

Welcome!



Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

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

The 8th Sunday after Pentecost

August 3, 2025 ~ 9:00 am

The Liturgy of Word and Sacrament

Today's texts offer instruction and encouragement for all who are occasionally overwhelmed by the "unhappy business" of life. Jesus urges us to take care and be on guard against all kinds of greed. We who have died with Christ in holy baptism have also been raised with him and are encouraged to elevate our thinking, seeking the "things that are above." To that end we seek the sustenance of the Lord's supper and the encouragement of God's word.

**Congregation please stand*

The Pre-service Music

~ The Gathering ~

*** The Confession and Forgiveness**

IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE ✚ SON, AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

Amen.

BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST, LET US CONFESS OUR SIN.

Please kneel if able.

MERCIFUL GOD,

you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.

YOU BELONG TO CHRIST JESUS AND YOU ARE GOD'S CHILDREN THROUGH FAITH. IN THE CROSS OF ✚ CHRIST, AND THROUGH THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, YOUR SINS ARE FORGIVEN. CLOTHED WITH CHRIST, YOU ARE A NEW CREATION.

Amen.

*** The Gathering Hymn**

"We are Called"

ELW No. 720

Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!

We are called to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God.

(Refrain) **We are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly;
we are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.**

Come! Open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear!

We are called to be hope for the hopeless so hatred and blindness will be no more. *(Refrain)*

Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be one!

God will reign, and we'll walk with each other as sisters and brothers united in love. *(Refrain)*

*** The 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.

The Order for Holy Baptism

IN HOLY BAPTISM OUR GRACIOUS HEAVENLY FATHER LIBERATES US FROM SIN AND DEATH BY JOINING US TO THE DEATH AND RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST. WE ARE BORN CHILDREN OF A FALLEN HUMANITY; IN THE WATERS OF BAPTISM WE ARE REBORN CHILDREN OF GOD AND INHERITORS OF ETERNAL LIFE.

BY WATER AND THE HOLY SPIRIT WE ARE MADE MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH WHICH IS THE BODY OF CHRIST. AS WE LIVE WITH HIM AND HIS PEOPLE, WE GROW IN FAITH, LOVE, AND OBEDIENCE TO THE WILL OF GOD.

(Sponsors) I present Evan Gregory Slick to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

IN CHRISTIAN LOVE YOU HAVE PRESENTED THIS CHILD FOR HOLY BAPTISM. YOU SHOULD, THEREFORE, FAITHFULLY BRING HIM TO THE SERVICES OF GOD'S HOUSE, AND TEACH HIM THE LORD'S PRAYER, THE CREED, AND THE TEN COMMANDMENTS. AS HE GROWS IN YEARS, YOU SHOULD PLACE IN HIS HANDS THE HOLY SCRIPTURES AND PROVIDE FOR HIS INSTRUCTION IN THE CHRISTIAN FAITH, THAT, LIVING IN THE COVENANT OF HIS BAPTISM AND IN COMMUNION WITH THE CHURCH, HE MAY LEAD A GODLY LIFE UNTIL THE DAY OF JESUS CHRIST, DO YOU PROMISE TO FULFILL THESE OBLIGATIONS?

(Parents & Sponsors Respond) I do.

THE LORD BE WITH YOU.

And also with you.

LET US GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD OUR GOD.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

HOLY GOD, MIGHTY LORD, GRACIOUS FATHER: WE GIVE YOU THANKS, FOR IN THE BEGINNING YOUR SPIRIT MOVED OVER THE WATERS AND YOU CREATED HEAVEN AND EARTH. BY THE GIFT OF WATER YOU NOURISH AND SUSTAIN US AND ALL LIVING THINGS.

BY THE WATERS OF THE FLOOD YOU CONDEMNED THE WICKED AND SAVED THOSE WHOM YOU HAD CHOSEN, NOAH AND HIS FAMILY. YOU LED ISRAEL BY THE PILLAR OF CLOUDS AND FIRE THROUGH THE SEA, OUT OF SLAVERY INTO THE FREEDOM OF THE PROMISED LAND. IN THE WATERS OF THE JORDAN YOUR SON WAS BAPTIZED BY JOHN AND ANOINTED WITH THE SPIRIT.

BY THE BAPTISM OF HIS OWN DEATH AND RESURRECTION YOUR BELOVED SON HAS SET US FREE FROM THE BONDAGE OF SIN AND DEATH, AND HAS OPENED THE WAY TO THE JOY AND FREEDOM OF EVERLASTING LIFE. HE MADE WATER A SIGN OF THE KINGDOM AND OF CLEANSING AND REBIRTH. IN OBEDIENCE TO HIS COMMAND, WE MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS, BAPTIZING THEM IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

POUR OUT YOUR HOLY SPIRIT, SO THAT THIS CHILD WHO IS HERE BAPTIZED MAY BE GIVEN NEW LIFE. WASH AWAY THE SIN OF THIS CHILD WHO IS CLEANSED BY THIS WATER AND BRING HIM FORTH AS AN INHERITOR OF YOUR GLORIOUS KINGDOM.

TO YOU BE GIVEN PRAISE AND HONOR AND WORSHIP THROUGH YOUR SON, JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD, IN THE UNITY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, NOW AND FOREVER.

Amen.

I ASK YOU TO PROFESS YOUR FAITH IN CHRIST JESUS, REJECT SIN, AND CONFESS THE FAITH OF THE CHURCH, THE FAITH IN WHICH WE BAPTIZE.

DO YOU RENOUNCE ALL THE FORCES OF EVIL, THE DEVIL, AND ALL HIS EMPTY PROMISES?

(Parents & Sponsors Respond) I do.

DO YOU BELIEVE IN GOD THE FATHER?

(All) I believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

DO YOU BELIEVE IN JESUS CHRIST, THE SON OF GOD?

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.

DO YOU BELIEVE IN GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT?

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.

EVAN GREGORY, I BAPTIZE YOU IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

Amen.

GOD, THE FATHER OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, WE GIVE YOU THANKS FOR FREEING YOUR SONS AND DAUGHTERS FROM THE POWER OF SIN AND FOR RAISING THEM UP TO A NEW LIFE THROUGH THIS HOLY SACRAMENT. POUR OUT YOUR HOLY SPIRIT UPON EVAN GREGORY, THE SPIRIT OF WISDOM AND UNDERSTANDING, THE SPIRIT OF COUNSEL AND MIGHT, THE SPIRIT OF KNOWLEDGE AND THE FEAR OF THE LORD, THE SPIRIT OF JOY IN YOUR PRESENCE.

Amen.

EVAN GREGORY, CHILD OF GOD, YOU HAVE BEEN SEALED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT AND MARKED WITH THE CROSS OF CHRIST FOREVER.

Amen.

(CONGREGATION REP.) LET YOUR LIGHT SO SHINE BEFORE OTHERS THAT THEY MAY SEE YOUR GOOD WORKS AND GLORIFY YOUR FATHER IN HEAVEN.

O GOD, THE GIVER OF ALL LIFE, LOOK WITH KINDNESS UPON THE FAMILY OF THIS CHILD. LET THEM EVER REJOICE IN THE GIFT YOU HAVE GIVEN THEM. MAKE THEM TEACHERS AND EXAMPLES OF RIGHTEOUSNESS FOR HIM. STRENGTHEN THEM IN THEIR OWN BAPTISM SO THEY MAY SHARE ETERNALLY WITH HIM THE SALVATION YOU HAVE GIVEN THEM, THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD.

Amen.

(CONGREGATION REP.) THROUGH BAPTISM GOD HAS MADE THIS NEW BROTHER A MEMBER OF THE PRIESTHOOD WE ALL SHARE IN CHRIST JESUS, THAT WE MAY PROCLAIM THE PRAISE OF GOD AND BEAR HIS CREATIVE AND REDEEMING WORD TO ALL THE WORLD.

We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, child of the same heavenly Father, and worker with us in the kingdom of God. Amen.

The Special Music – Hailey Williams, Riley Faust, & Thomas Graham

~The Word~

The First Lesson Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

The teacher of wisdom who wrote Ecclesiastes sees that working for mere accumulation of wealth turns life into an empty game, a "vanity of vanities." Nevertheless, he asserts in the next verse, it is good to find enjoyment in one's work because such enjoyment is a gift from God.

(After the reading)

THE WORD OF THE LORD

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm 49:1-12 Tune "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less" No.294

HEAR THIS, ALL YOU PEOPLES. HEARKEN, ALL YOU WHO DWELL IN THE WORLD, YOU OF HIGH DEGREE AND LOW, RICH AND POOR TOGETHER. MY MOUTH SHALL SPEAK OF WISDOM, AND MY HEART SHALL MEDITATE ON UNDERSTANDING.

Let all these words of wisdom hear: In evil days I shall not fear.

WHY SHOULD I BE AFRAID IN EVIL DAYS, WHEN THE WICKEDNESS OF THOSE AT MY HEELS SURROUNDS ME, THE WICKEDNESS OF THOSE WHO TRUST IN THEIR WEALTH, AND BOAST OF THEIR GREAT RICHES?

The ransom we can never pay, To save us from our dying day.

FOR WE SEE THAT THE WISE DIE ALSO; LIKE THE DULL AND STUPID THEY PERISH AND LEAVE THEIR WEALTH TO THOSE WHO COME AFTER THEM. THEIR GRAVES ARE THEIR HOMES FOREVER; THERE THEY STAY FOR ALL TIME, THOUGH THEY ONCE HAD LANDS OF THEIR OWN. EVEN THOUGH HONORED, THEY CANNOT LIVE FOREVER; THEY ARE LIKE THE BEASTS THAT PERISH.

The riches of our God alone, From sting of death our lives atone.

The Second Lesson Colossians 3:1-11

Life in Christ includes a radical reorientation of our values. Just as the newly baptized shed their old clothes and put on new garments, so Christians are called to let go of greed and take hold of a life shaped by God's love in Christ.

(After the reading)

THE WORD OF THE LORD

Thanks be to God.

*** The Gospel Acclamation (ELW Pg. 179)**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia!

*** The Holy Gospel St. Luke 12:13-21**

In God's reign, the "rich will be sent away empty." Jesus uses a parable to warn against identifying the worth of one's life with the value of one's possessions rather than one's relationship with God.

(Before the Gospel)

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT LUKE THE 12TH 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**

"Break Now the Bread of Life"

No. 235

*** The Prayers of Intercession**

IN SOLIDARITY WITH ALL CREATION, WE JOIN OUR VOICE TO THE VOICE OF THE WHOLE CHURCH AND PRAY FOR THE NEEDS OF THE WORLD.

A brief silence.

RENEW IN YOUR CHURCH A PERSPECTIVE OF LIFE BEYOND WORLDLY PURSUITS. BUILD AN ENTHUSIASM TO EMBRACE LIFE IN CHRIST, SO THAT CHRIST, THE LIFE OF THE WORLD, IS REVEALED TO EVERYONE. GOD OF GRACE,

hear our prayer.

REVITALIZE AND PROTECT THE TREASURES OF WILD PLACES. TEACH ALL PEOPLE TO VALUE THE EARTH, WINDS, WATERS, TREES, AND ANIMALS, THE GIFTS THAT MAKE LIFE POSSIBLE ON THIS PLANET. GOD OF GRACE,

hear our prayer.

SPEAK WISDOM TO ANY IN POSITIONS OF POWER, THAT THEY CEASE PRACTICES OF DIVISIVENESS, INSULT, AND OPPRESSION. CLOTHE ALL PEOPLE IN YOUR IMAGE, AND ESTABLISH EQUITY AND PEACE. GOD OF GRACE,

hear our prayer.

REVEAL YOUR LOVING PRESENCE IN THE LIVES OF PEOPLE SUFFERING HUNGER AND NEED, ILLNESS AND GRIEF, PAIN AND FEAR ESPECIALLY FORREST, MARGARET, STEVE, CHRISTINE, EDDIE, GEORGE, JAN, AND ALL OUR MEMBERS WHO ARE HOMEBOUND. GIVE STRENGTH TO THOSE WHO GIVE CARE, AND EQUIP THEM WITH COMPASSION AS THEY MAKE YOUR LOVE KNOWN. GOD OF GRACE,

hear our prayer.

STORE UP IN THIS CONGREGATION A FULL MEASURE OF GRATITUDE AND GENEROSITY. GUIDE THE WORK OF TREASURERS AND ALL WHO ATTEND TO FINANCIAL MATTERS. SUPPORT THOSE WHOSE WORK IN OUR COMMUNITY IS DIFFICULT AND DEMANDING; MAKE US MINDFUL OF THE TOIL THAT GOES UNNOTICED. GOD OF GRACE,

hear our prayer.

RECEIVE OUR THANKS FOR THE LIVES OF YOUR SAINTS WHO NOW REST FROM THEIR LABORS. GIVE US WISDOM THROUGH THEIR WITNESS AND ENCOURAGE US IN LOVE AS WE CONTINUE OUR LIVES IN THE WORLD. GOD OF GRACE,

hear 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. GOD OF GRACE,

hear our prayer.

TRUSTING IN YOUR LOVINGKINDNESS, WE PLACE OUR PRAYER AND HOPE IN YOU, 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 “Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful” (ELW Hymn No. 182)

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.

Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, That we may be fed with the bread of life.

Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; Unite them with the prayers we offer now.

Grace our table with your presence, And give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

* The Offertory Prayer

LET US PRAY: CREATOR GOD, IN YOUR WISDOM YOU BRING FORTH ALL THAT IS GOOD AND THE HARVEST IS PLENTIFUL. STRENGTHEN US AT YOUR TABLE WITH THESE GIFTS OF THE EARTH AND OUR LABOR, THAT WE MAY WORK FOR THE GOOD OF ALL, THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, OUR SAVIOR.

Amen.

*** The Great Thanksgiving**

*** The Preface and Sanctus** *(ELW Pg. 180)*

THE LORD BE WITH YOU

(Spoken) **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.....THEIR UNENDING HYMN: *(ELW Pg. 181)*

Holy, holy, holy Lord God, God of might and power; holy is the Lord.

Holy, holy, holy, holy Lord God, God of might and power; holy is the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna here on earth.

Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna here on earth.

Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

*** The Prayer of Thanksgiving**

HOLY, MIGHTY, AND MERCIFUL LORD, HEAVEN AND EARTH ARE FULL OF YOUR GLORY.....POUR OUT UPON US THE SPIRIT OF YOUR LOVE, O LORD, AND UNITE THE WILLS OF ALL WHO SHARE THIS HEAVENLY FOOD, THE BODY AND BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST, OUR LORD; TO WHOM, WITH YOU AND THE HOLY SPIRIT, BE ALL HONOR AND GLORY, 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**

THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS SET BEFORE YOU. EAT AND REJOICE.

*** The Agnus Dei “Lamb of God”** *(ELW Pg. 182)*

O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

grant us your peace, grant us your 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 Prayer**

LET US PRAY: MOTHERING GOD, YOU GATHERED US TO YOUR TABLE AND WE DRANK DEEPLY OF YOUR GRACE. SEND US OUT BY YOUR SPIRIT TO LOVE OUR NEIGHBORS AS OURSELVES AND PROCLAIM YOUR LOVE IN JESUS' NAME.

Amen.

~The Sending~

*** The Blessing**

THE LOVE OF GOD ABOUND IN YOU; THE GRACE OF OUR SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST FILL YOUR HEARTS; AND THE LIFE OF THE SPIRIT ✝ BLESS YOU AND GIVE YOU PEACE.

(Spoken) **Amen.**

*** The Dismissal**

GO IN PEACE. LIVE BY THE SPIRIT.

Thanks be to God.

*** The Sending Hymn**

“On What Has Now Been Sown”

No. 261

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First Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23 – Not Printed

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-11 – Not Printed

Gospel: Luke 12:13-21 - ¹³Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus,] “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” ¹⁴But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” ¹⁵And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” ¹⁶Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ ¹⁸Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ ²⁰But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ ²¹So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

August 10, 2025 readings are:

Genesis 15:1-6

Psalm 33:12-22

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Luke 12:32-40

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

August 2-3, 2025

**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 her parents, Arlington & Yustina Hawk by Dave & Darlene Fetterman

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God and

In honor of Evan's Baptism and in loving memory of Sierra Rose Thomas by the Thomas Family

THE BULLETINS are given to the Glory of God and

In loving memory of my father's birthday on August 2nd by David & Ann Marie Hadesty & family

An Altar Flower sponsor is needed for August 24th.

Please sign up on the church bulletin board.

Please remember the following in your prayers: Forrest, Margaret, Steve Ristila, Christine Zimmerman, Eddie Smith, George Weaver, Jan McRoberts, and all our members who are homebound.

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: 8:00 am - 1:00 pm

Zion's 2024 Church Council officers: Michael Haspe, President, Brian Lawfer, Vice-President, Amanda Hascin, Secretary, Dave Gensure, Treasurer, and Ann Marie Hadesty, Financial Secretary. Other members of Council include Arlene Derr, Glenn Fritzinger, Thomas Graham, Carol Hartung, Brittany Scalfani Mary Ruth Taylor, Michelle Valentine; and Shelly Woodring; 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, August 3, 2025

9:00 The Service of Word & Sacrament / Baptism

6:00 Summer Celebration/ Trinity UCC

WEDNESDAY

9:15 Worship & Music Committee Meeting

THURSDAY

11:00 Hoagie Sale Pick-up

SATURDAY

6:00 Saturday Evening Worship

SUNDAY, August 10, 2025

9:00 The Service of Word & Sacrament

Supporting Zion's Ministries

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

Received 7/27/25 in support of Zion Ministries:

From our gifts \$0.00

From Thrift Store \$0.00

From Endowment (other) \$0.00

From Culinary \$0.00

Received for Endowment: \$0.00

Received for Capital Campaign: \$0.00

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

From offering/gifts/memorials: \$72,551.16

From Thrift Store: \$3,803.11*

From Endowment: \$22,905.00

From Culinary: \$9,800.00

Year-to-date total for Zion's mission/ministries: \$109,059.27

* Thrift Store donates half of income to Outreach total income - \$7,606.22

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.

Please Note: Melody will be on vacation, August 11th through August 14th. She will be returning on Monday, August 18th. If you need assistance, please call Pastor Cindy at 610-674-2072. Thank you for your cooperation.

DEADLINE: All information for the **September 2025** issue of the "**Herald**" is due at the church office no later than **Monday, August 18, 2025**. You may e-mail your

information to zionlcof@verizon.net or stop in during regular office hours. Thank you for your co-operation!

Upcoming Events

August 3 – Summer Celebration/ Trinity UCC

August 6 – Worship & Music Meeting

August 7 – Hoagie Sale

August 18 – Newsletter Deadline

August 20 – Peach Social

September 5 – Blessings Thrift Shop

Zion's Blessings Thrift Shop is on Friday, September 5th 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. Thank you all for your continued support!



Peach Social

Wednesday, August 20, 2025

4:00 until 6:00 or sellout

Cake, Ice cream, and Fresh Peaches –\$6.00

Additional food items will be available.

The culinary crew is asking for your help in providing plain white or yellow cakes with no icing. Help will be needed on Tuesday, August 19th to prepare for the social time TBA. Please contact Glenn at (484) 560-8211 or Mary Ruth at 570-668-4451 for more information. We hope to see you there!

Culinary Hoagie Sale August 7th - deadline to order is August 3rd - Regular Hoagies are \$8 each. Pick up is from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm. Order at <https://www.ziontamaqua.com> or by calling 570-668-4451. Thank you for your support!!

Altar Flower and Bulletin Sponsors needed for 2025 - The Altar Flower and Bulletin Sponsor list for 2025 is on the bulletin board. The costs of the flowers are \$42.60; individuals will be billed from the florist. The cost of the bulletin sponsorship is \$16.00; monies are due when you place your name on the list. 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. Please contact the church office if you have questions. Thank you in advance for your sponsorship!

There will be a Worship and Music planning meeting on Wednesday, August 6, at 9:15 AM, following morning prayer. Anyone is welcome to join us and help us look ahead to the worship services for the next year.

Blessings Thrift — Please ensure items being donated are “gently” used. Clothing and bedding should be free of holes, stains and pet hair. We cannot accept items with company names, advertisements or personal name labels (such as those from nursing homes or hospitals). Electronics and small appliances should be in good working order. Toys and games must include all pieces. Due to an overabundance of donations, we ask that you call the church office at (570) 668-2180 and leave your contact information. Your name will be put on a list, and someone will contact you when we are able to accept your items. Please DO NOT leave bags or boxes at random places in the church, on the stage or outside of the building. Thank you for your cooperation. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

Summer Celebration – August 3rd – Tamaqua Area Faith Fellowship Network (TAF FN) and the Tamaqua Ministerial Association are hosting a community event featuring Jeremy Goodling, a well-known religious musician throughout Central Pennsylvania. The performance will be Sunday, August 3, 2025, beginning at 6:00 pm at Trinity United Church of Christ on Lafayette Street, Tamaqua. A time of fellowship with refreshments will follow. A free-will offering will be taken. All are welcome!!



Celebration of Baptism

Please welcome Evan Gregory Slick, son of Desiree Schuler and Andrew Slick, as a member of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church. Evan’s Godparents are Shannon Zellner and Bryn Zellner. He will receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism during our Sunday morning worship service; May the blessing of our Lord be upon the parents and godparents in nurturing this child in the light of faith. Please welcome family and friends who join us to celebrate.