

Zion Lutheran Church



***10 a.m. Combined Worship
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
February 1, 2026***

As a people of God, we share Christ's love, grow in faith, and serve others.

Sunday 10:00 a.m. Worship Service

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*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.

Silence is kept for reflection.

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.

*OPENING SONG

Jesus Messiah

Worship Team

*APOSTOLIC GREETING (℣ And also with you.)

*PRAYER OF THE DAY (℣ Amen.)

FIRST READING (℣ Thanks be to God.)

Micah 6:1-8

SECOND READING (℣ Thanks be to God.)

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

*Gospel Acclamation

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew, the 5th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

*GOSPEL READING

Matthew 5:1-12

(After the reading of the Gospel)

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

*SONG OF THE DAY

The Beatitudes

Worship Team

*** APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator 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 into hell. 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.

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

***PEACE (☞ And also with you.)**

Please take a moment to look around at your sisters and brothers and offer a sign of peace through a wave, a smile or a message.

OFFERING

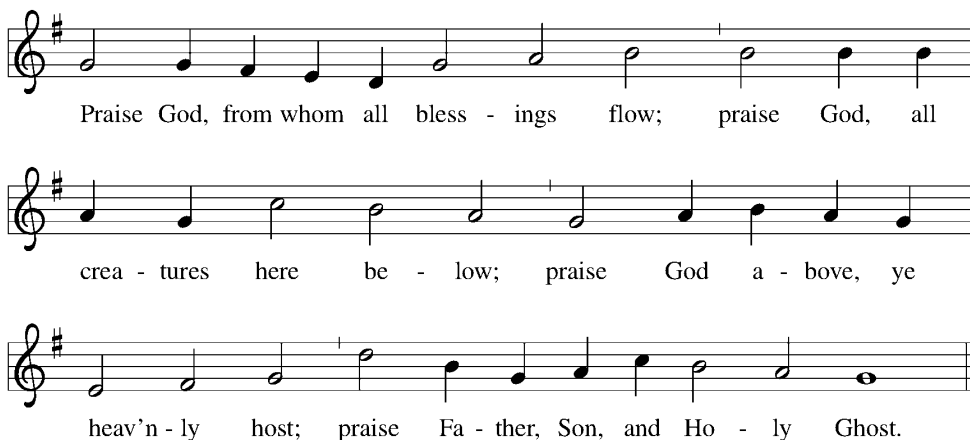
Chris Derr, piano

Thank you all for the gifts of time, talent, and treasures you give to support the mission at Zion. We cannot do our work without your participation in all three areas. To give financially, please give either online or in the offering plate that the ushers will pass in between pews. You can also scan the QR code to be taken to our online giving portal.



***OFFERTORY CANTICLE**

ELW 885



Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711, alt.

Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

***OFFERTORY PRAYER (☞ Amen.)**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*SURSUM CORDA

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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 our thanks and praise.

*PROPER PREFACE

It is indeed...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,

heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

*EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER (☩ Amen.)

***LORD'S PRAYER**

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.

***FRACTION SENTENCE**

AGNUS DEI



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion this day. During communion distribution, an usher will invite your pew row to come forward. If you need the pastor to bring you communion, please let an usher know. There is a gluten free and grape juice option available if you need this. Return your empty glass to the baskets. Children and those not ready to receive communion this day may receive a blessing.

COMMUNION MUSIC *Light of the Nations – Andrew Moore*

Kirk Denton, organ

***POST-COMMUNION BLESSING (℣ Amen.)**

***POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (℣ Amen.)**

***BENEDICTION (℣ Amen.)**

***SENDING HYMN**

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

ELW 551

*DISMISSAL

The worship has ended. Now the service begins. As we go out into the world, let us remember our mission.

As a people of God, we share Christ's love, grow in faith, and serve others.

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Variation on the Shaker Tune "The Humble Heart" Kirk Denton, organ
-Robert Lau



The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in dedication and expression of gratitude to all people helping their neighbors dealing with the recent snow and ice storm by Ruth Ann and Myron Derr.

The coffee and donuts are sponsored by Zion's Council in gratitude for the 2025 officers and those going off Council.



Zion Prayer List 2-1-2026

Requests remain on the prayer list for 30 days unless requested otherwise.

Kieffer Crummitt, Sr., Heather Pendleton, Bridget Ely, Jim Hoover, Robert Berkey, Brittany Mushuda, Lynn Schenkelberg, Karen Summers, Carrie

Basler, Peggy Kinna, Dianne Shafer, Tim Shafer, Benedict Phelps, Mary Fymer, Colin Sweigert, Ronnie Jessen, Beth Reed, Roben Hansen, Jo Ahalt, Diana Fath, Pat McIntosh, Shirley Hyssong, Grace Blumenauer, Ronnie Kinna, Dave Gouker, Richard Brandenburg, Ruth Brant, Vicki Ringwelski, Elsie Warnock, David Shupe, George Engel, Glenn Little, Sandy Bidle, Catherine Brown, J. Richard Staples, Beverly Smith, The Gunsallus Family, Samn Huffer, Pat Hansen, Eric Kinna, Linda Stottlemeyer, Anita, Gary, Bruce Albright, Marty Appleby, Judith Smith, Jackie Bello, Trish Tollefson, Addison Hopson, Kevin Kinna, Deb Kahihikolo

Please be sure the church is notified if you are hospitalized and if you wish to be placed on the prayer list or would like visitation.

Servants in God's House

February 1, 2026

10 a.m. Combined Worship

Loretta Rapp (Greeter)
Bruce McIntosh (Acolyte)
Doug Davis (Asst Minister)
Kathy Hetrick (Lector)
Ike Ahalt (Head Usher)
Michael Ferguson (Sanctuary Usher)
Lois Ahalt (Comm Asst)
Carolyn Milaukas (Power Point)
Rick Milaukas (Sound System/Live Stream)

Servants in God's House

February 8, 2026

9 a.m. Contemporary Worship

Lois Ahalt (Greeter)
Carolyn Milaukas (Lector)
Jack Newkirk (Head Usher)
Jeremy & Julie Thompson (Sanctuary Usher)
Nancy Allen (Comm Asst)
Levi Derr (Sound System)
11 am (Live Stream)

Servants in God's House

February 8, 2026

11 a.m. Traditional Worship

Lee Ropp (Greeter)
Bruce McIntosh (Acolyte)
Bob Rockwell (Asst Minister)
Gene Appleby (Lector)
Kenneth Basler (Head Usher)
Jim Huckleberry (Sanctuary Usher)
Bruce McIntosh (Comm Asst)
Doug Davis (Sound System & Livestream)

Our Mission

As a people of God,
we share Christ's love,
grow in faith, and
serve others



Our Vision

Zion aspires to be a
church where all are
welcomed and loved;
God's purpose for each of
us is found; and lives are
transformed.



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