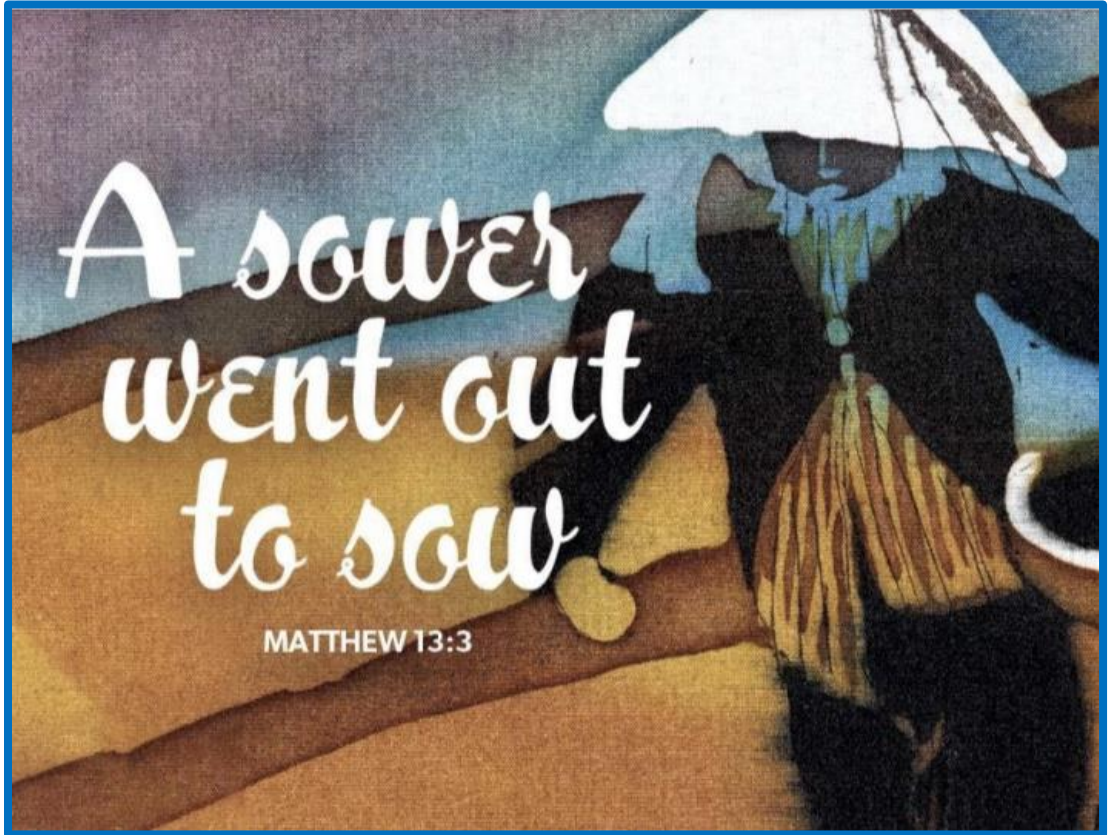


SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

A Service of Word & Sacrament

July 16, 2023



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 in-person or online today! 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 our pastor, Pastor Tim.

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AT ZION

IN-PERSON: All are invited to join us for worship at 9:00 a.m. each Sunday morning. During the summer months (June-September), the service will be held outdoors on the first Sunday of each month.

ONLINE: Worship services are live-streamed on the church YouTube channel: 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. When the service is held outdoors, there will be no live-stream.

FOR THOSE WORSHIPPING IN-PERSON

- ❖ Restrooms are available by the front entrance of the church in the Narthex and in the hallway off the back door. Infant changing tables can be found in the women's and men's bathrooms 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 but you may use the Parlor as a cry room while also still being able to listen to the service.
- ❖ Ushers are located near the front and back of the worship area to direct people to seating and to the offering plates.
- ❖ Mask wearing is optional for all who attend or participate in indoor gatherings, including worship, at the church.

Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

P: Pastor A: Assisting Minister C: Congregation (**bolded**)

† THE GATHERING †

INTRODUCTION

God's word is like the rain that waters the earth and brings forth vegetation. It is also like the sower who scatters seed indiscriminately. Our lives are like seeds sown in the earth. Even from what appears to be little, dormant, or dead, God promises a harvest. At the Lord's table we are fed with the bread of life, that we may bear fruit in the world.

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, & GOD-SIGHTINGS

PRELUDE

Pastorale

Charles Wesley

Please stand if you are able.

HYMN

Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast

ELW 516

1 Al - might - y God, your word is cast like seed in - to the ground;
2 Let not the sly sa - tan - ic foe this ho - ly seed re - move,
3 Let not the world's de - ceit - ful cares the ris - ing plant de - stroy,
4 So when the pre - cious seed is sown, life - giv - ing grace be - stow,

now let the dew of heav'n de - scend and righ - teous fruits a - bound.
but give it root in ev - 'ry heart to bring forth fruits of love.
but let it yield a hun - dred - fold the fruits of peace and joy.
that all whose souls the truth re - ceive its sav - ing pow'r may know.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection.

P: Most merciful God,

C: **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P: Let us pray. Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C: **Amen.**

Please be seated.

† THE WORD †

ISAIAH 55:10-13

The growth of the word to accomplish God's purpose.

- A: ¹⁰For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, ¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.
- ¹²For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. ¹³Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Word of God. Word of Life.

- C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 65:1-13

Please read responsively.

- A: ¹You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; to you shall vows be fulfilled.

- C: ²**To you, the one who answers prayer, to you all flesh shall come.**

³Our sins are stronger than we are, but you blot out our transgressions.

⁴**Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there! They will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness of your temple.**

⁵Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation, O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the oceans far away.

⁶**You make firm the mountains by your power; you are girded about with might.**

⁷You still the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, and the clamor of the peoples.

⁸**Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs; you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.**

⁹You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; the river of God is full of water. You prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth.

¹⁰**You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.**

¹¹You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths overflow with plenty.

¹²**May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, and the hills be clothed with joy.**

¹³May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; let them shout for¹ joy and sing.

ROMANS 8:1-11

Live according to the Spirit.

A: ¹There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. ³For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, ⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.

¹⁰But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

MUSICAL OFFERING *Let Not Your Hearts Be Troubled* **Dave Albin, soloist**

CHILDREN'S CHAT

Please stand if you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Good Soil* **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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MATTHEW 13:1-9, 18-23

The parable of the sower and the seed.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 13th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: ¹That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ²Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹Let anyone with ears listen!"

¹⁸“Hear then the parable of the sower. ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; ²¹yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

MESSAGE

Pastor Tim Seitz-Brown

GREEK THINKING =

the “truth” or the “word”
comes in the form of

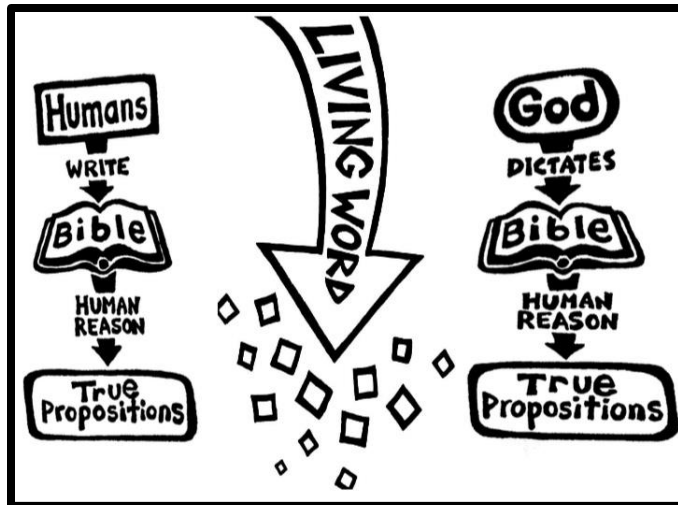
debatable propositions

HEBREW THINKING=

the “truth” or the “word”
comes to us as the

*powerful, creative “address”
of a Loving God*





Who or
what has
the final
Word?

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, so shall my word that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it will accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

—Isaiah 55:10-11



Who wins in
the End?

The stubborn,
resistant,
“bad soil”
human
beings?

Or, the God
whose fierce
love is
revealed
throughout
the
scriptures?

Please stand if you are able.

SONG

For the Fruit of All Creation

ELW 679

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system. The first system includes three numbered verses. The second system has three lines of lyrics. The third system has three lines of lyrics. The fourth system has three lines of lyrics. The piano accompaniment is a simple harmonic accompaniment using block chords and moving lines.

1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.

For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.

For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,

fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958

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Outside USA: Arr. from *The English Hymnal*, © Oxford University Press 1906.

APOSTLES' CREED

P: Let us profess our faith together.

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended 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: Confident that God receives our joys and concerns, let us offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation. Guide your church, O God, to sow seeds of forgiveness and righteousness on good soil. Direct your people to proclaim your love in this congregation and throughout the world. Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

Sustain your creation, O God, by sending favorable weather, causing trees and fields to grow, protecting waterways from pollution, and instilling in all people the need to be good stewards. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Maintain peace among all people, O God, and raise up lawyers to work for justice in the courts, advocates to speak for the downtrodden, and politicians to work on behalf of the common good. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Heal those who are sick, O God. Guide health care workers to care for those who suffer, scientists to conduct lifesaving research, and counselors to care for victims of sexual abuse and exploitation. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Answer the prayers of those gathered in worship, O God. Protect those who travel near and far, accompany visitors to this congregation, and nurture our faith. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Inspire us by the faithful departed, O God, examples of your embodied love, whose confidence in the resurrection guides us in living lives worthy of the gospel. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Additional prayers may be lifted up by the congregation and/or pastor.

P: Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, in the name of the one who reconciled all creation to himself, Jesus Christ our Savior.

C: **Amen.**

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

† THE MEAL †

PRAYER

A: God of field and forest, sea and sky, you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER & 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.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

C: Amen.

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: All people are called to Christ's table. Come, eat what is good.

C: Amen.

Please be seated.

PARTAKING IN THE BREAD AND CUP OF SALVATION

All baptized Christians are welcome to partake of the Holy Sacrament 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 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."

Please use this time for quiet reflection or join in singing the communion songs until all worshippers have communed and have returned to their seats.

COMMUNION SONGS *Let Us Break Bread Together*

ELW 471

1. Let us break bread together on our knees;
Let us break bread together on our knees.

Refrain

When I fall on my knees,
With my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

2. Let us drink wine together on our knees;
Let us drink wine together on our knees. *Refrain*

3. Let us praise God together on our knees;
Let us praise God together on our knees. *Refrain*

Text: African American spiritual

Day by Day

ELW 790

The musical score for 'Day by Day' is presented in two systems. Each system consists of a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal line.

1 Day by day, your mer - cies, Lord, at - tend me, bring - ing com - fort
2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me strength to serve and
3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my bur - dens

to my anx - ious soul. Day by day, the bless - ings, Lord, you send me
wis - dom to o - bey; I will seek your lov - ing will to guide me
grow too great to bear; oh, what joy to know that you will hear me



draw me near - er to my heav'n - ly goal. Love di - vine, be - yond all
o'er the paths I strug - gle day by day. I will fear no e - vil
when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer. Day by day, no mat - ter

mor - tal mea - sure, brings to naught the bur - dens of my quest; Sav - ior,
of the mor - row, I will trust in your en - dur - ing grace. Sav - ior,
what be - tide me, you will hold me ev - er in your hand. Sav - ior,

lead me to the home I trea - sure, where at last I'll find e - ter - nal rest.
help me bear life's pain and sor - row till in glo - ry I be - hold your face.
with your pres - ence here to guide me, I will reach at last the prom - ised land.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903; tr. Robert Leaf, 1936–2005
Music: BLOTTEN DAG, Oskar Ahnfelt, 1813–1882
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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: We thank you, generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

† THE SENDING †

BLESSING

P: The God who calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed † bless,
keep, and sustain you now and to the end of the age.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Savior, Again to Your Dear Name

ELW 534

1 Sav - ior, a - gain to your dear name we raise
2 Grant us your peace up - on our home - ward way;
3 Grant us your peace, Lord, through the com - ing night;
4 Grant us your peace through - out our earth - ly life,

with one ac - cord our part - ing hymn of praise;
with you be - gan, with you shall end the day;
for us trans - form its dark - ness in - to light.
our balm in sor - row, and our stay in strife;

once more we bless you ere our wor - ship cease,
guard all the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
Keep us from harm and dan - ger till the dawn;
then, when your voice shall bid our con - flict cease,



then, low - ly bend - ing, wait your word of peace.
 that in this house have called up - on your name.
 your eve - ning pres - ence prom - ise to your own.
 call us, O Lord, to your e - ter - nal peace.

Text: John Ellerton, 1826–1893, alt.
 Music: ELLERS, Edward J. Hopkins, 1818–1901; arr. Arthur S. Sullivan, 1842–1900

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Share the harvest.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *Toccata on "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"*

Michael Burkhardt

*Thank you to Douglas Bomberger for filling
 in as guest organist this morning!*

THIS WEEK AT ZION

Sunday, July 16

** The flowers are sponsored by Nancy and Rodger Myers in celebration of Sam's 18th birthday!*

** The communion elements are sponsored by Jim Grube in honor of his and Jere's parents.*

Worship – 9:00 a.m. (In-Person & Livestreamed/Recorded)

Livestream/Recorded Link: http://bit.ly/Zion_Live

Adult Sunday School – 10:30 a.m.

Box Office Bible Study Class (“The Chosen”) – Parlor

Wired Word Class – Zone & Zoom (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2283229266>)

Monday, July 17

Food Pantry – 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Tuesday, July 18

Bible Study – 9 a.m. (Parlor)

Finance – 6:30 p.m.

Forgiveness Bible Study – 7 p.m. (Parlor)

Wednesday, July 19

Food Pantry – 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Thursday, July 20

Friday, July 21

Saturday, July 22

Sunday, July 23

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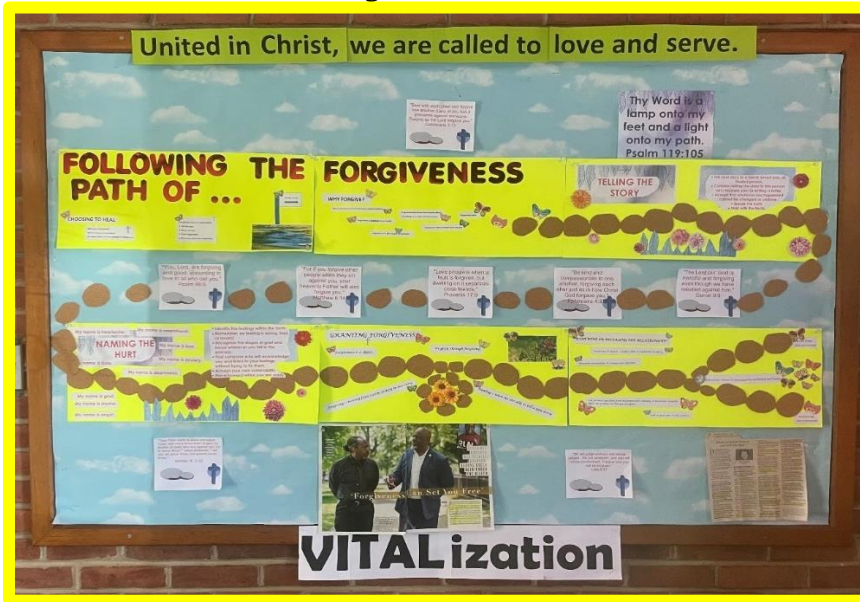
ANNOUNCEMENTS, UPDATES, & EVENTS

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Financial giving statements for the first part of the year are in mailboxes! Use your record as we move into the second half of the year and think about the budget and expenses of church ministry and programs.

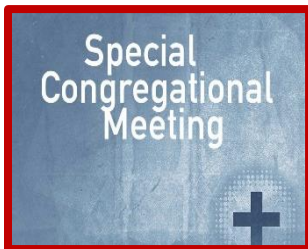
BIBLE STUDY ON FORGIVENESS

The Bible Study on forgiveness will be held on Tuesdays July 18 and July 25 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor. This study focuses on Desmond & Mpho Tutu's book "The Book of Forgiving: The Fourfold Path to Healing Ourselves and Our World." All are welcome!



TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY HAS RESUMED

The Bible Study group meets at 9 a.m. in the Parlor. All are invited to come for inspirational scripture-based discussion.



SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING REMINDER

The special congregational meeting to vote on the updated Constitution and Bylaws of the church will be held on Sunday, August 6 following worship. Please plan to attend!



AUGUST 6 & SEPTEMBER 3

Mark your calendar for the other outdoor services in the next couple of months. Feel free to dress casually and bring your own chair (or blanket if you prefer to sit on the grass). If you can't bring a chair, come anyway—there will be some available!



DOLLY OVERLY & EMMA BAUMGARDNER ARE HEADING TO CAMP NAWAKWA this afternoon for a week at Family Camp!

Keep them in your prayers as they reconnect with old friends and make new ones, experience God in the outdoors, and have the most amazing and special time of the year!

SUNDAY SCHOOL where FAITH & LIFE connect

continuing their study on "The Chosen" through the end of the month.

CLASSES AT 10:30 a.m. through July

The class that meets in the Parlor is



The Wired Word class will meet in the Zone and on Zoom through July. The class will not meet in August but will resume on September 10.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF CARE KIT SUMMER PROJECT

Thank you to everyone who has donated items for LWR's Care Kit project! There is still time to bring in items through the summer months. Place all donations in the bin in the Narthex. Items needed per kit: 2 bath-size bars of soap; one sturdy comb (remove packaging); one light-weight bath-size towel; one adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging; one metal nail-clippers (remove packaging).



Tom and Brian will both be away the week of August 6. If you are willing to help out that week with checking things around the church and cleaning (e.g., bathrooms, hallways, trash cans), please let Anne know.

REQUESTED PANTRY ITEMS

If you are interested in donating items this month, the Pantry is requesting the following: cereal, canned mixed vegetables, canned corn, canned green beans, canned carrots, canned potatoes, spaghetti sauce, large jar of peanut butter, large jar of jelly, macaroni and cheese, cream of broccoli soup, cream of celery soup, and vegetable soup.

SUMMER DEVOTIONALS

The June-August devotional booklets are available on the ushers' table and in the back hallway. Help yourself!



DINNER CHURCH AT THE WITTEL FARM

All are welcome to gather with others in the Synod at The Wittel Farm for dinner on Sunday, July 30.

The meal begins at 6:00 p.m.

Directions from Landisville

- Take Rt. 283 West toward Harrisburg
- Exit at Hershey/E-Town exit; follow Rt. 743 South
- Travel straight through traffic light
- Pass Pizza Hut and Hoss's. At the next full intersection turn right onto Spring Garden Street
- At third stop sign, turn right onto Mill Rd.
- Go nine-tenths of a mile to The Wittel Farm on the right



The Community Meal was well attended during the first half of 2023. 22 meals were sponsored by 8 different community partners and 6 groups at Zion. This made for a grand total of 2,494 meals served!

THANK YOU to all who volunteered to support this ministry to our community!!

At the end of 2022, we set a goal to return to our traditional sit-down meal rather than continuing with a drive-thru takeout format. In discussions with many of our community partners, they expressed a desire to have more opportunities to interact with those attending the meal and to provide some time for folks to socialize during the meal.

Since there are no meals during the summer months, we decided that after the break, we will return to a sit-down meal in our Social Room beginning in September. We have no idea what the response will be from the attendees. The number of groups sponsoring a meal has declined, so we have decided that we will begin with two meals per month, on the second and fourth Thursdays.

Of course, we always have the option to return to a weekly meal if attendance warrants and sponsors are available. This change will also require some different tasks to have the Social Room ready for each meal. Stay tuned for opportunities to volunteer for The Community Meal!

B.Y.O. L. [Bring Your Own Lunch]

2023 SUMMER PICNIC SCHEDULE

*Mark your calendar and plan to join us
for lunch and fellowship!*

- Wednesday, July 26 at 11:30 a.m.
– Salunga Park (At the
Hempfield Fire Station on Main
St. Landisville/Salunga)



- Thursday, August 31 at 11:30 a.m. –
Rapho Twp. Park
- Wednesday, September 27 at 11:30
a.m. – A. Herr Park

COMMUNITY FRIENDSHIP FEST TODAY



FOOD TRUCKS
Stoney's Burgers & Fries
Tri-County Barbeque
TJs Ice Cream
Dutch Country Hand Rolled Soft Pretzels

Peace of Mind Protection Fire House

Save the Date
**FRIENDSHIP FEST
FOOD TRUCK**

**Magician
Eric Vera**

**EVENT
July 16**

4:00-7:00 PM

FACE PAINTING

**BOUNCE HOUSE
no charge**



AUSCULTATION BRASS CONCERT

**TRINITY CHURCH 2340 STATE ST.
EAST PETERSBURG**

TODAY



MT. GRETNA BIBLE FESTIVAL 2023

Summer at the Tabernacle | Worship, Speakers and Concerts

July 16 Sunday 7 p.m. Concert

Rizzetta's Tones Celtic & folk band with songs that are both poignant and humorous.



July 23 Sunday 7 p.m. Speaker

Rev. Alan Robinson National Director of the Brethren in Christ, U.S., Dillsburg, Pa.



July 30 Sunday 7 p.m. Concert

Choir Festival Internationally renowned composer Robert Lau, retired church musician and college professor, directs over 150 voices in a joyous concert. *Sponsored by Loser's Music. Concert made possible by the Estate of Douglas Troutman.*

August 2 Wednesday 7 p.m. Hymn Sing

Led by **Bob Kettering** and **Dr. Rod Shearer**. Congregational favorites from the Celebration Hymnal.



August 5 Saturday 7 p.m. Concert

Handbell Festival Under the direction of Dr. Shawn Gingrich, Hershey, Pa., ringers from the area will ring the praise and glory of God.

August 6 Sunday 7 p.m. Concert

Lancaster British Brass Band

28 instrumentalists from Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware and New Jersey playing brass, winds and percussion instruments.

Directed by Dr. Stephen Arthur Allen.



August 9 Wednesday 7 p.m.

Concert

Victory Express Ministries A family gospel group providing evangelistic ministry for more than 40 years. *Sponsored by JoAnn Thomas Show.*



August 13 Sunday 7 p.m. Speaker

Bob Kettering Chairperson of the Bible Festival Committee, Bob has served in 7 interim pastorates since his retirement from full-time ministry in 2015. Chancel Choir of the Lancaster Church of the Brethren will provide music.



August 20 Sunday 7 p.m. Concert

The Susquehanna

Chorale One of the premier choral groups in the nation, directed by Linda Tedford, makes its traditional late summer appearance.

Sponsored by Traditions of Hershey.



August 27 Sunday 7 p.m.

Concert

QuintEssentially Brass

A quintet with their engaging personalities and sparkling instrumental performances end another season. *Sponsored by Arthur Funk & Sons.*



7:00 p.m. at the Tabernacle

*** Concerts on Fridays**

*** Worship on Sundays**



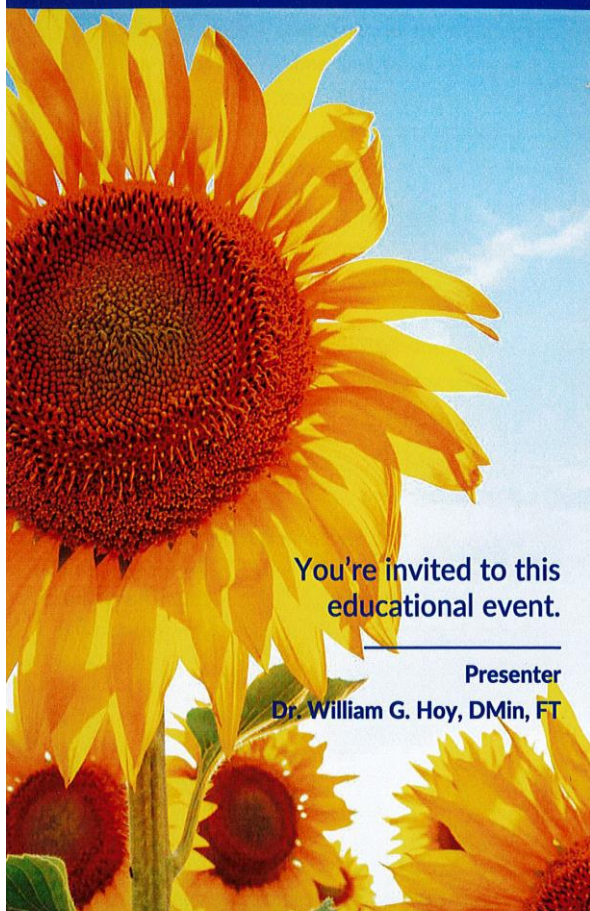
This month's Joyful Noise offering will go to Bethany Christian Services' Safe Families for Children program. This program provides support for families as they experience difficulties in caring for themselves or their children as they take steps toward stability.

OFF THE STREETS DONATIONS

Donations continue to be accepted for Off the Streets. There is a list of requested items on the white board between the mailboxes in the Narthex. Questions? Contact Pat L.

**OFF THE
STREETS**
Help get our homeless off the streets

COMPASSION in the Congregation



You're invited to this
educational event.

Presenter
Dr. William G. Hoy, DMin, FT

August 15, 2023 / morning or
evening

Charles F. Snyder Funeral Homes & Crematory
2421 Willow Street Pike, Willow Street, PA 17584



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SNYDER**
FUNERAL HOMES & CREMATORY

REGISTRATION COMPASSION in the Congregation

EASY AS 1-2-3

1. CHOOSE A SESSION

Tuesday, August 15, 2023 // 8 – 10:30am

Tuesday, August 15, 2023 // 6:30 – 8:30pm

2. REGISTER ONLINE



Scan this code with
your phone camera.

www.SnyderFuneralHome.com/workshop
OR CALL Daliah Ferko 717.464.4600

3. ATTEND-Willow Street Location!

Charles F. Snyder Funeral Homes & Crematory
2421 Willow Street Pike
Willow Street, PA 17584

Registration deadline is July 21, 2023.
Register early; space is limited.

Building Compassionate Care in Your Congregation (Clergy & Ministry Leaders)

Tuesday 8/15 8-10:30am - Breakfast + Workshop

Though the “care of souls” has traditionally been thought of as a vital ministry task, many clergy confess how poorly they were equipped to lead the pastoral care element of their ministries. This workshop will provide both a theological basis for pastoral care out of the ministry of Jesus along with practical application of principles and techniques you can start using immediately to better connect with people facing life’s trials. We will discuss that through leadership, teaching, and modeling, clergy and other ministry leaders have a unique opportunity to help congregational volunteers learn to care for each other more effectively. In this workshop, we’ll discover together how to engage congregation members in caring for one another through ideas for sermons and homilies, small group training, and modeling best practices for ministry.

At the conclusion of this workshop, participants will be able to:

- Describe the biblical and historically theological foundation for congregational caregiving
- Apply proven principles of pastoral care that meet the needs of congregants and the larger community
- Utilize a proven method to recruit, train, and mentor pastoral care volunteers
- Assess the need for support groups and other resources within the faith community while accessing resources in the larger community

Developing a Practical Heart of Compassion for Others: What to Say and Do to Minister

(Lay volunteers and others interested in the congregation’s caregiving ministries.)

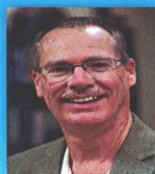
Tuesday 8/15 6:30-8:30pm - Dinner + Workshop

Though most of us know we should help others, knowing specifically what to say and do can be quite a challenge. Many people think hurting people simply want their privacy but this usually leads to further alienation. In this workshop, we will discuss how the congregation’s caregiving ministry — even if it is the informal care of a few people — can enhance people’s experience with serious illness, loss, and other crises.

In this workshop especially for ministry volunteers, we’ll talk about...

- A useful model for ministry to people facing serious illness, loss, or other crises
- How to ask good questions and help people talk
- Proven strategies for meeting spiritual needs of people facing loss
- Practical actions to take to effectively care for people

ABOUT THE PRESENTER



For the last ten years, **Dr. William G. (Bill) Hoy**, DMin, FT (Fuller Theological Seminary) has been our educational advisor. Though he is well-known across the United States and Canada for his work with colleagues who care for the dying and bereaved in community health and social service programs, his love is the church’s ministry to the seriously ill, dying, and bereaved. Since 2012, Dr. Hoy has been Clinical Professor of Medical Humanities at Baylor University in Waco, Texas. Over nearly four decades, Bill has served 15 years as a pastor and teaching elder and 17 years leading a hospice pastoral care and bereavement program. He is the author of six books and more than 200 papers, journal articles, and book chapters.

PRAYER LIST
FOR HEALING

Dolly Overly
Jon Wright
Bob Shirk
Tom Grzybowski
Jess Barcaro
Harry Musselman
Sam King
Bill Grove
Connie Alsedek
Joe Adams
Mary Zimmerman
Marvin Ruch
Kate Donnan
Judie Ingersoll
Joan Mays
Holly Hoover
Barb Williams
Kay Crawford
Christian Benedict
Loma Slike (Mother of Sue Wise)
William Hartman (Father of Deb Grube)
Lori Weber (Daughter of Dolly Overly)
Elaine Reuschlein (Friend of Barb Williams)
Brook Ross (Friend of Barb Williams)
Walter Thalgott (Brother of Thelma Pearson)
Jeff Long (Nephew of Rick & Deb Long)
Jennifer Wiley (Niece of Pat Landis and friend of Mary Hetrick)
Jack Taylor (4-year-old son of the niece of Deb Grube)
Harmony & Family (Friends of Kim & Jim Paternoster)
Mike LaFata (Son-in-law of Bill & Julia Grove)

FOR COMFORT, PEACE, STRENGTH, & SAFETY

Thelma Pearson
Lucy Davis
Deb McCartney
George Potts
Ruth Burkett (Mother of Deb Long)
Arlene Wise (Sister-in-law of Dave Wise)
Randy & Rae Miller as they grieve the death of her mother, Barbara Rae Oeschger

Dorothy Mattern (Mother of Denise Haun)
Ed & Dotty Sites (Parents of Cathy Benedict)
Jennifer Kready (Daughter of Dave & Donna Dumeyer)
Peggy & Rick Dolly (Relatives of Barb Williams)

FOR PROTECTION FOR MILITARY & FIRST RESPONDERS

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

IN CELEBRATION

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

17th – Sam Myers, Barb Williams
18th – Colton Bear, Alane Klepper
19th – Myra Gromen
20th – Bob Shirk
21st – Rick Long, Parker Stitzel
24th – Noah Hindes, Kyle Ramer

MINISTRY LEADERS

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

Members of the Congregation
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John Landis
Douglas Bomberger
Anne Rankin
David Albin
Diane Gerlach
Kim Paternoster
Denise Haun
Brian Bourassa (a.m.)
Tom Miller (p.m.)

WORSHIP, SUNDAY SCHOOL, & CONTACT INFORMATION

Worship	Sundays @ 9:00 a.m.
Livestream & Recorded Link	http://bit.ly/Zion_Live
Outdoor Worship	8/6; 9/3 @ 9:00 a.m. (No livestream)
Bible Study “The Chosen” Class (Parlor)	Sundays @ 10:30 a.m.
Wired Word Class (Zone & Zoom)	Sundays @ 10:30 a.m. https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2283229266
Morning Bible Study	Tuesdays @ 9:00 a.m.
Forgiveness Bible Study	Tuesdays, 7/18 & 7/25 @ 7:00 p.m. (Parlor)
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