

**Fifth Sunday after Epiphany**  
**Second Sunday Healing Service**  
**February 8, 2026**



*Light shines in the darkness for the upright, the psalmist sings. Isaiah declares that when we loose the bonds of injustice and share our bread with the hungry, the light breaks forth like the dawn. In another passage from the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus, the light of the world, calls his followers to let the light of their good works shine before others. Through baptism we are sent into the world to shine with the light of Christ.*



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# Welcome to Zion!

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***“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

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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

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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

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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

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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

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## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### GATHERING HYMN

“Gather Us In”

ELW Hymn #532

### 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...**Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## We Hear & Respond to God’s Word

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### FIRST READING

Isaiah 58:1-12

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

### SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 2:1-16

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

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia.      Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life.      Al - le - lu - ia.

## GOSPEL

Matthew 5:13-20

*Before the reading:* The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*After the reading:* The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ!**

## SERMON

### HYMN OF THE DAY

ACS Hymn #1000

“God’s Work, Our Hands”

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & SHARING OF PEACE

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

### OFFERTORY HYMN & PRAYER

ELW Hymn #674

“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

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

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### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

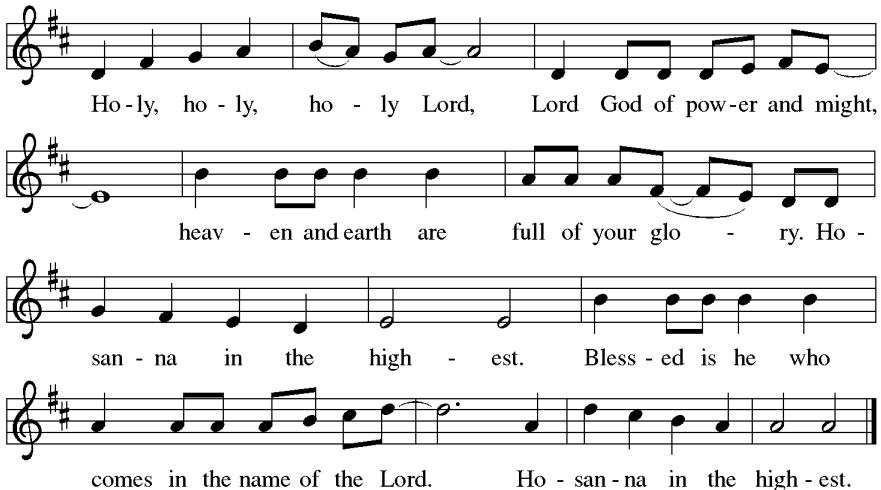
The Lord be with you. And also with you.

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; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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.

## EUCCHARISTIC 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 real 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 Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal-low - ed be your name, hal-low-ed be your name. Your king-dom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in hea-ven, on earth as it is in hea-ven. Give us to-day our dai - ly bread and for - give us all our sins as we for-give those who sin a - gainst us, as we for-give those who sin a - gainst 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

“Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service”

ELW Hymn #712

## 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

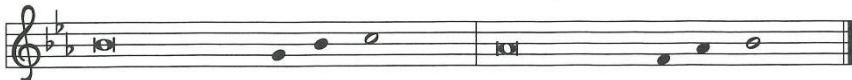
Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## First Reading

**Isaiah 58:1-9a [9b-12] [not printed]**

## Psalm

**Psalm 112:1-9 [10]; tone 1**



Hallelujah!  
Happy are they who <sup>1</sup> fear the LORD  
and have great delight  
in <sup>1</sup> God's commandments!  
**2**Their descendants  
will be mighty <sup>1</sup> in the land;  
the generation of the upright  
<sup>1</sup> will be blessed.  
**3**Wealth and riches  
will be <sup>1</sup> in their house,  
and their righteousness  
will <sup>1</sup> last forever.  
**4**Light shines in the darkness  
<sup>1</sup> for the upright;  
the righteous are merciful  
and full <sup>1</sup> of compassion.  
**5**It is good for them  
to be gener- <sup>1</sup>ous in lending  
and to manage their af- <sup>1</sup>fairs  
with justice.

**6**For they will nev- <sup>1</sup>er be shaken;  
the righteous will be kept  
in everlast- <sup>1</sup>ing remembrance.

7They will not be afraid  
of any <sup>1</sup> evil rumors;  
their heart is steadfast,  
trusting <sup>1</sup> in the LORD.

**8**Their heart is established  
and <sup>1</sup> will not shrink,  
until they see their desire  
up- <sup>1</sup> on their enemies.

**9**They have given freely to the poor, and  
their righteousness stands <sup>1</sup> fast forever;  
they will hold up their <sup>1</sup> head  
with honor.

**[10]**The wicked will see it and be angry;  
they will gnash their teeth  
and <sup>1</sup> pine away;  
the desires of the wick- <sup>1</sup>ed  
will perish.]

## Second Reading

**1 Corinthians 2:1-12 [13-16]**

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the testimony of God to you with superior speech or wisdom. **2**For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. **3**And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in

much trembling. **4**My speech and my proclamation were made not with persuasive words of wisdom but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, **5**so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

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<sup>6</sup>Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are being destroyed. <sup>7</sup>But we speak God's wisdom, a hidden mystery, which God decreed before the ages for our glory <sup>8</sup>and which none of the rulers of this age understood, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

<sup>9</sup>But, as it is written,

"What no eye has seen, nor ear  
heard,  
nor the human heart conceived,  
what God has prepared for those  
who love him"—

<sup>10</sup>God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. <sup>11</sup>For what human knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly

God's except the Spirit of God. <sup>12</sup>Now we have received not the spirit of the world but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. <sup>13</sup>And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual.

<sup>14</sup>Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. <sup>15</sup>Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny.

<sup>16</sup>"For who has known the mind of  
the Lord

so as to instruct him?"

But we have the mind of Christ.]

## Gospel

## Matthew 5:13-20

[Jesus said:] <sup>13</sup>"You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

<sup>14</sup>"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. <sup>15</sup>People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup>In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

<sup>17</sup>"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. <sup>18</sup>For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. <sup>19</sup>Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>20</sup>For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."