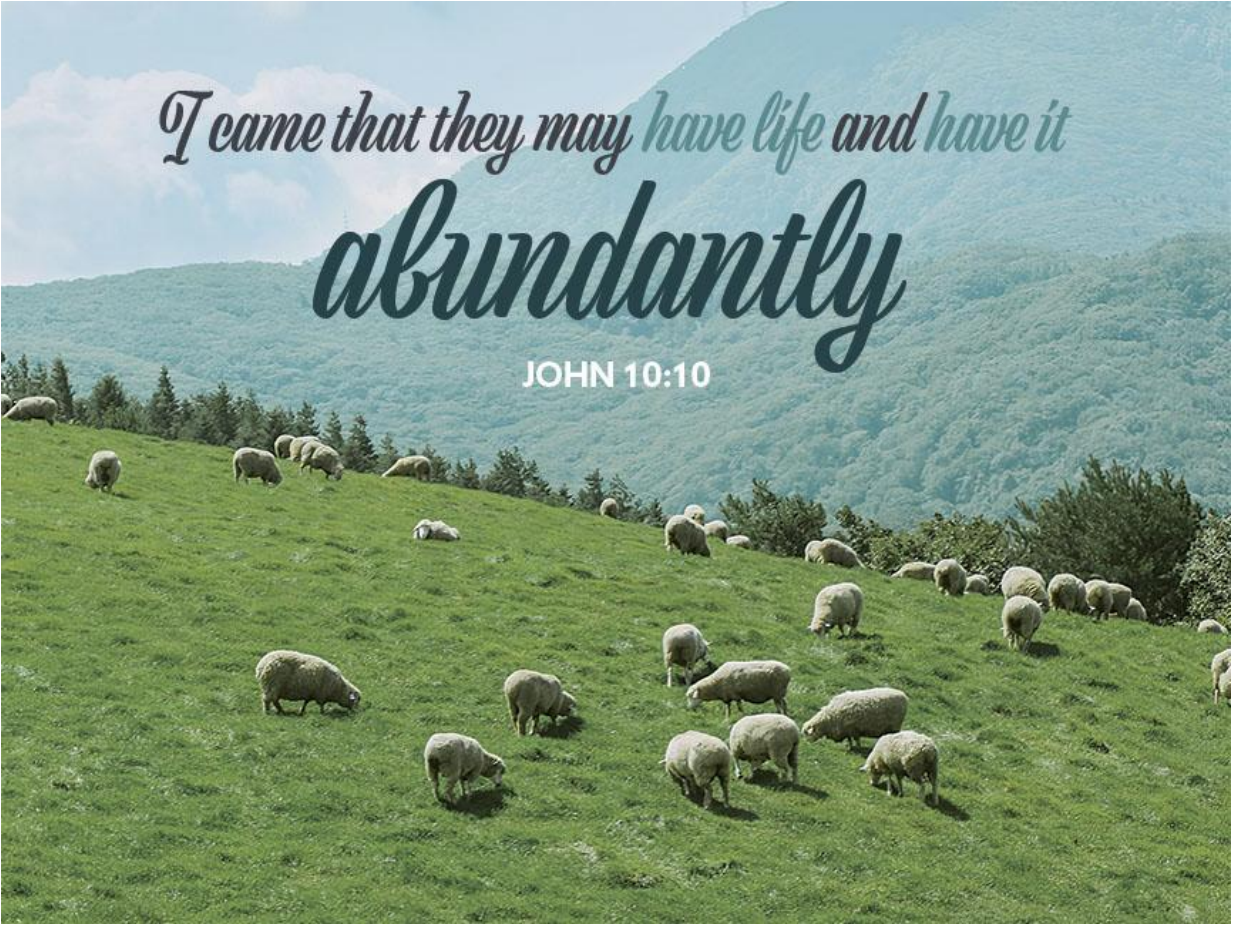


Welcome!

*I came that they may have life and have it
abundantly*

JOHN 10:10



Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

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

The Fourth Sunday of Easter/ Good Shepherd Sunday

April 26, 2026 ~ 9:00 am

The Liturgy of Word and Sacrament

Today is sometimes called "Good Shepherd Sunday." Jesus is called the "gate" of the sheep in today's gospel. The risen Christ opens the way to abundant life. He anoints our heads with oil and guides us beside the still waters of our baptism. Each Sunday he spreads a feast before us amid the world's violence and war. We go forth to be signs of the resurrection and extend God's tender care to all creation.

**Congregation please stand*

The Pre-service Music

~ The Gathering ~

* The Thanksgiving for Baptism

ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN.

Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

SALVATION BELONGS TO OUR GOD WHO IS SEATED ON THE THRONE AND TO THE LAMB!

Amen.

LET US GIVE THANKS FOR THE GIFTS OF BAPTISM. MERCIFUL GOD, YOU ARE THE ONE WHO WAS, WHO IS, AND WHO IS TO COME. YOU LEAD US BESIDE STILL WATERS. WE THANK YOU FOR THE WATERS OF CREATION: MORNING DEW, GENTLE RAIN, ROARING WAVES. WE THANK YOU FOR THE WATERS THAT NOURISH US. BLESSED ARE YOU.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

JESUS CHRIST, YOU ARE THE FAITHFUL WITNESS WHO ACCOMPANIES US ON OUR JOURNEYS. WE GIVE YOU THANKS FOR YOUR LIFE-GIVING DEATH AND RESURRECTION. WE PRAISE YOU FOR JOINING US IN JOY AND SORROW. BLESSED ARE YOU.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

HOLY SPIRIT, YOU ANOINT OUR HEAD WITH OIL AND OUR CUP OVERFLOWS. BREAK DOWN BARRIERS THAT DIVIDE US. FILL US WITH THE BREATH OF PEACE. BLESSED ARE YOU.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

HOLY ONE, WE THANK YOU FOR THE GIFTS AND GRACE OF BAPTISM, AND FOR MAKING US A NEW CREATION. WE JOIN WITH SAINTS AND ANGELS, GIVING YOU HONOR AND PRAISE, NOW AND FOREVER.

Amen.

* The Gathering Hymn

"The Lord's My Shepherd"

No. 451

* The Greeting

ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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.

* The Kyrie Eleison *(Now the Feast)*

IN PEACE, IN PEACE, LET US PRAY TO THE LORD.

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

FOR THE REIGN OF GOD, AND FOR PEACE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, FOR THE UNITY OF ALL, LET US PRAY TO THE LORD.

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

FOR YOUR PEOPLE HERE, WHO HAVE COME TO GIVE YOU PRAISE, FOR THE STRENGTH TO LIVE YOUR WORD, LET US PRAY TO THE LORD.

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
HELP, SAVE, AND DEFEND US, O GOD.

Amen.

* **The Hymn of Praise** *(Now the Feast)*

(Refrain) **Now the feast and celebration, all of creation sings for joy to the
God of life and love and freedom; praise and glory for evermore!**

**Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has freed
and united us to be one great people of God.** *(Refrain)*

**Power and riches, wisdom and might,
all honor and glory to Christ forever.** *(Refrain)*

**For God has come to dwell with us to make us people of God;
to make all things new.** *(Refrain)*

* **The Prayer of the Day**

THE LORD BE WITH YOU

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

LET US PRAY:

**O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the
valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the
joyous feast prepared in your house, 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 Acts 2:42-47

Today's reading is a description of life in the community following Peter's sermon on the day of Pentecost, when the Spirit was poured out on God's people. The new community is sustained in worship and fellowship, shares what they have, and ensures that everyone has enough.

(After the reading)

THE WORD OF THE LORD

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm 23 Tune "Go to Dark Gethsemane" No. 109

THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD, I SHALL NOT WANT.

God, my shepherd, shall provide Ev'rything I want or need.

HE MAKES ME LIE DOWN IN GREEN PASTURES, HE LEADS ME BESIDE STILL WATERS; HE RESTORES MY SOUL.

Oh, good shepherd, be my guide; I shall follow where you lead.

HE LEADS ME IN PATHS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS FOR HIS NAME'S SAKE.

Where my shepherd welcomes me, There is true security.

EVEN THOUGH I WALK THROUGH THE DARKEST VALLEY, I FEAR NO EVIL; FOR YOU ARE WITH ME; YOUR ROD AND YOUR STAFF--THEY COMFORT ME.

God, my shepherd, shall provide Ev'rything I want or need.

YOU PREPARE A TABLE BEFORE ME IN THE PRESENCE OF MY ENEMIES; YOU ANOINT MY HEAD WITH OIL; MY CUP OVERFLOWS.

Oh, good shepherd, be my guide; I shall follow where you lead.
SURELY GOODNESS AND MERCY SHALL FOLLOW ME ALL THE DAYS OF MY LIFE, AND I
SHALL DWELL IN THE HOUSE OF THE LORD FOREVER.

Where my shepherd welcomes me, There is true security.

The Second Lesson 1 Peter 2:19-25

Doing the right things does not guarantee that one will not experience difficulties, hardships, rejection, or even suffering. Here Christ is presented as the model for our path of endurance and loyalty to God, particularly amid adversity.

(After the reading)

THE WORD OF THE LORD

Thanks be to God.

* **The Gospel Acclamation** *(Alleluia Verse Now the Feast)*

Alleluia, Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia!

* **The Holy Gospel** St. John 10:1-10

Jesus uses an image familiar to the people of his day to make a point about spiritual leadership. Those who listen to Jesus are led to abundant life.

(Before the Gospel)

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT JOHN THE 10TH CHAPTER:

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

(After the Gospel)

THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD

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

The Sermon

Pastor Cindy White

* **The Hymn of the Day**

“Have No Fear, Little Flock”

No. 476

* **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**

TRUSTING IN THE POWER OF CHRIST’S RESURRECTION TO HEAL AND REDEEM OUR BROKEN WORLD, LET US PRAY FOR THE NEEDS OF ALL CREATION.

A brief silence.

SHEPHERDING GOD, DRAW ALL PEOPLE TO YOURSELF AND LEAD THEM IN PATHS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS. EMBOLDEN YOUR CHURCH TO ENTER THE VALLEYS OF THE WORLD AND GUIDE US BESIDE THE STILL WATERS OF YOUR GRACE. WE PRAY FOR MILITARY AND PRISON CHAPLAINS SERVING NEAR AND FAR. MERCIFUL GOD,

receive our prayer.

CREATOR GOD, BY THE RESURRECTION OF YOUR SON, SHOW US YOUR STEADFAST LOVE AND INSTRUCT OUR HEARTS IN YOUR WAYS. HELP US TO REVERE AND PROTECT THE WONDERS OF YOUR CREATION. MERCIFUL GOD,

receive our prayer.

RIGHTEOUS JUDGE, STRENGTHEN AND UPHOLD THOSE WHO WORK FOR JUSTICE AND ADVOCATE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS. BRING AN END TO OPPRESSION AND SAVE US FROM THE TEMPTATION OF VIOLENCE OR VENGEANCE. MERCIFUL GOD,

receive our prayer.

GREAT PHYSICIAN, WALK WITH THOSE WHO ARE GRIEVING, AND ANOINT THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR INJURED ESPECIALLY THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF DOLLY CHRIST; ELLS, IRENE, SANDY, GARY, BETTY, WALTER, FORREST, STEVE, CHRISTINE, EDDIE, GEORGE, AND ALL OUR MEMBERS WHO ARE HOMEBOUND. RESTORE THEM TO HEALTH OF BODY, MIND, AND SPIRIT. MERCIFUL GOD,

receive our prayer.

GOOD SHEPHERD, CONTINUALLY SEEK US OUT AS LAMBS OF YOUR FLOCK, AND FORM US INTO A COMMUNITY WHERE ALL ARE HONORED AND CARED FOR. SPREAD A FEAST BEFORE US AND FILL OUR CUPS TO OVERFLOWING. MERCIFUL GOD,

receive our prayer.

LIVING GOD, WE PRAISE YOU FOR THE SAINTS WHO HAVE DIED IN FAITH AND NOW DWELL IN YOUR LOVE. AT OUR END, BRING US, WITH THEM, TO OUR HEAVENLY HOME. MERCIFUL GOD,

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. MERCIFUL GOD,

receive our prayer.

GOD OF RESURRECTION POWER, USE US AND THESE PRAYERS TO PROCLAIM THE GOOD NEWS OF NEW LIFE TO ALL THE WORLD, THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, OUR RISEN SAVIOR.

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 “As the Grains of Wheat”** *(Now the Feast)*

(Refrain) **As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill
were gathered into one to become our bread;
so may all your people from all the
ends of earth be gathered into one in you.**

**As this cup of blessing is shared within our midst,
may we share the presence of your love. *(Refrain)***



*Moved by the Holy Spirit,
we share our gifts by
scanning the QR code.*

*** The Offertory Prayer**

LET US PRAY: MERCIFUL GOD, ACCEPT THE FRUITS OF OUR LABOR, GATHERED TO GIVE YOU GLORY. YOU HAVE SET A TABLE BEFORE US, A GLIMPSE OF THAT GREAT DAY WHEN WE WILL HUNGER AND THIRST NO MORE. NOURISH US WITH THE BODY AND BLOOD OF JESUS, THAT GOODNESS AND MERCY MAY FOLLOW US AND BLESS THE WORLD YOU LOVE. IN THE NAME OF JESUS,

Amen.

*** The Great Thanksgiving**

*** The Preface and Sanctus**

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 God thanks and praise.

IT IS OUR DUTY.....THEIR UNENDING HYMN: *(Now the Feast)*

(Sung) **Holy, holy, holy are you, God of power and might; Heaven and earth are filled with your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the One who comes in your name. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest!**

*** The Eucharistic Prayer** *(Now the Feast)*

YOU ARE INDEED HOLY, ... WE PRAY FOR HIS COMING AGAIN EVEN AS WE CRY.

AMEN. COME, LORD JESUS. AMEN. COME, LORD JESUS.

(Sung) **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

SEND NOW, WE PRAY, YOUR HOLY SPIRIT, THAT ALL OF YOUR PROMISES MAY COME TO US AND YOUR CREATION.

AMEN. COME, HOLY SPIRIT. AMEN. COME, HOLY SPIRIT.

(Sung) **Amen. Come, Holy Spirit. Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

THIS WE PRAY THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, OUR SAVIOR AND OUR FRIEND.

(Sung) **Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, O God, now and forever. Amen.**

*** The Lord's Prayer**

MAKE US BOLD, O MERCIFUL GOD, TO ADDRESS YOU AS OUR ABBA AS WE 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**

COME TO THE TABLE OF NEW LIFE. RECEIVE THE RISEN LORD.

*** The Agnus Dei "Lamb of God"** *(Now the Feast)*

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:

have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:

have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace, 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** (*"Thanks Be to You" - Now the Feast*)

Praise to you, O God of mercy! Thanks be to you forever!
Raising high the weak and lowly; Thanks be to you forever!
From of old you loved and sought us! Thanks be to you forever!
Truth and justice you have taught us; Thanks be to you forever!
Strong is your faithfulness, strong is your love, Rememb'ring your covenant of life with us.
Praise to you, O God of mercy! Thanks be to you forever!
Raising high the weak and lowly; Thanks be to you forever! Thanks be to you forever!

* **The Post Communion Prayer**

LET US PRAY: HOLY ONE, THROUGH THIS MEAL YOU HAVE MADE YOUR HOME AMONG US AND ARE MAKING ALL THINGS NEW. SEND US NOW TO SPEAK PEACE TO ANXIOUS HEARTS, TO LOVE OUR ENEMIES, AND TO BRING YOUR HEALING TO THE NATIONS. IN THE NAME OF JESUS,
Amen.

The Senior Choir Anthem "The Keeper of Your Soul" – Lyall

~The Sending~

* **The Benediction**

GOD ALMIGHTY, WHO IS THE BEGINNING AND THE END, JESUS CHRIST, THE FIRSTBORN OF THE DEAD, AND THE SPIRIT, OUR ADVOCATE AND PEACE, † BLESS YOU NOW AND FOREVER.
(Sung) **Amen. Amen. Amen.**

* **The Sending**

GO IN PEACE. PRAISE THE LORD. ALLELUIA!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

* **The Sending Hymn** *"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"* Additional Hymnal No. 26

Savior, like a shepherd lead us Much we need Thy tender care;
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us, For our use Thy folds prepare.
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.

We are Thine, do Thou befriend us. Be the Guardian of our way;
Keep Thy flock from sin, defend us, Seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus, Hear us children when we pray.
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus, Hear us children when we pray.

**Thou hast promised to receive us, Poor and sinful though we be;
Thou hast mercy to relieve us, Grace to cleanse and power to free.
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus, Early let us turn to Thee.
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus, Early let us turn to Thee.**

**Early let us seek Thy favor, Early let us do Thy will.
Blessed Lord and only Savior, With Thy love our bosoms fill.
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus, Thou hast loved us, love us still.
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus, Thou hast loved us, love us still.**

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First Reading: Acts 2:42-47 – Not Printed

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:19-25 - ¹⁹ It is a commendable thing if, being aware of God, a person endures pain while suffering unjustly. ²⁰ If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do good and suffer for it, this is a commendable thing before God. ²¹ For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. ²² “He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.” ²³ When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. ²⁴ He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, having died to sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵ For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Gospel: John 10:1-10 - [Jesus said:] ¹ “Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ² The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵ They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶ Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. ⁷ So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸ All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹ I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

May 3, 2026 readings are: Acts 7:55-60 Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16
1 Peter 2:2-10 John 14:1-14

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

April 25-26, 2026

**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 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 Martha and Dan Zeigler by daughter, Gerry

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God and

In honor of Katelyn Rudy's 24th birthday by Kris and Frank Rudy

THE BULLETINS are given to the Glory of God and

In loving memory of Pastor Crawford by Bob and Gail Jones

Please remember the following in your prayers: The family and friends of Dolly Christ, Ells Davis, Irene Pecha, Sandy Mehalko, Gary Schreppele, Betty Ann Waidell, Walter Weston, Forrest, Steve Ristila, Christine Zimmerman, Eddie Smith, George Weaver, and all our members who are homebound.

Altar Flower sponsors are needed for May 1, 17 & 31.

Bulletin sponsors are needed for May 1, 24, & 31.

Please sign up on the church bulletin board.

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

Welcome!!

Parish office phone number 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 2026 Church Council officers: Brian Lawfer, President, Amanda Hascin, Vice President, Shelly Woodring, Secretary, Dave Gensure, Treasurer, and Ann Marie Hadesty, Financial Secretary. Other members of Council include Sheri Beltz, Brian Constenbader, Arlene Derr, Laura Fulmer, Thomas Graham (Youth Advocate), George Taylor, Michelle Valentine, and Brittany Voelpel; 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

SUNDAY, April 26, 2026

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

THURSDAY

7:00 Senior Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY

9:00 Blessings Thrift Store

SATURDAY

6:00 Saturday Evening Worship

SUNDAY, May 3, 2026

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

Supporting Zion's Ministries

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

Received 4/19/26 in support of Zion Ministries:

From our gifts	\$5,071.24
From Thrift Store	\$1,215.00
From Endowment (other)	\$0.00
From Culinary	\$0.00

Received for Endowment: \$245.00

Received for Capital Campaign: \$1,762.96

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

From offering/gifts/memorials:	\$47,202.03
From Thrift Store:	\$2,699.40*
From Endowment:	\$20,812.00
From Culinary:	\$6,950.00

Year-to-date total for Zion's mission/ministries: \$77,663.43

* Thrift Store donates half of income to Outreach total income - \$5,398.80

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.

Donations of paper towels and bottles of water are needed for the events in the kitchen. Please place them in the kitchen. Thank you in advance for your donations!

Meals on Wheels is looking for volunteers to help deliver meals 5 days a week to 15 homes locally. If you are interested in helping, please contact Samantha at 570-449-8271 for more details.

GIFTS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

CURRENT FUND DONATIONS are given to the Glory of God and

In loving memory of Pastor Crawford by Judy Brennan

In loving memory of Dolly Christ by Judy Brennan

In loving memory of my husband, John by Sharon Haldeman

In loving memory of Dolly Christ by Joe and Sandy Mehalko

In loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Epler by daughters Frances, Joan & Carol

ORGAN FUND DONATIONS are given to the Glory of God and

In loving memory of the April 17th birthday of her father, Carl W. Koch Sr by John & Carol Dietrich & family

ENDOWMENT FUND DONATIONS are given to the Glory of God and

In loving memory of Rev. Fred Crawford by Sharon Haldeman. May God grant unto him eternal peace and his perpetual light shine upon him forever.

In loving memory of Dolly Christ by Bob & Terri Livingston

In loving memory of Pastor Crawford by Bob & Terri Livingston

In honor of my children Shelley, Greg & Jennifer by Sandy Scott

In loving memory of Pastor Fred Crawford by Mark & Charlene Valentine

In loving memory of Pastor Fred Crawford by Dave & Darlene Fetterman

In loving memory of Pastor Crawford by Gerry Zeigler

Upcoming Events

May 1 – Blessings Thrift Sale

May 14 – Hoagie Sale

Altar Flower and Bulletin Sponsors needed for 2026 - The Altar Flower and Bulletin Sponsor list for 2026 is on the bulletin board. The costs of the flowers are \$42.60 and individuals will be billed from the florist. The cost of the bulletin sponsorship is \$16.00 and monies are due when you place your name on the list. You can also sponsor the Candles for the month at \$40. Please remember to fill out a card with your honorarium or memorial, this information is needed for the bulletin. Please do not sign up without filling out a form. These sponsorships are on a first come first serve basis; this is to ensure that everyone has equal opportunity to sponsor these memorials. Please contact the church office if you have questions. Thank you in advance for your sponsorship!

Zion's Blessings Thrift Shop sale is on Friday, May 1st from 9 am to 5 pm. The sale features gently used clothing for all ages, toys, books, and general household items. Come take a look! Limited Take-Out Menu. **PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE DONATIONS OUTSIDE BY THE HANDICAP ENTRANCE.** Thank you all for your continued support!

We extend our Christian Love and Sympathy to the family and friends of Dorothy "Dolly" Christ, who passed away on April 16, 2026. We ask God to comfort the family at this time. Please keep them in your prayers.

Hoagie Sale - The Culinary Team is holding a hoagie sale; Regular Hoagies are \$8 each. Pick up is on Thursday, May 14th from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm. Order by May 10th, at <https://www.ziontamaqua.com> or by calling 570-668-4451. Thank you for your support!!

ATTENTION GRADUATING CONFIRMED ZION MEMBERS: CLASS OF 2026 - Before you know it graduation will be here! Please submit a photo with information on high school graduating from, where you will be attending school or what your future plans may be, major, parents' names and how you were involved with Zion. You may submit a photo now with more information to follow later to the church office. Thank you.

DEADLINE: All information for the **May 2026 issue of the "Herald"** is due at the church office **ASAP**. You may e-mail your information to zionlcof@verizon.net or stop in during regular office hours. Thank you for your co-operation!

Vacation Bible School is Coming! Join us for an exciting week of faith, fun, and friendship at VBS! June 22–26 from 5:30–8:30 PM Meal Provided 5:30–6:00 PM, For PreK–5th Grade. Enjoy a fun-filled week with Bible Explorations, Games, Crafts, Missions, Music & More. Each evening is packed with energy, creativity, and meaningful moments as kids grow in faith and build lasting friendships. All are welcome! Bring a friend and come ready for fun! Register Your Child Online at: ziontamaqua.mycokesburyvbs.com Looking to Volunteer at VBS? There's a registration for you too! Simply click the Volunteer Registration on the website!

Friendly Reminder to Our Church Family and Guests,

To help ensure that everyone can safely access our church, we kindly ask that you do not park in the designated handicapped loading and unloading zone during church services or events. The ramp connecting the street to the sidewalk must remain clear at all times for those who rely on it. Keeping this area open allows all members and visitors—especially those with mobility needs—to enter and exit Zion with ease and dignity. Your consideration makes a meaningful difference in creating a welcoming and accessible environment for everyone.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.
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