

*Welcome!*



The birds  
of the air  
make nests  
in its shade

**MARK 4:32**

## *Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church*

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

# *The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost*

June 16, 2024 ~ 9:00 am

## *The Liturgy of Word and Sacrament*

*The mustard seed becomes a great shrub that shelters the birds, recalling ancient images of the tree of life. We'd expect a cedar or a sequoia, but Jesus finds the power of God better imaged in a tiny, no-account seed. It's not the way we expect divine activity to look. Yet the tree of life is here, in the cross around which we gather, the tree into which we are grafted through baptism, the true vine that nourishes us with its fruit in the cup we share. It may not appear all that impressive, but while nobody's looking it grows with a power beyond our understanding.*

*\*Congregation please stand*

### **The Pre-service Music**

~ The Gathering ~

#### **\* The Confession and Forgiveness**

BLESSED BE THE HOLY TRINITY, ✚ ONE GOD, THE GOD OF MANNA, THE GOD OF MIRACLES, THE GOD OF MERCY.

**Amen.**

DRAWN TO CHRIST AND SEEKING GOD'S ABUNDANCE, LET US CONFESS OUR SIN.

*Please kneel if able.*

GOD, OUR PROVIDER,

**help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

BELOVED PEOPLE OF GOD: IN JESUS, THE MANNA FROM HEAVEN, YOU ARE FED AND NOURISHED. BY JESUS, THE WORKER OF MIRACLES, THERE IS ALWAYS MORE THAN ENOUGH. THROUGH JESUS, ✚ THE BREAD OF LIFE, YOU ARE SHOWN GOD'S MERCY: YOU ARE FORGIVEN AND LOVED INTO ABUNDANT LIFE.

**Amen.**

#### **\* The Gathering Hymn**

*"This is My Father's World"*

No. 554

#### **\* The Greeting**

THE GRACE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, THE LOVE OF GOD. AND THE COMMUNION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT BE WITH YOU ALL.

**And also with you.**

#### **\* The Kyrie Eleison** *(Now the Feast)*

IN PEACE, IN PEACE, LET US PRAY TO THE LORD.

**Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

FOR THE REIGN OF GOD, AND FOR PEACE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, FOR THE UNITY OF ALL, LET US PRAY TO THE LORD.

**Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

FOR YOUR PEOPLE HERE, WHO HAVE COME TO GIVE YOU PRAISE, FOR THE STRENGTH TO LIVE YOUR WORD, LET US PRAY TO THE LORD.

**Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

HELP, SAVE, AND DEFEND US, O GOD.

**Amen.**

\* **The Hymn of Praise** *(Now the Feast)*

*(Refrain)* Now the feast and celebration, all of creation sings for joy to the  
God of life and love and freedom; praise and glory for evermore!

Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has freed  
and united us to be one great people of God. *(Refrain)*

Power and riches, wisdom and might,  
all honor and glory to Christ for ever. *(Refrain)*

For God has come to dwell with us to make us people of God;  
to make all things new. *(Refrain)*

\* **The Prayer of the Day**

THE LORD BE WITH YOU

*(Sung)* And also with you.

LET US PRAY:

**O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

~The Word~

**The First Lesson** Ezekiel 17:22-24

*Tree imagery is used in a messianic prophecy to tell how the LORD will choose someone from Judah's royal family (the cedar tree) to reign over all creation. This tree will be planted on Mount Zion, the location of the holy temple.*

*(After the reading)*

THE WORD OF THE LORD

**Thanks be to God.**

**The Psalm** 92:1-4, 12-15 Tune "All People That on Earth do Dwell" No.245

IT IS A GOOD THING TO GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD, AND TO SING PRAISES TO YOUR NAME,  
O MOST HIGH;

**How good it is to thank the Lord,**

TO PROCLAIM YOUR CONSTANT LOVE EVERY MORNING AND YOUR FAITHFULNESS EVERY  
NIGHT SEASON,

**How good to tell the wondrous word.**

WITH THE MUSIC OF STRINGED INSTRUMENTS AND WITH MELODY ON THE HARP.

**God's works abound on ev'ry hand;**

YOUR MIGHTY DEEDS MAKE ME GLAD, O LORD; BECAUSE OF WHAT YOU HAVE DONE, I SING  
FOR JOY.

**Like sturdy palms his people stand.**

THE RIGHTEOUS WILL FLOURISH LIKE PALM TREES; THEY WILL GROW LIKE CEDARS OF  
LEBANON. THEY ARE PLANTED IN THE HOUSE OF THE LORD, AND FLOURISH IN THE COURTS  
OF OUR GOD. THEY SHALL STILL BEAR FRUIT IN OLD AGE, EVER GREEN AND STRONG,

**God's works abound on ev'ry hand;**

**Like sturdy palms his people stand.**

TO SHOW THAT THE LORD IS UPRIGHT, A ROCK, IN WHOM THERE IS NO FAULT.

**How good it is to thank the Lord,**

**How good to tell the wondrous word!**

## **The Second Lesson 2 Corinthians 5:6-17**

*Paul encourages believers to live by faith and not by sight. We do not consider Jesus from a human perspective but through the eyes of faith, believing he died for all and was raised. All who are in Christ are now in God's new creation.*

*(After the reading)*

**THE WORD OF THE LORD**

**Thanks be to God.**

### **\* The Gospel Acclamation** *(Alleluia Verse Now the Feast)*

**Alleluia, Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia!**

### **\* The Holy Gospel St. Mark 4:26-34**

*Jesus frequently uses parables to teach ordinary people as they are able to hear and understand. Images of sowing and growing show the vitality of God's kingdom.*

*(Before the Gospel)*

**THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT MARK THE 4<sup>TH</sup> CHAPTER:**

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

*(After the Gospel)*

**THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD**

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

## **The Sermon**

*Pastor Cindy White*

### **\* The Hymn of the Day**

***"For the Fruit of All Creation"***

WOV No. 760

**For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.**

**For these gifts to ev'ry nation, thanks be to God.**

**For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,**

**Future needs in earth's safe-keeping, thanks be to God.**

**In the just reward of labor, God's will is done.**

**In the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done.**

**In our world-wide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,**

**In the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.**

**For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.**

**For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.**

**For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,**

**Most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.**

### **\* 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**

WE COME BEFORE THE TRIUNE GOD TO PRAY FOR OUR COMMUNITIES, OURSELVES, AND OUR WORLD.

*A brief silence.*

NOURISH YOUR FAITHFUL PEOPLE THROUGH GIFTS OF WORD AND WORSHIP. GUIDE THE CHURCH IN LISTENING TO AND INTERPRETING YOUR MESSAGE OF GRACE FOR THIS TIME AND PLACE IN HISTORY. IN YOUR WISDOM, LEAD US IN EXPANDING THE REACH OF YOUR LOVE. MERCIFUL GOD,

**receive our prayer.**

NATURE SINGS YOUR LOVE IN THE MORNING AND YOUR FAITHFULNESS AT NIGHT. SUSTAIN THE HOLY RHYTHMS OF CREATION: DAYS AND SEASONS, HIBERNATION AND ACTIVITY, PHASES OF THE MOON AND TIDES OF THE SEA. LET THESE PATTERNS ASSURE US OF YOUR CONSTANCY. MERCIFUL GOD,

**receive our prayer.**

YOU RAISE THE LOWLY AND HUMBLE THOSE IN HIGH REGARD. RAISE UP ALL WHO ARE VICTIMS OF MARGINALIZATION, DISCRIMINATION, AND HATE. AS WE ANTICIPATE JUNETEENTH, BANISH WHITE SUPREMACY AND BIGOTRY FROM THE HEARTS OF YOUR PEOPLE AND REMOVE THE INCLINATION TOWARD ANGER AND VIOLENCE. MERCIFUL GOD,

**receive our prayer.**

TEND TO ALL WHO JOURNEY BY FAITH AND WHO WAIT WITH PATIENCE FOR THE FULFILLMENT OF YOUR HEALING PROMISES, ESPECIALLY FERN, GEORGE, JAN, RALPH, AND ALL OUR MEMBERS WHO ARE HOMEBOUND. GRANT PERSEVERANCE TO PEOPLE DOING PHYSICAL AND OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY, PEOPLE LIVING WITH MOBILITY CONCERNS, AND PEOPLE FACING CHRONIC PAIN. MERCIFUL GOD,

**receive our prayer.**

AS YOU HAVE LOVED US, SO LET US LOVE ONE ANOTHER. EMPOWER FATHERS, STEPFATHERS, GRANDFATHERS, ADOPTIVE FATHERS, AND CHOSEN FATHERS TO EMBODY THIS GIFT OF LOVE FOR THEIR CHILDREN. WHERE THESE RELATIONSHIPS ARE STRAINED OR BROKEN, BRING YOUR COMFORT AND PEACE. MERCIFUL GOD,

**receive our prayer.**

WITH GRATITUDE, WE REMEMBER THE SAINTS WHO ARE NOW AT HOME WITH YOU. PLANT SEEDS OF THEIR WISDOM AND WITNESS IN OUR HEARTS, THAT WE GROW IN FAITH UNTIL WE JOIN THEM IN YOUR HEAVENLY DWELLING. MERCIFUL GOD,

**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. MERCIFUL GOD,

**receive our prayer.**

RECEIVE OUR PRAYERS, O GOD, AND COME QUICKLY TO OUR AID, THROUGH THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT AND THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST.

**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 “As the Grains of Wheat”** *(Now the Feast)*

*(Refrain)* **As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill  
were gathered into one to become our bread;  
so may all your people from all the  
ends of earth be gathered into one in you.**

**As this cup of blessing is shared within our midst,  
may we share the presence of your love.** *(Refrain)*

### \* **The Offertory Prayer**

LET US PRAY: JESUS, BREAD OF LIFE, YOU HAVE SET THIS TABLE WITH YOUR VERY SELF, AND CALLED US TO THE FEAST OF PLENTY. GATHER WHAT HAS BEEN SOWN AMONG US, AND STRENGTHEN US IN THIS MEAL. MAKE US TO BE WHAT WE RECEIVE HERE, YOUR BODY FOR THE LIFE OF THE WORLD.

**Amen.**

### \* **The Great Thanksgiving**

#### \* **The Preface and Sanctus**

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 God thanks and praise.**

IT IS OUR DUTY.....THEIR UNENDING HYMN: *(Now the Feast)*

*(Sung)* **Holy, holy, holy are you, God of power and might; Heaven and earth are filled with your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the One who comes in your name. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest!**

### \* **The Eucharistic Prayer** *(Now the Feast)*

YOU ARE INDEED HOLY, ... WE PRAY FOR HIS COMING AGAIN EVEN AS WE CRY.

AMEN. COME, LORD JESUS. AMEN. COME, LORD JESUS.

*(Sung)* **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

SEND NOW, WE PRAY, YOUR HOLY SPIRIT, THAT ALL OF YOUR PROMISES MAY COME TO US AND YOUR CREATION.

AMEN. COME, HOLY SPIRIT. AMEN. COME, HOLY SPIRIT.

*(Sung)* **Amen. Come, Holy Spirit. Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

THIS WE PRAY THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, OUR SAVIOR AND OUR FRIEND.

*(Sung)* **Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Spirit,  
all glory and honor is yours, O God, now and forever. Amen.**

**\* The Lord's Prayer**

MAKE US BOLD, O MERCIFUL GOD, TO ADDRESS YOU AS OUR ABBA AS WE 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**

CHRIST HAS SET THE TABLE WITH MORE THAN ENOUGH FOR ALL. COME!

**\* The Agnus Dei “Lamb of God”** *(Now the Feast)*

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

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

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
grant us peace, 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**

MAY THE GRACE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST AND THE GIFTS OF HIS BODY AND BLOOD STRENGTHEN, KEEP AND UNITE, NOW AND FOREVER.

**Amen.**

**\* The Post-Communion Canticle** *(“Thanks Be to You” - Now the Feast)*

**Praise to you, O God of mercy! Thanks be to you forever!**

**Raising high the weak and lowly; Thanks be to you forever!**

**From of old you loved and sought us! Thanks be to you forever!**

**Truth and justice you have taught us; Thanks be to you forever!**

**Strong is your faithfulness, strong is your love, Rememb'ring your covenant of life with us.**

**Praise to you, O God of mercy! Thanks be to you forever!**

**Raising high the weak and lowly; Thanks be to you forever! Thanks be to you forever!**

**\* The Post Communion Prayer**

LET US PRAY; JESUS, BREAD OF LIFE, WE HAVE RECEIVED FROM YOUR TABLE MORE THAN WE COULD EVER ASK. AS YOU HAVE NOURISHED US IN THIS MEAL, NOW STRENGTHEN US TO LOVE THE WORLD WITH YOUR OWN LIFE. IN YOUR NAME WE PRAY.

**Amen.**

**The Senior Choir Anthem**

**“You Are the Christ” – Angerman**

## ~The Sending~

### \* The Blessing

THE BLESSING OF GOD, WHO PROVIDES FOR US, FEEDS US, AND JOURNEYS WITH US, + BE UPON YOU NOW AND FOREVER.

*(Sung)* Amen. Amen. Amen.

### \* The Sending

GO IN PEACE. YOU ARE THE BODY OF CHRIST.

**Thanks be to God.**

### \* The Sending Hymn

*“Faith of Our Fathers”*

No. 500

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**First Reading: Ezekiel 17:22-24 – Not Printed**

**Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:6-17 – Not Printed**

**Gospel: Mark 4:26-34**

<sup>26</sup>[Jesus] said, “The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground,<sup>27</sup> and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. <sup>28</sup>The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head.

<sup>29</sup>But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.”

<sup>30</sup>He also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? <sup>31</sup>It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; <sup>32</sup>yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

<sup>33</sup>With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; <sup>34</sup>he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

**June 23, 2024 readings are:**

Job 38:1-11

Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32

2 Corinthians 6:1-13

Mark 4:35-41



# ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

June 15-16, 2024

*\*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 the hall 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 parents, family and friends by Gerry Zeigler.

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

In loving memory of Joseph Harvilla and Charles Wagner on their first heavenly Father's Day by Matt, Tiffany and Kinsley Warden and Roxanne Harvilla.

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

For the prosperity of our church in our hometown & community by Stacey Faust & Emily Stahler

**Altar Flower sponsors are needed for July 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>.  
Please sign up on the church bulletin board.**

*Please remember the following in your prayers Fern Rudenko, George Weaver, Jan McRoberts, Ralph Derr, and all our members who are homebound.*

## **Welcome!!**

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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: 8:00 am - 1:00 pm

**Zion's 2024 Church Council officers:** Michael Haspe, President, Brian Lawfer, Vice-President, Ernie Henritz, Secretary, Dave Gensure, Treasurer, and Ann Marie Hadesty, Financial Secretary. Other members of Council include Judy Brennan, Arlene Derr, Glenn Fritzinger, Thomas Graham, Carol Hartung, Steve Ristila, Brittany Scalfani and Mary Ruth Taylor; 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, June 16, 2024, *Father's Day***

9:00 The Service of Word & Sacrament  
10:00 Choir Rehearsal

## **MONDAY**

5:30 VBS

## **TUESDAY**

5:30 VBS

## **WEDNESDAY**

5:30 VBS

6:00 NA Meeting

## **THURSDAY**

5:30 VBS

## **FRIDAY**

5:30 VBS

5:30 Diaper Depot Prep

## **SATURDAY**

9:00 Diaper Depot Distribution

6:00 Saturday Evening Worship

## **SUNDAY, June 23, 2024**

9:00 The Service of Word & Sacrament

10:00 Choir Rehearsal

### **Supporting Zion's Ministries**

***"Empowered and inspired by God to bring others to Christ"***

Received 6/9/24 in support of Zion Ministries:

From our gifts \$1,193.00

From Thrift Store \$550.00

From Endowment (other) \$0.00

Received for Endowment: \$100.00

Received for Capital Campaign: \$234.00

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

From offering/gifts/memorials: \$70,759.18

From Thrift Store: \$4,235.80

From Endowment: \$22,006.00

From Culinary: \$10,465.00

Year-to-date total for Zion's mission/ministries: \$107,465.98

***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.***

**GIFTS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD**

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

In loving memory of Samuel A. Alonge by Tom Price and Anne Christian

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

In loving memory of Michael Cappos for Father's Day from his sons and their families

In loving memory of Mr. E. A. Follweiler for Father's Day from his children and their families

**Upcoming Events**

**June 17-21** - Vacation Bible School

**July 5** – Blessings Thrift Store

**July 14** – Church Clean-Up

**July 18** – Ice Cream Social

Zion's Blessings Thrift Shop sale is on Friday, July 5<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!

*Altar Flower Sponsors are needed for 2024 - The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. The cost of the flowers are \$42.40, and individuals will be billed from the florist. Please remember to fill out a card with your honorarium or memorial, this information is needed for the bulletin. Please do not sign up without filling out a form. Please contact the church office if you have questions. Thank you in advance!*



*We would like to wish all fathers and father figures joining us today a Happy Father's Day! A gift is available for each of our fathers in the basket located in the gathering room. Please pick one gift per father, so that all our dads may enjoy receiving a gift.*

**Church Cleanup Day – Sunday, July 14 – 10 am – 1 pm.** Your help is needed! It's been some time since our beautiful church had a deep cleaning. If we work together, we can get the job done! Please consider lending a hand if you are able. There is sure to be good fellowship, & lots of laughs. Light snacks will be provided (We are Lutheran, we love to eat after all!) Tasks will be available for all cleaning abilities. Your help is appreciated! I hope to see you there - Michael Haspe, Council President

**VBS June 17 – 21, 2024, from 5:30 - 8:30 pm.** Camp Firelight is a Summer Camp Adventure with God! With the help of Lu the Lightning Bug and the Camp Counselor Guidebook, Counselor Sam and our Campers explore timeless Bible stories that show how Old and New Testament Campers trusted God in the face of their own fears and went on to do great things in God's name. We will also learn ways we can connect with and put our trust in God whenever we are afraid, challenged, or called to do God's work in the world and share the Good News of God's love through Jesus Christ. Contact Michael at [zionlutheraneducation@gmail.com](mailto:zionlutheraneducation@gmail.com). Thank you for your support! Sign up online at [ziontamaqua.mycokesburyvbs.com](http://ziontamaqua.mycokesburyvbs.com).

**Zion youth are headed to the ELCA Youth Gathering!** Three of our young members have committed to taking on New Orleans from July 16-20! Darien, Julia, and Elaina will be joining thousands of other young people from across the country as they affirm their faith, experience new perspectives, join in worship, and meet new people. Because of your help, our fundraisers, so far, have been successful. Also, a huge "thank you" goes out to Congregational Life for assisting us with the extra funding needed to secure the reservations. At least 50% of what was provided by Congregational Life, will be returned by the youth, through additional fundraisers. Of course, there will be additional expenses for meals and transportation, so we would like to invite you to join others from Zion in support of this adventure. Gifts can be made by clicking the "Giving" button on the Zion website and selecting the "Youth Trip" option or by placing your gift in an envelope placed in the offering plate marked "Youth Trip" Watch for more fundraisers coming! Thank you for your support!

**JULY ICE CREAM SOCIAL BENEFIT** - Zion's Culinary Team is hosting an ice cream social on Thursday, July 18, 2024 from 4:00 to 7:00 pm or sell-out. All proceeds will go to the Tamaqua Fire Police. Ice Cream Sundays are \$5.00. Additional food items will be available for purchase. Please help spread the word. Let your friends, neighbors and relatives know about this special community event. Please contact Glenn at (484) 560-8211 or Mary Ruth at 570-668-4451 for more information. We hope to see you there!