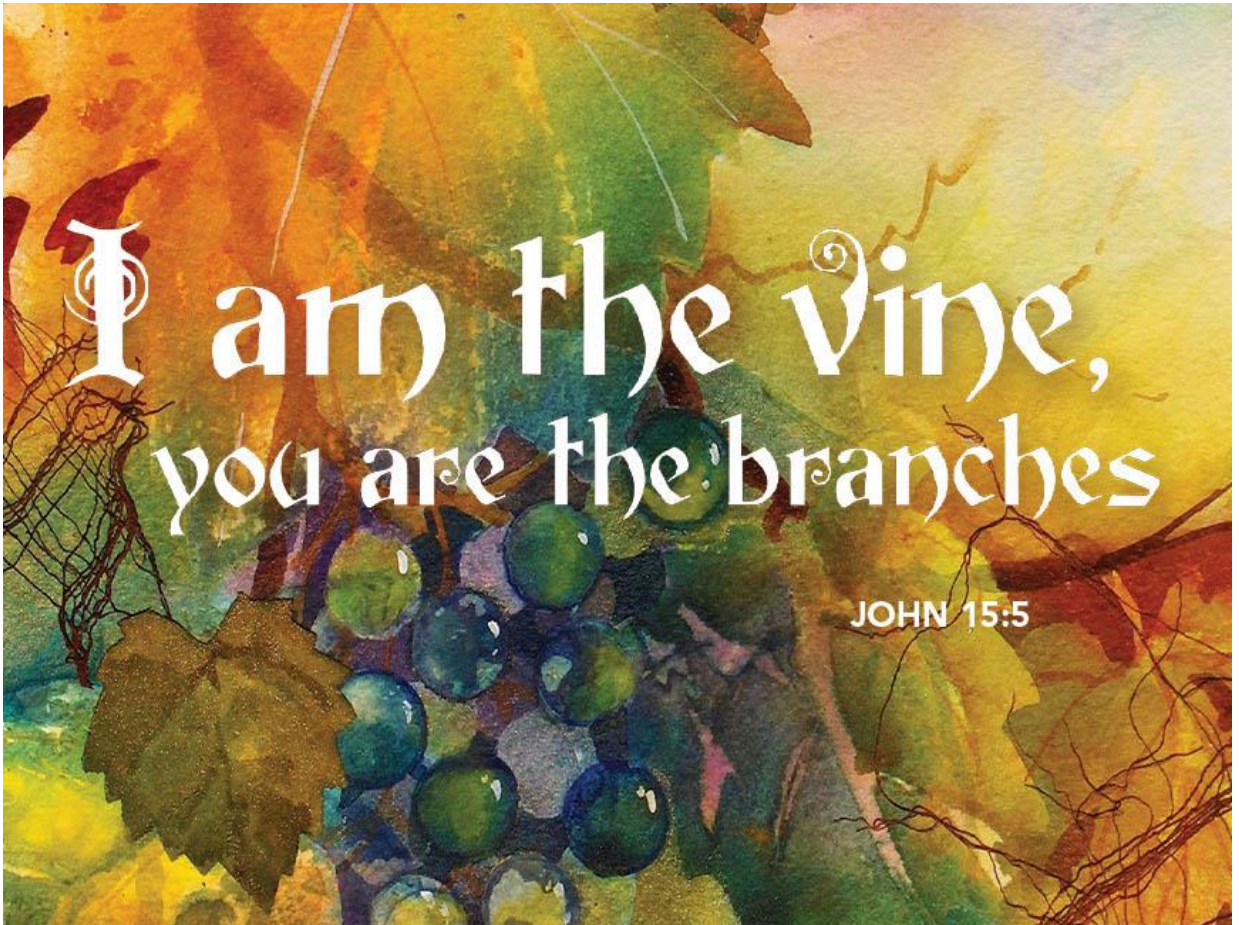


Welcome!



Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Our Mission: Zion proclaims the Gospel of Jesus Christ through Word and Sacrament as Gospel messengers in the community. We seek to be instruments through which God transforms lives and strengthens relationships within families and within our community of believers

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 2, 2021 ~ 9:00 am

The Liturgy of Word and Sacrament

This Sunday's image of how the risen Christ shares his life with us is the image of the vine. Christ the vine and we the branches are alive in each other, in the mystery of mutual abiding described in the gospel and the first letter of John. Baptism makes us a part of Christ's living and life-giving self and makes us alive with Christ's life. As the vine brings food to the branches, Christ feeds us at his table. We are sent out to bear fruit for the life of the world.

**Congregation please stand*

The Pre-service Music

~ The Gathering ~

* Thanksgiving for Baptism

ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

REFRESHED BY THE RESURRECTION LIFE WE SHARE IN CHRIST, LET US GIVE THANKS FOR THE GIFT OF BAPTISM.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

WE THANK YOU, RISEN CHRIST, FOR THESE WATERS WHERE YOU MAKE US NEW, LEADING US FROM DEATH TO LIFE, FROM TEARS TO JOY. WE BLESS YOU, RISEN CHRIST, THAT YOUR SPIRIT COMES TO US IN THE GRACE-FILLED WATERS OF REBIRTH, LIKE RAINS TO OUR THIRSTING EARTH, LIKE STREAMS THAT REVIVE OUR SOULS, LIKE CUPS OF COOL WATER SHARED WITH STRANGERS. BREATHE YOUR PEACE ON YOUR CHURCH WHEN WE HIDE IN FEAR. CLOTHE US WITH YOUR MERCY AND FORGIVENESS. SEND US COMPANIONS ON OUR JOURNEY AS WE SHARE YOUR LIFE. MAKE US ONE, RISEN CHRIST. CLEANSE OUR HEARTS. SHOWER US WITH LIFE. TO YOU BE GIVEN ALL PRAISE, WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT, IN THE GLORY OF GOD, NOW AND FOREVER.

Amen.

* The Gathering Hymn *"When Morning Gilds the Skies"*

No.546 Stanzas 1,2

**When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries:
may Jesus Christ be praised! When evening shadows fall,
this rings my curfew call: may Jesus Christ be praised!**

**When mirth for music longs, this is my song of songs:
may Jesus Christ be praised! God's holy house of prayer
has none that can compare with "Jesus Christ be praised!"**

* 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** (*music on page 57 of LBW*)

IN PEACE, LET US PRAY TO THE LORD.

(*Sung*) **Lord, have mercy.**

FOR THE PEACE FROM ABOVE, AND FOR OUR SALVATION, LET US PRAY TO THE LORD.

Lord, have mercy.

FOR THE PEACE OF THE WHOLE WORLD, FOR THE WELL-BEING OF THE CHURCH OF GOD, AND FOR THE UNITY OF ALL, LET US PRAY TO THE LORD.

Lord, have mercy.

FOR THIS HOLY HOUSE, AND FOR ALL WHO OFFER HERE THEIR WORSHIP AND PRAISE, LET US PRAY TO THE LORD.

Lord, have mercy.

HELP, SAVE, COMFORT, AND DEFEND US, GRACIOUS LORD.

Amen.

* **The Hymn of Praise** "*This is the Feast*" (*ELW pg. 187*)

This is the feast of vict'ry for our God. For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing and glory are his.

This is the feast of vict'ry for our God. For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing and honor, glory and might, be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of vict'ry for our God. For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.

* **The Prayer of the Day**

THE LORD BE WITH YOU

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

LET US PRAY:

O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, 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 8:26-40

Led by the Spirit, Philip encounters an Ethiopian official who is returning to his African home after having been to Jerusalem to worship. Philip uses their encounter to proclaim the gospel to him. Upon coming to faith in Jesus, he is baptized by Philip.

(*After the reading*)

THE WORD OF THE LORD

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm 22:25-31

From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear him. The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD. May your hearts live forever! All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; and all the families of the nations shall worship before him. For dominion

belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations. To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him. Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the LORD, and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it.

The Second Lesson 1 John 4:7-21

We love God and others because God first loved us. We cannot say we love God, whom we have not seen, while hating fellow Christians, whom we regularly see. Love toward God is to be matched by love toward others because the essence of God is love.

(After the reading)

THE WORD OF THE LORD

Thanks be to God.

***The Gospel Acclamation** *(Christ Has Been Raised)*

Christ has been raised from the dead, alleluia.

Christ has been raised. Oh, God be praised!

Alleluia, alleluia, Christ the Lord has been raised.

*** The Holy Gospel St. John 15:1-8**

On the night of his arrest, Jesus taught his disciples about the relationship they would have with him. Those who abide in his word and love bear fruit, for apart from him, they can do nothing.

(Before the Gospel)

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT JOHN THE 15TH CHAPTER:

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

(After the Gospel)

THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD

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

The Sermon

Pastor Cindy White

*** The Hymn of the Day**

“Now the Green Blade Rises”

No. 148 Stanzas 1,2

Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,

wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;

love lives again, that with the dead has been;

love is come again like wheat arising green.

In the grave they laid him, love by hatred slain,

thinking that he would never wake again;

laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen;

love is come again like wheat arising green.

*** 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**

ALIVE IN THE RISEN CHRIST BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, WE BRING OUR PRAYERS BEFORE GOD WHO PROMISES TO HEAR US AND ANSWER IN STEADFAST LOVE.

A brief silence.

GOD OF ALL FRUITFULNESS, YOU ABIDE IN YOUR CHURCH AND YOUR CHURCH ABIDES IN YOU. CLEANSE US BY YOUR WORD AND GIVE YOURSELF TO THE WHOLE CHURCH ON EARTH SO THAT IT BEARS FRUIT AND WITNESSES TO YOUR LOVE. HEAR US, O GOD.

Your mercy is great.

YOU HAVE CREATED THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH. AS WE WONDER AT THE BEAUTY OF CREATION, MAY WE SEEK VITAL CONNECTIONS AMONG ALL THAT DEPENDS ON THE EARTH FOR LIFE. HEAR US, O GOD.

Your mercy is great.

YOU RULE THE NATIONS WITH JUSTICE AND LOVE. GIVE THE LEADERS OF THE EARTH ASSURANCE OF YOUR ABIDING PRESENCE, THAT THEY LEAD NOT BY FEAR BUT WITH LOVE FOR THOSE THEY ARE CALLED TO SERVE. HEAR US, O GOD.

Your mercy is great.

YOU HAVE LOVED US SO THAT WE CAN LOVE OTHERS. WE PRAY FOR ALL IN NEED OF YOUR LOVE: THOSE WHO ARE POOR, LOWLY, OUTCAST, WEAK, OR FEARFUL. PROVIDE FOR THE NEEDS OF ALL ESPECIALLY PAT, RICK, RYAN, BROOKLYN, ELAINE, DEREK, FERN, ROBERT, MARY, DOLLY, CAROL, IRENE, CHRIS, NANCY, IDA, JEANNE, CAROLYN, GWEN, KATHLEEN, RALPH, SAM, JOSEPH, EVA, MARY, JOHN, AND ALL OUR MEMBERS WHO ARE HOMEBOUND. HEAR US, O GOD.

Your mercy is great.

YOU GATHER US WITH ALL THE SAINTS BY THE POWER OF YOUR SPIRIT. WITH THEM, MAY OUR HEARTS LIVE FOREVER IN YOUR KEEPING. 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.

IN THE HOPE OF NEW LIFE IN CHRIST, WE RAISE OUR PRAYERS TO YOU, TRUSTING IN YOUR NEVER-ENDING GOODNESS AND MERCY; THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD.

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 myEoffering option.

* **The Offering and Offertory** Tune: “*Create In Me a Clean Heart*” ELW No. 185

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.
Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

* **The Offertory Prayer**

LET US PRAY: GOD OF LOVE, YOU CALL US BELOVED CHILDREN AND WELCOME US TO YOUR TABLE. RECEIVE OUR LIVES AND THE GIFTS WE OFFER. ABIDE WITH US AND SEND US IN SERVICE TO A SUFFERING WORLD; FOR THE SAKE OF YOUR BELOVED CHILD, JESUS CHRIST.

Amen.

* **The Great Thanksgiving**

* **The Preface and Sanctus** (*music on page 68 of LBW*)

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 him thanks and praise.

IT IS INDEED RIGHT.....THEIR UNENDING HYMN: (*ELW NO. 193*)

(*Sung*) **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might:
Heav'n 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. Hosanna in the highest.**

* **The Prayer of Thanksgiving**

HOLY GOD, MIGHTY LORD, GRACIOUS FATHER: ENDLESS IS YOUR MERCY AND ETERNAL REIGN...FOR AS OFTEN AS WE EAT OF THIS BREAD AND DRINK FROM THIS CUP, WE PROCLAIM THE LORD'S DEATH, UNTIL HE COMES.

Christ has died, Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

THEREFORE, GRACIOUS FATHER...THE GREAT AND PROMISED FEAST.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

SEND NOW, WE PRAY, YOUR HOLY SPIRIT, THE SPIRIT OF OUR LORD...WITH ALL THE SAINTS IN LIGHT.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

JOIN OUR PRAYERS WITH THOSE OF YOUR SERVANTS OF EVERY TIME AND EVERY PLACE, AND UNITE THEM WITH THE CEASELESS PETITIONS OF OUR GREAT HIGH PRIEST UNTIL HE COMES AS VICTORIOUS LORD OF ALL.

(*Sung*) **Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
All honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, 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 RISEN CHRIST INVITES US TO THIS TABLE. COME, EAT AND BE SATISFIED.

*** The Agnus Dei “Lamb of God”** (*ELW No. 195*)

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, 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** (*music on page 72 of LBW*)

Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev’ryone what he has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name. He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia.

*** The Post Communion Prayer**

LET US PRAY: WELLSRING OF JOY, THROUGH THIS MEAL YOU HAVE PUT GLADNESS IN OUR HEARTS. SATISFY THE HUNGER STILL AROUND US, AND SEND US AS JOYFUL WITNESSES, THAT YOUR LOVE MAY BRING JOY TO THE HEARTS OF ALL PEOPLE, THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD.

Amen.

~The Sending~

*** The Blessing**

MAY OUR GLORIOUS GOD GRANT YOU A SPIRIT OF WISDOM TO KNOW AND TO LOVE THE RISEN LORD JESUS. THE GOD OF LIFE, FATHER, + SON, AND HOLY SPIRIT, BLESS YOU NOW AND FOREVER.

(Sung) **Amen! Amen! Amen!**

*** The Sending**

ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

GO IN PEACE. SHARE THE GOOD NEWS. ALLELUIA!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

*** The Sending Hymn**

“I Know That My Redeemer Lives!”

No. 352 Stanzas 1,2

I know that my Redeemer lives! What comfort this sweet sentence gives!

He lives, he lives, who once was dead; he lives, my ever-living head!

**He lives triumphant from the grave; he lives eternally to save;
he lives exalted, throned above; he lives to rule his church in love.**

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First Reading: Acts 8:26-40 – Not Printed

Second Reading: 1 John 4:7-21 - ⁷Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. ¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. ¹⁵God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. ¹⁷Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. ²¹The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Gospel: John 15:1-8 - [Jesus said:] ¹"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

May 9, 2021 readings are:

Acts 10:44-48
1 John 5:1-6

Psalm 98
John 15:9-7

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

May 1-2, 2021

**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. It is located across from the office. A changing station is available for your convenience in the restroom across the hall 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 CANDLES are given to the Glory of God and

In loving memory of Peter and Betty Ciliberti by Jennifer and Robert Ehrig

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God and

In honor of The Ehrig Kids by Robert and Jennifer Ehrig

THE BULLETINS are given to the Glory of God and

In loving memory of Joseph and Ida Mooney by Robert & Jennifer Ehrig

Altar Flower Sponsors are needed for May 30th. Thank you!

Please remember the following in your prayers: Pat Brown, Rick Bachman, Ryan, Brooklyn, Elaine Koch, Derek Hill, Fern Rudenko, Robert Schlock, Mary Richards, Dolly Christ, Carol Dietrich, Irene Pecha, Mrs. Chris Miller, Nancy Betz, Ida Piccin, Jeanne Rajnic, Carolyn Tirpak, Gwen Evans, Kathleen Valentine, Ralph Derr, Sam Caley, Joseph Harvilla, Eva (Mitzi) Koomar, Mary Koch, John Lattanzi, and all our members who are homebound.

Welcome!!

Parish office phone and fax is 570-668-2180.

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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

Pastor's Office Hours – Wednesday 11:00 am – 5:00 pm

Zion's 2021 Church Council officers: Chris Henritz, President, Michael Haspe, Vice-President, Tiffany Warden, Secretary, Dave Gensure, Treasurer, and Ann Marie Hadesty, Financial Secretary. Other members of Council include: Sam Caley, Arlene Derr, Ernie Henritz, Brenda Hill, Glenn Fritzing, Brian Lawfer, Bob Maue, Bonnie Painter, and Mary Ruth Taylor; 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, May 2, 2021

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

TUESDAY

9:30 Work Session

THURSDAY

9:30 Work Session

SATURDAY

5:30 Saturday Evening Worship

NEXT SUNDAY, May 9, 2021

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

Supporting Zion's Ministries

Contributions received for 4/25/21:

Received to meet \$4,067.27 weekly budget: \$2,255.25

Received for Endowment: \$0.00

Received for Capital Campaign: \$809.25

Contributions YTD to meet operating budget expenses: \$67,448.71

Received from offering/gifts/memorials: \$46,138.71

Received from Endowment: \$19,710.00

Received from Culinary: \$1,600.00

Budget operating expenses YTD: \$80,209.66

Budget status YTD: \$(12,760.95)

Thank you for your gifts.

*Your offerings allow us to share the word of God and the love of
Jesus with our congregation and our community.*

SUPPORTING OUR SEMINARIAN - As most of you know, we are extremely blessed here at Zion to have Dillon Epler, one of our own members, studying at seminary to become a Lutheran Pastor. It is customary for a church to make a gift to support their candidate each semester. Dillon's tuition will be covered by seminary grants, however there are still considerable expenses. Church Council is requesting your support with donations for Dillon's textbooks. If you would like to make a donation, please write a check to Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church and designate "For Dillon Epler." Jesus said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all nations." (Mark 16:15) Let's help our brother respond to his call for ministry with our prayers and gifts.

GIFTS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

IMPROVEMENT FUND DONATIONS are given to the Glory of God and

In loving memory of Harold & Dorothy Price & Jerome & LaVerne Murphy by niece, Carol

Message from the Property Chairman:

We recently completed the installation of LED lighting in the Sanctuary and the Gathering Room. This entailed changing light bulbs from a 16 foot "A" ladder or climbing through the rafters in the attic. The rheostat that once dimmed the lights has been replaced with electronic dimmers and the lighting panel that was installed when the tower was erected, has been replaced with a new panel. This lengthy project was approved by Church Council and funded by our Building and Improvement Fund. Many hours and hands were involved in getting this project completed.

As chairman of the Property Committee, I would personally like to thank the many volunteers who gave their time and effort helping to complete this lighting project. Also, thanks to the volunteers who came to deep clean the Sanctuary and Gathering Room before the Palm Sunday services. The hard work from so many people was evident during Holy Week.

The hours I spent completing this project were done in memory of my father, James A. Valentine.

Mark Valentine

We just received a check from Redner's for \$192.85. Please keep saving your receipts! Please note if you are turning in Redner's receipts please do not cut off the Save a tape portion of the receipt, this makes it invalid and we cannot turn them in, thank you and keep saving!

Capital Campaign News! WE MADE IT PASSED THE HALFWAY DOLLAR!!! We started the second phase of our capital campaign with a loan of \$175,000.00 from the endowment fund. We now have a remaining balance of \$86,000.00, which is passed the halfway mark. We are on the downward side of the project, but we cannot stop trying. We are grateful to each of you who continue to sacrifice to keep Zion as a beautiful building for worship and service and fellowship.

Hoagie sale - The Culinary Team at Zion Lutheran in Tamaqua is holding a hoagie sale. Order by May 14, 2021 at <https://www.ziontamaqua.com> or by calling 570-668-4451. Pick up is Friday, May 21 from noon until 4:00 pm.

Let there be (new) lights

During the time all Zion worship services were held downstairs, Mark Valentine and the Property Team converted the lighting in the Sanctuary to LEDs and modernized the lighting controls for the main floor. Mark says the new lights take 85% less power and provide a much brighter illumination. The lights are now controlled by modern dimmers. Mark also took the time to update many switches and outlets throughout the main floor of the church. Estimates are that Mark and his team saved the church about \$10,000 by doing the work

BEFORE

Mark Valentine in the light panel room. The main panel has been removed and all the wiring has been carefully labelled so that the new lighting controls could be installed properly.



AFTER

Mark Valentine with the new lighting control panel – fewer switches and modernized dimming equipment. In addition to changing all the light bulbs, each overhead fixture was cleaned during the project. All overhead lights in the bottom and main floors have been converted to LEDs.