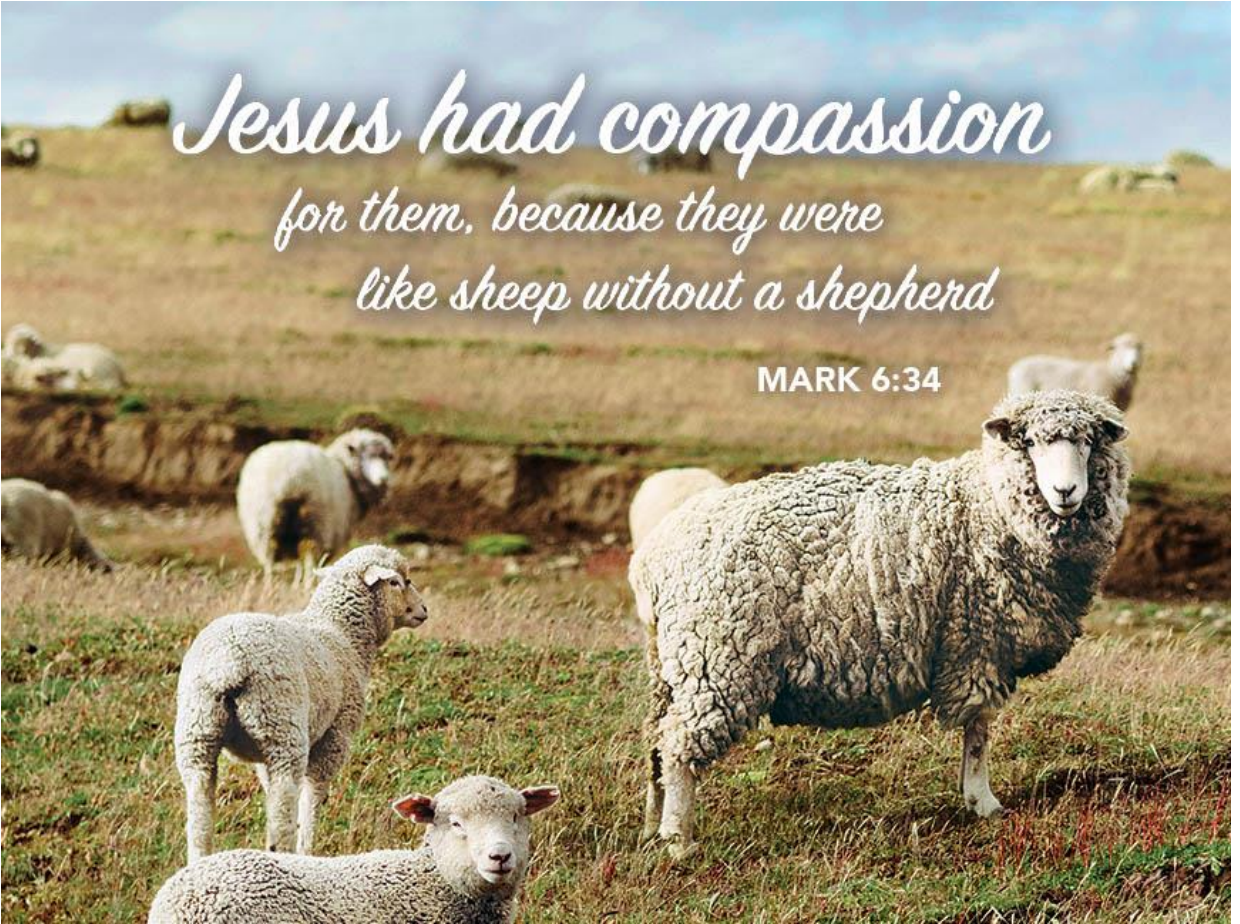


Welcome!

*Jesus had compassion
for them, because they were
like sheep without a shepherd*

MARK 6:34



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 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 18, 2021 ~ 9:00 am

The Liturgy of Word and Sacrament

Mark's gospel makes clear how great is the press of the crowd, with its countless needs to be met, on Jesus and his disciples. Yet in today's gospel Jesus advises his disciples to get away and rest, to take care of themselves. Sometimes we think that when others are in great need we shouldn't think of ourselves at all; but Jesus also honors the caregivers' need. We are sent from Christ's table to care for others and for ourselves.

**Congregation please stand*

The Pre-service Music

~ The Gathering ~

* The Confession and Forgiveness

BLESSED BE THE HOLY TRINITY, ✚ ONE GOD, THE GOD OF MANNA, THE GOD OF MIRACLES, THE GOD OF MERCY.

Amen.

DRAWN TO CHRIST AND SEEKING GOD'S ABUNDANCE, LET US CONFESS OUR SIN.

Silence is kept for reflection.

GOD, OUR PROVIDER,

help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

BELOVED PEOPLE OF GOD: IN JESUS, THE MANNA FROM HEAVEN, YOU ARE FED AND NOURISHED. BY JESUS, THE WORKER OF MIRACLES, THERE IS ALWAYS MORE THAN ENOUGH. THROUGH JESUS, ✚ THE BREAD OF LIFE, YOU ARE SHOWN GOD'S MERCY: YOU ARE FORGIVEN AND LOVED INTO ABUNDANT LIFE.

Amen.

* The Gathering Hymn

“The Church's One Foundation”

No.369

* 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 Kyrie *(ELW Hymn No. 154)*

**Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy; have mercy, O Lord.**

* The Hymn of Praise *“Gloria” (ELW Pg. 176)*

**Gloria, gloria, gloria, glory to God on high!
Gloria, gloria, gloria, glory to God on high!
And on earth peace to God's people. Glory to God.
And on earth peace to God's people. Glory to God!**

* **The Prayer of the Day**

THE LORD BE WITH YOU

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

LET US PRAY:

O God, powerful and compassionate, you shepherd your people, faithfully feeding and protecting us. Heal each of us, and make us a whole people, that we may embody the justice and peace of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

~The Word~

The First Lesson Jeremiah 23:1-6

Jeremiah prophesied before the exile in 587 BCE. In this passage, he uses the metaphor of a shepherd to describe the bad kings who have scattered the “flock” of Israel. God promises to gather the flock and to raise up a new king from David’s line to save Israel and Judah.

(After the reading)

THE WORD OF THE LORD

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. 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. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

The Second Lesson Ephesians 2:11-22

The author of this letter reminds his audience that originally they were not part of God’s chosen people. Through Jesus’ death, however, they are included in God’s household of faith, whose cornerstone is 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. Mark 6:30-34, 53-56**

When Jesus sends his disciples out to teach and heal, they minister among large numbers of people. Their work is motivated by Christ’s desire to be among those in need.

(Before the Gospel)

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT MARK THE 6TH 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 Apostles’ Creed

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

* The Prayers of Intercession

LET US COME BEFORE THE TRIUNE GOD IN PRAYER.

A brief silence.

TEND YOUR CHURCH, O GOD. ENCOURAGE BISHOPS, PASTORS, AND DEACONS IN THEIR PROCLAMATION OF THE GOSPEL. RAISE UP NEW LEADERS AND ENCOURAGE THOSE PURSUING A CALL TO MINISTRY. EMBOLDEN ALL THE BAPTIZED TO EMBODY YOUR LOVE AND JUSTICE. HEAR US, O GOD.

Your mercy is great.

RESTORE YOUR CREATION, O GOD. SUSTAIN CROPLANDS AND PASTURES AND SAFEGUARD ALL FARM ANIMALS AND LIVESTOCK. PRESERVE LAKES, RIVERS, AND STREAMS THAT OFFER REFRESHMENT. REVIVE LANDS RECOVERING FROM NATURAL DISASTERS AND PROTECT COASTLANDS THREATENED BY RISING OCEANS. HEAR US, O GOD.

Your mercy is great.

RECONCILE THE NATIONS, O GOD. BREAK DOWN THE DIVIDING WALLS THAT MAKE US STRANGERS TO ONE ANOTHER AND UNITE US AS ONE HUMAN FAMILY. EQUIP LEADERS TO DEAL WISELY WITH CONFLICT AND GUIDE DIPLOMATS WHO SEEK PEACEFUL SOLUTIONS. HEAR US, O GOD.

Your mercy is great.

HEAL YOUR PEOPLE, O GOD. LOOK WITH COMPASSION ON IMMIGRANTS, EXILES, AND ALL WHO ARE AFRAID OR FEEL LOST. GIVE REST TO THOSE WHO ARE WEARY, COMFORT TO THOSE WHO ARE GRIEVING, AND RECOVERY TO THOSE WHO ARE ILL ESPECIALLY GEORGE, DARLENE, GAYLE, JIM, PAT, RICK, RYAN, BROOKLYN, ELAINE, DEREK, FERN, ROBERT, MARY, DOLLY, CAROL, IRENE, CHRIS, NANCY, IDA, CAROLYN, KATHLEEN, RALPH, SAM, JOSEPH, EVA, MARY, JOHN, AND ALL OUR MEMBERS WHO ARE HOMEBOUND. HEAR US, O GOD.

Your mercy is great.

NOURISH THIS CONGREGATION, O GOD. PREPARE A TABLE WHERE WE RECEIVE FOOD FOR OUR HUNGERING SPIRITS. RENEW OUR COMMITMENT TO PROVIDE FOR ONE ANOTHER AND REVITALIZE OUR MINISTRIES OF FEEDING AND NURTURING HUNGRY NEIGHBORS. HEAR US, O GOD.

Your mercy is great.

YOU LEAD US HOME, O GOD. WE GIVE THANKS FOR ALL WHO HAVE DIED, NOW CITIZENS WITH THE SAINTS. AS YOU HAVE RECEIVED THEM INTO YOUR HEAVENLY HOME, SO WELCOME ALL OF US TO DWELL IN YOUR HOUSE 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.

WE LIFT OUR PRAYERS TO YOU, O GOD, TRUSTING IN YOUR ABIDING GRACE.

Amen.

*** The Peace of Christ**

THE PEACE OF THE LORD BE WITH YOU ALWAYS.

And also with you.

The Special Music

Beth Marcavage

~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 Offertory Procession Tune: “Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring” WOV No. 759**

Accept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place upon your table.

We do not worship as we ought but only as we’re able.

The vines were planted, seeds were sown. They grew in your good pleasure.

What once was common, daily food becomes a holy treasure.

*** The Offertory Prayer**

LET US PRAY: JESUS, BREAD OF LIFE, YOU HAVE SET THIS TABLE WITH YOUR VERY SELF, AND CALLED US TO THE FEAST OF PLENTY. GATHER WHAT HAS BEEN SOWN AMONG US, AND STRENGTHEN US IN THIS MEAL. MAKE US TO BE WHAT WE RECEIVE HERE, YOUR BODY FOR THE LIFE OF THE WORLD.

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**

CHRIST HAS SET THE TABLE WITH MORE THAN ENOUGH FOR ALL. COME!

*** 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: JESUS, BREAD OF LIFE, WE HAVE RECEIVED FROM YOUR TABLE MORE THAN WE COULD EVER ASK. AS YOU HAVE NOURISHED US IN THIS MEAL, NOW STRENGTHEN US TO LOVE THE WORLD WITH YOUR OWN LIFE. IN YOUR NAME WE PRAY.

Amen.

~The Sending~

* The Blessing

THE BLESSING OF GOD, WHO PROVIDES FOR US, FEEDS US, AND JOURNEYS WITH US, ✚ BE UPON YOU NOW AND FOREVER.

(Spoken) Amen.

* The Sending

GO IN PEACE. YOU ARE THE BODY OF CHRIST.

Thanks be to God.

* The Sending Hymn

“Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior”

Add. Hymnal No.23

**Pass me not, O gentle Savior, Hear my humble cry;
While on others Thou art calling, Do not pass me by.**

(Refrain) **Savior, Savior, hear my humble cry.
While on others Thou art calling, Do not pass me by.**

**Let me at Thy Throne of Mercy Find a sweet relief;
Kneeling there in deep contrition, Help my unbelief. *(Refrain)***

**Trusting only in Thy merit, Would I seek Thy face.
Heal my wounded, broken spirit. Save me by Thy grace. *(Refrain)***

**Thou the spring of all my comfort, More than life to me;
Whom have I on earth beside Thee, Whom in Heaven, but Thee? *(Refrain)***

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First Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6

¹Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD.

²Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. ³Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

⁵The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: “The LORD is our righteousness.”

Second Reading: Ephesians 2:11-22

¹¹Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called “the uncircumcision” by those who are called “the circumcision”—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—¹²remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. ¹⁵He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. ¹⁷So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; ¹⁸for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, ²⁰built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. ²¹In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; ²²in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

Gospel: Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

³⁰The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹He said to them, “Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. ³²And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. ³³Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. ³⁴As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

⁵³When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. ⁵⁴When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, ⁵⁵and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

July 25, 2021 readings are:

2 Kings 4:42-44

Psalms 145:10-18

Ephesians 3:14-21

John 6:1-21

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

July 17-18, 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 Gary Marcavage and loved ones by Beth Marcavage

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God and

In honor of Noah's 1st birthday in July and the July birthdays of Mike and Ollie and in loving memory of pap by Kathy and Mike Miller

THE BULLETINS are given to the Glory of God and

In loving memory of my sister, Audrey Ferris Drake on her 90th birthday, July 9th by sister, Sandy Scott

Please remember the following in your prayers: George Bozosi, Darlene Skasko, Gayle Hadesty, Jim McRoberts, 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, Carolyn Tirpak, Kathleen Valentine, Ralph Derr, Sam Caley, Joseph Harvilla, Eva (Mitzi) Koomar, Mary Koch, John Lattanzi, and all our members who are homebound.

Welcome!!

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

Tuesday: 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, July 18, 2021

9:00 The Service of Word & Sacrament

MONDAY

6:30 Council Meeting
Prep for Social

TUESDAY

9:30 Work Session
4:00 Ice Cream Social

THURSDAY

9:30 Work Session

SATURDAY

5:30 Saturday Evening Worship

NEXT SUNDAY, July 25, 2021

9:00 The Service of Word & Sacrament

Supporting Zion's Ministries

Contributions received for 7/11//21:

Received to meet \$4,067.27 weekly budget:	\$5,621.00
Received for Endowment:	\$25.00
Received for Capital Campaign:	\$2,200.00
Contributions YTD to meet operating budget expenses:	\$126,283.34*
Received from offering/gifts/memorials:	\$102,573.34*
Received from Endowment:	\$19,710.00
Received from Culinary:	\$4,000.00
Received from Bequests: (*included in amounts)	\$29,578.71
Budget operating expenses YTD:	\$111,386.99
Budget status YTD:	\$14,896.35

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.

There will be a summer choir singing on Sunday, August 1. Anyone who would like to join us is welcome. There will be one rehearsal on Thursday, July 29 at 7 PM.

GIFTS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

CURRENT FUND DONATIONS are given to the Glory of God and

In loving memory of Mary Christ by Judy Brennan

In honor of Zion's Confirmands and all Graduates in 2021 by John and Carol Dietrich

In loving memory of loved ones by Mary Koch

In loving memory of Gwen Evans by JoAnn and Steve Dobrosky

In loving memory of Gwen Evans by Mary Slobada

JULY ICE CREAM SOCIAL BENEFIT - Zion's Culinary Team is hosting an ice cream social July 20 from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. to benefit the American Hose Fire Company, the cost of the ice cream is \$5.00. All proceeds will go to the fire company. Light kitchen fare will be available in addition to plenty of ice cream. Prep is Monday, July 19. Your help is needed both days. Donations of the following are also needed: barbeque, hamburgers, potato salad, macaroni salad, pasta salad, soups, onions. Contact Glenn Fritzing (645-6361) or Mary Ruth Taylor (668-4451) to tell how you can help.



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Please Note: Melody will be on vacation, July 19th through July 22nd. She will be returning on Monday, July 26th. If you are in need of assistance, please call Pastor Cindy at 610-674-2072. Thank you for your cooperation.



Discovery on Adventure Island at Zion!

Vacation Bible School - August 9-13 from
5:30pm-8pm

Registration Required.

Forms in the Gathering Room,
or register online at ziontamaqua.com.

Interested in helping? Call 570-668-2180 or email
zionlutheraneducation@gmail.com Interested in donating? Simply mark your
donations "For VBS" Thank you for supporting Zion's children's ministries.



Discovery on Adventure Island Vision!

Discovery on Adventure Island invites children to arise and shine because the light of God's love has come and is shining on them! At Discovery on Adventure Island VBS, children will explore ways God shines great light in the world, and learn how they can also shine God's light by reflecting what they've learned. Through stories in the Old and New Testaments, this program will show students how connection with God brings the invitation to shine God's light in a world that needs it now more than ever.

From the front of a whimsical lighthouse on tropical, enchanted Adventure Island, students begin their quest in search of lanterns that never go out: Infinity Lanterns. In each session, children—called Explorers—with the guidance of the brand-new Lighthouse Keeper and Adventure Island expert, Beacon the Puffin, will read Professor Lumanari's Journal and discover clues from their Reference Book (the Bible). In the Bible lesson, they'll discover map coordinates that reveal the location of each Infinity Lantern. Explorers will also learn the ways God's great light shines in the lives of familiar Bible characters, and explore how the same light can be shining in their lives serving God and others. Through this VBS, Explorers can learn many ways of living in God's great light and shining it by sharing God's light everywhere they go!

Our Quest for God's Great Light is based on Isaiah 60:1—"Arise! Shine! Your light has come; the LORD's glory has shone upon you."