

# Welcome!



The Spirit of  
truth will  
guide you  
into all  
the truth

JOHN 16:13

## *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 Holy Trinity

June 12, 2022 ~ 9:00 am

## The Liturgy of Word and Sacrament/Ministry of Music

*"O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!" Today we celebrate the holy Trinity. Paul writes that through Jesus we have peace with God, whose love pours into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, giving us lasting hope. We celebrate the gracious One-in-Three, eternal Three-in-One, as we worship in community; as we share water and word, bread and wine; and as we bring God's love and hope to our neighbors.*

*\*Congregation please stand*

### The Pre-service Music

## ~ The Gathering ~

### \* The Thanksgiving for Baptism

BLESSED BE THE HOLY TRINITY, † ONE GOD, WHOSE STEADFAST LOVE ENDURES FOREVER.

**Amen.**

LET US CONFESS OUR SIN IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD AND OF ONE ANOTHER.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

MERCIFUL GOD,

**we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.**

HEAR THE GOOD NEWS! GOD DOES NOT DEAL WITH US ACCORDING TO OUR SINS BUT DELIGHTS IN GRANTING PARDON AND MERCY. IN THE NAME OF † JESUS CHRIST, YOUR SINS ARE FORGIVEN. YOU ARE FREE TO LOVE AS GOD LOVES.

**Amen.**

### \* The Gathering Hymn

*"Holy, Holy, Holy"*

No.165

### \* 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 Nora Lynn Unger to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.**

IN CHRISTIAN LOVE YOU HAVE PRESENTED THIS CHILD FOR HOLY BAPTISM. YOU SHOULD, THEREFORE, FAITHFULLY BRING HER TO THE SERVICES OF GOD'S HOUSE, AND TEACH HER THE LORD'S PRAYER, THE CREED, AND THE TEN COMMANDMENTS. AS SHE GROWS IN YEARS, YOU SHOULD PLACE IN HER HANDS THE HOLY SCRIPTURES AND PROVIDE FOR HER INSTRUCTION IN THE CHRISTIAN FAITH, THAT, LIVING IN THE COVENANT OF HER BAPTISM

AND IN COMMUNION WITH THE CHURCH, SHE 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 HER 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.**

NORA LYNN, 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 NORA LYNN, 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.**

NORA LYNN, 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 HER. STRENGTHEN THEM IN THEIR OWN BAPTISM SO THEY MAY SHARE ETERNALLY WITH HER THE SALVATION YOU HAVE GIVEN THEM, THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD.

**Amen.**

**(CONGREGATION REP.)** THROUGH BAPTISM GOD HAS MADE THIS NEW SISTER 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 Word~

### **The First Lesson Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31**

*In the Bible, wisdom is portrayed in terms sometimes human and sometimes divine..Woman Wisdom is depicted not only as the first creation of God, but also as God's helper, rejoicing in God's creation, especially in human beings.*

*(After the reading)*

THE WORD OF THE LORD

**Thanks be to God.**

### **The Psalm 8 Tune "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" No.320**

**O Lord, our Lord, how excellent; In all the earth your name!**

YOUR PRAISE REACHES UP TO THE HEAVENS; IT IS SUNG BY CHILDREN AND BABIES. YOU ARE SAFE AND SECURE FROM ALL YOUR ENEMIES; NO ONE OPPOSES YOU.

**Your glory fills the firmament; The heav'ns your praise proclaim.**

WHEN I LOOK AT THE HEAVENS, THE WORK OF YOUR FINGERS, THE MOON AND THE STARS WHICH YOU SET IN THEIR PLACES--WHAT ARE HUMAN BEINGS THAT YOU ARE MINDFUL OF US, MERE MORTALS THAT YOU CARE FOR US?

**Your glory fills the firmament; The heav'ns your praise proclaim.**

YET YOU HAVE CROWNED US WITH GLORY AND HONOR AND GIVEN US MASTERY OVER ALL THAT YOU MADE. SHEEP AND OXEN, BIRDS AND FISH, EVEN WILD ANIMALS AND THE CREATURES IN THE SEAS--YOU PLACED US OVER THEM ALL.

**O Lord, our Lord, how excellent; In all the earth your name!**

## **The Second Lesson Romans 5:1-5**

*Paul describes the life of faith with reference to God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. Even now, we have peace with God through Jesus, and our hope for the future is grounded in the love of God that we experience through Christ's Holy Spirit.*

*(After the reading)*

THE WORD OF THE LORD

**Thanks be to God.**

### **\* The Gospel Acclamation** *(Alleluia Verse Now the Feast)*

**Alleluia, Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia!**

### **\* The Holy Gospel St. John 16:12-15**

*Jesus' ongoing presence with the disciples will be made known through the coming Spirit who will guide them and communicate to them Jesus' will and glory.*

*(Before the Gospel)*

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT JOHN THE 16<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 Ministry of Music**

**“And I Shall Not Be Moved”** – Courtney

**Senior Choir**

**“Create in Me”** – Purifoy

**“Light of Mine”** - Choplin

**“Daniel”** – Shafferman

**Sunday School Choir**

**“The Wise Man and the Foolish Man”** - arr. Shafferman

**Sunday School Choir**

**“On the Jericho Road”** - McCrossan

### **\* The Hymn of the Day** **“Come, Join the Dance of Trinity”**

ELW No. 412

**Come, join the dance of Trinity, before all worlds begun—**

**the interweaving of the Three, the Father, Spirit, Son.**

**The universe of space and time did not arise by chance,**

**but as the Three, in love and hope, made room within their dance.**

**Come, see the face of Trinity, newborn in Bethlehem;**

**then bloodied by a crown of thorns outside Jerusalem.**

**The dance of Trinity is meant for human flesh and bone;**

**when fear confines the dance in death, God rolls away the stone.**

**Come, speak aloud of Trinity, as wind and tongues of flame**

**set people free at Pentecost to tell the Savior's name.**

**We know the yoke of sin and death, our necks have worn it smooth;**

**go tell the world of weight and woe that we are free to move!**

**Within the dance of Trinity, before all worlds begun,**

**we sing the praises of the Three, the Father, Spirit, Son.**

**Let voices rise and interweave, by love and hope set free,**

**to shape in song this joy, this life: the dance of Trinity.**

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

UNITED IN CHRIST AND GUIDED BY THE SPIRIT, WE PRAY FOR THE CHURCH, THE CREATION,  
AND ALL IN NEED.

*A brief silence.*

ONE GOD, GIVER OF LIFE, YOU ESTABLISHED PEACE THROUGH YOUR SON AND GAVE YOUR  
CHURCH THE HOPE OF SHARING IN YOUR GLORY. ENLIVEN US BY YOUR SPIRIT TO SPEAK AND  
ACT IN LOVE FOR THE SAKE OF THE WORLD. GOD OF GRACE,

**hear our prayer.**

CREATOR OF ALL, YOU REJOICE IN CREATION AND HAVE GIVEN HUMANKIND RESPONSIBILITY  
FOR THE WORKS OF YOUR HANDS. INSTILL IN EVERYONE YOUR SPIRIT OF CARE FOR THE EARTH,  
ESPECIALLY IN AREAS THREATENED BY ECOLOGICAL DEVASTATION. GOD OF GRACE,

**hear our prayer.**

LOVING REDEEMER, YOU DELIGHT IN THE HUMAN RACE. MOVE THE HEARTS OF WORLD  
LEADERS TO SEEK WISDOM, SPEAK TRUTH, AND CARE FOR ALL ENDANGERED BY POVERTY,  
PREJUDICE, OR VIOLENCE. FURTHER THE WORK OF INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION AND  
PEACEMAKING. GOD OF GRACE,

**hear our prayer.**

ABIDING COMFORTER, YOU CALL OUT TO ALL WHO LIVE. RESTORE SEVERED RELATIONSHIPS  
AND PROTECT CHILDREN WHO LACK TRUSTWORTHY CAREGIVERS. GRANT HOPE TO THOSE WHO  
ARE EXPERIENCING FEAR, PAIN, OR GRIEF SUFFERING ESPECIALLY CINDY, ROBERT, GEORGE,  
PAT, DEREK, ELIZABETH, MARY, CHRIS, NANCY, RALPH, JOSEPH, EVA, JOHN, AND ALL OUR  
MEMBERS WHO ARE HOMEBOUND. GOD OF GRACE,

**hear our prayer.**

HOLY THREE, YOU ARE COMMUNITY AND YOU CREATE COMMUNITY. BUILD UP MINISTRIES  
THAT SUPPORT THOSE WHO ARE ISOLATED OR LONELY. GIVE ENDURANCE AS WE NURTURE  
VITAL RELATIONSHIPS IN OUR CONGREGATION AND BEYOND. GOD OF GRACE,

**hear our prayer.**

HOLY GOD, WE REMEMBER YOUR SAINTS FOR THEIR STRONG FAITH AND WITNESS, EVEN UNTO  
DEATH. CONSOLE GRIEVING FAMILIES. STIR UP IN US THE RESOLVE TO END THE SIN OF WHITE  
SUPREMACY AND PURSUE THE COURAGEOUS PATH OF JUSTICE. GOD OF GRACE,

**hear our prayer.**

GOD OF GRACE AND MERCY, (PLEASE SHARE ANY PERSONAL PRAYER PETITIONS) HEAR OUR  
PETITIONS THAT WE SPEAK OUT LOUD AND THE ONES THAT WE HOLD IN OUR HEARTS. GOD OF  
GRACE,

**hear our prayer.**

GOD OF EVERY TIME AND PLACE, IN JESUS' NAME AND FILLED WITH YOUR HOLY SPIRIT, WE  
ENTRUST THESE SPOKEN PRAYERS AND THOSE IN OUR HEARTS INTO YOUR HOLY KEEPING.

**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 myEoffering option.*

\* **The Offertory Procession** “*As the Grains of Wheat*”

*(Refrain)* **As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill  
were gathered into one to become our bread;  
so may all your people from all the  
ends of earth be gathered into one in you.**

**As this cup of blessing is shared within our midst,  
may we share the presence of your love. *(Refrain)***

\* **The Offertory Prayer**

LET US PRAY: GOD OF ABUNDANCE: YOU HAVE SET BEFORE US A PLENTIFUL HARVEST. AS WE FEAST ON YOUR GOODNESS, STRENGTHEN US TO LABOR IN YOUR FIELD, AND EQUIP US TO BEAR FRUIT FOR THE GOOD OF ALL, IN THE NAME OF JESUS.

**Amen.**

\* **The Great Thanksgiving**

\* **The Preface and Sanctus**

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 God thanks and praise.**

IT IS OUR DUTY.....THEIR UNENDING HYMN: *(Now the Feast)*

*(Sung)* **Holy, holy, holy are you, God of power and might; Heaven and earth are filled with your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the One who comes in your name. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest!**

\* **The Eucharistic Prayer** *(Now the Feast)*

YOU ARE INDEED HOLY, ... WE PRAY FOR HIS COMING AGAIN EVEN AS WE CRY.

AMEN. COME, LORD JESUS. AMEN. COME, LORD JESUS.

*(Sung)* **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

SEND NOW, WE PRAY, YOUR HOLY SPIRIT, THAT ALL OF YOUR PROMISES MAY COME TO US AND YOUR WHOLE CREATION.

AMEN. COME, HOLY SPIRIT. AMEN COME, HOLY SPIRIT.

*(Sung)* **Amen, Come Holy Spirit. Amen.**

THIS WE PRAY THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, OUR SAVIOR AND OUR FRIEND.

*(Sung)* **Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Spirit,  
all glory and honor is yours, O God, now and forever. Amen.**

\* **The Lord's Prayer**

MAKE US BOLD, O MERCIFUL GOD, TO ADDRESS YOU AS OUR ABBA AS WE 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 Agnus Dei “Lamb of God”** *(Now the Feast)*  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
grant us peace, 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**

MAY THE GRACE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST AND THE GIFTS OF HIS BODY AND BLOOD STRENGTHEN, KEEP AND UNITE, NOW AND FOREVER.

**Amen.**

- \* **The Post-Communion Canticle** *(Now the Feast)*

Praise to you, O God of mercy! Thanks be to you forever!  
Raising high the weak and lowly; Thanks be to you forever!  
From of old you loved and sought us! Thanks be to you forever!  
Truth and justice you have taught us; Thanks be to you forever!  
Strong is your faithfulness, strong is your love,  
Rememb’ring your covenant of life with us.  
Praise to you, O God of mercy! Thanks be to you forever!  
Raising high the weak and lowly; Thanks be to you forever! Thanks be to you forever!

- \* **The Post Communion Prayer**

LET US PRAY, LIFE-GIVING GOD, THROUGH THIS MEAL YOU HAVE BANDAGED OUR WOUNDS AND FED US WITH YOUR MERCY. NOW SEND US FORTH TO LIVE FOR OTHERS, BOTH FRIEND AND STRANGER, THAT ALL MAY COME TO KNOW YOUR LOVE. THIS WE PRAY IN THE NAME OF JESUS.

**Amen.**

## ~The Sending~

- \* **The Blessing**

MAY GOD BLESS US AND KEEP US. MAY GOD’S FACE SHINE ON US AND BE GRACIOUS TO US. MAY GOD LOOK ON US WITH FAVOR AND GIVE US PEACE.

*(Sung)* **Amen.**

- \* **The Sending**

GO IN PEACE. LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR.

**Thanks be to God.**

- \* **The Sending Hymn**

*“Come, Thou Almighty King”*

No.522



# ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

*June 11-12, 2022*

*\*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 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 ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the Glory of God and

In honor of my mom, Judy Brennan for all she does for the Glory of God by Sonia Brode

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

In loving memory of Martha and Dan Zeigler by Gerry Zeigler

**CONGREGATIONAL LIFE FUND DONATIONS** are given to the Glory of God and

In loving memory of our son, Ells Davis by Ells and Gail Davis

*Please remember the following in your prayers: Cindy Collura, Robert Dolbin, George Bozosi, Pat Brown, Derek Hill, Elizabeth Zimmerman, Mary Richards, Mrs. Chris Miller, Nancy Betz, Ralph Derr, Joseph Harvilla, Eva (Mitzi) Koomar, John Lattanzi, and all our members who are homebound.*

## **Upcoming Events**

**June 13 – 17 – VBS**

**June 23 – Strawberry Social**

**July 8 – Blessings Sale**

**July 20 – Ice Cream Social**

**July 28 – Hoagie Sale**

**July 30 – Chili Dog Sale**

## **Welcome!!**

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

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

Tuesday: 8:00 am - 1:00 pm

**Zion's 2022 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 Fritzing, Brian Lawfer, 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

The  
 Congregational  
 Life Committee  
 will be selling  
 pretzels at the  
 Tamaqua  
 Summerfest on  
 June 19<sup>th</sup>.  
 Hope to see you  
 there!

## SUNDAY, June 12, 2022

9:00 The Service of Word & Sacrament/ Ministry of Music/  
 Baptism

10:15 Christian Education

## MONDAY

5:30 VBS

## TUESDAY

9:30 Work Session

5:30 VBS

## WEDNESDAY

5:30 VBS

6:00 NA Meeting

## THURSDAY

9:30 Work Session

5:30 VBS

## FRIDAY

5:30 VBS

5:30 Diaper Depot Prep

## SATURDAY

9:00 Diaper Depot Distribution

5:30 Saturday Evening Worship

## NEXT SUNDAY, June 19, 2022

9:00 The Service of Word & Sacrament

10:00 Congregational Life Committee Pretzel Sale/  
 Downtown Tamaqua

## Supporting Zion's Ministries

Contributions received for 6/5/22:

Received to meet \$4,049.75 weekly budget: \$3,945.29

Received from Thrift Store \$952.29

Received for Endowment: \$0.00

Received for Capital Campaign: \$919.00

Contributions YTD to meet operating budget expenses: \$119,059.25

Received from offering/gifts/memorials: \$62,964.31

Received from Thrift Store \$3,654.85

Received from Endowment: \$44,000.00

Received from Culinary: \$5,145.00

Received from Schlitz Fund \$3,295.09

Budget operating expenses YTD: \$119,562.56

Budget status YTD: \$(503.31)

*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.*

# Food Truck Party at Zion!

Vacation Bible School – June 13-17

from 5:30 pm-8pm

Ages Pre-K to 6th Grade

Registration Required.



Food Truck Party VBS invites children to pray as Jesus teaches us in Matthew 6:11; "Give us this day our daily bread." These words serve as a reminder that everything we have comes from God — and that it's by turning to God in prayer that all of our daily needs are met. At the center of the Food Truck Party is a special food truck called "On a Roll." Here, Kids (or "Chefs") will learn from the food truck's Top Chef, along with DJ Cupcake (an adorable cupcake puppet), about the Daily Specials (Daily Learnings), which are lines from the well-loved prayer that teaches us to turn to God to meet our needs. To register online visit: <https://ziontamaqua.mycokesburyvbs.com/> Registration forms are also available in the gathering room.

## Celebration of Baptism

Please welcome Nora Lynn Unger, daughter of Lindsey and Justin Unger, as a member of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church. Nora's Godparents are Tiffany Dempsey and Travis Unger. She will receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism during our Sunday morning worship service; May the blessing of our Lord be upon the parents and godparents in nurturing this child in the light of faith. Please welcome family and friends who join us to celebrate.



Summer Office Hours – Monday & Wednesday 12:00 – 5:00 pm, Tuesday 8:00 am – 1:00 pm, Thursday & Friday – Closed, If you need assistance, please call and leave a message. Please note that office hours are flexible due to vacations and leave so please call ahead to ensure that someone will be in the office.



**Mark your calendar!** Zion's Strawberry Social will be held Thursday, June 23, 2022 from 4:00 until 6:30 pm or sell-out! There will delicious Strawberry shortcake for \$6.00 which includes cake and ice cream topped with strawberries. Other foods available for purchase include hot dogs, turkey BBQ, chicken fingers, Coney Island burgers, pierogies, meatball hoagies, strawberry salad, macaroni salad, and potato salad. **We are looking for donations of cakes, baked goods, and other foods to sell; please see a member of the culinary crew to let us know if you can donate.**

## *Which God Shall We Elect?*

Loren Mead says he often asks this question in many church audiences across America: "Are you rich?"

"The usual audience response is denial. 'Raise your hand if you are rich.' Most hands stay down, and only slowly and reluctantly, one by one they go up. Some refuse to participate.

"Objectively the question should be easy to answer. I have never asked the question in any audience in which every person present is not rich. Some are absurdly rich in comparison to 99 percent of those in the world. And others, just by being Americans, are probably better off than 95 percent of the world's population...

"You see, wealth...is the natural condition of all North Americans...

"Why do we work so hard to hide the fact that we are rich? Why hide it even from ourselves? Why does our wealth embarrass us?"

"Somewhere deep inside us is a place that cannot come to terms with what it means to be what we are. This is a spiritual question, and it is the one spiritual question all Americans share. It may be the one that most threatens us." [*Financial Meltdown in the Mainline*. Loren B. Mead]

In the deep places of our souls, we know that Jesus was right when he said, "No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth" (Matthew 6:24). In each of our lives, two candidates are running for election as president. Each day of each week, each of us must decide which god to elect.

The weekly offering in our worship service helps us to make the right choice.