# Welcome!



# Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

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

#### **The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost** July 13, 2025 ~ 9:00 am *The Liturgy of Word and Sacrament*

To love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, strength, and mind is to reflect God's mercy in responding to one's neighbor. That mercy found its most profound expression in the "gospel that has come to you"—namely the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. That gospel mercy comes to us again today: at the font, at the table, and from the pulpit. It is very near to you.

#### The Pre-service Music

\*Congregation please stand

## ~ The Gathering ~

#### \* The Confession and Forgiveness

IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE + SON, AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. **Amen.** 

BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST, LET US CONFESS OUR SIN.

Please kneel if able.

MERCIFUL GOD,

you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.

YOU BELONG TO CHRIST JESUS AND YOU ARE GOD'S CHILDREN THROUGH FAITH. IN THE CROSS OF + CHRIST, AND THROUGH THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, YOUR SINS ARE FORGIVEN. CLOTHED WITH CHRIST, YOU ARE A NEW CREATION. **Amen.** 

* The Gathering Hymn	"Come, All You People"	WOV No. 717
Come, all you people,	come and praise the Most High;	
Come, all you people,	come and praise the Most High;	
Come, all you people,	come and praise the Most High;	

Come, all you people, come and praise the Savior, Come, all you people, come and praise the Savior, Come, all you people, come and praise the Savior, Come now and worship the Lord.

Come now and worship the Lord.

Come, all you people, come and praise the Spirit, Come, all you people, come and praise the Spirit, Come, all you people, come and praise the Spirit, Come now and worship the Lord.

#### \* 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 (ELW No. 175)

Lord, have mercy on us; O Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy on us; O Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy on us; O Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy on us; O Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy on us; O Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy on us; O Lord, have mercy.

\* The Hymn of Praise "Gloria" (ELW Pg. 176)

Gloria, gloria, gloria, glory to God on high! Gloria, gloria, gloria, glory to God on high! And on earth peace to God's people. Glory to God. And on earth peace to God's people. Glory to God!

#### \* The Prayer of the Day

THE LORD BE WITH YOU

(Spoken) And also with you.

LET US PRAY:

O Lord God, your mercy delights us, and the world longs for your loving care. Hear the cries of everyone in need, and turn our hearts to love our neighbors with the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The Special Music – Emily Stahler and Joe Mehalko

## ~The Word~

#### The First Lesson Deuteronomy 30:9-14

Moses calls the people who are about to enter the promised land to renew the covenant God made with their ancestors. Through this covenant God gives life and asks for obedience. God's commandment is neither burdensome nor too far off, but dwells in the people's hearts.

(After the reading) THE WORD OF THE LORD **Thanks be to God.** 

The Psalm 25:1-10 Tune "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less" No.294

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul. I trust you, God, to make me whole.

LET ME NOT BE PUT TO SHAME, NOR LET MY ENEMIES TRIUMPH OVER ME. LET NONE WHO LOOK TO YOU BE PUT TO SHAME; LET THEM BE ASHAMED WHO ARE WANTONLY TREACHEROUS.

Show me, O Lord, the way to go; Teach me your righteous paths to know. LEAD ME IN YOUR TRUTH AND TEACH ME, FOR YOU ARE THE GOD OF MY SALVATION. I ALWAYS TRUST IN YOU.

In steadfast love remember me. Your paths of goodness let me see. REMEMBER NOT THE SINS OF MY YOUTH AND MY TRANSGRESSIONS. ACCORDING TO YOUR STEADFAST LOVE REMEMBER ME FOR THE SAKE OF YOUR GOODNESS, O LORD.

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul. I trust you, God, to make me whole. BECAUSE THE LORD IS RIGHTEOUS AND GOOD, HE TEACHES SINNERS THE PATH THEY SHOULD FOLLOW. HE LEADS THE HUMBLE IN THE RIGHT WAY AND TEACHES THEM HIS WILL.

#### Show me, O Lord, the way to go; Teach me your righteous paths to know. ALL THE PATHS OF THE LORD ARE STEADFAST LOVE AND FAITHFULNESS TO THOSE WHO KEEP HIS COVENANT AND HIS DECREES.

In steadfast love remember me. Your paths of goodness let me see.

#### The Second Lesson Colossians 1:1-14

The letter to the Colossians was written to warn its readers of various false teachings. The first part of the letter is an expression of thanks for the faith, hope, and love that mark this community, including a prayer for strength and courage.

(After the reading) THE WORD OF THE LORD **Thanks be to God**.

\* The Gospel Acclamation (ELW Pg. 179) Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia!

\* The Holy Gospel St. Luke 10:25-37

Jesus is challenged to explain what is involved in obeying the greatest commandment. He tells a parable rich in surprises: those expected to show pity display hard hearts while the lowly give and receive unexpected and lavish mercy. (Before the Gospel)

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT LUKE THE 10<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 *"Christ, Be Our Light"* ELW No. 715 Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you. Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.

> (*Refrain*) Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair. Your word alone has pow'r to save us. Make us your living voice. (*Refrain*)

Longing for food, many are hungry. Longing for water, many still thirst. Make us your bread, broken for others, shared until all are fed. (*Refrain*)

Longing for shelter, many are homeless. Longing for warmth, many are cold. Make us your building, sheltering others, walls made of living stone. (*Refrain*)

Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong. Let us be servants to one another, signs of your kingdom come. (*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

IN SOLIDARITY WITH ALL CREATION, WE JOIN OUR VOICE TO THE VOICE OF THE WHOLE CHURCH AND PRAY FOR THE NEEDS OF THE WORLD.

#### A brief silence.

SAVING GOD, AWAKEN YOUR CHURCH TO YOUR TRUTH AS IT FOLLOWS YOUR PATH OF LOVE. ENCOURAGE PASTORS, DEACONS, TEACHERS, AND SEMINARIANS, AND LEAD THEM AS THEY SEEK TO LEARN YOUR WAYS. GOD OF GRACE,

#### hear our prayer.

PROSPER THE HARVESTS OF FRUIT-BEARING BUSHES, TREES, AND PLANTS. UPHOLD FARMERS AND FARM WORKERS AS THEY LABOR THROUGH SUMMER DAYS, AND BRING RELIEF TO LANDS THAT ARE PARCHED WITH HEAT. GOD OF GRACE,

#### hear our prayer.

INSTILL IN LEADERS OF THE WORLD A STRONG LOVE FOR THEIR NEIGHBORS. COMPEL THEM TO GOVERN WITH EQUITY AND TO GIVE AID AND PROTECTION TO PEOPLE WHO ARE VULNERABLE, ESPECIALLY STRANGERS, MIGRANTS, AND ASYLUM SEEKERS. GOD OF GRACE,

#### hear our prayer.

DRAW NEAR TO PEOPLE IN NEED OF HELP, COMFORT, AND HEALING ESPECIALLY FORREST, MARGARET, STEVE, CHRISTINE, EDDIE, GEORGE, JAN, AND ALL OUR MEMBERS WHO ARE HOMEBOUND. PROVIDE PROTECTION AND AID TO CHILDREN WHO ARE UNSAFE AND UNDERNOURISHED WHILE ON SUMMER BREAK. GOD OF GRACE,

#### hear our prayer.

GO WITH ALL WHO TRAVEL, AND PROTECT THEM FROM HARM. PUT IN THEIR PATHS PEOPLE WHO OFFER AID. WE PRAY ESPECIALLY FOR THE SAFETY OF FIRST RESPONDERS. GOD OF GRACE,

#### hear our prayer.

WE GIVE YOU THANKS FOR ALL WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US AND HAVE MADE YOUR LOVE KNOWN. HELP US TO FOLLOW THEIR WITNESS AS WE AWAIT OUR SHARE IN THE INHERITANCE OF THE SAINTS. 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.

TRUSTING IN YOUR LOVINGKINDNESS, WE PLACE OUR PRAYER AND HOPE IN YOU, IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST.

#### 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 "Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful" (ELW Hymn No. 182)

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, That we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; Unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, And give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

#### \* The Offertory Prayer

LET US PRAY: CREATOR GOD, IN YOUR WISDOM YOU BRING FORTH ALL THAT IS GOOD AND THE HARVEST IS PLENTIFUL. STRENGTHEN US AT YOUR TABLE WITH THESE GIFTS OF THE EARTH AND OUR LABOR, THAT WE MAY WORK FOR THE GOOD OF ALL, THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, OUR SAVIOR.

Amen.

#### \* The Great Thanksgiving

\* The Preface and Sanctus (ELW Pg. 180)

THE LORD BE WITH YOU

(Spoken) 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 our thanks and praise.

IT IS INDEED RIGHT......THEIR UNENDING HYMN: (*ELW Pg. 181*) Holy, holy, holy Lord God, God of might and power; holy is the Lord.

Holy, holy, holy Lord God, God of might and power; holy is the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna here on earth. Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna here on earth.

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

#### \* The Prayer of Thanksgiving

HOLY, MIGHTY, AND MERCIFUL LORD, HEAVEN AND EARTH ARE FULL OF YOUR GLORY.....POUR OUT UPON US THE SPIRIT OF YOUR LOVE, O LORD, AND UNITE THE WILLS OF ALL WHO SHARE THIS HEAVENLY FOOD, THE BODY AND BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST, OUR LORD; TO WHOM, WITH YOU AND THE HOLY SPIRIT, BE ALL HONOR AND GLORY, NOW AND FOREVER.

Amen.

#### \* The Lord's Prayer

#### JESUS, REMEMBER US IN YOUR KINGDOM; AND TEACH US TO PRAY:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

#### \* The Invitation to the Holy Meal

THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS SET BEFORE YOU. EAT AND REJOICE.

\* The Agnus Dei "Lamb of God" (ELW Pg. 182)

O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us your peace, grant us your 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 Prayer

LET US PRAY: MOTHERING GOD, YOU GATHERED US TO YOUR TABLE AND WE DRANK DEEPLY OF YOUR GRACE. SEND US OUT BY YOUR SPIRIT TO LOVE OUR NEIGHBORS AS OURSELVES AND PROCLAIM YOUR LOVE IN JESUS' NAME. Amen.

### ~The Sending~

#### \* The Blessing

THE LOVE OF GOD ABOUND IN YOU; THE GRACE OF OUR SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST FILL YOUR HEARTS; AND THE LIFE OF THE SPIRIT + BLESS YOU AND GIVE YOU PEACE. (Spoken) Amen.

#### \* The Dismissal

GO IN PEACE. LIVE BY THE SPIRIT. Thanks be to God.

\* The Sending Hymn

"Jesus Calls Us; O'er the Tumult"

No. 494

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### First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:9-14 - Not Printed

### Second Reading: Colossians 1:1-14 – Not Printed

## **Gospel: Luke 10:25-37**

<sup>25</sup> An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>26</sup> He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" <sup>27</sup> He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself." <sup>28</sup> And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

<sup>29</sup> But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" <sup>30</sup> Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup> Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup> So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup> But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion. <sup>34</sup> He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. <sup>35</sup> The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.' <sup>36</sup> Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" <sup>37</sup> He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

July 20, 2025 readings are:	Genesis 18:1-10a	Psalm 15
	Colossians 1:15-28	Luke 10:38-42

## ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH July 12-13, 2025

\*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 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 honor of the July birthdays of Mike, Ollie and Noah's 5th and in loving memory of Pap by Mike & Kathy Miller

THE BULLETINS are given to the Glory of God and

In loving memory of my sister, Audrey Ferris Drake on her July 7th birthday by Sandy Scott

## Altar Flower sponsors are needed for August 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> and Bulletin sponsors for August 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. Please sign up on the church bulletin board.

*Please remember the following in your prayers:* Forrest, Margaret, Steve Ristila, Christine Zimmerman, Eddie Smith, George Weaver, Jan McRoberts, and all our members who are homebound.

A reminder that both a record of communion AND a record of contribution is necessary to maintain voting active member status. Please remember to complete a communion card and to use your offering envelopes. Thank you, Church Council

## Welcome!!

Parish office phone number and fax is 570-668-2180. Parish office email address is <u>zionlcof@verizon.net</u> Parish website is <u>www.ziontamaqua.com</u> Parish Office Hours- Monday & Wednesday: 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm Tuesday: 8:00 am - 1:00 pm

**Zion's 2024 Church Council officers:** Michael Haspe, President, Brian Lawfer, Vice-President, Amanda Hascin, Secretary, Dave Gensure, Treasurer, and Ann Marie Hadesty, Financial Secretary. Other members of Council include Arlene Derr, Glenn Fritzinger, Thomas Graham, Carol Hartung, Brittany Scalfani Mary Ruth Taylor, Michelle Valentine; and Shelly Woodring; 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, July 13, 2025

9:00 The Service of Word & Sacrament THURSDAY 11:00 Hoagie Pick-up SATURDAY 6:00 Saturday Evening Worship SUNDAY, July 20, 2025 9:00 The Service of Word & Sacrament/ Baptism

Supporting Zion's Ministries				
<i>"Empowered and inspired by God to bring others to Christ"</i> Received 7/6/25 in support of Zion Ministries:				
From our gifts	\$1,631.25			
From Thrift Store	\$0.00			
From Endowment (other)	•			
From Culinary	\$0.00			
Received for Endowment:	\$100.00			
Received for Capital Campaign:	\$1,872.00			
Received year-to-date for Zion's mission/ministries:				
From offering/gifts/memo	rials: \$72,551.16			
From Thrift Store:	\$3,803.11*			
From Endowment:	\$22,905.00			
From Culinary:	\$9,800.00			
Year-to-date total for Zion's mission/ministries: \$109,059.27				
* Thrift Store donates half of income to Outreach total income - \$7,606.22				
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 Note: Melody will be on vacation, July 14<sup>th</sup> through July 17<sup>th</sup>. She will be returning on Monday, July 21<sup>st</sup>. If you need assistance, please call Pastor Cindy at 610-674-2072. Thank you for your cooperation.

## **Upcoming Events**

July 17 & August 7 – Hoagie Sale July 21-25 – Vacation Bible School August 1 – Blessings Thrift Shop August 3 – Summer Celebration/ Trinity UCC August 18 – Newsletter Deadline August 20 – Peach Social

**Zion's Blessings Thrift Shop** is on Friday, August 1<sup>st</sup> 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. Thank you all for your continued support!

Altar Flower and Bulletin Sponsors needed for 2025 - The Altar Flower and Bulletin Sponsor list for 2025 is on the bulletin board. The costs of the flowers are \$42.60; individuals will be billed from the florist. The cost of the bulletin sponsorship is \$16.00; monies are due when you place your name on the list. Please remember to fill out a card with your honorarium or memorial, this information is needed for the bulletin. Please do not sign up without filling out a form. Please contact the church office if you have questions. Thank you in advance for your sponsorship!



## Peach Social

Wednesday, August 20, 2025 4:00 until 6:00 or sellout Cake, Ice cream, and Fresh Peaches -\$6.00 Additional food items will be available.

The culinary crew is asking for your help in providing plain white or yellow cakes with no icing. Help will be needed on Tuesday, August 19<sup>th</sup> to prepare for the social time TBA. Please contact Glenn at (484) 560-8211 or Mary Ruth at 570-668-4451 for more information. We hope to see you there!

**Culinary Hoagie Sale** July 17<sup>th</sup> - deadline to order is July 13<sup>th</sup> - Regular Hoagies are \$8 each. Pick up is from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm. Order at <u>https://www.ziontamaqua.com</u> or by calling 570-668-4451. Thank you for your support!!

We had an INCREDIBLE time at VBS this year! The kids were the first to experience the 2026 VBS program "Snowball Mountain Challenge", which will be rolled out all over the world next summer! The program went so well we will be having it again in July as a Day Program! July 21-25 from 11 am – 2 pm. Lunch will be provided! For more info or to register your kiddo visit zionvbs.mycokesburyvbs.com!!



Please continue to use your Boyer's key tag every time you shop in any Boyer's Markets. If you do not have a Boyer's tag, they are located in the Gathering room. Please use the swipe card, the receipt does not need to be turned in. Thank you for your participation in this program. Keep using those cards!

## When submitting Redner's receipts:

1. You must have a Redner's card & swipe the Redner's card upon checkout so the save a tape amount is on the receipt.

2. Please do not cut the information with the save a tape code off the receipt.

3. Please hand in the receipt to our container in the gathering room or mail them to the church office.

If you have any questions, please see Beth Marcavage. Thank you and keep saving!

Summer Celebration – August 3<sup>rd</sup> – Tamaqua Area Faith Fellowship Network (TAFFN) and the Tamaqua Ministerial Association are hosting a community event featuring Jeremy Goodling, a well-known religious musician throughout Central Pennsylvania. The performance will be Sunday, August 3, 2025, beginning at 6:00 pm at Trinity United Church of Christ on Lafayette Street, Tamaqua. A time of fellowship with refreshments will follow. A free-will offering will be taken. All are welcome!!