

# Welcome!



Foxes  
have holes,  
and birds  
of the air  
have  
nests...

LUKE 9:58

## *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 Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 26, 2022 ~ 9:00 am

## The Liturgy of Word and Sacrament

*We have no good apart from God. That makes Jesus' call to follow him an invitation to freedom. This is freedom to revel in the Spirit's fruit: love, joy, peace, and patience. This is freedom to not be imprisoned by anything that would keep us from the fullness of the life God has given us. This is the path of life.*

*\*Congregation please stand*

### The Pre-service Music

## ~ The Gathering ~

### \* The Confession and Forgiveness

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

*“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”*

No.439

### \* 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 Eleison *(Now the Feast)*

IN PEACE, IN PEACE, LET US PRAY TO THE LORD.

**Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

FOR THE REIGN OF GOD, AND FOR PEACE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, FOR THE UNITY OF ALL, LET US PRAY TO THE LORD.

**Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

FOR YOUR PEOPLE HERE, WHO HAVE COME TO GIVE YOU PRAISE, FOR THE STRENGTH TO LIVE YOUR WORD, LET US PRAY TO THE LORD.

**Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

HELP, SAVE, AND DEFEND US, O GOD.

**Amen.**

\* **The Hymn of Praise** *(Now the Feast)*

*(Refrain)* **Now the feast and celebration, all of creation sings for joy to the  
God of life and love and freedom; praise and glory for evermore!**

NOW IS THE FEAST OF THE LAMB ONCE SLAIN, WHOSE BLOOD HAS FREED  
AND UNITED US TO BE ONE GREAT PEOPLE OF GOD. *(Refrain)*

POWER AND RICHES, WISDOM AND MIGHT,  
ALL HONOR AND GLORY TO CHRIST FOR EVER. *(Refrain)*

FOR GOD HAS COME TO DWELL WITH US TO MAKE US PEOPLE OF GOD;  
TO MAKE ALL THINGS NEW. *(Refrain)*

\* **The Prayer of the Day**

THE LORD BE WITH YOU

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

LET US PRAY:

**Sovereign God, ruler of all hearts, you call us to obey you, and you favor us with true  
freedom. Keep us faithful to the ways of your Son, that, leaving behind all that hinders us,  
we may steadfastly follow your paths, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

~The Word~

**The First Lesson** 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21

*In the story preceding today's reading, the prophet Elijah flees for his life to the security of God's mountain. There God reveals to Elijah that there are still other faithful people in Israel and commissions him to anoint new leaders, including his own successor, Elisha.*

*(After the reading)*

THE WORD OF THE LORD

**Thanks be to God.**

**The Psalm** 16 Tune "*All People That on Earth Do Dwell*" No.245

**Protect me, God; my trust I place, Within the refuge of your grace.**

I SAY TO THE LORD, "YOU ARE MY LORD; I HAVE NO GOOD APART FROM YOU." ALL MY  
DELIGHT IS UPON THE GODLY THAT ARE IN THE LAND, UPON THOSE WHO ARE NOBLE  
AMONG THE PEOPLE.

**The path of life to me you show; Fullness of joy with you I know.**

THOSE WHO RUN AFTER OTHER GODS MULTIPLY THEIR TROUBLES. I WILL NOT TAKE  
PART IN THEIR SACRIFICES; I WILL NOT WORSHIP THEIR GODS.

**Protect me, God; my trust I place, Within the refuge of your grace.**

YOU, LORD, ARE ALL I HAVE, AND YOU GIVE ME ALL I NEED; MY FUTURE IS IN YOUR  
HANDS. HOW WONDERFUL ARE YOUR GIFTS TO ME; HOW GOOD THEY ARE!

**The path of life to me you show; Fullness of joy with you I know.**

I BLESS THE LORD, BECAUSE HE GUIDES ME, AND IN THE NIGHT MY CONSCIENCE WARNS  
ME. I AM ALWAYS AWARE OF THE LORD'S PRESENCE; HE IS NEAR, AND NOTHING CAN  
SHAKE ME.

**Protect me, God; my trust I place, Within the refuge of your grace.**

THEREFORE MY HEART IS GLAD, AND MY SOUL REJOICES; MY BODY ALSO RESTS SECURE.  
FOR YOU WILL NOT ABANDON ME TO THE GRAVE, NOR LET YOUR HOLY ONE SEE THE PIT.

**The path of life to me you show; Fullness of joy with you I know.**

## **The Second Lesson Galatians 5:1, 13-25**

*For Paul, the freedom Christ gives is not permission to do whatever we want. It is the invitation to be what we could not be otherwise. The power and guidance of Christ's Holy Spirit produce a different kind of life, one marked by the fruit of this 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. Luke 9:51-62**

*Jesus is unwavering in his commitment to his mission in Jerusalem and will not be swayed by pettiness. In a series of striking cases in point, he calls his disciples to a similar single-mindedness.*

*(Before the Gospel)*

**THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT LUKE THE 9<sup>TH</sup> CHAPTER:**

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

*(After the Gospel)*

**THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD**

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

## **The Sermon**

*Pastor Cindy White*

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

***“Lead Me, Guide Me”***

ELW No. 768

*(Refrain)* **Lead me, guide me, along the way, For if you lead me, I cannot stray.**

**Lord, let me walk each day with thee. Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.**

**I am weak and I need thy strength and pow'r to help me over my weakest hour.**

**Help me through the darkness thy face to see, Lead me, oh Lord, lead me. *(Refrain)***

**Help me tread in the paths of righteousness, Be my aid when Satan and sin oppress.**

**I am putting all my trust in thee. Lead me, oh Lord, lead me. *(Refrain)***

**I am lost if you take your hand from me, I am blind without thy Light to see,**

**Lord, just always let me thy servant be. Lead me, oh Lord, lead me. *(Refrain)***

## **~The Reception of New Members~**

### **Introduction of New Members: Cynthia Delp and Christopher Delp**

DEAR FRIENDS, WE GIVE THANKS FOR THE GIFT OF BAPTISM AND FOR THESE PEOPLE, ONE WITH US IN THE BODY OF CHRIST, WHOM WE WELCOME AS NEW MEMBERS INTO THE LIFE AND MINISTRY OF THIS CONGREGATION.

### **\* The Apostles' Creed**

WITH THE WHOLE CHURCH, LET US CONFESS OUR FAITH.

**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.**

## **Address and Questions**

IN BAPTISM, WE ARE WELCOMED INTO THE BODY OF CHRIST AND SENT TO SHARE IN THE MISSION OF GOD. WE ARE CALLED TO LIVE AMONG GOD'S FAITHFUL PEOPLE, TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD AND SHARE IN THE LORD'S SUPPER, TO PROCLAIM THE GOOD NEWS OF GOD IN CHRIST THROUGH WORD AND DEED, TO SERVE ALL PEOPLE, FOLLOWING THE EXAMPLE OF JESUS, AND TO STRIVE FOR JUSTICE AND PEACE IN ALL THE EARTH.

BROTHER AND SISTER IN CHRIST, DO YOU INTEND TO CONTINUE IN THE COVENANT OF YOUR BAPTISM AMONG GOD'S PEOPLE IN THIS PLACE?

*(New members)* **I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

PEOPLE OF GOD, DO YOU PROMISE TO SUPPORT AND PRAY FOR THESE NEW MEMBERS IN THEIR LIFE IN CHRIST?

*(Congregation)* **We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

## **Welcome**

LET US WELCOME THIS NEW BROTHER AND SISTER IN CHRIST TO THIS COMMUNITY OF FAITH.

*(Congregation)* **We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

## **\* 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.*

GOD OF FAITHFULNESS, SET THE FACE OF YOUR CHURCH FIRMLY ON YOU. ROOTED IN YOUR SELF-GIVING LOVE, MAY THE CHURCH FIND FREEDOM IN LOVING OUR NEIGHBORS. GOD OF GRACE,

**hear our prayer.**

GOD OF GENTLENESS, STRENGTHEN THE EARTH'S ABILITY TO HEAL. WHERE THERE ARE DANGEROUS STORMS, BRING CALM. WHERE THERE ARE DESTRUCTIVE FIRES, BRING RAIN. PROTECT HOMES, HABITATS, AND LIVELIHOODS THREATENED BY CLIMATE DISASTERS. GOD OF GRACE,

**hear our prayer.**

GOD OF PEACE, GUIDE ALL WHO GOVERN, THAT THEY PLACE THE GOOD OF THEIR CITIZENS ABOVE SELF-PROMOTION. ANOINT LEADERS OF NATIONS WITH YOUR SPIRIT OF NEIGHBORLY LOVE. PROTECT REFUGEES AND ALL WHO LIVE UNDER TYRANNY OR CONFLICT. GOD OF GRACE,

**hear our prayer.**

GOD OF KINDNESS, REVEAL YOUR HEALING PRESENCE TO ALL WHO ARE SICK OR DYING ESPECIALLY CINDY, ROBERT, GEORGE, PAT, DEREK, ELIZABETH, MARY, CHRIS, NANCY,

RALPH, JOSEPH, EVA, JOHN, AND ALL OUR MEMBERS WHO ARE HOMEBOUND. UPHOLD THOSE WHO GRIEVE. SUPPORT THE NEEDS OF ANY WHO ARE UNEMPLOYED, HUNGRY, OR HAVE NOWHERE TO LAY THEIR HEADS. GOD OF GRACE,

**hear our prayer.**

GOD OF LOVE, ATTEND TO THOSE STRUGGLING WITH ADDICTION, DEPRESSION, OR UNCONTROLLED ANGER. PROVIDE SUPPORT SYSTEMS AND LOVING COMPANIONS AS THEY WORK TOWARD HEALTH, THAT THEY MAY REST IN HOPE AND KNOW THE FULLNESS OF JOY IN YOUR PRESENCE. GOD OF GRACE,

**hear our prayer.**

GOD OF JOY, WE GIVE THANKS FOR ALL WHO HAVE DIED AND NOW CELEBRATE THE INHERITANCE OF LIFE IN YOU. KEEP THEIR EXAMPLES OF FAITHFULNESS ALWAYS BEFORE US, THAT WE TRUST YOUR PROMISES IN LIFE AND IN DEATH. 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 Anthem**

**“Give Me a Song” – Choplin**

**\* 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**

***"The Lord Now Sends Us Forth"***

ELW No.538

**The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give,  
to make of all the earth a better place to live. *(Repeat)***

**The angels are not sent into our world of pain  
to do what we were meant to do in Jesus' name;  
that falls to you and me and all who are made free.  
Help us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will today. *(Repeat)***

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**July 3, 2022 readings are:**

Isaiah 66:10-14  
Galatians 6:1-16

Psalm 66:1-9  
Luke 10:1-11, 16-20



# ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

*June 25-26, 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 CANDLES** are given to the Glory of God and

In loving memory of my dad, Dan Zeigler and all fathers of the congregation by Gerry Zeigler

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

In loving memory of the June 24<sup>th</sup> birthday of her father, Irvin Huegel by Fern Rudenko

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

In loving memory of his mother, Gayle Hadesty on her June 27<sup>th</sup> birthday by David and Ann Marie Hadesty and family

*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.*

A July Candle Sponsor is needed.

We are also in need of Altar sponsors for July 10<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, and 31<sup>st</sup>  
and Bulletin sponsors for July 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, and 31<sup>st</sup>.

Please sign up on the bulletin board.

## **Welcome!!**

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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

## SUNDAY, June 26, 2022

9:00 The Service of Word & Sacrament

## TUESDAY

9:30 Work Session

## WEDNESDAY

6:00 NA Meeting

## THURSDAY

9:30 Work Session

## SATURDAY

5:30 Saturday Evening Worship

## NEXT SUNDAY, July 3, 2022

9:00 The Service of Word & Sacrament

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**Please welcome our new members** Cynthia Delp and Christopher Delp. May they be blessed by their commitment to God and their participation in this faith family.



***GIFTS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD***

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

In loving memory of our fathers by Paul and Irene Pecha

In honor of all 2022 graduates by the Sneddon family

**Upcoming Events**

**July 8** – Blessings Sale

**July 20** – Ice Cream Social

**July 28** – Hoagie Sale

The Congregational Life Pretzel sale during the Tamaqua Summerfest made \$1,739.00. Thank you for your support.

Zion's Blessings Thrift Shop sale is on Friday, July 8<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 5 pm. The sale features gently used clothing for all ages, toys, books, and general household items. Clearance Prices – Come take a look! Limited Take-Out Menu. Shoppers must wear masks and maintain social distancing.

**Hoagie sale** - The Culinary Team is holding a hoagie sale. Regular Hoagies are \$7 each. Order by July 24<sup>th</sup>, at <https://www.ziontamaqua.com> or by calling 570-668-4451. Pick up is Thursday, July 28<sup>th</sup> from noon until 3:00 pm. Thank you for your support!!

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### JULY ICE CREAM SOCIAL BENEFIT

Zion's Culinary Team is hosting an ice cream social July 20<sup>th</sup> from 4-7 pm to benefit the East End Fire Company, all proceeds will go to the fire company. Please help spread the word. Let your friends, neighbors and relative know about this special community event.

*When It Is God Versus "Stuff," Who Wins?* - "We live in a culture...that is preoccupied with money. We respect people who have it and write whole television series about how they make it and spend it. While church members hear one sermon a week on average, they are exposed to about sixteen hundred commercials every day, on billboards and bus seats, in newspapers and magazines, on matchbooks and clothes with designer and product logos, on radio and television, each offering advice on how to spend their money. What is the church's responsibility for guiding them through this cacophony of opportunities?" [Behind the Stained Glass Windows, John and Sylvia Ronsvalle]

People who object to any mention of money in the church forget that Jesus talked about it frequently. He said that commitment to "stuff" undermines our spiritual health and challenges his lordship. "Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?'" (Matthew 12:24-26). On the playing field of your personality, who wins—God or stuff?