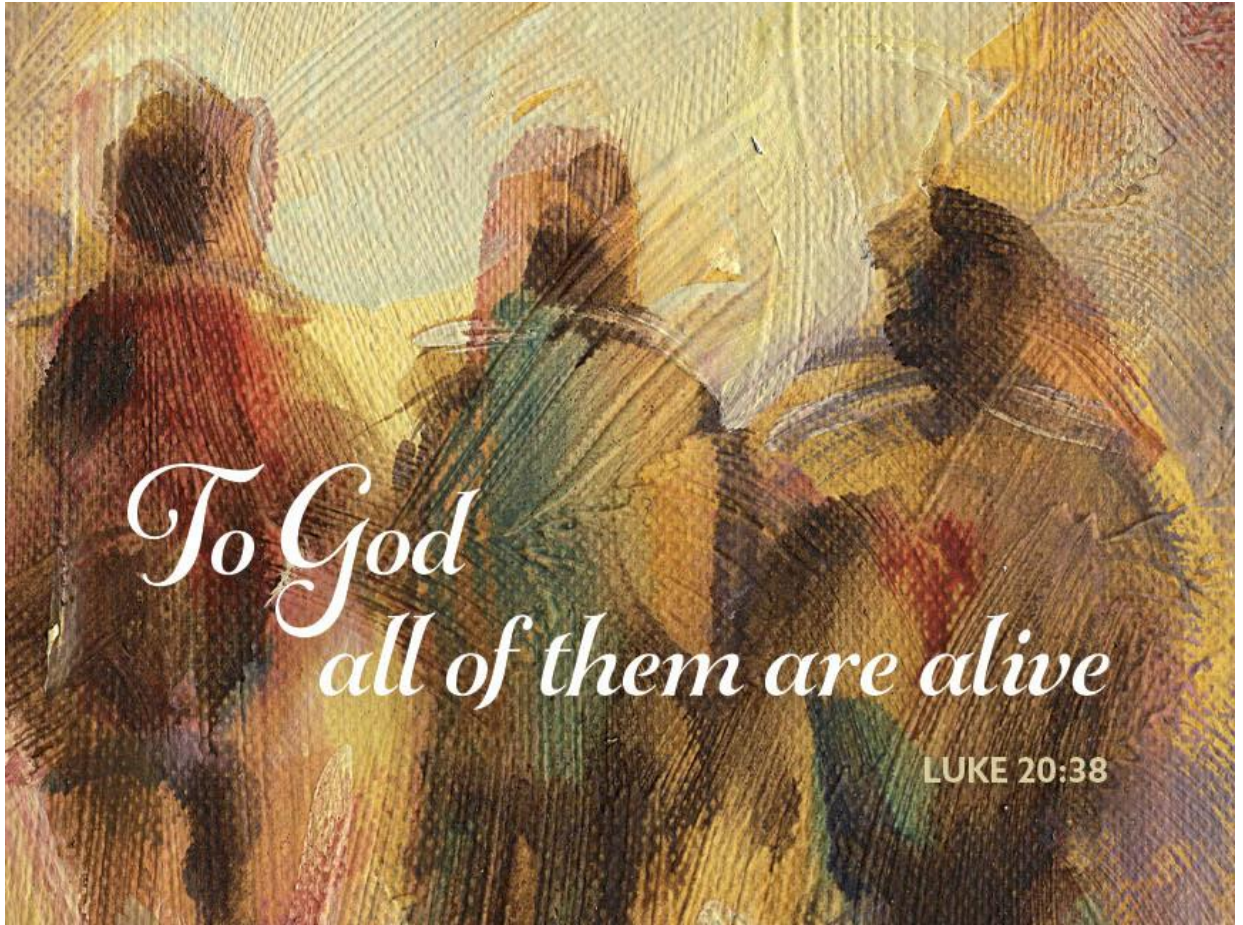


Welcome!



Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

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

The 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

November 9, 2025 ~ 9:00 am

The Liturgy of Word and Sacrament

We worship on the first day of the week because Jesus was raised on that day. Every Sunday is a little Easter. This Sunday feels more like Easter than many as the appointed texts celebrate the reality of the resurrection. Live it up this Lord's day. Our God is the God of the living.

**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

"I Know that My Redeemer Lives" No. 352 Stanzas 1,5,6,7

* 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, our eternal redeemer, by the presence of your Spirit you renew and direct our hearts. Keep always in our mind the end of all things and the day of judgment. Inspire us for a holy life here, and bring us to the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

~The Word~

The First Lesson Job 19:23-27a

Job suffers the loss of children, wealth, and health. Accused by his companions of wrongdoing, he knows himself to be innocent. Here, in the midst of his suffering, Job clings to the radical hope that his vindicator, his redeemer, lives; and that one day he himself will see God.

(After the reading)

THE WORD OF THE LORD

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm 17:1-9 Tune *“With the Lord Begin Your Task”* No. 444

Hear my prayer, O God Most High; Let it come before you.

LISTEN, O LORD, TO MY PLEA FOR JUSTICE, FOR IT DOES NOT COME FROM LYING LIPS.

Hear, O Lord, my earnest cry, Humbly I implore you.

IF YOU TRY MY HEART, IF YOU VISIT ME BY NIGHT, IF YOU TEST ME, YOU WILL FIND NO WICKEDNESS IN ME, NO EVIL IN MY MOUTH.

Keep me steadfast in your ways; In your love draw near me.

I SPEAK NO OFFENSE, AS OTHERS DO; BY THE WORD OF YOUR LIPS I HAVE AVOIDED THE WAYS OF THE VIOLENT.

Unto you my prayer I raise; Turn, O Lord, and hear me!

I CALL UPON YOU, FOR YOU WILL ANSWER ME, O GOD; INCLINE YOUR EAR TO ME AND HEAR MY WORDS.

Hear my prayer, O God Most High; Let it come before you.

REVEAL YOUR WONDROUS LOVE TO ME, AND HIDE ME SAFE FROM MY ENEMIES.

Hear, O Lord, my earnest cry, Humbly I implore you.

KEEP ME AS THE APPLE OF YOUR EYE; HIDE ME IN THE SHADOW OF YOUR WINGS, FROM THE WICKED WHO ASSAULT ME, MY DEADLY ENEMIES WHO SURROUND ME.

Keep me steadfast in your ways; In your love draw near me.

AS FOR ME, I WILL BEHOLD YOUR FACE IN RIGHTEOUSNESS; WHEN I AWAKE I SHALL BE SATISFIED, BEHOLDING YOUR LIKENESS.

Unto you my prayer I raise; Turn, O Lord, and hear me!

The Second Lesson 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5,13-17

This portion of the letter provides encouragement for the church at Thessalonica during a time of confusion and opposition, as some allowed their concern over Jesus' imminent return to divert them from the central teachings of the gospel.

(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 20:27-38**

Some Sadducees, who do not believe in the resurrection of the dead, try to trap Jesus. They formulate the convoluted case of a serial widow who marries a succession of seven brothers. Jesus responds by teaching about God to whom all are alive and in whom all relationships are fulfilled.

(Before the Gospel)

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT LUKE THE 20TH 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**

“How Small Our Span of Life”

ELW No. 636

**How small our span of life, O God, our years from birth till death:
a single beat within the heart, the catching of a breath,
a drop within the ocean's deep, a grain upon the shore,
a flash of light before we sleep to see the sun no more.**

**And yet our speck of life is spanned by your infinity;
our tick of time on earth is caught in your eternity.
While suns and stars spin endlessly through depths of cosmic space,
while aeons roll and ages pass, you hold us in your grace.**

**O Christ, you left eternity to plunge in time's swift stream,
to share the shortness of our span, our mortal lives redeem.
You filled your cross-closed years with love; you loved us to the end
and touch us with your risen life that ours may time transcend.**

**We thank you, God, for kindling faith that lights our transient years,
illuminating our pilgrimage through mists of doubt and fears;
for hope that sees a life beyond the swiftly passing days;
for love, both human and divine, that lifts our hearts to praise.**

*** 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 OUR REDEEMER, BLESS YOUR CHURCH UNIVERSAL AND ITS LEADERS. SET ALL HEARTS ON YOU FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION IN ANTICIPATION OF CHRIST'S RETURN. HEAR US, O GOD.

Your mercy is great.

GOD OF LIFE, WE GIVE THANKS FOR THE FRUITS AND GRAINS OF HARVEST, FOR RIVERS AND STREAMS, FOR ALL THAT IS MADE OF ROCK AND IRON. RENEW THE EARTH'S NATURAL RESOURCES AND THE LANDS FROM WHICH THEY COME. HEAR US, O GOD.

Your mercy is great.

GOD OF JUSTICE, WE GIVE THANKS FOR THE SERVICE OF OUR VETERANS AND PRAY FOR THOSE NEEDING SUPPORT FOR WOUNDS OF ANY KIND. STRENGTHEN THOSE CHARGED WITH THE GOVERNANCE AND PROTECTION OF VULNERABLE POPULATIONS. BRING AN END TO WAR THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. HEAR US, O GOD.

Your mercy is great.

GOD WHO LEADS US TO BELIEF AND TRUTH, WE GIVE THANKS THAT YOU ARE ALWAYS AND ALREADY HERE. NURTURE AND SUPPORT THOSE WHO ARE UNSTEADY IN MIND, UNSAFE IN SPIRIT, OR UNWELL IN BODY ESPECIALLY BETTY, WALTER, FORREST, STEVE, CHRISTINE, EDDIE, GEORGE, JAN, AND ALL OUR MEMBERS WHO ARE HOMEBOUND. COMFORT THOSE WHO SUFFER FROM TRAUMA AND EXPOSURE TO TRAUMATIC EVENTS. HEAR US, O GOD.

Your mercy is great.

GOD WHO GATHERS US TOGETHER, WE GIVE THANKS FOR OUR PASTORS AND DEACONS, TEACHERS AND MUSICIANS, ADMINISTRATORS, AND BUILDING CARETAKERS. MAY THEY FIND JOY IN LEADERSHIP AS WE GROW IN FAITH TOGETHER. HEAR US, O GOD.

Your mercy is great.

GOD OF THE SAINTS, WE GIVE THANKS FOR ALL WHO HAVE DIED IN FAITH. UPLIFT US AS WE HONOR THEIR MEMORY AND AWAIT YOUR COMING IN GLORY. 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 Canticle** (*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 “The Lord Desires These Things” – Larson

~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**

“Blessed Assurance”

WOV No. 699

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!

Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

(Refrain) **This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.**

**Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love. (Refrain)**

**Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest,
Watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love. (Refrain)**

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First Reading: Job 19:23-27a – Not Printed

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17 – Not Printed

Gospel: Luke 20:27-38

²⁷ Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to [Jesus] ²⁸ and asked him a question: “Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. ²⁹ Now there were seven brothers; the first married a woman and died childless; ³⁰ then the second ³¹ and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. ³² Finally the woman also died.

³³ In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her.”

³⁴ Jesus said to them, “Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage, ³⁵ but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. ³⁶ Indeed, they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. ³⁷ And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. ³⁸ Now he is God not of the dead but of the living, for to him all of them are alive.”

November 16, 2025 readings are: Malachi 4:1-2a Psalm 98
2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 Luke 21:5-19

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

November 8-9, 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 honor of Abigail's first birthday by Nikolas and Sabrina Smith

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

Please remember the following in your prayers: 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 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, November 9, 2025

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

MONDAY

7:00	Finance Meeting
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THURSDAY

11:00	Hoagie Sale Pick-up
7:00	Senior Choir Rehearsal

SATURDAY

6:00	Saturday Evening Worship
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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

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 9 & 16 – First Holy Communion Classes

November 13 – Hoagie Sale

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 – 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. 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!

FIRST COMMUNION - Classes are held on three Sunday mornings: Sunday, November 2, 9, & 16, from 11:00 am – 12:30 pm. Children who are in 5th grade or older and who have been baptized (or who would like to be baptized) are eligible for First Holy Communion. A parent or relative who is a member of Zion Lutheran Church is required to accompany them to classes and worship. First Communion is scheduled for Sunday, November 23, 2025, during the 9:00 am worship service. Parents, please register your child (ren) now by calling 570-668-2180.

Culinary Hoagie Sale November 13th - deadline to order is November 9th - 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!!

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.