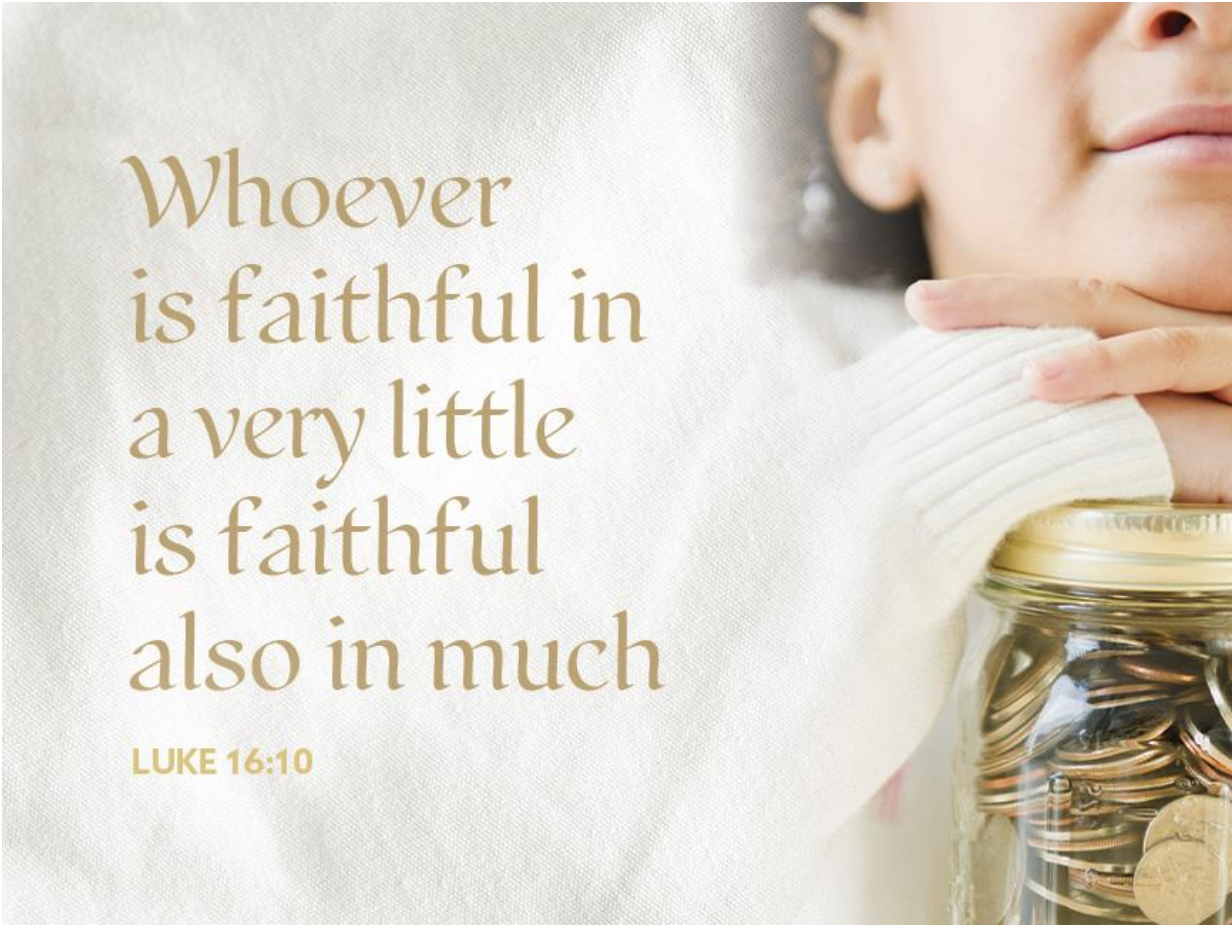


Welcome!



Whoever
is faithful in
a very little
is faithful
also in much

LUKE 16:10

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

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

The 15th Sunday after Pentecost

September 21, 2025 ~ 9:00 am

The Liturgy of Word and Sacrament

As we are invited today to consider what it means to be managers (rather than owners) of all that we have, it is crucial to recognize that we are bought with a price. "Christ Jesus, himself human, . . . gave himself a ransom for all." Apart from the generosity of God we have nothing—we are nothing. By God's gracious favor we have everything we need..

**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

"Take My life, that I May Be" No. 406 Stanzas 1,2,4,5

* 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:

God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

~The Word~

The First Lesson Amos 8:4-7

Amos was called by God to prophesy in the Northern Kingdom of Israel. Peace and prosperity in Israel led to corrupt business practices and oppression of the poor. The prophet declares that God will not tolerate such a situation.

(After the reading)

THE WORD OF THE LORD

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm 113 Tune *“For the Beauty of the Earth”* No.561

GIVE PRAISE, YOU SERVANTS OF THE LORD; PRAISE THE NAME OF THE LORD.

Alleluia! Praises be To the Lord eternally.

LET THE NAME OF THE LORD BE PRAISED, FROM THIS TIME FORTH FOREVERMORE.

Alleluia! Praises soar To the Lord from shore to shore.

FROM THE RISING OF THE SUN TO ITS SETTING, LET THE NAME OF THE LORD BE PRAISED.

Alleluia! Praises rise To God's throne above the skies.

FROM HIS THRONE ON HIGH, THE LORD OUR GOD LOOKS DOWN.

From on high God bends to see Those who dwell in misery.

HE RAISES THE POOR FROM THE DUST, AND LIFTS THE NEEDY FROM THE ASH HEAP.

By his mercy they shall be Treated like fine royalty.

HE MAKES THE WOMAN OF A CHILDLESS HOUSE TO BE THE JOYFUL MOTHER OF CHILDREN.

Alleluia! Glory be To the Lord who sets us free!

The Second Lesson 1 Timothy 2:1-7

The pastoral epistles offer insight into how early Christians understood many practical matters, such as church administration and worship. The church's focused prayer for others is an expression of the single-minded passion God has toward us in Jesus.

(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 16:1-13**

Jesus tells the curious story of a dishonest manager who cheats his employer and then is commended by him for having acted so shrewdly. Jesus wonders why his own followers are less creative and diligent in their stewardship given that they are managers of a far more valuable household.

(Before the Gospel)

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT LUKE THE 16TH 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**

“Let Justice Flow Like Streams”

WOV No. 763

**Let justice flow like streams of sparkling water, pure,
Enabling growth, refreshing life, abundant, cleansing, sure.**

**Let righteousness roll on as others' cares we heed,
An ever-flowing stream of faith translated into deed.**

**So may God's plumb line straight, define our measure true,
And justice, right, and peace pervade this world our whole life through.**

*** 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**

GRACIOUS GOD, WE COME TO YOU IN PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH, THE WORLD, AND ALL IN NEED.

A brief silence.

O GOD, TEACH YOUR CHURCH TO ACT IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE POOR, FRUSTRATING THE EFFORTS OF THOSE WHO TRAMPLE ON THE NEEDY AND PRACTICING JUSTICE IN OUR OWN LIFE AND COMMUNITY. GOD OF GRACE,

receive our prayer.

ALMIGHTY CREATOR, WE PRAY FOR AN END TO THE MISUSE OF THE EARTH AND ITS RESOURCES, THAT ALL PEOPLE MAY BENEFIT FROM YOUR ABUNDANT GIFTS AND THAT OUR STEWARDSHIP OF CREATION WOULD BE MARKED BY JUSTICE AND SUSTAINABILITY. GOD OF GRACE,

receive our prayer.

HOLY ONE, EMBOLDEN ELECTED LEADERS TO PURSUE POLICIES OF ECONOMIC JUSTICE FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL, ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO ARE MOST VULNERABLE AND MARGINALIZED. PERSUADE THEM BY YOUR EXAMPLE OF GENEROSITY AND COMPASSION. GOD OF GRACE,

receive our prayer.

COMPASSIONATE GOD, WE PRAY FOR ALL FACING ILLNESS, THOSE NEAR DEATH, OR THOSE GRIEVING THE LOSS OF LOVED ONES ESPECIALLY WALTER, FORREST, STEVE, CHRISTINE, EDDIE, GEORGE, JAN, AND ALL OUR MEMBERS WHO ARE HOMEBOUND. MAY THEY FIND COMFORT AND STRENGTH IN YOUR LOVE. PREPARE US TO SURROUND THEM WITH YOUR HEALING CARE. GOD OF GRACE,

receive our prayer.

GOD OF LOVE, MOTIVATE OUR CONGREGATION TO ENACT ECONOMIC JUSTICE THROUGH TANGIBLE ACTION, PRIORITIZING THE NEEDS OF OUR COMMUNITY AND SHARING RESOURCES GENEROUSLY THROUGH OUR OUTREACH AND JUSTICE MINISTRIES. GOD OF GRACE,

receive our prayer.

GRACIOUS GOD, WE GIVE THANKS FOR THE SAINTS WHO NOW JOIN THE HEAVENLY CHORUS IN PRAISING YOUR NAME. LIFT US UP FROM THE DUST OF GRIEF AND REMIND US OF YOUR PROMISE OF NEW LIFE. 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 ENTRUST THESE PRAYERS TO YOU, O GOD, IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST, OUR REDEEMER AND FRIEND.

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: “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 “*The Keeper of Your Soul*” – Lyall/King

~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**

“Rise Up, O Saints of God!”

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First Reading: Amos 8:4-7

⁴ Hear this, you who trample on the needy,
and bring to ruin the poor of the land,

⁵ saying, “When will the new moon be over
so that we may sell grain, and the Sabbath,
so that we may offer wheat for sale?

We will make the ephah smaller and the shekel heavier
and practice deceit with false balances,

⁶ buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals
and selling the sweepings of the wheat.”

⁷ The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:
Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

¹ First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, ² for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. ³ This is right and acceptable before God our Savior, ⁴ who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵ For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, ⁶ who gave himself a ransom for all —this was attested at the right time. ⁷ For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth; I am not lying), a teacher of the gentiles in faith and truth.

Gospel: Luke 16:1-13

¹ Then Jesus said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. ² So he summoned him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management because you cannot be my manager any longer.’ ³ Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴ I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’ ⁵ So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ ⁶ He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’ ⁷ Then he asked another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘A hundred containers of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’ ⁸ And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly, for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. ⁹ And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

¹⁰ “Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much, and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. ¹¹ If, then, you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹² And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? ¹³ No slave can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

September 28, 2025 readings are: Amos 6:1a, 4-7 Psalm 146
1 Timothy 6:6-19 Luke 16:19-31

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

September 20-21, 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 our son, Brian by Dave & Darlene Fetterman

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God and

In loving memory of the September 20th birthday of my mother, Ella Gerber by daughter, Marlene McLaughlin & family

THE BULLETINS are given to the Glory of God and

In honor of family and friends by Nik & Sabrina Smith

ORGAN FUND DONATIONS are given to the Glory of God and

Gift from Bob & Terri Livingston

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

My sincere thanks and appreciation to Glenn and his helpers who trimmed and cleaned up the shrubbery at my house on Sunday, September 7, 2025. God Bless You! Darlene B. Murphy

Gift from God's Work, Our Hands from Maurice & Mary Ann Infante

Please remember the following in your prayers: 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

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.

The September Joyful Noise is for: Doctors Without Borders provides medical care where it is needed most in 70 countries. Most of their funding comes from small donations.

This Week in Our Church

SUNDAY, September 21, 2025, Back to Church Sunday

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

MONDAY

Newsletter Deadline

THURSDAY

7:00 Senior Choir Rehearsal

SATURDAY

6:00 Saturday Evening Worship

SUNDAY, September 28, 2025

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 9/14/25 in support of Zion Ministries:

From our gifts	\$1,956.00
From Thrift Store	\$129.91
From Endowment (other)	\$0.00
From Culinary	\$0.00

Received for Endowment: \$0.00

Received for Capital Campaign: \$798.00

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

From offering/gifts/memorials:	\$96,288.48
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: \$138,017.63

* 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.

Free large diapers - Zion's Diaper Depot has been given some large/extra-large (60 to 125 pounds) pull-up SleepOver diapers. Please let us know if you could use some of them. Contact gtay200@aol.com or call the church office at 570-668-2180.

**A bulletin sponsor is needed for October 12th.
Please sign up on the church bulletin board.**

Upcoming Events

September 21 – Sunday School/ Confirmation Begins

October 2 – Hoagie Sale - Canceled

October 3 – Blessings Thrift Shop

October 11 & 12 – Harvest Home

DEADLINE: All information for the **October 2025 issue of the “Herald”** is due at the church office no later than **Monday, September 22, 2025**. 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, October 3rd 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: We have recently been made aware that the section of roof on top of the tower is in need of replacement. We are working to address the situation, and expect that it will add a little over \$9,000 in cost to the overall project. We are also working on finalizing the release of the \$100,000 loan from the synod. Thank you for your continued support our restoration, and let me know if you have any questions.- Brian Lawfer, Acting Property Chair

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.

Reminder: If you have sponsored Altar Flowers, Candles, or bulletins for 2025, please fill out the information cards in the gathering room. 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. **Please do not leave forms by the bulletin board, place them in the offering plate with your payment or give them to the office.** Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

SUNDAY SCHOOL - Sunday School follows our Morning Worship Service from 10:15 – 11:00 am. While we don't have attendance "requirements" for children in Sunday school, it is important to send your child(ren) as often as possible. While we understand the children are involved with other commitments, the lessons taught in Sunday School are essential in preparing them for their Catechetical education. (Confirmation).

CONFIRMATION - Confirmation begins today from 11:00 am -12:30 pm. Students entering 7th grade (or above) are eligible to begin Confirmation. The program is a 2 year period of study which prepares the student to affirm their baptismal covenant, and take over responsibility for their faith journey. The program is flexible and is spread over two years to ensure even if minimal time is missed, the student is prepared to accept this responsibility.

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.

Registration forms for all educational opportunities are on the Gathering Room table. Questions & requests for additional information can be directed to zionlutheraneducation@gmail.com



Harvest Home will be celebrated on Saturday October 11th at 6:00 pm and Sunday, October 12th 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.