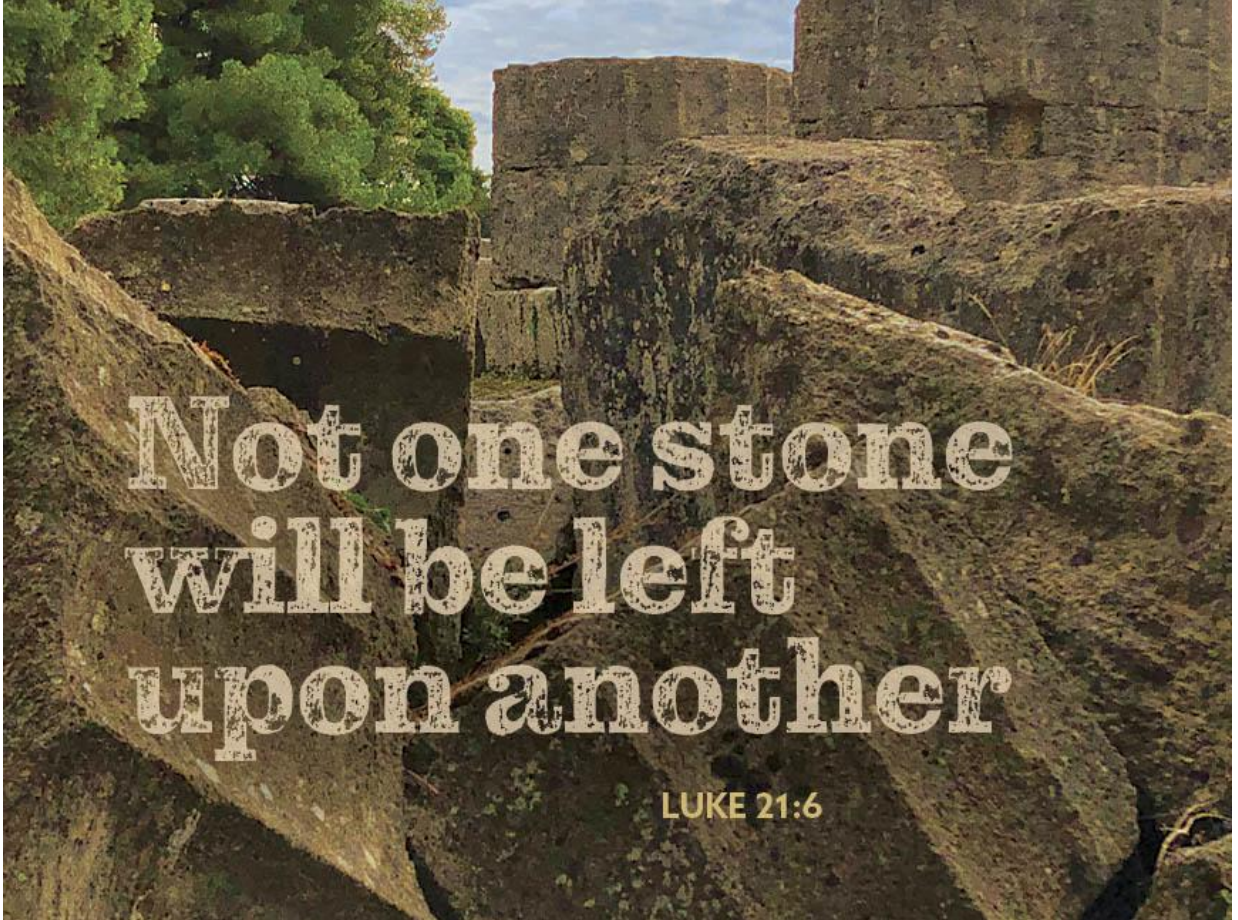


Welcome!



Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

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

The 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

November 16, 2025 ~ 9:00 am

The Liturgy of Word and Sacrament

The end is near. There is no doubt about it. The warnings are dire. The tone of today's texts is ominous. But the baptized know how to live in the meantime. The baptized are strengthened for the living of these days in word and sacrament. The baptized rally around the invitation of the apostle: "Do not be weary in doing what is right."

**Congregation please stand*

The Pre-service Music

~ The Gathering ~

* The Confession and Forgiveness

BLESSED BE THE HOLY TRINITY, † ONE GOD, WHO FORGIVES ALL OUR SIN, WHOSE MERCY ENDURES FOREVER.

Amen.

LET US CONFESS OUR SIN IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD AND OF ONE ANOTHER.

Please kneel if able.

FAITHFUL GOD,

you have shown us the ways of your heart, yet we stray from your paths. We are stuck in sinful systems of oppression and do not embrace the freedom of your faithful promises. We ignore our neighbors. We exploit the earth. We reject your abundance, trusting our impulses instead of your steadfast love. Repair our relationships, restore what we have broken, renew our hearts, and bring us to new life. Amen.

HEAR THE GOOD NEWS: GOD THE FAITHFUL ONE LOVES YOU, † IN CHRIST JESUS YOUR SINS ARE FORGIVEN, AND BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT YOU ARE SET FREE.

Amen.

* The Gathering Hymn

"Come, We That Love the Lord"

WOV No. 742

Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;

Join in a song with sweet accord, join in a song with sweet accord

And thus surround the throne, and thus surround the throne.

***(Refrain)* We're marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion,
We're marching upward to Zion, the beautiful city of God.**

**Let those refuse to sing who never knew our God;
But children of the heav'nly King, but children of the heav'nly King
May speak their joys abroad, may speak their joys abroad. *(Refrain)***

**The hill of Zion yields a thousand sacred sweets
Before we reach the heav'nly fields, before we reach the heav'nly fields,
Or walk the golden streets, or walk the golden streets. *(Refrain)***

**Then let our songs abound, and ev'ry tear be dry;
We're marching through Emmanuel's ground, we're marching
through Emmanuel's ground,
To fairer worlds on high, to fairer worlds on high. *(Refrain)***

*** The Greeting**

BELOVED OF GOD, CALLED TO BE SAINTS: GRACE, MERCY, AND PEACE BE WITH YOU ALL.
And also with you.

*** The Kyrie Eleison** (*music on page 57 of LBW*)

IN PEACE, LET US PRAY TO THE LORD.

(Sung) **Lord, have mercy.**

FOR THE PEACE FROM ABOVE, AND FOR OUR SALVATION, LET US PRAY TO THE LORD.

Lord, have mercy.

FOR THE PEACE OF THE WHOLE WORLD, FOR THE WELL-BEING OF THE CHURCH OF GOD,
AND FOR THE UNITY OF ALL, LET US PRAY TO THE LORD.

Lord, have mercy.

FOR THIS HOLY HOUSE, AND FOR ALL WHO OFFER HERE THEIR WORSHIP AND PRAISE,
LET US PRAY TO THE LORD.

Lord, have mercy.

HELP, SAVE, COMFORT, AND DEFEND US, GRACIOUS LORD.

Amen.

*** The Hymn of Praise** "*This is the Feast*" (*LBW pg. 60*)

(Refrain) **This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. (*Refrain*)

Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing and glory are his. (*Refrain*)

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing and honor, glory and might, be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. (*Refrain*)

For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. (*Refrain*)

*** The Prayer of the Day**

THE LORD BE WITH YOU

(Sung) **And also with you.**

LET US PRAY:

**O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy.
Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through
what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and
Lord. Amen.**

~The Word~

The First Lesson Malachi 4:1-2a

Malachi, whose name means "my messenger," warns that "the day is coming." On that day, the evil will be destroyed like stubble in a fire, but the "sun of righteousness" will shine on those who honor God..

(After the reading)

THE WORD OF THE LORD

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm 98 Tune *“Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!”* No. 147

SING TO THE LORD A NEW SONG!

To the Lord a new song sing; Praise our God with songs of joy.

BY HIS OWN POWER AND HOLY STRENGTH HE HAS WON THE VICTORY.

He has done a wondrous thing; All the earth, your songs employ.

THE LORD ANNOUNCED HIS VICTORY; HE MADE HIS SAVING POWER KNOWN TO THE NATIONS. ALL PEOPLE EVERYWHERE HAVE SEEN THE VICTORY OF OUR GOD.

To the Lord a new song sing; He has done a wondrous thing!

PLAY MUSIC ON THE HARPS! BLOW TRUMPETS AND HORNS, AND SHOUT FOR JOY TO THE LORD, OUR KING.

To the Lord a new song sing; Praise our God with songs of joy.

LET THE SEA ROAR, AND ALL THAT FILLS IT, THE WORLD AND THOSE WHO LIVE IN IT. LET THE FLOODS CLAP THEIR HANDS; LET THE HILLS SING TOGETHER FOR JOY BEFORE THE LORD.

He has done a wondrous thing; Let the earth its songs employ.

HE COMES TO RULE THE EARTH. HE WILL RULE THE PEOPLES OF THE WORLD WITH JUSTICE AND FAIRNESS.

To the Lord a new song sing; He has done a wondrous thing!

The Second Lesson 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Some members of the Thessalonian community, because of their belief in the nearness of Christ's return, had ceased to work, living off the generosity of other members of the community. The writer of this letter warns them bluntly that if they want to eat, they need to work.

(After the reading)

THE WORD OF THE LORD

Thanks be to God.

***The Gospel Acclamation** *(ELW p. 172)*

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah. Halle, Halle, Hallelujah.

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

*** The Holy Gospel St. Luke 21:5-19**

As history moves toward God's fulfillment there will be frightening signs and events. Before the end, believers will draw strength from their relationship to God and will be given the words they need to testify and to endure without fear.

(Before the Gospel)

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

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

(After the Gospel)

THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD

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

The Sermon

Pastor Cindy White

***The Hymn of the Day**

“Judge Eternal, Throned in Splendor”

No. 418

*** 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**

GATHERED WITH ONE VOICE, WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH, THE WORLD, AND ALL WHO ARE IN NEED.

A brief silence.

GOD OF ROOTS AND BRANCHES, DEFEND THE LEADERS OF YOUR CHURCH AS THEY PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL USING DISCERNMENT, WISDOM, AND BRAVE TESTIMONY. KEEP ALL THE BAPTIZED ON RIGHTEOUS PATHS IN RESPONSE TO CHRIST'S CALL. HEAR US, O GOD.

Your mercy is great.

GOD OF ROARING SEAS, IN A WORLD OF EARTHQUAKE, FAMINE, AND PLAGUE, USE YOUR MIGHTY POWER TO NURTURE THE LAND AND ALL THAT LIVES UPON IT. RESTORE PEOPLES AND PLACES EXPERIENCING NATURAL DISASTERS. STRENGTHEN ORGANIZATIONS WHO PROVIDE AID TO ANY IN CRISIS. HEAR US, O GOD.

Your mercy is great.

GOD OF VICTORY, AMONG QUESTS FOR POWER, GUIDE THOSE IN GOVERNMENT, COURTS, LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES, AND THE MILITARY. TURN THEM FROM WAR AND VIOLENCE TO ACTIONS OF CARE THAT BUILD UP THE COMMON GOOD. HEAR US, O GOD.

Your mercy is great.

GOD OF HEALING, WHERE INJUSTICE AND EXPLOITATION RESULT IN POPULATIONS THAT ARE MARGINALIZED OR UNDERSERVED, ACCOMPANY THOSE ABANDONED BY FRIENDS, HURT BY FAMILY, AND HARMED BY VIOLENCE OR OPPRESSION. CARE FOR ALL WHO ARE ILL, ANXIOUS, OR IN PAIN OF ANY KIND ESPECIALLY PAM, BETTY, WALTER, FORREST, STEVE, CHRISTINE, EDDIE, GEORGE, JAN, AND ALL OUR MEMBERS WHO ARE HOMEBOUND. HEAR US, O GOD.

Your mercy is great.

GOD OF NEW SONGS, IN A CONGREGATION OF FAITHFUL BELIEVERS, ENERGIZE US FOR COMPASSIONATE SERVICE AND DELIGHT US THROUGH WORSHIP AND INSPIRED PRAYER. ENCOURAGE YOUR PEOPLE IN BUILDING EQUITABLE COMMUNITY WHERE ALL ARE VALUED. HEAR US, O GOD.

Your mercy is great.

GOD OF EVERY GENERATION, WE REMEMBER THE SAINTS WITH STEADFAST LOVE AND FAITHFULNESS. CONFIDENT IN CHRIST'S VICTORY OVER DEATH, MAY WE BE INSPIRED BY THE EXAMPLE OF THE FAITHFUL. 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 OFFER THESE AND ALL OUR PRAYERS TO YOU, O GOD, TRUSTING IN YOUR GRACE AND UNYIELDING LOVE; THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, OUR LORD.

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** Tune: *“God, Whose Farm is All Creation”*

God, whose farm is all creation, take the gratitude we give;

Take the finest of our harvest, crops we grow that we may live.

Take our plowing, seeding, reaping, hopes and fears of sun and rain,

All our thinking, planning, waiting, ripened in this fruit and grain.

*** The Offertory Prayer**

LET US PRAY: GOD OF HEALING AND HOPE, YOU BLESS THOSE WHO ARE HUNGRY, PROMISING TO FILL THEM WITH GOOD THINGS. FULFILL THAT PROMISE THROUGH US AND THESE YOUR GIFTS. NOURISH US WITH THE ABUNDANCE OF YOUR FEAST AND UNITE US INTO THE BLESSED BODY OF JESUS CHRIST OUR SAVIOR, NOW AND FOREVER.

Amen.

*** The Great Thanksgiving**

*** The Preface and Sanctus** *(music on page 68 of LBW)*

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 him thanks and praise.

IT IS INDEED RIGHT.....THEIR UNENDING HYMN: *(ELW NO. 193)*

(Sung) **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might:**

Heav’n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

*** The Prayer of Thanksgiving**

HOLY, MIGHTY, AND MERCIFUL LORD, HEAVEN AND EARTH ARE FULL OF YOUR GLORY.....POUR OUT UPON US THE SPIRIT OF YOUR LOVE, O LORD, AND UNITE THE WILLS OF ALL WHO SHARE THIS HEAVENLY FOOD, THE BODY AND BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST, OUR LORD; TO WHOM, WITH YOU AND THE HOLY SPIRIT, BE ALL HONOR AND GLORY, NOW AND FOREVER.

Amen.

*** The Lord's Prayer**

JESUS, REMEMBER US IN YOUR KINGDOM; AND TEACH US TO 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**

THERE IS A PLACE FOR YOU AT THE TABLE OF GOD. COME, RECEIVE THE FOOD THAT DOES NOT PERISH, A TASTE OF LIFE ETERNAL

*** The Agnus Dei “Lamb of God”** *(ELW No. 195)*

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; 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 Cantic** *(music on page 72 of LBW)*

Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev’ryone what he has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name. He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia.

*** The Post Communion Prayer**

LET US PRAY: GOD OF FIELD AND FLOWER, WHEAT AND GRAPE, YOU HAVE NOURISHED US WITH THE BREAD OF HEAVEN THAT GIVES LIFE TO THE WORLD. STRENGTHENED BY THE BODY AND BLOOD OF YOUR SON, SEND US OUT TO GATHER YOUR GOOD GIFTS FOR ALL WHO HUNGER AND THIRST, AND EMBOLDEN US TO LOVE AND SERVE IN CHRIST’S NAME.

Amen.

The Senior Choir Anthem “Song of Peace” – Althouse

~The Sending~

*** The Blessing**

THE LOVE OF GOD THE SOVEREIGN STRENGTHEN YOU, GOD THE SON SAVE YOU, AND GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT ANOINT YOU FOR THE WORK AHEAD. THE HOLY TRINITY BLESS YOU ✚ AND GRANT YOU A FAITHFUL AND COURAGEOUS HEART NOW AND FOREVER.

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

*** The Dismissal**

GO IN PEACE. SHARE THE HARVEST.

Thanks be to God.

*** The Sending Hymn**

“I Am Trusting You, Lord Jesus”

No. 460 Stanzas 1,2,3,4

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First Reading: Malachi 4:1-2a – Not Printed

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 - ⁶ Now we command you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from every brother or sister living irresponsibly and not according to the tradition that they received from us. ⁷ For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not irresponsible when we were with you, ⁸ and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day so that we might not burden any of you. ⁹ This was not because we do not have that right but in order to give you an example to imitate. ¹⁰ For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: anyone unwilling to work should not eat. ¹¹ For we hear that some of you are living irresponsibly, mere busybodies, not doing any work. ¹² Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living.

¹³ Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

Gospel: Luke 21:5-19 - ⁵ When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, ⁶ "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

⁷ They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" ⁸ And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray, for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

⁹ "When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified, for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." ¹⁰ Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹ there will be great earthquakes and in various places famines and plagues, and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

¹² "But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³ This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴ So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance, ¹⁵ for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶ You will be betrayed even by parents and siblings, by relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷ You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸ But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹ By your endurance you will gain your souls."

November 23, 2025 readings are: Jeremiah 23:1-6
Colossians 1:11-20

Psalm 46
Luke 23:33-43

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

November 15-16, 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 my parents and brother by Martha Zellner

THE BULLETINS are given to the Glory of God and

In loving memory of Bernice Ferris on her November 18th birthday by Sandy Scott

CURRENT FUND DONATIONS are given to the Glory of God and

In loving memory of my husband John and all the family and friends who now rest in eternal peace with our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ by Sharon Haldeman

ENDOWMENT FUND DONATIONS are given to the Glory of God and

In honor of the work by George Taylor and Kevin Lawfer to livestream the services by Bob and Gail Jones

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FUND DONATIONS are given to the Glory of God and

Thank the LORD for our 3 daughters by Mr. and Mrs. Walter Weston

Please remember the following in your prayers: Pam, Betty Ann Waidell, Walter Weston, Forrest, Steve Ristila, Christine Zimmerman, Eddie Smith, George Weaver, Jan McRoberts, and all our members who are homebound.

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 & 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 Fritzing, 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, November 16, 2025

9:00	The Service of Word & Sacrament
10:15	Christian Education
11:00	Confirmation Class
11:00	1 st Holy Communion Class

MONDAY

	Newsletter Deadline
5:45	Property Meeting
6:30	Council Meeting

THURSDAY

11:00	Culinary Crew
7:00	Senior Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY

5:30	Diaper Depot Prep
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SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY, November 23, 2025, *Christ the King Sunday*

9:00	The Service of Word & Sacrament/ 1 st Holy Communion
10:15	Christian Education
11:00	Confirmation Class

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

Reminder: If you have sponsored Altar Flowers or Candles, please **fill out the sponsorship information forms next to the sign-up sheets. Please do not put your sponsorship information on the sign-up sheet.** The information is needed for the bulletin and the Florist. If payment for the sponsorship is not received prior to the date, the information will not be printed in the bulletin, **please pay and fill out a form when you add your name on the list.** Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

ALTAR FLOWER POLICY approved by Church Council: November 9, 2010 - We shall only place flowers on the altar when someone is sponsoring. If there are no sponsors, there will be no flowers placed on the altar. Zion ELC will not pay for flowers that are not sponsored.

Upcoming Events

November 16 – First Holy Communion Class

November 17 – Newsletter Deadline

November 23 – Christ the King Sunday/ First Holy Communion

November 25 – Community Thanksgiving Service/ Trinity UCC

November 30 – 1st Sunday in Advent/ Advent Breakfast

December 5 & 6 – Blessings Thrift Store

December 7 – Annual Fiscal Meeting

Blessings Thrift Update - The following items **ARE** being accepted at this time: coats, shoes, baby and children's clothing, toys/ games, household items in good condition. The following items **ARE NOT** being accepted at this time: adult spring/ summer clothing, jewelry, electronics, furniture too large to be moved by a single person. If you have items to donate, please call the church office at 570-668-2180 and leave your contact information. Someone from Outreach will contact you when we are able to accept your donations and arrange a time to meet. We kindly ask that you **Do Not leave bags or boxes on the stage, at random places throughout the church or outside of the building.** Thank you for your cooperation. Your donations are greatly appreciated.



**DO NOT PUT BOXES OR BAGS
ON THE HANDICAPPED RAMP**

**CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE
AT 570-668-2180 OR
GREEN DROP AT 888-944-3767
THANK YOU-ZION OUTREACH**

A Community Thanksgiving Service will be held at Trinity UCC, 22 Lafayette Street, Tamaqua on Tuesday, November 25, 2025 at 7:00 pm. Everyone is Welcome! Sponsored by the Tamaqua Ministerial Association.

Zion's Blessings Thrift Shop is on Friday, December 5th from 9 am to 5 pm and Saturday, December 6th from 9 am to 2 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!

URGENT NEED: Altar Flower and bulletin sponsors are needed for the months of November and December.
Please sign up on the church bulletin board.

Donations needed for the upcoming Advent breakfast: 25 Lb. Yellow potatoes, 3 Lb butter, 4 1/2 gal. orange juice, 5 lb. bananas, 4 lb. red or green grapes and 2 cases water. Donations are needed by Friday, November 28th. Contact Mary Ruth with your donation: 570-668-4451 or frautay208@aol.com Thank you in advance.

Sunday Church Advent Breakfast – November 30, 2025, from 10:30 am to 12:00 Noon. A Time of Fellowship – Join us as we begin the Advent season with a special breakfast hosted by the Culinary Crew. Menu: Scrambled eggs, sausage or bacon, and toast. A free will offering will be accepted. Hope to see you there!

CHRISTMAS 2025 - Christmas poinsettia plants will decorate the Church on Christmas Eve. Plants ordered through the church office are \$10.00. December 8th is the last day to order your plants. **This is a firm deadline; no orders will be taken after that date. Order forms are available by the bulletin board.** Please return the form with all monies no later than December 8, 2025; all checks should be made out to Zion Evangelical Church. All Plants and Monetary Christmas memorial gifts will be listed in the handout on Christmas Eve. Monetary gifts should be in the church office **NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 15th.**

Annual Fiscal Meeting Announcement - The Annual Fiscal Meeting will be held on Sunday, December 7, 2025 immediately following the service. The agenda items will be restricted to the establishment of a 2026 budget, and the election of Church Council members. The meeting will be brief but your participation is **Very Important** as a quorum needs to be met. Copies of the budget will be available in the Gathering room.