

Welcome!

*Give us
this bread
always*

JOHN 6:34



Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

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

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 4, 2024 ~ 9:00 am

The Liturgy of Word and Sacrament

Apparently not satisfied by Jesus' feeding of thousands, some who were there press him for a sign of his power; perhaps it is daily manna they want. As always in John's gospel when people want a sign, Jesus offers himself. He is the bread come from heaven to give life to the world. He calls us to come to him and believe in him, and through that relationship to know the one who sent him.

**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**

"Come, Ye Disconsolate"

ELW No. 607

**Come, ye disconsolate, where'er ye languish;
come to the mercy-seat, fervently kneel.
Here bring your wounded hearts,
here tell your anguish;
earth has no sorrow that heav'n cannot heal.**

**Joy of the desolate, light of the straying,
hope of the penitent, fadeless and pure;
here speaks the Comforter, tenderly saying,
"Earth has no sorrow that heav'n cannot cure."**

**Here see the Bread of life; see waters flowing
forth from the throne of God, pure from above.
Come to the feast of love; come, ever knowing
earth has no sorrow but heav'n can remove.**

*** 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** (*ELW No. 175*)

Lord, have mercy on us; O Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy on us; O Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy on us; O Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy on us; O Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy on us; O Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy on us; O Lord, have mercy.

*** The Hymn of Praise** "*Gloria*" (*ELW Pg. 176*)

Gloria, gloria, gloria, glory to God on high!

Gloria, gloria, gloria, glory to God on high!

And on earth peace to God's people. Glory to God.

And on earth peace to God's people. Glory to God!

*** The Prayer of the Day**

THE LORD BE WITH YOU

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

LET US PRAY:

O God, eternal goodness, immeasurable love, you place your gifts before us; we eat and are satisfied. Fill us and this world in all its need with the life that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

~The Word~

The First Lesson Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

A food crisis becomes a faith crisis for the Israelites in the wilderness. The hungry people forget God's saving work in the exodus, and they wish for the food they had in Egypt. Nevertheless, God miraculously meets their needs, with manna for bread and quail for meat.

(*After the reading*)

THE WORD OF THE LORD

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm 78:23-29 Tune "*Now We Join in Celebration*" No.203

"CAN GOD SPREAD A TABLE IN THE WILDERNESS? CAN HE PROVIDE BREAD FOR HIS PEOPLE?"

Feed your children, God most holy. Comfort sinners poor and lowly.

HE COMMANDED THE SKIES ABOVE AND OPENED THE DOORS OF HEAVEN.

You our Bread of Life from heaven, Bless the food you here have given!

HE RAINED DOWN UPON THEM MANNA TO EAT AND GAVE THEM GRAIN FROM HEAVEN.

As these gifts the body nourish, May our souls in graces flourish

SO MORTALS ATE THE BREAD OF ANGELS; HE SENT THEM FOOD IN ABUNDANCE, HE GAVE THEM WHAT THEY CRAVED.

Till with saints in heav'nly splendor At your feast our thanks we render.

The Second Lesson Ephesians 4:1-16

Christians share fundamental unity and diversity. Our unity consists in the one body, one Spirit, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God. Our diversity is expressed in various forms of ministry whose goal is equipping the saints and building up Christ's one body.

(After the reading)

THE WORD OF THE LORD

Thanks be to God.

*** The Gospel Acclamation** *(ELW Pg. 179)*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia!

*** The Holy Gospel St. John 6:24-35**

Many of the five thousand people Jesus fed in the wilderness continued to follow him throughout the countryside. Jesus challenges them to consider the real nature of their quest.

(Before the Gospel)

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT JOHN THE 6TH 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 Bread of Life from Heaven”

No. 222

*** 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**

CALLING ON THE SPIRIT OF WISDOM TO GUIDE OUR HEARTS AND OUR MINDS, LET US PRAY FOR THE CHURCH, THE WORLD, AND ALL IN NEED.

A brief silence.

O WISE ONE, YOUR WISDOM HAS BEEN PRESENT IN THIS WORLD SINCE ITS BEGINNING. POUR OUT YOUR WISDOM INTO THE HEARTS OF THE WHOLE CHURCH, ESPECIALLY THE NEWLY BAPTIZED, LAY LEADERS, DEACONS, PASTORS, AND BISHOPS. MERCIFUL GOD,

receive our prayer.

HOLY GOD OF ALL CREATION, YOU ARE THE SOURCE OF ALL LIFE. WHERE THE SUN BLAZES HARD AND STRONG, BRING A GENTLE BREEZE. IN THE PLACES EXPERIENCING THE COLD OF WINTER, BRING YOUR WARMTH. MERCIFUL GOD,

receive our prayer.

COMPASSIONATE GOD, HELP GOVERNMENT LEADERS OF THIS WORLD UNITE FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE. HUMBLE ALL WHO HOLD AUTHORITY, THAT POWER IS DIRECTED TOWARD A MORE JUST SOCIETY. MERCIFUL GOD,

receive our prayer.

BREAD OF LIFE FROM HEAVEN, YOU FEED US. FILL ALL WHO HUNGER WITH NEEDED NUTRITION AND OPEN OUR HEARTS TO ELIMINATE HUNGER IN THIS WORLD. MAY WE SEE A DAY WHEN ALL ARE FED. MERCIFUL GOD,

receive our prayer.

O WISDOM OF TRUTH, HELP US TO UNDERSTAND YOUR WILL FOR THE CHURCH. BE WITH CONGREGATIONS EXPERIENCING TRANSITION, REDEVELOPMENT, AND THE EXCITING YET FRIGHTENING PATH OF NEWNESS. MAY YOUR WISDOM BE FOUND AT EVERY STEP. MERCIFUL GOD,

receive our prayer.

REDEEMING GOD, WE GIVE YOU THANKS FOR THE LIVES AND WITNESS OF YOUR SAINTS NOW DEPARTED. BRING YOUR BELOVED INTO ETERNAL GLORY, OPENING WIDE THE GATES TO THE HEAVENLY BANQUET. 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.

WE LIFT UP THESE PRAYERS TO YOU, GRACIOUS GOD. RECEIVE THEM INTO YOUR HOLY KEEPING.

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: 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 Special Music – *Beth Marcavage*

* **The Great Thanksgiving**

* **The Preface and Sanctus** (*ELW Pg. 180*)

THE LORD BE WITH YOU

(Spoken) **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 our thanks and praise.

IT IS INDEED RIGHT.....THEIR UNENDING HYMN: (*ELW Pg. 181*)

Holy, holy, holy Lord God, God of might and power; holy is the Lord.

Holy, holy, holy, holy Lord God, God of might and power; holy is the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna here on earth.

Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna here on earth.

Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

* **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**

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

* **The Agnus Dei “Lamb of God”** (*ELW Pg. 182*)

**O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.**

**O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.**

**O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us your peace, grant us your 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 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 Sending~

*** The Blessing**

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

(Spoken) **Amen.**

*** The Sending**

GO IN PEACE. YOU ARE THE BODY OF CHRIST.

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: Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15 – Not Printed

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:1-16 - ¹ I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ² with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³ making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴ There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

⁷ But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸ Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people." ⁹ (When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰ He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) ¹¹ The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, ¹² to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³ until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. ¹⁴ We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. ¹⁵ But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶ from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

Gospel: John 6:24-35 - ²⁴ When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were [beside the sea,] they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

²⁵ When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" ²⁶ Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷ Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." ²⁸ Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" ²⁹ Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." ³⁰ So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?" ³¹ Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.' ³² Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³ For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." ³⁴ They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." ³⁵ Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

August 11, 2024 readings are:

1 Kings 19:4-8

Psalm 34:1-8

Ephesians 4:25 - 5:2

John 6:35, 41-51

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

August 3-4, 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 her parents, Arlington & Yustina Hawk by Dave & Darlene Fetterman

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God and

In loving memory of my father's birthday on August 2nd by David & Ann Marie Hadesty & 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

Please note if you have signed up for Altar Flowers or Candles please fill out a sponsor form. Forms should be filled out when placing your name on the sign-up sheet. Thank you.

Please remember the following in your prayers: Linda Lock, Robert Lock, Eddie Smith, 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, August 4, 2024

9:00 The Service of Word & Sacrament

MONDAY

7:00 Finance Meeting

WEDNESDAY

6:00 NA Meeting

THURSDAY

12:00 Hoagie Pick-up

SATURDAY

6:00 Saturday Evening Worship

SUNDAY, August 11, 2024

9:00 The Service of Word & Sacrament

Supporting Zion's Ministries

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

Received 7/28/24 in support of Zion Ministries:

From our gifts \$8,970.98

From Thrift Store \$256.11

From Endowment (other) \$0.00

Received for Endowment: \$298.00

Received for Capital Campaign: \$3,454.55

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

From offering/gifts/memorials: \$89,324.59

From Thrift Store: \$5,341.42*

From Endowment: \$22,006.00

From Culinary: \$11,765.00

Year-to-date total for Zion's mission/ministries: \$128,437.01

* Thrift Store donates half of income to Outreach total income - \$10,426.72

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.

DEADLINE: All information for the **September 2024 issue of the "Herald"** is due at the church office no later than **Monday, August 19, 2024**. You may e-mail your information to zionlcof@verizon.net or stop in during regular office hours. Thank you for your co-operation!

GIFTS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

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

In loving memory of Cheryl Crawford by Ann Marie and David Hadesty and family

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Upcoming Events

August 8 – Hoagie Sale

August 18 - Godspell

August 19 – Newsletter Deadline

August 21 – Peach Social

September 6 – Blessings Thrift Store

Zion's Blessings Thrift Shop sale is on Friday, September 6th 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.

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.

Culinary Hoagie Sale - The Culinary Team is holding a hoagie sale. Regular Hoagies are \$7 each. Order by August 4th, at www.ziontamaqua.com or by calling 570-668-4451. Pick up is Thursday, August 8th from noon until 3:00 pm. Thank you for your support!!

Please Note: Melody will be on vacation, August 5th through August 12th. She will be returning on Tuesday, August 13th. If you are in need of assistance, please call Pastor Cindy at 610-674-2072. Thank you for your cooperation.

Please Note Date Change:

Peach Social - Wednesday, August 21, 2024

4:00 until 6:00 or sellout

Cake, Ice cream, and Fresh Peaches -\$6.00

Additional food items will be available.

The culinary crew is asking for your help in providing plain white or yellow cakes with no icing. Help will be needed on Tuesday, August 20th to prepare for the social time TBA. Please contact Glenn at (484) 560-8211 or Mary Ruth at 570-668-4451 for more information. We hope to see you there!