

Sunday Worship
February 8, 2026
Fifth 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

Light shines in the darkness for the upright, the psalmist sings. Isaiah declares that when we loose the bonds of injustice and share our bread with the hungry, the light breaks forth like the dawn. In another passage from the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus, the light of the world, calls his followers to let the light of their good works shine before others. Through baptism we are sent into the world to shine with the light of Christ.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Beautiful Savior

Arr. Hassell

CONFESSION 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 Purple hymnal #1017

Come to Me, O Weary Traveler

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: **Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

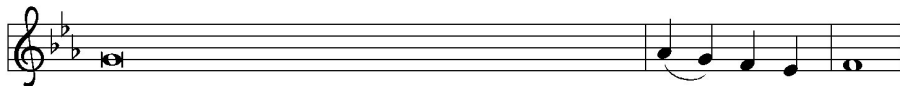
KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



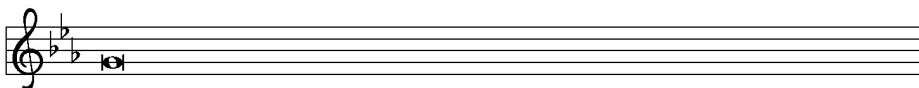
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



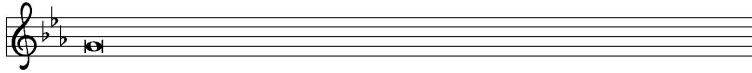
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

THE WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 58:1-12

R: ¹ Shout out; do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. ² Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments; they want God on their side. ³ "Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?" Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day and oppress all your workers. ⁴ You fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. ⁵ Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD? ⁶ Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? ⁷ Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you

see the naked, to cover them and not to hide yourself from your own kin? ⁸ Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you; the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. ^{9a} Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, "Here I am." ^{9b} If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, ¹⁰ if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. ¹¹ The LORD will guide you continually and satisfy your needs in parched places and make your bones strong, and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water whose waters never fail. ¹² Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 112:1-10

R: ¹ Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the LORD and have great delight in God's commandments!

C: ² **Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

R: ³ Wealth and riches will be in their house, and their righteousness will last forever.

C: ⁴ **Light shines in the darkness for the upright; the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**

R: ⁵ It is good for them to be generous in lending and to manage their affairs with justice.

C: ⁶ **For they will never be shaken; the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**

R: ⁷ They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; their heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.

C: ⁸ **Their heart is established and will not shrink, until they see their desire upon their enemies.**

R: ⁹ They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast forever; they will hold up their head with honor.

C: ¹⁰ **The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away; the desires of the wicked will perish.**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 2:1-16

R: ¹ When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the testimony of God to you with superior speech or wisdom. ² For I decided to know

nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³ And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. ⁴ My speech and my proclamation were made not with persuasive words of wisdom but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵ so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. ⁶ Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are being destroyed. ⁷ But we speak God's wisdom, a hidden mystery, which God decreed before the ages for our glory ⁸ and which none of the rulers of this age understood, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹ But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him" - ¹⁰ God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹ For what human knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. ¹² Now we have received not the spirit of the world but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. ¹³ And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual. ¹⁴ Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. ¹⁵ Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny. ¹⁶ "For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

R: The Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Red Hymnal 102

Alleluia, alleluia

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Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

HOLY GOSPEL

P: The Gospel according to **Matthew 5:13-20**

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

[Jesus said:] ¹³ "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot. ¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵ People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same

way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. ¹⁷ “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸ For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹ Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰ For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

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

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON Pastor Jaren Summers

HYMN Red Hymnal #677

This Little Light of Mine

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.**

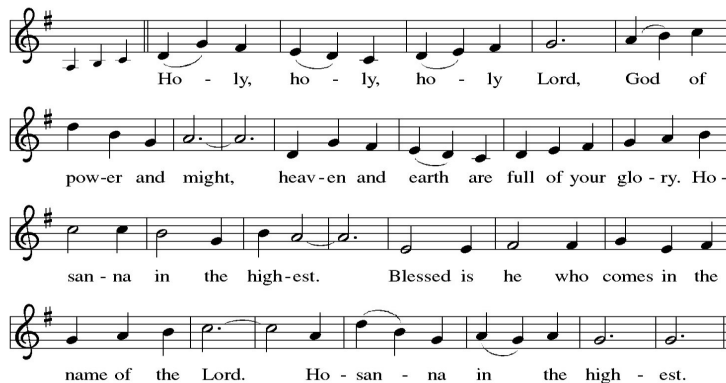
P: Lift up your hearts

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
pow-er 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 #866

We are Marching in the Light of God

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

Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior Arr. Portman
The altar flowers are given to the honor and glory of God
by Alison Scott & Bradley Wick

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	John Williams
Reader	Joyce Luther
Greeters	Chuck & Erma Swanson
Ushers	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUPERBOWL WATCH PARTY - TONIGHT at 5:30 pm We need 6 people to bring in soup Bring your own beverages – Water and Ice will be available BYO Tableware. BYO snacks, if desired There is a sign-up sheet in the fellowship hallway. Open to the public: Bring friends and family.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING Along with the Super Bowl, we are having a team competition for the Souper Bowl of Caring. Bring in a non-perishable food item and place it in the basket of the team that you want to win. There is a table in the narthex with baskets and collections jars if you wish to donate money.

VALENTINE VIDEO NIGHT Once again, the Women of Zion will be having their ever-popular Valentine Video Night on Sunday evening, **February 15th** in the adult Sunday School room. We'll meet at 5:00 for snacks, Valentine card exchange and a Christian comedy video. You are asked to bring a snack to share, one Valentine card and a friend!

SECOND BACK BAY MISSION PLANNING MEETING - February 22 after Service in the Adult Sunday School Room. The mission group from Indiana will be attending our church service and we will all meet after church. It will be a great time for both groups to meet and to discuss food preparations and other details that require group discussion.

KENNEDY HALL Zion will prepare and serve lunch at Kennedy Hall in Troy on **Saturday March 7**. Kennedy Hall is a community space for the residents of Terrace Ridge apartments. Terrace Ridge is a senior housing community for those 62+ or disabled individuals receiving SSI. We need 3 Zion members to prepare the meal at the church at 9:00 am on Saturday March 7th. We'll transport the food beginning at 11:00 and serve from 12:00-1:00. Also needed will be donations of cookies and/or brownies and dinner rolls. There is a sign up sheet in the fellowship hallway. Questions? Contact Linda Holt.

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.

ORDER YOUR ZION T-SHIRT

We have Zion T-Shirts available for the congregation to order! Shirts are a great way to show your love of Zion within the community. They are also a helpful tool to be recognized easily at events within the community and hosted at Zion.

Please see the posters located around the building to view your color options (Grey, Purple, Blue, or Red). Shirts are available in both Adult and Youth sizes. There is a poster showing the colors and size charts for adults and youth in the fellowship hall and a smaller chart beside the order forms on the table in the narthex. Please return your order form with cash or check to the envelope in the workroom by March 8th!

THIS WEEK AT ZION

Sunday, February 8	5:00 pm	Super Bowl Watch Party
Monday, February 9	10:30 am 3:30 pm	Mission Quilts TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)
Tuesday, February 10	10:00 am 5:00 pm 6:00 pm 8:00 pm	Mission Quilts Welcome/Commun. Mtg. Council Meeting AA
Wednesday, February 11	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Sunday, February 15	5:00 pm	WoZ Video Valentine Party

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*



Ash Wednesday

February 18 - 11:00 - 1:00 Drive Up Ashes
7:00 Service

Palm Sunday

Saturday, March 28 - 5:00 pm

Sunday, March 29 - 10:00 am

Easter Egg Hunt - Following Service

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 2 - 7:00 pm

Good Friday

Friday, April 3 - 7:00 pm

Easter

Saturday, April 4 - 5:00 pm

Sunday, April 5 - 10:00 am