

Welcome!



At his gate lay
a poor man
named Lazarus

LUKE 16:20

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 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 25, 2022 ~ 9:00 am

The Liturgy of Word and Sacrament

Consideration of and care for those in need (especially those “at our gate,” visible to us, of whom we are aware) is an essential component of good stewardship. It is in the sharing of wealth that we avoid the snare of wealth. It is the one whom death could not hold—who comes to us risen from the dead—who can free us from the death grip of greed.

**Congregation please stand*

The Pre-service Music

~ The Gathering ~

* The Confession and Forgiveness

BLESSED BE THE HOLY TRINITY, ✚ ONE GOD, WHO IS EAGER TO FORGIVE AND WHO LOVES US BEYOND OUR DAYS.

Amen.

DEAR FRIENDS, TOGETHER LET US ACKNOWLEDGE OUR FAILURE TO LOVE THIS WORLD AS JESUS DOES.

Silence is kept for reflection.

GOD OF MERCY AND FORGIVENESS,

we confess that sin still has a hold on us. We have harmed your good creation. We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Turn us in a new direction. Show us the path that leads to life. Be our refuge and strength on the journey, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. Amen.

BELOVED OF GOD: YOUR SINS ARE FORGIVEN ✚ AND YOU ARE MADE WHOLE. GOD POINTS THE WAY TO NEW LIFE IN CHRIST, WHO MEETS US ON THE ROAD. JOURNEY NOW IN GOD'S ABIDING LOVE THROUGH THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

Amen.

* The Gathering Hymn

“Earth and All Stars!”

No.558 Stanzas 1,2,3,6

* 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** “*This is the Feast*” (ELW pg. 187)

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

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.
Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing and glory are his.**

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

**Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing and honor, glory and might, be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

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

* **The Prayer of the Day**

THE LORD BE WITH YOU

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

LET US PRAY:

O God, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

~The Word~

The First Lesson Amos 6:1a, 4-7

The prophet Amos announces that Israel's great wealth is a cause not for rejoicing but rather sorrow, because God's people have forgotten how to share their wealth with the poor. The wealthy will be the first to go into exile when judgment comes.

(After the reading)

THE WORD OF THE LORD

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm 146 Tune “*For the Beauty of the Earth*” No.561

HALLELUJAH! PRAISE THE LORD, O MY SOUL!

Alleluia! Glory be, To the Lord eternally!

I WILL PRAISE THE LORD AS LONG AS I LIVE; I WILL SING PRAISES TO MY GOD ALL MY LIFE.

Alleluia! Praise be done, From the dawn to set of sun.

DO NOT PUT YOUR TRUST IN RULERS; NO HUMAN BEING CAN SAVE YOU. WHEN THEY BREATHE THEIR LAST, THEY RETURN TO THE DUST; ON THAT DAY ALL THEIR PLANS COME TO AN END.

Alleluia! Gladly sing, To the Lord, our glorious King!

HAPPY ARE THOSE WHOSE HELP IS IN THE GOD OF JACOB, WHOSE HOPE IS IN THE LORD THEIR GOD, WHO MADE HEAVEN AND EARTH, THE SEA AND ALL THAT IS IN THEM. HE ALWAYS KEEPS HIS PROMISES.

Alleluia! Praise is due, To our faithful God and true!

THE LORD EXECUTED JUSTICE FOR THE OPPRESSED AND GIVES FOOD TO THE HUNGRY; HE SETS THE PRISONERS FREE. THE LORD OPENS THE EYES OF THE BLIND, AND LIFTS UP THOSE WHO ARE BOWED DOWN.

Alleluia! Glory be, To the Lord who sets us free!

THE LORD LOVES THE RIGHTEOUS. HE WATCHES OVER THE STRANGERS; HE UPHOLDS THE ORPHAN AND WIDOW, BUT FRUSTRATES THE WAY OF THE WICKED.

Alleluia! Gladly sing, To our ever-reigning King!

The Second Lesson 1 Timothy 6:6-19

Timothy is reminded of the confession he made at his baptism and of its implications for daily life. His priorities will be different from those of people who merely want to be rich.

(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. Luke 16:19-31**

Jesus tells a parable in which the poor one is “lifted up” and the rich one is “sent away empty.” Jesus makes it clear that this ethic of merciful reversal is not new but is as old as Moses and the prophets.

(Before the Gospel)

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT LUKE THE 16TH 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** **“You Satisfy the Hungry Heart”** WOV No.711 Stanzas 1,2,5

(Refrain) **You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat.**

Come give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.

As when the shepherd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;

So when you call your fam’ly, Lord, we follow and rejoice. *(Refrain)*

With joyful lips we sing to you our praise and gratitude

That you should count us worthy, Lord, to share this heav’nly food. *(Refrain)*

You give yourself to us, O Lord; then selfless let us be,

To serve each other in your name in truth and charity. *(Refrain)*

*** 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**

AS SCATTERED GRAINS OF WHEAT ARE GATHERED TOGETHER INTO ONE BREAD, SO LET US GATHER OUR PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH, THOSE IN NEED, AND ALL OF GOD'S GOOD CREATION.

A brief silence.

O GOD, RICH IN MERCY, FILL YOUR CHURCH WITH RIGHTEOUSNESS, FAITH, LOVE, ENDURANCE, AND GENTLENESS. EMPOWER THE BAPTIZED BY YOUR SPIRIT TO BE RICH IN GOOD WORKS AND READY TO SHARE. GOD OF GRACE,

hear our prayer.

PROTECT THE EARTH AND ITS CREATURES. PROVIDE WATER, FOOD, SHELTER, AND FAVORABLE HABITATS, ESPECIALLY FOR ENDANGERED SPECIES. PRESERVE THREATENED ICE CAPS, GLACIERS, PARKS, AND BEACHES. GOD OF GRACE,

hear our prayer.

INCREASE JUSTICE IN NATIONS, LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, AND COURTROOMS. GUIDE LAWYERS AND THOSE WHO HOLD PUBLIC OFFICE TO ACT WITH COMPASSION AND DISCERNMENT. GOD OF GRACE,

hear our prayer.

GIVE FOOD TO THE HUNGRY. SET THE CAPTIVES FREE. LIFT UP THOSE WHO ARE BOWED DOWN. WATCH OVER THE STRANGER. TEND TO THOSE WHO ARE ILL ESPECIALLY THE FAMILY OF VELMA MANTZ, CINDY, ROBERT, GEORGE, PAT, DEREK, ELIZABETH, MARY, CHRIS, NANCY, RALPH, JOSEPH, EVA, JOHN, AND ALL OUR MEMBERS WHO ARE HOMEBOUND. STIR US TO ACT IN THE BEST INTEREST OF OUR NEIGHBORS. GOD OF GRACE,

hear our prayer.

ENLIVEN OUR PRAISE. INSPIRE MUSICIANS, ARTISTS, POETS, AND ALL WHO CREATE BEAUTY IN THIS PLACE. GOD OF GRACE,

hear our prayer.

ENFOLD THE SAINTS WHO HAVE DIED IN THE ARMS OF YOUR LOVING CARE. GRANT THAT THE HOLY ANGELS ACCOMPANY US AND BRING US TO ETERNAL LIFE WITH THEM IN THE LIGHT OF YOUR PRESENCE. 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.

GATHERED TOGETHER IN THE SWEET COMMUNION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, GRACIOUS GOD, WE OFFER THESE AND ALL OUR PRAYERS TO YOU; THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, OUR SAVIOR.

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: GRACIOUS GOD, IN YOUR GREAT LOVE YOU RICHLY PROVIDE FOR OUR NEEDS. MAKE OF THESE GIFTS A BANQUET OF BLESSING AND MAKE US READY TO SHARE WITH ALL IN NEED; THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, WHO SETS A TABLE FOR ALL.

Amen.

* **The Great Thanksgiving**

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

THE LORD BE WITH YOU

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

LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS.

We lift them to the Lord.

LET US GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD OUR GOD.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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

(*Sung*) **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might:**

Heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

* **The Prayer of Thanksgiving**

HOLY, 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**

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 Invitation to the Holy Meal**

CHRIST INVITES YOU TO THIS TABLE. COME, TASTE AND SEE.

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

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

The Distribution

All who are baptized and believe that Christ is truly present in the Sacrament are welcome to commune when we celebrate the Lord's Supper. Zion members, please complete a Communion card once a year for our records.

*** The Post-Communion Blessing**

THE BODY AND BLOOD OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST STRENGTHEN YOU AND KEEP YOU IN HIS GRACE.
Amen.

*** The Post Communion Canticle** *(music on page 72 of LBW)*

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

*** The Post Communion Prayer**

LET US PRAY: GOD OF THE ABUNDANT TABLE, YOU HAVE REFRESHED OUR HEARTS IN THIS MEAL WITH BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY. GIVE US YOUR GRACE ON THE ROAD THAT WE MIGHT SERVE OUR NEIGHBORS WITH JOY, FOR THE SAKE OF JESUS CHRIST, OUR LORD.

Amen.

The Senior Choir Anthem “Sing a New Song to the Lord” – Sleeth

~The Sending~

*** The Blessing**

GOD, WHO GIVES LIFE TO ALL THINGS AND FREES US FROM DESPAIR, BLESS YOU WITH TRUTH AND PEACE. AND MAY THE HOLY TRINITY, ✚ ONE GOD, GUIDE YOU ALWAYS IN FAITH, HOPE, AND LOVE.

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

*** The Sending**

GO IN PEACE, WITH CHRIST BESIDE YOU.

Thanks be to God.

*** The Sending Hymn**

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

WOV No.731

**Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light,
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.**

**When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near,
When my life is almost gone,
Hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.**

**When the darkness appears and the night draws near,
And the day is past and gone,
At the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand.
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.**

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First Reading: Amos 6:1a, 4-7 – Not Printed

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 6:6-19 – Not Printed

Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

[Jesus said:] ¹⁹“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.’ ²⁵But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ ²⁷He said, ‘Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house—²⁸for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ ²⁹Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ ³⁰He said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ ³¹He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

October 2, 2022 readings are: Habakkuk 1:1-4;2:1-4 Psalm 37:1-9
2 Timothy 1:1-14 Luke 17:5-10

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

September 24-25, 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 CANDLES are given to the Glory of God and

In loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Bommer by Melissa D'Alonzo.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God and

In loving memory of granddaughter, Sabrina Hill whose birthday is September 19th by Denise Smolar

THE BULLETINS are given to the Glory of God and

In loving memory of all my loved ones by Sandy Scott

IMPROVEMENT FUND GIFTS are given to the Glory of God and

In loving memory of Velma Mantz by Judy & Sonia

In loving memory of Carol Kelly by Judy & Sonia

ENDOWMENT FUND GIFTS are given to the Glory of God and

In loving memory of Velma Mantz by Carol Dietrich

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

In loving memory of Velma Mantz by Paul & Irene Pecha

Please remember the following in your prayers: The family and friends of Velma Mantz, 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.

An Altar Flower sponsor is needed for October 23rd and
bulletin sponsors for October 16th, and 30th.

Please sign up on the church bulletin board.

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 2022 Church Council officers: Michael Haspe, President, Brian Lawfer, 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 Henritzy, Glenn Fritzing, 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, September 25, 2022

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

MONDAY

6:30 Outreach Meeting

WEDNESDAY

Hoagie Prep
6:00 NA Meeting

THURSDAY

12:00 Hoagie Pick-up
7:00 Senior Choir Rehearsal

SATURDAY

5:30 Saturday Evening Worship/ Blessing of the Animals

NEXT SUNDAY, October 2, 2022

8:00 Confirmation Class
9:00 The Service of Word & Sacrament/ Baptism
10:15 Christian Education

Please note if you have signed up for Altar Flowers, Bulletins or Candles please fill out a sponsor form. Forms should be filled out when placing your name on the sign-up sheet. Thank you.

Supporting Zion's Ministries

Contributions received for 9/18/22:

Received to meet \$4,049.75 weekly budget:	\$2,257.00
Received from Thrift Store	\$0.00
Received for Endowment:	\$10.00
Received for Capital Campaign:	\$505.00

Contributions YTD to meet operating budget expenses: \$157,664.46

Received from offering/gifts/memorials:	\$95,561.08
Received from Thrift Store	\$6,063.29
Received from Endowment:	\$44,000.00
Received from Culinary:	\$8,745.00
Received from Schlitzer Fund	\$3,295.09

Budget operating expenses YTD: \$168,255.06

Budget status YTD: \$(10,590.60)

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.

DEADLINE: All information for the **October 2022 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!

Upcoming Events

September 29 – Hoagie Sale

October 1 – Blessing of the Animals

October 7 – Blessing Thrift Shop Sale

October 16 – Harvest Home

October 19 – Oktoberfeast

October 23 – Trunk or Treat

October 30, November 6 & 13 – First Holy Communion Classes

Zion's Blessings Thrift Shop sale is on Friday, October 7th 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. **At this time Donations of Household items will be accepted but no clothes, thank you.**

Culinary is selling hoagies for pick-up September 29th from 12:00 noon - 3:00 pm. Please order by September 25. Cost is \$7.00. Order on the Zion website or call Mary Ruth at (570)668-4451.

Planning is underway for our Annual Tree of Memories! Memories can be that of a loved one who has gone to God, or photo of a significant memory or life event that is important to your family. Photos should be cut square and be 1.5in. x 1.5in. Photos should be placed in an envelope and placed in the Tree of Memories box in the gathering room. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Thompson at njflip62@gmail.com or by calling 570-778-2604.

We extend our Christian Love and Sympathy to the family and friends of Velma Mantz, who passed away on September 14, 2022. We ask God to comfort the family at this time. Please keep them in your prayers.

Celebration of Baptism

Please welcome Liberty Alexandria Coleman, daughter of Patty Coleman, as a member of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church. She received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism during our Saturday worship service on September 17, 2022; May the blessing of our Lord be upon the parents in nurturing this child in the light of faith.



Harvest Home will be celebrated on October 16th at the 9:00 am Service. Please begin to bring in your non-perishable items as soon as possible. There is a table set up in the gathering room for them. The items will be used for our People's Pantry.

Blessing of the Animals - On Saturday, October 1st we'll have the opportunity to celebrate and bless the animals that are dear to us during the Saturday worship service at 5:30 pm. All are invited to bring their leashed or caged pets to the service. Animals large and small are welcome, whether dog, cat, rabbit, ferret, guinea pig, hamster, turtle, snake, fish, bird, you name it. Please keep all pets on a leash or in a carrier. Bring your pets to church we look forward to seeing you!

Zion Oktoberfest -October 19, 2022, from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM or sell-out. Cost of the dinners are \$10.00 and take-outs are available. Menu includes choice of sauerbraten, sausage or brats with sauerkraut, corn and applesauce. A la carte items: Hot dogs, potato soup with ham, potato salad, beef or turkey BBQ; Dessert available apple items with ice cream \$4.00. Hope to see you there!

Trunk or Treat -Sunday, October 23rd 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 prizes and candy. Donations of wrapped candy or snacks are being accepted. Please designate the bags of candy/treats for the Trunk or Treat event and put them in the kitchen or on the table in the gathering room. Bring them to church by October 16th. Thank you in advance for your generosity. If you are interested in participating this year, please contact Mary Ruth Taylor to reserve your spot. 570 668-4451 or frautay208@aol.com.