


FOURTEETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Service of Word & Sacrament

August 29, 2021



Create in me a
clean heart,
Oh, God.

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

85 E. Brandt Boulevard

Landisville, PA

Connecting with God; Connecting with others; Connecting others with God

GENERAL INFORMATION

WELCOME TO ZION! We are glad you have chosen to worship with us with in-person or online this morning! For in-person worshippers, all words and parts of the service will be projected on the screen in the front of the sanctuary. If you prefer a printed bulletin, they are available on the table in the Narthex by the entrance to the Sanctuary. The service contains the four parts of the Lutheran liturgy (The Gathering, The Word, The Meal, and The Sending). If you have any questions concerning our service, please do not hesitate to talk with Pastor Sell.

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AT ZION

IN-PERSON: All are invited to join us for worship at 9:00 a.m. each Sunday morning. On September 5, worship will be held outdoors on the Cooper House lawn. Rally Day is scheduled for September 12.

ONLINE: Worship services are live-streamed on the church YouTube channel: [*http://bit.ly/Zion Live*](http://bit.ly/Zion_Live). If you are unable or prefer not to watch during the live-stream, the recording is available to view any time after the service concludes. Services held outdoors will not be live-streamed.

FOR THOSE WORSHIPPING IN-PERSON

- ❖ Mask wearing is recommended for all who attend or participate in any indoor gathering, including worship, at the church. This recommendation is for those who are vaccinated as well as for those who are not. If you are not vaccinated, we are asking you to please wear a mask to keep your fellow congregants as safe as possible. Church should be a loving, caring environment, and we would like to keep it that way.
- ❖ Communion is distributed in continuous fashion or you may take one of the communion kits at the back of the Sanctuary if you prefer to commune at your seat.
- ❖ Restrooms are available by the front entrance of the church in the Narthex and in the hallway off the back door.
- ❖ Children are welcome to be active participants in the worship service. There are bags located at the back of the sanctuary with quiet worship activities and goodies to take home. Currently, nursery care is not available.
- ❖ Ushers are located near the front and back of the worship area to direct people to seating and to the offering plates.

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Service of Word & Sacrament

P: Pastor A: Assisting Minister C: Congregation

INTRODUCTION

Jesus protests against human customs being given the weight of divine law, while the essence of God's law is ignored. True uncleanness comes not from external things, but from the intentions of the human heart. Last week Jesus told us "the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life" (John 6:63). Now James says God has given us birth by the word of truth. We who were washed in the word when we were born in the font return to it every Sunday to ask God to create in us clean hearts.

† THE GATHERING †

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

When Morning Gilds the Skies

Arr. by W. Held

Please stand if you are able.

OPENING HYMN

When Morning Gilds the Skies

ELW 853

- 1 When morning gilds the skies,
my heart awaking cries:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
When evening shadows fall,
this rings my curfew call:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
- 2 When mirth for music longs,
this is my song of songs:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
God's holy house of prayer
has none that can compare
with "Jesus Christ be praised!"



3 No lovelier antiphon
in all high heav'n is known
than "Jesus Christ be praised!"
There to the eternal Word
the eternal psalm is heard:
oh, Jesus Christ be praised!

4 Let all of humankind
in this their concord find:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
Let all the earth around
ring joyous with the sound:
may Jesus Christ be praised!

5 Sing, sun and stars of space,
sing, all who see his face,
sing, "Jesus Christ be praised!"
God's whole creation o'er,
today and evermore
shall Jesus Christ be praised!

Text: German hymn, 19th cent.; tr. Robert Bridges, 1844-1930, alt.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles,
the God of mercy.

C: **Amen.**

P: Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God our provider,

C: **help us.**

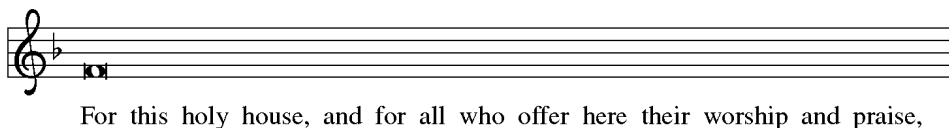
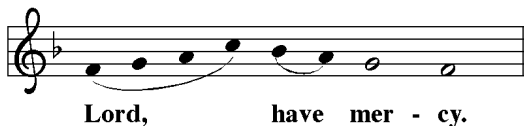
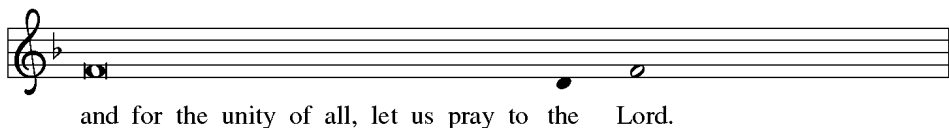
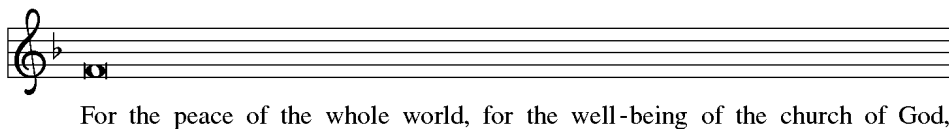
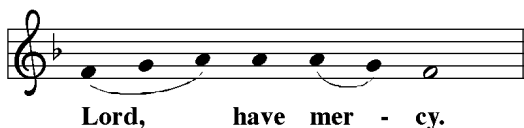
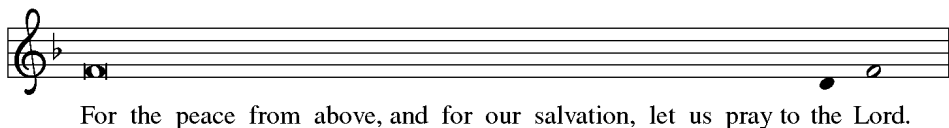
It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

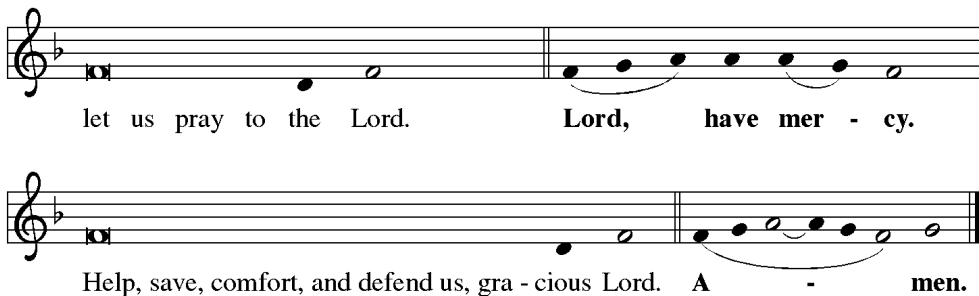
- P: Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, ☩ the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.
- C: **Amen.**

GREETING

- P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C: **And also with you.**

KYRIE





PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

Please be seated.

† THE WORD †

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

A: ¹So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. ²You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the LORD your God with which I am charging you.

⁶You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, “Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!” ⁷For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is whenever we call to him? ⁸And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

⁹But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children’s children.

A: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 15

A: ¹LORD, who may dwell in your ¹tabernacle? Who may abide upon your holy hill?

C: **²Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right, who speak the truth from their heart;**

³they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends; they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

⁴In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the LORD. They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.

⁵They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

SECOND READING

James 1:17-27

A: ¹⁷Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

¹⁸In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

¹⁹You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰for your anger does not produce God's righteousness.

²¹Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

²²But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. ²³For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; ²⁴for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. ²⁵But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

²⁶If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. ²⁷Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

A: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S CHAT

Rev. Melody Sell

Please stand if you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Good Soil

BB 25/ELW 512

Lord, let my heart be good soil,
open to the seed of your word.

Lord, let my heart be good soil,
where love can grow and peace is understood.
When my heart is hard, break the stone away.
When my heart is cold, warm it with the day.
When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.

Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart,
Lord, let my heart be good soil.

Text: Handt Hanson, b. 1950
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Changing Church, Inc., admin. Augsburg Fortress.

GOSPEL

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 7th chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around [Jesus], ²they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. ³(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; ⁴and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) ⁵So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” ⁶He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, ‘This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; ⁷in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.’ ⁸You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

¹⁴Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.”

²¹For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, ²²adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. ²³All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

MESSAGE

Rev. Melody Sell

SERMON SONG

Just As I Am

ELW 592

1 Just as I am, without one plea,
but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

2 Just as I am, though tossed about
with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

3 Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come,

4 Just as I am; thy love unknown
has broken ev'ry barrier down;
now to be thine, yea, thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Text: Charlotte Elliott, 1789-1871

Please stand if you are able.

APOSTLES' CREED

P: We now proclaim our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed:

C: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. 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.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

A: Let us come before the triune God in prayer:

Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

We pray for the church, that it is a safe haven for all who seek your presence. Fill it with pastors, deacons, and leaders who echo your expansive and generous welcome. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for the whole of creation, that plants and animals have the habitat and resources to thrive and flourish. Inspire us to protect threatened habitats and ensure a sustainable future for generations to come. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for individuals in positions of authority. Raise up wise and discerning leaders in federal, state, and local governments and guide them to seek the benefit of every person. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for all who are in need. Support and encourage those who are unemployed, underemployed, or experiencing poverty. Bring food, shelter, clothes, and stability for daily life. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for this congregation, especially those beginning a new school year. Empower teachers and school administrators. Guide students in their learning and development. Accompany parents, foster parents, and caregivers who provide encouragement and love. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We give thanks for the faithful departed who showed us how to honor God with our heart. Inspire us by their example and renew our faith, trusting that we will be united with them in glory. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

P: *Additional petitions may be inserted.*

Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

† THE MEAL †

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING SONG

Lord Jesus, Think on Me

ELW 599

1 Lord Jesus, think on me,
and purge away my sin;
from selfish passions set me free
and make me pure within.

2 Lord Jesus, think on me,
by anxious thoughts oppressed;
let me your loving servant be
and taste your promised rest.

3 Lord Jesus, think on me,
nor let me go astray;
through darkness and perplexity
point out your chosen way.

Text: Synesius of Cyrene, 375-430; tr. Allen W. Chatfield, 1808-1896, alt.

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.

C: **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Dialogue

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The Preface

P: It is indeed right and our duty and joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: *Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.*

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: *This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: We pray together.

C: **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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Friends of Jesus, come to the table. Receive nourishment for your journey.

C: **Amen.**

Please be seated.

PARTAKING IN THE BREAD AND CUP OF SALVATION

All baptized Christians are welcome to partake of the Holy Sacrament. You may commune in your pew with one of the individually packaged kits or you may commune by coming forward to receive the elements in continuous fashion. Those who do not or choose not to partake of the sacrament may come forward and receive a blessing. If you are unable to come forward, please let one of the ushers know and the pastor will come to you.

FOR THOSE COMMUNING WITH THE KITS

Open the wafer packet.

P: The body of Christ given for you.

C: **Amen.**

Open the cup.

P: The blood of Christ shed for you.

C: **Amen.**

Please place communion cups & wrappers in the trash can as you exit the Sanctuary.

FOR THOSE COMMUNING BY COMING FORWARD

For those not able to have red wine, there is grape juice in the outer circle of every tray. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. When given the bread and cup, the communion ministers will say: "The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you," to which you may respond: "Amen."

AFTER COMMUNING

Please use this time for quiet reflection until all worshippers have communed and have returned to their seat.

Please stand if you are able.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray. Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.

C: **Amen.**

† THE SENDING †

BLESSING

P: The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, ✠ be upon you now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

SENDING SONGS

Beautiful Savior
1 Beautiful Savior,
King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love thee,
truly I'd serve thee,
light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

ELW 838



2 Fair are the meadows,
fair are the woodlands,
robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer,
Jesus is purer,
he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

3 Fair is the sunshine,
fair is the moonlight,
bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer
than all the angels in the sky.

4 Beautiful Savior,
Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor,
praise, adoration,
now and forevermore be thine!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677;
tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823-1904

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Crusaders' Hymn

Arr. by F. Swann

When exiting the Sanctuary, please use both the front and the rear doors.

The Heart of the Matter

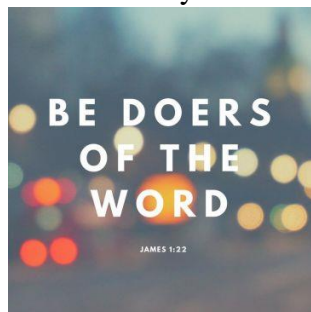
When clay becomes a pot, it must first have a center. As a potter spins, pushes, and pulls the clay into its final form, it can easily lose its center and become misshapen. Having lost its center, it fails to fully be what it is being created to be—a pot, a pitcher, a plate, a thing of beauty, a vessel for others.

Faith and religious practice have lost their center in today's readings. Quoting Isaiah, Jesus calls into question "This people" that "honors me with their lips" but whose "hearts are far from me" (Mark 7:6). Some in the religious community have begun focusing on surface matters (the washing of hands, what one eats, the traditions of the elders) and have forgotten the core. What really matters is how one's faith is expressed in mercy, in words and actions that build up rather than tear down the neighbor.

In the second reading James wonders about those who look at themselves in a mirror and upon walking away forget who they are (James 1:23-24). For James, they are simply hearers of the word and not doers. Their lives do not reflect the love and mercy that has claimed them.

And so it is with us. We do not live as the people God has claimed us to be. Our lives lose their center. Our faith practices focus on surface things rather than the core. We fail to be what God has created and is creating us to be—vessels poured out for others. We look at ourselves in the mirror and upon walking away forget who and whose we are.

At the heart of the Christian assembly is Jesus—in word, in song, in prayer, in the neighbor, in water, bread, and wine. Jesus, who embodies forgiveness and mercy, is the heart. Again and again, life becomes misshapen. Again and again, the potter reshapes the clay. The splash of a watery cross, the taste of bread and wine: these things center life in Christ. God's mercy washes over us. God's mercy is implanted in us. God creates life anew; deformed hearts are reformed for works of mercy and love.



Images in the Readings

In antiquity the **heart** was described as the intangibility of human identity, the locus of personality, the location of thought, and the generator of emotion. In biblical poetics, even God has a heart. The metaphoric interpretation is clear when the Bible speaks of an uncircumcised heart. Still today the heart functions as a primary synecdoche (a part that implies the whole) of the human being. Often connected with positive emotions such as pity and love, the heart is also a container of evil. Many churches in the nineteenth century worked to mitigate the traditional emphasis on evil from within.

James's image of the law as a **mirror** has been important for many Christian theologians. Daily we look at this mirror and there see our inadequacies.

James stresses the religious obligation to care for “**orphans and widows.**” Repeatedly in the Bible, this phrase suggests everyone who fell outside the normal patriarchal social net: especially orphans and widows lived without the protection and sustenance of a male. Early Christians debated whether widowed women might remarry, and the New Testament records special food supplies sent to widows. Because typically a marriage involved a husband much older than the wife, many women must have been widows for decades.



THIS WEEK AT ZION & WITHIN THE WIDER CHURCH

Sunday, August 29

** The altar flowers are sponsored by Al & Connie Alsedek.to the glory of God.*

**The red rose bud is in honor of the birth of Penelope Jade Adams, daughter of Michael & Haley and granddaughter of Joe & Marie Adams.*

** The communion elements are sponsored by Ron & Kay Crawford in loving memory of Jennifer and her birthday month.*

In-Person Worship – 9:00 a.m.

Livestream Worship – 9:00 a.m.

Link: http://bit.ly/Zion_Live

Adult Sunday School – 10:00 a.m. (Parlor, following worship)

Mt. Gretna Tabernacle – 7:00 p.m. (Quintessentially Brass)

Monday, August 30

Food Pantry – 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Tuesday, August 31

Bible Study – 9 – 10:30 a.m. (Parlor)

Wednesday, September 1

Food Pantry – 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Thursday, September 2

Friday, September 3

Saturday, September 4

Sunday, September 5 – *Outdoor Worship*

In-Person Worship – 9:00 a.m. [No Livestream]

No Adult Sunday School [Will resume next Sunday (9/12)]

ANNOUNCEMENTS, UPDATES, & EVENTS



AN UPDATE FROM MARY HETRICK

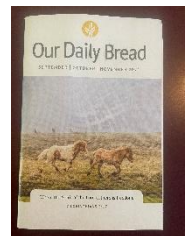
After taking a summer hiatus for the months of July and August, the Community Meal will resume on Thursday, September 9. The drive-thru format will continue, at least through this year. Advertisements that the meal is resuming have gone out via fliers in the Hempfield Food Pantry client food boxes and posts on the Next-Door website. At this time, there are three open dates remaining for 2021. Looking to fill those dates, letters have been sent to school groups and other organizations. The first meal that Zion will be providing is October 14. If a community group doesn't sponsor the October 7 meal, Zion may have to step up and provide that meal as well. Watch for emails coming in September to sign up to volunteers to help with this meal(s). Thank you in advance for your help with this ministry to our local community.

STAY TUNED

Similar to how the baby grand piano was purchased earlier this year to improve the quality of music in worship, a new electronic keyboard will also be purchased in the near future. This instrument will be an upgrade to the current keyboard, lending itself to a wider range of musical sounds and complementing some of the songs sung in services. If you would like to contribute, please note in the memo line "keyboard purchase."

OUR DAILY BREAD DEVOTIONALS

The September-November devotional booklets are available on the ushers' table in the Narthex and on the window ledge in the back hallway. Help yourself!



COMFORTER MINISTRY

Summer is just about over! Fall is almost here! Time to get together! The Comforter Ministry will resume meeting to make comforters on **Monday, September 13, 9-11 a.m.** Hopefully you will be able to join us in the kitchen that day. Invite someone to come with you! There are 2 comforters ready to pin and knot. (If you can't make the 9/13 date, plan to join the group on October 4.)



BLESSING OF THE BLANKETS

The comforters that the Comforter Ministry will be working on & finishing when they resume in a couple of weeks will be blessed in worship on Sunday, October 3.

PICNIC IN THE PARK

It has been a summer full of wonderful picnics at Rapho Twp. Community Park! The next picnic will be on September 30.



*The 8/26
Gathering*

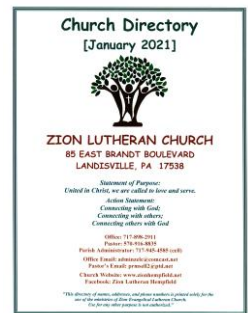


OUTREACH PROJECT - "PERSONAL CARE KITS"

Items for Lutheran World Relief will be collected through September. When you have everything on the list, place your bag in the collection bin across from the mailboxes. You do not have to purchase soap. You may take 2 cakes from the red box (beside the bin) to include in your bag if you haven't purchased soap already. The list of specific items required for each kit is available on the ushers' table in the Narthex and on the window ledge in the back hallway. We will assemble the kits on Saturday, October 2 in the morning. Contact Millie with questions: 717-897-2313.

TIME TO UPDATE THE CHURCH DIRECTORY

As we begin the new program year in the church, we will also be printing an updated church directory. Please review and make any changes to your contact information listed in the current directory. The directory can be found on the ushers' table in the Narthex; please leave it there so it is there when others go to look for it!



50+-YEAR MEMBER RECOGNITION

Members who have been at Zion for 50 or more years will be recognized on Sunday, September 12! Come to worship and celebrate these 30+ long-time members committed to the life of the church!

CELEBRATIONS IN OUR MIDST

Anna (Benedict) & Justin Myers were married on August 21. Cards can be mailed to them at: 5930 Walnut St. Apt. C2; Pittsburgh, PA 15232



Brett & Lori Houseal welcomed baby boy Archie on August 10. Cards can be mailed to them at: 7 Sunshine Dr.; Pittstown, NJ 0886

THE FINAL WEEKEND OF EVENTS AT MT. GRETNA TABERNACLE

* **TONIGHT:** QuintEssentially Brass

A quintet with engaging personalities and sparkling instrumental performances ends another summer season.

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP AT THE TABERNACLE @ 10 a.m., led by the Mt. Gretna United Methodist Church - Rev. Michael Remel, Pastor.

MATINEE AT THE ZONE

The next Matinee at the Zone will be Wednesday, September 8, at 1:30. The feature is a western comedy, *Support Your Local Sheriff*, starring James Garner, Joan Hackett, and Walter Brennan. Others include Harry Morgan, Bruce Dern, and Jack Elam. The movie was released in 1969.



A traveler with a quick draw and sense of humor becomes sheriff of an unruly town in the midst of a gold rush. His efforts to bring law and order meet resistance at first. In the end he wins a sweetheart and respect.

The film is rated G and runs 93 minutes. We hope to see you at the Zone next Wednesday. Bring snacks to share.

CROP WALK RALLY

It's coming up on that time of year again! Last year, Zion had an amazing turnout and collection of donations for the CROP Walk...let's get geared up for another successful Walk this fall.

Whether you walked before or not, everyone is invited to a Walk Rally on September 12 at 2:00 p.m. at the Lancaster Food Hub (812 N. Queen St., Lancaster). T-Shirts will be given out to those who walked last year and there will be special presentations from the Director of Church World Service and the Lancaster Food Hub. There will also be tours available of the Hub. Refreshments will be provided. STAY TUNED for more information about the 49th Annual Walk which will be held on October 17.



JOYFUL NOISE COLLECTION

Through August, Joyful Noise contributions will go to the School District of Lancaster school uniform program. This program helps to offset the cost of uniforms for students in need. Beginning next Sunday, the collection will go to Habitat for Humanity. Labeled buckets to place your offering are on the table in the back and in the front of the Sanctuary.





FROM THE CALL COMMITTEE

Just a note to let you know that your Call Committee is still active.

Although we have not met with any candidates since the last update, and do not currently have any forthcoming, we do have some positive news. The committee met with Bishop Dunlop and Assistant to the Bishop Martini last week. They were kind enough

to come to Zion. Pastor Martini is the Synod representative who we have been working with during this call process.

The meeting was very productive and they are both very personable. They assured us that Zion is a priority and will continue to be. We discussed the call process in general, Zion's process, and some of the related factors. It is a fact that the number of pastors who are seeking a call is in short supply. This is true not only in our Synod, but the larger Lutheran church as well. A positive note is that the Lower Susquehanna Synod seems to be a desirable destination for pastors seeking a call. Another factor affecting the supply is that many pastors are reluctant to leave their current congregation as we hopefully begin to recover from the pandemic, despite this recent surge. This is certainly understandable.

During the next several weeks, the committee will meet to update some of the information in Zion's profile that has changed since it was written. Meanwhile, the committee continues to be prayerfully hopeful that our diligence and patience, along with Synod support, will culminate in attracting a new spiritual leader for Zion.



...From Hempfield School District

Thank you for your generous contribution to our student lunch program...Thank you for partnering with us as we help our students.

...From TLC/Veterans' Victory House

Thank you very much for your generosity in making a contribution of \$250 through your Joyful Noise Offering! You help spark the power in all people to achieve equitable housing and financial security....As always, we are grateful for your ongoing support....

ZION NIGHT AT THE BARNSTORMERS RESCHEDULED

If you had tickets for the game on August 18, the information is on the back about getting a raincheck ticket for a game remaining this season. Dave Albin will let us know when (or if) he is rescheduled to sing if you want to wait for that information.

OUTDOOR WORSHIP

NEXT SUNDAY is the final summer outdoor service this season. Worship outdoors has been a really wonderful opportunity for folks to not only be fed spiritually through the Word and music, but also through the fellowship with others while surrounded by God's beauty all around. Hope to see you at 9:00 next week!



2021 Summer Worship

June 6

July 4

August 1


*Hope you will be able to be there
next Sunday!*



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

There will be no class next Sunday, September 5; class will resume on September 12 following worship around 10:15 a.m. in the Parlor.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE PARISH RESOURCE CENTER



Historic Churches of Lancaster City

Bus Tour

Sept. 22, 8:15 am - 2:15 pm
Led by Bob Frick

For more information, and to register, visit:

<https://parishresourcecenter.org/events/historic-churches-of-lancaster-city/>



BECOMING YOUR BEST SELF: INTRO TO THE ENNEAGRAM

Sept. 25, 2021
9 am - 4 pm



Ellen Kanagy, LCSW
Rhonda Myers, LPC



Parish
Resource
Center

2160 Lincoln Highway East #18
Lancaster, PA 17602; 717-299-1113

For more information, and to register, visit:

<https://parishresourcecenter.org/events/becoming-your-best-self-introduction-to-the-enneagram/>

SEPTEMBER EVENTS CALENDAR

Please take the September calendar home with you; the electronic version was emailed out on Friday; additional copies are available on the ushers' table.

LUTHERAN CAMPING EVENTS COMING UP *THE GROWING PROJECT*



Volunteer for The Growing Project through October at The Wittel Farm! This project reclaims a portion of the acreage for farming. The crops harvested are donated to assist those in need in Lancaster County. To volunteer as an individual, or a multi-generational group, youth group or family, contact Pastor Matt Lenahan at pastormattl@dejazzd.com.

CAPTURE THE FLAG SPECTACULAR

October 3; 3-5:30 p.m. @ Kirchenwald [Free]

Review your camp map, paint your face, and practice your cone zone celebration dance. Invite your friends and family – of all ages! - to join you in this Capture the Flag event. Campfire worship to follow.



ADULT STUDY RETREAT



October 5-7 @ Nawakwa [\$150/person]

All meals (7) are included in the price and served at the Dining Hall. This mid-week retreat begins Tuesday morning and ends with lunch on Thursday. Lodging in Zinn-Tozer Lodge.

FALL FOLIAGE DAYS

October 24; 1-6 p.m. @ Kirchenwald and Nawakwa



Come to camp for the afternoon to enjoy fall activities, worship, and a picnic supper. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet up with old friends or introduce new folks to camp. An evening meal is included.



For More Information About Upcoming Events & To Register, go to:
<https://www.lutherancamping.org/upcoming-events/>

PRAYER LIST
FOR HEALING

Shirley Cates
Doug Grow
Marvin Ruch
Kate Donnan
Barbara Williams
Dave Wise
Don Heartter
Joe Adams
Judie Ingersoll
Bill Grove
Kay Crawford
Holly Hoover
Sam King
Pastor JMe Lowden
Janet & Harry Musselman
Mary Zimmerman
Ashley LaFata & Mike Walker (Bill & Julia Grove's Granddaughter & Husband)
Loma Slike (Mother of Sue Wise)
Ron Sahd (Friend of Dave Wise)
William Hartman (Father of Deb Grube)
Bobbi (Friend of a member)
Skipper Mann (Sister of Dolly Overly)
Meghan Frey (Friend of the congregation)
Homer Dietz (Brother-in-law of Harry Musselman)
Mike LaFata (Son-in-law of Bill & Julia Grove)

FOR COMFORT, PEACE, STRENGTH, & SAFETY

Thelma Pearson
Lucy Davis
Betty Stoner
Arlene Miller
Deb McCartney
Bette Geibel
Richard & Marilyn Heim
George Potts

Jess, Matt, & Grant Barcaro
Jim, Kim, & Cory Paternoster
Ed & Dotty Sites (Parents of Cathy Benedict)
Brenda Alimo (Zion's Sponsored Child)
Arlene Wise (Sister-in-law of Dave Wise)
Vaun Hile (Father of Lynda Sherwood)
Jennifer Kready (Daughter of Dave & Donna Dumeyer)

FOR PROTECTION FOR MILITARY & FIRST RESPONDERS

Evan Benedict
Christopher Wright
Chris Andrew
Thom Whitesel
Ryan Stitzel
Doug Kautter
Justin Gorlaski
Tyler Duke (Great Grandson of Jan Reeves)
Jared Shiner (Grandson of Diane Gerlach)
Corey Landis (Nephew of Jesse & Pat Landis)
David Adams (Son-in-law of John & Kathleen Hay, and husband of Liz)

IN CELEBRATION

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

29 – Todd Benedict, Jason Myers
30 – Katie Donell, Pam Searle, Lyla Swade
31 – Savannah Reed
1 – Jason Green, Charlotte Potts
3 – Adele King, Kim Symonds, Laura Quinn
4 – Alison Long

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

1 – Bob & Cathy Shirk
5 – Todd & Cathy Benedict

CONGRATULATIONS to Michael & Haley Adams on the birth of their daughter, Penelope Jade! Penelope was born on August 8 in Williamsburg, VA. Joe & Marie Adams are proud first-time grandparents!

MINISTRY LEADERS

Ministers
Interim Pastor
Music Director
Parish Administrator
Worship Technology Assistant
Lay Ministry Assistant
Council President
Council Vice President
Sextons

Members of the Congregation
Rev. Melody Sell
John Landis
Anne Rankin
David Albin
Diane Gerlach
Adele King
David Wise
Brian Bourassa (a.m.)
Tom Miller (p.m.)

WORSHIP, SUNDAY SCHOOL, & CONTACT INFORMATION

In-Person Worship	Sundays @ 9:00 a.m.
Livestream & Recorded Worship Link (9:00 a.m.)	http://bit.ly/Zion_Live
Worship will be held outdoors on Sunday, September 5 @ 9:00 a.m. (No livestream)	
Sunday School Class (Parlor)	Sundays(Except 9/5) @ 10:00 a.m.
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