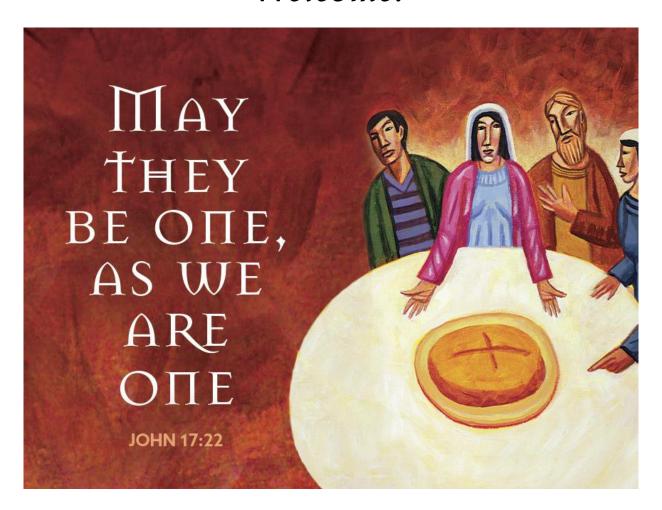
Welcome!



Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

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

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

June 1, 2025 ~ 9:00 am

The Liturgy of Word and Sacrament

It is possible to hear in Jesus' high priestly prayer, a prayer he offered shortly before his death, the petitions of the ascended Christ for his own throughout history—to our day—and beyond. Jesus prays for us. In holy baptism we become believers in God, have our robes washed in the flood of Christ's forgiveness, and receive the gift of life forever with all the saints.

*Congregation please stand

The Pre-service Music

~ The Gathering ~

* The Thanksgiving for Baptism

ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN.

Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

IN THE NAME OF + THE ONE WHO WAS, WHO IS, AND WHO IS TO COME.

Amen.

BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST'S DEATH AND RESURRECTION, AND CALLED TO LIVE THE BAPTIZED LIFE, LET US GIVE THANKS FOR THE GIFTS OF BAPTISM. HOLY GOD, WE GIVE YOU THANKS FOR THE WATERS OF BAPTISM, WATERS THAT MAKE A PEOPLE YOUR OWN, THAT RESTORE TO WHOLENESS AND EMPOWER US TO BE WITNESSES IN YOUR NAME. BAPTIZED INTO YOU, O LIVING ONE.

make us one as you are one.

WE GIVE YOU THANKS FOR THE WATERS OF BAPTISM, WATERS THAT STRENGTHEN BELIEVERS AND GIVE NEW LIFE TO BELOVED SERVANTS OF YOUR CHURCH; WATERS THAT EXTEND YOUR BOUNDLESS LOVE AND CROSS BARRIERS OF OUR OWN MAKING. BAPTIZED INTO YOU, O LIVING ONE,

make us one as you are one.

WE GIVE YOU THANKS FOR THE WATERS OF BAPTISM, WATERS THAT OPEN THE HEARTS OF BELIEVERS AND GIVE A VOICE IN THE NIGHT TO THOSE IN CAPTIVITY; WATERS THAT SET YOUR PEOPLE ON A NEW PATH, REJOICING IN THE SPIRIT'S POWER. BAPTIZED INTO YOU, O LIVING ONE.

make us one as you are one.

GRANT US GRACE, LOVE, AND LIFE, O LIVING ONE, THAT OUR EVERY DAY IS SHAPED BY THESE WATERS THAT GIVE US OUR VERY LIVES IN YOU. WE ASK THIS IN THE NAME OF JESUS. THE CRUCIFIED AND RISEN ONE.

Amen.

* The Gathering Hymn

"When Morning Gilds the Skies"

No. 546 Stanzas 1,2,3,5

* The Greeting

ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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:

O God, form the minds of your faithful people into your one will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

~The Word~

The First Lesson Acts 16:16-34

Those who had enslaved a girl and used her powers to tell fortunes threw Paul and Silas into jail for ordering the spirit to come out of her and consequently ruining their business. In prison, Paul and Silas bring the good news of the gospel to the jailer and his family.

(After the reading)

THE WORD OF THE LORD

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm 97

Tune "Oh Worship the King" No. 548

THE LORD IS KING! TELL THE EARTH TO CELEBRATE AND ALL ISLANDS TO SHOUT.

Oh, worship the King, all-glorious above. Oh, gratefully sing his pow'r and his love. CLOUDS SURROUND HIM: FIRE GOES IN FRONT OF HIM: LIGHTNINGS FLASH. HILLS

COLLAPSE--AND ALL THE NATIONS SEE HIS GLORY.

Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,

Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

EVERYONE WHO WORSHIPS IDOLS IS PUT TO SHAME; ALL FALSE GODS BOW DOWN TO THE LORD, FOR HE IS GREATER THAN ALL, THE RULER OF ALL THE EARTH.

Oh, tell of his might; oh, sing of his grace,

Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.

THE LORD LOVES THOSE WHO HATE EVIL. HE GUARDS THE LIVES OF THE FAITHFUL, AND RESCUES THEM FROM THE WICKED.

His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,

And dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

LIGHT SHINES FOR THE RIGHTEOUS. AND GLADNESS ON THE GOOD.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, In God do we trust, nor find him to fail.

ALL YOU THAT ARE RIGHTEOUS, BE GLAD BECAUSE OF WHAT THE LORD HAS DONE, AND GIVE THANKS TO HIS HOLY NAME.

His mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,

Our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend.

The Second Lesson Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

The ascended Christ, hidden from our sight, promises to come again. We eagerly pray, "Come, Lord Jesus," with all who respond to this invitation.

(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 17:20-26

Jesus prays that the life of his followers will be characterized by an intimate unity of identity with God. To be so identified with God means also to share in God's mission: to proclaim the word that will bring others into this same unity.

(Before the Gospel)

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT JOHN THE 17TH 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

"Son of God, Eternal Savior"

No. 364

* The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe

in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the son. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

* The Prayers of Intercession

GOD OF RESURRECTION AND NEW LIFE, WE COME BEFORE YOU IN PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH, THE WORLD, AND ALL WHO ARE IN NEED.

A brief silence.

WELCOMING GOD, YOU INVITE ALL PEOPLE TO COME AND ENCOUNTER YOUR LOVE. GIVE YOUR CHURCH OPEN HEARTS AND MINDS TO EMBRACE ALL WHO SEEK YOUR PRESENCE. INCREASE THE CAPACITY FOR COOPERATION BETWEEN DENOMINATIONS AND CONGREGATIONS. HEAR US, O GOD.

Your mercy is great.

CREATING GOD, YOUR MIGHT IS SEEN IN STORMS AND IN SILENCE. WHERE DROUGHT THREATENS, BRING RAIN. WHERE WATERS FLOOD, EASE THEM BACK. WHERE FIRE, EARTHQUAKE, HURRICANE, OR TORNADO DESTROY, SHELTER YOUR PEOPLE AND RESTORE YOUR LAND. HEAR US, O GOD.

Your mercy is great.

DISCERNING GOD, FILL THE HEARTS OF LEADERS WITH YOUR PASSION FOR JUSTICE AND MERCY. CALL THE NATIONS OF THIS WORLD TO TABLES OF PEACE AND COLLABORATION. ENCOURAGE GOVERNMENTS TO SEEK AVENUES OF COLLECTIVE BENEFIT AND JOY. HEAR US, O GOD.

Your mercy is great.

ABIDING GOD, ALL PEOPLE ARE HELD IN YOUR CARE. ACCOMPANY SURVIVORS OF ABUSE, TRAUMA, AND EXPLOITATION. STRENGTHEN OUR RESOLVE TO LISTEN AND ADVOCATE ON BEHALF OF ALL WHO ARE UNNOTICED. HEAR OUR PRAYERS FOR THOSE CLOSE TO OUR HEART ESPECIALLY FORREST, MARGARET, STEVE, CHRISTINE, EDDIE, GEORGE, JAN, AND ALL OUR MEMBERS WHO ARE HOMEBOUND. HEAR US, O GOD.

Your mercy is great.

REJOICING GOD, BE WITH THIS CONGREGATION AS SUMMER BEGINS IN THE NORTHERN HEMISPHERE. KEEP TRAVELERS SAFE. KEEP THE VULNERABLE COOL. INVIGORATE SUMMER MINISTRY EFFORTS IN OUR COMMUNITY AND SUPPORT THE WELL-BEING OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE. HEAR US, O GOD.

Your mercy is great.

LOVING GOD, THE BEGINNING AND THE END, YOU ARE WITH US THROUGHOUT OUR LIVES. IN GRATITUDE FOR THE SAINTS WHO HAVE DIED, WE LOOK TOWARD YOUR COMING AGAIN AMONG US. HEAR US, O GOD.

Your mercy is great.

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. HEAR US, O GOD.

Your mercy is great.

WE COMMEND THESE AND ALL OUR PRAYERS TO YOU, O GOD, TRUSTING THAT YOU ARE ALWAYS WITH US; IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST, OUR RISEN 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: RISEN ONE, YOU HAVE GATHERED US AROUND YOUR TABLE OF GRACE ALONG WITH THESE GIFTS WE BRING. COME AMONG US AGAIN, BREATHE YOUR LIFE INTO US, AND ENLIVEN US WITH THIS MEAL, THAT WE MAY LIVE AS YOUR RISEN BODY IN THE WORLD.

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 TO THE TABLE OF GRACE. RECEIVE THE GIFT OF NEW LIFE.

* 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.

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 ("Thanks Be to You" - 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: LIVING ONE, IN THIS FEAST YOU HAVE MADE YOURSELF KNOWN TO US. SEND US NOW TO TELL OF YOUR WONDERS, SING OF YOUR GLORY, AND PROCLAIM YOUR RISEN LIFE TO A WOUNDED AND WEARY WORLD.

Amen.

The Senior Choir Anthem "Dona Nobis Pacern" - Althouse

~The Sending~

* The Blessing

THE TRIUNE GOD, WHO WAS, WHO IS, AND WHO IS TO COME, SOVEREIGN, + SAVIOR, AND SPIRIT, LIGHT YOUR WAY WITH RESURRECTION DAWN, NOW AND ALWAYS.

(Sung) Amen. Amen.

* The Dismissal

ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

GO IN PEACE. IN CHRIST YOU ARE MADE NEW. ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

* The Sending Hymn

"In Christ There is No East or West"

No. 359

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First Reading: Acts 16:16-34 – Not Printed

Second Reading: Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

Gospel: John 17:20-26

[Jesus prayed:] ²⁰ "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹ that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²² The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, ²³ I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. ²⁴ Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

²⁵ "Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶ I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

June 8, 2025 readings are: Acts 2:1-21 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

Romans 8:14-17 John 14:8-27

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

May 31 - June 1, 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 loving memory of family and friends by Gerry Zeigler

IMPROVEMENT FUND DONATIONS are given to the Glory of God and

In loving memory of family & friends by John & Carol Dietrich

CURRENT FUND DONATIONS are given to the Glory of God and

In loving memory of her parents, Carl & Mary Koch and Aunt Bernice & Uncle George Althoff on May 22^{nd} for their wedding anniversary by John, Carol, Jeff and Johnny

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

In loving memory of Ralph Derr by Bob & Gail Jones

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.

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

Tuesday& Thursday: 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, June 1, 2025

9:00 The Service of Word & Sacrament

FRIDAY

9:00 Blessings Thrift Store

SATURDAY

6:00 Saturday Evening Worship

SUNDAY, June 8, 2025, Pentecost Sunday

9:00 The Service of Word & Sacrament

June Altar Flower and Bulletin sponsors are needed. Please sign up on the church bulletin board

Supporting Zion's Ministries

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

Received 5/25/25 in support of Zion Ministries:

From our gifts \$4,439.90 From Thrift Store \$0.00

From Endowment (other) \$0.00 From Culinary \$0.00

Received for Endowment: \$10.00 Received for Capital Campaign: \$2,232.51

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

From offering/gifts/memorials: \$56,958.58
From Thrift Store: \$2,899.31*
From Endowment: \$22,905.00
From Culinary: \$6,500.00

Year-to-date total for Zion's mission/ministries: \$89,262.89

* Thrift Store donates half of income to Outreach total income - \$5,798.62

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.

As of May 22, we have dropped our subscription to PhoneLive Stream. Too few people were using the service on a regular basis to allow it to be cost effective. We will continue to live stream all services and Wednesday Morning Prayer on our website and Facebook page.

Upcoming Events

June 6 – Blessings Thrift Sale
June 16-20 – Vacation Bible School

Zion's Blessings Thrift Shop is on Friday, June 6th 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!

In talking with the people John says in Luke 3:11 "Whoever has two tunics should share with him who has none, and whoever has food should do the same." This is a reminder that the People Pantry is being used heavily and in need of donations. While grocery shopping pick up an extra item to share with our less fortunate community neighbors. "Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7



Information for the Tamaqua Summer Blast Program for grades 1st through 6th is in the Gathering room. The program will be held at the Southward Playground from June until August, 11:00 am until 1:00 pm.



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!

