

*Welcome!*



## *Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church*

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

***The Fifth Sunday in Lent***  
April 6, 2025 ~ 9:00 am  
***The Liturgy of Word and Sacrament***

*Our God makes all things new. In the first reading God promises it. In the gospel Mary anticipates it, anointing Jesus' feet with costly perfume in preparation for the day of his burial. In the second reading Paul recalls his transformation from the persecutor Saul into an apostle. In baptism, God's new person (you!) rises daily from the deadly mire of trespasses and sins.*

*\*Congregation please stand*

**The Pre-service Music**

~ The Gathering ~

**\* The Confession and Forgiveness**

BLESSED BE THE HOLY TRINITY, ✚ ONE GOD, WHO FORGIVES ALL OUR SIN, WHOSE MERCY ENDURES FOREVER.

**Amen.**

LET US RETURN TO GOD, CONFESSING OUR SIN IN THE ASSURANCE OF GOD'S ABIDING LOVE.

*Please kneel if able.*

COMPASSIONATE ONE,

**you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world. We do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us. We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality you grant to all people. We oppress others, even though you have set us free again and again. We squander the abundant gifts of the earth. Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross.**

**Amen.**

BELOVED IN CHRIST, GOD'S ARMS ARE ALWAYS STRETCHED OPEN WIDE TO WELCOME THE WANDERING ONES HOME. IN ✚ CHRIST YOUR SINS ARE FORGIVEN. YOU HAVE A PLACE IN GOD'S HOUSE FOREVER.

**Amen.**

**\* The Gathering Hymn**      ***"Oh, There's a Hill So Far Away"***      Additional Hymnal No. 6

**Oh, there's a hill so far away, That I have longed to see;  
It is the hill where my Savior died. He gave His life for me!**

*(Refrain)* **Oh, hill so green, and hill so fair; The fairest ever seen.  
It is the hill where my Savior died. He gave His life for me!**

**Oh, there's a cross where-on He hung, A crown of thorns He wore.  
It is the cross where my Savior died, Our sins He gladly bore. *(Refrain)***

**Oh, there's a promise that He made, Eternal life to share.  
"Today I shall in Heaven be, And ye shall meet Me there." *(Refrain)***

**Oh, there's a love that we can show To others in His Name.  
As He forgave, let us forgive, for this is why He came! *(Refrain)***

**\* The Greeting**

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

**And also with you.**

## **The Order for Holy Baptism**

IN HOLY BAPTISM OUR GRACIOUS HEAVENLY FATHER LIBERATES US FROM SIN AND DEATH BY JOINING US TO THE DEATH AND RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST. WE ARE BORN CHILDREN OF A FALLEN HUMANITY; IN THE WATERS OF BAPTISM WE ARE REBORN CHILDREN OF GOD AND INHERITORS OF ETERNAL LIFE.

BY WATER AND THE HOLY SPIRIT WE ARE MADE MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH WHICH IS THE BODY OF CHRIST. AS WE LIVE WITH HIM AND HIS PEOPLE, WE GROW IN FAITH, LOVE, AND OBEDIENCE TO THE WILL OF GOD.

**(Sponsors) I present Maverick David Hadesty to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.**

IN CHRISTIAN LOVE YOU HAVE PRESENTED THIS CHILD FOR HOLY BAPTISM. YOU SHOULD, THEREFORE, FAITHFULLY BRING HIM TO THE SERVICES OF GOD'S HOUSE, AND TEACH HIM THE LORD'S PRAYER, THE CREED, AND THE TEN COMMANDMENTS. AS HE GROWS IN YEARS, YOU SHOULD PLACE IN HIS HANDS THE HOLY SCRIPTURES AND PROVIDE FOR HIS INSTRUCTION IN THE CHRISTIAN FAITH, THAT, LIVING IN THE COVENANT OF HIS BAPTISM AND IN COMMUNION WITH THE CHURCH, HE MAY LEAD A GODLY LIFE UNTIL THE DAY OF JESUS CHRIST,

DO YOU PROMISE TO FULFILL THESE OBLIGATIONS?

**(Parents & Sponsors Respond) I do.**

THE LORD BE WITH YOU.

**And also with you.**

LET US GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD OUR GOD.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

HOLY GOD, MIGHTY LORD, GRACIOUS FATHER: WE GIVE YOU THANKS, FOR IN THE BEGINNING YOUR SPIRIT MOVED OVER THE WATERS AND YOU CREATED HEAVEN AND EARTH. BY THE GIFT OF WATER YOU NOURISH AND SUSTAIN US AND ALL LIVING THINGS.

BY THE WATERS OF THE FLOOD YOU CONDEMNED THE WICKED AND SAVED THOSE WHOM YOU HAD CHOSEN, NOAH AND HIS FAMILY. YOU LED ISRAEL BY THE PILLAR OF CLOUDS AND FIRE THROUGH THE SEA, OUT OF SLAVERY INTO THE FREEDOM OF THE PROMISED LAND. IN THE WATERS OF THE JORDAN YOUR SON WAS BAPTIZED BY JOHN AND ANOINTED WITH THE SPIRIT.

BY THE BAPTISM OF HIS OWN DEATH AND RESURRECTION YOUR BELOVED SON HAS SET US FREE FROM THE BONDAGE OF SIN AND DEATH, AND HAS OPENED THE WAY TO THE JOY AND FREEDOM OF EVERLASTING LIFE. HE MADE WATER A SIGN OF THE KINGDOM AND OF CLEANSING AND REBIRTH. IN OBEDIENCE TO HIS COMMAND, WE MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS, BAPTIZING THEM IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

POUR OUT YOUR HOLY SPIRIT, SO THAT THIS CHILD WHO IS HERE BAPTIZED MAY BE GIVEN NEW LIFE. WASH AWAY THE SIN OF THIS CHILD WHO IS CLEANSED BY THIS WATER AND BRING HIM FORTH AS AN INHERITOR OF YOUR GLORIOUS KINGDOM.

TO YOU BE GIVEN PRAISE AND HONOR AND WORSHIP THROUGH YOUR SON, JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD, IN THE UNITY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, NOW AND FOREVER.

**Amen.**

I ASK YOU TO PROFESS YOUR FAITH IN CHRIST JESUS, REJECT SIN, AND CONFESS THE FAITH OF THE CHURCH, THE FAITH IN WHICH WE BAPTIZE.

DO YOU RENOUNCE ALL THE FORCES OF EVIL, THE DEVIL, AND ALL HIS EMPTY PROMISES?

**(Parents & Sponsors Respond) I do.**

DO YOU BELIEVE IN GOD THE FATHER?

**(All) I believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

DO YOU BELIEVE IN JESUS CHRIST, THE SON OF GOD?

**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.**

DO YOU BELIEVE IN GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT?

**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.**

MAVERICK DAVID, I BAPTIZE YOU IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

**Amen.**

GOD, THE FATHER OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, WE GIVE YOU THANKS FOR FREEING YOUR SONS AND DAUGHTERS FROM THE POWER OF SIN AND FOR RAISING THEM UP TO A NEW LIFE THROUGH THIS HOLY SACRAMENT. POUR OUT YOUR HOLY SPIRIT UPON MAVERICK DAVID, THE SPIRIT OF WISDOM AND UNDERSTANDING, THE SPIRIT OF COUNSEL AND MIGHT, THE SPIRIT OF KNOWLEDGE AND THE FEAR OF THE LORD, THE SPIRIT OF JOY IN YOUR PRESENCE.

**Amen.**

MAVERICK DAVID, CHILD OF GOD, YOU HAVE BEEN SEALED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT AND MARKED WITH THE CROSS OF CHRIST FOREVER.

**Amen.**

**(CONGREGATION REP.)** LET YOUR LIGHT SO SHINE BEFORE OTHERS THAT THEY MAY SEE YOUR GOOD WORKS AND GLORIFY YOUR FATHER IN HEAVEN.

O GOD, THE GIVER OF ALL LIFE, LOOK WITH KINDNESS UPON THE FAMILY OF THIS CHILD. LET THEM EVER REJOICE IN THE GIFT YOU HAVE GIVEN THEM. MAKE THEM TEACHERS AND EXAMPLES OF RIGHTEOUSNESS FOR HIM. STRENGTHEN THEM IN THEIR OWN BAPTISM SO THEY MAY SHARE ETERNALLY WITH HIM THE SALVATION YOU HAVE GIVEN THEM, THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD.

**Amen.**

**(CONGREGATION REP.)** THROUGH BAPTISM GOD HAS MADE THIS NEW BROTHER A MEMBER OF THE PRIESTHOOD WE ALL SHARE IN CHRIST JESUS, THAT WE MAY PROCLAIM THE PRAISE OF GOD AND BEAR HIS CREATIVE AND REDEEMING WORD TO ALL THE WORLD.

**We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, child of the same heavenly Father, and worker with us in the kingdom of God. Amen.**

## ~The Word~

### **The First Lesson Isaiah 43:16-21**

*The prophet declares that long ago God performed mighty deeds and delivered Israel from Egyptian bondage through the waters of the sea. Now, God is about to do a new thing, bringing the exiles out of Babylon and through the wilderness in a new Exodus.*

*(After the reading)*

THE WORD OF THE LORD

**Thanks be to God.**

### **The Psalm 126 Tune "Go to Dark Gethsemane" No.109**

WHEN THE LORD RESTORED THE FORTUNES OF ZION, WE WERE LIKE THOSE WHO DREAM.

**To the Lord I lift my soul; God I trust to make me whole.**

THEN OUR MOUTH WAS FILLED WITH LAUGHTER, AND OUR TONGUE WITH SHOUTS OF JOY.

**Of the Lord with joy I sing: "He has done a wondrous thing!"**

THE LORD HAS DONE GREAT THINGS FOR US, AND WE REJOICED.

**All on earth his glory tell, Holy One of Israel!**

RESTORE OUR FORTUNES, O LORD, JUST AS THE RAIN BRINGS WATER BACK TO DRY RIVERBEDS.

**To the Lord I lift my soul; God I trust to make me whole.**

MAY THOSE WHO SOW IN TEARS REAP WITH SHOUTS OF JOY.

**Of the Lord with joy I sing: "He has done a wondrous thing!"**

THOSE WHO WEPT AS THEY WENT OUT CARRYING THE SEED WILL COME BACK SINGING FOR JOY, CARRYING THEIR SHEAVES.

**All on earth his glory tell, Holy One of Israel!**

## **The Second Lesson** Philippians 3:4b-14

*Writing to Christians in Philippi, Paul admits that his heritage and reputation could give him more reason than most people to place confidence in his spiritual pedigree. But the overwhelming grace of God in Jesus calls Paul to a new set of values.*

*(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 12:1-8

*Judas willfully misinterprets as waste Mary's extravagant act of anointing Jesus' feet with costly perfume. Jesus recognizes that her lavish gift is both an expression of love and an anticipation of his burial.*

*(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 of the Day**

*"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"*

No. 107

### \* **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.*

THE CHURCH DECLARES YOUR PRAISE, O GOD. GUIDE US IN THE EXAMPLE OF ISAIAH'S IMAGINATION, PAUL'S TRANSFORMED IDENTITY, AND MARY'S FAITH AND DEVOTION; THAT OUR LIVES, TOO, MAY BE Poured OUT IN LOVE AS WE TRUST IN YOUR PROMISES. GOD, IN YOUR MERCY,

**receive our prayer.**

THE EARTH DECLARES YOUR PRAISE, O GOD. MAKE A WAY FOR THE PLANET'S FUTURE IN THE SEA AND THE WILDERNESS, THE MOUNTAINS AND PLAINS, THE TUNDRA AND WETLANDS. REPAIR HABITATS AND SUSTAINABLE ECOSYSTEMS ON, ABOVE, AND BENEATH THE GROUND. GOD, IN YOUR MERCY,

**receive our prayer.**

THE NATIONS DECLARE YOUR PRAISE, O GOD. WHERE RELIGIOUS DIFFERENCES DIVIDE, BRING TOGETHER THOSE WHO WORSHIP YOU IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST AND THOSE

WHO CALL TO YOU WITH DIFFERENT NAMES. GUIDE INTERRELIGIOUS DIALOGUE, THAT FAITH MAY UNITE RATHER THAN DIVIDE COMMUNITIES. GOD, IN YOUR MERCY,

**receive our prayer.**

THE PEOPLE DECLARE YOUR PRAISE, O GOD. RESTORE THOSE WHOSE HOPE HAS BEEN DAMPENED THROUGH A HEALTH DIAGNOSIS, JOB OR HOME LOSS, DIVORCE, OR DEATH. BRING HEALING TO THOSE IN NEED ESPECIALLY FORREST, MARGARET, STEVE, CHRISTINE, EDDIE, GEORGE, JAN, RALPH, AND ALL OUR MEMBERS WHO ARE HOMEBOUND. MAY ALL WHO WEEP NOW SING SONGS OF JOY AGAIN. GOD, IN YOUR MERCY,

**receive our prayer.**

THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT DECLARE YOUR PRAISE, O GOD. WE THANK YOU FOR ARTISTS WHO PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL. INSPIRE MUSIC, POETRY, AND IMAGES THAT PROCLAIM THE NEW THING YOU ARE DOING. GOD, IN YOUR MERCY,

**receive our prayer.**

THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS DECLARES YOUR PRAISE, O GOD. GIVING THANKS FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED, WE TRUST IN THE ONE WHO HAS MADE THEM HIS OWN: CHRIST JESUS, OUR CRUCIFIED AND RISEN SAVIOR. 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**

THE BODY AND BLOOD OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST STRENGTHEN YOU AND KEEP YOU IN HIS GRACE.  
**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 “Did You Think to Pray?” – Gilpin**

**~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**

**“Were You There?”**

**No. 92**

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**April 13, 2025 readings are:**

Isaiah 50:4-9a  
Philippians 2:5-11

Psalm 31:9-16  
Luke 23:1-49



# ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

*April 5-6, 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 honor of the birthday of Pastor's brother Jimmy

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

In loving memory of my dad, Charles Wagner on his birthday April 1<sup>st</sup> by Roxanne Harvilla, Tiffany, Matthew and Kinsley Warden

**Altar Flower sponsors are needed for April 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>.**

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

*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 Fritzing, 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 6, 2025**

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

## **WEDNESDAY**

7:00 Mid-Week Lenten Service/ St. John's

## **THURSDAY**

Dinner Prep/ Kitchen Reserved  
7:00 Senior Choir Rehearsal

## **FRIDAY**

4:00 Lenten Fish Dinner

## **SATURDAY**

6:00 Saturday Evening Worship

## **SUNDAY, April 13, 2025, Palm Sunday**

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

### **Supporting Zion's Ministries**

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

Received 3/30/25 in support of Zion Ministries:

From our gifts	\$1,795.08
From Thrift Store	\$0.00
From Endowment (other)	\$0.00
From Culinary	\$3,800.00
Received for Endowment:	\$140.00
Received for Capital Campaign:	\$616.24

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

From offering/gifts/memorials:	\$32,024.12
From Thrift Store:	\$1,241.73*
From Endowment:	\$22,905.00
From Culinary:	\$5,700.00

Year-to-date total for Zion's mission/ministries: \$61,870.85

\* Thrift Store donates half of income to Outreach total income - \$2,483.46

*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.*

**GIFTS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD**

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

In honor of the baptism of their grandson, Maverick David by Ann Marie and David Hadesty

In loving memory of Paul Pecha by Gerry Zeigler

In loving memory of Paul Pecha by Pencor Services Inc.

**Upcoming Events**

**April 11** – Lenten Fish Dinner

**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!*

**Palm Sunday Potluck** - A fellowship potluck will be held on Palm Sunday April 13, 2025, following the morning worship service. Sign-up sheets are available in the Gathering Room. Hope to see you there!

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

**MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES 2025** – St. John's and Zion will once again hold combined Mid-Week Lenten Services at 7:00 pm. The service will follow the Holden Evening prayer from the ELW. This week's service is at St. John's.



## Celebration of Baptism

Please welcome Maverick David Hadesty, son of Matthew and Karina (Derr) Hadesty as a member of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church. Maverick's Godparents are Jonathan Hadesty and Kyrsten Derr. He will receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism during our Sunday morning worship service; May the blessing of our Lord be upon the parents and godparent in nurturing this child in the light of faith. Please welcome family and friends who join us to celebrate.

**Zion Lenten Fish Dinner - April 11, 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM or sell-out. Adult \$13.00 – Children up to age 10 \$7.00. Take-Outs Available Menu includes Baked Haddock, Crab Cakes or Chicken Fingers, Mac & Cheese, Stewed Tomatoes, Cole Slaw and Dessert. Combinations and ala carte are not available. Dinners may be pre-ordered on the website ([www.ziontamaqua.com](http://www.ziontamaqua.com)) or by calling 570-668-4451. Deadline to order is **April 8**. Walk-ins welcome. Hope to see you there! Culinary Donations are Needed for the dinners...Cases of 12 oz. Bottles of water, please place them in the kitchen marked culinary. We also need desserts for the April 11<sup>th</sup> dinner. Contact Mary Ruth by March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Thank you!**

**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!!**

## 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!*