

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 18, 2026



ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Cultivating communities of caring and belonging as
champions of the gospel by being rooted in faith, growing in spirit,
and reaching out to those in need*

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Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church

We are grateful you chose to worship with us. Your participation is an honor to our community, and we invite you to immerse yourself into the unique expression of Lutheran flavored faith. We love Christ deeply and believe it is He alone that saves, freeing us to respond with joy for all the creator has done, guided by the Advocate to serve the neighbor.

Whether you are a visitor or a long-time member, we invite you to fill out the "Welcome to Zion" connection card, especially if you have any pastoral needs, interests in ministry, or wish to communicate with the office for support.

Small guests are invited to take and utilize the worship toolboxes and bags in the pews or immerse themselves in the Prayground at the rear of the sanctuary. There is also a nursery located next to the restrooms in the hallway between the Sanctuary and the Fellowship Hall, along with changing stations in both restrooms for your convenience.

Your siblings in Christ,
Zion Lutheran Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

GATHERING SONG

Gather Us In

ELW #532

GATHERING DIALOGUE (*please stand*)

SONG OF PRAISE ***Jesus, Come! For We...*** **ELW #312** Vs. 2&4

GREETING

PRAYER OF THE DAY

WORD

KID'S TIME (*please be seated*)

FIRST READING **Psalm 127:1-2** Pew Bible OT, pg. 634

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

SONG OF PREP. **Word of God, Come Down...** (*please stand*)

GOSPEL **John 2:13-25** Pew Bible NT, pg. 96

MESSAGE (*please be seated*)

SONG OF THE DAY **There's a Wideness...** **ELW #588**

OFFERING

NEW MEMBER WELCOME

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

OFFERING SONG **Let the Vineyards...** **ELW #182**

OFFERING PRAYER (*please stand*)

MEAL

GIVING THANKS FOR THE MEAL

SONG OF THANKSGIVING **Mighty is Our God**

BLESSING OF THE MEAL

LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION (*please be seated*)

COMMUNION SONG **Lamb of God** **ELW, pg. 154**

COMMUNION SONG **We Come to the Hungry...** **ELW #479**

BLESSING & PRAYER AFTER THE MEAL

SENDING

MINISTRY MOMENT

SENDING BLESSING (*please stand*)

SENDING SONG **Let Us Ever Walk...** **ELW #802**

SENDING WORDS & POSTLUDE

IN OUR PRAYERS

As a community of faith, we are connected through joy, sorrow, and worship and called to pray without ceasing. Please pray with us for:
Delbert, Lois, Magdalen, Lenny, Chad, Mary Jane, Delila, Heather & Graham, Susan, Lorraine, Wilma

And for those with long-term care needs:

Barb, Sharon, Esther, Norma, Sharon, Susan, Alyssa, Kari, Dalvin

ZION'S RADIO BROADCAST

Today's broadcast is sponsored by an anonymous donor in appreciation of all who are listening at home.

If you are interested in sponsoring a broadcast, please call the church office or sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex. You can listen along on KSDN radio (930 AM & 102.1 FM) at 9:00 AM each Sunday.

JANUARY STEWARDSHIP LOVE OFFERINGS

Theme for the Month

Baptism Blessings

Special & Noisy Offering: LuMin

Special Activities: Elementary New Years party — Jan. 11 @ 11:30 AM

Annual Meeting forum — January 18 @ 10:15 AM

MS & HS Youth in the Night — Jan. 18 @ 5:30 PM

Annual Meeting & Potluck — January 25 @ 10:15 AM

Table of Plenty — January 26 from 5:30-7:00 PM

GIVEPLUS⁺

In support of Zion ministries, please consider electronic giving. If you have a smart phone, you can simply scan the code, and it will take you directly to our Giving page on the Zion website. You can also take advantage of the GivePlus mobile app for your smart phone to make giving even more convenient. Just download the GivePlus app, find Zion Lutheran Church, and choose your amount!



Do you need an easy way to contribute to the church? Text giving is a powerful way to give in a matter of seconds. Send a text with your offering amount to **(844-771-9038)**. It's simple and secure.

THIS WEEK AT ZION

SUNDAY—January 18

New Member Sunday

5:30 AM Faith Through Fitness

9:00 AM Worship

10:15 AM Annual mtg forum

10:30 AM Bagged meal assem.

5:30 PM MS & HS Youth event

MONDAY—January 19

Building Closed

TUESDAY—January 20

Newsletter Deadline

5:30 PM Worship Life meeting

WEDNESDAY—January 21

1:00 PM Cardmakers

6:30 PM 6-7-8 confirmation

8:00 PM AA

THURSDAY—January 22

1:00 PM Quilters

6:30 PM Thursdays Together

SUNDAY—January 25

Annual Meeting Sunday

5:30 AM Faith Through Fitness

9:00 AM Worship

10:15 AM Ann. mtg w/ potluck

SAVE THE DATE

• Table of Plenty	January 26 @ 5:30 PM
• Men's Fellowship	January 28 @ 8:00 PM
• Finance meeting	January 29 @ 9:30 AM
• ZLCW meeting	January 29 @ 2:00 PM
• Thursdays Together	January 29 @ 6:30 PM
• Drive Up Donuts	January 30 @ 7:30 AM
• Vendor Fair	February 7 from 9 AM-2PM
• Shrove Pancake fundraiser	February 15 @ 10:15 AM
• Ash Wednesday	February 18

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

QUILT RAFFLE— The Zion Lutheran Church Women will be selling raffle tickets in January for a Vikings-themed quilt. Tickets will be 1/\$3 or 2/\$5. The quilt will be displayed and tickets will be on sale on Sunday mornings in January with the drawing to be held at the annual meeting. Be sure to stop and get your tickets!

ANNUAL MEETING & FORUM— The annual congregational meeting for Zion Lutheran Church will be held on Sunday, January 25 immediately following worship (around 10:15 AM) in the Fellowship Hall. There will be a potluck held in conjunction with the meeting, so please bring a dish to pass!

The annual meeting forum will be **today** after worship in the fellowship hall. Annual reports are available at the forum. We ask you please bring them back for next week's meeting.

CANNED FOOD DRIVE— Following worship today in the kitchen, members of the Missional Life team will be putting together bagged meals to have on hand for those who need one. If you would like to help assemble these meals, please join them!

EXTRA FABRIC—Zion's Quilters received a very generous donation of several totes of fabric. There are some fabrics that will not be able to be used by the group (satin, tulle, etc.), and they would like it to go to a good home. If you would like to look through the fabric, please contact Norma Miller or stop in during quilting time on Mondays & Thursdays from 1-3 PM.

SOUPER BOWL SOUP—The Zion Lutheran Church Women will be selling soup just in time for the Super Bowl! Orders can be placed at the table in the narthex throughout the month of January. Cost is \$10 a quart, and there will be turkey noodle and knoefla soups available for purchase. Pick up will be Thursday, February 5 after 4:00 PM; Friday, February 6; or Saturday, February 7 at the Vendor Fair (9 AM-2 PM).

THURSDAYS TOGETHER—This spring, the church will be open Thursday evenings from 6:30-8:00 PM for an opportunity for fellowship around board and card games. As this event grows, we will be looking for other fellowship options to occur in conjunction with the games. This is meant to be a time for people to share their passions with others inside our congregation and invite those outside our church walls to join in the fun!

YOUTH IN THE NIGHT—A reminder to middle and high school youth of our Youth in the Night event being hosted **today @ 5:30 PM**. Meet in the fellowship hall for an evening of food and fellowship as we join Good Shepherd youth for games in the dark.

THANKS AND PRAISE FOR TODAY'S SUPPORT TEAM

Worship Assistant: Phyllis Gab

Sound: Steve Ottenbacher

PowerPoint: Wanda Wagemann

Ushers: Lyle & Lois Chapin; Lenny Berger; Zach Madsen

Greeters: Lester Harty; Rose Wiedrich

Communion Servers: Kirsten Nash

Organ: Sonya Kempf

Coffee Hosts: Allen, Kirsten, Kenny Nash;

Stephanie, Chase, Hunter Hawkinson

Altar Guild: Sharon Paranto; Marje Kaiser

Van Driver: Jerold Gehring

Lector: Kirsten Nash

Cantor: Zach Anderson



Sharing GOD'S STORY @ home

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."

—John 2:19

MEALTIME PRAYER

With our hands folded, we give thanks to you, Lord. With hunger in our bellies, we give thanks to you, Lord. With love in our hearts, we give thanks to you, Lord. Amen.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

As you read the stories for the week, ask yourself: How is the temple described in each of these stories?

Sunday	John 2:13-25	Cleansing the Temple
Monday	Jeremiah 7:1-11	Prophecy Concerning the Temple
Tuesday	Zechariah 6:9-15	The Future Temple Is Foretold
Wednesday	Zechariah 14:20-21	The Future Temple Has No Traders
Thursday	Revelation 21:22-26	God and the Lamb
Friday	Isaiah 56:1-7	House of Prayer
Saturday	Psalm 69:9	Zeal for the House of the Lord
Sunday	John 3:1-21	Nicodemus Visits Jesus

If your household includes younger children, use a child-friendly Bible. You might find that the children's Bible you are using may not include the very story assigned for the DAILY BIBLE READINGS. Read to your kids anyway. Just pick a story!

SERVICE CHALLENGE

SERVICE is how we enact God's great love for the entire world.

Choose one or more people you know and pray for them every day this week. Then send them a card, call, or message to tell them that you are praying for them.

DEVOTIONS

Think about devotions as a continuation of our community's worship. The following basic pattern could be one way of forming your household's devotions. Adapt as necessary!

GATHERING

† Light a candle to help you focus this time as "God time."

† Prayer of the Week

God, remind us always that not only are you the Lord of the world but you are also the Lord of our hearts. Help us see what is distracting us from following you and give us the zeal to do your work of love and justice. Dwell within us and like you promised, never leave us. Amen.

CARING CONVERSATION

Take a moment to check in with each other or to use the questions below.

- ♀ **Highs & Lows:** Name one thing that has happened in the last three days that has made you glad. Name one thing that has happened in the last three days that has made you sad.
- ♀ **Thinking about This Week's Story:** People were using a holy place to make money. This made Jesus angry. How have you dealt with anger, frustration, or even boredom today? What about happiness or excitement?
- ♀ **Getting Ready for Next Week's Story:** Jesus explains to Nicodemus that the work of God's Holy Spirit is like the wind, felt but not seen. What are some of the things you have felt but not seen today?

DAILY BIBLE READING

Read aloud from the DAILY BIBLE READING from the front. What do you want to remember from this reading?

PRAY TOGETHER

- † Before praying, have each person name one thing that they need forgiven. Then thank God for God's love and forgiveness.

CLOSING

- † If you used a candle, extinguish it as a sign of the end of the devotion time.

† Rituals & Traditions: A Blessing to Share

With permission, shake each person's hand and say, "Jesus gives you life. Amen."