

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 Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

October 24, 2021 ~ 9:00 am

The Liturgy of Word and Sacrament

Can we pray the way Bartimaeus prays? People try to hush him up because by addressing Jesus as “Son of David” he is making a politically dangerous claim that Jesus is the rightful king. Could our prayers ever be heard as a threat to unjust powers that be? Bartimaeus won’t give up or go away quietly, but repeats his call for help more loudly. Do we ask so boldly? And are our prayers an honest answer to Jesus’ question, “What do you want me to do for you?”

**Congregation please stand*

The Pre-service Music

~ The Gathering ~

* The Confession and Forgiveness

BLESSED BE THE HOLY TRINITY, ✚ ONE GOD, WHOSE TEACHING IS LIFE, WHOSE PRESENCE IS SURE, AND WHOSE LOVE IS ENDLESS.

Amen.

LET US CONFESS OUR SINS TO THE ONE WHO WELCOMES US WITH AN OPEN HEART.

Silence is kept for reflection.

GOD OUR COMFORTER:

like lost sheep, we have gone astray. We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity. We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression. We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed. Free us from our sin, gracious God. Listen when we call out to you for help. Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.

ALL HAVE SINNED AND FALL SHORT OF THE GLORY OF GOD. BY THE GIFT OF GRACE IN ✚ CHRIST JESUS, GOD MAKES YOU RIGHTEOUS. RECEIVE WITH GLAD HEARTS THE FORGIVENESS OF ALL YOUR SINS.

Amen.

* The Gathering Hymn

“Praise the Lord! O Heavens”

No.540

* The Greeting

SISTERS AND BROTHERS IN CHRIST, BELOVED CHILDREN OF GOD: GRACE, MERCY, AND PEACE 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** “*Glory to God*” (music on page 58 of LBW)

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST, AND PEACE TO HIS PEOPLE ON EARTH.

Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father: We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God: You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen

* **The Prayer of the Day**

THE LORD BE WITH YOU

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

LET US PRAY:

Eternal light, shine in our hearts. Eternal wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance. Eternal compassion, have mercy on us. Turn us to seek your face, and enable us to reflect your goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

~The Word~

The First Lesson Jeremiah 31:7-9

This passage speaks not only of the southern kingdom, Judah, and its homecoming from exile in Babylon, but also of the northern kingdom (“Israel” or “Ephraim”) and its restoration. The northern tribes of Israel had been lost in exile to Assyria more than a century before Jeremiah prophesied.

(After the reading)

THE WORD OF THE LORD

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm 126 Tune “*As With Gladness Men of Old*” No.82

WHEN THE LORD RESTORED THE FORTUNES OF ZION, WE WERE LIKE THOSE WHO DREAM.

Unto the Lord I lift my soul; I trust in God to make me whole.

THEN OUR MOUTH WAS FILLED WITH LAUGHTER, AND OUR TONGUE WITH SHOUTS OF JOY.

My voice with joy is raised to sing: "The Lord has done a wondrous thing!"

THE LORD HAS DONE GREAT THINGS FOR US, AND WE REJOICED.

Let all on earth his glory tell, The Holy One of Israel!

RESTORE OUR FORTUNES, O LORD, JUST AS THE RAIN BRINGS WATER BACK TO DRY RIVERBEDS.

Unto the Lord I lift my soul; I trust in God to make me whole.

MAY THOSE WHO SOW IN TEARS REAP WITH SHOUTS OF JOY.

My voice with joy is raised to sing: "The Lord has done a wondrous thing!"

THOSE WHO WEPT AS THEY WENT OUT CARRYING THE SEED WILL COME BACK SINGING FOR JOY, CARRYING THEIR SHEAVES.

Let all the earth his glory tell, The Holy One of Israel!

The Second Lesson Hebrews 7:23-28

Human priests of old offered sacrifice for their own sins and served only until their death. In contrast, Jesus is God’s Son, the holy, sinless, resurrected high priest. Death did not terminate his priestly service, but through his death he has interceded for our sins.

(After the reading)

THE WORD OF THE LORD

Thanks be to God.

***The Gospel Acclamation** (*ELW p. 172*)

**Halle, Halle, Hallelujah. Halle, Halle, Hallelujah.
Halle, Halle, Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.**

*** The Holy Gospel St. Mark 10:46-52**

Bartimaeus comes to Jesus with faith, asking that he might see again. Recognizing Jesus' identity, Bartimaeus is the first person to call him "Son of David" in the Gospel of Mark..

(Before the Gospel)

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT MARK THE 10TH 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**

"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"

No. 448

*** 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**

SET FREE FROM SIN AND DEATH AND NOURISHED BY THE WORD OF TRUTH, WE JOIN IN PRAYER FOR ALL OF GOD'S CREATION.

A brief silence.

RISEN ONE, WE GIVE YOU THANKS FOR CONGREGATIONS AND MINISTRIES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD THAT SERVE AS CENTERS OF PRAYER AND ACTION. EMPOWER MISSIONARIES, TEACHERS, HEALERS, EVANGELISTS, AND ALL WHO ARE SENT TO SHARE YOUR SONG OF JOY. HEAR US, O GOD.

Your mercy is great.

HOLY ONE, WE GIVE YOU THANKS FOR GENEROUS LAND THAT PRODUCES ABUNDANT HARVESTS. STRENGTHEN AND PROTECT ALL SOILS, FROM ROOFTOP GARDENS TO PRAIRIE FARMLANDS, TO PATIO PLANTERS TO FERTILE VALLEYS, AND BLESS ALL WHO LOVINGLY TEND THEM. HEAR US, O GOD.

Your mercy is great.

RULING ONE, WE GIVE YOU THANKS FOR LEADERS OF NATIONS WHO WORK TO BUILD UP THE COMMON GOOD. STRENGTHEN EFFORTS OF RECONCILIATION AMONG ALL NATIONS, THAT PEACE EXTENDS IN EVERY DIRECTION. HEAR US, O GOD.

Your mercy is great.

HEALING ONE, WE GIVE YOU THANKS FOR ALL WHO LABOR FOR THE HEALTH OF OTHERS. COMFORT AND STRENGTHEN ALL WHO STRUGGLE WITH CHRONIC PAIN. SEND HEALING

AND RELIEF TO ALL WHO ARE SICK ESPECIALLY THE FAMILY OF MARSHA BYNON; GEORGE, DARLENE, GAYLE, JIM, PAT, RICK, RYAN, BROOKLYN, ELAINE, DEREK, FERN, ROBERT, MARY, DOLLY, CAROL, IRENE, CHRIS, NANCY, IDA, CAROLYN, RALPH, SAM, JOSEPH, EVA, JOHN, DAVE AND ALL OUR MEMBERS WHO ARE HOMEBOUND. HEAR US, O GOD.

Your mercy is great.

PROVIDING ONE, WE GIVE YOU THANKS FOR ALL WHO PROVIDE FOR OTHERS. INSPIRE GENEROSITY IN YOUR PEOPLE, SO THAT WE CARRY OUT THE WORK OF MAKING DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS. HEAR US, O GOD.

Your mercy is great.

LIVING ONE, WE GIVE YOU THANKS FOR THE SAINTS WHO HAVE INCREASED OUR FAITH. GIVE US COURAGE TO FOLLOW IN HOPE UNTIL YOU GATHER US ALL AROUND YOUR TABLE OF ABUNDANCE. 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 THAT YOU HEAR US, O GOD, WE BOLDLY PLACE OUR PRAYERS INTO YOUR HANDS; THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, OUR TRUTH AND LIFE.

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 Offertory Procession** Tune: *“God, Whose Farm is All Creation”*

God, whose farm is all creation, take the gratitude we give;

Take the finest of our harvest, crops we grow that we may live.

Take our plowing, seeding, reaping, hopes and fears of sun and rain,

All our thinking, planning, waiting, ripened in this fruit and grain.

*** The Offertory Prayer**

LET US PRAY: GOD OF ABUNDANCE, YOU CAUSE STREAMS TO BREAK FORTH IN THE DESERT AND MANNA TO RAIN FROM THE HEAVENS. ACCEPT THE GIFTS YOU HAVE FIRST GIVEN US. UNITE THEM WITH THE OFFERING OF OUR LIVES TO NOURISH THE WORLD YOU LOVE SO DEARLY, THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, OUR SAVIOR AND LORD.

Amen.

The Anthem

“The Keeper of Your Soul” – Lyall & King

*** 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, 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**

ALL WHO HUNGER AND THIRST, COME. THE TABLE IS READY.

*** 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 from ELW No. 205*)
Thankful hearts and voices raise; tell ev'ryone what God has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and bear Christ's holy name.
Send us with your promises, O God, and lead us forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia.

* **The Post Communion Prayer**

LET US PRAY: LORD OF LIFE, IN THE GIFT OF YOUR BODY AND BLOOD YOU TURN THE CRUMBS OF OUR FAITH INTO A FEAST OF SALVATION. SEND US FORTH INTO THE WORLD WITH SHOUTS OF JOY, BEARING WITNESS TO THE ABUNDANCE OF YOUR LOVE IN JESUS CHRIST, OUR SAVIOR AND LORD.

Amen.

~The Sending~

* **The Blessing**

PEOPLE OF GOD, YOU ARE CHRIST'S BODY, BRINGING NEW LIFE TO A SUFFERING WORLD.
THE HOLY TRINITY, + ONE GOD, BLESS YOU NOW AND FOREVER.

(Sung) **Amen. Amen. Amen.**

* **The Sending**

GO IN PEACE. THE LIVING WORD DWELLS IN YOU.

Thanks be to God.

* **The Sending Hymn**

“Take My Life, That I May Be”

No.406 Stanzas 1,2,3,6

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First Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-9

⁷Thus says the LORD:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;
proclaim, give praise, and say,
“Save, O LORD, your people,
the remnant of Israel.”

⁸See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,
among them the blind and the lame,
those with child and those in labor, together;

a great company, they shall return here.
⁹With weeping they shall come,
and with consolations I will lead them back,
I will let them walk by brooks of water,
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;
for I have become a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Second Reading: Hebrews 7:23-28

²³The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; ²⁴but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. ²⁵Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

²⁶For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. ²⁷Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. ²⁸For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

Gospel: Mark 10:46-52

⁴⁶As [Jesus] and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. ⁴⁷When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” ⁴⁸Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” ⁴⁹Jesus stood still and said, “Call him here.” And they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take heart; get up, he is calling you.” ⁵⁰So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. ⁵¹Then Jesus said to him, “What do you want me to do for you?” The blind man said to him, “My teacher, let me see again.” ⁵²Jesus said to him, “Go; your faith has made you well.” Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

October 31, 2021 readings are: Jeremiah 31:31-34
Romans 3:19-28

Psalm 46
John 8:31-36

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

October 23-24, 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 our son, Brian by Dave & Darlene Fetterman

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God and

In honor of the marriage of Alissa Hollenbach and Jonathan Hadesty by the family

THE BULLETINS are given to the Glory of God and

In honor of Pastor Cindy, we are lucky to have her by Jim and Bev Batman

Please remember the following in your prayers: The family and friends of Marsha Bynon, George Bozosi, Darlene Skasko, Gayle Hadesty, Jim McRoberts, Pat Brown, Rick Bachman, 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, Ralph Derr, Sam Caley, Joseph Harvilla, Eva (Mitzi) Koomar, Mary Koch, John Lattanzi, and all our members who are homebound.

Altar flower sponsors and bulletin sponsors are needed for November 7th, 14th, and 28th.

**Please call the church office if you are interested or
sign up on the bulletin board. Thank you.**

Welcome!!

Parish office phone 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 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: Judy Brennan, Sam Caley, Arlene Derr, Ernie Henritz, Glenn Fritzinger, Brian Lawfer, Bob Maue, Steve Ristila 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, October 24, 2021

8:00 Confirmation Class
9:00 The Service of Word & Sacrament
10:15 Christian Education
2:00 Trunk or Treat

MONDAY

6:30 Council Meeting

TUESDAY

9:30 Work Session

THURSDAY

9:30 Work Session
7:00 Choir Rehearsal

SATURDAY

9:00 Soup Pick-up/ Trinity UCC
5:30 Saturday Evening Worship

NEXT SUNDAY, October 31, 2021

8:00 Confirmation Class
9:00 The Service of Word & Sacrament
10:15 Christian Education
11:30 1st Holy Communion Class

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

Supporting Zion's Ministries

Contributions received for 10/17/21:

Received to meet \$4,067.27 weekly budget:	\$3,260.00
Received for Endowment:	\$0.00
Received for Capital Campaign:	\$530.00
Contributions YTD to meet operating budget expenses:	\$163,439.44*
Received from offering/gifts/memorials:	\$139,729.44*
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:	\$153,827.14
Budget status YTD:	\$9,612.30

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.

We extend our Christian Love and Sympathy to the family and friends of Marsha Bynon, who passed away on October 17, 2021. We ask God to comfort the family at this time. Please keep them in your prayers.

Zion's Blessing 2-Day Christmas Sale November 5th from 9:00 am until 6:00 pm and November 6th from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm. Lots of items to choose from hope to see you there!

GIFTS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

CURRENT FUND DONATIONS are given to the Glory of God and

In thanksgiving for good health and loving family and friends by Sandy Mehalko
In loving memory of Kathleen Valentine by John & Carol Dietrich & family
In loving memory of Kathy Cool Valentine by Sandra Scott
In loving memory of Kathleen Valentine by Joseph & Erla Biasi
In loving memory of Kathleen Valentine by Paul & Betty Dombrosky
In loving memory of Kathleen Valentine by Karen Owens
In loving memory of Kathleen Valentine by Amanda & Thomas Rarick
In loving memory of Kathleen Valentine by The Tamaqua American Legion Auxiliary
In loving memory of Kathleen Valentine by Steve & Trisha Swartz
In loving memory of Kathleen Valentine by Bernadette Abram
In loving memory of Brian Fetterman from Paul & Shirley Dodson
In loving memory of Kathleen Valentine by Patricia Heiney
In loving memory of Kathleen Valentine by Frank & Ann Vavro
In loving memory of Kathleen Valentine by Laura Fulmer
In loving memory of Kathleen Valentine by Sharon Haldeman
In loving memory of Richard Dreisbach by Terri & Bob Livingston
In honor of sister Judy Brennan by the Sneddon family
In loving memory of mom, Jane Springer by the Sneddon family
Birthday remembrance for Jay Follweiler from his brother and sisters
Birthday remembrance for Michael Cappos from his family
In loving memory of Marsha Bynon by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Mehalko

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FUND DONATIONS are given to the Glory of God and

In loving memory of Kathleen Valentine by Bob & Terri Livingston
In loving memory of Gwen Evans by Bob & Terri Livingston
In loving memory of Kathleen Valentine by Paul & Irene Pecha

ORGAN FUND DONATIONS are given to the Glory of God and

In loving memory of Kathleen Valentine by Elaine Wasserleben

Trunk or Treat - Sunday, October 24th from 2 to 4 p.m. rain or shine. Mauch Chunk Street will be closed between Market and Greenwood. Decorated car trunks in various themes will offer participating children up to age 10 with prizes and candy. Hope to see you there!

Upcoming Events

October 24 – Trunk or Treat

October 31, November 7 & 14 – First Holy Communion Classes

November 5 & 6 – Two-day Christmas Blessings Sale

November 6 & 7 – All Saints

All Saints Sunday 2021 - Since last "All Saints' Day" several of Zion Church's family and friends have died and share with all the saints in the promise of salvation. On Saturday, November 6, 2021, and All Saints Sunday, November 7, 2021 we will remember each of them. During the Liturgy a votive candle will be lit as each name is read. Please join us for this special service.

TAMAQUA HUNGER CAMPAIGN - The Tamaqua Hunger Campaign runs the entire month of October. Its goal is to raise awareness about local food insecurity and support Tamaqua's two food pantries: American Primitive Methodist Church and Trinity United Church of Christ. Zion members can participate by:

1. Becoming a virtual walker. Post your walks online a seek sponsors. See the Zion website and Facebook page for more information.
2. Sponsor George Taylor, Zion's designated virtual walker.
3. Make an Empty Bowl Soup Sale purchase. TAFN is holding a soup sale to benefit the 2021 Hunger Campaign to raise funds for Tamaqua's food pantries. You can order your soup now for pick up on October 30th. Zion has two soups on the list: kielbasa and potato bacon. Each soup ticket entitles you a quart of the soup of your choice, a chance to win a gift certificate for a local restaurant and also a hand made bowl (while supplies last). You can order on the Zion website and Facebook page. And you can order by seeing George Taylor or Judy Brennan.
4. Dine out Wednesday, October 27th at participating "Dine Out Against Hunger" restaurants that are giving a portion of their proceeds that day to the hunger campaign. A list will be posted.
5. Walk with the Zion team in the Sunday, October 31st Tamaqua Hunger Walk.

Volunteer Opportunity! Thank You to Ron Dietrich and Rick Bachman who gave their time and countless hours taking care of the Zion Cemetery. We appreciate the hard work involved in keeping it so beautiful. We are currently seeking individuals to volunteer for the Cemetery Committee and Maintenance workers for the grounds. Please see Mark Valentine if you are interested.

FIRST COMMUNION

Classes are held on three Sunday mornings: Sunday, **October 31 & November 7 & 14, from 11:30 am – 1:00 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** are required to accompany them to classes and worship.



First Communion is scheduled for **Sunday, November 21, 2021, during the 9:00 am worship service.** **Parents, please register your child (ren) now by calling 570-668-2180.**