

Welcome!



**John
was a
righteous
and
holy man**

MARK 6:20

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

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

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 14, 2024 ~ 9:00 am

The Liturgy of Word and Sacrament

When Amos reports his vision of God judging Israel for its mistreatment of the poor, he becomes a threat to the power of the priests and the king. John the Baptist also speaks truth to power, and Herod has him killed. In Herod's fear that Jesus is John returned from the dead, we may hear hope for the oppressed: all the prophets killed through the ages are alive in Jesus. We are called to witness to justice in company with them, and to proclaim God's saving love.

**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, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

No. 499

*** 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, from you come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

~The Word~

The First Lesson Amos 7:7-15

Amos is not the kind of prophet attached to temples or royal courts. Rather, he is an ordinary farmer from Judah (the southern kingdom) called by God to speak to Israel (the northern kingdom). God’s word of judgment through Amos conflicts with the king’s court prophet Amaziah, whom Amos encounters at Bethel.

(After the reading)

THE WORD OF THE LORD

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm 85:8-13 Tune “*Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!!*” No.147

LET ME HEAR WHAT GOD THE LORD WILL SPEAK, FOR HE WILL SPEAK PEACE TO HIS PEOPLE, TO HIS FAITHFUL, TO THOSE WHO TURN TO HIM IN THEIR HEARTS.

Now to speak the Lord draws near; Let us all his message hear.

SURELY HIS SALVATION IS AT HAND FOR THOSE WHO FEAR HIM, THAT HIS GLORY MAY DWELL IN OUR LAND.

God draws near in righteousness And with peace, his world to bless.

MERCY AND FAITHFULNESS WILL MEET; RIGHTEOUSNESS AND PEACE WILL KISS EACH OTHER.

God proclaims his faithful word; Let it now in faith be heard.

FAITHFULNESS WILL SPRING UP FROM THE EARTH, AND RIGHTEOUSNESS WILL LOOK DOWN FROM HEAVEN.

Now to speak the Lord draws near; Let us all his message hear.

THE LORD WILL GIVE WHAT IS GOOD, AND OUR LAND WILL YIELD ITS INCREASE.

God draws near in righteousness And with peace, his world to bless.

RIGHTEOUSNESS WILL GO BEFORE THE LORD, AND PEACE SHALL BE A PATHWAY FOR HIS FEET.

Alleluia! Glory be To the Lord eternally!

The Second Lesson Ephesians 1:3-14

In Jesus, all of God’s plans and purposes have been made known as heaven and earth are united in Christ. Through Jesus, we have been chosen as God’s children and have been promised eternal salvation.

(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. Mark 6:14-29**

As Jesus and his disciples begin to attract attention, Mark recalls the story of John the Baptist's martyrdom. Like John, Jesus and his disciples will also suffer at the hands of those opposed to the gospel of salvation.

(Before the Gospel)

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT MARK 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** **“Let Justice Flow Like Streams”**

WOV No. 763

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

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

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

* **The Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

* **The Prayers of Intercession**

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

A brief silence.

YOU GATHER YOUR PEOPLE INTO THE BODY OF CHRIST. WHERE YOUR CHURCH IS WOUNDED, HEAL IT. WHERE IT IS RIGHT, STRENGTHEN IT. WHERE IT IS DIVIDED, REUNITE IT. IN YOUR MERCY,

hear our prayer.

FROM BEFORE THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD, YOU ARE GOD. REVIVE ECOSYSTEMS DESTROYED BY HUMAN GREED. CURB OUR DESIRE TO PUT WEALTH AHEAD OF THE HEALTH OF ALL WHO CALL THIS PLANET HOME. IN YOUR MERCY,

hear our prayer.

YOU ESTABLISH EQUITY AND MAKE JUSTICE. WITHIN EVERY NATION, TRIBE, AND LAND, CAUSE LAWS TO BE WRITTEN AND CUSTOMS TO BE OBSERVED THAT PROTECT THE MOST VULNERABLE. IN YOUR MERCY,

hear our prayer.

ON THE CROSS YOUR BELOVED SON ENDURED PAIN AND DEATH. BRING HEALING TO THOSE IN NEED, HOPE TO ANY IN DESPAIR, AND COMFORT TO THE DYING. WE PRAY ESPECIALLY FOR GEORGE, JAN, RALPH, AND ALL OUR MEMBERS WHO ARE HOMEBOUND. IN YOUR MERCY,

hear our prayer.

YOU SEND YOUR SPIRIT INTO THIS COMMUNITY OF FAITH. EMPOWER OUR MINISTRIES THAT SERVE AND BUILD UP LOCAL COMMUNITIES. NURTURE OUR PARTNERSHIPS WITH OTHER COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS. IN YOUR MERCY,

hear our prayer.

ALL PEOPLES PRAISE YOU, O GOD. WE GIVE YOU THANKS AND PRAISE FOR THE LIVES OF OUR LOVED ONES WHO NOW REST IN YOU. IN THE FULLNESS OF TIME GATHER US WITH ALL YOUR SAINTS IN LIGHT. 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 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 – *Emily Stahler*

*** 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**

“Just a Closer Walk with Thee ”

WOV No. 697

(Refrain) **Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea;
 daily walking close to thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be.**

**I am weak but thou art strong: Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
 I'll be satisfied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee. (Refrain)**

**Through this world of toil and snares, if I falter, Lord, who cares?
 Who with me my burden shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee. (Refrain)**

**When my feeble life is o'er, time for me will be no more;
 guide me gently, safely o'er to thy kingdom shore, to thy shore. (Refrain)**

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First Reading: Amos 7:7-15 – Not Printed

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14 – Not Printed

Gospel: Mark 6:14-29

¹⁴ King Herod heard of [the disciples' preaching,] for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." ¹⁵ But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." ¹⁶ But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

¹⁷ For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. ¹⁸ For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." ¹⁹ And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, ²⁰ for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. ²¹ But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee.

²² When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." ²³ And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." ²⁴ She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." ²⁵ Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." ²⁶ The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. ²⁷ Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, ²⁸ brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother.

²⁹ When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

July 21, 2024 readings are:

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Psalm 23

Ephesians 2:11-22

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

July 13-14, 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 Bob and Madeline Trakes on their 70th Anniversary and in honor of the July birthdays of Mike, Noah and Ollie by Mike & Kathy Miller

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

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

In loving memory of our father's, Carl W. Koch Sr. & Leo Dietrich by John & Carol Dietrich

ENDOWMENT FUND DONATIONS are given to the Glory of God and

In loving memory of Fern Rudenko by Joseph & Monica Lozosky

In loving memory of Fern Rudenko by Diane & Robert Hope

DIAPER DEPOT FUND DONATIONS are given to the Glory of God and

In honor of our grandchildren, Ellie & Augie by Kay & Mike Truchan

Altar Flower sponsors are needed for August 18th.

Please sign up on the church bulletin board.

Please remember the following in your prayers: 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 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, July 14, 2024

9:00 The Service of Word & Sacrament
10:00 Church Clean-up

MONDAY

5:45 Property Meeting
6:30 Council Meeting

WEDNESDAY

6:00 NA Meeting

THURSDAY

4:00 Ice Cream Social

FRIDAY

5:30 Diaper Depot Prep

SATURDAY

9:00 Diaper Depot Distribution
6:00 Saturday Evening Worship

SUNDAY, July 21, 2024

9:00 The Service of Word & Sacrament/ Baptism

Supporting Zion's Ministries

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

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

From our gifts	\$1,657.00
From Thrift Store	\$610.50
From Endowment (other)	\$0.00

Received for Endowment: \$0.00

Received for Capital Campaign: \$548.00

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

From offering/gifts/memorials:	\$80,353.61
From Thrift Store:	\$5,085.31*
From Endowment:	\$22,006.00
From Culinary:	\$11,765.00

Year-to-date total for Zion's mission/ministries: \$119,209.92

* Thrift Store donates half of income to Outreach total income - \$10,170.61

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.

Please Note: Melody will be on vacation, July 15th through July 18th. She will be returning on Monday, July 22nd. If you need assistance, please call Pastor Cindy at 610-674-2072. Thank you for your cooperation.

Upcoming Events

July 14 – Church Clean-Up

July 18 – Ice Cream Social

August 2 – Blessings Thrift Store

August 8 – Hoagie Sale

August 18 - Godspell

August 19 – Newsletter Deadline

August 22 – Peach Social

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

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 is hosting its annual benefit ice cream social on Thursday, July 18, 2024 from 4:00 to 7:00 pm or sell-out. Ice Cream Sundays are \$5.00. Additional food items will be available for purchase. Please note that this is a congregational event, not solely a Culinary event. As a member of this congregation, we encourage you to participate by donating some of needed items below or attending the event or by making a donation that will go towards our gift this year to the Tamaqua Fire Police. Here is the list of needed items: 3 packs of 8 hotdog rolls, 7 packs of 8 burger buns, 1 16-to-20-pound turkey, 3 pounds butter, 3 pounds of onions, 10 pounds of potatoes, 6 rolls of paper towels, 1 box of 55-gallon garbage can liners. Items are needed by July 10. Contact Mary Ruth Taylor at 570-668-4451 or frautay208@aol.com to donate. Thank you for your generosity and support as a member of Zion. 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, LLC - 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.

Zion's Blessings Thrift Shop sale is on Friday, August 2nd 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!