

Welcome!



*Lazarus,
come out!*

JOHN 11:43

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Our Mission: Empowered and Inspired by God to bring others to Christ.

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 26, 2023 ~ 9:00 am
The Liturgy of Word and Sacrament

In today's gospel Jesus reveals his power over death by raising Lazarus from the dead. The prophet Ezekiel prophesies God breathing new life into dry bones. To those in exile or living in the shadows of death, these stories proclaim God's promise of resurrection. In baptism we die with Christ that we might also be raised with him to new life. At the Easter Vigil we will welcome the newly baptized as we remember God's unfailing promise in our baptism.

**Congregation please stand*

The Pre-service Music

~ The Gathering ~

* The Confession and Forgiveness

BLESSED BE THE HOLY TRINITY, + ONE GOD, WHO JOURNEYS WITH US THESE FORTY DAYS, AND SUSTAINS US WITH THE GIFT OF GRACE.

Amen.

LET US ACKNOWLEDGE BEFORE GOD AND ONE ANOTHER OUR NEED FOR REPENTANCE AND GOD'S MERCY.

Please kneel if able.

HOLY GOD,

we confess to you our faults and failings. Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word; we take for ourselves instead of giving to others; we spoil rather than steward your creation; we cause hurt though you call us to heal; we choose fear over compassion. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, as we seek to follow in your way of life. Amen.

HEAR THE GOOD NEWS: GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD THAT GOD GAVE THE ONLY SON, SO THAT ALL MAY RECEIVE LIFE. THIS PROMISE IS FOR YOU! GOD EMBRACES YOU WITH DIVINE MERCY, + FORGIVES YOU IN CHRIST'S NAME, AND REVIVES YOU IN THE SPIRIT'S POWER.

Amen.

* The Gathering Hymn

“What Wondrous Love is This”

No. 385

* The Greeting

THE GRACE OF JESUS CHRIST OUR SAVIOR, THE RECONCILING 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 Prayer of the Day**

THE LORD BE WITH YOU

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

LET US PRAY:

Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Sunday School Choir Anthem “Grant, O God, Your Blessing” – Bedford

~The Word~

The First Lesson Ezekiel 37:1-14

Ezekiel’s vision of the valley of dry bones is a promise that Israel as a nation, though dead in exile, will live again in their land through God’s life-giving spirit. Three times Israel is assured that through this vision they will know that “I am the LORD.”

(After the reading)

THE WORD OF THE LORD

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm 130 Tune “Just as I am, Without One Plea!” No. 296

OUT OF THE DEPTHS I CRY TO YOU, O LORD. LORD, HEAR MY VOICE! LET YOUR EARS BE ATTENTIVE TO THE VOICE OF MY SUPPLICATIONS!

Just as I am, without one plea, But that thy blood was shed for me,

And that thou bid'st me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

IF YOU, O LORD, SHOULD MARK INIQUITIES, LORD, WHO COULD STAND? BUT THERE IS FORGIVENESS WITH YOU, SO THAT YOU MAY BE REVERED.

Just as I am, and waiting not, To rid my soul of one dark blot,

To thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

I WAIT FOR THE LORD, MY SOUL WAITS, AND IN HIS WORD I HOPE.

Just as I am, though tossed about, With many a conflict, many a doubt,

Fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

MY SOUL WAITS FOR THE LORD MORE THAN THOSE WHO WATCH FOR THE MORNING, MORE THAN THOSE WHO WATCH FOR THE MORNING.

Just as I am, thou wilt receive, Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;

Because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

O ISRAEL, HOPE IN THE LORD! FOR WITH THE LORD THERE IS STEADFAST LOVE; WITH HIM THERE IS PLENTEOUS REDEMPTION.

Just as I am, thy love unknown, Has broken ev'ry barrier down.

Now to be thine, yea, thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

The Second Lesson Romans 8:6-11

For Paul, Christian spirituality entails living in the reality of the Holy Spirit. The driving force behind our actions and values is not our sinful desire for self-satisfaction but the very Spirit by which God raised Jesus from the dead and will also raise us from the dead.

(After the reading)

THE WORD OF THE LORD

Thanks be to God.

*** The Gospel Acclamation** (*Lenten Verse Now the Feast*)

**Return to God with all your heart, the Source of grace and mercy;
Come, seek the tender faithfulness of God.**

*** The Holy Gospel St. John 11:1-45**

Jesus is moved to sorrow when his friend Lazarus falls ill and dies. Then, in a dramatic scene, he calls his friend out of the tomb and restores him to life.

(Before the Gospel)

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT JOHN THE 11TH 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**

“In the Garden”

Additional Hymnal No. 5

**I come to the garden alone While the dew is still on the roses;
And the voice I hear, falling on my ear, The Son of God discloses.**

(Refrain) **And He walks with me, and He talks with me And He tells me I am His own.
And the joy we share as we tarry there, None other has ever known.**

**He speaks, and the sound of His voice Is so sweet the birds hush their singing;
And the melody that He gave to me Within my heart is ringing. *(Refrain)***

**I'd stay in the garden with Him Tho' the night around me is falling;
But He bids me go thru the voice of woe His voice to me is calling. *(Refrain)***

~The Reception of New Members~

Introduction of New Members: Chris & Olivia Quick

Gregg, Andrea, Gavin, & Grifen Edmonds

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.

BROTHERS AND SISTERS 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 THESE NEW BROTHERS AND SISTERS 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

SUSTAINED BY GOD'S ABUNDANT MERCY, LET US PRAY FOR THE CHURCH, THE WORLD, AND ALL OF CREATION.

A brief silence.

YOU HAVE BREATHED INTO US THE BREATH OF LIFE. ENLIVEN YOUR CHURCH. DEEPEN OUR PARTNERSHIPS WITH OUR COMPANION CHURCHES AROUND THE GLOBE, AND BLESS THE WORK OF MISSIONARIES WHO ACCOMPANY THEM. MERCIFUL GOD,

receive our prayer.

YOUR SPIRIT BRINGS LIFE TO CREATION. ENLIVEN THE NATURAL WORLD AND RESTORE ECOSYSTEMS IN NEED OF HEALING. UPLIFT PROPHETIC VOICES THAT TURN US TO THE NEEDS OF THE SOIL BENEATH OUR FEET AND THE AIR ALL AROUND. MERCIFUL GOD,

receive our prayer.

YOU REDEEM THE WORLD AND ITS PEOPLES. FREE US FROM SYSTEMS OF OPPRESSION. UNBIND NATIONS AND SOCIETIES FROM THE SINS OF RACISM, SEXISM, AND HOMOPHOBIA. RAISE UP LEADERS AT ALL LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT WHO WORK TO PROMOTE THE DIGNITY OF EVERY HUMAN LIFE. MERCIFUL GOD,

receive our prayer.

YOU WEEP WHEN WE WEEP. BE PRESENT WITH THOSE WHO GRIEVE OR WHO ARE TROUBLED BY ILLNESS ESPECIALLY KATHRYN, CAROLYN, MARLIN, JOHN, TIM, ROBERT, DEREK, ELIZABETH, MARY, RALPH, JOSEPH, AND ALL OUR MEMBERS WHO ARE HOMEBOUND. YOU HEAR US WHEN WE CALL TO YOU. DELIVER US FROM THE DEPTHS OF OUR DESPAIR, AND FREE US FROM THE WORRIES THAT BIND US. MERCIFUL GOD,

receive our prayer.

YOUR SPIRIT OF LIFE DWELLS IN OUR ASSEMBLY. BLESS THE MUSIC MINISTRIES OF THIS CONGREGATION AND ALL WHO LEAD US IN HYMNS OF PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING AND IN SONGS OF LAMENT AND PRAYER. MERCIFUL GOD,

receive our prayer.

YOU ARE THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE. EVEN THOUGH WE DIE, WE WILL LIVE. WITH THANKSGIVING, WE REMEMBER ALL YOUR SAINTS WHO NOW LIVE IN YOUR ETERNAL LOVE. MERCIFUL GOD,

receive 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. MERCIFUL GOD,

receive our prayer.

WE LIFT OUR PRAYERS TO YOU, O GOD, TRUSTING IN YOUR STEADFAST LOVE AND YOUR PROMISE TO RENEW YOUR WHOLE CREATION; 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 Vanco option.

*** The Offertory Procession “As the Grains of Wheat” (Now the Feast)**

(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 GOOD GIFTS, RECEIVE THESE AND ALL OUR OFFERINGS AS WE PRESENT THEM IN FAITHFUL SERVICE FOR THE SAKE OF YOUR GOSPEL. PREPARE OUR HEARTS TO RECEIVE YOU IN THIS MEAL AS YOU POUR OUT YOUR VERY PRESENCE THROUGH CHRIST JESUS, THE WELLSPRING OF ETERNAL LIFE.

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 CREATION.

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

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

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 Invitation to the Holy Meal**

COME AND RECEIVE JESUS, OUR STRENGTH IN THE WILDERNESS.

* **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 Cantic** *(music on page 72 of LBW)*

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace according to thy word;

For mine eyes have seen thy salvation which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;

A light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

*** The Post Communion Prayer**

LET US PRAY, EMBODIED GOD, AT YOUR TABLE, WE HAVE TASTED THE GOODNESS OF JESUS. WITH THE EYES OF OUR HEARTS OPEN TO YOUR PROMISE, EMPOWER US TO HEAR THE NEEDS OF OUR NEIGHBORS AND TOUCH THE WORLD WITH YOUR LOVE.

Amen.

The Senior Choir Anthem “Is This the King?” – Martin

~The Sending~

*** The Blessing**

GOD, THE GIVER OF LOVE, ✚ CHRIST, THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE, AND THE HOLY SPIRIT OF REBIRTH BLESS YOU IN THIS LENTEN JOURNEY.

(Spoken) Amen.

*** The Dismissal**

GO IN PEACE. SERVE IN LOVE.

Thanks be to God.

*** The Sending Hymn “Oh, There’s a Hill So Far Away” Additional Hymnal No. 6**

**Oh, there’s a hill so far away, That I have longed to see;
It is the hill where my Savior died. He gave His life for me!**

(Refrain) **Oh, hill so green, and hill so fair; The fairest ever seen.
It is the hill where my Savior died. He gave His life for me!**

**Oh, there’s a cross where-on He hung, A crown of thorns He wore.
It is the cross where my Savior died, Our sins He gladly bore. (Refrain)**

**Oh, there’s a promise that He made, Eternal life to share.
“Today I shall in Heaven be, And ye shall meet Me there.” (Refrain)**

**Oh, there’s a love that we can show To others in His Name.
As He forgave, let us forgive, for this is why He came! (Refrain)**

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April 2, 2023 readings are:

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Philippians 2:5-11

Psalm 31:9-16

Matthew 26:14-27:66

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

March 25-26, 2023

**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 our son, Ells by Ells and Gail Davis

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God and

In loving memory of Robert Trakes, Happy Heavenly Birthday by Kathy, Mike and Mom

THE BULLETINS are given to the Glory of God and

In loving memory of Shayne T. Livingston by the family

ENDOWMENT FUND DONATIONS are given to the Glory of God and

In loving memory of Mary Koch by Judy Brennan

In loving memory of Keith Berezwick by Christopher Fulmer

In loving memory of loved ones by Bill and Lori Krell

Please remember the following in your prayers Dr. Kathryn Kropp, Carolyn and Marlin Tirpak, John Eckert, Tim Phillips, Robert Dolbin, Derek Hill, Elizabeth Zimmerman, Mary Richards, Ralph Derr, Joseph Harvilla, John Lattanzi, and all our members who are homebound.

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 2023 Church Council officers: Michael Haspe, President, Brian Lawfer, Vice-President, Ernie Henritz, Secretary, Dave Gensure, Treasurer, and Ann Marie Hadesty, Financial Secretary. Other members of Council include: Judy Brennan, Arlene Derr, Glenn Fritzing, Carol Hartung, Darien Moyer, Kailey Richards, 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, March 26, 2023

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

WEDNESDAY

- 6:00 NA Meeting
- 7:00 Mid-Week Lenten Service/ Zion
- 8:00 Senior Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY

- 9:00 Thrift Store

SATURDAY

- Kitchen Reserved/ Breakfast Prep
- 5:30 Saturday Evening Worship

NEXT SUNDAY, April 2, 2023, Palm Sunday

- 8:00 Confirmation Class
- 9:00 The Service of Word & Sacrament
- 10:15 Congregational Breakfast

Supporting Zion's Ministries

"Empowered and inspired by God to bring others to Christ"

Received 3/19/23 in support of Zion Ministries:

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| From our gifts | \$5,518.21 |
| From Thrift Store | \$0.00 |
| From Culinary | \$0.00 |
| From (other) | \$0.00 |

Received for Endowment: \$96.00

Received for Capital Campaign: \$2,411.82

Received year-to-date for Zion's mission/ministries:

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| From offering/gifts/memorials: | \$37,045.80 |
| From Thrift Store: | \$1,770.79 |
| From Endowment: | \$21,459.00 |
| From Culinary: | \$2,400.00 |

Year-to-date total for Zion's mission/ministries: \$62,675.59

Thank you for your gifts. Your gifts allow us to share the word of God and the love of Jesus with our congregation and our community.



Please welcome our new members Chris & Olivia Quick & Gregg, Andrea, Gavin, & Grifen Edmonds. May they be blessed by their commitment to God and their participation in this faith family.

Upcoming Events

March 31 – Blessings Thrift Sale

April 2 – Bring a Friend Sunday Breakfast

April 22 – Hoagie Sale

Zion's Blessings Thrift Shop sale is on Friday, March 31st from 9 am to 5 pm. The sale features gently used clothing for all ages, toys, books, and general household items. Come take a look! Limited Take-Out Menu. Shoppers must wear masks and maintain social distancing.

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES 2023 - St. Johns and Zion hold combined Mid-Week Lenten Services at 7:00 pm. The Wednesday March 29th service will be at Zion. The service will follow the Holden Evening prayer from the ELW.

The Blessings Thrift Store Committee would like to thank the helpers, donors, and the shoppers for our continued success. The donations help fund the programs we support in and out of our community. Please note that the monies we receive are split between the Outreach Fund, which helps with our Outreach Programs, and the Current Fund, which helps pay Zions everyday bills. We thank God for all the Blessings this ministry gives us. Please continue to pray for this ministry. Thank you, Outreach Committee

Palm Sunday Bring a Friend Breakfast – Sunday, **April 2, 2023** - 10:15 am following the Palm Sunday service. A freewill offering will be accepted. Menu: Scrambled eggs, sausage or bacon, home fries, toast and OJ. Invite a Friend - Everyone is Welcome! Hope to see you there!

Easter Gifts - Easter is generally a time when gifts and memorials are presented and are listed in the Easter handout. **Forms are available in the Gathering Room.** Please fill out the form and return it to the Church office **no later than Monday, March 27, 2023.**

Looking for a way you can help serve your church, but don't have a lot of extra time? Are you able to commit to a half hour, on a day you will already be here? We are looking for greeters to welcome people to the church on Sunday mornings, hand out bulletins, and answer questions from visitors. We would like to have enough people to make up at least 6 teams, with 2 people per team. Please text or call Brian Lawfer at 570-952-5966 for more information.

REVISITING ZION'S PHONE LIVE STREAMING MINISTRY - Good news! Several groups and individuals have come forward to work on the funding of the phone streaming ministry here at Zion. Outreach and Congregational Life will be meeting within the next few weeks to work out the details. The idea is to both continue the ministry and grow it. Currently, about nine different people listen on their phones to services and Wednesday Morning Prayer during the month. An average of four and five people listen each time we stream. Our \$59 subscription gives us 2071 minutes. After 2071 minutes, we have to pay extra. We monitor the number of minutes we use each week and when we get close to 2071 minutes, we stop phone streaming until the new month. We could subscribe at a higher rate and that would give us more minutes, but the current level of use does not justify that. To move forward, the Finance Committee will be asked to reconsider its recommendation to terminate the service.

The Culinary Team is holding a hoagie sale. Regular Hoagies are \$7 each. Order by April 16th, at <https://www.ziontamaqua.com> or by calling 570-668-4451. Pick up is Saturday, April 22nd from noon until 3:00 pm. Thank you for your support!!

Zion Holy Week April 2-9, 2023

- ✠ **Palm Sunday**, April 2nd, 9:00 am, Blessing of the Palms
- ✠ **Wednesday**, April 5th, 7:00 pm, Holden Evening Prayer
- ✠ **Maundy Thursday**, April 6th, 7:00 pm, Foot Washing, Communion, Stripping of the Altar
- ✠ **Good Friday**, April 7th, 7:00 pm, Good Friday Service
- ✠ **Holy Saturday**, April 8th, 7:00 pm Easter Vigil, Affirmation of Baptism, Holy Communion
- ✠ **Easter Sunday**, April 9th, 9:00 am, Celebration of Christ's Resurrection, Holy Communion