

Welcome!



Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Our Mission: Empowered and Inspired by God to bring others to Christ.

The Second Sunday of Advent

December 8, 2024 ~ 9:00 am

The Liturgy of Word and Sacrament

Forerunners and messengers advance the advent of our God. While John the baptizer's voice in the wilderness may be the principal focus of the day, Malachi's prophecy could as easily herald the coming Christ as forerunner of the LORD of hosts. Finally all the baptized are called to participate in the sharing of the gospel. In so doing we prepare the way for the coming of Jesus and assist all people in capturing a vision of the "salvation of God."

**Congregation please stand*

The Pre-service Music

~ The Gathering ~

*** The Confession and Forgiveness**

BLESSED BE THE HOLY TRINITY, ✚ ONE GOD, ALIVE IN THE WORLD, REVIVING CREATION, ARRIVING SOON.

Amen.

LET US CONFESS OUR SIN IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD AND OF ONE ANOTHER.

Please kneel if able.

GOD OF MERCY,

we confess that we have sinned. We trust earthly powers and human authority alone. We grow fearful. We cling to false comforts.

GOD OF MIGHT,

we confess that we have sinned. We have turned away from our neighbors. We have trusted false promises.

GOD IN OUR MIDST,

we confess that we have sinned. We plead: come to us. Bring your mercy to birth in us.

A RIGHTEOUS BRANCH SPRINGS FORTH: IT IS CHRIST THE LORD, OUR SAVIOR, IN WHOM WE HAVE FORGIVENESS, LIFE, AND MERCY. BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, RECEIVE THE GRACE AND FORGIVENESS OF GOD THROUGH ✚ CHRIST JESUS, WHOSE DAY DRAWS NEAR.

Amen.

*** The Gathering Hymn** *"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"* Additional Hymnal No. 2

**Come, thou long expected Jesus, Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us, Let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation Hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear desire of every nation, Joy of every longing heart.**

**Born Thy people to deliver, Born a child and yet a king;
Born to reign in us forever, Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal spirit Rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all sufficient merit Raise us to Thy glorious throne.**

*** The Greeting**

THE GRACE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, THE REFINING FIRE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, AND THE PEACE OF GOD, WHICH SURPASSES UNDERSTANDING, BE WITH YOU ALL.

And also with you.

* **The Kyrie Eleison** (*music on page 57 of LBW*)

IN PEACE, LET US PRAY TO THE LORD.

(*Sung*) **Lord, have mercy.**

FOR THE PEACE FROM ABOVE, AND FOR OUR SALVATION, LET US PRAY TO THE LORD.

Lord, have mercy.

FOR THE PEACE OF THE WHOLE WORLD, FOR THE WELL-BEING OF THE CHURCH OF GOD,
AND FOR THE UNITY OF ALL, LET US PRAY TO THE LORD.

Lord, have mercy.

FOR THIS HOLY HOUSE, AND FOR ALL WHO OFFER HERE THEIR WORSHIP AND PRAISE,
LET US PRAY TO THE LORD.

Lord, have mercy.

HELP, SAVE, COMFORT, AND DEFEND US, GRACIOUS LORD.

Amen.

* **The Prayer of the Day**

THE LORD BE WITH YOU

(*Sung*) **And also with you.**

LET US PRAY:

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

~The Word~

The First Lesson Malachi 3:1-4

God announces a covenant with Israel. A messenger like Malachi (his name means "my messenger") will prepare the way for the coming of the Lord by purifying and refining God's people, as silver and gold are refined.

(*After the reading*)

THE WORD OF THE LORD

Thanks be to God.

The Candle Lighting

**Oh, come, oh, come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.**

PRAISE TO YOU, O GOD, WHO GIVES US COURAGE TO START AGAIN. YOU FASTEN
RIGHTEOUSNESS AROUND YOUR WAIST AND BAPTIZE WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT'S FIRE. BLESS
US AS WE MIRROR YOUR MIGHTY FIRE IN THESE SIMPLE FLAMES AND TEACH US TO MIRROR
YOUR JUSTICE IN THE PATHS WE PREPARE. WE ASK THAT PEACE ABOUND, UNTIL NONE
HURT OR DESTROY OVER ALL THE EARTH.

Amen.

Light the second candle.

**Oh, come, strong Branch of Jesse, free your own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell your people save and give them vict'ry o'er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.**

The Second Lesson Philippians 1:3-11

The apostle Paul was the pastor of many new churches. He writes in this letter about his joy to be in partnership with the Christians of Philippi. Listen to how tender-hearted Paul, sometimes a stern preacher, is with his friends as he encourages them to grow in love and knowledge.

(After the reading)

THE WORD OF THE LORD

Thanks be to God.

*** The Gospel Acclamation** *(Alleluia Verse LWB p. 62)*

Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

*** The Holy Gospel St. Luke 3:1-6**

John the Baptist is a herald of Jesus, whose way is prepared by “repentance for the forgiveness of sins.” As we hear the careful record of human leaders, we sense the spectrum of political and religious authority that will be challenged by this coming Lord.

(Before the Gospel)

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT LUKE THE 3RD CHAPTER:

(sung) **Glory to you, O Lord.**

(After the Gospel)

THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD

(sung) **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Sermon

Pastor Cindy White

***The Hymn of the Day**

“Prepare the Royal Highway”

No. 26

*** The 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; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He 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.

*** The Prayers of Intercession**

AS WE PREPARE FOR EMMANUEL, GOD-WITH-US, LET US PRAY FOR ALL PEOPLE AND PLACES THAT LONG FOR GOD’S PRESENCE.

A brief silence.

**REFINING GOD, MOVE THROUGH YOUR CHURCH. ROOT OUT PRACTICES THAT HARM YOUR PEOPLE, AND KINDLE A FIRE FOR SHARING THE GOSPEL AMONG BISHOPS, PASTORS, DEACONS, AND ALL THE BAPTIZED. LORD, IN YOUR MERCY,
receive our prayer.**

RENEWING GOD, TRANSFORM YOUR CREATION. STEER US FROM HABITS THAT HARM WHAT YOU HAVE MADE, AND GUIDE US IN PRACTICES THAT PRESERVE AND RESTORE CREATURES AND HABITATS. LORD, IN YOUR MERCY,

receive our prayer.

RULING GOD, TEACH THE NATIONS YOUR WAYS. STRENGTHEN ORGANIZATIONS AND COMMUNITIES THAT BROKER PEACE AND CARE FOR REFUGEES, IMMIGRANTS, AND ALL CAUGHT IN THE CENTER OF CONFLICT. LORD, IN YOUR MERCY,

receive our prayer.

RESCUING GOD, RESTORE YOUR PEOPLE WHO ARE IN ANY NEED. HEAL ALL WHO ARE SUFFERING ESPECIALLY THE FAMILY OF DODIE, JAMES, STEVE, CHRISTINE, EDDIE, GEORGE, JAN, RALPH, AND ALL OUR MEMBERS WHO ARE HOMEBOUND. PROVIDE COMFORT AND STRENGTH, AND NURTURE SUSTAINED WHOLENESS FOR THE FUTURE. LORD, IN YOUR MERCY,

receive our prayer.

REFORMING GOD, FILL THIS CONGREGATION WITH YOUR PRESENCE. ENRICH OUR SEASONAL PREPARATIONS, AND BLESS THE EFFORTS BY WORSHIP COMMITTEES, MUSIC ENSEMBLES, STAFF, CLERGY, AND LAY LEADERS AS THEY WORK IN THE WEEKS AHEAD. LORD, IN YOUR MERCY,

receive our prayer.

REASSURING GOD, WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AND REST IN YOU. GUIDE US IN DEEP GRATITUDE FOR THEIR LIFE, AND ALLOW US TO LEARN FROM THEIR FAITHFUL WITNESS. LORD, IN YOUR MERCY,

receive our prayer.

GOD OF GRACE AND MERCY, (PLEASE SHARE ANY PERSONAL PRAYER PETITIONS) HEAR OUR PETITIONS THAT WE SPEAK OUT LOUD AND THE ONES THAT WE HOLD IN OUR HEARTS. LORD, IN YOUR MERCY,

receive our prayer.

SAVIOR OF THE NATIONS, COME, AND RECEIVE THESE PRAYERS AND THE PLEAS OF OUR HEARTS, IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST.

Amen.

* **The Peace of Christ**

THE PEACE OF THE LORD BE WITH YOU ALWAYS.

And also with you.

~The Meal~

The Offering and Offertory

Zion members, please use your envelopes for contributions so that your offering may be officially recorded. Please mail your envelopes to Zion Lutheran Church 101 N. Greenwood Street Tamaqua, PA 18252 or visit ziontamaqua.com for our Vanco option.

* **The Offertory Procession** Tune: "O Come Lord Jesus"

Oh, come Lord Jesus, be our guest and let your gifts to us be blest.

Keep us forever in your sight and be our joy, our hearts delight.

Oh, come Lord Jesus be our guest and let your gifts to us be blest.

Come deep within our hearts to dwell that we may all your goodness tell.

*** The Offertory Prayer**

LET US PRAY: CREATOR GOD, YOU MADE THE WHOLE WORLD, EVEN THE FARTHEST STARS, AND YOU DRAW NEAR TO FEED US. WE PRAISE YOU FOR THESE GIFTS OF BREAD AND WINE. STRENGTHEN US WITH THIS FOOD THAT WE MAY LIVE IN EXPECTATION FOR THE ADVENT OF YOUR SON, JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD.

Amen.

*** The Great Thanksgiving**

*** The Preface and Sanctus** (*music on page 68 of LBW*)

THE LORD BE WITH YOU

(Sung) **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 him thanks and praise.

IT IS INDEED RIGHT.....THEIR UNENDING HYMN: (*LBW page 69*)

(Sung) **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might:**

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

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

*** The Prayer of Thanksgiving**

HOLY ONE, THE BEGINNING AND THE END, THE GIVER OF LIFE: BLESSED ARE YOU FOR THE BIRTH OF CREATION...BLESSED ARE YOU FOR YOUR SON JESUS, THE WORD MADE FLESH.

IN THE NIGHT IN WHICH HE WAS BETRAYED, OUR LORD JESUS TOOK BREAD, AND GAVE THANKS...DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME.

AGAIN, AFTER SUPPER, HE TOOK THE CUP, GAVE THANKS...DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME.

LET US PROCLAIM THE MYSTERY OF FAITH:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

WITH THIS BREAD AND CUP WE REMEMBER YOUR WORD DWELLING AMONG US, FULL OF GRACE AND TRUTH. WE REMEMBER OUR NEW BIRTH IN HIS DEATH AND RESURRECTION. WE LOOK WITH HOPE FOR HIS COMING.

Come, Lord Jesus.

HOLY GOD, WE LONG FOR YOUR SPIRIT. COME AMONG US. BLESS THIS MEAL. MAY YOUR WORD TAKE FLESH IN US. AWAKEN YOUR PEOPLE. FILL US WITH YOUR LIGHT. BRING THE GIFT OF PEACE ON EARTH.

Come Holy Spirit.

ALL PRAISE AND GLORY ARE YOURS, HOLY ONE OF ISRAEL, WORD OF GOD INCARNATE, POWER OF THE MOST HIGH, ONE GOD, NOW AND FOREVER.

Amen.

*** The Lord's Prayer**

JESUS, 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

*** The Invitation to the Holy Meal**

GOD FEEDS US WITH TENDER MERCY. COME TO THE TABLE.

*** The Agnus Dei “Lamb of God”** (*LBW page 72*)

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

The Distribution

All who are baptized and believe that Christ is truly present in the Sacrament are welcome to commune when we celebrate the Lord’s Supper. Zion members, please complete a Communion card once a year for our records.

*** The Post-Communion Blessing**

THE BODY AND BLOOD OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST STRENGTHEN YOU AND KEEP YOU IN HIS GRACE.
Amen.

*** The Post Communion Canticle “Magnificat”**

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.

For he hath regarded the low estate of his handmaiden.

For behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.

For he that is mighty hath done to me great things; and holy is his Name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him from generation to generation.

He hath showed strength with his arm; He hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts, He hath put down the mighty from their seats and exalted them of low degree.

He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He hath holpen his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy; as he spake to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed forever. Glory be to the Father: and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be world without end. **Amen.**

*** The Post Communion Prayer**

LET US PRAY: GENEROUS GOD, WE THANK YOU FOR THE GIFT OF LIFE, FOR THE BREAD OF SALVATION. WE THANK YOU FOR COMING AMONG US, FOR LEADING US INTO PEACE. WE THANK YOU FOR SHOWERING US WITH MERCY, FOR SENDING US INTO THE WORLD. COME, LORD JESUS, AND GO WITH US AS WE FEED THE HUNGRY IN YOUR NAME.

Amen.

The Senior Choir Anthem “When Will We See the Little One” – Althouse

~The Sending~

*** The Blessing**

GOD OF ENDINGS AND BEGINNINGS, GOD IN THE DARKNESS AND THE LIGHT, GOD, OUR HOPE FOR THE JOURNEY, ✠ BLESS AND KEEP YOU NOW AND FOREVER.

(Spoken) **Amen.**

*** The Sending**

GO IN PEACE. PREPARE THE WAY FOR EMMANUEL.

Thanks be to God.

*** The Sending Hymn**

“On Jordan’s Banks the Baptist’s Cry”

No. 36

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First Reading: Malachi 3:1-4 - ¹ See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. ² But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; ³ he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. ⁴ Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

Second Reading: Philippians 1:3-11 - ³ I thank my God every time I remember you, ⁴ constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, ⁵ because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶ I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷ It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸ For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. ⁹ And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight ¹⁰ to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, ¹¹ having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Gospel: Luke 3:1-6 - ¹ In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, ² during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³ He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, ⁴ as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. ⁵ Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; ⁶ and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

December 15, 2024 readings are: Zephaniah 3:14-20 Isaiah 12:2-6 Luke 3:7-18

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

December 7-8, 2024

**If you need assistance, please see one of the ushers in the back of the church; Large Print Bulletins are available. Grape juice is available in the tray for those who wish not to partake of the wine. Please Silence your cell phones during service. A Family Room is available for use during or after services, located across from the office. A changing station is available for your convenience in the restroom across the hall from the Family Room. We respectfully ask that you refrain from taking photos during the service. Opportunities are always available after the service. Welcome visitors please sign our guest book. Thank you.*

GIFTS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

THE ALTAR CANDLES are given to the Glory of God and

In loving memory of Rose Miller Smith, Robert “Pap” & Madeline “Gram” Trakes by Mike & Kathy Miller & family

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God and

In honor of the birthday of my brother, Brandon Brode and in loving memory of the 80th birthday of my dad, Roger Brode love, Sonia

THE BULLETINS are given to the Glory of God and

For the prosperity of our church in our hometown & community by Stacey Faust & Emily Stahler

CURRENT FUND DONATIONS are given to the Glory of God and

In loving memory of Dodie Whitenight by Joe and Sandy Mehalko

Please remember the following in your prayers: The family and friends of Dodie Whitenight, James Bynon, Steve Ristila, Christine Zimmerman, Eddie Smith, George Weaver, Jan McRoberts, Ralph Derr, and all our members who are homebound.

Welcome!!

Parish office phone and fax is 570-668-2180.

Parish office email address is zionlcof@verizon.net

Parish website is www.ziontamaqua.com

Parish Office Hours- Monday & Wednesday: 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Tuesday & Thursday: 8:00 am - 1:00 pm

Zion's 2024 Church Council officers: Michael Haspe, President, Brian Lawfer, Vice-President, Ernie Henritz, Secretary, Dave Gensure, Treasurer, and Ann Marie Hadesty, Financial Secretary. Other members of Council include Arlene Derr, Glenn Fritzing, Thomas Graham, Carol Hartung, Amanda Hascin, Steve Ristila, Brittany Scalfani and Mary Ruth Taylor; if you have suggestions or concerns, please seek out a member of Council so that we can promptly address the needs of the congregation.

This Week in Our Church

The 2025 Candle, Altar Flower, and Bulletin sponsor sheet is available on the bulletin board. Please fill out a form when putting your name on the list. Thank you!

SUNDAY, December 8, 2024, 2nd Sunday in Advent

- 9:00 The Service of Word & Sacrament
- 10:15 Christian Education
- 11:00 Confirmation Class
- 2:00 Christmas Extravaganza

MONDAY

- 7:00 Finance Meeting

THURSDAY

- 7:00 Senior Choir Rehearsal

SATURDAY

- 6:00 Saturday Evening Worship

SUNDAY, December 15, 2024, 3rd Sunday in Advent

- 9:00 The Service of Word & Sacrament
- 10:15 Christian Education
- 10:15 Narcan Information/ Social Hall
- 11:00 Confirmation Class

Supporting Zion's Ministries

"Empowered and inspired by God to bring others to Christ"

Received 12/1/24 in support of Zion Ministries:

From our gifts	\$1,909.00
From Thrift Store	\$0.00
From Endowment (other)	\$0.00

Received for Endowment: \$1,512.00

Received for Capital Campaign: \$550.00

Received year-to-date for Zion's mission/ministries:

From offering/gifts/memorials:	\$137,715.21
From Thrift Store:	\$8,920.59*
From Endowment:	\$22,006.00
From Culinary:	\$16,865.00

Year-to-date total for Zion's mission/ministries: \$185,506.80

* Thrift Store donates half of income to Outreach total income - \$17,841.18

Thank you for your gifts. Your gifts allow us to share the word of God and the love of Jesus with our congregation and our community.

We extend our Christian Love and Sympathy to the family and friends of Dodie Whitenight, who passed away on November 28, 2024. We ask God to comfort the family at this time. Please keep them in your prayers.

Upcoming Events

December 8 – Christmas Extravaganza
December 15 – Narcan Information Seminar 10:15 Social Hall
December 22 – Holiday Fellowship Potluck
December 24 – Christmas Eve Services at 4:00 & 9:00 pm
January 1 – New Year Pork and Sauerkraut Dinner

Donations of gallon and quart freezer bags are urgently needed for the kitchen. Please put them on the counter in the kitchen or give them to a member of culinary. Thank you for your donations!

Christmas Extravaganza, Sunday, December 8, 2024, from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm. A free community program by kids, for kids. Come enjoy activities, crafts, games, make your own sundaes and other refreshments. Santa will make an appearance. Help us help others, if you are able, please bring a non-perishable food item to be donated to the People's Pantry. Children of all ages are welcome!

Tree of Remembrance - It's time to collect photos for the tree! Photos should be cut square and be 1.5in. x 1.5in. Photos should be placed in an envelope and placed in the Tree of Memories box in the gathering room. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Thompson at njflip62@gmail.com or by calling 570-778-2604.

A Holiday Fellowship Potluck will be held on Sunday, December 22nd, following the morning worship service. Sign-up sheets are available in the gathering room. Hope to see you there!

A reminder that both a record of communion AND a record of contribution is necessary to maintain voting active member status. Please remember to complete a communion card and to use your offering envelopes. Thank you, Church Council

Christmas poinsettia plants will decorate the Church on Christmas Eve. Plants ordered through the church office are \$9.00. December 9th is the last day to order your plants. **Extra order forms are available by the bulletin Board or in the Newsletter.**

Happy New Year 2025 - Zion will host a Community Pork & Sauerkraut Dinner New Year's Day, 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm or when all dinners are given out. Dinners will be served, eat in or take-out. You can order a dinner beginning December 8. Orders can be placed by calling Mary Ruth at 570-668-4451. Watch the Zion webpage and Facebook to order dinners online. A Free will offering will be accepted. Everyone Welcome!!



Christmas Eve

CANDLELIGHT SERVICES

You are invited to join us for our Christmas Eve services on Tuesday, December 24, 2024 at 4:00 pm & 9:00 pm. Both services will include the Liturgy of Word and Sacrament, Carols, Prayer and Candlelight. Please join us for the observance of the Nativity of Our Lord.