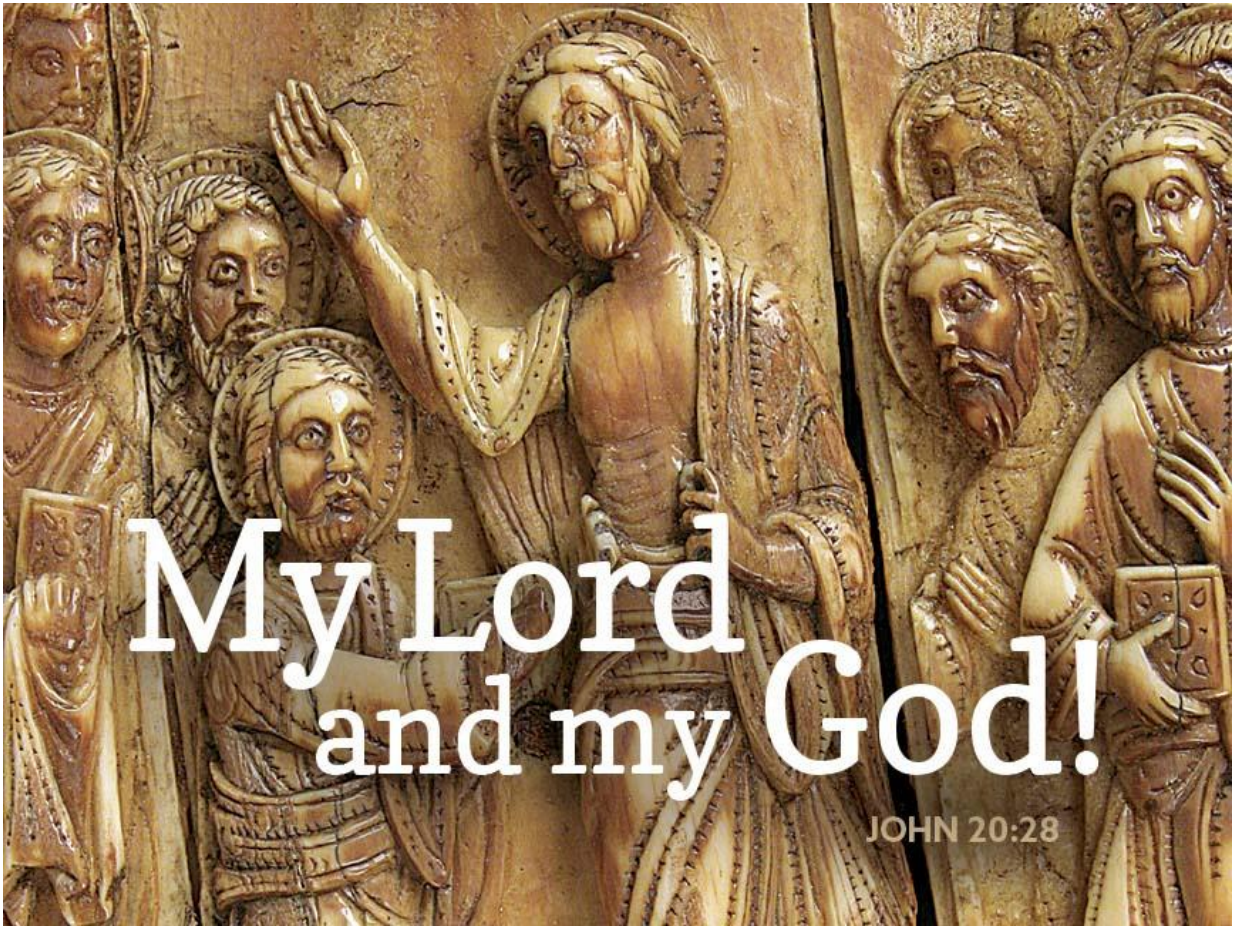


Welcome!



Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

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

The Second Sunday of Easter

April 27, 2025 ~ 9:00 am

The Liturgy of Word and Sacrament

In spite of all we have heard and all we have seen, it is often hard to believe. Because it is hard to believe, we will invest ourselves in the Easter mystery for fifty days (a week of weeks). Because it is hard to believe, John the evangelist will provide sign after sign celebrating Jesus' victory over death. Because it is hard to believe, the risen Jesus will return to us again and again in the mystery of holy communion, inviting us to touch and taste his presence, and offering us his peace.

**Congregation please stand*

The Pre-service Music

~ The Gathering ~

*** The Thanksgiving for Baptism**

ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN.

Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

IN THE NAME OF ✚ THE ONE WHO WAS, WHO IS, AND WHO IS TO COME.

Amen.

BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST'S DEATH AND RESURRECTION, AND CALLED TO LIVE THE BAPTIZED LIFE, LET US GIVE THANKS FOR THE GIFTS OF BAPTISM. HOLY GOD, WE GIVE YOU THANKS FOR THE WATERS OF BAPTISM, WATERS THAT MAKE A PEOPLE YOUR OWN, THAT RESTORE TO WHOLENESS AND EMPOWER US TO BE WITNESSES IN YOUR NAME. BAPTIZED INTO YOU, O LIVING ONE,

make us one as you are one.

WE GIVE YOU THANKS FOR THE WATERS OF BAPTISM, WATERS THAT STRENGTHEN BELIEVERS AND GIVE NEW LIFE TO BELOVED SERVANTS OF YOUR CHURCH; WATERS THAT EXTEND YOUR BOUNDLESS LOVE AND CROSS BARRIERS OF OUR OWN MAKING. BAPTIZED INTO YOU, O LIVING ONE,

make us one as you are one.

WE GIVE YOU THANKS FOR THE WATERS OF BAPTISM, WATERS THAT OPEN THE HEARTS OF BELIEVERS AND GIVE A VOICE IN THE NIGHT TO THOSE IN CAPTIVITY; WATERS THAT SET YOUR PEOPLE ON A NEW PATH, REJOICING IN THE SPIRIT'S POWER. BAPTIZED INTO YOU, O LIVING ONE,

make us one as you are one.

GRANT US GRACE, LOVE, AND LIFE, O LIVING ONE, THAT OUR EVERY DAY IS SHAPED BY THESE WATERS THAT GIVE US OUR VERY LIVES IN YOU. WE ASK THIS IN THE NAME OF JESUS, THE CRUCIFIED AND RISEN ONE.

Amen.

*** The Gathering Hymn**

"The Day of Resurrection!"

ELW No. 361

The Day of Resurrection, Earth tell it out abroad:

The Passover of gladness, The Passover of God!

From death to life eternal, From earth unto the sky

Our Christ hath brought us over With hymns of victory.

Our hearts be pure from evil, That we may see aright.

The Lord in rays eternal, Of resurrection light;

And listening to His accents May hear so calm and plain

His own all hail and hearing, May raise the victor strain.

**Now let the Heavens be joyful, Let earth her song begin
The round world keep high triumph, And all that is therein.
In grateful exultation Their notes let all things blend,
For Christ the Lord has risen, Our joy that hath no end!**

*** The Greeting**

ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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

And also with you.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

HELP, SAVE, AND DEFEND US, O GOD.

Amen.

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

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

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

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

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

*** The Prayer of the Day**

THE LORD BE WITH YOU

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

LET US PRAY:

O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

~The Word~

The First Lesson Acts 5:27-32

Peter has been arrested for proclaiming the good news of Jesus' death and resurrection. His response to the charges of the high priest summarizes the early church's proclamation of forgiveness of sin through repentance.

(After the reading)

THE WORD OF THE LORD

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm 150 Tune "*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*" No. 543

ON EARTH AND IN HEAVEN, LET THE LORD BE PRAISED!

Praise to the Lord! Oh, let mortals and angels adore him.

WITH TRUMPETS AND ALL KINDS OF HARPS, WITH DRUMS AND DANCING, WITH STRINGS AND PIPES, AND WITH LOUD CYMBALS.

All that has life and breath, Come now with praises before him.

LET EVERY LIVING CREATURE JOIN THE ALLELUIAS! PRAISE THE LORD!

Let the amen sound from his people again. Gladly forever adore him!

The Second Lesson Revelation 1:4-8

The book of Revelation recounts a mystical vision of the risen Christ experienced by a Christian prophet named John. Here he describes Christ as a timeless redeemer, the beginning, present, and end of all time.

(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. John 20:19-31**

The unprecedented events of the day of resurrection continue as the risen Jesus appears to his fearful disciples. A week later, after Thomas worships Jesus, Jesus pronounces that the blessings of the resurrection are also for those who "have not seen and yet believe."

(Before the Gospel)

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT JOHN THE 20TH 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**

"Thine is the Glory"

No. 145

~The Reception of New Members~

Introduction of New Members: Nikolas, Sabrina, & Abigail Smith

DEAR FRIENDS, WE GIVE THANKS FOR THE GIFT OF BAPTISM AND FOR THESE PEOPLE, ONE WITH US IN THE BODY OF CHRIST, WHOM WE WELCOME AS NEW MEMBERS INTO THE LIFE AND MINISTRY OF THIS CONGREGATION.

*** The Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the son. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Address and Questions

IN BAPTISM, WE ARE WELCOMED INTO THE BODY OF CHRIST AND SENT TO SHARE IN THE MISSION OF GOD. WE ARE CALLED TO LIVE AMONG GOD'S FAITHFUL PEOPLE, TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD AND SHARE IN THE LORD'S SUPPER, TO PROCLAIM THE GOOD NEWS OF GOD IN CHRIST THROUGH WORD AND DEED, TO SERVE ALL PEOPLE, FOLLOWING THE EXAMPLE OF JESUS, AND TO STRIVE FOR JUSTICE AND PEACE IN ALL THE EARTH.

BROTHER AND SISTERS IN CHRIST, DO YOU INTEND TO CONTINUE IN THE COVENANT OF YOUR BAPTISM AMONG GOD'S PEOPLE IN THIS PLACE?

(New members) **I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

PEOPLE OF GOD, DO YOU PROMISE TO SUPPORT AND PRAY FOR THESE NEW MEMBERS IN THEIR LIFE IN CHRIST?

(Congregation) **We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

Welcome

LET US WELCOME THESE NEW SISTERS AND BROTHER IN CHRIST TO THIS COMMUNITY OF FAITH.

(Congregation) **We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

*** The Prayers of Intercession**

GOD OF RESURRECTION AND NEW LIFE, WE COME BEFORE YOU IN PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH, THE WORLD, AND ALL WHO ARE IN NEED.

A brief silence.

INSPIRE THE CHURCH WITH THE BREATH OF YOUR HOLY SPIRIT, THAT WE SING THE GOOD NEWS OF THE RESURRECTION. INSPIRE DEACONS AND PASTORS, LAY LEADERS AND BISHOPS TO BOLDLY PROCLAIM YOUR LOVE FOR ALL PEOPLE. HEAR US, O GOD.

Your mercy is great.

PRESERVE THE EARTH AS A SAFE HOME FOR ALL CREATURES. RESTORE HABITATS CONTAMINATED BY POLLUTION OR OVERUSE, STRENGTHEN EFFORTS TO SHAPE MORE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES, AND MAKE US MINDFUL OF THE IMPACTS OF OUR DAILY LIVES ON THE WELL-BEING OF CREATION. HEAR US, O GOD.

Your mercy is great.

KINDLE IN THE NATIONS A SPIRIT OF COOPERATION AND MUTUAL CARE. RAISE UP CREATIVE AND COURAGEOUS LEADERS COMMITTED TO SHAPING JUST SOLUTIONS TO COMPLEX CHALLENGES IN OUR LOCAL AND GLOBAL COMMUNITIES. HEAR US, O GOD.

Your mercy is great.

EMBRACE ALL WHO CARRY WOUNDS, THAT THEY MIGHT KNOW YOUR COMPASSION. DRAW NEAR TO THOSE WITH CHRONIC PAIN OR ANXIETY, AND ALL FOR WHOM DEATH IS NEAR. COMFORT INDIVIDUALS AND COMMUNITIES SUFFERING IN ANY WAY ESPECIALLY THE FAMILY OF RALPH DERR, FORREST, MARGARET, STEVE, CHRISTINE, EDDIE, GEORGE, JAN, AND ALL OUR MEMBERS WHO ARE HOMEBOUND. HEAR US, O GOD.

Your mercy is great.

TRANSFORM OUR FEAR INTO CURIOSITY AND LOVE, ESPECIALLY ACROSS DIFFERENCES IN RACE, RELIGION, SEXUALITY, GENDER IDENTITY, AND ECONOMIC SITUATION. UNRAVEL STEREOTYPES THAT LEAD TO DISCRIMINATION, AND DESTROY OPPRESSIVE SYSTEMS THAT MARGINALIZE VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES. HEAR US, O GOD.

Your mercy is great.

WE REMEMBER THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED FROM ALL TIMES AND PLACES. CONFIDENT THAT YOU ARE THE ALPHA AND OMEGA, WE PRAY FOR YOUR WISDOM AND GUIDANCE UNTIL OUR EARTHLY PILGRIMAGE IS COMPLETE. HEAR US, O GOD.

Your mercy is great.

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. HEAR US, O GOD,

Your mercy is great.

WE COMMEND THESE AND ALL OUR PRAYERS TO YOU, O GOD, TRUSTING THAT YOU ARE ALWAYS WITH US; IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST, OUR RISEN SAVIOR.

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: RISEN ONE, YOU HAVE GATHERED US AROUND YOUR TABLE OF GRACE ALONG WITH THESE GIFTS WE BRING. COME AMONG US AGAIN, BREATHE YOUR LIFE INTO US, AND ENLIVEN US WITH THIS MEAL, THAT WE MAY LIVE AS YOUR RISEN BODY IN 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**

COME TO THE TABLE OF GRACE. RECEIVE THE GIFT OF NEW LIFE.

*** 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

THE BODY AND BLOOD OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST STRENGTHEN YOU AND KEEP YOU IN HIS GRACE.
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: LIVING ONE, IN THIS FEAST YOU HAVE MADE YOURSELF KNOWN TO US.
SEND US NOW TO TELL OF YOUR WONDERS, SING OF YOUR GLORY, AND PROCLAIM YOUR
RISEN LIFE TO A WOUNDED AND WEARY WORLD.
Amen.

The Senior Choir Anthem *"We Have Seen the Risen Lord"* – Pethel

~The Sending~

* The Blessing

THE TRIUNE GOD, WHO WAS, WHO IS, AND WHO IS TO COME, SOVEREIGN, ✚ SAVIOR, AND
SPIRIT, LIGHT YOUR WAY WITH RESURRECTION DAWN, NOW AND ALWAYS.
(Sung) **Amen. Amen. Amen.**

* The Dismissal

ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN.
Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
GO IN PEACE. IN CHRIST YOU ARE MADE NEW. ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

* The Sending Hymn

"The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done"

No. 135

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May 4, 2025 readings are: Acts 9:1-20
Revelation 5:11-14

Psalm 30
John 21:1-19

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

April 26-27, 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 BULLETINS are given to the Glory of God and

In loving memory of my loving husband, Joseph Harvilla's birthday April 17th and my brother, Michael Bright on April 22nd by Roxanne Harvilla, Tiffany, Matthew and Kinsley Warden

Please remember the following in your prayers: The family and friends of Ralph Derr, Forrest, Margaret, Steve Ristila, Christine Zimmerman, Eddie Smith, George Weaver, Jan McRoberts, 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

Parish website is 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 27, 2025

9:00 The Service of Word & Sacrament
10:15 Christian Education
11:00 Confirmation Class

THURSDAY

7:00 Senior Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY

9:00 Blessings Thrift Store

SATURDAY

6:00 Saturday Evening Worship

SUNDAY, May 4, 2025

9:00 The Service of Word & Sacrament/ Baptism
10:15 Christian Education
11:00 Confirmation Class

Supporting Zion's Ministries

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

Received 4/20/25 in support of Zion Ministries:

From our gifts	\$5,944.78
From Thrift Store	\$0.00
From Endowment (other)	\$0.00
From Culinary	\$0.00

Received for Endowment: \$160.00

Received for Capital Campaign: \$1,186.11

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

From offering/gifts/memorials:	\$45,757.62
From Thrift Store:	\$2,093.74*
From Endowment:	\$22,905.00
From Culinary:	\$5,700.00

Year-to-date total for Zion's mission/ministries: \$76,456.36

* Thrift Store donates half of income to Outreach total income - \$4,187.48

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 Ralph Derr, who passed away on April 19, 2025. We ask God to comfort the family at this time. Please keep them in your prayers.

GIFTS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

CURRENT FUND DONATIONS are given to the Glory of God and

In loving memory of my husband, John at Easter by Sharon Haldeman

ENDOWMENT FUND DONATIONS are given to the Glory of God and

In loving memory of Ralph Derr by Mr. & Mrs. Joe Mehalko

In loving memory of my parents & grandparents at Easter by Gerry Zeigler

In loving memory of Ralph Derr by Gerry Zeigler

Upcoming Events

May 2 – Blessings Thrift Sale

May 22 – Hoagie Sale

June 16-20 – Vacation Bible School

Zion's Blessings Thrift Shop is on Friday, May 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!

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!

DEADLINE: All information for the **May 2025 issue of the "Herald"** is due at the church office ASAP. You may e-mail your information to 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, May 22nd from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm. Order by May 19th, at <https://www.ziontamaqua.com> or by calling 570-668-4451. Thank you for your support!!

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

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.

Join us for another Cokesbury Kids VBS!
June 16-20th - 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Bible Exploration, Crafts, Music, & More! Open to children Nursery-5th Grade. A hot meal will be provided! Registrations will open soon!

Please welcome our new members Nikolas, Sabrina, & Abigail Smith. May they be blessed by their commitment to God and their participation in this faith family.



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=-NJP75ZMq0WbFXgxkg9Vz8bmK4XMZgFKmFCxW8xdEgNUNFZEWExKNU1EU0NIODk5VTg2OE4zSVI4US4u> 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