

**Zion Lutheran Church
Glen Rock, PA
Second Sunday after Epiphany
LBW Setting One
Sunday, January 18, 2026**

*We stand as we are able.

Introduction to the day

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 & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

***BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSON AND FORGIVENESS (LBW p. 56)**

In the name of the Father, and of the [†] Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are in bondage 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

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

Amen

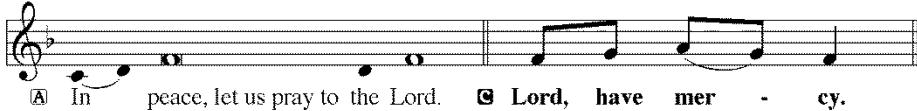
*ENTRANCE HYMN: “Jesus Calls Us; O'er the Tumult” LBW (green) 494

*APOSTOLIC GREETING (LBW p. 57)

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

KYRIE (LBW p. 57)



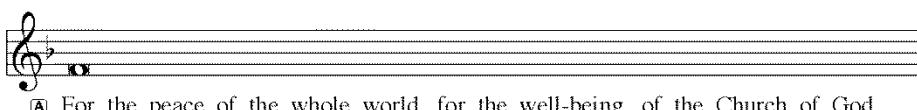
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. C Lord, have mer - ey.



A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. C Lord, have mer - ey.



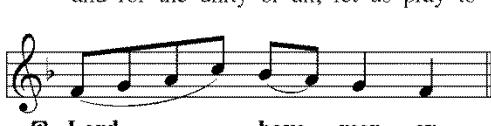
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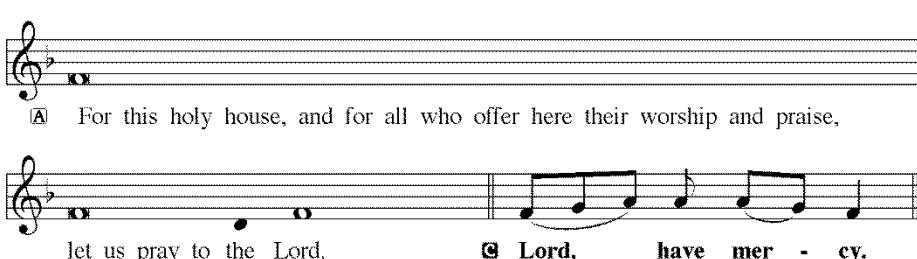
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, C Lord, have mer - ey.



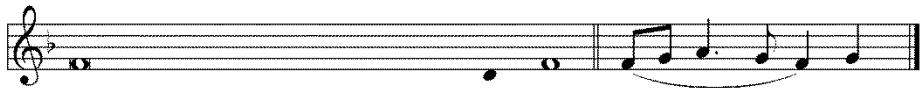
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. C Lord, have mer - ey.



A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, C Lord, have mer - ey.



let us pray to the Lord. C Lord, have mer - ey.



Ⓐ Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra- cious Lord. Ⓑ A - men

*HYMN OF PRAISE (LBW p.60)



Ⓐ Glo-ry to God in the high- est, and peace to his 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.



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- ed at the right hand of the Fa- ther; re- ceive our prayer.



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

*PRAYER OF THE DAY (LBW p. 62)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Lord God, you showed your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son. As he brought gladness and healing to his people, grant us these same gifts and lead us also to perfect faith in him, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Children's church dismissal: All children are invited to the Nursery, at this time.

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 49:1-7

¹ 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.

² 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.

³ And he said to me, "You are my servant,
Israel, in whom I will be glorified."

⁴ 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."

⁵ 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—

⁶ 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."

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.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 40:1-12

¹ I waited patiently up-¹ on the LORD;
he stooped to me and¹ heard my cry.

² **He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the¹ mire and clay;**
he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my¹ footing sure.

³ He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise¹ to our God;
many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust¹ in the LORD.

⁴ **Happy are they who trust¹ in the LORD!**

They do not resort to evil spirits or turn¹ to false gods. R

⁵ Great things are they that you have done, O LORD my God! How great your
wonders and your¹ plans for us!

There is none who can be com-¹ pared with you.

⁶ **Oh, that I could make them¹ known and tell them!**

But they are more than¹ I can count.

⁷ In sacrifice and offering you¹ take no pleasure;
you have given me¹ ears to hear you;

⁸ **burnt-offering and sin-offering you have¹ not required,**
and so I said, “Be-¹ hold, I come. R

⁹ In the roll of the book it is written con-¹ cerning me:

‘I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep¹ in my heart.’ ”

¹⁰ **I proclaimed righteousness in the great¹ congregation;**
behold, I did not restrain my lips; and that, O¹ LORD, you know.

¹¹ Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart; I have spoken of your
faithfulness and¹ your deliverance;
I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the great¹
congregation.

¹² You are the LORD; do not withhold your com- ¹ passion from me;
let your love and your faithfulness keep me ¹ safe forever. R

SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

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 kind ⁶ just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you ⁷ 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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (LBW p. 62)

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

GOSPEL: John 1:29-42

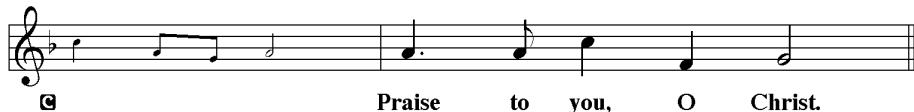
The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 1st chapter.

Glo - ry 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).

The Gospel of the Lord.



SERMON

*HYMN OF THE DAY: “Father, We Praise You”

LBW (green) 267

*APOSTLES CREED (LBW p. 64)

With the whole church, we confess our faith.

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

***THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (LBW p. 65)**

As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

A brief silence.

Gracious God, gather the church into one great fellowship. Equip your people to work together for justice and peace, following the example of Martin Luther King Jr., renewer of society, whose birth we remember this week. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Creating God, sustain the web of life on this planet. Protect wild places, endangered species, and vulnerable habitats. Come to the aid of those affected by natural disasters. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Just God, you desire respect and equality for everyone. Raise up prophets who speak truth to the nations. Embolden leaders and those in authority to advocate for people in need. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Healing God, you lift up those who are bowed down by trouble, oppression, or illness (*especially*). Bring an end to social injustice and inequities of every kind, so that all people may have abundant life. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Abiding God, you are present with this congregation. Keep us mindful of our mission and guide our ministries in this community. Kindle in us a desire to help one another. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Faithful God, you promise to be with us always. We remember with gratitude the faithful departed who now rest in you. Strengthen us to the end, that we may see you face to face. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

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.

***PEACE (LBW p. 66)**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

***PRESENTATION OF OFFERING**

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE: (LBW p. 66)**



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 the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



*OFFERTORY PRAYER (LBW p. 67)

Let us pray.

Merciful Father,

we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

*LORD'S PRAYER (LBW p. 71)

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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.

*BLESSING (LBW p. 74)

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and [☩] give you peace.

Amen

*SENDING HYMN: "On What Has Now Beem Sown"

LBW (green) 261

***DISMISSAL (LBW p. 74)**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Today's altar flower arrangement is presented in memory of Ron Price,
by Donna Price.

SCRIPTURE TEXT FOR SUNDAY 01/25/26

Isa 9:1-4, Ps 27:1, 4-9, 1 Cor 1:10-18, Matt 4:12-23

PRAYER REQUESTS

Kelsey McCullough, Keith Copenhaver, James Thompson, Randy Ruth,
Joann King, Trey Tomaschko, Lou Tomaschko, Beth Hennessey,
Suzanne Becker, Chad Smith, Brian Phelps, Tim Myers, Bonni Whitman,
Jon Stiffler, Shirley Seitz, Sandy Fair, Diane Moul

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Zion! We are glad you are here today. After worship, you are invited to a time of fellowship with coffee and snacks in the social hall directly beside the sanctuary.

Today we welcome Seminarian Seth Zimmann to lead us in worship.

There will be no communion today.

The Loose Change offering plate is available every Sunday. At the end of the month, the total collected for that month will be sent to the chosen organization.

Our loose change collection for January will benefit H.O.P.E. (Help for Oncology Problems and Emotional Support). H.O.P.E.'s mission is volunteer driven, to provide high-quality, hands-on and heart-felt assistance and support to cancer patients and their families.

Services are recorded and streamed live each week on Zion Lutheran Church's Facebook page. It is possible during the recording that people attending the service will be filmed. If you have any concerns about being filmed, please contact the office at 717-235-3276.

SUNDAY SERVANTS

Assisting Ministers:

January 18: none needed
January 25: George Brown
February 1: Jeff Hoffman
February 8: none needed
February 15: Butch Hengst
February 22: none needed

Lectors:

January 18: Susie Hengst
January 25: Chad Fisher
February 1: Diane Bortner
February 8: George Brown
February 15: Pam Hoffman
February 22: Jake Gilroy

Council Offering Duty:

January – Tom Bailey and Chad Fisher
February – Jen Webb and Pam Hoffman

Altar Care:

January – Pam Hoffman
February – Diane Bortner



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