

Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 18, 2026



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.



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Welcome to Zion!

***“Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.”***
(Isaiah 60:1)

Welcome – whether this is your home congregation or your first visit, we're glad you're here!

We welcome all people in the name of Christ to experience God's goodness and grace in Word, water, and meal. Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, there is a place for you to belong at Zion.

Get Connected at Zion

The best ways to stay connected are to visit our website, follow us on social media (@zionchurchdfb on Facebook and Instagram), and subscribe to our weekly newsletter.

Children in Worship

Children are God's gift to our church! They are not the future of our church; they are the right now. The way we welcome children here directly affects the way they respond to the Church, to God, and to one another.

We welcome children and their families to sit near the Prayground at the front of the sanctuary. There are coloring activities, puzzles, books, and a toolbox to engage in our worship together.

Giving

We appreciate your stewardship of treasure, talent, and time at Zion. You may leave your offerings in the offering plates or give online via our website or this QR code.



Livestreaming

Zion livestreams all our services on Facebook and YouTube. Any person present gives consent to being filmed or photographed.



Zion is a Reconciling in Christ (RIC) community, and extends God's radical welcome to all people, because we're all created in God's image.

We Gather

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN

“Arise, Your Light Has Come!”

ELW Hymn #314

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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

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“Glory to God in the Highest”

SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

Let us pray together...**Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

We Hear & Respond to God’s Word

FIRST READING

Isaiah 49:1-7

...Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

...Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL

John 1:29-42

Before the reading: The Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

After the reading: The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Making Their Way”

ACS Hymn #979

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & SHARING OF PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always! **And also with you.**

OFFERTORY HYMN & PRAYER

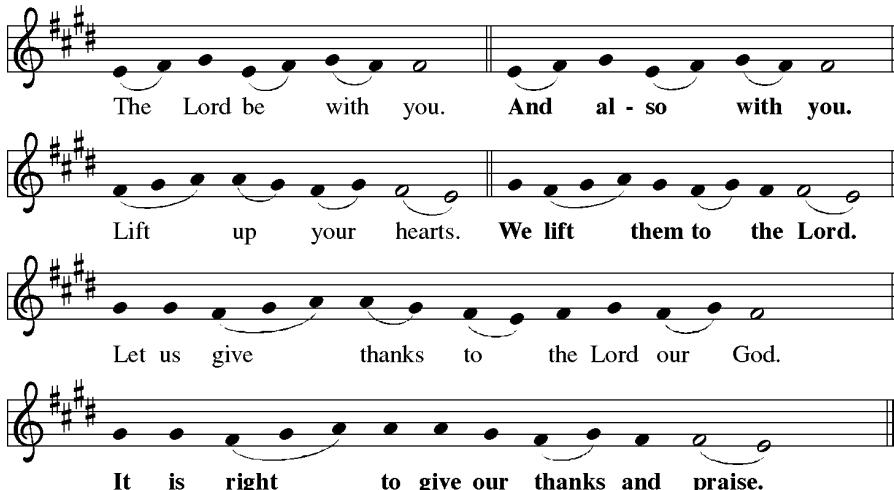
“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

ELW Hymn #674

Let us pray together...**God of majesty, no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

We Feast at the Lord's Table

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



The musical notation consists of four staves of music in G major (two sharps) and common time. The lyrics are integrated into the music, with each line of text corresponding to a line of music. The lyrics are:

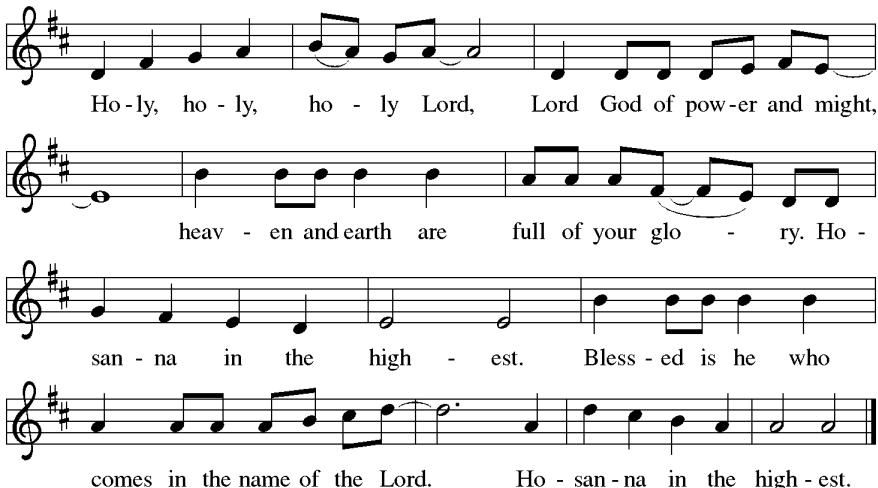
The Lord be with you. And also with you.

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:



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, Lord God of pow-er and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-
san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

EUCARISTIC PRAYER

Holy are you, Eternal One. You sit above, through, and within the circle of the earth: setting light into being, casting the stars in the sky, founding the evolving earth, and all that dwell within it. Limitless is your power and great is your wisdom.

You look upon the lowly as your most cherished creatures. You visit upon the downtrodden with presence, grace, and the promise of eternal justice. You sent to us your own child, Jesus, who reached into unexpected places: calling women beyond the limits of their times, equipping men for nurturing love, welcoming children into your holy embrace.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

With life's greatest feast before us, we excitedly proclaim the mystery of faith: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

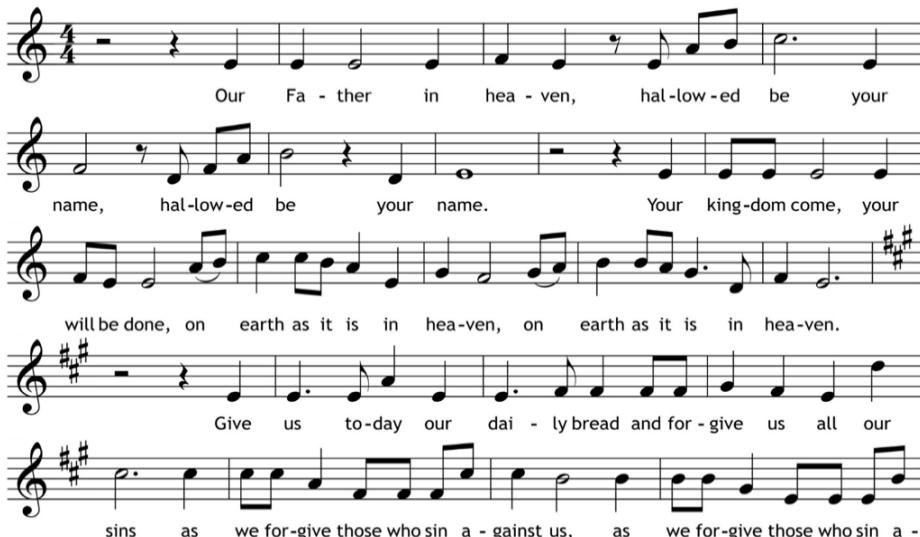
Holy God, you transform all that is before you so that at the touch of your grace we are never the same. Holy God, you illumine, bringing light to all peoples: light to the nations, light into our hearts, light on your way.

Holy God, we pray for your Spirit. Transform, illumine, bless. Make these ordinary gifts of bread and cup into the extraordinary presence of Christ with us. In so doing, hold us as your own. Renew us as your people for the sake of the world you love.

For all honor and glory are yours, O God, through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit in your glorious creation both now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:



Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us to-day our daily bread and forgive us all our sins as we forgive those who sin against us, as we forgive those who sin against us.

against us. Save us from the time of tri - al and de - li - ver us from e - vil, de - liv - er us from - e - vil. For yours is the king-dom, the pow - er and the glo - ry, for - e - ver and e - ver, for e - ver and e - ver. A - men, a - men. A - men.

SHARING THE MEAL

“You Satisfy the Hungry Heart”

ELW Hymn #484

“Jesus, Come! For We Invite You”

ELW Hymn #312

We Are Sent into the World

BLESSING FOR STRENGTH

May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ comfort, strengthen, and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together...Radiant God, we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. In the sacrament of his body and blood you have drawn us to your heart. Send us from this table with delight, that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love, and bear witness to all we have seen and heard, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

May the triune God, who has put a new song in your mouth and tuned your heart for praise + bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

“This Little Light of Mine”

Hymn #677

DISMISSAL

The worship has ended. Now the service begins. Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy. Radiate God's light. **Thanks be to God!**

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Today's Readings

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Prayer of the Day

Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Reading

Isaiah 49:1-7

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.
2He 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.
3And he said to me, "You are my servant,
Israel, in whom I will be glorified."
4But 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."
5And 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—
6he 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."

7Thus 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."

Psalm

Psalm 40:1-11; tone 6



I waited patiently up-¹ on the LORD,
who stooped to me
and ¹ heard my cry.
2The LORD lifted me
out of the desolate pit,
out of the ¹ miry clay,
and set my feet upon a high cliff,
making my ¹ footing sure.

3The LORD put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise ¹ to our God;
many shall see, and stand in awe,
and put their trust ¹ in the LORD.
4Happy are they who trust ¹ in the LORD!
They do not turn to enemies
or to those who ¹ follow lies.

continued

Psalm, continued

⁵Great are the wonders you have done,
O LORD my God!
In your plans for us,
none can be compared with you!
 Oh, that I could make them known
 and tell them!
 But they are more than I can count.
6Sacrifice and offering
you do I not desire;
 you have opened my ears:
 burnt-offering and sin-offering
 you have I not required.
⁷And so I said, "Here I am; I come.
 In the scroll of the book
 it is written ten of me:
8"I love to do your will, I O my God;
 your law is I deep within me."

⁹I proclaimed righteousness
in the I great assembly;
 I have not restrained my lips,
 O I LORD, you know.
10I have not hidden your righteousness
in my heart;
I have spoken of your faithfulness
and I your deliverance;
 I have not concealed
 your steadfast love and truth
 from the I great assembly.
11You are the LORD;
do not withhold your compassion
from me;
 may your steadfast love
 and your truth
 continually I keep me safe.

Second Reading

Gospel

[John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' ³¹I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." ³²And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³I 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.' ³⁴And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One."

³⁵The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed,

1 Corinthians 1:1-9 [not printed]

John 1:29-42

"Look, here is the Lamb of God!" ³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸When 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?" ³⁹He 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. ⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). ⁴²He 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).

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