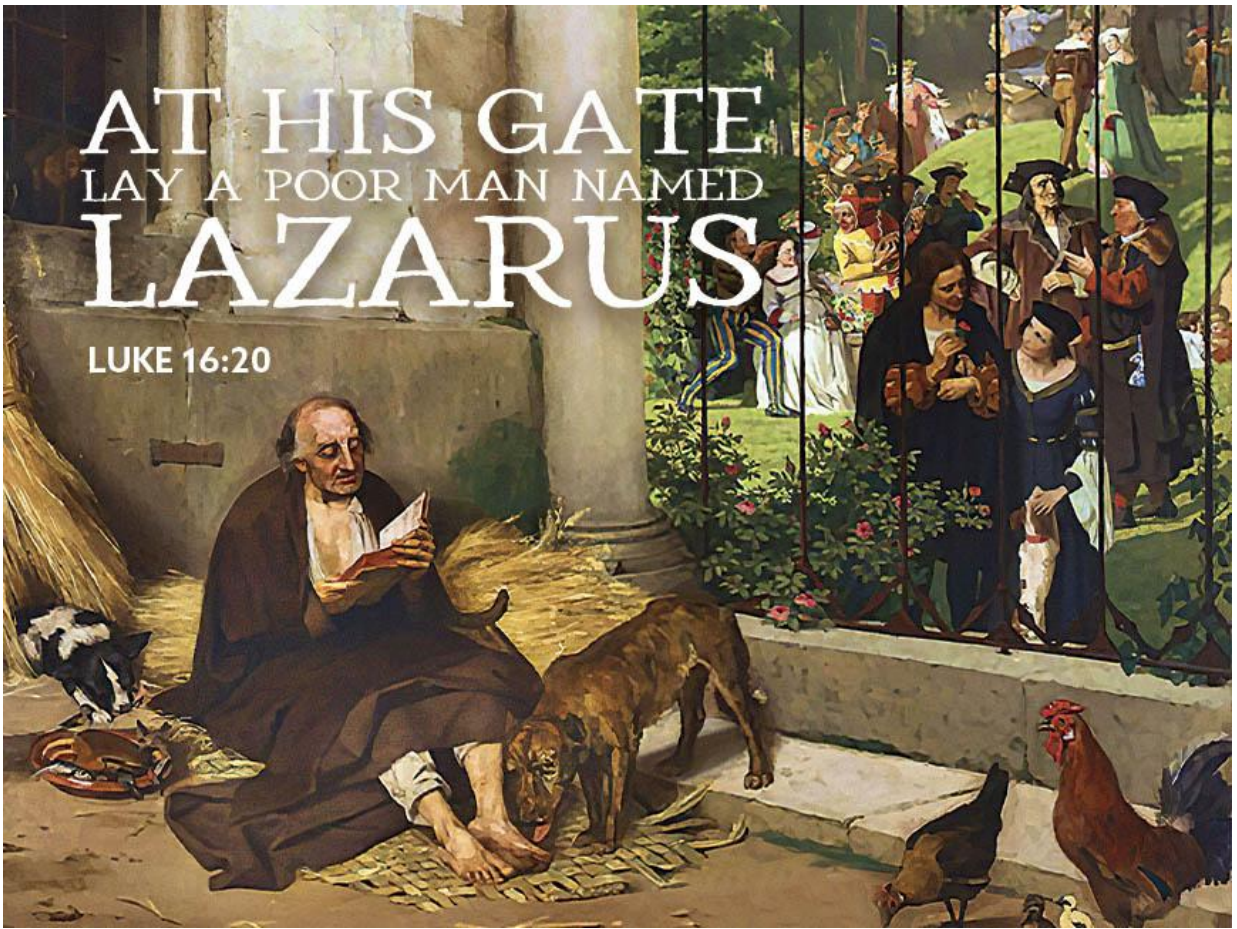


# Welcome!



## *Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church*

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

# The 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

September 28, 2025 ~ 9:00 am

## *The Liturgy of Word and Sacrament*

*Consideration of and care for those in need (especially those “at our gate,” visible to us, of whom we are aware) is an essential component of good stewardship. It is in the sharing of wealth that we avoid the snare of wealth. It is the one whom death could not hold—who comes to us risen from the dead—who can free us from the death grip of greed.*

*\*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

*“Gather Us In”*

ELW No. 532

**Here in this place the new light is streaming, now is the darkness vanished away;  
see in this space our fears and our dreamings brought here to you in the light of this day.  
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken, gather us in, the blind and the lame;  
call to us now, and we shall awaken, we shall arise at the sound of our name.**

**We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry, we are the old who yearn for your face;  
we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry, called to be light to the whole human race.  
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty, gather us in, the proud and the strong;  
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly, give us the courage to enter the song.**

**Here we will take the wine and the water, here we will take the bread of new birth,  
here you shall call your sons and your daughters, call us anew to be salt for the earth.  
Give us to drink the wine of compassion, give us to eat the bread that is you;  
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.**

**Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away—  
here in this place the new light is shining, now is the kingdom, and now is the day.  
Gather us in and hold us forever, gather us in and make us your own;  
gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.**

**\* 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:

**O God, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

<p>~The Word~</p>
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**The First Lesson Amos 6:1a, 4-7**

*The prophet Amos announces that Israel's great wealth is a cause not for rejoicing but rather sorrow, because God's people have forgotten how to share their wealth with the poor. The wealthy will be the first to go into exile when judgment comes.*

*(After the reading)*

THE WORD OF THE LORD

**Thanks be to God.**

**The Psalm 146** Tune *"For the Beauty of the Earth"* No.561

HALLELUJAH! PRAISE THE LORD, O MY SOUL!

**Alleluia! Glory be, To the Lord eternally!**

I WILL PRAISE THE LORD AS LONG AS I LIVE; I WILL SING PRAISES TO MY GOD ALL MY LIFE.

**Alleluia! Praise be done, From the dawn to set of sun.**

DO NOT PUT YOUR TRUST IN RULERS; NO HUMAN BEING CAN SAVE YOU. WHEN THEY BREATHE THEIR LAST, THEY RETURN TO THE DUST; ON THAT DAY ALL THEIR PLANS COME TO AN END.

**Alleluia! Gladly sing, To the Lord, our glorious King!**

HAPPY ARE THOSE WHOSE HELP IS IN THE GOD OF JACOB, WHOSE HOPE IS IN THE LORD THEIR GOD, WHO MADE HEAVEN AND EARTH, THE SEA AND ALL THAT IS IN THEM. HE ALWAYS KEEPS HIS PROMISES.

**Alleluia! Praise is due, To our faithful God and true!**

THE LORD EXECUTED JUSTICE FOR THE OPPRESSED AND GIVES FOOD TO THE HUNGRY; HE SETS THE PRISONERS FREE. THE LORD OPENS THE EYES OF THE BLIND, AND LIFTS UP THOSE WHO ARE BOWED DOWN.

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

THE LORD LOVES THE RIGHTEOUS. HE WATCHES OVER THE STRANGERS; HE UPHOLDS THE ORPHAN AND WIDOW, BUT FRUSTRATES THE WAY OF THE WICKED.

**Alleluia! Gladly sing, To our ever-reigning King!**

## **The Second Lesson 1 Timothy 6:6-19**

*Timothy is reminded of the confession he made at his baptism and of its implications for daily life. His priorities will be different from those of people who merely want to be rich.*

*(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 16:19-31**

*Jesus tells a parable in which the poor one is “lifted up” and the rich one is “sent away empty.” Jesus makes it clear that this ethic of merciful reversal is not new but is as old as Moses and the prophets.*

*(Before the Gospel)*

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT LUKE THE 16<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**      ***“The Church of Christ, in Every Age”***      No. 433 Stanzas 1,2,3

## **\* 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.*

WE PRAY FOR THE CHURCH, THAT IT WOULD REMAIN FAITHFUL TO THE GOSPEL, ALWAYS STRIVING TO SERVE THE NEEDS OF THOSE WHO ARE OPPRESSED AND REJECTING THE COMPLACENCY THAT COMES FROM WEALTH. GOD OF GRACE,

**receive our prayer.**

WE PRAY FOR CREATION, THAT THE NATIONS WORK TOGETHER TO PROTECT AND RESTORE THE EARTH, PRESERVING THE BEAUTY OF THE PLANET FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS AND HONORING THE GIFT OF YOUR CREATION. GOD OF GRACE,

**receive our prayer.**

WE PRAY FOR THOSE IN POSITIONS OF AUTHORITY, THAT THEY GOVERN WITH JUSTICE AND COMPASSION, RECOGNIZING THE DIGNITY OF ALL PEOPLE AND WORKING TO PROMOTE PEACE AND PROSPERITY FOR ALL. GOD OF GRACE,

**receive our prayer.**

WE PRAY FOR PEOPLE IN ANY NEED ESPECIALLY WALTER, FORREST, STEVE, CHRISTINE, EDDIE, GEORGE, JAN, AND ALL OUR MEMBERS WHO ARE HOMEBOUND. GIVE THEM YOUR ASSURANCE AND COURAGE WHEN THE PATH FORWARD IS NOT CLEAR. LIBERATE US FROM ALL THAT BINDS US, LIFT US UP WHEN WE ARE BOWED DOWN, AND SHOW US YOUR LOVE. GOD OF GRACE,

**receive our prayer.**

WE PRAY FOR THIS CONGREGATION, THAT WE WOULD BE STRENGTHENED TO BUILD A WORLD WHERE ALL CAN THRIVE. INCITE US TO ADVOCATE FOR FAIR WAGES AND JUST POLICIES, AND GUIDE US IN BUILDING A COMMUNITY OF MUTUAL SUPPORT. GOD OF GRACE,

**receive our prayer.**

WE REMEMBER IN THANKSGIVING THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED. INSPIRE US BY THEIR EXAMPLE TO LOVE AND SERVE OUR NEIGHBORS, AND BRING US TO ETERNAL 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](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 “There is a Season” – Gilpin**

**~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**

**“God Be with You till We Meet Again”** ELW No. 536

**God be with you till we meet again; by good counsels guide, uphold you,  
with a shepherd's care enfold you; God be with you till we meet again.**

*(Refrain)* **Till we meet, till we meet,  
till we meet at Jesus' feet; till we meet,  
till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.**

**God be with you till we meet again; holy wings securely hide you,  
daily manna still provide you; God be with you till we meet again. *(Refrain)***

**God be with you till we meet again; when life's perils thick confound you,  
put unfailing arms around you; God be with you till we meet again. *(Refrain)***

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## **First Reading: Amos 6:1a, 4-7 – Not Printed**

**Second Reading: 1 Timothy 6:6-19** - <sup>6</sup> Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment, <sup>7</sup> for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it, <sup>8</sup> but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. <sup>9</sup> But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. <sup>10</sup> For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

<sup>11</sup> But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. <sup>12</sup> Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. <sup>13</sup> In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you <sup>14</sup> to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>15</sup> which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. <sup>16</sup> It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

<sup>17</sup> As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches but rather on God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. <sup>18</sup> They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, <sup>19</sup> thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

**Gospel: Luke 16:19-31** - [Jesus said:] <sup>19</sup> “There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. <sup>20</sup> And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, <sup>21</sup> who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. <sup>22</sup> The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. <sup>23</sup> In Hades, where he was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. <sup>24</sup> He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.’ <sup>25</sup> But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things and Lazarus in like manner evil things, but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. <sup>26</sup> Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ <sup>27</sup> He said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house <sup>28</sup> for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ <sup>29</sup> Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ <sup>30</sup> He said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’ <sup>31</sup> He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’ ”

**October 5, 2025 readings are:**

Habakkuk 1:1-4;2:1-4  
2 Timothy 1:1-14

Psalms 37:1-9  
Luke 17:5-10



# ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

September 27-28, 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 Ed Haldeman on our anniversary, love ya kid by Catherine Haldeman

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

In honor of the birthdays of grandsons, Dylan's 15<sup>th</sup>, and Donovan's 17<sup>th</sup> and daughter, Corey's 28<sup>th</sup> by  
Denise I. Smolar

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

In grateful appreciation of Beth Marcavage, Glenn Frtzinger and his team for God's Work Our Hand's  
Helping myself and a 95-year-old mother, who has been a lifelong member of Zions. Thank you!  
Susan and Eva "Mitzi" Koomar

***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.

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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 Hadeisty, 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, September 28, 2025

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

## FRIDAY

9:00 Blessings Thrift Shop

## THURSDAY

7:00 Senior Choir Rehearsal

## SATURDAY

6:00 Saturday Evening Worship

## SUNDAY, October 5, 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 9/21/25 in support of Zion Ministries:

From our gifts	\$2,749.25
From Thrift Store	\$0.00
From Endowment (other)	\$0.00
From Culinary	\$0.00

Received for Endowment: \$0.00

Received for Capital Campaign: \$298.00

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

From offering/gifts/memorials:	\$99,037.73
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: \$140,766.88

\* 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.***

## Upcoming Events

**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 **ASAP**. You may e-mail your information to [zionlcof@verizon.net](mailto: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 3<sup>rd</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:** 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.

**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](mailto:zionlutheraneducation@gmail.com)

**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](mailto:gtay200@aol.com) or call the church office at 570-668-2180.

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



**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.**