

*Welcome!*



**Increase  
our faith!**

LUKE 17:5

## *Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church*

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

# The 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

October 5, 2025 ~ 9:00 am

## *The Liturgy of Word and Sacrament*

*A little faith goes a long way is Jesus' point in the gospel. A mustard seed's-worth of faith has miraculous potential. The patience, tenacity, and endurance required for the life of faith are the blessings received in holy baptism, holy communion, and the word read and proclaimed in this assembly. Anticipate them. Receive them with thanksgiving.*

*\*Congregation please stand*

### The Pre-service Music

## ~ The Gathering ~

### \* The Confession and Forgiveness

BLESSED BE THE HOLY TRINITY, † ONE GOD, OUR MAKER, OUR HELPER, AND OUR KEEPER.  
**Amen.**

TRUSTING IN GOD'S MERCY, LET US CONFESS OUR SIN IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD AND OF ONE ANOTHER.

*Please kneel if able.*

MERCIFUL AND LOVING GOD,

**we are your stiff-necked people. We trample on the needy. We grumble about your grace to others. We turn away from the poor. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found. Amen.**

EVEN WHEN WE ARE FAITHLESS, GOD REMAINS FAITHFUL. JESUS CHRIST CAME INTO THE WORLD TO SAVE SINNERS. YOU WHO WERE LOST HAVE BEEN FOUND. IN THE NAME OF † JESUS, YOUR SINS ARE FORGIVEN!

**Amen.**

### \* The Gathering Hymn

*“My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”*

No. 294

### \* The Greeting

SISTERS AND BROTHERS IN CHRIST, BELOVED CHILDREN OF GOD: 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** *(music on page 58 of LBW)*

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST, AND PEACE TO HIS PEOPLE ON EARTH.

**Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father: We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God: You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

\* **The Prayer of the Day**

THE LORD BE WITH YOU

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

LET US PRAY:

**Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

~The Word~

**The First Lesson Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4**

*Injustice and violence in the time leading up to the Babylonian exile move this prophet to lament: How can a good and all-powerful God see evil in the world and seemingly remain indifferent? God answers by proclaiming that the righteous will live by faith.*

*(After the reading)*

THE WORD OF THE LORD

**Thanks be to God.**

**The Psalm 37:1-9 Tune “O God Our Help in Ages Past” No.320**

DO NOT FRET BECAUSE OF THE WICKED. DO NOT BE ENVIOUS OF THE EVILDOERS. THEY WILL SOON DISAPPEAR LIKE GRASS THAT DRIES UP; THEY WILL DIE LIKE PLANTS THAT WITHER.

**God is our refuge and our strength, Our helper ever near.**

TRUST IN THE LORD, AND DO GOOD; SO YOU WILL LIVE IN THE LAND, AND ENJOY SECURITY. TAKE DELIGHT IN THE LORD, AND HE WILL GIVE YOU YOUR HEART'S DESIRE.

**The Lord of hosts is on our side; To shelter us from fear.**

COMMIT YOUR WAY TO THE LORD; TRUST IN HIM, AND HE WILL ACT. HE WILL MAKE YOUR RIGHTEOUSNESS SHINE LIKE THE NOONDAY SUN.

**In God we trust; on him we wait, Until his will is known.**

BE PATIENT AND WAIT FOR THE LORD TO ACT. DO NOT FRET OVER THOSE WHO PROSPER IN THEIR WAY, OVER THOSE WHO CARRY OUT EVIL DESIRES.

**The Lord of hosts is on our side; He well protects his own.**

REFRAIN FROM ANGER, AND FORSAKE WRATH. DO NOT FRET--IT ONLY LEADS TO EVIL.

**God is our refuge and our strength, Our helper ever near.**

FOR THE WICKED SHALL BE CUT OFF, BUT THOSE WHO WAIT FOR THE LORD SHALL INHERIT THE LAND.

**The Lord of hosts is on our side, To shelter us from fear.**

## **The Second Lesson 2 Timothy 1:1-14**

*This letter written to Timothy is a personal message of encouragement. In the face of hardship and persecution, Timothy is reminded that his faith is a gift of God. He is encouraged to exercise that faith with the help of the Holy Spirit.*

*(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 17:5-10**

*On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus instructs his followers about the power of faith and the duties of discipleship. He calls his disciples to adopt the attitude of servants whose actions are responses to their identity rather than works seeking reward.*

*(Before the Gospel)*

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT LUKE THE 17<sup>TH</sup> 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**

***“As Rain from the Clouds”***

ELW No. 508

**As rain from the clouds will your word come to earth,  
as snow from the heavens refreshing the land.**

**Then soften our soil that the good seed may grow  
and ripen rich fruit to return to your hand.**

**We praise you, our God, for the dew of your word;  
we thank you, good gard'ner, for your tender toil.**

**We bless you, best farmer, for hundredfold yield,  
for harvest of grace in our once-barren soil.**

**As grain that is scattered your word has been sown  
on rocks and on roadways, in good earth and sand.**

**Make fertile our soil that the good seed may grow  
and ripen rich fruit to return to your hand.**

**We praise you, our God, for the seed of your word;  
we thank you, good gard'ner, for your tender toil.**

**We bless you, best farmer, for hundredfold yield,  
for harvest of grace in our once-barren soil.**

**As rays of the sun shall your word light the world,  
awaking and warming and healing our land.**

**Then shine in our hearts that the good seed may grow  
and ripen rich fruit to return to your hand.**

**We praise you, our God, for the light of your word;  
we thank you, good gard'ner, for your tender toil.**

**We bless you, best farmer, for hundredfold yield,  
for harvest of grace in our once-barren soil.**

## \* 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

RENEWED IN GOD'S EVERLASTING GRACE, LET US PRAY FOR THE CHURCH, THE WORLD, AND ALL CREATION.

*A brief silence.*

O GOD OF THE CHURCH, YOU GIVE THE CHURCH A TREASURE IN JESUS CHRIST. DRAW US INTO THE GIFT OF FAITH PASSED DOWN FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION. REMIND YOUR PEOPLE THAT FAITH THE SIZE OF A MUSTARD SEED IS ENOUGH. GOD OF GRACE,

**receive our prayer.**

O GOD OF CREATION, YOU NOURISH THE EARTH WITH GRACE AND MERCY. BRING FAVORABLE WEATHER DURING THE HARVEST SEASON AND SUSTAIN ALL CREATION ALONG WITH ALL WHO LABOR IN THE FIELD. ENSURE THE WELFARE OF ANIMAL COMPANIONS WHOSE PRESENCE OFFERS COMFORT, SAFETY, AND JOY. GOD OF GRACE,

**receive our prayer.**

O GOD OF NATIONS AND COMMUNITIES, YOU GOVERN AND GUARD THE WORLD. GIVE LEADERS AND PEOPLE IN AUTHORITY A SPIRIT OF MAKING JUST AND RIGHTEOUS LAWS. BRING PEACE TO COUNTRIES AFFECTED BY WAR AND VIOLENCE. GOD OF GRACE,

**receive our prayer.**

O GOD OF THOSE IN NEED, YOU CARE FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK, OPPRESSED, BEREAVED, LONELY, AND POOR. COME TO THE HELP OF ALL IN NEED ESPECIALLY BETTY, WALTER, FORREST, STEVE, CHRISTINE, EDDIE, GEORGE, JAN, AND ALL OUR MEMBERS WHO ARE HOMEBOUND. HELP US TO TRUST THAT YOU WILL COME TO US AT THE RIGHT TIME. GOD OF GRACE,

**receive our prayer.**

O GOD OF THIS CONGREGATION, YOU NURTURE OUR FAITH. THANK YOU FOR THOSE OF ALL AGES WHO TEACH, LEAD, AND LEARN IN THIS CONGREGATION AND BEYOND. GIVE GROWTH TO THE SEEDS OF FAITH WATERED BY FAITHFUL EXAMPLES OF BAPTISMAL LIVING. GOD OF GRACE,

**receive our prayer.**

O GOD OF AGES PAST, THANK YOU FOR THE WITNESS OF THOSE WHO HAVE DIED IN FAITH. MAY THE FAITH OF THOSE WHO NOW REST IN YOUR MERCIFUL ARMS, LIKE LOIS AND EUNICE, SHAPE OUR FAITH IN YOUR SON, JESUS CHRIST. GOD OF GRACE,

**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. GOD OF GRACE,

**receive our prayer.**

WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS, O GOD, TRUSTING IN YOUR EVERLASTING GRACE AND MERCY, 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](http://ziontamaqua.com) for our Vanco option.*

**\* The Offertory Procession Tune: “Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring” WOV No. 759**

**Accept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place upon your table.**

**We do not worship as we ought but only as we’re able.**

**The vines were planted, seeds were sown. They grew in your good pleasure.**

**What once was common, daily food becomes a holy treasure.**

**\* The Offertory Prayer**

LET US PRAY: LORD OF THE HARVEST, WE RETURN TO YOU A PORTION OF WHAT YOU HAVE GIVEN TO US. TURN US TO SET OUR HOPE NOT ON THE UNCERTAINTY OF RICHES, BUT ON YOU, WHO RICHLY PROVIDES FOR US. MULTIPLY WHAT WE HAVE GATHERED TO BLESS ALL WHO ARE SUFFERING AND IN NEED, THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD.

**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**

JESUS WELCOMES SINNERS AND EATS WITH THEM. COME TO THIS MEAL OF MERCY.

**\* 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: O GOD, THROUGH THIS MEAL YOU HAVE STRENGTHENED US AND APPOINTED US TO BE YOUR SERVANTS. SEND US TO DO GOOD AND TO SHARE OUR POSSESSIONS WITH ALL IN NEED. WE ASK THIS IN JESUS' NAME.

**Amen.**

**The Senior Choir Anthem “Praise to the Lord!” – Edwards**

**~The Sending~**

**\* The Blessing**

THE GOD OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, WHO GIVES JUSTICE TO THE OPPRESSED, WHO GIVES FOOD TO THE HUNGRY, WHO SETS THE PRISONERS FREE, ✚ BLESS YOU NOW AND FOREVER.

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

**\* The Dismissal**

GO IN PEACE. DO NOT LOSE HEART.

**Thanks be to God.**

**\* The Sending Hymn**

**“On Our Way Rejoicing”**

No. 260

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## First Reading: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4 – Not Printed

**Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:1-14** - <sup>1</sup> Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>2</sup> To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. <sup>3</sup> I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. <sup>4</sup> Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. <sup>5</sup> I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. <sup>6</sup> For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands, <sup>7</sup> for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline. <sup>8</sup> Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, in the power of God, <sup>9</sup> who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace, and this grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, <sup>10</sup> but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. <sup>11</sup> For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, <sup>12</sup> and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day the deposit I have entrusted to him. <sup>13</sup> Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>14</sup> Guard the good deposit entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

**Gospel: Luke 17:5-10** - <sup>5</sup> The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” <sup>6</sup> The Lord replied, “If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you. <sup>7</sup> “Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, ‘Come here at once and take your place at the table’? <sup>8</sup> Would you not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me; put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink’? <sup>9</sup> Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? <sup>10</sup> So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, ‘We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!’ ”

**October 12, 2025 readings are:**

2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c  
2 Timothy 2:8-15

Psalm 111  
Luke 17:11-19



# ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

October 4-5, 2025

*\*If you need assistance, please see one of the ushers in the back of the church; Large Print Bulletins are available. Grape juice is available in the tray for those who wish not to partake of the wine. Please Silence your cell phones during service. A Family Room is available for use during or after services, located across from the office. A changing station is available for your convenience in the restroom across from the Family Room. We respectfully ask that you refrain from taking photos during the service. Opportunities are always available after the service. Welcome visitors, please sign our guest book. Thank you.*

## **GIFTS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD**

**THE ALTAR CANDLES** are given to the Glory of God and

In loving memory of family and friends by Gerry Zeigler

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the Glory of God and

In loving memory her parents, Russ and Fern Rudenko by Debbie Rudenko

**THE BULLETINS** are given to the Glory of God and

In loving memory of granddaughter, Kendall McLaughlin by grandparents, Barry & Marlene

McLaughlin & uncles, Eddie & Chris

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

In loving memory of Brian Fetterman by Joe and Sandy Mehalko

*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.*

A reminder that both a record of communion AND a record of contribution is necessary to maintain voting active member status. Please remember to complete a communion card and to use your offering envelopes. Thank you, Church Council

## **Welcome!!**

Parish office phone number and fax is 570-668-2180.

Parish office email address is [zionlcof@verizon.net](mailto:zionlcof@verizon.net)

Parish website is [www.ziontamaqua.com](http://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, October 5, 2025**

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

## **THURSDAY**

7:00 Senior Choir Rehearsal

## **SATURDAY**

6:00 Saturday Evening Worship

## **SUNDAY, October 12, 2025, *Harvest Home***

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 9/28/25 in support of Zion Ministries:

From our gifts	\$2,999.74
From Thrift Store	\$0.00
From Endowment (other)	\$0.00
From Culinary	\$0.00
Received for Endowment:	\$0.00
Received for Capital Campaign:	\$2,975.55

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

From offering/gifts/memorials:	\$102,037.47
From Thrift Store:	\$5,374.15*
From Endowment:	\$22,905.00
From Culinary:	\$13,450.00

Year-to-date total for Zion's mission/ministries: \$143,766.88

\* Thrift Store donates half of income to Outreach total income - \$10,748.30

***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 and bulletin sponsors are the month of November.  
Please sign up on the church bulletin board.**

## Upcoming Events

**October 11 & 12** – Harvest Home

**October 20** – Newsletter Deadline

**October 23** – Halupki Sale Pick-up

**November 2** – All Saints Sunday

**November 7** – Blessings Thrift Store

**November 2, 9, & 16** – First Holy Communion Classes

**November 23** – Christ the King Sunday/ First Holy Communion

**November 30** – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent/ Advent Breakfast

**Zion's Blessings Thrift Shop** is on Friday, November 7<sup>th</sup> 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!

**Zion Construction Update:** The work is almost complete! Louvers have been installed in the tower and the roof work is underway. Also, the masonry work is nearly complete. The scaffold will be coming down soon!

**Attention parents:** The ELCA Youth Gathering will take place in **Minneapolis, MN, June 28-July 2, 2027!** The Gathering is open to all students who are entering grades 9-12 at the time of the Gathering. If your student is interested in attending, please text Brian Lawfer at (570)952-5966 before October 30. We need to know how many are interested in attending, so we can begin to plan. We do not need a firm commitment yet, just an idea of who may be interested.

### **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. **We Just received a check for \$156.54!** Thank you and keep saving!



**Halupki Sale** – \$4 each, order by Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at [www.ziontamaqua.com](http://www.ziontamaqua.com) or by calling 570-668-4451. Pick-up Thursday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm.

**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 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

**2025 Tamaqua Hunger Campaign** - The 14<sup>th</sup> annual Tamaqua Area Campaign Against Hunger takes place during the entire month of October. The Annual Hunger Campaign Community Soup Sale - pick up is Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to 11:00 am at St. John XIII, 307 Pine Street, Tamaqua. Soup is \$10 per quart and the final day to order is October 20<sup>th</sup>. Order online at [Tamaqua Hunger Campaign Soup Sale 2025](#) The Tamaqua Community Hunger Walk is on Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Those planning to participate in the hunger walk or needing more information about the walk and securing sponsorships can contact Glenn Fritzinger at 484-560-8211.



**Harvest Home will be celebrated** on Saturday October 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm and Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am. Your gifts of non-perishable items will help stock Zion's Pantry serving our neighbors on Dutch Hill. Please bring items as soon as possible. There is a table set up in the gathering room for them. Thank you for your generosity.