

Welcome!



*I still have
many things
to say to you*

JOHN 16:12

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

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

The Holy Trinity
June 15, 2025 ~ 9:00 am
The Liturgy of Word and Sacrament

"O Lord our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!" Today we celebrate the holy Trinity. Paul writes that through Jesus we have peace with God, whose love pours into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, giving us lasting hope. We celebrate the gracious One-in-Three, eternal Three-in-One, as we worship in community; as we share water and word, bread and wine; and as we bring God's love and hope to our neighbors.

**Congregation please stand*

The Pre-service Music

~ 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**

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

No. 165

*** 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:

Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

~The Word~

The First Lesson Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

In the Bible, wisdom is portrayed in terms sometimes human and sometimes divine. Often, wisdom is personified as feminine. In this passage, Woman Wisdom is depicted not only as the first creation of God, but also as God's helper, rejoicing in God's creation, especially in human beings.

(After the reading)

THE WORD OF THE LORD

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm 8 Tune *"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"* No.320

O Lord, our Lord, how excellent; In all the earth your name!

YOUR PRAISE REACHES UP TO THE HEAVENS; IT IS SUNG BY CHILDREN AND BABIES. YOU ARE SAFE AND SECURE FROM ALL YOUR ENEMIES; NO ONE OPPOSES YOU.

Your glory fills the firmament; The heav'ns your praise proclaim.

WHEN I LOOK AT THE HEAVENS, THE WORK OF YOUR FINGERS, THE MOON AND THE STARS WHICH YOU SET IN THEIR PLACES--WHAT ARE HUMAN BEINGS THAT YOU ARE MINDFUL OF US, MERE MORTALS THAT YOU CARE FOR US?

Your glory fills the firmament; The heav'ns your praise proclaim.

YET YOU HAVE CROWNED US WITH GLORY AND HONOR AND GIVEN US MASTERY OVER ALL THAT YOU MADE. SHEEP AND OXEN, BIRDS AND FISH, EVEN WILD ANIMALS AND THE CREATURES IN THE SEAS--YOU PLACED US OVER THEM ALL.

O Lord, our Lord, how excellent; In all the earth your name!

The Second Lesson Romans 5:1-5

Paul describes the life of faith with reference to God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. Even now, we have peace with God through Jesus, and our hope for the future is grounded in the love of God that we experience through Christ's 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. John 16:12-15**

Jesus' ongoing presence with the disciples will be made known through the coming Spirit who will guide them and communicate to them Jesus' will and glory.

(Before the Gospel)

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT JOHN THE 16TH 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**

"Come, Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove"

No. 475

~The Reception of New Members~

Introduction of New Members: Andrew Slick, Desiree Schuler, Izabella Schuler,
Zaidyn Schuler, Evan Slick, Jessica Thomas & Shawn Schuler

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**

DRAWN INTO THE EMBRACE OF THE HOLY TRINITY, WE LIFT OUR PRAYERS FOR THE WHOLENESS OF THE CHURCH, THE WORLD, AND ALL CREATION.

A brief silence.

ABIDING GOD, YOUR LOVE POURS INTO YOUR WHOLE CHURCH, CREATING FAITH AND BESTOWING HOPE. FILL ALL THE BAPTIZED WITH THESE GOOD GIFTS IN OUR VARIOUS CALLINGS. GATHER YOUR CHURCH IN EVERY PLACE AND EXPRESSION INTO THE UNITY OF YOUR SPIRIT. GOD OF GRACE,

hear our prayer.

CREATING GOD, YOUR NAME IS MAJESTIC IN ALL THE EARTH, AND WE ARE FILLED WITH AWE AT YOUR CREATION. RENEW THIS PLANET AND ALL ITS WONDERS: SPRINGS ABOUNDING WITH WATER, EARTH AND SOIL, BEASTS OF THE FIELD, BIRDS OF THE AIR, AND FISH OF THE SEA. GOD OF GRACE,

hear our prayer.

SOVEREIGN GOD, YOU DELIGHT IN THE WHOLE HUMAN RACE. ON THIS WEEK OF JUNETEENTH, BRING AN END TO RACIAL OPPRESSION AND HEAL THE WOUNDS OF RACIAL TRAUMA. GRANT US YOUR WISDOM, SO THAT ALL PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY THOSE IN AUTHORITY, WORK FOR THE LIFE AND FREEDOM OF OTHERS. GOD OF GRACE,

hear our prayer.

COMPASSIONATE GOD, YOUR MINDFUL CARE FOR US IS EVERLASTING. GIVE PEACE TO ALL WHO ARE TROUBLED, ENDURANCE TO ALL WHO SUFFER, DELIVERANCE TO ALL WHO ARE AFFLICTED, AND HEALING TO ALL WHO ARE SICK ESPECIALLY FORREST, MARGARET, STEVE, CHRISTINE, EDDIE, GEORGE, JAN, AND ALL OUR MEMBERS WHO ARE HOMEBOUND. GOD OF GRACE,

hear our prayer.

LIVING GOD, YOUR GLORY APPEARS IN OUR SHARED LIFE. ON THIS FATHER'S DAY, GIVE TO ALL FATHERS AND FATHER FIGURES GENTLE HEARTS AND STRONG SPIRITS, HEAL THE WOUNDS IN OUR FAMILIES, AND COMFORT THOSE FOR WHOM THIS DAY BRINGS PAIN. GOD OF GRACE,

hear our prayer.

ETERNAL GOD, YOUR HOPE DOES NOT DISAPPOINT. WE GIVE YOU THANKS FOR ALL WHO HAVE DIED IN THE HOPE OF THE RESURRECTION. HOLD US IN OUR GRIEF, AND BRING US AT LAST TO FULLNESS OF LIFE IN YOU. 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.

GATHER ALL OUR PRAYERS IN YOUR MERCY, O GOD, THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, OUR SAVIOR.

Amen.

*** The Peace of Christ**

THE PEACE OF THE LORD BE WITH YOU ALWAYS.

And also with you.

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| <p>~The Meal~</p> |
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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: 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**

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**

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

*** 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**

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: 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 Senior Choir Anthem “What Shall I Bring to the Lord?” – Lau

~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.

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

*** The Dismissal**

GO IN PEACE. LIVE BY THE SPIRIT.

Thanks be to God.

*** The Sending Hymn**

“This is My Father’s World”

No. 554

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First Reading: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 – Not Printed

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-5 – Not

Gospel: John 16:12-15 - [Jesus said,] ¹² “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³ When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵ All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

June 22, 2025 readings are:

Isaiah 65:1-9

Psalm 22:19-28

Galatians 3:23-29

Luke 8:26-39

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

June 14-15, 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

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God and

In loving memory of my father, James B. White Jr. by Pastor Cindy

FATHER'S DAY GIFTS are given to the Glory of God

In loving memory of his father, Rocker Fisher and her father, Warren Schaeffer by Robert Fisher

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!!

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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 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 15, 2025, *Father's Day*

9:00 The Service of Word & Sacrament

MONDAY

5:30 VBS

TUESDAY

5:30 VBS

WEDNESDAY

5:30 VBS

THURSDAY

5:30 VBS

FRIDAY

5:30 VBS

5:30 Diaper Depot Prep

SATURDAY

9:00 Diaper Depot Distribution

6:00 Saturday Evening Worship

SUNDAY, June 22, 2025

9:00 The Service of Word & Sacrament

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

The June Joyful Noise benefits the Tamaqua Library to support programs that the library has available to our community.

Upcoming Events

June 16-20 – Vacation Bible School

July 11 – Blessings Thrift Sale

Zion's Blessings Thrift Shop is on Friday, July 11th 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!

Please welcome our new members Andrew Slick, Desiree Schuler, Izabella Schuler, Zaidyn Schuler, Evan Slick, Jessica Thomas and Shawn Schuler. May they be blessed by their commitment to God and their participation in this faith family.



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!

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.



We would like to wish all fathers and father figures joining us today a Happy Father's Day! A gift is available for each of our fathers in the basket located in the gathering room. Please pick *one* gift *per* father, so that all our dads may enjoy receiving a gift.

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!

VBS

SNOWBALL MOUNTAIN CHALLENGE

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
101 N. Greenwood St. – Tamaqua, PA 18252

Dinner provided! June 16-20, 2025
5:30-8:30pm

Music, Crafts, Bible Explorations, & More!

Info & Online Registration:
ziontamaqua.mycokesburyvbs.com

I CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH HIM WHO STRENGTHENS ME

SNOWBALL MOUNTAIN CHALLENGE