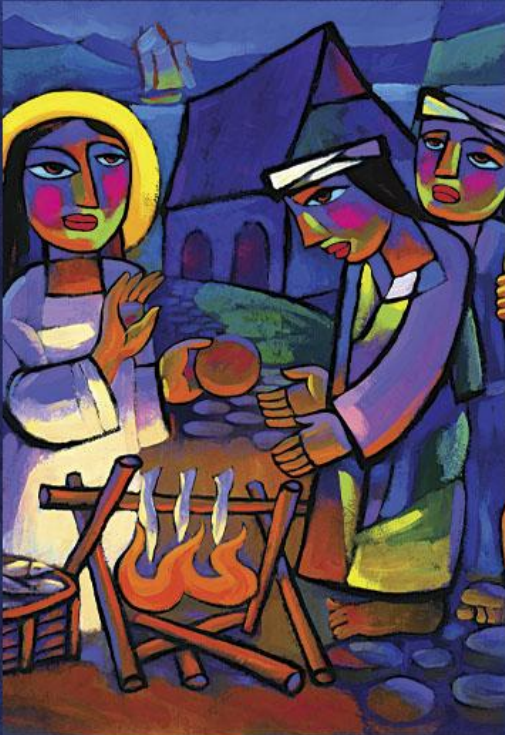


*Welcome!*



It is  
the  
Lord!

JOHN 21:7

## *Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church*

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

# *The Third Sunday of Easter*

May 4, 2025 ~ 9:00 am

## *The Liturgy of Word and Sacrament*

*The disciples make a big splash and eat breakfast with the risen Jesus. Wading in the water (remembering baptism) and eating with Jesus (celebrating holy communion) is our weekly encounter with the risen Christ. Jesus asks us again and again: Do you love me? And Jesus invites us, again and again, to follow him, bringing the Easter life to others.*

*\*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**      *“Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain”*      Add. Hymnal No. 11

**Come, ye faithful, raise the strain** Of triumphant gladness.

**God has brought His Israel** Into joy from sadness;

**'Tis the spring of souls today,** Christ hath burst His prison,

**And from three days sleep in death,** As a sun hath risen.

**Now the queen of seasons bright** With the day of splendor;

**With the royal feast of feasts** Comes its joy to render.

**Come to gladden Christian men,** Who with true affection

**Welcome in unwearied strains** Jesus' resurrection.

All the winter of our sins, Long and dark is flying  
From His light, to whom we give Laud and praise undying.  
Neither might the gates of death, Nor the tomb's dark portal;  
Nor the watchers, nor the seal, Hold Thee as a mortal.

But today amidst the twelve, Thou didst stand bestowing  
That Thy peace, which evermore Passeth human knowing.  
Come, ye faithful, raise the strain Of triumphant gladness;  
God hath brought His Israel Into joy from sadness.

**\* 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 Order for Holy Baptism – See Insert**

~The Word~

**The First Lesson Acts 9:1-6**

*Saul (later called Paul) was an ardent persecutor of all who followed the Way of Christ. This reading recounts the story of his transformation beginning with an encounter with Jesus Christ on the way to Damascus.*

*(After the reading)*

THE WORD OF THE LORD

**Thanks be to God.**

**The Psalm 30**

Tune "*Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!*" No. 147

I WILL EXALT YOU, O LORD, BECAUSE YOU HAVE LIFTED ME UP, AND KEPT MY ENEMIES FROM GLOATING OVER ME.

**Let the Lord, my God, be praised, For the Lord has heard my voice.**

O LORD MY GOD, I CRIED TO YOU FOR HELP, AND YOU HEALED ME; YOU RESTORED MY LIFE AS I WAS GOING DOWN TO THE GRAVE.

**Let glad songs to God be raised; Let the faithful now rejoice.**

HIS ANGER LASTS ONLY A MOMENT, HIS GOODNESS FOR A LIFETIME.

**Tears may linger for the night; Joy dawns with the morning light.**

YOU WERE GOOD TO ME, LORD; YOU PROTECTED ME LIKE A MOUNTAIN FORTRESS. I FELT SECURE AND SAID TO MYSELF, "I WILL NEVER BE DEFEATED." BUT THEN YOU HID YOURSELF FROM ME, AND I WAS AFRAID. I CRIED TO YOU, O LORD; I BEGGED FOR YOUR HELP: "WHAT WILL YOU GAIN FROM MY DEATH? CAN I PROCLAIM YOUR UNFAILING GOODNESS FROM THE GRAVE? LORD, HEAR ME AND HELP ME IN YOUR MERCY!"

**Let the Lord, my God, be praised, For the Lord has heard my voice.**

YOU HAVE TURNED MY MOURNING INTO DANCING; YOU HAVE TAKEN OFF MY SACKCLOTH AND CLOTHED ME WITH JOY.

**Let glad songs to God be raised; Let the faithful now rejoice.**

SO I WILL NOT BE SILENT; I WILL SING PRAISE TO YOU, O LORD MY GOD; I WILL GIVE THANKS TO YOU FOREVER.

**Tears may linger for the night; Joy dawns with the morning light.**

## **The Second Lesson Revelation 5:11-14**

*The vision of John recorded in Revelation offers a glimpse of cosmic worship around the throne. At its center is “the Lamb who was slain.”*

*(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 21:1-19**

*The risen Christ appears again to his disciples by the sea where they were first called. After echoes of the fishing and feeding miracles, he gives a final reminder of the cost of a disciple's love and obedience.*

*(Before the Gospel)*

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT JOHN THE 21<sup>ST</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**

**“That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright”**

ELW No. 384

**That Easter day with joy was bright; the sun shone out with fairer light  
when, to their longing eyes restored, th'apostles saw their risen Lord!**

**O Jesus, king of gentleness, with constant love our hearts possess;  
to you our lips will ever raise the tribute of our grateful praise.**

**O Christ, you are the Lord of all in this our Easter festival,  
for you will be our strength and shield from ev'ry weapon death can wield.**

**All praise, O risen Lord, we give to you, once dead, but now alive!  
To God the Father equal praise, and God the Spirit, now we raise!**

### **\* 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.*

YOUR LOVE SUSTAINS THE CHURCH AND ITS MINISTRIES. BY THAT LOVE, EQUIP YOUTH DIRECTORS, SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS, AND ALL WHO GUIDE FORMATION IN THE CHURCH TO NURTURE VIBRANT, LIVING FAITH AMONG YOUR PEOPLE. HEAR US, O GOD.

**Your mercy is great.**

YOUR ABUNDANCE IS MADE KNOWN THROUGHOUT CREATION. PRESERVE OCEANS AND RIVERS, LAKES AND ESTUARIES SO THAT ALL CREATURES LIVING IN THEM MIGHT FLOURISH. MAKE US WISE STEWARDS OF OUR LOCAL WATERSHEDS. HEAR US, O GOD.

**Your mercy is great.**

YOUR WISDOM GUIDES ALL WHO STRIVE FOR JUSTICE AND PEACE. STRENGTHEN THE WORK OF GRASSROOTS ORGANIZERS, ESPECIALLY AMONG COMMUNITIES ON THE FRONTLINES OF JUSTICE WORK. AMPLIFY THE VOICES OF THOSE MOST IN NEED, THAT THEIR LEADERSHIP GUIDES THE WAY FORWARD. HEAR US, O GOD.

**Your mercy is great.**

YOUR COMPASSION SURROUNDS ALL WHO ARE IN NEED. WE PRAY FOR ALL PEOPLE EXPERIENCING POVERTY AND FOOD INSECURITY, AND FOR ALL STRUGGLING WITH DEBT AND ECONOMIC UNCERTAINTY. REASSURE ALL WHO EXPERIENCE HOPELESSNESS OR NEED YOUR TENDER CARE ESPECIALLY FORREST, MARGARET, STEVE, CHRISTINE, EDDIE, GEORGE, JAN, AND ALL OUR MEMBERS WHO ARE HOMEBOUND. HEAR US, O GOD.

**Your mercy is great.**

YOU INVITE ALL PEOPLE TO YOUR TABLE OF GRACE. MAKE THIS A COMMUNITY OF RADICAL HOSPITALITY WHERE ALL FEEL LOVED AND CELEBRATED. SHOW US HOW TO BETTER WELCOME VISITORS AND BLESS THE MINISTRIES OF HOSPITALITY IN THIS PLACE. HEAR US, O GOD.

**Your mercy is great.**

WE PRAISE YOU FOR THE WITNESS OF YOUR SAINTS OF ALL TIMES AND PLACES. MAY THEIR LIVES OF FAITH GUIDE US IN OUR OWN JOURNEYS WITH YOU, TODAY AND EVERY DAY. 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](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: 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 "God, Who Built This Wondrous Planet" – Courtney**

## ~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

*"I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me"*

WOV No. 673

**I'm so glad, Jesus lifted me. I'm so glad, Jesus lifted me.  
I'm so glad Jesus lifted me, singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.**

**Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me. Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me.  
Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me, singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.**

**When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me. When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me.  
When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me, singing glory, Hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.**

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**First Reading: Acts 9:1-6 – Not Printed**

**Second Reading: Revelation 5:11-14 - Not Printed**

**Gospel: John 21:1-19** - <sup>1</sup> After [he appeared to his followers in Jerusalem,] Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. <sup>2</sup> Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. <sup>3</sup> Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fishing.” They said to him, “We will go with you.” They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

<sup>4</sup> Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus.

<sup>5</sup> Jesus said to them, “Children, you have no fish, have you?” They answered him, “No.” <sup>6</sup> He said to them, “Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.” So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. <sup>7</sup> That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. <sup>8</sup> But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

<sup>9</sup> When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. <sup>10</sup> Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.” <sup>11</sup> So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. <sup>12</sup> Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, “Who are you?” because they knew it was the Lord. <sup>13</sup> Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. <sup>14</sup> This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

<sup>15</sup> When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my lambs.” <sup>16</sup> A second time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Tend my sheep.” <sup>17</sup> He said to him the third time, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” And he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. <sup>18</sup> Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.” <sup>19</sup> (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, “Follow me.”

**May 11, 2025 readings are:** Acts 9:36-43

Revelation 7:9-17

Psalm 23

John 10:22-30



# ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

*May 3-4, 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 loving memory of Fritzingler and Turrano family members by Glenn and Lorie Fritzingler

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

In honor of the baptism of Alaina Nicole Boyer by her family

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

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

## **Welcome!!**

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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, May 4, 2025

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

## MONDAY

7:00 Finance Meeting

## THURSDAY

7:00 Senior Choir Rehearsal

## SATURDAY

6:00 Saturday Evening Worship

## SUNDAY, May 11, 2025, *Mother's Day*

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

*Please note that Baccalaureate service is here at Zion on May 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM*

**Unfortunately, donations could not be counted this week so no report is listed.** If you would like to be on the counting team please contact Ann Marie Hadesty. Thank you.

### **ATTENTION GRADUATING CONFIRMED ZION** **MEMBERS: CLASS OF 2025**

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. ***This information is needed ASAP.*** Thank you.

**Morning Prayer on Facebook and Website:** Rev. Cindy White reads a selected Bible verse and offers a brief message or song Wednesdays at 9 a.m. Individuals with specific prayer requests can email those requests to Pastor White at [zionlutheranrev@gmail.com](mailto:zionlutheranrev@gmail.com).

## Upcoming Events

May 18 – Baccalaureate - 7:00 pm

May 22 – Hoagie Sale

June 16-20 – Vacation Bible School

June 6 – Blessings Thrift Sale

Zion's Blessings Thrift Shop is on Friday, June 6<sup>th</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!*

**Hoagie Sale - The Culinary Team is holding a hoagie sale;** Regular Hoagies are \$8 each. Pick up is on Thursday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm. Order by May 19<sup>th</sup>, at <https://www.ziontamaqua.com> or by calling 570-668-4451. Thank you for your support!!

In talking with the people John says in Luke 3:11 “*Whoever has two tunics should share with him who has none, and whoever has food should do the same.*” This is a reminder that the People Pantry is being used heavily and in need of donations. While grocery shopping pick up an extra item to share with our less fortunate community neighbors. “*Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.*” 2 Corinthians 9:7



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!



### Celebration of Baptism

Please welcome Alaina Nicole Boyer, daughter of Alyssa Casler and Ryan Boyer, as a member of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church. Alaina's Godparents are Ashly Lux, Alesia Casler, Matthew Miller and Tyler Schaeffer. She will receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism during our Sunday morning worship service; May the blessing of our Lord be upon the parents and godparents in nurturing this child in the light of faith. Please welcome family and friends who join us to celebrate. Please enjoy refreshments to celebrate with the family in the gathering room.

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