

# THIS IS MY SON, THE BELOVED

MATTHEW 3:17



Edinburg Lutheran Parish  
St. Jacob's & Zion Congregations

January 11, 2026

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**Remembering those who have requested prayer:** Sophia Gibb, Goldie Lam, Kitty Martz ... **and we further remember...** Steve Baker, Steve Campbell, Leannah Comer, Keith Cubbage, Burgess Dellinger, Roe Dias, Dot Doolan, Todd Edgerton, Carla Eickenhorst, Virginia Estep, Landon Fadely, Tammy Foltz, Diane Funkhouser, Harper & Luther Gochenour, Peggy Graff, Podge Green, Terry Grigsby, Belle Hamman, Martha Harlow, Mike Harlow, Tim Harlow, Mike Heishman, Betty Helsley, Barbara Hollar, Ronnie Hoffman, Sonny Hovatter, Buck Jones, Danny Jones, Erica & Jim Lam, Wade Ludwig, Tasha Mahony, Keith Manich, Toby Markley, Bonnie Mason, Erich McMinn, Ron Moomaw, Jerry Newland, Sharon Nichols, Anna Nilsen, Rick Painter, Bob & Jane Perry, Jerry & Judy Polk, Larry Polk, Karen Polk, Ed & Bea Provost, Dennis Rigby, Steve Ritenour, Laurie Robinson, Roger Schmidt, Peter Shoemaker, Ed Sine, Dan Strother, Keith Taylor, Judy Tharp, John Wymer, and Christine Zuniga.

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**Next Sunday:** January 18 – Second Sunday after Epiphany

**8:30 Worship** will be a Service of the Word at Zion.

**9:45 Adult Sunday School** meets at both churches.

**11:00 Worship** will be a Service of the Word at St. Jacob's  
Call-in worship is always offered at the 11:00 service.  
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## DID YOU KNOW ?

The first five books of the Bible are credited to Moses and called the Pentateuch or Torah



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Today** there will be a Central Valley Conference leaders meeting from 3-5 PM at Zion. With the theme "Collaborative Conversations," we hope to become better partnered with our sister congregations. Council members are invited to attend.

**Spring Forward** has resumed classes with special lessons on Epiphany and hot air balloons! We meet on Tuesday, and Thursday from 4-6 PM. If you know of an elementary age student who would benefit from this tutoring and enrichment program, please pick up a brochure in the entryway and share it with them!

**Wednesday in the Word** - Bible Study will meet this Wednesday at 6 PM, as we begin a study on the Book of Jame

**Every can counts**, as we've said! Donna reports that Zion made \$231.21 in aluminum sales for 2025, so thanks to our faithful contributors!

**Bad weather plan...** We are moving into that time of year when the weather can quickly turn snowy and icy making the roads treacherous. Remember if the decision is made to not have worship in-person, you still have the option of dialing into the 11 AM Call-In service with the numbers provided in this bulletin. **How will I know if the churches are closed?** You can call Zion's answering machine (540-984-8764) and listen to the message, or watch closings on WHSV Channel 3, or check out our website: elpva.org. Make the best decision for your situation!

**January is Sanctity of Human Life** month and you can find out ways to recognize the month as well as learn more about our own Shenandoah County Pregnancy Center by going to: <https://supportscpc.org/>. There is a great video that even takes you on a tour of the center!

**Zion's Blessing Box...**thanks continue to abound for your generosity in supporting our community in this way. It has been great to see gloves, hats, hygiene items appear along with food donations! We can also stock the bottom with wood, if you have some to spare! Thank you!

**Would you consider helping care for Zion's U.S. Flag?** The time has come for a change in the duty roster for the person who cares for our flag, lowering it on days that call for half-staff, as well as monitoring when it needs to be replaced. Please speak with the Pastor if you'd consider helping in this way.



# Baptism of Our Lord

## Zion Lutheran Church

### January 11, 2026 + 11 AM

#### Confession and Forgiveness

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

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. **Amen.**

***Silence is kept for reflection.***

Most merciful God, **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.**

#### ***Assurance and Forgiveness***

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake, God forgives us all our sins. As a called, ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by His authority, I, therefore, declare to You the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the **+** Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

## Gathering Hymn # 304 *Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized*

1 Christ, when for us you were bap - tized, God's Spir - it on you  
2 God called you, "My be - lov - ed Son"; you are God's ser - vant  
3 Straight- way and stead - fast un - til death you then o - obeyed the  
4 Bap - tize us with your Spir - it, Lord; your cross on us be

came, as peace - ful as a dove, and yet as  
true, sent to pro - claim the reign of heav'n, God's  
call to serve with free and will - ing heart, to  
signed, that like - wise in God's ser - vice we may

ur - gent as a flame, as ur - gent as a flame.  
ho - ly will to do, God's ho - ly will to do.  
give your life for all, to give your life for all.  
per - fect free - dom find, may per - fect free - dom find.

## Apostolic Greeting

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.**

## Canticle of Praise

## This Is The Feast

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*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



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



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
2 Sing . . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.  
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and  
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



Refrain  
hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.  
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - - men.



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



Refrain  
gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

## Prayer of the Day

## God's Word



## Today's Readings

Isaiah 42:1-9

Psalm 29

Acts 10:34-43

## Gospel Acclamation

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

Repeat alleluia

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

## The Gospel

Matthew 3:13-17

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Chapter, beginning with the 13<sup>th</sup> verse...

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

***The reading of the  
Gospel***

The Gospel of  
the Lord.

**Praise to You,  
O Christ.**

## Sermon



## Sermon Hymn # 305 When Jesus Came to Jordan



1 When Je - sus came to Jor - dan to be bap - tized by John,  
2 He came to share temp - ta - tion, our ut - most woe and loss,  
3 Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, aid us to keep the vows we make;

he did not come for par - don but as the Sin - less One.  
for us and our sal - va - tion to die up - on the cross.  
this ver - y day in - vade us, and ev - 'ry bond-age break.

He came to share re - pen - tance with all who mourn their sins,  
So when the dove de - scend - ed on him, the Son of Man,  
Come, give our lives di - rec - tion, the gift we cov - et most:

to speak the vi - tal sen - tence with which good news be - gins.  
the hid - den years had end - ed, the age of grace be - gan.  
to share the res - ur - rec - tion that leads to Pen - te - cost.

## Nicene Creed

**We** believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

**We** believe in one Lord,  
Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through Him all things were made.



For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day He rose again in accordance with the scriptures; He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.



**We** believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### **Prayers of Intercession**

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear**  
**our prayer.**



### **Offering**

#### **Offering Prayer**

God of all creation, all You have made is good, and Your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of Your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## Offertory

Create in me a clean heart O God  
and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Your presence,  
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore to me the joy of Your salvation and  
uphold me with Your free spirit.



## Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

By the leading of a star He was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine He revealed Your glory. 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:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of Your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

## + Words of Consecration +



### The Lord's Prayer

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.**

### Lamb of God

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Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -  
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## Invitation to Communion

In Christ's presence, there is fullness of joy.  
Come, share in His presence.

## Sharing of Communion

*In the sanctuary, we will commune at the altar railing.  
Those at home are invited to commune at the beginning, as the Pastor invites them.*

## Communion Dismissal

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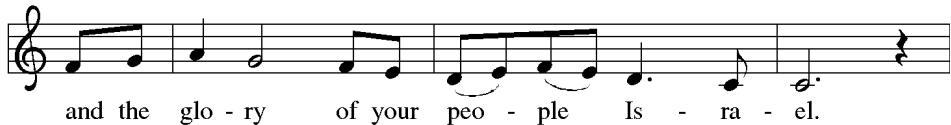
Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful -



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.

## Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

We give You thanks, most gracious God, that You have fed us with the bread of heaven and given us a foretaste of Paradise. Enliven us to be Your body in the world and to serve those who are in need; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Blessing

Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you;  
The Lord make His face shine upon you,  
And be gracious to you;  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you,  
+ and give you peace. **Amen**



**Zion's 2026 Council:** Cathy Hottle, Lawrence Funkhouser, (Pastor Katie), Sandra Green, and Robbie Green. Not pictured: Dianne George and Anna Givens



## Sending Hymn # 543 *Go, My Children, with My Blessing*



1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.  
2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.  
3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.  
4 "I the Lord will bless and keep you, and give you peace.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.  
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.  
I the Lord will smile up - on you, and give you peace.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.  
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.  
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here his ten - der com - fort stilled you.  
I the Lord will be your Fa - ther, Sav - ior, Com - fort - er and Broth - er.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."  
Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."  
Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."  
Go, my chil - dren, I will keep you, and give you peace."

## Sending

Go in peace with the joy of  
Christ in your heart!  
**Thanks be to God.**



Sunday, January 4, 2026



<sup>5</sup>The voice of the LORD  
breaks the <sup>1</sup> cedar trees;  
the LORD  
breaks the ce- <sup>1</sup> dars of Lebanon;  
<sup>6</sup>the LORD makes Lebanon  
skip <sup>1</sup> like a calf,  
and Mount Hermon  
like a <sup>1</sup> young wild ox.  
<sup>7</sup>The voice <sup>1</sup> of the LORD  
bursts forth in <sup>1</sup> lightning flashes.  
<sup>8</sup>**The voice of the LORD**  
<sup>1</sup> shakes the wilderness;

**the LORD**  
**shakes the wilder- <sup>1</sup> ness of Kadesh.**  
<sup>9</sup>The voice of the LORD makes the oak  
trees writhe and strips the <sup>1</sup> forests bare.  
And in the temple of the LORD  
all are <sup>1</sup> crying, "Glory!"  
<sup>10</sup>**The LORD sits enthroned**  
**a- <sup>1</sup> bove the flood;**  
**the LORD sits enthroned**  
**as king for- <sup>1</sup> evermore.**  
<sup>11</sup>O LORD, give strength <sup>1</sup> to your people;  
give them, O LORD,  
the bless- <sup>1</sup> ings of peace.

## Second Reading

Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

## Gospel

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup>John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" <sup>15</sup>But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. <sup>16</sup>And when Jesus had

<sup>39</sup>We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

## Matthew 3:13-17

been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw God's Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. <sup>17</sup>And a voice from the heavens said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."



# Today's Readings

Baptism of Our Lord  
January 11, 2026

## Prayer of the Day

O God our Father, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## First Reading

Isaiah 42:1-9

Here is my servant, whom I uphold,  
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;  
I have put my spirit upon him;  
he will bring forth justice to the  
nations.  
<sup>2</sup>He will not cry out or lift up his voice  
or make it heard in the street;  
<sup>3</sup>a bruised reed he will not break,  
and a dimly burning wick he will not  
quench;  
he will faithfully bring forth justice.  
<sup>4</sup>He will not grow faint or be crushed  
until he has established justice in the  
earth,  
and the coastlands wait for his  
teaching.  
<sup>5</sup>Thus says God, the LORD,  
who created the heavens and  
stretched them out,  
who spread out the earth and what  
comes from it,

## Psalm



Ascribe to the <sup>1</sup> LORD, you gods,  
ascribe to the LORD  
glo- <sup>1</sup> ry and strength.

**2Ascribe to the LORD**  
**the glory <sup>1</sup> due God's name;**  
**worship the LORD**  
**in the beau- <sup>1</sup> ty of holiness.**

<sup>3</sup>The voice of the LORD  
is upon the waters;  
the God of <sup>1</sup> glory thunders;  
the LORD is upon the <sup>1</sup> mighty waters.

**4The voice of the LORD**  
**is a pow- <sup>1</sup> erful voice;**  
**the voice of the LORD**  
**is a <sup>1</sup> voice of splendor.**