

***Post Communion Blessing**

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***Prayer After Communion:**

Pastor: 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 Saviour and Lord. **C: Amen.**

***The Benediction**

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

***Recessional Hymn:** **We Three Kings of Orient Are** **WOV 646**

***Dismissal**

Pastor: Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.
C: Thanks be to God.

Please keep the following in your prayers:
Dave Lamar Carolyn Pinos Emma Rosman
Cheryl Sherbine Keith Sherbine

Today, Jack Seymour authorized lay worship leader in the Allegheny Synod ELCA, will distribute the gifts of bread and wine.

First Communion Classes are to be held in April. If your child/family member is in grade 2 or above and would like to participate, please contact Brenda Kerch.

Fish Fry dates: February 20, March 6 and March 20.

If you are interested in teaching the Confirmation Class this fall, please contact Sonny Kerch at 814-691-2349.

Next social hour will be next week following church. If you would like to bring something, please sign up on the sheet posted on the door in the Narthex. Thank you.

Next Council meeting will be on Monday, February 2nd, at 6:30 pm.

If you would like anything in the bulletin, please contact Sonny Kerch. If you would like something in the newsletter, please contact Sharon Cordwell.

If anyone in need of Pastoral care, please call the Allegheny Synod Office, at (814) 942-1042 to make needed arrangements.

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Worship Sunday at 9:00 am

Third Sunday after Epiphany
January 25, 2026



Communion Hospitality

Lutheran Christians believe Christ is truly present in his supper. By faith we receive his Body and Blood “in, with, and under” the forms: of bread and wine for our forgiveness, life, and salvation. All baptized Christians who desire to receive Jesus in his sacrament, are welcome to commune.

Jesus begins his public ministry by calling fishers to leave their nets and follow him. In Jesus the kingdom of God has come near. We who have walked in darkness have seen a great light. We see this light most profoundly in the cross – as God suffers with us and all who are oppressed by sickness, sin, or evil. Light dawns for us as we gather around the word, the font, and the holy table. We are then sent to share the good news that others may be “caught” in the net of God’s grace and mercy.

THE HOLY COMMUNION
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Parish Announcements

Prelude

***= Stand** *(The sign of the cross + may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.)*

***Announcements:**

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the Creator of heaven and earth, the Word who spoke life into being, the Wind stirring the waters. **C: Amen.**

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

Silence is kept for reflection. Please kneel as you are able.

Pastor: Mighty God, lover of justice, 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.**

Pastor: 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 +Jesus' name. May the Spirit give you strength to live for others; and bless you with the gift of peace. **C: Amen.**

***Entrance Hymn:** Earth and Stars LBW 558

***Pastor:** 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.**

***Kyrie** p. 57

***Hymn of Praise: Glory to God** p. 58

***Prayer of the Day:** **Pastor:** The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

First Reading: Isaiah 9:1-4 L: The word of the Lord **C: Thanks be to God**

Psalms 27:1, 4-9 (Read Responsively)

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 L: The word of the Lord **C: Thanks be to God**

***The Verse** p. 62

***Holy Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23** **C: Glory to you O Lord**

C: Praise to you O Christ

Sermon

***Hymn of the Day** O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright! LBW 76
Ver. 1-4

***Apostles Creed** p. 65

***Prayers of the Church**

Pastor: Merciful God **C: Receive our prayer**

***Passing of Peace** **Pastor:** The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C: And also with you.**
The minister and congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord; and then be seated.

Offering *The offering is received as the Lord's table is prepared.*

***Offertory** "Let the Vineyards" p. 66

***Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: 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.**

Liturgy of Holy Communion

***Great Thanksgiving and Sanctus** p. 68

***When our brothers and sisters at Zion Lutheran Church in Hollidaysburg gathered for worship, they heard again the story of God's mighty acts and the love shown to us in Jesus' life, death, resurrection, and ascension, and they shared the holy meal of the Lord's Supper. Now, I bring to you this same word of life, and this same bread and cup of blessing, so that we may share these gifts and be strengthened in communion with all the people of God. Gathered at the Lord's table, our brothers and sisters in Christ celebrated with thanksgiving that in the night in which Jesus was betrayed, he took bread and gave thanks; broke it and gave it to his disciples saying: "Take and eat; this is my body given to for you. Do this in 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 all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me." This is the supper our Lord Jesus Christ, and this meal is shared with assurance of our Lord's presence through the gift of the Holy Spirit. This bread and cup, shared in the gathering of our faith, are now given here for you.**

***The Lord's Prayer**

***Invitation to Communion:**

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

***Agnes Dei** "Lamb of God" p. 72

As the ministers give the bread and wine, they say these words to each communicant:

"The body of Christ, given for you." & "The blood of Christ, shed for you."

After each, the communicant may say: "Amen."

Distribution of Communion

Communion Hymn: Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ WOV 754