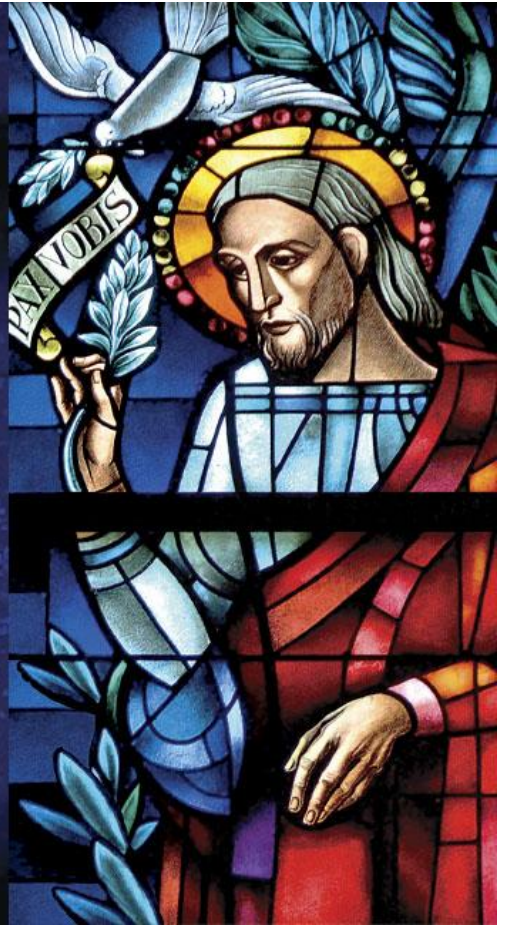


Welcome!

Peace

I LEAVE
WITH YOU

JOHN 14:27



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

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 25, 2025 ~ 9:00 am

The Liturgy of Word and Sacrament

Visions abound in the readings for the sixth Sunday of Easter. Paul has a vision about what to do. John has a vision of what will be. Jesus provides visions of peace that surpasses human understanding and power beyond human imagination.

**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**

“Before You, Lord We Bow”

No. 401

*** 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 Order for Holy Baptism

IN HOLY BAPTISM OUR GRACIOUS HEAVENLY FATHER LIBERATES US FROM SIN AND DEATH BY JOINING US TO THE DEATH AND RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST. WE ARE BORN CHILDREN OF A FALLEN HUMANITY; IN THE WATERS OF BAPTISM WE ARE REBORN CHILDREN OF GOD AND INHERITORS OF ETERNAL LIFE.

BY WATER AND THE HOLY SPIRIT WE ARE MADE MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH WHICH IS THE BODY OF CHRIST. AS WE LIVE WITH HIM AND HIS PEOPLE, WE GROW IN FAITH, LOVE, AND OBEDIENCE TO THE WILL OF GOD.

(Sponsors) **I present Abigail Jean Smith to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.**

IN CHRISTIAN LOVE YOU HAVE PRESENTED THIS CHILD FOR HOLY BAPTISM. YOU SHOULD, THEREFORE, FAITHFULLY BRING HER TO THE SERVICES OF GOD'S HOUSE, AND TEACH HER THE LORD'S PRAYER, THE CREED, AND THE TEN COMMANDMENTS. AS SHE GROWS IN YEARS, YOU SHOULD PLACE IN HER HANDS THE HOLY SCRIPTURES AND PROVIDE FOR HER INSTRUCTION IN THE CHRISTIAN FAITH, THAT, LIVING IN THE COVENANT OF HER BAPTISM AND IN COMMUNION WITH THE CHURCH, SHE MAY LEAD A GODLY LIFE UNTIL THE DAY OF JESUS CHRIST,

DO YOU PROMISE TO FULFILL THESE OBLIGATIONS?

(Parents & Sponsors Respond) **I do.**

THE LORD BE WITH YOU.

And also with you.

LET US GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD OUR GOD.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

HOLY GOD, MIGHTY LORD, GRACIOUS FATHER: WE GIVE YOU THANKS, FOR IN THE BEGINNING YOUR SPIRIT MOVED OVER THE WATERS AND YOU CREATED HEAVEN AND EARTH. BY THE GIFT OF WATER YOU NOURISH AND SUSTAIN US AND ALL LIVING THINGS.

BY THE WATERS OF THE FLOOD YOU CONDEMNED THE WICKED AND SAVED THOSE WHOM YOU HAD CHOSEN, NOAH AND HIS FAMILY. YOU LED ISRAEL BY THE PILLAR OF CLOUDS AND FIRE THROUGH THE SEA, OUT OF SLAVERY INTO THE FREEDOM OF THE PROMISED LAND. IN THE WATERS OF THE JORDAN YOUR SON WAS BAPTIZED BY JOHN AND ANOINTED WITH THE SPIRIT.

BY THE BAPTISM OF HIS OWN DEATH AND RESURRECTION YOUR BELOVED SON HAS SET US FREE FROM THE BONDAGE OF SIN AND DEATH, AND HAS OPENED THE WAY TO THE JOY AND FREEDOM OF EVERLASTING LIFE. HE MADE WATER A SIGN OF THE KINGDOM AND OF CLEANSING AND REBIRTH. IN OBEDIENCE TO HIS COMMAND, WE MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS, BAPTIZING THEM IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

POUR OUT YOUR HOLY SPIRIT, SO THAT THIS CHILD WHO IS HERE BAPTIZED MAY BE GIVEN NEW LIFE. WASH AWAY THE SIN OF THIS CHILD WHO IS CLEANSED BY THIS WATER AND BRING HER FORTH AS AN INHERITOR OF YOUR GLORIOUS KINGDOM.

TO YOU BE GIVEN PRAISE AND HONOR AND WORSHIP THROUGH YOUR SON, JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD, IN THE UNITY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, NOW AND FOREVER.

Amen.

I ASK YOU TO PROFESS YOUR FAITH IN CHRIST JESUS, REJECT SIN, AND CONFESS THE FAITH OF THE CHURCH, THE FAITH IN WHICH WE BAPTIZE.

DO YOU RENOUNCE ALL THE FORCES OF EVIL, THE DEVIL, AND ALL HIS EMPTY PROMISES?

(Parents & Sponsors Respond) **I do.**

DO YOU BELIEVE IN GOD THE FATHER?

(All) I believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

DO YOU BELIEVE IN JESUS CHRIST, THE SON OF GOD?

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.

DO YOU BELIEVE IN GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT?

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.

ABIGAIL JEAN, I BAPTIZE YOU IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

Amen.

GOD, THE FATHER OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, WE GIVE YOU THANKS FOR FREEING YOUR SONS AND DAUGHTERS FROM THE POWER OF SIN AND FOR RAISING THEM UP TO A NEW LIFE THROUGH THIS HOLY SACRAMENT. POUR OUT YOUR HOLY SPIRIT UPON ABIGAIL JEAN, THE SPIRIT OF WISDOM AND UNDERSTANDING, THE SPIRIT OF COUNSEL AND MIGHT, THE SPIRIT OF KNOWLEDGE AND THE FEAR OF THE LORD, THE SPIRIT OF JOY IN YOUR PRESENCE.

Amen.

ABIGAIL JEAN, CHILD OF GOD, YOU HAVE BEEN SEALED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT AND MARKED WITH THE CROSS OF CHRIST FOREVER.

Amen.

(CONGREGATION REP.) LET YOUR LIGHT SO SHINE BEFORE OTHERS THAT THEY MAY SEE YOUR GOOD WORKS AND GLORIFY YOUR FATHER IN HEAVEN.

O GOD, THE GIVER OF ALL LIFE, LOOK WITH KINDNESS UPON THE FAMILY OF THIS CHILD. LET THEM EVER REJOICE IN THE GIFT YOU HAVE GIVEN THEM. MAKE THEM TEACHERS AND EXAMPLES OF RIGHTEOUSNESS FOR HER. STRENGTHEN THEM IN THEIR OWN BAPTISM SO THEY MAY SHARE ETERNALLY WITH HER THE SALVATION YOU HAVE GIVEN THEM, THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD.

Amen.

(CONGREGATION REP.) THROUGH BAPTISM GOD HAS MADE THIS NEW SISTER A MEMBER OF THE PRIESTHOOD WE ALL SHARE IN CHRIST JESUS, THAT WE MAY PROCLAIM THE PRAISE OF GOD AND BEAR HIS CREATIVE AND REDEEMING WORD TO ALL THE WORLD.

We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, child of the same heavenly Father, and worker with us in the kingdom of God. Amen.

~The Word~

The First Lesson Acts 16:9-15

A vision compels Paul to move his ministry into Greece. There he meets Lydia, an important person in the business community, whose heart has been opened by God to receive the gospel. Her conversion and baptism provide the impetus for the founding of the church at Philippi.

(After the reading)

THE WORD OF THE LORD

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm 67 Tune “*Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!*” No. 147

MAY GOD BE MERCIFUL TO US AND BLESS US AND MAKE HIS FACE TO SHINE UPON US.

Let all peoples join to raise Songs to you, O God, in praise.

LET THE WHOLE WORLD KNOW YOUR WILL, ALL NATIONS YOUR SALVATION.

Let all nations join to sing Praises to creation's King.

LET THE NATIONS BE GLAD AND SING FOR JOY.

Let God's people praise employ To proclaim our grateful joy.

FOR YOU JUDGE THE PEOPLES WITH EQUITY AND GUIDE ALL NATIONS UPON EARTH.

Let all peoples join to raise Songs to you, O God, in praise.

THE EARTH HAS YIELDED ITS INCREASE; GOD, OUR GOD, HAS BLESSED US.

Let all nations join to sing Praises to creation's King.

GOD HAS BLESSED US; MAY ALL THE ENDS OF THE EARTH REVERE HIM.

Let God's people praise employ To proclaim our grateful joy.

The Second Lesson Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

John's vision of a new Jerusalem coming out of heaven provides continuity with God's past actions. Yet in this new city, God's presence replaces the temple, and the glory of God and the Lamb supplants sun and moon.

(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 14:23-29

As Jesus talks of returning to the Father, he promises to send the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, who will teach Jesus' followers and remind them of all that Jesus taught. Even more, those in whom God makes a home will experience a peace that overcomes fear.

(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**

“When Peace Like a River”

No. 346

*** 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.

UNITE YOUR PEOPLE WITH COMMUNITIES OF FAITH THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. FURTHER COOPERATION BETWEEN PEOPLE OF DIFFERENT FAITH TRADITIONS AND BLESS OUR NON-CHRISTIAN NEIGHBORS, THAT WE LEARN AND GROW IN DEEPER RELATIONSHIP. HEAR US, O GOD.

Your mercy is great.

BLESS THE EARTH WITH FRESH WATER, CLEAN AIR, AND RICH SOIL. NURTURE GROWING CROPS AND ENCOURAGE COMMUNITIES DEVELOPING SUSTAINABLE FARMING PRACTICES. HELP US TO LIVE IN BALANCE AND HARMONY WITH YOUR GOOD CREATION. HEAR US, O GOD.

Your mercy is great.

RECONCILE NATIONS AND COMMUNITIES SUFFERING FROM VIOLENCE AND CONFLICT. PROTECT REFUGEES, ASYLUM-SEEKERS, AND ALL WHO FLEE THEIR HOMES SEEKING SAFETY AND SECURITY. MAKE ALL NATIONS SAFE FOR BOTH MIGRANTS AND RESIDENTS. HEAR US, O GOD.

Your mercy is great.

SUSTAIN ALL WHO ARE IN NEED, ESPECIALLY INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES STRUGGLING WITH TRAUMA OR ADDICTION. SUPPORT CAREGIVERS, ESPECIALLY NURSES, DOCTORS, COUNSELORS, AND SOCIAL WORKERS. COME ALONGSIDE ALL WHO ARE ILL OR STRUGGLING ESPECIALLY FORREST, MARGARET, STEVE, CHRISTINE, EDDIE, GEORGE, JAN, AND ALL OUR MEMBERS WHO ARE HOMEBOUND. HEAR US, O GOD.

Your mercy is great.

THIS MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND, WE REMEMBER ALL WHO HAVE DIED IN MILITARY SERVICE. SOOTHE LOVED ONES WHO MOURN AND STRENGTHEN SUPPORT SYSTEMS FOR VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES. BRING PEACE AMONG NATIONS, THAT WAR AND CONFLICT AROUND THE WORLD MIGHT CEASE. HEAR US, O GOD.

Your mercy is great.

WE COMMEND TO YOUR GRACIOUS CARE AND KEEPING ALL THE MEN AND WOMEN OF OUR ARMED FORCES, AND ALL WHO SERVE THIS COUNTRY AT HOME AND ABROAD. DEFEND THEM DAY BY DAY WITH YOUR HEAVENLY GRACE; STRENGTHEN THEM IN THEIR TRIALS AND TEMPTATIONS; GIVE THEM COURAGE TO FACE THE PERILS THAT SURROUND THEM; AND GRANT THEM A SENSE OF YOUR ABIDING PRESENCE WHEREVER THEY MAY BE. 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, 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 *"Let Music Fill This Place"* – Martin

~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. 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

"Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

No. 467

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June 1, 2025 readings are:

Acts 16:16-34

Psalm 97

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

John 17:20-26

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

May 24-25, 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 Fritzinger and Turrano family members by Glenn and Lorie Fritzinger

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God and

In honor of all the graduates by Pastor Cindy

THE BULLETINS are given to the Glory of God and

In honor of the baptism of Abigail Smith by Nikolas and Sabrina Smith

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, May 25, 2025

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

MONDAY

Office Closed

THURSDAY

7:00 Ascension Service

SATURDAY

6:00 Saturday Evening Worship

SUNDAY, June 1, 2025

9:00 The Service of Word & Sacrament

Supporting Zion's Ministries

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

Received 5/18/25 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:	\$52,518.68
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: \$84,822.99

* 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.



The Church office will be closed Monday, May 26th in Observance of Memorial Day. Have a safe Holiday!

Upcoming Events

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

DEADLINE: All information for the **June/ July/ August 2025 issue of the “Herald”** is due at the church office ASAP. **Please note that this is a combined issue of the newsletter.** You may e-mail your information to zionlcof@verizon.net or stop in during regular office hours. Thank you for your co-operation!

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!

May’s Joyful Noise is for ELCA Good Gifts Supporting future leaders to the Seminary. Educating people of all backgrounds to bring the word of God to us.

*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!*

Join us for another Cokesbury Kids VBS!

June 16–20th – 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Bible Exploration, Crafts, Music, & More! Open to children Nursery–5th Grade. A hot meal will be provided! Registrations will open soon!

Celebration of Baptism



Please welcome Abigail Jean Smith, daughter of Nikolas and Sabrina Smith, as a member of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church. Abigail's Godparents are Kyle and Kayla Fredericks. She will receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism during our Sunday morning worship service; May the blessing of our Lord be upon the parents and godparents in nurturing this child in the light of faith. Please welcome family and friends who join us to celebrate.

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



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!