

*Welcome!*



## ***Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church***

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

# The 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

August 31, 2025 ~ 9:00 am

## *The Liturgy of Word and Sacrament*

*Invited and inviting—that is the nature of the church. By God’s grace in holy baptism we have a place at Christ’s banquet table. When, by the power of that same Spirit, humility and mutual love continue among us, the church can be more inviting still.*

*\*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

*“Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”*

No. 250 Stanzas 1,2,3

### \* 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 Kole Everett Hill 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.**

KOLE EVERETT, 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 KOLE EVERETT, 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.**

KOLE EVERETT, 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 – Carol Tempest**

### **~The Word~**

#### **The First Lesson Proverbs 25:6-7**

*The book of Proverbs is part of a collection of writings known as wisdom literature. Wisdom literature gave directions to Israel's leaders and people for the conduct of daily life. Today's reading is about humility.*

*(After the reading)*

**THE WORD OF THE LORD**

**Thanks be to God.**

#### **The Psalm 112 Tune “As with Gladness Men of Old” No.82**

**Blest are they who fear the Lord, who delight to keep his word.**

THEIR DESCENDANTS WILL BE MIGHTY IN THE LAND; THE GENERATION OF THE UPRIGHT WILL BE BLESSED. WEALTH AND RICHES ARE IN THEIR HOMES, AND THEIR RIGHTEOUSNESS ENDURES FOREVER.

**Blest the righteous in God's sight; to their darkness God gives light.**

IT IS WELL WITH THOSE WHO ARE GENEROUS IN THEIR LENDING, WHO RUN THEIR BUSINESS HONESTLY.

**No dread foe can cause them fear, those who trust in God most dear.**

THE RIGHTEOUS WILL NEVER BE MOVED; THEY WILL BE REMEMBERED FOREVER.

**Blest are they who fear the Lord, who delight to keep his word.**

THEY GIVE GENEROUSLY TO THE NEEDY. THEIR RIGHTEOUSNESS ENDURES FOREVER. THEY ARE EXALTED AND HONORED.

**Blest the righteous in God's sight; to their darkness God gives light.**

THE WICKED SEE THIS AND ARE UPSET. THEY GLARE IN ANGER AND DISAPPEAR; THEIR  
HOPES ARE GONE FOREVER.

**No dread foe can cause them fear, those who trust in God most dear.**

## **The Second Lesson Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16**

*The conclusion of the letter to the Hebrews contains suggestions for the conduct of a holy life, all of which are shaped by God's love toward us in Jesus 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 14:1, 7-14**

*Jesus observes guests jockeying for position at the table. He uses the opportunity to teach his hearers to choose humility rather than self-exaltation. Jesus also makes an appeal for hosts to imitate God's gracious hospitality to those in need.*

*(Before the Gospel)*

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT LUKE THE 14<sup>TH</sup> CHAPTER:

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

*(After the Gospel)*

THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD

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

## **The Sermon**

*Pastor Scott Lingenfelter*

## **\*The Hymn of the Day**

***“As We Gather at Your Table”***

ELW No. 522

**As we gather at your table, as we listen to your word,  
help us know, O God, your presence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.  
Nourish us with sacred story till we claim it as our own;  
teach us through this holy banquet how to make Love's vict'ry known.**

**Turn our worship into witness in the sacrament of life;  
send us forth to love and serve you, bringing peace where there is strife.  
Give us, Christ, your great compassion to forgive as you forgave;  
may we still behold your image in the world you died to save.**

**Gracious Spirit, help us summon other guests to share that feast  
where triumphant Love will welcome those who had been last and least.  
There no more will envy blind us nor will pride our peace destroy,  
as we join with saints and angels to repeat the sounding joy.**

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

## **\* The Prayers of Intercession**

**LET US PRAY FOR THE CHURCH, THE CREATION, AND THE WHOLE PEOPLE OF GOD, FOR GOD  
IS NEAR.**

*A brief silence.*

FOR THE LEADERS OF THE CHURCH, WE PRAY. INSPIRE DEACONS, PASTORS, SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS, AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DIRECTORS WITH A PASSION FOR SPEAKING THE WORD OF GOD. EQUIP ALL THE BAPTIZED TO SHARE YOUR WORD OF GRACE. HEAR US, O GOD.

**Your mercy is great.**

FOR THE WELL-BEING OF CREATION, WE PRAY. SUSTAIN FARM WORKERS AND ALL WHO LABOR IN FIELDS AND VINEYARDS TO GROW THE FOOD WE EAT. REVIVE PLAINS AND PASTURES, AND PROVIDE FOR THE CATTLE AND CREATURES WHO RELY ON THE LAND FOR THEIR SUSTENANCE. HEAR US, O GOD.

**Your mercy is great.**

FOR THE LEADERS OF TOWNS, CITIES, PROVINCES, STATES, AND NATIONS, WE PRAY. GUIDE THEM TO ENACT EQUITABLE LAWS AND POLICIES FOR ALL. ON THIS LABOR DAY WEEKEND, MAKE US MINDFUL OF WORKERS WHOSE LABOR OFTEN GOES UNNOTICED. HEAR US, O GOD.

**Your mercy is great.**

FOR THE LOWLY AND THOSE WHO ARE IGNORED, WE PRAY. PROVIDE FOR THE NEEDS OF VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES, THOSE WHO ARE UNEMPLOYED, BURDENED BY DEBT, OR STRUGGLE TO MAKE ENDS MEET. ACCOMPANY ALL WHO NEED REASSURANCE OF YOUR LOVING PRESENCE ESPECIALLY FORREST, STEVE, CHRISTINE, EDDIE, GEORGE, JAN, AND ALL OUR MEMBERS WHO ARE HOMEBOUND. HEAR US, O GOD.

**Your mercy is great.**

FOR THE HOSPITALITY MINISTRIES OF THIS CONGREGATION, WE PRAY. GIVE USHERS AND GREETERS A SPIRIT OF WELCOME FOR VISITORS, AND BLESS THE WORK OF THOSE WHO FEED AND NOURISH US. HEAR US, O GOD.

**Your mercy is great.**

FOR ALL THE SAINTS WHO FROM THEIR LABORS REST, WE GIVE THANKS. WITH THEM, WE OFFER OUR SACRIFICE OF PRAISE TO YOU, O GOD, THE SAME YESTERDAY AND TODAY AND FOREVER. HEAR US, O GOD.

**Your mercy is great.**

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. HEAR US, O GOD,

**Your mercy is great.**

CONFIDENT IN GOD'S PRESENCE AND PROMISE, WE ENTRUST OUR PRAYERS TO THE ONE WHO ALWAYS RECEIVES THEM; THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, OUR WISDOM AND COMPANION.

**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](http://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**

***“If You But Trust in God to Guide You”***

No. 453

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**September 7, 2025 readings are:**

Deuteronomy 30:15-20  
Philemon 1-21

Psalms 1  
Luke 14:25-33



# ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

August 30-31, 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

With love for all the children returning to school by Pastor Cindy.

**THE BULLETINS** are given to the Glory of God and

In honor of my mother's 89<sup>th</sup> birthday and in loving memory of my mother-in-law's birthday both on August 30<sup>th</sup> by Roxanne Harvilla.

**ORGAN FUND DONATIONS** are given to the Glory of God and

In loving memory of Tom Hewitt by Glenn & Lorie Fritzinger

In honor of all those who provide special music with their voices throughout the summer during our Sunday worship services and in honor of Sandy Mehalko, our Worship & Music Director, who provides us with beautiful music on our magnificent pipe organ through her many years of service here at Zion. Thank you with God's blessing to all! By Sharon Haldeman

***Please remember the following in your prayers: Forrest, 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](mailto:zionlcof@verizon.net)

Parish website is [www.ziontamaqua.com](http://www.ziontamaqua.com)

Parish Office Hours- Monday & Wednesday: 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Tuesday & Thursday: 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 31, 2025

9:00 The Service of Word & Sacrament / Baptism

## MONDAY

Office Closed

## THURSDAY

7:00 Senior Choir Rehearsal

## FRIDAY

9:00 Blessings Thrift Store

## SATURDAY

6:00 Saturday Evening Worship

## SUNDAY, September 7, 2025

9:00 The Service of Word & Sacrament

12:00 God's Work, Our Hands

### Supporting Zion's Ministries

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

Received 8/24/25 in support of Zion Ministries:

From our gifts \$2,229.00

From Thrift Store \$469.00

From Endowment (other) \$0.00

From Culinary \$0.00

Received for Endowment: \$0.00

Received for Capital Campaign: \$902.00

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

From offering/gifts/memorials: \$82,707.88

From Thrift Store: \$4,682.67\*

From Endowment: \$22,905.00

From Culinary: \$11,800.00

Year-to-date total for Zion's mission/ministries: \$122,095.55

\* Thrift Store donates half of income to Outreach total income - \$9,365.34

*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.*



**The Church office will be closed Monday, September 1<sup>st</sup> in Observance of Labor Day. Have a safe Holiday!**

## Upcoming Events

**September 4** – Choir Rehearsal Begins

**September 5** – Blessings Thrift Shop

**September 7** – God's Work, Our Hands

**September 11** – Hoagie Sale

**September 21** – Back to Church Sunday

**September 21** – Sunday School/ Confirmation Begins



### Celebration of Baptism

Please welcome Kole Everett Hill, son of Derek and Amber (Linkhorst) Hill, as a member of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church. Kole's Godparents are Derek and Amber Linkhorst. 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 godparent in nurturing this child in the light of faith. Please welcome family and friends who join us to celebrate.

**Culinary Hoagie Sale** September 11<sup>th</sup> - deadline to order is September 7<sup>th</sup> - 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!!

**Zion's Blessings Thrift Shop** is on Friday, September 5<sup>th</sup> 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!

**Joyful Noise:** The August Joyful Noise Collection benefits the Zion organ fund. Sandy Mehalko reports that Zion's magnificent organ is going to need some significant work soon. Please be generous.

**Choir rehearsals will begin on Thursday, September 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.** Anyone who enjoys singing is welcome to join us. We hope to see you there! Thanks, Sandy

## **God's Work, Our Hands will be Sunday, September 7, 2025 at 12:00 noon.**

How will you participate this year? Zion is planning three ways: (1) Do something for the church; (2) Do something for Zion members who need help; and (3) Do something for the community. If you do not wish to participate in one of these organized activities, you are encouraged to do something for someone else. Signup sheets are available in the Gathering Room.

**Zion Construction Update:** The work on the tower and gable is now well underway. The crew has made significant progress in the last month and is now beginning the repointing and restoration work. While we aren't able to provide a definite completion date, as that can change based on weather conditions, it looks like mid-October is a reasonable estimate. If you have any questions, please let me know. Thank you, Brian Lawfer, Acting Property Committee Chair

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** - Sunday School begins on September 21, 2025. Sunday School follows our Morning Worship Service from 10:15 – 11:00 am. While we don't have attendance "requirements" for children in Sunday school, it is important to send your child(ren) as often as possible. While we understand the children are involved with other commitments, the lessons taught in Sunday School are essential in preparing them for their Catechetical education. (Confirmation).

**CONFIRMATION** - Confirmation begins on September 21<sup>st</sup> from 11:00 am -12:30 pm. Students entering 7th grade (or above) are eligible to begin Confirmation. The program is a 2 year period of study which prepares the student to affirm their baptismal covenant, and take over responsibility for their faith journey. The program is flexible and is spread over two years to ensure even if minimal time is missed, the student is prepared to accept this responsibility.

**FIRST COMMUNION** - Classes are held on three Sunday mornings: Sunday, November 2, 9, & 16, from 11:00 am – 12:30 pm. Children who are in 5th grade or older and who have been baptized (or who would like to be baptized) are eligible for First Holy Communion. A parent or relative who is a member of Zion Lutheran Church is required to accompany them to classes and worship. First Communion is scheduled for Sunday, November 23, 2025, during the 9:00 am worship service. Parents, please register your child (ren) now by calling 570-668-2180.

Registration forms for all educational opportunities are on the Gathering Room table. Questions & requests for additional information can be directed to [zionlutheraneducation@gmail.com](mailto:zionlutheraneducation@gmail.com)