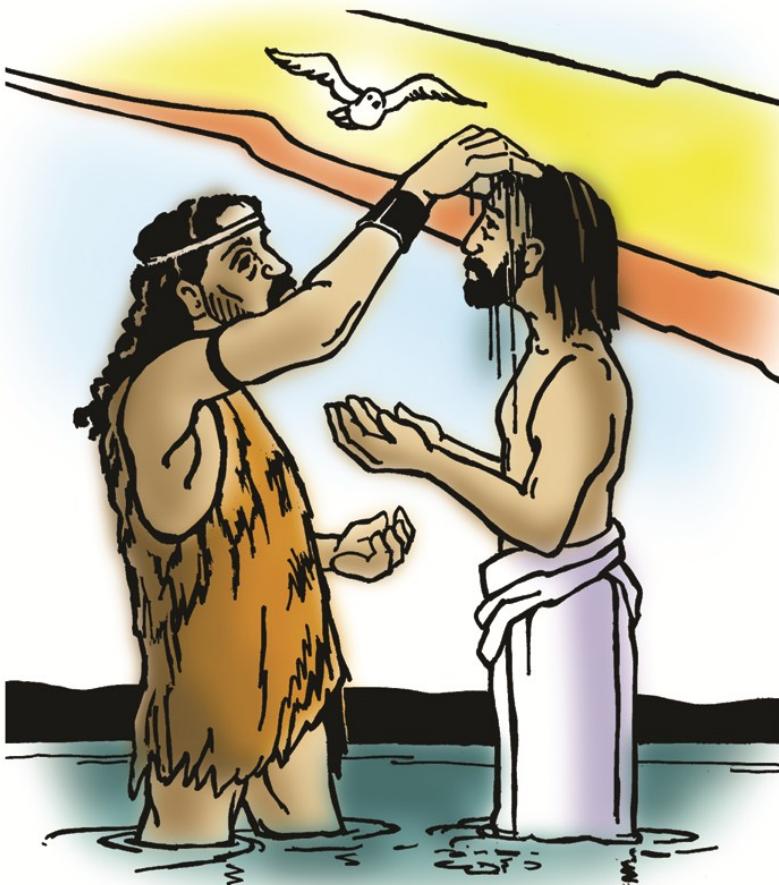


# *Zion Lutheran Church*



***Baptism of Our Lord***  
***5:30 p.m. January 10, 2026***  
***9:00 a.m. January 11, 2026***

*In the waters of the Jordan, Jesus is revealed as the beloved Son of God. Through this great epiphany, Jesus fulfills all righteousness and becomes the servant of God who will bring forth justice and be a light to the nations. In the waters of baptism we too are washed by the Word, anointed by the Spirit, and named God's beloved children. Our baptismal mission is to proclaim good news to all who are oppressed or in need of God's healing.*

## Welcome

**Welcome to worship at Zion Lutheran Church. May this time honor God and inspire you.**  
**Worship details:** In this bulletin, **bold print** indicates the congregation's responses. **Assisted listening devices**, which are cleaned, disinfected, and have earpads replaced after each service are available in the narthex; ask an usher. **Hospitality details:** A **family restroom** is located in the hallway next to the sanctuary. **If you are visiting today**, please feel free to sign the Guest Registry located in the narthex. We ask that ALL members, regular visitors, and guests **sign the pew pad sheet**, so that we can better get to know each other.

### **PRELUDE**

"Blessed Be the God of Israel" by Dale Wood & Wilbur Held

### **RINGING OF BELL**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*The assembly may stand*

### **CONFESSiON AND FORGIVENESS**

P      Blessed be the holy Trinity, <sup>☩</sup> one God, the Creator of heaven and earth, the Word who spoke life into being, the Wind stirring the waters.

C      **Amen.**

P      Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P      Mighty God, lover of justice,

C      **you call us to life in community, but we have served our own interests at the expense of our neighbors. We have sown deceit where honesty was needed. We say the right words, but our hearts are far from you. Turn us to seek your face. Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ, that we may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God.** Amen.

P      The former things have passed away, and new things God now declares: Like a spring of water that never fails, God covers you in the righteousness of Christ, and forgives your sin in <sup>☩</sup> Jesus' name. May the Spirit give you strength to live for others, and bless you with the gift of peace.

C      **Amen.**

**HYMN:**

"Remember and Rejoice"

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## GREETING

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

C And also with you.

## HYMN OF PRAISE

*Refrain*



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



1 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.

*Refrain*



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



2 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.

*Refrain*



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



3 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.

*Refrain*



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

C **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.**

*The assembly is seated*

**Isaiah 42:1-9** *God's servant is endowed with God's spirit in order to bring justice to the nations.*

*The servant will not exercise authority boisterously or with violence, nor will weariness ever prevent the fulfilling of the servant's task. God's old promises have been fulfilled; the servant's new assignment is to bring light to the nations.*

<sup>1</sup> 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, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it:

<sup>6</sup> I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness; I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations,<sup>7</sup> to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.

<sup>8</sup> I am the Lord; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols.<sup>9</sup> See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

R Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 29 (read responsively)**

<sup>1</sup> Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

<sup>2</sup> **Ascribe to the Lord the glory due God's name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.**

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

<sup>4</sup> **The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.**

<sup>5</sup> The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

<sup>6</sup> **the Lord makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

<sup>7</sup> The voice of the Lord bursts forth in lightning flashes.

<sup>8</sup> **The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

<sup>9</sup> The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare. And in the temple of the Lord all are crying, "Glory!"

<sup>10</sup> **The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forevermore.**

<sup>11</sup> O Lord, give strength to your people; give them, O Lord, the blessings of peace.

**Acts 10:34-43** Peter crosses the sharp religious boundary separating Jews from Gentiles and proclaims the good news of God's inclusive forgiveness in Jesus' name to Cornelius, a Roman centurion. As a result of Peter's preaching, Cornelius and his family become the first Gentiles to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

<sup>34</sup> 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

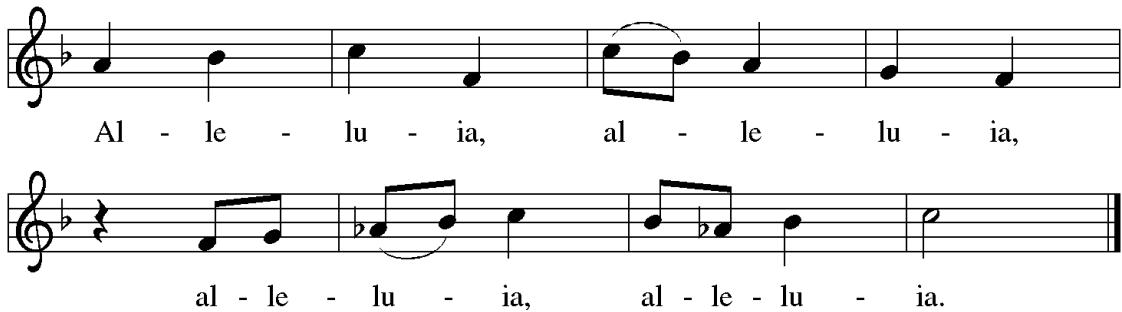
Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup> how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup> We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and 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.”

R Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*The assembly may stand*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**



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

**Matthew 3:13-17** *Before Jesus begins his ministry, he is baptized by John, touched by the Spirit, and identified publicly as God's child.*

P The holy gospel according to Matthew.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>13</sup> 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 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.”

P The Gospel of the Lord

C **Praise to you, O Christ**

*The assembly is seated*

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

*The assembly may stand*

**HYMN OF THE DAY:**      "Word of God, Come Down on Earth"

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### **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**

Each petition ends with: Hear us, O God.      Please respond with: **Your mercy is great.**

P      Draw near to us, O God, as we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy through Jesus Christ, Emmanuel.

C      **Amen.**

### **PEACE**

P      The peace of Christ be with you always.      C      **And also with you.**

*We share Christ's peace with one another.*

*The assembly is seated.*

**NOISY OFFERING**      Gifts received in the Noisy Offering will be split between  
ELCA World Hunger and local food pantries

*(Offering plates will not be passed during the service, but are available at the sanctuary entrance.)*

*The assembly may stand.*

**OFFERING RESPONSE**

"As with Gladness Men of Old" vs. 1-3

ELW (red book) # 302



1 As with glad - ness men of old did the guid-ing star be - hold;  
2 As with joy - ful steps they sped, Sav - ior, to thy low - ly bed,  
3 As they of - fered gifts most rare at thy cra - dle, rude and bare,  
4 Ho - ly Je - sus, ev - 'ry day keep us in the nar - row way;  
5 In the heav'n-ly coun-try bright need they no cre - a - ted light;



as with joy they hailed its light, lead - ing on - ward, beam-ing bright;  
there to bend the knee be - fore thee, whom heav'n and earth a - dore;  
so may we with ho - ly joy, pure and free from sin's al - loy,  
and when earth-ly things are past, bring our ran - somed souls at last  
thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down;



so, most gra-cious Lord, may we ev - er - more be led by thee.  
so may we with will - ing feet ev - er seek thy mer - cy seat.  
all our cost-liest trea - sures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav'n-ly king.  
where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo - ry hide.  
there for - ev - er may we sing al - le - lu - ias to our king.

Text: William C. Dix, 1837–1898, alt.

Music: DIX, Conrad Kocher, 1786–1872

**OFFERING PRAYER**

A 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.

C **Amen.**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

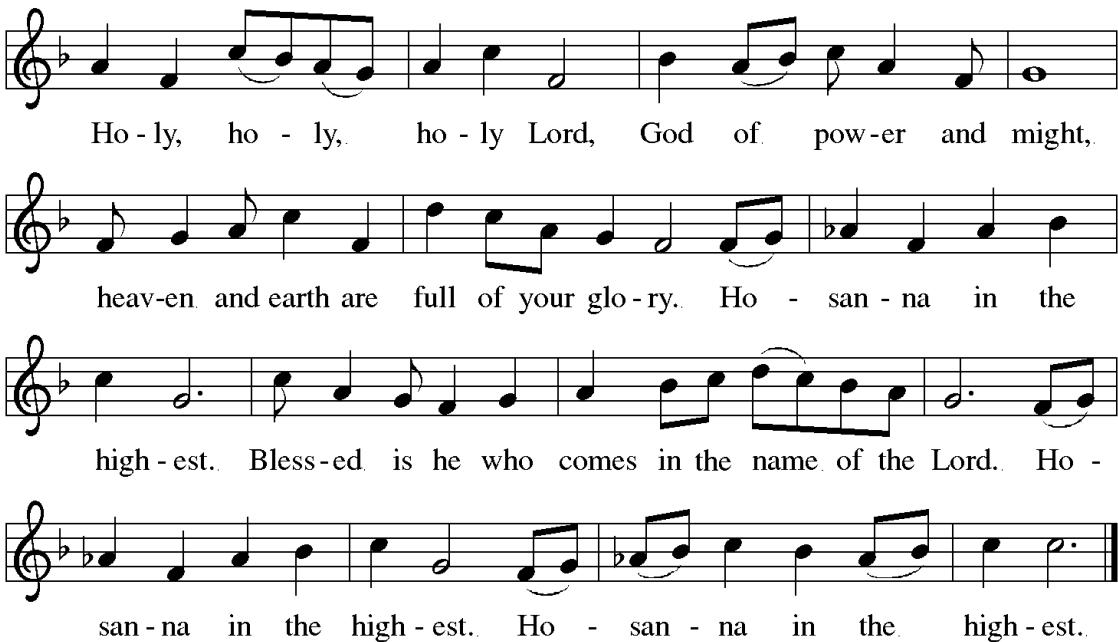
P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise... ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

### LORD'S PRAYER

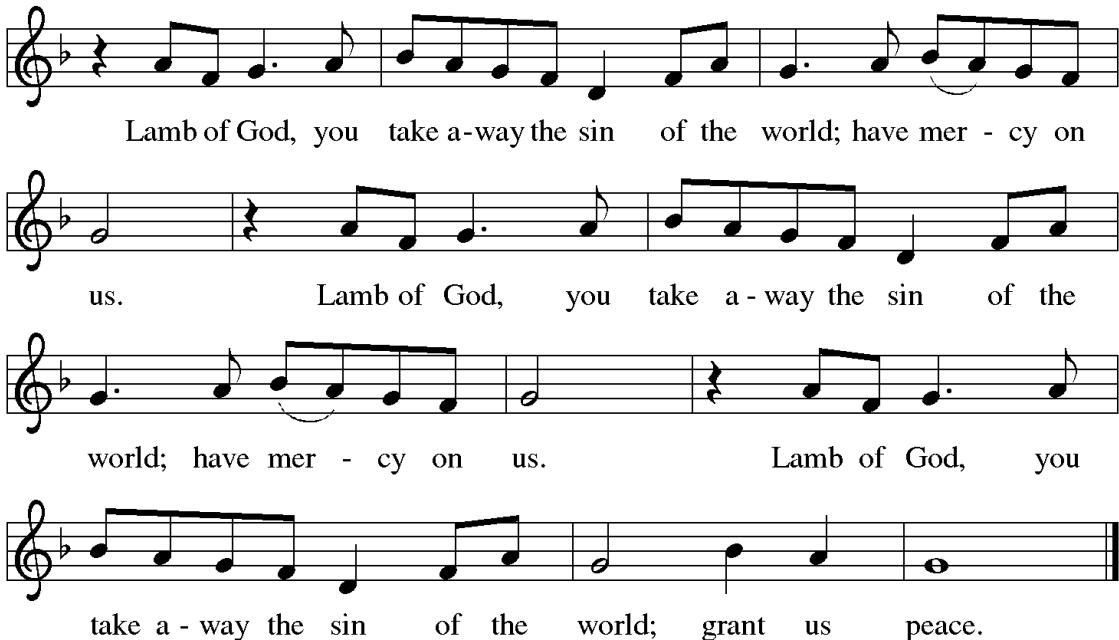
C Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! Come to the table; taste and see.

*The assembly is seated. All who trust that Christ is truly present in the sacrament are welcome to partake of this meal. All are welcome to come forward as the ushers direct you. However, you are also welcome to remain in your pew and the Lord's Supper will be brought to you; simply let the usher know your desire when they come to your pew.*

*Wine, grape juice and gluten-free options are available. The grape juice is the light colored liquid in the center ring of the trays. Place your empty glass in the receptacle available as you head back to your seat via the side aisle.*



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.

*Communion Hymns:*

*“Spirit of Gentleness”  
“I Bind Unto Myself Today”*

*ELW (red book) # 396  
ELW (red book) # 450*

*The assembly may stand*

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.  
C Amen.

#### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

A Let us pray. 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**

P May the triune God, who has put a new song in your mouth and tuned your heart for praise  $\pm$  bless you now and forever.  
C Amen.

**DISMISSAL**

P Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

C **Thanks be to God!**

**POSTLUDE**

"O Morning Star" by Johann C. Bach

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**WORSHIP LEADERS****5:30 pm****9:00 am****Presiding Minister:**

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**Organist:**

Christine Holmer

Christine Holmer

**Worship Assistant:**

Linda Dutches

Shirleen Jackson

**Communion Servers:**

Marsha Smith &amp;

Keith Jackson &amp;

Roxanne McElroy

Linda Flikkema

**Greeters:**

Helen Steen

Richard &amp; Cynthia Pederson

**ANNUAL REPORTS:** All annual reports should already be turned in, if your report is not yet turned in, please get it to Amanda ASAP. The final report will be compiled this week and will be available in the narthex this weekend, January 17th & 18th.

**SACK LUNCH MINISTRY:** Our next Sack Lunch Monday will be January 12. If you are willing to contribute something from our grocery list, or help prepare the lunches, check out the sign up in the Narthex! THANK YOU!!

**BUDGET FORUM TO BE HELD:** In continuing with past practice, Zion will be hosting a Budget Forum Meeting on Monday, January 19, at 6:00 p.m. in the Conference Room. The purpose behind this forum is to address the budget and answer any questions members of the congregation may have about the budget prior to the Annual Congregation Meeting. By holding this forum, those who want a deeper understanding of the budget are given the opportunity, without extending the time of the Annual Congregation Meeting. If you have any questions regarding the budget, we ask that you join us on January 19.

## Remember and Rejoice



1 Re - mem - ber and re - joice, re - newed by floods of grace.  
2 In life, in death, we trust in God's most ho - ly name,  
3 We pledge our - selves a - new to flee the lures of hell,  
4 God, bless us by your grace; re - mind us of your care.  
5 Re - mem - ber and re - joice, re - newed by floods of grace.



We bear the sign of Je - sus Christ, that time can - not e - rase.  
for - ev - er traced by wa - ter sign, and sealed by Spir - it flame.  
to cling to Christ's com - mu - ni - ty, in jus - tice, peace to dwell.  
Re - new - ing Spir - it, fill us now, in - spire our work, our prayer.  
We bear the sign of Je - sus Christ, that time can - not e - rase.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: ST. THOMAS, Aaron Williams, 1731–1776

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## Word of God, Come Down on Earth



1 Word of God, come down on earth, liv - ing rain from  
2 Word e - ter - nal, throned on high, Word that brought to  
3 Word that speaks God's ten - der love, one with God be -



heav'n de - scand - ing; touch our hearts and bring to birth  
life cre - a - tion, Word that came from heav'n to die,  
yond all tell - ing, Word that sends us from a - bove



faith and hope and love un - end - ing. Word al - might - y,  
cru - ci - fied for our sal - va - tion, sav - ing Word, the  
God the Spir - it, with us dwell - ing, Word of truth, to



we re - vere you; Word made flesh, we long to hear - you.  
world re - stor - ing, speak to us, your love out - pour - ing.  
all truth lead us; Word of life, with one bread feed us.

Text: James Quinn, sr. b. 1919

Music: LIEBSTER JESU, WIR SIND HIER, Johann R. Ahle, 1625–1673

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## The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

The musical notation consists of three staves of music in common time, treble clef, and a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are arranged in four stanzas, with the first three stanzas having four lines of lyrics and the fourth stanza having three lines of lyrics. The lyrics are as follows:

1 The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we go in  
2 We go to com - fort those who mourn and set the  
3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scat - ter  
4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gos - pel

Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings  
bur - dened free; where hope is dim, to  
joy like seed and, all our days, to  
to pro - claim. God's Spir - it has em -

to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.  
share a dream and help the blind to see.  
cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.  
pow - ered us; we go in Je - sus' name.

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: CHESTERFIELD, attr. Thomas Haweis, 1734-1820

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**CONFIRMATION CLASS SPECIAL PROJECT:** From now until January 18<sup>th</sup> the confirmation class will be collecting items to benefit the homeless in Clinton. The following items are needed to be included in bags that are given to the homeless: bottled water, hand warmers, gloves, socks, travel size toiletries (shampoo, soap, lotion, etc.), combs, toothbrushes and toothpaste, lip balm. There will be special baskets placed in the narthex where donated items may be placed. The students will be assembling the bags on Wednesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>.

**PLEASE HELP THE FOOD PANTRY!!!** The increased need at the IRAS Food Pantry has put a considerable strain on their ability to fill food boxes. Would you please consider using the "Food Pantry" envelope in your offering envelopes to make a monetary donation AND/OR bring food items for the grocery cart in the Narthex?

Most needed food items:

Canned Meat	Canned Vegetables	Instant Potatoes	Pancake Mix
Soup/Ramen	Peanut Butter	Canned Fruit	Mac n Cheese
Pasta	Pasta Sauce	Boxed Dinners	Cereal

**HAPPENING AT ZION THIS WEEK:**

Monday, January 12th:	10:45 am– Sack Lunch Monday
	5:00 pm– Child Care Board Meeting
	5:30 pm– Girl Scouts
Tuesday, January 13th:	5:30 pm– Boy Scouts
	6:00 pm– Congregation Council
Wednesday, January 14th:	9:00 am– Morning Prayer
	1:30 pm– Rebecca Circle
	5:15 pm– Faith FUNdations & Confirmation
Saturday, January 10th:	5:30 pm– Worship
Sunday, January 11th:	9:00 am– Worship
	10:15 am– Birthday Fellowship

**WORSHIP ATTENDANCE**

Saturday, January 3rd 5:30 attendance	48
Sunday, January 4th 9:00 attendance	<u>60</u>
Total Weekend In-Person Attendance	108



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***The 9:00 am worship service will be broadcast on***  
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