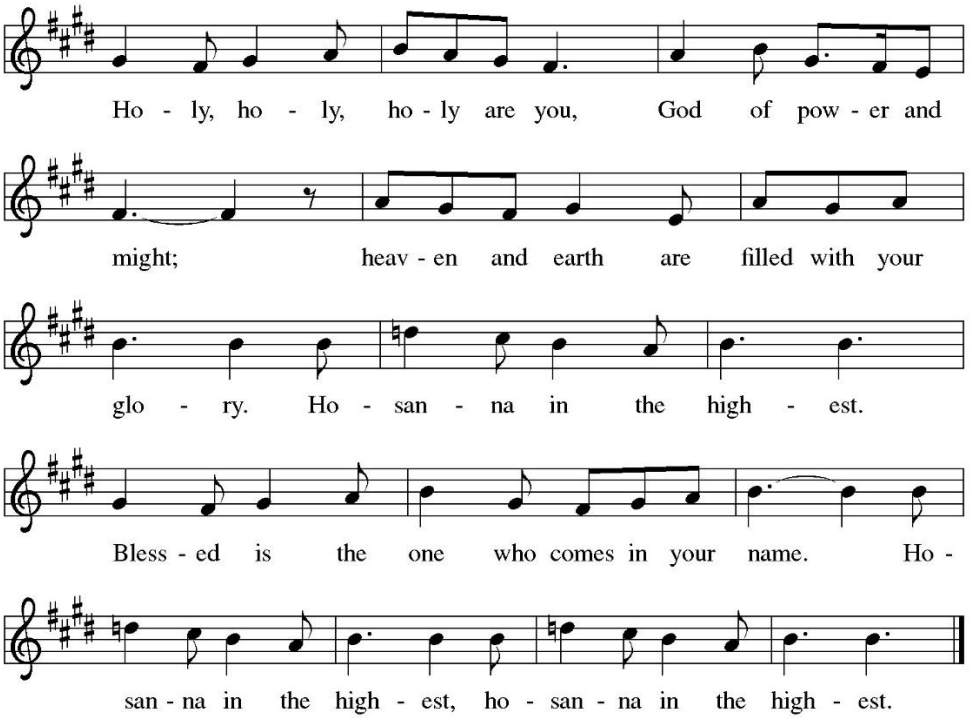
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



We give you thanks, Almighty God, through Jesus Christ, your beloved Son, whom you sent in this end of the ages to save us and redeem us and to proclaim to us your will.

He is your Word, become flesh, He is your light in the darkness. He is our hope and our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and gave it to his disciples saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

In the same way he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, then, his death and resurrection, we share this bread and cup and proclaim the mystery of faith: **Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again.**

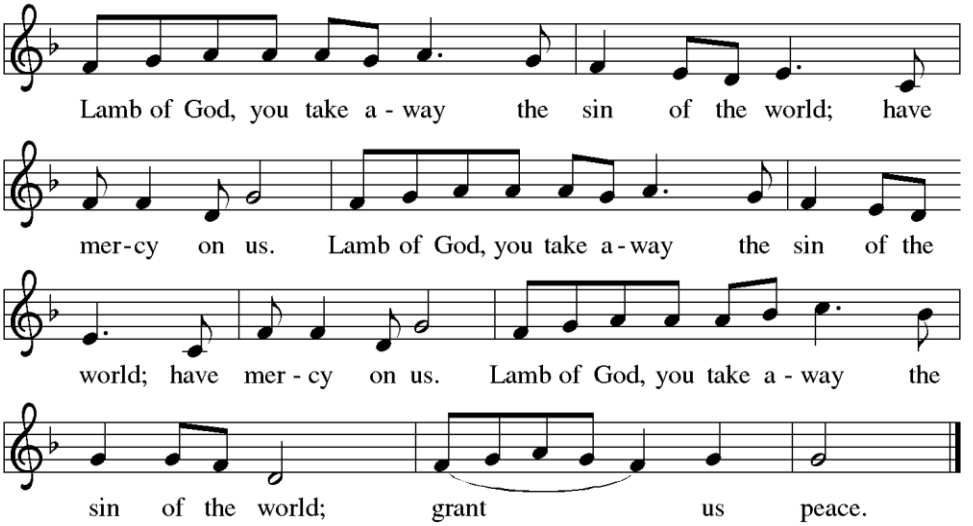
Send your Spirit upon these gifts of your church; gather into one all who share this bread and wine; fill us with your Holy Spirit to establish our faith in truth. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

To you be all honor and glory through your Son Jesus Christ, and with the Holy Spirit, both now and forever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

LAMB OF GOD



HOLY COMMUNION

All are welcome to Holy Communion at Zion. To receive communion, please come forward at the direction of the ushers, forming two lines in the center aisle.

To receive the bread, place one hand in the other, like a manger or a bowl. Once you receive the bread, you may eat it. Gluten free wafers are available upon request. Continue to the side to receive either wine (red) or grape juice (white) in an individual cup.

If you would like to receive a blessing only, simply cross your arms in an x form across your chest and you will receive a blessing.

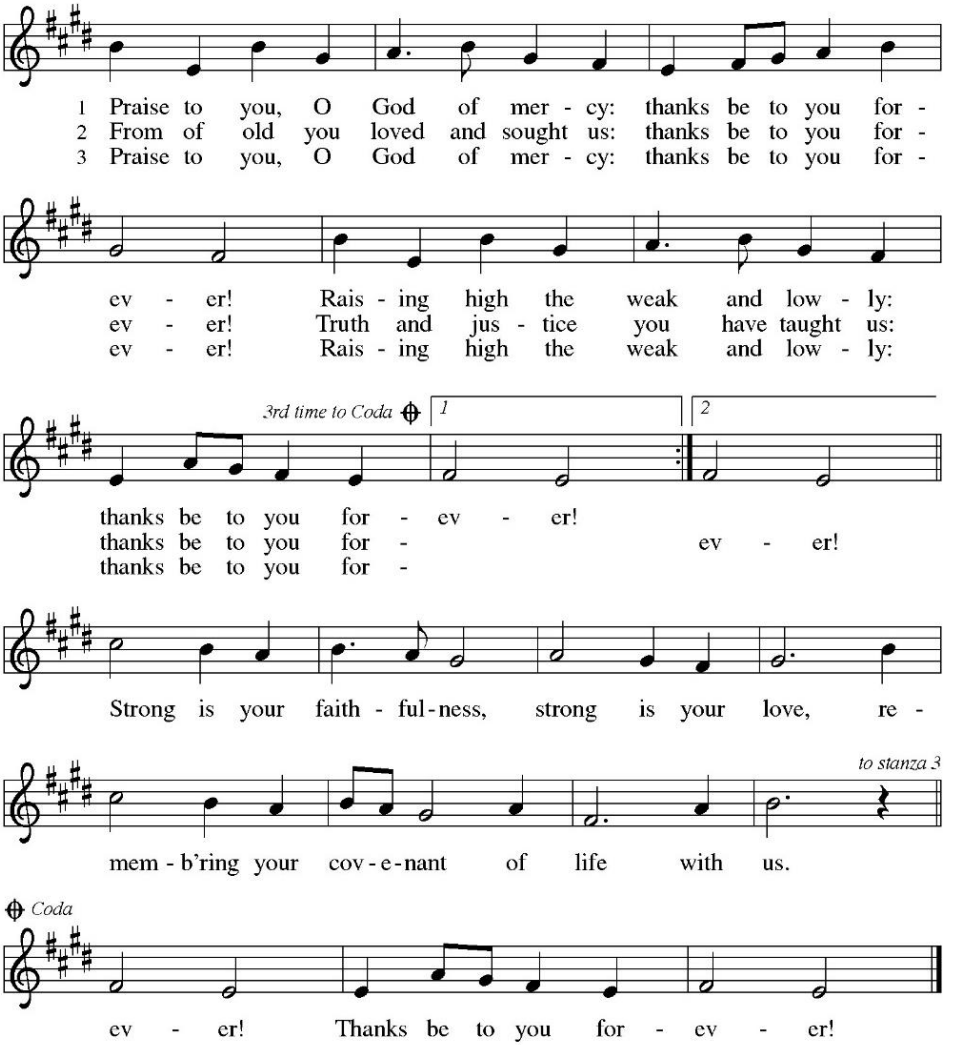
COMMUNION HYMN 312 *Jesus, Come! For We Invite You*

COMMUNION HYMN 303 *Brightest and Best of the Stars*

POST COMMUNION BLESSING *

May the body and blood of our Savior, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in His grace. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE *



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.**

SENDING

BENEDICTION *

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you and grant you grace and peace. In the name of the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN 830 * *How Marvelous God's Greatness*

DISMISSAL *

Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE "How Firm a Foundation" Hustad

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TODAY'S MINISTRY LEADERS

Preaching & Presiding Minister	The Rev. Tony Auer
Assisting Minister	Denny Gross
Organist/Pianist	Wayne Graham
Oboe	Susan Swidnicki
Reader	Don Liddle
Communion Assistants	Sabrina Bell / Liz Prystas
Altar Guild	Marci Hall / Denny Gross
Ushers	Doug Graham
Counters	Erin Basta / Bob Hackworth
Fellowship Hosts	Marci Hall

Congregation Council: President – Joe Darnell; Vice President – Ross Anthony; Treasurer - Dennis Gross; Secretary - Liz Prystas; Sabrina Bell, David Buff, Jon Hall, Steve Newton, Cynthia Rowatt, Gavin Tonkyro

Zion Lutheran Church is a Reconciling in Christ Congregation – We are committed to being a loving and welcoming community of faith in Jesus Christ. As a community of God, we welcome all. We celebrate the manner in which diversity enriches, nurtures, and challenges the life and ministry we share in Christ. Our Table is open and we invite all to full participation in the life of our church regardless of race, sexual orientations, gender identities, gender expressions, socio-economic and marital statuses, physical or mental capacities, age, or social position. We commit to the work of anti-racism and all forms of structural, systemic, institutional, and personal bias.

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UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Offices Closed – In observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, the church offices will be closed on Monday, January 19th.

Let Me Shine Preschool! Open Enrollment Underway – Zion members are offered priority enrollment and tuition is discounted 10% at our preschool (18 mo – pre-k). If you are interested, please visit www.letmeshine.org or speak with Sabrina Bell or Holly Graham. Space is limited – act now!

Youth Group Activity – Sunday, January 25th, after worship, let's strap on ice skates and hit the skating rink at Millcreek Commons, 1354 E. Chambers Ave. We will leave church at 12:15 PM and stop by Harmon's / Jamba Juice / Einsteins for lunch. Bring $25 to cover costs of lunch and skating. Parents, pick up will be set for 2:30 PM at Millcreek Commons. **RSVP by Jan. 23rd.** Questions, please reach out to Sabrina Bell (801) 661-5417 or at sabrinambell05@gmail.com.

New Member Orientation January 31 / New Members received February 8 - On Saturday, January 31, 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM, Pr. Tony will conduct a New Member Orientation for those interested in becoming members of Zion Lutheran Church. This orientation has two goals. First, it is an opportunity for all those present to get to know one another. Zion is known for its community spirit and inclusiveness. We want to make every effort to make sure those new to Zion are properly welcomed and integrated into this community spirit. Secondly, we do not assume those new to Zion are from a Lutheran background or from a traditional Christian background. Our time together will provide an opportunity to have a conversation about the basics of our theology and practice. And, of course, to hear your questions regarding why we do what we do. Children are welcome. And of course, the Lutheran pseudo sacrament of coffee/tea and pastries will be provided. If you would like to join us on Saturday, January 31, please express your intent by notifying our Parish Administrator, Tracy Hackworth, at office@zelc.org. **Also, scan this QR code to complete the membership information document for the church records.**

Caring Connections Prayer Circle Requests - Are you, or someone you care about, in need of prayer? Please send your prayer requests to Holly Graham (40Grambo@msn.com). Holly will forward them to the dedicated members of our developing prayer circle. *May our prayers rise up like incense before God!*

Bi-Monthly Mission January / February - Volunteer of America, Utah Youth Resource Center. Volunteers of America (VOA) is a nationwide ministry of service, carried out by both professional employees and volunteers, all dedicated to helping the most vulnerable members of society. VOA Utah delivers compassionate care to over 8,000 individuals annually through programs addressing homelessness, substance abuse, mental illness, and domestic violence. VOA Utah's Youth Resource Center in SLC offers comprehensive resources and emergency shelter for youth ages 15-22 who are at risk of or experiencing homelessness. The Center is open and professionally staffed 24/7, 365 days per year, providing emergency shelter, hot meals, clothing, case management, and legal services. To learn more about VOA, Utah, visit voautah.org. You may contribute to this remarkable ministry through Zion's online gifting portal ("bimonthly mission") or by noting "VOA, Utah" on your check or envelope.
We will collect Noisy Offerings for the VOA Youth Resource Center on January 25 and February 22 during Sunday worship. Thank you!

Adult Sunday School meets at 9:00am in the Lounge—come ready for good conversation and learning together, facilitated by Alyce Gross!

Chancel Choir rehearses each Sunday at 8:45am in the Choir Room downstairs—new voices are always welcome.

Sunday School Schedule (Sept. 14 - May 17):

PreK - K (Rm 7, Upstairs West Hall)
9:00 - 9:15am: Bible class
9:15 - 9:30am: Cherub Choir
9:30 - 9:50am: Activity and snack
1st - 3rd & 4th - 5th (Terrace Room)
9:00 - 9:30am: Bible class
9:30 - 9:50am: Youth Choir
Confirmation (Library) & **Youth Group** (youth director's office)
8:45 - 9:15am: Joyful NOIZ
9:15 - 9:50am: Bible class

**Got little ones not quite ready for Sunday School? The nursery will be open (unstaffed) for you to use during the Sunday School hour. Parents and kiddos are also invited to head downstairs for coffee and fellowship in the kitchen.

Crossroads Urban Center – Share donations of food/small household items. The drop off bin is directly under the stairway leading to the balcony. Current needs: canned fruits & vegetables.

Informal Yoga Exercise Group – Please join us at 10am in the atrium each Monday, Wednesday & Friday. Bring your yoga mat. No experience needed!

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Attendance Jan 11, 2026 Worship: 109; Online views: 81; Sunday school: 44

Looking Ahead – Readings and Psalm for next Sunday: Isaiah 9:1-4; Psalm 27:1, 4-9; 1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 4:12-23