

WELCOME TO ZION'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

5th Sunday after Epiphany

February 9, 2025

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Pastor Caitlin M. Kurtz

Every Week at Zions: @ 10:30 Worship, 9:15 Sunday School

Wednesday night activities 5:30 meal, 6:15 Rejoicing Spirits worship, 6:50 Bible Study

**(Congregation please stand as able)*

Welcome and Announcements and Prelude

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, our creator, our protector, and our wellspring of life. **C: Amen.**

P: Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection

P: Merciful God,

C: 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 loving kindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.

P: 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. **C: Amen.**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: LBW 165 *Holy, Holy, Holy

You are invited to face the back of the church for the opening hymn. As the cross is processed into the congregation you may continue to sing toward it.

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al - might - y!
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
Though the eye made blind by sin thy glo - ry may not see,
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 On - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 Which wert and art and ev - er - more shalt be.
 Per - fect in pow'r, in love and pu - ri - ty.
 God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783-1826, alt. Tune: John B. Dykes, 1823-1876 NICAEA 11 12 17 10

***APOSTOLIC GREETING**

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

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high-est; glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth. Lord God, heav-en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry. Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high-est; glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth. Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us; you are seat-

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ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer. Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God,
glo-ry to God in the high-est; glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple
on earth. For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone are
the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther.
A-men. Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high-est; glo-ry to God, glo-
ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

SCRIPTURE & SERMON

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Most holy God, the earth is filled with your glory, and before you angels and saints stand in awe. Enlarge our vision to see your power at work in the world, and by your grace make us heralds of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 6:1-13 *(pg. 553 in pew Bible)*

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.' The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: 'Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!' Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: 'Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.' Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I; send me!' And he said, 'Go and say to this people: "Keep listening, but do not comprehend; keep looking, but do not understand." Make the mind of this people dull, and stop their ears, and shut their eyes, so that they may not look with their eyes, and listen with their ears, and comprehend with their minds, and turn and be healed.' Then I said, 'How long, O Lord?' And he said: 'Until cities lie waste without inhabitant, and houses without people, and the land is utterly desolate; until the Lord sends everyone far away, and vast is the emptiness in the midst of the land. Even if a tenth part remains in it, it will be burned again, like a terebinth or an oak whose stump remains standing when it is felled.' The holy seed is its stump.

After the reading: **Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: 138 *(pg. 503 in pew Bible, also below)*

Leader: I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise;

Congregation: I bow down towards your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness; for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.

L: On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul.

C: All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord, for they have heard the words of your mouth.

L: They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, for great is the glory of the Lord.

C: For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly; but the haughty he perceives from far away.

L: Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies; you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.

C: The Lord will fulfil his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O Lord, endures for ever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 (pg. 935 in pew Bible)

Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain. For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to someone untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

After the reading: **Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN’S SERMON as the children come forward, please join in singing:

This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine. This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine. Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? Al - le - lu - ia. You
have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

***GOSPEL:** Luke 5:1-11 (pg. 836 in pew Bible)

Before reading: P: The Holy Gospel According to St. Luke, the 5th Chapter. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, ‘Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.’ Simon answered, ‘Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.’ When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signalled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, ‘Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!’ For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, ‘Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.’ When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

After the reading: P: The Gospel of our Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

*HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 696 *Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult*

1 Je - sus calls us; o'er the tu - mult of our
2 As of old Saint An - drew heard it by the
3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the
4 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of
5 Je - sus calls us! By your mer - cy, Sav - ior,

life's wild, rest - less sea, day by day his clear voice
Gal - i - le - an lake, turned from home and toil and
vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would
toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and
may we hear your call, give our hearts to your o -

sound - ing, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me":
kin - dred, leav - ing all for Je - sus' sake.
keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."
plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."
be - dience, serve and love you best of all.

Text: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818–1895 Music: William H. Jude, 1851–1922

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OUR OFFERINGS: OUR TRUST, PRAYERS & GIFTS

***APOSTLES' CREED**

P: Let us confess our faith together, using the words of the 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.

Note: the word "catholic" here means the church around the world.

***PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

(after hearing, "God, in your mercy," respond: **Hear our Prayer**)

(after hearing the final prayer petition, "We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people." respond: **Amen.**)

***SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you all. C: And also with you.

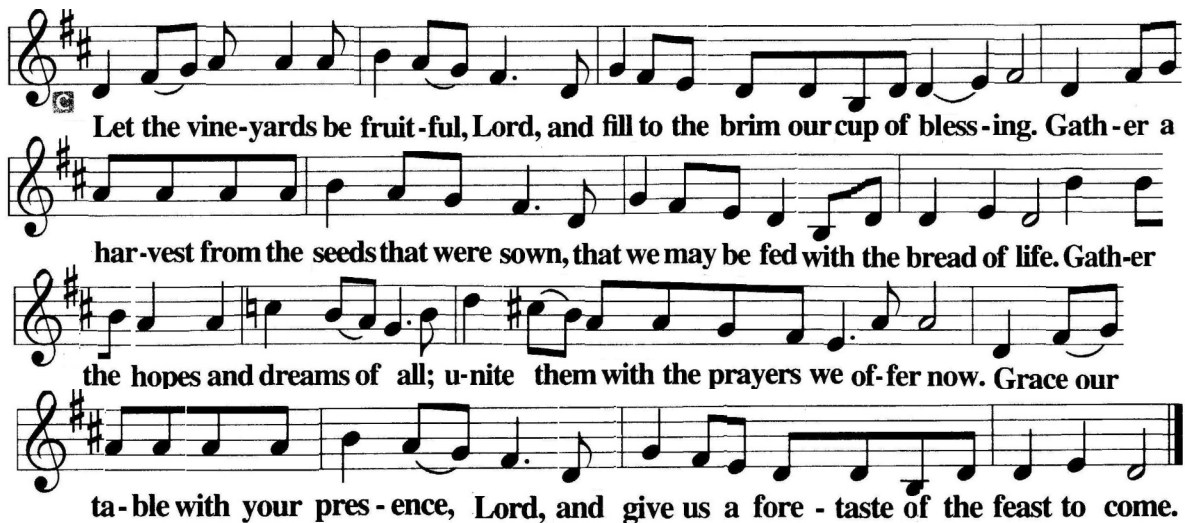
CHOIR ANTHEM

OFFERING WITH OFFERTORY

During this portion of the worship service, we offer to God a portion of what God has first given us, trusting that God will use these gifts to do God's work in the world. We offer thanks to God with financial gifts, song, and prayer. Or you can scan this QR code to go to our electronic giving website: <http://www.zionsjonestown.com/giving/>, where you can choose to give either through PayPal, or Simply Giving, which is our regular electronic offering service, offering both one-time, and regular, automatic options.



***POST OFFERING VERSE**



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of bless-ing. Gath-er a
har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er
the hopes and dreams of all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer now. Grace our
ta-ble with your pres-ence, Lord, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

***OFFERING PRAYER**

P: 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. C: Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

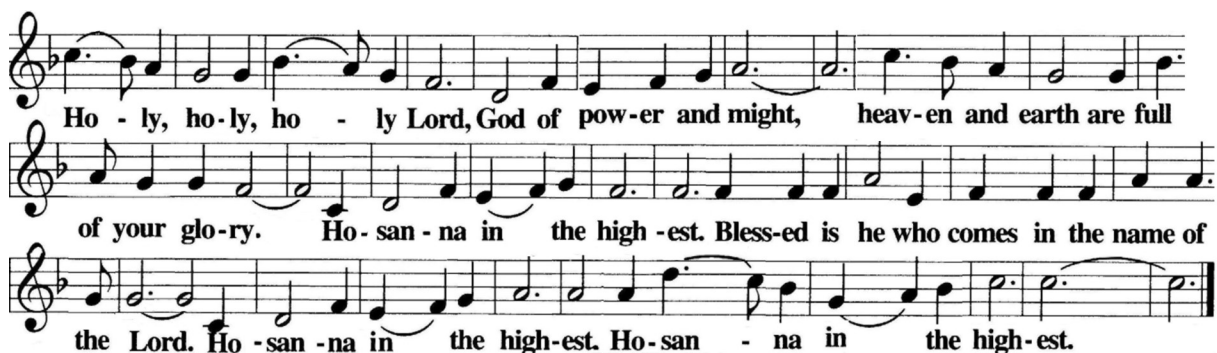
Please stand as you are able.

P: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts. C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

P: 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 the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn: ***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**



Ho - ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, heav-en 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. Ho-san - na in the high-est.

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

P: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, in the beginning you formed the heavens and earth and created us in your likeness. You made us guardians of your good creation and left the earth in our care. All through our weary years and our silent tears, you did not abandon us to ourselves, but sought us out in love. When we were captives in Egypt, you did not abandon us.

When we wandered in the wilderness, you did not abandon us.

When we turned to false gods, you did not abandon us. Through your holy prophets you called us to return to your graciousness, to your mercy, and to your steadfast love.

In the crowning act of love you gave your only Son, that whoever believes in him will have eternal life. For you sent Jesus not to condemn the world, but to save the world from sin. Through his death on the cross, we who were once far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and 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.

Again, after supper, 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. For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. **C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P: With this bread and cup, we remember Christ's life among us; his association with outcasts, his eating with sinners, his healing of the sick, his care for the poor.

Send, we pray, your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and wine, that we who share this meal may become a holy communion, the body of Christ in the world.

C: Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.

***LORD'S PRAYER**

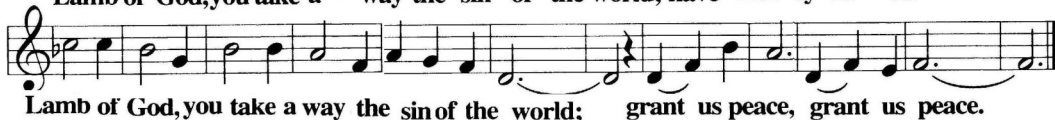
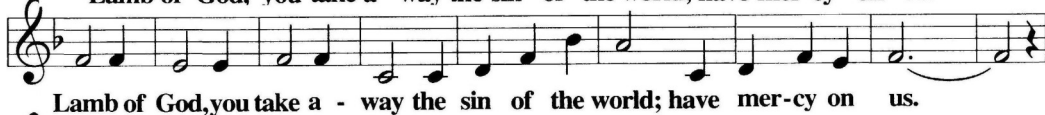
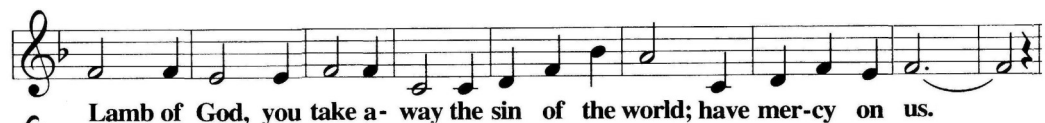
P: Let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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.

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P: This joy of the Lord is our strength. Come, eat this meal of gladness.

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OF
GOD**



At the ushers instruction, you are invited to come forward, pick up either a pre-filled grape juice cup, or empty communion cup, and kneel or stand at the communion railing. (gluten free wafers are available for those who need that accommodation, please let Pastor know when you are communing) Here, you will first receive the bread, and then either a blessing of your grape juice, or the wine poured into your glass. After consuming both elements, return to your seat by the side aisle, placing your empty glass in the tray.

Those who are worshipping at home this morning are invited to **pray this prayer**, trusting that Christ's spiritual presence is with you at all times and places. If you would like Pastor Caitlin to bring communion to your home, call her at 717 865 3652 and she will be glad to do so.

“Loving Jesus, since I cannot at this moment receive you in bread and wine according to your promise in the sacrament of Holy Communion, I ask you to come to me in Spirit. Feed me, for I am hungry; strengthen me, for I am weak; enliven and sanctify me with Your sacred Body and Blood. Deliver me from all sin and make me always obedient to Your commands. Let me never be separated from You, my Savior, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit live and reign one God forever and ever. Amen.”

- COMMUNION HYMNS:** #752 *I, the Lord of Sea and Sky*
 (blue book) #784 *You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore*
 #789 *Now the Feast and Celebration*

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P: 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. **C: Amen.**

***BENEDICTION**

P: The Spirit of the triune God bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love. **C: Amen.**

***SENDING HYMN: ELW 545 Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing**

As the cross is processed to the rear of the sanctuary as we sing, you are invited to turn towards it, symbolic of our desire to follow Christ out into the world.

1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless - ing, fill our hearts with joy and peace;
 2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's joy - ful sound.
 3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us from our strug - gling pil - grim way,
 let us each, your love pos - sess - ing, tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace.
 May the fruits of your sal - va - tion in our hearts and lives a - bound.
 let no fear of death ap - pall us, glad your sum - mons to o - bey.
 Oh, re - fresh us; oh, re - fresh us, trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.
 Ev - er faith - ful, ev - er faith - ful to your truth may we be found.
 May we ev - er, may we ev - er reign with you in end - less day.

SICILIAN MARINERS 87 87 87
 Text: attr. John Fawcett, 1740–1817, sts. 1–2, alt.; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 3, alt. Music: Sicilian, 18th cent.

***DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Live in hope. **C: Thanks be to God!**

This week we especially remember in our prayers: Ken Hess, Andy Bomberger, hurricane and fire victims and all victims of violence.

We're glad you're here! Whether today is your first day at Zion's, or your thousandth, we're glad you're here, and we look forward to worshipping with you. If you're new, or it's been a while, we invite you to fill out one of the "We're glad you're here" white envelopes located in the pew back to ensure our records are correct, and so we can connect with you further. Completed cards can be placed in the offering plate. Thank you, and welcome!

This Week at Zions:

Feb. 9, Sunday @ 9:30 am Mens and Womens Bible Study

Feb. 10, Monday @ 6:30 pm Worship & Music meeting

Feb. 12, Wednesday @ 9:00 am Quilting

Feb. 12, Wednesday @ 5:30 community meal, 6:15 pm Rejoicing Spirits worship, 6:50 Bible study, 7:30 adult choir rehearsal

Feb. 15, Saturday @ 9:00 am Babies & Bibles will meet

Next Week at Zions:

Feb. 17, Monday @ 6:30 pm Church Council meeting

Feb. 19, Wednesday @ 9:00 am Quilting

Feb. 19, Wednesday @ 5:30 community meal, 6:15 pm Rejoicing Spirits worship, 6:50 Bible Study, 7:30 adult choir rehearsal

SMILE - IT'S PICTURE TIME !! Zion's new picture directory is upon us! You can sign up for a photo time: Monday, February 10 from 4-6 PM! These photos will help create our new photo directory so we can learn one another's names.

Babies and Bibles: Saturday, February 15, at 9 AM Jesus says "Let the little children come unto me". Children ages birth through age four (and older siblings) are welcome to attend, with their adults.

Pastor Caitlin will be inducted into the Lebanon County Women's Hall of Fame for her leadership in the community on Wednesday, March 19 at 6:30 PM. All are welcome to attend and celebrate Pastor Caitlin's accomplishments! Tickets are available for purchase at eventcreate.com/e/lccwhalloffame.

It's not too late to join in the new Book/Bible study that meets on Wednesday nights at 6:50 PM. Together we are looking at unlikely people through whom God has worked to shine light and love in the world, together with parables that describe God's work in surprising places and ways. Extra copies of the book are available in the Gathering Area, for this week, read "An Orientation of the Spirit" and Matthew 5:13-16.

Our **homebound members** are an important part of our congregation! Check out February's Member to Remember, **Nancy Kleinfelter**, on the large bulletin board.

Homebound birthday upcoming: Feb. 26, Ingrid Erb, Cornwall Manor, Corson Hall, PO Box 125, 1 Boyd St., Cornwall, PA 17016.

Hersheypark: Order forms for discount Hersheypark tickets and parking passes are on the bulletin board. The tickets and passes are good for any one day from April 5, 2025 through January 4, 2026. Tickets are \$44.95 (regular price \$89.95) and parking passes are \$26.00 (regular price \$35.00). March 9th is the last day to order tickets. If you have any questions contact Janet Bird at jbird75@comcast.net or 717-865-5636.

You are invited to complete a Spiritual Gifts Inventory to learn more about the ways God has uniquely created YOU (more info in the sermon!) Paper copies, which you'll need to manually score, are available in the windowsills downstairs. Or, you can complete an online version using this QR code.



Highlights from January's Council meeting are sent out via email after the meeting. Copies are then available at the small bulletin board in the Gathering Area.

Serving at Zion's	Today	Next Sunday
Lector	Matt Wolfe	Sharon Houser
Prayer	Jean Fowler	Joanna Guldin-Noll
Children's sermon	Stephanie Livingston	Terry Ludwig
Comm. Assts.	Linda Toth, Linda Wenrich	Linda Wenrich, Elaine Ludwig
Greeter		Elaine Ludwig
Acolyte	Gracie Bucks	Daryl Root
Crucifer	Joanna Guldin-Noll	Rob McQuaide
Altar Guild	Strattan/Wenrich	Bucks family
Elevette	Steve Bucks	Noel Strattan
Ushers - Feb	Luke Hiester, Rick Herr	

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