

Zion Lutheran Church

Passing on the faith in the heart of Long Valley since 1760



Season After Epiphany

Holy Communion

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Note: Words in bold are spoken by the congregation.

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as people of God.

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The congregation stands.

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism as the presiding minister begins.

In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

As we approach the mystery of God, let us come in confession, trusting the love of Christ.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God who searches us and knows us,
**you have shown us what is good,
but we have looked to other lights to find our way.
We have chosen resentment over forgiveness.
We have promoted ourselves
instead of walking humbly with you.
Forgive us our sin,
and show us your salvation. Amen.**

Beloved of God, you have not received the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, poured out for you in the faithfulness of Jesus Christ. You are God's child; † your sins are forgiven. Rejoice and be glad. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

See insert

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ... be with you all. **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Response after prayer: Amen.

The congregation is seated.

Word

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching and song.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

READINGS

See insert

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

See insert

APOSTLES' CREED:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church*,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**catholic with a small "c" refers to the universal church, as the Greek word "katholikos" means universal or whole. "Catholic" with a capital "C" refers to the Roman Catholic Church.*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each petition ends with these words:

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

The pastor concludes the prayer, by leading into the Lords Prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

PEACE

The pastor and the congregation greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, using American Sign Language.

Sending for Virtual Worshippers

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

The pastor proclaims God's blessing.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

See insert

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

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.

Pastor continues with prayer & preface.

SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Lord's Prayer repeated – see page 5

AGNUS DEI

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.

*Directions for coming forward and receiving Communion will be given. The pastor will say
The body and blood of Christ, given and shed for you.
And each person may respond **Amen**.*

Each person will step away and put on their mask, and depart the building through the sacristy doors. A basket for used Communion cups will be set up near the pulpit.