

# ***FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT***

**February 22, 2026**



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## ***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 CALL TO WORSHIP

### **GATHERING**

KYRIE

***Kyrie***

**ELW, pg. 203**

GATHERING DIALOGUE (*please stand*)

GATHERING SONG

***Lord of Light***

GREETING

PRAYER OF THE DAY

## WORD

KIDS' TIME (*please be seated*)

FIRST READING

**Psalms 27**

Pew Bible OT, pg. 555

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

SONG OF PREP.

**Word of God, Speak**

(*please stand*)

GOSPEL

**John 9**

MESSAGE (*please be seated*)

SONG OF THE DAY

**Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)**

## OFFERING

APOSTLES' CREED (*please stand*)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.***

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING (*please be seated*)

OFFERING SONG

**There is None Like You**

OFFERING PRAYER (*please stand*)

## MEAL

GIVING THANKS FOR THE MEAL

SONG OF THANKSGIVING **Let Your Steadfast Love...**

BLESSING OF THE MEAL

LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION (*please be seated*)

COMMUNION SONG

**Redeemer, Savior, Friend**

BLESSING & PRAYER AFTER THE MEAL

## SENDING

MINISTRY MOMENT

SENDING BLESSING (*please stand*)

SENDING SONG

**Friend of God**

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, Lenny, Chad, Mary Jane, Delila, Lorraine, Wilma

**And for those with long-term care needs:**

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

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## ***ZION'S RADIO BROADCAST***

Today's broadcast is sponsored by Dean & Mae Click; Michelle, Heather, & Devon Heyd; and David Peterson in memory of Jordan Heyd.

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.

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## ***FEBRUARY STEWARDSHIP LOVE OFFERINGS***

Theme for the Month

Living Legacy as the Image of God

*Special & Noisy Offering:* Lutherans Outdoors

*Special Activities* 4 & 5 Grade Milestone — February 22 @ 10:30 AM

Table of Plenty — February 23 @ 5:30 PM

Lenten Services — February 25 @ 12:15 & 6:05 PM

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**GIVEPLUS<sup>+</sup>**

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.

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## ***THIS WEEK AT ZION***

### **SUNDAY—February 22**

5:30 AM Faith Through Fitness  
9:00 AM Worship  
10:15 AM Fellowship  
10:15 AM Faith Explorers  
10:30 AM Faith Insights  
10:30 AM 4&5 Milestone  
2:00 PM Free Play Afternoon

### **MONDAY—February 23**

1:00 PM Quilters  
5:30 PM Table of Plenty

**VISIT FROM LPG**—Join us for food and fellowship following the Sunday worship service **on March 1** as Kathy McHenry shares simple, no-cost ways to create or update your will and smart tools to make your generosity go further. Don't miss this chance to learn how your life can make a lasting difference!

### **WEDNESDAY—February 25**

11:30 AM Lenten Meal  
12:15 PM Lenten Worship  
1:00 PM Cardmakers  
2:00 PM ZLCW meeting  
5:15 PM Lenten Meal  
6:05 PM Lenten Worship  
8:00 PM AA  
8:00 PM Men's Fellowship

### **THURSDAY—February 26**

9:30 AM Finance meeting  
1:00 PM Quilters  
6:30 PM Thursdays Together

### **FRIDAY—February 27**

7:30 AM Drive Up Donuts

### **SUNDAY—March 1**

5:30 AM Faith Through Fitness  
9:00 AM Worship  
10:15 AM Fellowship w/  
pancakes & LPG  
10:30 AM Faith Explorers

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## ***SAVE THE DATE***

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| • Missional Life Meeting | March 2 @ 5:30 PM         |
| • Lenten Worship         | March 4 @ 12:15 & 6:05 PM |
| • Thursdays Together     | March 5 @ 6:30 PM         |
| • Daylight Savings Time  | March 8                   |
| • Education Meeting      | March 8 @ 11:15 AM        |
| • Book Club              | March 10 @ 11:30 AM       |
| • USD Community Concert  | March 15 @ 7:00 PM        |
| • Worship Life Meeting   | March 17 @ 5:30 PM        |

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## ***OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS***

**THANK YOU**—From the families of Susan Brinkman and Heather & Graham Heyd, **thank you** for all of the prayers. Everyone is home and doing well.

**THURSDAYS TOGETHER**—This spring, the church will be open Thursday evenings from 6:30-8:00 PM for an opportunity for fellowship. 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!

This month's remaining schedule (board/card games each week):  
Learn to Line Dance hosted by Phyllis Gab from 7:15-8:00 PM

**FREE PLAY AFTERNOON**— Zion is teaming up for an afternoon of fun for our middle and high school youth.

When: **TODAY** from 2:00-4:00 PM

Where: Bethlehem to play games of your choice—active games in the gym, video game tournament, card & board games, and more!

Carpool: Meet at Zion at 1:45 PM if you need a ride

Extras: Snacks will be provided, and friends are welcome!

Don't miss this chance to connect, play, and have fun with friends from all three ELCA congregations in town!

**FUNDRAISER**—Our Nashville mission trip participants are hosting a Fish Bowl fundraiser, giving you the chance to win a fish bowl full of gift cards, along with other great raffle prizes! To help them plan, donations of any amount are welcome to purchase gift cards to use for the fundraiser. You can leave your contribution in the offering plate marked "Nashville Fundraiser" or drop it off in the church office during the week. Thank you for your support!

**RADIO BROADCAST SPONSORSHIPS**—We are in need of broadcast sponsorships for the next seven weeks. If you would like to sponsor a broadcast, please sign up on the board in the narthex or stop in the church office during the week. Thank you for your continued support of this vital ministry!

**THANKS AND PRAISE FOR TODAY'S SUPPORT TEAM**

**Worship Assistant:** Mike Bretsch

**Van Driver:** Jerold Gehring

**Sound:** Zach Anderson

**Lector:** Monica Tietz

**PowerPoint:** Shelley Fischbach

**Ushers:** Joel & Jane Albrecht; Lenny Tietz

**Greeters:** Aileen Kolb; Lavina Nelson

**Communion Servers:** Jeremy Schutter

**Praise Band:** Stephanie Hawkinson, Stacy Geffre, Phyllis Gab, Vicki Carlson, Garry Johnson, Mike German, Cadynce German, Lexi LaFave; Rhonda Strouckel

**Coffee Hosts:** Gladys Melcher; Brent, Becky, Brom, Bryan Stanek

**Altar Guild:** Pam Seyer; Deb Hardy