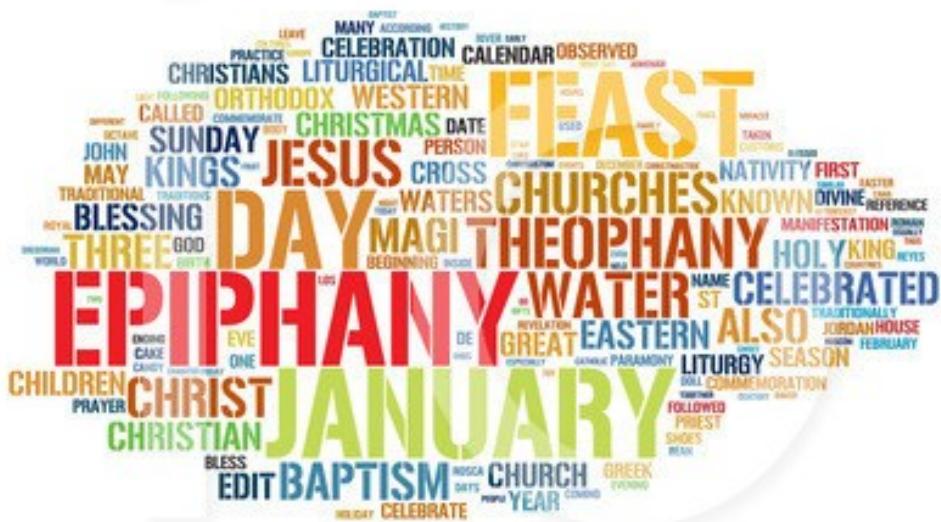


Sunday Worship

January 18, 2026

Second Sunday after Epiphany



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WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP CELEBRATION!

Thanks for coming to be with us at Zion Lutheran Church. If you are visiting with us for the first time, will you please fill out a visitor card, available in the pew rack in front of you, and drop it in the offering plate. Whether this is your first visit or you worship here regularly, we are delighted that you chose to share with us. We worship together on Saturday at 5:00 p.m. and Sunday at 10:00 a.m. If you have a "prayer request" or a "praise report", please let the pastor know. God bless you on your journey of faith.

INTRODUCTION

Today's gospel opens with further reflection on Jesus' baptism. He is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world and the one anointed by the Spirit. In the liturgy we come and see Christ revealed among us in word and meal. We go forth to invite others to come and worship the Holy One and to receive the gifts of grace and peace made known among us.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Just As I Am

Arr. Carter

CONFESSON AND FORGIVENESS James 5:16; 1John 1:8-9

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: In the name of the Father, and of the **+** Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Most merciful God,

C: **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**
Amen.

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: **Amen.**

HYMN Red hymnal #314

Arise, Your Light Has Come

GREETING / PRAYER OF THE DAY 2 Corinthians 13:13

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.**

P: Let us pray . . .

C: **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**

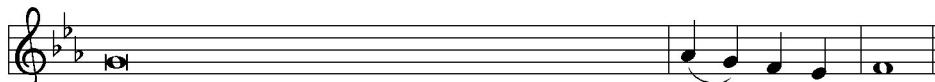
KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



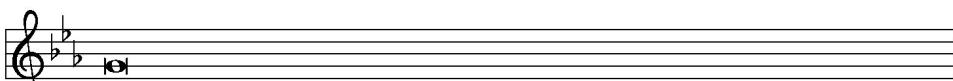
Lord, have mercy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mercy.



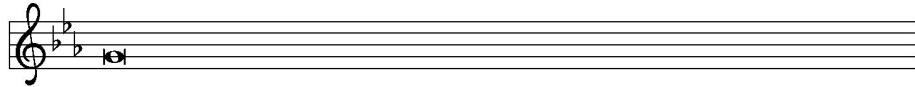
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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, amen.

THE WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 49:1-7

R: ¹Listen 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. ²He 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. ³And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." ⁴But 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." ⁵And 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 - ⁶he 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.” ⁷ 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.”

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: 40:1-11

R: ¹ I waited patiently upon the LORD, who stooped to me and heard my cry.

C: ² **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.**

R: ³ 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.

C: ⁴ **Happy are they who trust in the LORD! They do not turn to enemies or to those who follow lies.**

R: ⁵ 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.

C: ⁶ **Sacrifice and offering you do not desire; you have opened my ears: burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required.**

R: ⁷ And so I said, “Here I am; I come. In the scroll of the book it is written of me:

C: ⁸ **I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep within me.’”**

R: ⁹ I proclaimed righteousness in the great assembly; I have not restrained my lips, O LORD, you know.

C: ¹⁰ **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.**

R: ¹¹ 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

R: ¹ Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, ² 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: ³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in

Christ Jesus,⁵ for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind⁶ just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you⁷ so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ.⁸ He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.⁹ God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

R: The Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Repeat alleluia

HOLY GOSPEL

P: The Gospel according to John 1:29-42

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²⁹ [John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!³⁰ This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’³¹ I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.”³² And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him.³³ 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.’³⁴ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One.”³⁵ The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples,³⁶ and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!”³⁷ The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus.³⁸ 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?”³⁹ 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.⁴⁰ One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother.⁴¹ He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed).⁴² 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).

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON Pastor Jaren Summers

HYMN Purple Hymnal #914 *Jesus the Light of the World*

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

APOSTLE'S CREED

P: Let us confess our faith.
C: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 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 (*Response after each petition*) 1 Timothy 2:1-2

P: Lord in your mercy,
C: **Hear our prayer . . .**

OFFERING—Invitation—God's Work Continues

OFFERTORY SONG #113 *Now, Lord, You Let Your Servant Go in Peace*



Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful -



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre-pared in the

sight of ev -'ry peo - ple: a light to re - veal you to the na - tions
and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - - ra - el.
Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace.

COMMUNION PREFACE #107 & 108

Great Thanksgiving

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... (The pastor continues with the proper preface for the day)... 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.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
power and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER Matthew 6:9-13

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 (*All who confess Jesus as their Lord and Savior and believe in the real presence of Christ in the sacrament are invited to receive Holy Communion.*)

BLESSING Numbers 6:23-26

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and **+** give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

HYMN Red hymnal #300 (v1,4,5)

The First Noel

DISMISSAL Luke 7:50

P: Who are we at Zion Lutheran Church?

C: **We are disciples Rooted in Christ and Growing in Faith**

P: Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

We are Marching in the Light of God

Arr. Farlee

*The altar flowers are given to the honor and glory of God
by Judy & Ken Bailey in celebration of Mason's 18th birthday.*

*Prayer concerns for Zion's prayer chain may be submitted
using a 'Prayer Request' card from the pew rack.*

In Helpful Service

Pastor	Jaren Summers
Communion Assist	Bob Keppel
Reader	Nate Ewing
Ushers	John & Dianne LeGros

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING ENVELOPES are available for pick up in the back of the church.

The **KICK OFF DINNER** is **TODAY** immediately following church service.

JANUARY MISSION OF THE MONTH: A Little Kindness

Pam Hale (sister of Terri Darrah) heads up this non-profit which provides Chemotherapy Care Bags through *Pink Ribbon Girls* to local hospitals and churches. Please take one or two mittens from the basket in the narthex. Purchase the item(s) and return them to the mission box by January 31st. If you would prefer to make a monetary donation, please write it out to Women of Zion. Any questions contact Deb Keppel.

ZION'S 200TH ANNIVERSARY On the table in the narthex there are two forms; a schedule for the activities planned for 2026 and a member questionnaire. Please fill out the questionnaire and place it in the box on the table.

BACK BAY MISSION—FIRST OFFICIAL MEETING The first official mission trip meeting will be held on **Sunday, January 25th**, immediately after worship service. All those interested in participating are warmly welcome to join us in the adult Sunday school room. All those 16 and over that would like to attend please come as we begin planning this meaningful outreach opportunity.

FREE CHAIRS In the conference room, there are fabric covered chairs with wooden arms and legs. Anyone who wants one or more, may have them **AS IS**, first come, first served. Any that are not taken will be given to ReStore or another charitable furniture shop.

SUNDAY SERVICE HELPERS NEEDED. Please sign up in the fellowship hallway.

THIS WEEK AT ZION

Sunday, January 18	11:00 am	200th Ann. Kick Off Lunch
Monday, January 19		Martin Luther King Day - Office Closed
Tuesday, January 20	10:00 am	Mission Quilts
	5:30 pm	Bible & Brew - Chaffee's
	8:00 pm	AA
Thursday, January 22	7:00 pm	Compassionate Friends
Sunday, January 25	11:00 am	Back Bay Mission Meeting
		Storypoint (Randall) Outreach

Staff

Jaren Summers, *Pastor*; Bill Jones & Susie Gray, *Choir Directors*;
Lori Sebastian, *Organist*; Jessica Dorn, *Christian Education Director*;
Annette Calicoat, *Office Admin*; Sue Rambeau, *Treasurer*; Tina Putnam, *Custodian*

Zion Lutheran Church Bicentennial Banners

“They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all they do, they prosper.” ~Psalms 1:3

“As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.” ~Colossians 2:6-7

In the above first scripture, the psalmist is extolling the virtues of those who delight in the law of the Lord and the blessings of attending to it. In the second scripture, St. Paul admonishes the Church at Colossae to reject deceptive teachings and instead steep themselves in the gospel as it was first preached to them with grateful hearts.

The theme of Zion’s Bicentennial Celebration, “Rooted in Christ, Growing in Faith,” is perfectly captured in these two verses, and illustrated in these new banners.

As in the Psalm, we at Zion delight in God’s infinite goodness and teachings. Our mission, “Serving Christ through serving others,” seeks to follow these teachings by loving our neighbors, and in the act of being servants we are ourselves blessed.

As in the scripture from Colossians, we emphasize that God’s gift of salvation is bestowed upon us by grace through faith alone. We seek to be rooted in the risen Christ through our faith, and not swayed by earthly worldliness.

As the roots of a tree planted by a stream dig ever deeper to the source of its life, establishing a strong trunk and branches that reach to the heavens as hands raised in praise, may Zion continue to be so rooted in Christ. May we bear good fruit.

Through challenging seasons, a strongly rooted tree remains steadfast. The winds may shake its leaves and its branches lash about violently, but the tree is immovable. May Zion be so established in our faith. May we spread the good news to others as a beautiful green canopy covering the sky.

Written by Lara Jacobs

Note: *The theme of the Bicentennial Celebration was suggested by Bill DeVenzio and enthusiastically received by the Committee. These banners are dedicated in honor of his memory.*

Though these banners were created for our Bicentennial Celebration, their green background allows them to be used throughout the year during Ordinary Time.

