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*Palm*  
SUNDAY

Blessed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord

-Matthew 21:9

# *The Sunday of the Passion ~ Palm Sunday*

**April 13, 2025 ~ 9:00 am**

*The Liturgy of Word and Sacrament*

*Today we follow Christ from triumphal entry to the cross, each waypoint of the journey marked by Jesus' compassion for those who would betray, mock, accuse, or do violence to him. Though persecuted and beaten, Jesus the Son of God is not disgraced; instead, he asks forgiveness for those who put him to death. We have walked the Lenten pathway these forty days, each of us invited through baptism to "let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus." We enter this holy week accompanying Jesus to the cross with both grief and thanksgiving in our hearts, trusting in God's redeeming love.*

*\*Congregation please stand*

## **The Pre-service Music**

### ~ The Palm Sunday Celebration ~

**BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

## **\* The Processional Gospel Luke 19:28-40**

<sup>28</sup>After he had said this, [Jesus] went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

<sup>29</sup>When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, <sup>30</sup>saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. <sup>31</sup>If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" <sup>32</sup>So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. <sup>33</sup>As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" <sup>34</sup>They said, "The Lord needs it." <sup>35</sup>Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. <sup>36</sup>As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. <sup>37</sup>As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, <sup>38</sup>saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!"

<sup>39</sup>Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." <sup>40</sup>He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

## **\* The Blessing of the Palms**

**THE LORD BE WITH YOU.**

**And also with you.**

**LET US PRAY: WE PRAISE YOU, O GOD, FOR REDEEMING THE WORLD THROUGH OUR SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST. TODAY HE ENTERED THE HOLY CITY IN TRIUMPH AND WAS PROCLAIMED MESSIAH AND KING BY THOSE WHO SPREAD GARMENTS AND BRANCHES ALONG HIS WAY. BLESS THESE BRANCHES AND THOSE WHO CARRY THEM. GRANT US GRACE TO FOLLOW OUR LORD IN THE WAY OF THE CROSS, SO THAT, JOINED TO HIS DEATH AND RESURRECTION, WE ENTER INTO LIFE WITH YOU; THROUGH THE SAME JESUS CHRIST, WHO LIVES AND REIGNS WITH YOU AND THE HOLY SPIRIT, ONE GOD, NOW AND FOREVER.**

**Amen.**

**LET US GO FORTH IN PEACE,**

**in the name of Christ. Amen.**

**\* The Procession**

***“The Palms”***

O'er all the way, green palms and blossoms gay  
Are strewn this day in festal preparation  
Where Jesus comes to wipe our tears away.  
E'en now the throng to welcome Him prepare.

*(Refrain)* Join all and sing, His name declare.  
Let every voice resound with acclamation.  
Hosanna! Praise to the Lord.  
Bless Him who cometh to bring us salvation!

His word goes forth, and people by its might  
Once more regain freedom from degradation.  
Humanity doth give to each his right,  
While those in darkness find restored the light. *(Refrain)*

Sing and rejoice, O Blest Jerusalem,  
Of all thy sons sing the emancipation.  
Thru boundless love, the Christ of Bethlehem  
Brings faith and hope to Thee forevermore. *(Refrain)*



**\* The Greeting**

BLESSED IS THE ONE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD.  
**Hosanna in the highest.**

**\* 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 Prayer of the Day**

THE LORD BE WITH YOU

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

LET US PRAY:

**Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## ~The Word~

### The First Lesson Isaiah 50:4-9a

*This text, the third of the four Servant Songs in Isaiah, speaks of the servant's obedience amid persecution. Though the servant has been variously understood as the prophet himself or a remnant of faithful Israel, Christians have often recognized the figure of Christ in these poems.*

*(After the reading)*

THE WORD OF THE LORD

**Thanks be to God.**

### The Psalm 31:9-16

Tune "All People That on Earth do Dwell" No. 245

IN YOU, O LORD, I TAKE REFUGE; LET ME NEVER BE PUT TO SHAME; IN YOUR RIGHTEOUSNESS DELIVER ME. INCLINE YOUR EAR TO ME; MAKE HASTE TO DELIVER ME.

**Lord, be my rock, my refuge sure, My mighty fortress, safe, secure.**

FOR YOUR NAME'S SAKE LEAD ME AND GUIDE ME. TAKE ME OUT OF THE NET THAT IS HIDDEN FOR ME, FOR YOU ARE MY SHELTER FROM DANGER.

**I place my spirit in your care; You, God, will keep me safely there.**

MY TIMES ARE IN YOUR HAND. RESCUE ME FROM THE HAND OF MY ENEMIES, FROM THOSE WHO PERSECUTE ME.

**Lord, be my rock, my refuge sure, My mighty fortress, safe, secure.**

LET YOUR FACE SHINE UPON YOUR SERVANT; SAVE ME IN YOUR STEADFAST LOVE.

**I place my spirit in your care; You, God, will keep me safely there.**

### The Second Lesson Philippians 2:5-11

*Paul quotes from an early Christian hymn that describes Jesus' humble obedience in his incarnation as a human being, even to death, and his exaltation and glory as Lord of all.*

*(After the reading)*

THE WORD OF THE LORD

**Thanks be to God.**

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

**Return to God with all your heart, the Source of grace and mercy;  
Come, seek the tender faithfulness of God.**

### \* The Holy Gospel St. John 12:12-16

*Jesus enters Jerusalem.*

*(Before the Gospel)*

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT JOHN THE 12<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

**"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"**

No. 117

**O sacred head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down,  
now scornfully surrounded with thorns, thine only crown;  
O sacred head, what glory, what bliss till now was thine!  
Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call thee mine.**

How art thou pale with anguish, with sore abuse and scorn;  
how does that visage languish which once was bright as morn!  
Thy grief and bitter passion were all for sinners' gain;  
mine, mine was the transgression, but thine the deadly pain.

What language shall I borrow to thank thee, dearest friend,  
for this thy dying sorrow, thy pity without end?  
Oh, make me thine forever, and should I fainting be,  
Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to thee.

Lord, be my consolation; shield me when I must die;  
remind me of thy passion when my last hour draws nigh.  
These eyes, new faith receiving, from thee shall never move;  
for he who dies believing dies safely in thy love.

### \* 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

LED BY THE SPIRIT, LET US TURN TO GOD IN PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH, THE WORLD, AND ALL THOSE IN NEED.

*A brief silence.*

GUIDE YOUR CHURCH THIS HOLY WEEK AS WE FOLLOW IN THE SERVANT WAY OF JESUS. PROTECT THOSE WHO FACE HOSTILITY OR OPPRESSION FOR THEIR FAITH. HUMBLE THOSE WHO WOULD USE FAITH TO DOMINATE OTHERS AND REINFORCE THEIR OWN POWER. GOD, IN YOUR MERCY,

**receive our prayer.**

MAKE YOUR CREATION A LIVING WITNESS TO CHRIST'S PASSION AND RESURRECTION: IN WAVING PALMS, SHOUTING STONES, FRAGRANT VINEYARDS, MURMURING WHEAT, AND REVEALING FIRE. MAKE US ATTENTIVE TO YOUR HOLY PRESENCE IN THE WORLD, THAT WE MAY CARE FOR THE EARTH YOU LOVE. GOD, IN YOUR MERCY,

**receive our prayer.**

LET YOUR FACE SHINE UPON THE LEADERS OF NATIONS AND LET THE SAME MIND BE IN THEM AS WAS IN CHRIST JESUS, SO THAT THOSE WITH THE MOST POWER MAY HUMBLE THEMSELVES TO SERVE THE MOST VULNERABLE. GOD, IN YOUR MERCY,

**receive our prayer.**

SUSTAIN THE WEARY WITH A WORD. GRANT PERSEVERANCE TO POLITICAL PRISONERS AND TO ANY WHO ARE EXPLOITED, UNJUSTLY ACCUSED, OR WRONGLY CONVICTED. ABIDE WITH ALL WHO ARE IN JAILS, DETENTION CENTERS, OR PRISONS. CONSOLE ALL WHO EXPERIENCE TIMES OF TRIAL OR SUFFERING. GOD, IN YOUR MERCY,

**receive our prayer.**

GIVE STRENGTH TO THOSE WHO WILL LEAD WORSHIP DURING HOLY WEEK: PASTORS AND DEACONS, ALTAR GUILDS AND SACRISTANS, MUSICIANS AND ASSISTING MINISTERS, USHERS, AND OFFICE STAFF. INSTILL IN THEM AWE AND JOY, THAT THEIR SERVICE MAY REFLECT THE LOVE OF JESUS. GOD, IN YOUR MERCY,

**receive our prayer.**

WE GIVE THANKS TO YOU FOR OUR BELOVED DEAD, TRUSTING THAT AS THE CROSS OF JESUS LED TO THE EMPTY TOMB, SO YOU WELCOME THOSE WHO HAVE DIED INTO THE PARADISE OF YOUR PRESENCE. GOD, IN YOUR MERCY,

**receive our prayer.**

GOD OF GRACE AND MERCY, (PLEASE SHARE ANY PERSONAL PRAYER PETITIONS) HEAR OUR PETITIONS THAT WE SPEAK OUT LOUD AND THE ONES THAT WE HOLD IN OUR HEARTS. GOD, IN YOUR MERCY,

**receive our prayer.**

RECEIVE THE PRAYERS OF YOUR PEOPLE AND DRAW ALL THINGS TOGETHER IN YOUR LOVE, IN THE NAME OF JESUS, WHO LEADS US FROM DEATH TO LIFE.

**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: GRACIOUS PROVIDER, YOU SET YOUR IMMENSE TREASURES AMONG US, OPENING YOUR HEART TO THE WORLD. AS WE PREPARE TO FEAST ON YOUR BOUNTIFUL LOVE, DEEPEN OUR COMMITMENT TO SHARING THOSE TREASURES WITH OTHERS, THROUGH OUR SAVIOR, JESUS CHRIST.

**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**

ALL WHO ARE HUNGRY, COME! THE FEAST OF GRACE IS SPREAD.

**\* 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** (*music on page 72 of LBW*)

**Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace according to thy word;**

**For mine eyes have seen thy salvation which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;**

**A light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of thy people Israel.**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;**

**As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen**

**\* The Post Communion Prayer**

LET US PRAY, GENEROUS HOST, YOU HAVE SHARED YOUR FEAST WITH US AND MADE US NEW. SEND US NOW TO SET TABLES OF LOVE AND GRACE IN OUR COMMUNITIES, THAT YOUR LIBERATING LOVE MIGHT NOURISH THE WORLD INTO FREEDOM, IN THE NAME OF THE CRUCIFIED ONE, JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD.

**Amen.**

**The Senior Choir Anthem “Festival of Joy” – Parker/ Lantz**

**~The Sending~**

**\* The Blessing**

GOD OUR TENDER PARENT, GOD THE CRUCIFIED ONE, GOD THE RECONCILING SPIRIT,  
✠ BLESS YOU NOW AND FOREVER.

**(Spoken) Amen.**

**\* The Dismissal**

GO IN PEACE. CARE FOR OTHERS AS GOD CARES FOR YOU.

**Thanks be to God.**

**\* The Sending Hymn**

**“All Glory, Laud and Honor”**

No. 108

*(Refrain)* All glory, laud, and honor to you, redeemer, king,  
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

**You are the king of Israel and David’s royal Son,  
now in the Lord’s name coming, our King and Blessed One. (Refrain)**

**The company of angels is praising you on high;  
creation and all mortals in chorus make reply. (Refrain)**

**The multitude of pilgrims with palms before you went.  
Our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present. (Refrain)**

**To you, before your passion, they sang their hymns of praise.  
To you, now high exalted, our melody we raise. (Refrain)**

**Their praises you accepted; accept the prayers we bring,  
great author of all goodness, O good and gracious King. (Refrain)**

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**April 20, 2025 readings are:**

Isaiah 65:17-25

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

John 20:1-18



# ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

*April 12-13, 2025*

*\*If you need assistance, please see one of the ushers in the back of the church; Large Print Bulletins are available. Grape juice is available in the tray for those who wish not to partake of the wine. Please Silence your cell phones during service. A Family Room is available for use during or after services, located across from the office. A changing station is available for your convenience in the restroom across from the Family Room. We respectfully ask that you refrain from taking photos during the service. Opportunities are always available after the service. Welcome visitors, please sign our guest book. Thank you.*

## **GIFTS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD**

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

In honor of all the dedicated volunteers who donate their time and talent whenever called upon throughout the year doing God's work here at Zion, love in Christ Jesus, by Sharon Haldeman

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

In loving memory of Joseph Coleman by Patti Sue Coleman

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

In loving memory of my husband, John and family and friends who are with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in eternal peace, by Sharon Haldeman

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

In loving memory of our son, Brian and all our family and friends no longer here with us, by Dave and Darlene Fetterman

**THE PALM CROSSES** are given to the Glory of God and

In loving memory of her son, John Carl Casler Jr. by Dave & Melody Gensure, sisters, Ashly, Alesia, and Alyssa, nieces, Aubry, Adalynn, Ava, Amelia & Alaina & nephews, Bradlee & Camdyn

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

In loving memory of Paul Pecha by Sandra Scott

*Please remember the following in your prayers: Forrest, Margaret, Steve Ristila, Christine Zimmerman, Eddie Smith, George Weaver, Jan McRoberts, Ralph Derr, and all our members who are homebound.*

## **Welcome!!**

Parish office phone number and fax is 570-668-2180.

Parish office email address is [zionlcof@verizon.net](mailto:zionlcof@verizon.net)

Parish website is [www.ziontamaqua.com](http://www.ziontamaqua.com)

Parish Office Hours- Monday & Wednesday: 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Tuesday & Thursday: 8:00 am - 1:00 pm

**Zion's 2024 Church Council officers:** Michael Haspe, President, Brian Lawfer, Vice-President, Amanda Hascin, Secretary, Dave Gensure, Treasurer, and Ann Marie Hadesty, Financial Secretary. Other members of Council include Arlene Derr, Glenn Fritzingler, Thomas Graham, Carol Hartung, Brittany Scalfani Mary Ruth Taylor, Michelle Valentine; and Shelly Woodring; if you have suggestions or concerns, please seek out a member of Council so that we can promptly address the needs of the congregation.

# This Week in Our Church

## SUNDAY, April 13, 2025, Palm Sunday

9:00 The Service of Word & Sacrament  
10:15 Potluck Dinner/ Easter Egg Hunt

## WEDNESDAY

7:00 Holden Evening Prayer  
8:00 Senior Choir Rehearsal

## THURSDAY

6:00 Maundy Thursday

## FRIDAY

12:00 Good Friday Community Service/ Trinity UCC  
5:30 Diaper Depot Prep  
7:00 Good Friday Service

## SATURDAY

9:00 Diaper Depot Distribution  
7:00 Easter Vigil

## SUNDAY, April 20, 2025, Easter Sunday

9:00 The Service of Word & Sacrament

## Upcoming Events

**April 13** – Palm Sunday Potluck/ Easter Egg Hunt

**April 18** – Noon Good Friday Community Service/ Trinity UCC

**April 24** – Hoagie Sale

**May 2** – Blessings Thrift Sale

Zion's Blessings Thrift Shop is on Friday, May 2<sup>nd</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 and Bulletin Sponsors needed for 2025 - The Altar Flower and Bulletin Sponsor list for 2025 is on the bulletin board. The costs of the flowers are \$42.60, individuals will be billed from the florist. The cost of the bulletin sponsorship is \$16.00, monies are due when you place your name on the list. 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 for your sponsorship!*

**An Altar Flower sponsor is needed for April 27<sup>th</sup>.**

**Please sign up on the church bulletin board.**

*Palm Sunday Potluck* - A fellowship potluck will be held today, following the morning worship service. Hope to see you there!

Please join us today for an Easter Egg Hunt in conjunction with the potluck dinner. Sunday School kids' preschool through 5th grade are invited to attend. You are welcome to bring a friend! Come enjoy the fun!

**DEADLINE:** All information for the **May 2025 issue of the "Herald"** is due at the church office no later than **Monday, April 21, 2025**. You may e-mail your information to [zionlcof@verizon.net](mailto:zionlcof@verizon.net) or stop in during regular office hours. Thank you for your co-operation!

**Hoagie Sale - The Culinary Team is holding a hoagie sale;** Regular Hoagies are \$8 each. Pick up is on Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm. Order by April 20<sup>th</sup>, at <https://www.ziontamaqua.com> or by calling 570-668-4451. Thank you for your support!!

**Trinity United Church of Christ** will be hosting the Community Good Friday service, April 18, 2025 at 12:00 noon. The service is sponsored by the Tamaqua Ministerial Association. All are Welcome!

**ATTENTION GRADUATING CONFIRMED ZION MEMBERS: CLASS OF 2025** - Before you know it graduation will be here! Please submit a photo with information on high school graduating from, where you will be attending school or what your future plans may be, major, parents' names and how you were involved with Zion. You may submit a photo now with more information to follow later to the church office. Thank you.

A reminder that both a record of communion AND a record of contribution is necessary to maintain voting active member status. Please remember to complete a communion card and to use your offering envelopes. Thank you, Church Council

## Zion Holy Week April 13-20, 2025

- ✠ **Palm Sunday**, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am, Blessing of the Palms
- ✠ **Wednesday**, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm, Holden Evening Prayer
- ✠ **Maundy Thursday**, April 17<sup>th</sup>, **6:00 pm, (Please note Time Change)** Foot Washing, Communion, Stripping of the Altar
- ✠ **Good Friday**, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm, Good Friday Service
- ✠ **Holy Saturday**, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm Easter Vigil, Affirmation of Baptism, Holy Communion
- ✠ **Easter Sunday**, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am, Celebration of Christ's Resurrection, Holy Communion



*Come Worship With Us!*

St. Luke's is sponsoring an educational Substance Use Conference on Monday, May 5 from 6-7:30 at the Tamaqua High School Auditorium. The conference is titled Pathways to Recovery. Doors open at 5:30. The conference is planned in association with a federal grant St. Lukes Miners Hospital was awarded. The educational conference is free to the public & experienced individuals will be prepared to field questions from the audience on the treatment, prevention, and recovery of persons who may have a substance use disorder (SUD). The conference will also focus on the important role of family members and friends in supporting a person who has a SUD. A brief survey has been prepared to accompany the announcement & everyone will be encouraged to complete the survey in advance of the conference. Survey results will be collated and presented at the conference. You may access the survey by opening the following

link: <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=-NJP75ZMq0WbFXgXkg9Vz8bmK4XMZgFKmFCxW8xdEgNUNFZEWEKNU1EU0NIODk5VTg2OE4zSVI4US4u> Representatives from local treatment programs, recovery support groups and various health and public service agencies will be in attendance to distribute information about their services. The conference planning committee would appreciate your help in spreading the word and sharing the survey link. We hope families & the public take advantage of this special opportunity to learn more about SUD & its impact on our community. Thank you for your ongoing support & please contact me if you have any questions. - Dave Fetterman