

Welcome!



Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

101 N. Greenwood Street, Tamaqua, PA 18252
(570) 668-2180 - Email: zionlcof@verizon.net

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

Peter and Paul, Apostles
June 29, 2025 ~ 9:00 am
The Liturgy of Word and Sacrament

Today we celebrate two great figures of the early church, Peter and Paul, who represent the spread of the gospel to both Jews and Gentiles and, according to tradition, were martyred on this date. The witness of Peter and Paul inspires us as we seek ways to faithfully proclaim the gospel in our contemporary context.

**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**

“For All Your Saints, O Lord”

No. 176

*** 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 God, we praise you that your blessed apostles Peter and Paul glorified you by their martyrdoms. Grant that your church throughout the world may always be instructed by their teaching and example, be knit together in unity by your Spirit, and ever stand firm upon the one foundation who is Jesus Christ our Lord, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

~The Word~

The First Lesson Acts 12:1-11

King Herod had James killed and had Peter put in prison, under heavy guard. In what Peter first believes is only a vision, an angel leads him past unseeing guards, out of the prison, and to freedom.

(After the reading)

THE WORD OF THE LORD

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm 87:1-3, 5-7 Tune "*Glories of Your Name are Spoken*" No. 358

ZION WAS BUILT BY THE LORD ON THE HOLY MOUNTAIN, AND HE LOVES THAT CITY MORE THAN ANY OTHER PLACE IN ALL OF ISRAEL.

**Glories of your name are spoken,
Zion, city of our God.**

EGYPT, BABYLON, PHILISTIA, PHOENICIA, AND ETHIOPIA ARE SOME OF THOSE NATIONS THAT KNOW YOU, AND THEIR PEOPLE ALL SAY, "I WAS BORN IN ZION."

**He whose word cannot be broken
Formed you for his own abode.**

GOD MOST HIGH WILL STRENGTHEN THE CITY OF ZION. THEN EVERYONE WILL SAY, "WE WERE BORN THERE TOO."

**On the Rock of Ages founded,
What can shake your sure repose?**

THE LORD WILL MAKE A LIST OF HIS PEOPLE, AND ALL WHO WERE BORN HERE WILL BE INCLUDED. ALL WHO SING OR DANCE WILL SAY, "I TOO AM FROM ZION."

**With salvation's walls surrounded,
You may smile at all your foes.**

The Second Lesson 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18

Paul has faithfully persevered in the mission the Lord had given to him. Near life's end he rests in the promise of eternal life, confident that the Lord who has rescued him in the past will bring him into the heavenly kingdom.

(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 21:15-19**

Jesus invites Simon Peter to declare his love for him three times, in a manner reminiscent of the three times that Peter earlier denied Christ. Jesus commissions him to feed his sheep and predicts that he will die as a martyr for God.

(Before the Gospel)

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT JOHN THE 21ST CHAPTER:

(Spoken) **Glory to you, O Lord.**

(After the Gospel)

THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD

(Spoken) **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Sermon

Pastor Scott Lingenfelter

***The Hymn of the Day**

“My Country, 'Tis of Thee”

No. 566

*** 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. AS YOU RAISED UP APOSTLES LIKE PETER AND PAUL, RAISE US UP TO SHARE YOUR LIFE-GIVING GOSPEL. ENRICH THE PROCLAMATION OF BISHOPS, PASTORS, DEACONS, AND ALL THE BAPTIZED. GOD OF GRACE,

hear our prayer.

WE PRAY FOR THE EARTH. AS YOU RESCUED PAUL FROM THE LION'S MOUTH, RESCUE YOUR CREATION FROM HARM. SUSTAIN FRAGILE ECOSYSTEMS; WATCH OVER DWINDLING NUMBERS OF INSECTS, BIRDS, AND FISH; AND OPEN OUR HEARTS TO REGARD THIS EARTH AS A GIFT. GOD OF GRACE,

hear our prayer.

WE PRAY FOR THE NATIONS. AS YOU BID PETER TO FEED YOUR SHEEP, BID OUR LEADERS TO FEED ALL IN NEED AND WORK FOR THEIR GOOD. MAKE PEACE IN PLACES OF CONFLICT, AND BRING JUSTICE TO EACH COMMUNITY. GOD OF GRACE,

hear our prayer.

WE PRAY FOR ALL WHO SUFFER. AS YOU STOOD BY PAUL AND GAVE HIM STRENGTH, STAND BY ALL WHO KNOW LONELINESS, AND GIVE STRENGTH TO ALL WHO KNOW PERSECUTION. COMFORT THOSE IN GRIEF AND HEAL THOSE WHO ARE SICK ESPECIALLY FORREST, MARGARET, STEVE, CHRISTINE, EDDIE, GEORGE, JAN, AND ALL OUR MEMBERS WHO ARE HOMEBOUND. CHANNEL OUR RESTLESSNESS INTO YOUR WORK IN THE WORLD. GOD OF GRACE,

hear our prayer.

WE PRAY FOR THIS ASSEMBLY. AS YOU FREED PETER FROM PRISON, FREE US FROM LETHARGY AND FEAR. LOOSE THE CHAINS OF TIMIDITY AND DOUBT, AND TEACH US TO PRAY FERVENTLY. STRENGTHEN THE MINISTRY OF PRISON CHAPLAINS AND MINISTRIES, AND ACCOMPANY ALL WHO ARE INCARCERATED AND THEIR FAMILIES. GOD OF GRACE,

hear our prayer.

WE GIVE THANKS FOR ALL WHO REST IN YOUR ETERNAL MERCY. AS YOU RESERVED A CROWN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS FOR PAUL, RESERVE FOR US A PLACE IN YOUR HEAVENLY KINGDOM, AND BRING US TO LIFE THAT KNOWS NO END. 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 “I Love You, Lord” – Klein

~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.**

O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,
for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain:
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.

O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,
who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life:
America! America! May God thy gold refine, till all success be
nobleness, and ev'ry gain divine.

O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years
thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears:
America! America! God mend thine ev'ry flaw,
confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Liturgical material reprinted from: SUNDAYSANDSEASONS.COM Copyright 2024 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. Reprinted by permission under Augsburg Fortress Liturgies Annual License #24607. License sponsored July 2023 to July 2024 by Bill and Marianne Jones; In honor and memory of loved ones by Jon and Deb Davies and family; In honor of loved ones by Robert Fisher ONELICENSE #A-708066 (for sung portions of the liturgy not covered by the Augsburg Fortress License) sponsored in 2024 by Art and Sharon Connely, in loving memory of Arthur and Betty Connely

First Reading: Acts 12:1-11 – Not Printed

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18 – Not Printed

Gospel: John 21:15-19 - ¹⁵ When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my lambs.” ¹⁶ A second time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Tend my sheep.” ¹⁷ He said to him the third time, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” And he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. ¹⁸ Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.” ¹⁹ (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, “Follow me.”

July 6, 2025 readings are:

Isaiah 66:10-14

Psalm 66:1-9

Galatians 6:1-16

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

June 28-29, 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 Thanksgiving for a fun and spirit filled Vacation Bible School by Pastor Cindy

CURRENT FUND DONATIONS are given to the Glory of God and

In honor of family and friends by John, Carol, Jeff and Johnny

In loving memory of our father's, Carl W. Koch Sr. & Leo Dietrich on Father's Day by John & Carol Dietrich

In loving memory of Ralph Derr by Sandy Scott

ORGAN FUND DONATIONS are given to the Glory of God and

In honor of all 2025 graduates by John & Carol Dietrich and family

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 29, 2025

9:00 The Service of Word & Sacrament

MONDAY

5:45 Property Meeting

6:30 Council Meeting

SATURDAY

6:00 Saturday Evening Worship

SUNDAY, July 6, 2025

9:00 The Service of Word & Sacrament

**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 6/22/25 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".