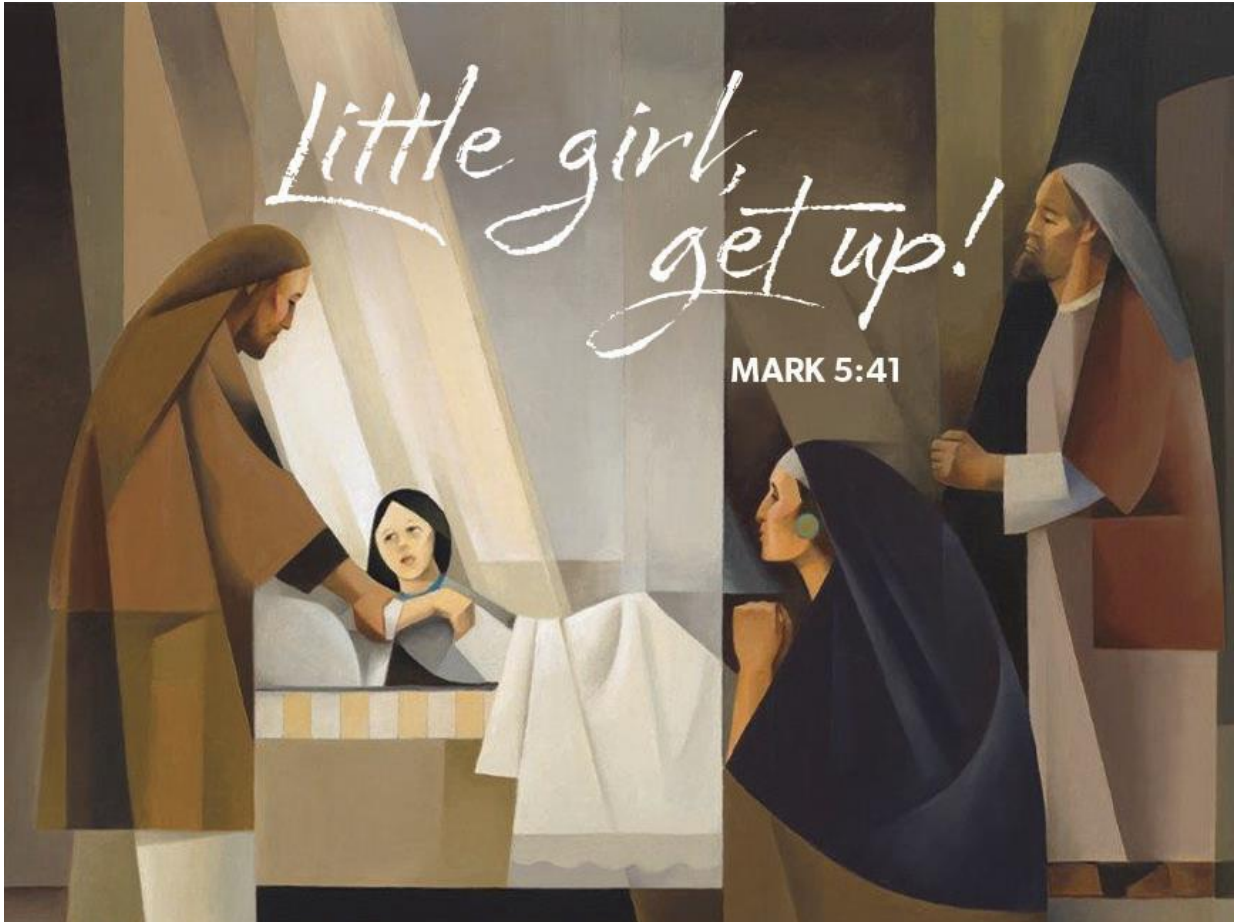


Welcome!



Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

101 N. Greenwood Street, Tamaqua, PA 18252
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Our Mission: Empowered and Inspired by God to bring others to Christ.

The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

June 30, 2024 ~ 9:00 am

The Liturgy of Word and Sacrament

A woman finds healing by touching Jesus' cloak, and a girl is restored to life when he takes her by the hand. In both cases a boundary is crossed: in Jesus' time the hemorrhaging woman was considered ritually unclean, polluting others by her touch, and anyone who touched a corpse also became unclean. In Mark's gospel Jesus breaks down barriers, from his first meal at a tax collector's house to his last breath on the cross as the temple curtain is torn in two. We dare to touch Jesus in our "uncleanness" and to live as a community that defines no one as an outsider.

**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**

"The Church of Christ, in Every Age"

No. 433

*** 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:

Almighty and merciful God, we implore you to hear the prayers of your people. Be our strong defense against all harm and danger, that we may live and grow in faith and hope, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

~The Word~

The First Lesson Lamentations 3:22-33

The book of Lamentations is one of our most important sources of information about the fall of Jerusalem to the Babylonians in 587 BCE. Though the people admit that God's judgment was just, today's reading declares a fervent trust that God will not leave them forever.

(After the reading)

THE WORD OF THE LORD

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm 30 Tune "*Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!*" No.147

I WILL EXALT YOU, O LORD, BECAUSE YOU HAVE LIFTED ME UP, AND KEPT MY ENEMIES FROM GLOATING OVER ME.

Let the Lord, my God, be praised, For the Lord has heard my voice.

O LORD MY GOD, I CRIED TO YOU FOR HELP, AND YOU HEALED ME; YOU RESTORED MY LIFE AS I WAS GOING DOWN TO THE GRAVE.

Let glad songs to God be raised; Let the faithful now rejoice.

HIS ANGER LASTS ONLY A MOMENT, HIS GOODNESS FOR A LIFETIME.

Tears may linger for the night; Joy dawns with the morning light.

YOU WERE GOOD TO ME, LORD; YOU PROTECTED ME LIKE A MOUNTAIN FORTRESS. I FELT SECURE AND SAID TO MYSELF, "I WILL NEVER BE DEFEATED." BUT THEN YOU HID YOURSELF FROM ME, AND I WAS AFRAID. I CRIED TO YOU, O LORD; I BEGGED FOR YOUR HELP: "WHAT WILL YOU GAIN FROM MY DEATH? CAN I PROCLAIM YOUR UNFAILING GOODNESS FROM THE GRAVE? LORD, HEAR ME AND HELP ME IN YOUR MERCY!"

Let the Lord, my God, be praised, For the Lord has heard my voice.

YOU HAVE TURNED MY MOURNING INTO DANCING; YOU HAVE TAKEN OFF MY SACKCLOTH AND CLOTHED ME WITH JOY.

Let glad songs to God be raised; Let the faithful now rejoice.

SO I WILL NOT BE SILENT; I WILL SING PRAISE TO YOU, O LORD MY GOD; I WILL GIVE THANKS TO YOU FOREVER.

Tears may linger for the night; Joy dawns with the morning light.

The Second Lesson 2 Corinthians 8:7-15

Paul encourages the Corinthians to honor their commitment to participate in the collection his churches are organizing for the Christians in Jerusalem. He presents Jesus as an example of selfless stewardship and reminds them that Christians have received abundantly so that they can share abundantly.

(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 5:21-43**

Jairus, a respected leader, begs Jesus to heal his daughter. A woman with a hemorrhage was considered ritually unclean and treated as an outcast. Both Jairus and the unnamed woman come to Jesus in faith, believing in his power to heal and bring life out of death.

(Before the Gospel)

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT MARK THE 5TH 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**

“O beautiful for Spacious Skies”

ELW No. 888

**O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,
for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain:**

**America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.**

**O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,
who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life:
America! America! May God thy gold refine,
till all success be nobleness, and ev'ry gain divine.**

**O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years
thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears:
America! America! God mend thine ev'ry flaw,
confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law.**

*** 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**

ONE IN THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS AND IN THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, WE JOIN OUR VOICES IN PRAYER.

A brief silence.

GOD OF ABUNDANCE, YOU FILL YOUR CHURCH WITH A MULTITUDE OF GIFTS. SUSTAIN THOSE AMONG US WHO FEEL THEY ARE NOT VALUED. OPEN OUR HEARTS TO THE WONDROUS BREADTH OF ALL WHO CALL UPON YOUR NAME. IN YOUR MERCY,

hear our prayer.

GOD OF CREATION, YOUR GOODNESS ABOUND. MULTIPLY THE FRUITS OF THE EARTH AND RESCUE IT FROM OUR WASTEFULNESS. IN YOUR MERCY,

hear our prayer.

GOD OF JUSTICE, YOU REIGN IN STEADFAST LOVE. BRING PEACE BETWEEN NATIONS RAVAGED BY WAR OR STRIFE AND ILLUMINE PATHS OF JUSTICE AND FREEDOM FOR THOSE WHO LEAD THEM. IN YOUR MERCY,

hear our prayer.

ALMIGHTY GOD, YOU HAVE GIVEN US THIS GOOD LAND AS OUR HERITAGE. MAKE US ALWAYS REMEMBER YOUR GENEROSITY AND CONSTANTLY DO YOUR WILL. BLESS OUR LAND WITH HONESTY IN THE WORKPLACE, TRUTH IN EDUCATION, AND HONOR IN DAILY LIFE. SAVE US FROM VIOLENCE, DISCORD, AND CONFUSION; FROM PRIDE AND ARROGANCE; AND FROM EVERY EVIL COURSE OF ACTION. WHEN TIMES ARE PROSPEROUS, LET OUR HEARTS BE THANKFUL; AND, IN TROUBLED TIMES, DO NOT LET OUR TRUST IN YOU FAIL. IN YOUR MERCY,

hear our prayer.

GOD OF COMMUNITY, YOU GATHER US AT YOUR TABLE OF PLENTY. WHERE THERE IS HUNGER AMONG US, OPEN OUR HANDS. WHERE WE ARE INDIFFERENT TO THE NEEDS OF OTHERS, OPEN OUR HEARTS. IN YOUR MERCY,

hear our prayer.

GOD OF THE AGES, GREAT IS YOUR FAITHFULNESS. WE REMEMBER IN THANKSGIVING OUR BELOVED DEAD WHO WITH ALL THE SAINTS SING WITHOUT CEASING IN YOUR REALM OF GLORY. IN YOUR MERCY,

hear 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. IN YOUR MERCY,

hear our prayer.

HOLY GOD, HOLY AND MERCIFUL: INTO YOUR OUTSTRETCHED ARMS WE COMMEND OURSELVES AND ALL FOR WHOM WE PRAY, TRUSTING IN THE ONE WHO IS THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE, JESUS CHRIST OUR SAVIOR AND LORD.

Amen.

* **The Peace of Christ**

THE PEACE OF THE LORD BE WITH YOU ALWAYS.

And also with you.

~The Meal~

The Offering and Offertory

Zion members, please use your envelopes for contributions so that your offering may be officially recorded. Please mail your envelopes to Zion Lutheran Church 101 N. Greenwood Street Tamaqua, PA 18252 or visit ziontamaqua.com for our Vanco option.

* **The Offertory Procession “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

“There is Joy in the House of the Lord!” – Besig

~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**

“Battle Hymn of the Republic”

No. 332

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First Reading: Lamentations 3:22-33 – Not Printed

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 8:7-15 – Not Printed

Gospel: Mark 5:21-43 - ²¹When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. ²²Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet ²³and begged him repeatedly, “My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.” ²⁴So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. ²⁵Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. ²⁶She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. ²⁷She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, ²⁸for she said, “If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.” ²⁹Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. ³⁰Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, “Who touched my clothes?” ³¹And his disciples said to him, “You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, ‘Who touched me?’” ³²He looked all around to see who had done it. ³³But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. ³⁴He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.”

³⁵While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader’s house to say, “Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?” ³⁶But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, “Do not fear, only believe.” ³⁷He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. ³⁸When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. ³⁹When he had entered, he said to them, “Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.” ⁴⁰And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child’s father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. ⁴¹He took her by the hand and said to her, “Talitha cum,” which means, “Little girl, get up!” ⁴²And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. ⁴³He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

July 7, 2024 readings are:

Ezekiel 2:1-5

Psalms 123

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

Mark 6:1-13

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

June 29-30, 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 his mother, Gayle Hadesty on her birthday June 27th by David and Ann Marie Hadesty and family

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 14th and August 18th.

Please sign up on the church bulletin board.

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

Welcome!!

Parish office phone 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: 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 Fritzing, 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 30, 2024

9:00 The Service of Word & Sacrament

WEDNESDAY

6:00 NA Meeting

THURSDAY

Office Closed

FRIDAY

9:00 Blessings Thrift Store

SATURDAY

6:00 Saturday Evening Worship

SUNDAY, July 7, 2024

9:00 The Service of Word & Sacrament

Supporting Zion's Ministries

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

Received 6/23/24 in support of Zion Ministries:

From our gifts \$0.00

From Thrift Store \$0.00

From Endowment (other) \$0.00

Received for Endowment: \$0.00

Received for Capital Campaign: \$0.00

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

From offering/gifts/memorials: \$72,539.18

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: \$109,245.98

* Thrift Store donates half of income to Outreach total income - \$8,471.60

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.

We extend our Christian Love and Sympathy to the family and friends of Fern L. Rudenko, who passed away on June 18, 2024. We ask God to comfort the family at this time. Please keep them in your prayers.

Upcoming Events

July 5 – Blessings Thrift Store

July 14 – Church Clean-Up

July 18 – Ice Cream Social

August 8 – Hoagie Sale

August 18 - Godspell

August 19 – Newsletter Deadline

August 22 – Peach Social

Zion's Blessings Thrift Shop sale is on Friday, July 5th from 9 am to 5 pm. The sale features gently used clothing for all ages, toys, books, and general household items. Come take a look! Limited Take-Out Menu. Thank you all for your continued support!

Blessings Thrift – Please ensure items being donated are “gently” used. Clothing and bedding should be free of holes, stains and pet hair. We cannot accept items with company names, advertisements or personal name labels (such as those from nursing homes or hospitals.). Electronics and small appliances should be in good working order. Toys and games must include all pieces. Due to an overabundance of donations, we ask that you call the church office at (570) 668-2180 and leave your contact information. Your name will be put on a list, and someone will contact you when we are able to accept your items. Please DO NOT leave bags or boxes at random places in the church, on the stage or outside of the building. Thank you for your cooperation. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

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

The Church office will be closed Thursday, July 4th in Observance of Independence Day. Have a safe Holiday!



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!

Camp Firelight Vacation Bible School a success! Each night children were treated to a hot meal, as they arrived. After a quirky & fun opening assembly "campers" travelled to their stations to learn more about our "camp callout" "Whenever I'm afraid, I put my trust in you. - Psalm 56:3" At the stations they explored Bible Exploration, Crafts & Mission, Science, Music, & Recreation! The kids had a blast! I couldn't do the program without all the volunteers, and the generous support of our congregation! Thank you for your time and financial contributions to our program! The program wouldn't be possible without you! I am already planning next year's Road Trip! VBS. Mark your calendar! 2025 VBS will be July 28 - August 1, 2025, from 5:30-8:30 pm! A hot meal will be provided! If you are interested in helping next year, please see me! It is such a rewarding ministry, and a great way to share God's love in our community! If you'd like to make a contribution to Vacation Bible School please mark your donation "VBS FUND" Thank you for your support of our children's ministries!, Michael Haspe, LLMC - Christian Education Director

Godspell - Tamaqua Area Faith Fellowship Network (TAFFN) and the Tamaqua Ministerial Association are hosting an ecumenical community event featuring Sing for America performing Godspell, the Gospel story comes alive through music, laughter, tears and hope. The performance will be Sunday, August 18, 2024, beginning at 6:00 p.m. at Trinity United Church of Christ on Lafayette Street, Tamaqua. A time of fellowship with refreshments follows the performance. A free-will offering will be taken. All are welcome.