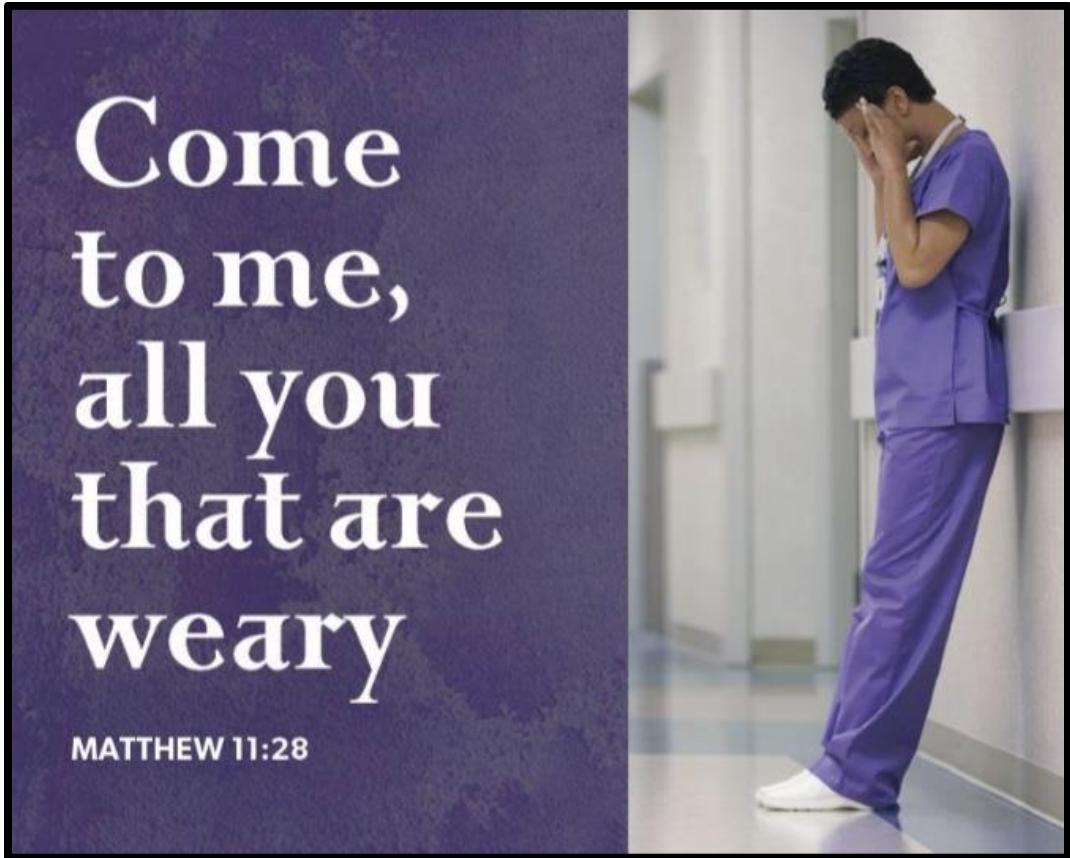


SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

A Service of Word & Sacrament

July 9, 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.

Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

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

† THE GATHERING †

INTRODUCTION

The mystery of God's ways is sometimes hidden from the wise and intelligent. Jesus associates with those often excluded from the religious community. Like Paul, we struggle with our own selfish desires and seek God's mercy and forgiveness. We gather to be refreshed by Christ's invitation: "Come to me, all you that are weary." Gathered around word, water, and meal, we find rest for our souls.

WELCOME, CONSTITUTION MOMENT, & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Please stand if you are able.

SONG

King

BB 20

1. We have heard the thunder,
And we have seen the storm,
Echoes of Your kingdom come
And rumors of our home,
Where one day we will stand before You, Lord;
Our altogether beautiful reward.

Chorus

And we will give You glory, bring You honor.
King above all kings, You deserve our ev'rything.
We will lift our voices with Your praises.
Jesus, You are our King.

2. Though now we walk in darkness, though now we see in part,
Right now we're warmed by the burning flames of the fire in our hearts.
You've promised You will lead us to Your throne,
Where we will worship You and You alone. *Chorus*



Bridge

We will give You glory, (*Sing thru 8 times*)
Glory.

Ending

And we will give You glory, bring You honor.
King above all kings, You deserve our ev'rything.
We will lift our voices with Your praises.
Jesus, You are, Jesus, You are,
Jesus, You are our King.

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.**

SONG

Great Is the Lord

BB 86

Great is the Lord, he is holy and just,
By his power we trust in his love.
Great is the Lord, he is faithful and true,
By his mercy he proves he is love.

Great is the Lord, and worthy of glory.
Great is the Lord, and worthy of praise.
Great is the Lord,
Now lift up your voice, now lift up your voice:
Great is the Lord! Great is the Lord!

Repeat entire song

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. You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

Please be seated.

† THE WORD †

ZECHARIAH 9:9-12

The king will come in humility and peace.

A: ⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. ¹⁰He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war-horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. ¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 145:8-14

Please read responsively.

A: ⁸The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

C: ⁹LORD, you are good to all, and your compassion is over all your works.

¹⁰All your works shall praise you, O LORD, and your faithful ones shall bless you.

¹¹They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your power,

¹²that all people may know of your power and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

¹³Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures throughout all ages. You, LORD, are faithful in all your words, and loving in all your works.

¹⁴The LORD upholds all those who fall and lifts up those who are bowed down.

ROMANS 7:15-25a

The struggle within the self.

A: ¹⁵I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

²¹So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²²For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ^{25a}Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S CHAT

Please stand if you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Open the Eyes of My Heart*

BB 7

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord,
Open the eyes of my heart;
I want to see You, I want to see You.
Open the eyes of my heart, Lord,
Open the eyes of my heart;
I want to see You, I want to see You.

To see You high and lifted up,
Shining in the light of Your glory.
Pour out Your pow'r and love;
As we sing holy, holy, holy.

Repeat from beginning

Ending

Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy;
Holy, holy, holy, I want to see You.

Repeat ending

MATTHEW 11:16-30

The yoke of discipleship.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 11th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: [Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] ¹⁶“To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, ¹⁷‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’ ¹⁸For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; ¹⁹the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

²⁰Then he began to reproach the cities in which most of his deeds of power had been done, because they did not repent. ²¹Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the deeds of power done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. ²²But I tell you, on the day of judgment it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon than for you. ²³And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? No, you will be brought down to Hades. For if the deeds of power done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. ²⁴But I tell you that on the day of judgment it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom than for you."

²⁵At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated.

MESSAGE

Pastor Tim Seitz-Brown



Translation matters!

Matthew 11:30 — “For my yoke is easy.”

The Greek word for “easy” is *chrestos* (one letter different than Christ!).

Chrestos appears six additional places in the NT and is translated in a couple of ways:

“The old [wine] is *good*” (Luke 5:39);

“for [God] is *kind* to the ungrateful and the wicked” (Luke 6:35).

“Do you not realize that God’s *kindness* is meant to lead you to repentance?” (Rom. 2:4)

“Bad company ruins *good* morals” (1 Cor. 15:33).

“Be *kind* to one another” (Eph. 4:32).

“...tasted that the Lord is *good*” (1 Pet. 2:3).

Everywhere else *chrestos* is translated as either *good* or *kind*.

Our desire is always
yoked to
someone else's desire

To whom are
our desires yoked?



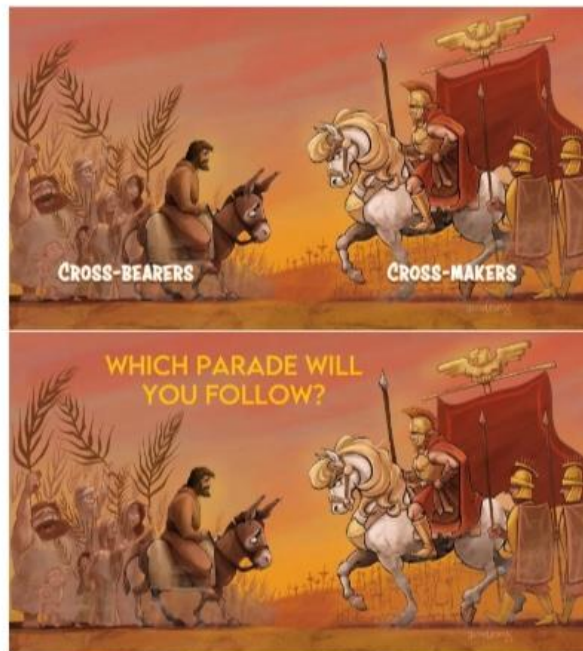
"Huh?

**What are you
talking about!?**

**Please
explain!"**



The purpose of prayer is to be properly formed.



Please stand if you are able.

SONG

How Great Is Our God

BB 29

How great is our God! Sing with me: how great is our God!
And all will see how great, how great is our God!

1. The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty;
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.
He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide,
And trembles at His voice, and trembles at His voice. *Refrain*

2. And age to age He stands, and time is in His hands;
Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End.
The Godhead, three in one, Father, Spirit, Son,
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb. *Refrain*

Bridge

Name above all names, worthy of all praise.
My heart will sing: How great is our God!
Name above all names, worthy of all praise.
My heart will sing: How great is our God! *Refrain*

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. God of the covenant, you call ministers to proclaim your gospel of grace throughout the world. Inspire pastors, deacons, church musicians, and all ministers of your word as they carry out your work. Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

God of all creation, you reveal your goodness through all you have made: rivers and seas, plants and animals, and endangered species. Prosper the work of conservation organizations, botanical gardens, zoos, and wildlife sanctuaries. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of the nations, you desire that all the peoples of the world live in peace. Guide government leaders at all levels—national, state/province, and local—to work for justice, mercy, and reconciliation. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of compassion, you bring healing to those who are sick, consolation to those who are grieving, and well-being to those who are distraught. Send skilled caregivers to all in need, and make your presence known among all who suffer. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of rejoicing, you have brought us together this day to worship around word and sacrament. Encourage children in their learning and growing, and watch over those who are absent today. Lead us all to places of renewal and refreshment. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of all faithfulness, through the witness of the faithful departed you reveal love in action. Embolden us by their example to build up the beloved community in all the contexts we encounter. 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 song until all worshippers have communed and have returned to their seats.

COMMUNION SONG

Living Hope

1. How great the chasm that lay between us.
How high the mountain I could not climb.
In desperation I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night.
Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness



Tore through the shadows of my soul.
The work is finished, the end is written.
Jesus Christ, my living hope.

2. Who could imagine so great a mercy?
What heart could fathom such boundless grace?
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame.
The cross has spoken; I am forgiven.
The King of kings calls me His own.
Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever.
Jesus Christ, my living hope.

Refrain

Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free!
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me!
You have broken every chain.
There's salvation in Your name.
Jesus Christ, my living hope.

3. Then came the morning that sealed the promise,
Your buried body began to breathe.
Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me.
Then came the morning that sealed the promise,
Your buried body began to breathe.
Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me.
Jesus, Yours is the victory!

Refrain x2

Ending

Jesus Christ, my living hope.
Oh God, You are my living hope.

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 SONG

May You Run and Not Be Weary

BB 126

May you run and not be weary.

May your heart be filled with song.

And may the love of God continue

To give you hope and keep you strong.

And may you run and not be weary.

May your life be filled with joy.

And may the road you travel always lead you home.

Repeat

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Share the harvest.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

THIS WEEK AT ZION

Sunday, July 9

** The flowers are sponsored by Randy Miller in memory of Barbara Rae Oeschger, Randy's mother-in-law, who died on July 5.*

** 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 10

Food Pantry – 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Tuesday, July 11

Bible Study – 9 a.m. (Parlor)

Wednesday, July 12

Food Pantry – 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Care Team – 3:30 p.m.

Thursday, July 13

Friday, July 14

Saturday, July 15

Sunday, July 16

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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS, UPDATES, & EVENTS

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 RESUMES THIS WEEK

The Bible Study will gather again, beginning on Tuesday, July 11 at 9 a.m. in the Parlor. All are invited to come for inspirational scripture-based discussion.

HEMPFIELD HOMETOWN HERO BANNERS

Have you or a member of your family from East or West Hempfield Township served or are currently serving in the military? If so, consider having them recognized with a banner on Main St.! The application can be found at: <http://herrhomestead.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/Hometown-Heroes-Application.pdf> or at Cooper's Garage (Main St.). Contact Bob W. with any questions (717-940-9611).

SUMMER DEVOTIONALS



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

Outdoor Worship Service

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!





Last Sunday was a beautiful day for this month's outdoor service and summer refreshments!



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.

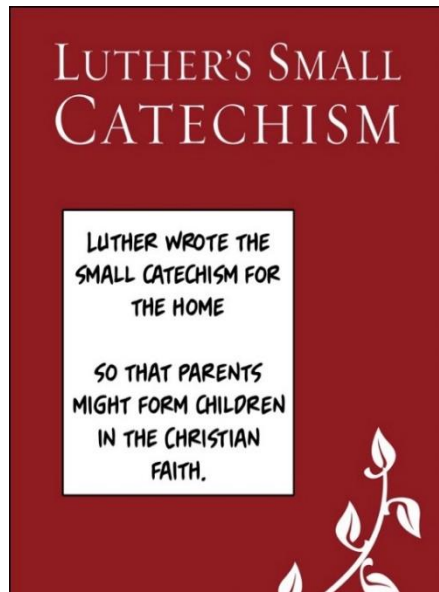
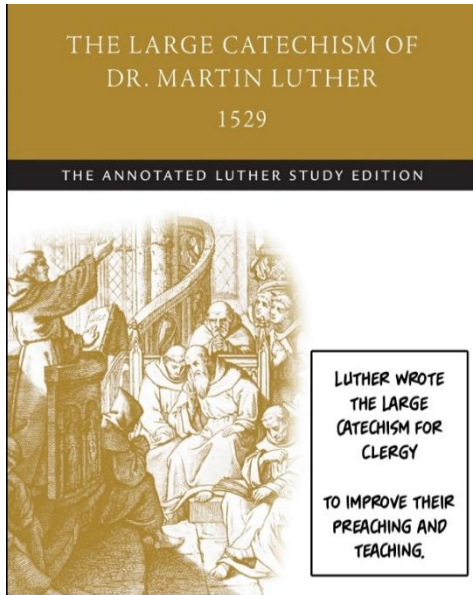
JULY CALENDARS

If you did not get a July Events Calendar, extra printed copies are available on the ushers' table in the Narthex.

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.

CONSTITUTION MOMENT



SUNDAY SCHOOL
where FAITH & LIFE connect

“The Chosen.”



CLASSES AT 10:30 a.m.

The class that meets in the Parlor is continuing their study on Season 3 of



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).

STAFF VACATIONS

John will be away next Sunday, July 16. Anne will be away July 17-27. 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.

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

REQUESTED ITEMS FOR THE FOOD PANTRY

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.

THE FREEBIE TABLE IS UP FOR ONE MORE WEEK!! Please take a look at what is on the table in the Narthex ... take what you want ... it's all up for grabs! Be sure to look through the old albums and take any pictures that are yours or that you would like to have ... there are some oldies in there! 😊

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!



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!



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

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES – THIS WEEK!

 <p>God's Garden VBS 2023</p>	No Fee	July 10 - 13 6:30 - 8:30 PM July 10 Registration Starts At 6:00 PM	All Ages
		July 14 Closing Program Starting At 6:30 PM	
		Including Lancaster County Parks Naturalist Program, "Seed Dispersal"	
		Trinity UCC, 2340 State St., East Petersburg, PA 17520 www.trinityeastpete.org 717-569-1632	

Crafts	Food	Games	VBS	seeds	Fun	Music
Caretaker And Me Class - Under Five With Caretaker Children's Classes - Five Through Finished Sixth Grade Youth Volunteers - Contact Mrs. Slechta Adult Program - With Rev. Esbenshade				Offerings support Hempfield Power Packs. Trinity UCC Again Partnering With Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, East Petersburg For VBS.		
Register through the VBS/Rally Day Page at www.trinityeastpete.org						

COMMUNITY FRIENDSHIP FEST

 <p>FOOD TRUCKS Stoney's Burgers & Fries Tri-County Barbeque TJs Ice Cream Dutch Country Hand Rolled Soft Pretzels Peace of Mind Protection Fire House</p>	<p>Save the Date FRIENDSHIP FEST FOOD TRUCK EVENT July 16 4:00-7:00 PM</p> <p><i>Magician Eric Vera</i></p> <p><i>FACE PAINTING</i></p>	 <p>BOUNCE HOUSE no charge</p> <p>AUSCULTATION BRASS CONCERT </p>
<p>TRINITY CHURCH 2340 STATE ST. EAST PETERSBURG</p>		



MT. GRETNA BIBLE FESTIVAL 2023

Summer at the Tabernacle | Worship, Speakers and Concerts

July 9 Sunday 7 p.m. Concert

National Christian Choir

Founded in 1984, the choir glorifies God through music ministry which draws people into a new and deeper relationship with Him. Directed by Kathy Bowman, Gettysburg, Pa.



July 16 Sunday 7 p.m. Concert

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



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.



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.

7:00 p.m. at the Tabernacle

*** Concerts on Fridays**

*** Worship on Sundays**

All are welcome!

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	
Lori Weber (Daughter of Dolly Overly)		William Hartman (Father of Deb Grube)	
Brook Ross (Friend of Barb Williams)		Elaine Reuschlein (Friend of Barb Williams)	
Jeff Long (Nephew of Rick & Deb Long)		Walter Thalgott (Brother of Thelma Pearson)	
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)			
Loma Slike (Mother of Sue Wise)			

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)	
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 Gorlaski	
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 & REMEMBRANCE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

9 th – Keith Anderson, Deb Long, Vicki Swade	12 th – Sue Hindes
10 th – Amy Flood, Kristen Long	17 th – Sam Myers, Barb Williams

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

9th – Brad & Lynda Sherwood
11th – Jim & Millie Gundel, Jess & Matt Barcaro
12th – Rick & Diane Rainar

CONDOLENCES to Randy & Rae Miller on the death of her mother, Barbara Rae Oeschger on July 5.

MINISTRY LEADERS

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

Members of the Congregation
Rev. Timothy Seitz-Brown
John Landis
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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