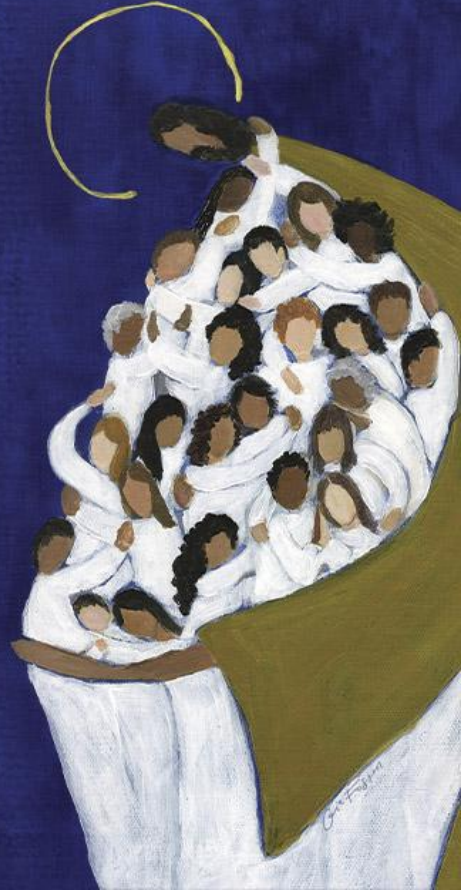


Welcome!

**Because
I live,
you also
will live**

JOHN 14:19



Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

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

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2026 ~ 9:00 am

The Liturgy of Word and Sacrament

Jesus does not abandon his followers. Through the Holy Spirit, Jesus comes to abide with his disciples of every generation. As Pentecost draws near, we are reminded that the risen Christ dwells in us as the Spirit of truth. We receive this Spirit in baptism and pray that in our gathering around the Lord's table the Spirit will transform us to be the body of the risen Christ in the world.

**Congregation please stand*

The Pre-service Music

~ The Gathering ~

* The Thanksgiving for Baptism

ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN.

Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

SALVATION BELONGS TO OUR GOD WHO IS SEATED ON THE THRONE AND TO THE LAMB!

Amen.

LET US GIVE THANKS FOR THE GIFTS OF BAPTISM. MERCIFUL GOD, YOU ARE THE ONE WHO WAS, WHO IS, AND WHO IS TO COME. YOU LEAD US BESIDE STILL WATERS. WE THANK YOU FOR THE WATERS OF CREATION: MORNING DEW, GENTLE RAIN, ROARING WAVES. WE THANK YOU FOR THE WATERS THAT NOURISH US. BLESSED ARE YOU.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

JESUS CHRIST, YOU ARE THE FAITHFUL WITNESS WHO ACCOMPANIES US ON OUR JOURNEYS. WE GIVE YOU THANKS FOR YOUR LIFE-GIVING DEATH AND RESURRECTION. WE PRAISE YOU FOR JOINING US IN JOY AND SORROW. BLESSED ARE YOU.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

HOLY SPIRIT, YOU ANOINT OUR HEAD WITH OIL AND OUR CUP OVERFLOWS. BREAK DOWN BARRIERS THAT DIVIDE US. FILL US WITH THE BREATH OF PEACE. BLESSED ARE YOU.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

HOLY ONE, WE THANK YOU FOR THE GIFTS AND GRACE OF BAPTISM, AND FOR MAKING US A NEW CREATION. WE JOIN WITH SAINTS AND ANGELS, GIVING YOU HONOR AND PRAISE, NOW AND FOREVER.

Amen.

* The Gathering Hymn

“Look, the Sight is Glorious!”

No. 156

* 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 forever.** *(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 and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

~The Word~

The First Lesson Acts 17:22-31

In Athens, Paul faces the challenge of proclaiming the gospel to Greeks who know nothing of either Jewish or Christian tradition. He proclaims that the "unknown god" whom they worship is the true Lord of heaven and earth who will judge the world with justice through Jesus, whom God has raised from the dead..

(After the reading)

THE WORD OF THE LORD

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm 66:8-20 Tune "*Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!*" No. 147

To the Lord all voices raise; Sing the glory of his name.

O GOD, YOU HAVE TESTED US AS SILVER IS PURIFIED BY FIRE. WHEN WE WERE ENTRAPPED AND BURDENED, TRAMPLED AND TESTED, YOU BROUGHT US TO A PLACE OF SAFETY.

With great joy proclaim God's praise; Tell abroad his glorious fame.

I WILL BRING BURNT OFFERINGS TO YOUR HOUSE, O GOD. I WILL OFFER YOU EVERYTHING I PROMISED WHEN I WAS IN TROUBLE.

Shout aloud God's loving deeds For his servants in their needs.

LISTEN TO WHAT GOD HAS DONE FOR ME: I CRIED TO HIM FOR HELP; I PRAISED HIM WITH SONGS.

To the Lord all voices raise; Sing the glory of his name.

IF I HAD CHERISHED INIQUITY IN MY HEART, THE LORD WOULD NOT HAVE LISTENED. BUT GOD DID LISTEN; HE GAVE HEED TO THE WORDS OF MY PRAYER.

With great joy proclaim God's praise; Tell abroad his glorious fame.

BLESSED BE GOD, BECAUSE HE HAS NOT REJECTED MY PRAYER, OR REMOVED HIS STEADFAST LOVE FROM ME!

Shout aloud God's loving deeds For his servants in their needs.

The Second Lesson 1 Peter 3:13-22

The author of 1 Peter encourages Christians to remain faithful even in the face of defamation and persecution. In baptism we are made clean to act in accordance with what is right.

(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 14:15-21

In final words to his disciples on the night of his arrest, Jesus encourages obedience to his commandments and speaks of the Spirit, who will be with them forever.

(Before the Gospel)

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT JOHN THE 14TH 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**

“My God, How Wonderful Thou Art”

No. 524

* **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 Recognition of Senior Graduate/ Senior Acolyte

ALL-WISE AND LOVING GOD, WE GIVE THANKS FOR YOUR GIFTS TO US: FOR CREATING US, FOR SAVING US IN CHRIST, FOR CALLING US IN BAPTISM AS YOUR PEOPLE. LOOK WITH LOVE ON THIS GRADUATE AND BLESS HIM AS HE COMPLETES THIS SEASON OF HIS STUDIES. BY YOUR SPIRIT, HELP HIM TO USE HIS GIFTS FOR YOUR GLORY AND FOR THE GOOD OF ALL PEOPLE. IN YOUR LOVING KINDNESS, GUIDE HIM IN HIS JOURNEY. WE ASK THESE BLESSINGS THROUGH CHRIST OUR LORD.

Amen.

O GOD, YOU HAVE CALLED YOUR SERVANTS TO VENTURES OF WHICH WE CANNOT SEE THE ENDING, BY PATHS AS YET UNTRODDEN, THROUGH PERILS UNKNOWN. GIVE US FAITH TO GO OUT WITH GOOD COURAGE, NOT KNOWING WHERE WE GO, BUT ONLY THAT YOUR HAND IS LEADING US AND YOUR LOVE SUPPORTING US, THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD.

Amen.

* **The Prayers of Intercession**

TRUSTING IN THE POWER OF CHRIST'S RESURRECTION TO HEAL AND REDEEM OUR BROKEN WORLD, LET US PRAY FOR THE NEEDS OF ALL CREATION.

A brief silence.

GOD OF NEW LIFE, YOU CALL US THROUGH THE WATERS OF BAPTISM TO BE IN RELATIONSHIP WITH YOU AND ONE ANOTHER. GUIDE THE CHURCH AND ITS LEADERS TO PROCLAIM CHRIST'S RIGHTEOUSNESS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. MERCIFUL GOD,

receive our prayer.

YOU CREATE THE WORLD AND ALL THAT IS IN IT. SHELTER BUDDING PLANTS AND YOUNG ANIMALS, PROVIDE UNPOLLUTED HABITATS AND CLEAN WATER, AND RAISE UP STEWARDS FOR THE ENVIRONMENT. MERCIFUL GOD,

receive our prayer.

YOU SET CIVIL SERVANTS IN THE PLACES WHERE WE LIVE. INSTILL TRUTH AND EQUITY AMONG JUDGES AND LAWYERS, GENTLENESS AND COURAGE AMONG FIRST RESPONDERS, AND PEACE AMONG LEADERS OF TOWNS AND NATIONS. MERCIFUL GOD,

receive our prayer.

YOU PROVIDE COMFORT IN TIMES OF TROUBLE. HEAL THOSE WHO ARE SICK, SHELTER ANY WHO ARE UNHOUSED, FEED THOSE UNDERNOURISHED, AND ACCOMPANY AND CONSOLE ALL WHO ARE LONELY, BEREAVED, ANXIOUS, OR ILL SICK ESPECIALLY ELLS, IRENE, SANDY, GARY, BETTY, WALTER, FORREST, STEVE, CHRISTINE, EDDIE, GEORGE, AND ALL OUR MEMBERS WHO ARE HOMEBOUND. MERCIFUL GOD,

receive our prayer.

YOU ARE LOVE AND YOU DESIRE THAT WE LOVE ONE ANOTHER. AS A MOTHER HEN CARES FOR HER CHICKS, BLESS ALL WHO PROVIDE MOTHERLY CARE IN OUR LIVES, AND INSPIRE US TO CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER. MERCIFUL GOD,

receive our prayer.

GOD OF NEW LIFE, YOUR STEADFAST LOVE ENDURES FOREVER. INSPIRE US BY THE EXAMPLE OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED, WHO CLUNG TO YOUR PROMISES OF LIFE, FORGIVENESS OF SINS, AND SALVATION. MERCIFUL GOD,

receive 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. MERCIFUL GOD,

receive our prayer.

GOD OF RESURRECTION POWER, USE US AND THESE PRAYERS TO PROCLAIM THE GOOD NEWS OF NEW LIFE TO ALL THE WORLD, THROUGH 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)**

*Moved by the Holy Spirit,
we share our gifts by
scanning the QR code.*

* The Offertory Prayer

LET US PRAY: MERCIFUL GOD, ACCEPT THE FRUITS OF OUR LABOR, GATHERED TO GIVE YOU GLORY. YOU HAVE SET A TABLE BEFORE US, A GLIMPSE OF THAT GREAT DAY WHEN WE WILL HUNGER AND THIRST NO MORE. NOURISH US WITH THE BODY AND BLOOD OF JESUS, THAT GOODNESS AND MERCY MAY FOLLOW US AND BLESS THE WORLD YOU LOVE. IN THE NAME OF JESUS,

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 NEW LIFE. RECEIVE THE RISEN LORD.

*** 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: HOLY ONE, THROUGH THIS MEAL YOU HAVE MADE YOUR HOME AMONG US AND ARE MAKING ALL THINGS NEW. SEND US NOW TO SPEAK PEACE TO ANXIOUS HEARTS, TO LOVE OUR ENEMIES, AND TO BRING YOUR HEALING TO THE NATIONS. IN THE NAME OF JESUS,

Amen.

The Senior Choir Anthem “Servants of Christ” – Shafer

~The Sending~

*** The Benediction**

GOD ALMIGHTY, WHO IS THE BEGINNING AND THE END, JESUS CHRIST, THE FIRSTBORN OF THE DEAD, AND THE SPIRIT, OUR ADVOCATE AND PEACE, † BLESS YOU NOW AND FOREVER.

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

*** The Sending**

GO IN PEACE. PRAISE THE LORD. ALLELUIA!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

*** The Sending Hymn**

“O Zion, Haste”

No. 397

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First Reading: Acts 17:22-31 – Not Printed

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:13-22 - ¹³Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you, ¹⁶yet do it with gentleness and respect. Maintain a good conscience so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God’s will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight lives, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Gospel: John 14:15-21 - [Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

¹⁸“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

May 17, 2026 readings are:

Acts 1:6-14

Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

John 17:1-11

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

May 9-10, 2026

**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 Bob and Gertrude Fritzingler by Glenn and Lorie Fritzingler

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God and

In loving memory of my mother, Arbutus "Beauty" White- Hargis by Pastor

THE MOTHERS DAY FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God and

In loving memory of his mother, Kathleen Valentine and her mother, Mary Dakes by Mr. and Mrs. Mark Valentine

THE BULLETINS are given to the Glory of God and

In loving memory of our mothers, Nancy Titus and Gladys Krell by Lori and Bill Krell

Please remember the following in your prayers: Ells Davis, Irene Pecha, Sandy Mehalko, Gary Schrepple, Betty Ann Waidell, Walter Weston, Forrest, Steve Ristila, Christine Zimmerman, Eddie Smith, George Weaver, 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 zioncof@verizon.net

Parish website is www.ziontamaqua.com

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

Tuesday & Thursday: 8:00 am - 1:00 pm

Zion's 2026 Church Council officers: Brian Lawfer, President, Amanda Hascin, Vice President, Shelly Woodring, Secretary, Dave Gensure, Treasurer, and Ann Marie Hadesty, Financial Secretary. Other members of Council include Sheri Beltz, Brian Constenbader, Arlene Derr, Laura Fulmer, Thomas Graham (Youth Advocate), George Taylor, Michelle Valentine, and Brittany Voelpel; 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, May 10, 2026, *Mother's Day*

9:00 The Service of Word & Sacrament / Graduate/ Acolyte
Recognition
10:15 Christian Education
11:00 Confirmation Class

THURSDAY

11:00 Hoagie Sale

FRIDAY

5:30 Diaper Depot Prep

SATURDAY

9:00 Diaper Depot Distribution
6:00 Saturday Evening Worship

SUNDAY, May 17, 2026

9:00 The Service of Word & Sacrament
10:15 Christian Education
11:00 Confirmation Class

Supporting Zion's Ministries

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

Received 5/3/26 in support of Zion Ministries:

From our gifts	\$3,051.97
From Thrift Store	\$792.42
From Endowment (other)	\$0.00
From Culinary	\$0.00
Received for Endowment:	\$150.00
Received for Capital Campaign:	\$573.08

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

From offering/gifts/memorials:	\$52,195.00
From Thrift Store:	\$3,491.82*
From Endowment:	\$20,812.00
From Culinary:	\$8,750.00

Year-to-date total for Zion's mission/ministries: \$85,248.82

* Thrift Store donates half of income to Outreach total income - \$6,983.64

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.

Altar Flower sponsors are needed for May 17 & 31.

A bulletin sponsor is needed for May 24th.

Please sign up on the church bulletin board.

GIFTS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

CURRENT FUND DONATIONS are given to the *Glory of God* and

In loving memory of Pastor Fred Crawford by John & Carol Dietrich & family

In loving memory of "Dolly" Christ by John & Carol Dietrich and family

In loving memory of Jan McRoberts by William and Judy Bostdorff

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In loving memory of Dorothy "Dolly" Christ by O'Brien's Moving and Storage

In loving memory of Dorothy Christ by Shafer's Pharmacy

In loving memory of Dolly Christ by Lynn Kanahan

Upcoming Events

May 14 – Hoagie Sale

June 5 – Blessings Thrift Sale

June 22-26 – Vacation Bible School

Zion's Blessings Thrift Shop sale is on Friday, June 5th 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. **PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE DONATIONS OUTSIDE BY THE HANDICAP ENTRANCE.** Thank you all for your continued support!

Hoagie Sale - The Culinary Team is holding a hoagie sale; Regular Hoagies are \$8 each. Pick up is on Thursday, May 14th from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm. Order by May 10th, at <https://www.ziontamaqua.com> or by calling 570-668-4451. Thank you for your support!!

The tree display that is hanging on the wall in the gathering room is for our capital campaign donations. If you have contributed or pledged \$1,000.00 or more to the capital campaign fund you can have a leaf placed on the tree, if you wish. Sandy Mehalko will need to know how you would like your leaf engraved. Please contact Sandy for more information. She would like to ask Chris Henritz to have the new ones inscribed in early June, so let her know by the end of May if you are interested in getting a leaf.

Blessings Thrift Update – Due to the success of recent sales, we are now able to accept summer clothing and other seasonal items. Especially needed is clothing for infants, children, women and men along with sandals and sneakers. We are also looking for seasonal items such as folding chairs. Lawn games, beach towels, coolers, etc. We ask that donations are gently used and in good condition. We are not accepting winter items at this time. Please call the church office at 570-668-2180 to leave your contact information and your call will be returned. Thank you for supporting Blessings Thrift. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

Mother's Day

We would like to wish all mothers a Happy Mother's Day! Flowers will be distributed at the end of the service today along with our best wishes to mothers, grandmothers, aunts, and all mother figures on this special day.

Vacation Bible School is Coming! Join us for an exciting week of faith, fun, and friendship at VBS! June 22–26 from 5:30–8:30 PM Meal Provided 5:30–6:00 PM, For PreK–5th Grade. Enjoy a fun-filled week with Bible Explorations, Games, Crafts, Missions, Music & More. Each evening is packed with energy, creativity, and meaningful moments as kids grow in faith and build lasting friendships. All are welcome! Bring a friend and come ready for fun! Register Your Child Online at: ziontamaqua.mycokesburyvbs.com Looking to Volunteer at VBS? There's a registration for you too! Simply click the Volunteer Registration on the website!

Friendly Reminder to Our Church Family and Guests, To help ensure that everyone can safely access our church, we kindly ask that you do not park in the designated handicapped loading and unloading zone during church services or events. The ramp connecting the street to the sidewalk must remain clear at all times for those who rely on it. Keeping this area open allows all members and visitors—especially those with mobility needs—to enter and exit Zion with ease and dignity. Your consideration makes a meaningful difference in creating a welcoming and accessible environment for everyone. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Zion Property Committee



Zion salutes our 2026 graduate

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” Jeremiah 29:1

Thomas Graham is graduating from Tamaqua Area High School. He is the son of Jaime and Michael Graham. Thomas will attend the University of Pittsburgh, Johnstown, majoring in mechanical engineering. During his time at Zion, Thomas has been an acolyte and VBS helper. He played his trumpet for special events and served as the Youth Advocate on church council for two years. He's been a worker at Blessing Thrift Sales and has helped organize Easter egg hunts.