

Welcome!



Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

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

The Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 22, 2025 ~ 9:00 am

The Liturgy of Word and Sacrament

This Sunday's texts paint startling pictures of the horrific nature of sin. The church's repeated celebration of holy communion counters that tragic reality in a continued showing forth of the death of Jesus until he comes again. It is a dramatic declaration of "how much God has done for you."

**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

"Gather Us In"

ELW No. 532

**Here in this place the new light is streaming, now is the darkness vanished away;
see in this space our fears and our dreamings brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken, gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken, we shall arise at the sound of our name.**

**We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry, we are the old who yearn for your face;
we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry, called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty, gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly, give us the courage to enter the song.**

**Here we will take the wine and the water, here we will take the bread of new birth,
here you shall call your sons and your daughters, call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion, give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.**

**Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away—
here in this place the new light is shining, now is the kingdom, and now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever, gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.**

*** 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:

**O Lord God, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us free
from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus
Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

~The Word~

The First Lesson Isaiah 65:1-9

The prophet announces God's impatience. The people's self-absorption is idolatry, and images of practices that displease God fill this reading. Like a vintner who crushes the grape to release the wine, God will use Israel's exile to establish a new community of the faithful.

(After the reading)

THE WORD OF THE LORD

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm 22:19-28 Tune "*As With Gladness Men of Old*" No.82

O LORD, DON'T STAY AWAY FROM ME! COME QUICKLY TO MY RESCUE!

I will praise you, Lord my God, With the celebrating throng.

“HE DOES NOT NEGLECT THE POOR OR IGNORE THEIR SUFFERING. HE DOES NOT TURN AWAY FROM THEM, BUT ANSWERS WHEN THEY CALL FOR HELP.”.

I will praise you, Lord my God, Join the grateful in their song.

THE POOR WILL EAT AS MUCH AS THEY WANT; THOSE WHO COME TO THE LORD WILL PRAISE HIM. MAY THEY PROSPER FOREVER

Let all nations join to sing, Praises to their gracious King!

The Second Lesson Galatians 3:23-29

For Paul, baptism is a powerful bond that unites people not only with God but with other believers. Those who call themselves children of God experience a transformation that removes prejudices of race, social class, or gender in favor of true unity in Christ.

(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. Luke 8:26-39**

Jesus' mission includes foreigners and his authority extends to the casting out of demons. Some who witness Jesus' work are seized with confusion and fear, but the man who was healed is commissioned to give testimony to God's mercy and power.

(Before the Gospel)

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT LUKE THE 8TH 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 “Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God”**

WOV No. 783

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia.**

**Ask and it shall be given unto you; seek and you shall find;
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia.**

**We do not live by bread alone, but by ev'ry word
That proceeds from the mouth of God. Allelu, alleluia.**

*** 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**

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.

WE PRAY FOR THE CHURCH. CLOTHE US IN CHRIST, SHOWER US IN MERCY, SEND US IN LOVE. STRENGTHEN THE FAITH AND WITNESS OF CHRISTIANS ACROSS THE PLANET AND CHRISTIANS IN OUR COMMUNITY. GOD OF GRACE,

hear our prayer.

WE PRAY FOR CREATION. DELIVER THE EARTH FROM DISASTER, BRING FORTH LIFE AMID UNCERTAINTY, INSPIRE WONDER AT ALL YOU HAVE MADE. SUSTAIN ALL PEOPLE WHO DELIGHT IN THE WELL-BEING OF YOUR CREATION: FARMERS, AGRICULTURAL WORKERS, GARDENERS, BIRDPWATCHERS, CONSERVATIONISTS, SCIENTISTS, ADVOCATES, AND POLICY MAKERS. GOD OF GRACE,

hear our prayer.

WE PRAY FOR THE NATIONS. PAVE A WAY TO JUSTICE, DROWN THE FORCES OF OPPRESSION, BRING PEACE ON EARTH. GIVE LEADERS THE WILL TO TURN FROM WAR AND VIOLENCE. WHEN PEOPLE MUST FLEE THEIR HOMES, GUIDE THEM TO SAFETY. GOD OF GRACE,

hear our prayer.

WE PRAY FOR PEOPLE IN NEED. SATISFY ALL WHO ARE POOR, SOOTHE THOSE IN PAIN, ACCOMPANY ALL WHO ARE SICK ESPECIALLY FORREST, MARGARET, STEVE, CHRISTINE, EDDIE, GEORGE, JAN, AND ALL OUR MEMBERS WHO ARE HOMEBOUND. GIVE PERSEVERANCE TO EACH OF US LIVING WITH MENTAL ILLNESS, AND SHIELD US FROM DISCRIMINATION DUE TO RACE, CLASS, GENDER, OR ANY OTHER HUMAN DISTINCTION. GOD OF GRACE,

hear our prayer.

WE PRAY FOR THIS ASSEMBLY. LISTEN TO OUR CRIES, COME TO OUR AID, MAKE US ONE. WEAVE AMONG US THE FABRIC OF BELONGING SO THAT WE REJOICE IN EACH PERSON GATHERED HERE, AND ENLIVEN OUR PROCLAMATION OF HOW MUCH YOU HAVE DONE FOR US. GOD OF GRACE,

hear our prayer.

WE OFFER OUR THANKSGIVING FOR ALL PEOPLE WHO HAVE DIED IN FAITH. KEEP THEM IN YOUR PEACE, COMFORT US IN SORROW, RAISE US TO NEW LIFE. AS WE REMEMBER THEIR FAITH AND WITNESS, MAY WE TRUST YOUR PROMISE THAT WE ARE YOURS FOREVER. 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.

~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: 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 “*Shepherd of My Life*” – Martin

~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

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

WOV No. 771

**Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with thee;
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
As thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.**

(Refrain) **Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning, new mercies I see;
All I have needed thy hand hath provided;
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

**Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. *(Refrain)***

**Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *(Refrain)***

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June 29, 2025 readings are:

Acts 12:1-11
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18

Psalm 87:1-3, 5-7
John 21:15-19

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

June 21-22, 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 honor of our second wedding anniversary by Mr. and Mrs. Jay Hollenbach Sr.

THE BULLETINS are given to the Glory of God and

In loving memory of his mother, Gayle Hadesty on her birthday June 27th by David and Ann Marie

Hadesty and family

HELPING HAND FUND DONATIONS are given to the Glory of God and

In loving memory of the June 18th birthday of Charles "Chunky" Schissler by Marlene & Barry

McLaughlin & sons

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 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 22, 2025

9:00 The Service of Word & Sacrament

MONDAY

5:45 Property Meeting

6:30 Council Meeting

SATURDAY

6:00 Saturday Evening Worship

SUNDAY, June 29, 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**

Supporting Zion's Ministries

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

Received 6/15/25 in support of Zion Ministries:

From our gifts \$0.00

From Thrift Store \$0.00

From Endowment (other) \$0.00

From Culinary \$0.00

Received for Endowment: \$0.00

Received for Capital Campaign: \$0.00

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

From offering/gifts/memorials: \$59,580.56

From Thrift Store: \$2,899.31*

From Endowment: \$22,905.00

From Culinary: \$9,800.00

Year-to-date total for Zion's mission/ministries: \$95,184.87

* 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.

Upcoming Events

July 11 & August 1 – Blessings Thrift Shop

July 17 & August 7 – Hoagie Sale

August 18 – Newsletter Deadline

August 20 – Peach Social

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!

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 19th 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!

The Church office will be closed Thursday, July 3rd in Observance of Independence Day. Have a safe Holiday!





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!

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



Bear Creek Camp information is available in the Gathering Room. More information is available on their website at bearcreekcamp.org. Funds are available for those wanting to attend through our "campership fund".