


# THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*A Service of Word & Sacrament*

*June 14, 2026*



As you go,  
proclaim the  
good news

MATTHEW 10:7

**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 this morning! The service contains the four parts of the Lutheran liturgy (The Gathering, The Word, The Meal, and The Sending). Please note that those who are remembered in the liturgical calendar are included in the Prayers of the Faithful. 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.

**ONLINE:** If you are unable to worship in-person, the service is live-streamed and can be viewed on the church YouTube channel:

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIv\\_3AeK\\_pExuVhcUfl2cSw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIv_3AeK_pExuVhcUfl2cSw)

## **SUNDAY MORNING INFORMATION**

- ❖ 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. Kids of all ages are invited to come forward for the Children's Chat. After the Children's Chat, all children are welcome to leave the service to attend Sunday School. Currently, nursery care is not available but you may use the nursery room or the parlor as a calming 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, assist with other matters, and to answer questions.



# Third Sunday after Pentecost

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

## † THE GATHERING †

### WORSHIP INTRODUCTION

*Moses tells the Israelites that they are called to be a priestly kingdom and a holy people. Jesus sends out the disciples as laborers into the harvest. In baptism we too are anointed for ministry, sharing God's compassion with our needy world. From the Lord's table we go forth to proclaim the good news, to heal the sick, and to share our bread with the hungry.*

### WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, & GRADUATE RECOGNITION

## RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

*We give thanks to God for the young people related to the congregation who have graduated this year!*

## JADEN MYERS

*Jaden graduated from Harrisburg Area Community College with an Associate of Science in Nursing degree.*

*Jaden is currently working for LGHealth in the ICU and plans to continue her education to pursue a Bachelor of Science in Nursing.*



# EVAN BENEDEICT

*Evan graduated from US Air Force pilot training and has been assigned to Sheppard Air Force Base as an instructor pilot.*



# CHRISTIAN BENEDEICT

*Christian graduated from Penn State Hershey Medical Center with an MD.*

*Christian is doing his residency in orthopedic surgery at Geisinger Medical Center.*



## Cameron Thompson

*Cameron graduated from the University of Pennsylvania with a PhD in Biochemistry and Molecular biophysics.*

*Cameron is working at Johnson & Johnson.*



## Connor Chapman

*Connor graduated from Pennsylvania State University with a PhD in Geography.*

*Connor is a teacher at Central Dauphin East High School.*



*“For I know the plans for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future!”*

*– Jeremiah 29:11*

**PRELUDE**

*All People That on Earth Do Dwell*

**David Cherwien**

*Please stand if you are able.*

**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, whose compassion endures forever.

**C:** **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin to God.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Compassionate God,  
**we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ’s name we pray, Amen.**

Jesus says, “Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.” In the name of God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God’s love.  
**Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN** *All People That on Earth Do Dwell*

**ELW 883**

1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing to the  
 2 Know that the Lord is God in - deed; with - out our  
 3 Oh, en - ter then his gates with praise; ap - proach with  
 4 For why? The Lord our God is good: his mer - cy  
 5 To Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, the God whom



Lord with cheer - ful voice; him serve with mirth, his  
aid he did us make. We are his folk, he  
joy his courts un - to; praise, laud, and bless his  
is for - ev - er sure; his truth at all times  
heav'n and earth a - dore, from us and from the

praise forth tell; come ye be - fore him and re - jice.  
doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.  
name al - ways, for it is seem - ly so to do.  
firm - ly stood, and shall from age to age en - dure.  
an - gel host be praise and glo - ry ev - er - more.

Text: William Kethe, d. c. 1594  
Music: OLD HUNDREDDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510-1561

**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.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE**

*Glory to God*

Assisting minister

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.





## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. God of compassion, you have opened the way for us and brought us to yourself. Pour your love into our hearts, that, overflowing with joy, we may freely share the blessings of your realm and faithfully proclaim the good news of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## † THE WORD †

### EXODUS 19:2-8a

*The covenant with Israel at Sinai.*

A: <sup>2</sup> The Israelites journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain.<sup>3</sup> Then Moses went up to God; the Lord called to him from the mountain, “Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob and tell the Israelites: <sup>4</sup>‘You have seen what I did to the Egyptians and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. <sup>5</sup> Now, therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, <sup>6</sup> but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation.’ These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites.”

<sup>7</sup> So Moses went, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the Lord had commanded him. <sup>8a</sup> The people all answered as one, “Everything that the Lord has spoken we will do.”

The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 100

*Please read responsively.*

A: <sup>1</sup> Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all you lands! <sup>2</sup> Serve the Lord with gladness; come into God’s presence with a song.

C: <sup>3</sup> **Know that the Lord is God, our maker to whom we belong; we are God’s people and the sheep of God’s pasture.**

<sup>4</sup> Enter the gates of the Lord with thanksgiving and the courts with praise; give thanks and bless God's holy name.

<sup>5</sup> **Good indeed is the Lord, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from age to age.**

## ROMANS 5:1-8

*While we were sinners, Christ died for us.*

A: <sup>1</sup> Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup> through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. <sup>3</sup> And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, <sup>4</sup> and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup> and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

<sup>6</sup> For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.

<sup>7</sup> Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. <sup>8</sup> But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

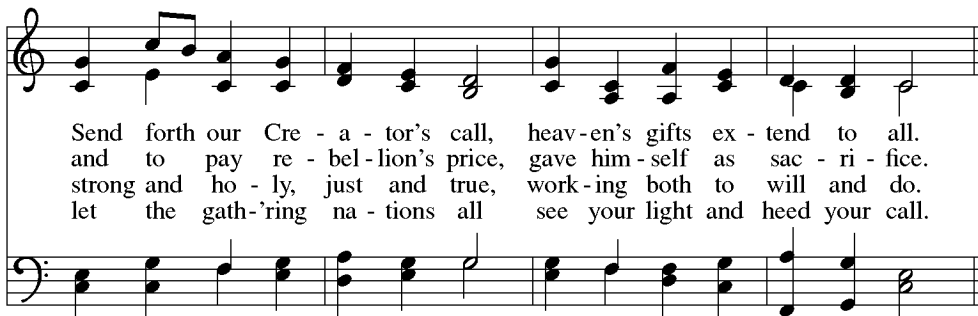
## CHILDREN'S CHAT & DISMISSAL TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

*Please stand if you are able.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Spread, Oh, Spread, Almighty Word* ELW 663

1 Spread, oh, spread, al - might - y Word, spread the reign of God the Lord.  
2 Tell of our Re - deem - er's grace, who, to save our hu - man race  
3 Tell of God the Spir - it giv'n now to guide us on to heav'n,  
4 Lord of har - vest, great and kind, rouse to ac - tion heart and mind;





Send forth our Cre - a - tor's call, heav-en's gifts ex - tend to all.  
 and to pay re - bel - lion's price, gave him - self as sac - ri - fice.  
 strong and ho - ly, just and true, work - ing both to will and do.  
 let the gath - 'ring na - tions all see your light and heed your call.

Text: Jonathan F. Bahnmaier, 1774–1841; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*, alt.  
 Music: GOTT SEI DANK, J. A. Freylinghausen, *Geistreiches Gesangbuch*, 1704  
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## MATTHEW 9:35-10:8-23

*The sending of the Twelve.*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 9<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

P: <sup>35</sup> Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness. <sup>36</sup> When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup> Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; <sup>38</sup> therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

<sup>10:1</sup> Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness.

<sup>2</sup> These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee and his brother John; <sup>3</sup> Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus and Thaddaeus; <sup>4</sup> Simon the Cananaean and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

<sup>5</sup> These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Do not take a road leading to gentiles, and do not enter a Samaritan town, <sup>6</sup> but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. <sup>7</sup> As you go, proclaim the good news, ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ <sup>8</sup> Cure the sick; raise the dead; cleanse those with a skin disease; cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. [9 Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, <sup>10</sup> no bag for your journey, or

two tunics, or sandals, or a staff, for laborers deserve their food. <sup>11</sup> Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. <sup>12</sup> As you enter the house, greet it. <sup>13</sup> If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it, but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. <sup>14</sup> If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. <sup>15</sup> Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town.

<sup>16</sup> “I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. <sup>17</sup> Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues, <sup>18</sup> and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the gentiles. <sup>19</sup> When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say, for what you are to say will be given to you at that time, <sup>20</sup> for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. <sup>21</sup> Sibling will betray sibling to death and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, <sup>22</sup> and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. <sup>23</sup> When they persecute you in this town, flee to the next, for truly I tell you, you will not have finished going through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.”]

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated.*

## MESSAGE



We encounter God in the face of a stranger. That, I believe, is the Hebrew Bible's single greatest and most counterintuitive contribution to ethics. God creates difference; therefore it is in one-who-is-different that we meet God. Abraham encounters God when he invites three strangers into his tent.

—Rabbi Jonathan Sacks



## Valentina Ross

*Welcome Valentina! Get to know Valentina and about her ministry with Church World Service in the write-up at the end of the worship portion of the bulletin.*

Please stand if you are able.

HYMN

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

ELW 59

1 Lord, you give the great com - mis - sion: "Heal the sick and  
2 Lord, you call us to your ser - vice: "In my name bap -  
3 Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: "This my bod - y,  
4 Lord, you show us love's true mea - sure: "Fa - ther, what they  
5 Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing: "I am with you

preach the word." Lest the church ne - glect its mis - sion,  
tize and teach." That the world may trust your prom - ise,  
this my blood." Let us all, for earth's true glo - ry,  
do, for - give." Yet we hoard as pri - vate trea - sure  
to the end." Faith and hope and love re - stor - ing,

and the gos - pel go un - heard, help us wit - ness  
life a - bun - dant meant for each, give us all new  
dai - ly lift life heav - en - ward, ask - ing that the  
all that you so free - ly give. May your care and  
may we serve as you in - tend and, a - mid the

to your pur - pose with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty:  
fer - vor, draw us clos - er in com - mu - ni - ty:  
world a - round us share your chil - dren's lib - er - ty:  
mer - cy lead us to a just so - ci - e - ty:  
cares that claim us, hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty:



*Refrain*



With the Spir-it's gifts em-pow'r us for the work of min - is - try.

Text: Jeffery Rowthorn, b. 1934  
 Music: ABBOT'S LEIGH, Cyril V. Taylor, 1907-1991  
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## 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:** Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.

*A brief silence.*

God of freedom, you ransomed Israel from slavery to be a holy people. As we observe Juneteenth this week, we remember when slaves in Texas received the news of emancipation. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for the promise of equality in the Declaration of Independence, and pray that we may continue to mature into its full meaning. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Expand freedom in us and among us so that liberation is not partial or postponed, but shared in justice and peace for all. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of creation, you call all the earth to make a joyful noise to you. Let us join the chorus of the Susquehanna River Watershed in proclaiming your glory. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of the nations, you sent Jesus as peace for all of humankind. Bring an end to war and conflict, bring hope to places devastated by destruction, especially in those in the US military in harm's way, Ukraine, Russia, Israel, the West Bank, Gaza Strip, Iran, and throughout the Gulf countries. Sustain those who advocate for peace, justice, and reconciliation. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of grace, you pour hope and love into our hearts in times of shame and doubt. Protect those experiencing housing insecurity. Bless and strengthen those who respond with compassion and practical care, especially Church World Service/Lancaster, Hempfield Area Food Pantry, and the social workers of Hempfield School District. Uplift all who struggle with hopelessness, illness, or other worries. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of all, you call your children to serve in a plentiful harvest. Give us the wisdom to know how best to serve our local community and our neighbors. Bless recent graduates, especially Jaden, Evan, Christian, Cameron, and Connor as they discern their vocations, use their gifts for the common good, and grow in lives of service, compassion, and purpose. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

P: God of faith, we give thanks for Macrina, Basil the Great, Gregory of Nyssa, Gregory of Nazianzus, and all the saints who earnestly seek you. Guide us as we seek to follow those who have led your church. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior.  
**Amen.**

### **THE SHARING OF THE PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

### † THE MEAL †

#### **PRAYER**

A: Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

#### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, 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 boldly as Jesus taught us:

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:** Heaven has come near.

**C:** **Come, share in the feast!**

*Please be seated.*

## **PARTAKING IN THE BREAD AND CUP OF SALVATION**

*All baptized Christians are welcome to partake of the Holy Sacrament. Those who do not or choose not to partake of the sacrament may receive a blessing.*

*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 until all worshippers have communed and have returned to their seats.*

## **COMMUNION MUSIC**

*I Love to Tell the Story*

**Carson Cooman**

*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:** Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.

**C:** **Amen.**

† THE SENDING †

**BLESSING**

P: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, † one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.

C: Amen.

**SENDING HYMN**

*I Love to Tell the Story*

ELW 661

1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,  
 2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat  
 3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best

of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.  
 what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!  
 seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.

I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;  
 I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard  
 And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,

it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.  
 the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.  
 I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.



*Refrain*



I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry

to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

Text: Katherine Hankey, 1834–1911  
 Music: HANKEY, William E. Fischer, 1849–1936

## DISMISSAL & POSTLUDE

**P:** Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

**C:** **Thanks be to God. We will!**



### **VALENTINA ROSS, Head of Church World Service in PA**

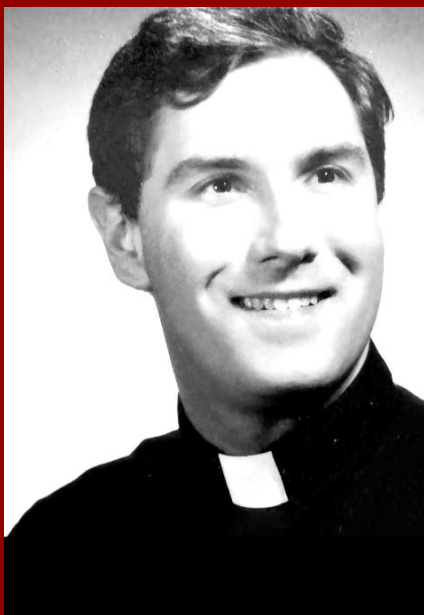
Valentina is a witness of welcome in a world that so often slips into collective numbness, where suffering becomes background noise and displaced lives risk being overlooked. She serves in Lancaster as director of Church World Service Lancaster, working at the place where exile meets embrace and strangers are remembered again as neighbors.

Valentina carries the memory of many worlds – born in Italy, shaped by journeys through Peru, and now rooted in Pennsylvania. Valentina lives with the conviction that migration is not only movement across borders but the search for meaning, safety, and home.

Valentina walks with families from Syria, Afghanistan, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Myanmar, and Somalia, helping to restore what the world too easily lets fade: names, stories, futures, and the simple dignity of being seen.

In Lancaster, she gathers churches, volunteers, and neighbors into a shared practice of remembrance and welcome through Church World Service. There, welcome becomes more than sentiment. It becomes structure. It becomes work. It becomes love made visible. Valentina's leadership is steady and unshowy, a quiet but insistent refusal to let people disappear into the forget

# HONORING THE 39<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF PASTOR TIM'S ORDINATION TODAY



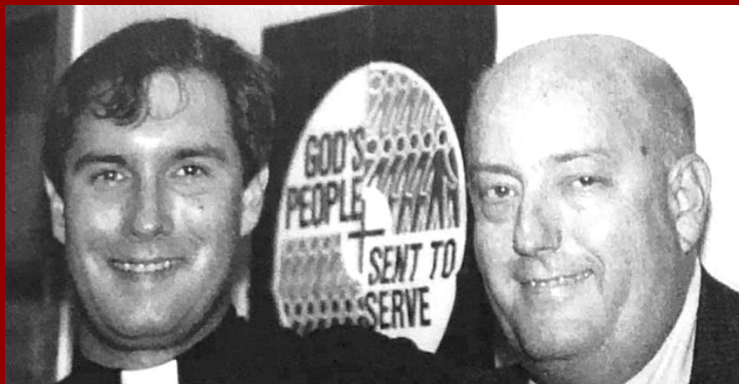
## SEMINARY GRADUATION

*Lutheran Theological Seminary  
at Philadelphia,  
now called United Lutheran Seminary*

## CALLS

Year 1-Year 39

- *Good Shepherd (Easton)*
- *Bergstrasse (Ephrata)*
- *Manow Lutheran Junior Seminary (Konde-Diocese, Tanzania)*
- *Paradise (Thomasville)*
- *Benders & St. Paul (Biglerville)*
- *Holy Spirit (Lancaster)*
- *Zion (Landisville)*



## ORDINATION

*Sunday, June 14, 1987*

*Allentown, PA  
(Northeast Synod)*

*Pictured with his dad.*

## THIS WEEK AT ZION

### **Sunday, June 14 – *Welcome CWS Representative; Graduate Recognition***

*\*The altar flowers are sponsored by Lisa Nelson in honor of her granddaughter Kensie's birthday!*

*\*The bulletins are sponsored by Rick & Deb Long in celebration of their 41<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary on June 15!*

*\*The communion elements are sponsored by Dottie & Dave Wauls in honor of their family.*

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

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIy\\_3AeK\\_pExuVhcUfI2cSw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIy_3AeK_pExuVhcUfI2cSw)

Children's Sunday School – Kids are excused after the Children's Chat

Adult Sunday School – 10:30 a.m.

**Parlor Class:** *Thru July 19, this class will explore the American Revolution in celebration of its 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary.*

**Wired Word Class (Connection Zone):** *Thru the summer, this class will meet to share joys and concerns but not have formal lessons.*

### **Monday, June 15**

Food Pantry – 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

250<sup>th</sup> Celebration Committee – 7 p.m. (Parlor)

### **Tuesday, June 16**

Bible Study – 9 a.m. (Parlor)

### **Wednesday, June 17 – *Deadline for 250<sup>th</sup> photo submissions***

Food Pantry – 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

### **Thursday, June 18**

### **Friday, June 19 – *Deadline for 250<sup>th</sup> freedom reflection submissions***

### **Saturday, June 20**

### **Sunday, June 21**

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

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS, UPDATES, & EVENTS**

### **DAILY DEVOTIONALS**

Regular and large print copies of Our Daily Bread and Christ in Our Home devotionals can be found on the ushers' table and on the window sill ledge in the back hallway across from the choir room. Help yourself to whichever size suits you best for daily and seasonal reflections. The July-August editions are now available!

### **JOYFUL NOISE OFFERING**

Money collected through June for this special outreach offering will be split between Church World Service to provide assistance to refugees and immigrants and the Hempfield Area Food Pantry to help those in need right here in our community. Buckets are located in the front and back of the Sanctuary or you can give online.

### **MEN'S BREAKFAST**

All men are welcome to breakfast on Saturday, July 11 at 8a.m. Stay tuned for which restaurant it will be at! Questions? Contact Dave D. ([davedumeyer@gmail.com](mailto:davedumeyer@gmail.com)).

### **CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL**

All children are invited to go with their teachers after the Children's Chat for Sunday School. Class will be held each Sunday at this time during the service.

### **BIBLE STUDY**

The Tuesday morning Bible Study will not meet in the summer. Stay tuned for info about resuming in September.

### **COMFORTER MINISTRY**

This group will not meet over the summer. If you have clean sheets to donate, they will be collected again before September – stay tuned!

### **JOURNEYS: A GROUP TO SUPPORT WELLNESS**

Gatherings will resume in September. Meanwhile, be well, remain grounded, create meaning.

### **COMMUNITY MEAL YEAR-END RECAP**

Between January and May, 395 meals were served to members of the community. These meals were sponsored by four different churches, the Anchor Club at Hempfield High School and Cub Scout Pack #37. Thank you to our faithful Zion volunteers: Randy Miller and Denise Haun who hosted meals; Cathy Benedict, Nancy Myers, Pat Landis, Mark and Stacey Huber, Jo Stone and Jim Paternoster. The meal will resume on September 10.

## ONLINE GIVING

Interested in online giving? The link is on the homepage of the church website, or go directly: [https://myvanco.vancopayments.com/secure/vanco\\_login.html](https://myvanco.vancopayments.com/secure/vanco_login.html)

## BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH PICNIC

This month's picnic is on Thursday, June 25 at 11:30a.m. at Rapho Twp. Park pavilion. Bring your lunch and enjoy a picnic with your Zion friends. Questions? Contact Millie (717-898-2313)



## **CHURCH EVENTS AT A GLANCE**

*Worship: Every Sunday at 9:00 a.m.*

### **JUNE**

- 14: CWS Representative in Worship
- 17: Deadline to submit Sites Across America photos
- 19: Deadline to submit Freedom reflections
- 25: Bring Your Own Lunch Picnic (11:30 a.m.; Rapho Twp. Park)
- 28: Deadline to contribute to the 1776 collection
- 28: 1776 Celebration Patriotic Hymn Sing & Picnic (After worship)

### **JULY**

- 11: Men's Breakfast (8 a.m.; Restaurant TBD)
- 30: Bring Your Own Lunch Picnic (11:30 a.m.; Salunga Park)

### **AUGUST**

- 8: Men's Breakfast (8 a.m.; Restaurant TBD)
- 27: Bring Your Own Lunch Picnic (11:30 a.m.; Rapho Twp. Park)

### **SEPTEMBER**

- 10: All Church End of Summer Picnic (4 p.m.; Lake Grubb Park Pavilion)
- 12: Men's Breakfast (8 a.m.; Restaurant TBD)

# CELEBRATING 250 YEARS OF INDEPENDENCE

As the celebration of the semiquincentennial moves into full swing on July 4, Zion's Committee on Celebration and Zion's Council believe that the 'Spirit of '76' needs to reflect more than merely a patriotic celebration. It should reflect a tangible commitment of thanksgiving for the freedom we share through our actions as Christ's followers. One way that commitment can be demonstrated is through our financial generosity.

In this spirit, a challenge is being presented to the congregation to raise at least \$1776 by the end of June. The "1776 Funds" will provide support to a local charity or charities.

## SOME MORE INFO

### **CONTRIBUTIONS...**

- Will be accepted from Sunday, May 31 - Sunday, June 28.
- Should NOT replace regular weekly/monthly offerings. This is a special challenge request!
- Should NOT be given in lieu of regular giving to charities. Again, this is a special challenge request!
- Can be made by check or online (no cash, please).
  - Make checks out to "Zion Lutheran Church" and mark in the memo line "1776 Fund."
  - Give online:  
[https://myvanco.vancopayments.com/secure/vanco\\_login.html](https://myvanco.vancopayments.com/secure/vanco_login.html)

### **REMEMBER:**

- This special celebration collection runs through the month of June.  
*How will you help?*
- Blessings come when we help others who need extra support.
- These contributions can be part of your charitable contributions for 2026 and used as tax deduction.
- This 1776 collection is a one-time challenge – not an ongoing project that will require additional funds later on.

## **REFLECTIONS ON MY FREEDOM AND FAITH**

### ***Celebration for 250 Years of Independence***

*Answer any or all of the questions below and submit to Brenda Stover.  
You may put your reflections in Brenda's  
Zion mailbox or you may email them to her ([bmstover@verizon.net](mailto:bmstover@verizon.net)).*

**Deadline:** Friday, June 19

*Responses will be collected and printed in a booklet distributed on  
Sunday, June 28 as part of the 1776 celebration that day!*

- ***What does freedom mean to me in my life today?***
  - ***Discuss three freedoms I am grateful for in my life.***
  - ***What does it mean for my core identity to be in Christ before any national identity?***
  - ***How can my freedom be used to serve rather than separate?***
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## **CELEBRATING GOD'S CREATION**

*If you have captured the beauty of America on your travels, please consider submitting photos that show the site you visited – preferably with you in the photo – but not required.*

*You may put all photos in Diane Ramer's Zion mailbox.  
Submit hardcopies of photos only and write your name and location of picture/site on the back.*

**Deadline:** June 17

*A photo montage will be created and displayed on June 28 as part of the 1776 celebration that day!*

# Civics Questions for Naturalization

(Applicants for citizenship in 2025 must answer at least 12)

1. What is the “Supreme Law of the Land”?
2. How many amendments does the US Constitution have?
3. What is the economic system of the United States?
4. Name one power of the United States Congress.
5. What is the name of the Speaker of the US House of Representatives?
6. The President of the United States is elected for how many years?
7. What is the name of the current President of the United States?
8. What is the name of the Vice President of the United States?
9. Who vetoes bills?
10. What is the highest court in the United States?
11. Who is the current Governor of your State/Commonwealth?
12. To what do we show loyalty when we say the Pledge of Allegiance?
13. Who lived in America before the Europeans arrived?
14. Who wrote the Declaration of Independence?
15. George Washington is famous for many things. Name one.
16. Abraham Lincoln is famous for many things. Name one.
17. Martin Luther King is famous for many things. Name one.
18. What major event happened on September 11, 2001 in the United States?
19. Why does the American flag have 13 stripes?
20. Name three (3) national holidays in the United States.

*There might be several possible answers to some questions.  
Answers are provided on the bulletin board in the narthex!*

\*Civics Test used by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

## LUTHERAN CAMPING CORPORATION UPCOMING EVENTS

### TUESDAY MORNING WORK DAYS AT NAWAKWA

#### **The first Tuesday of each month beginning at 9 a.m.**

*Join Paul Askey, Nawakwa's property manager, with work around the camp on the first Tuesday of each month. Work is anything from maintaining our trails to hanging pictures/plaques. Nawakwa is a large property, and your help will not only help us maintain the property and buildings but make them even better. Your hands, Gods work. Please meet in the camp office. There will be coffee and donuts! End time is flexible with your personal schedule.*

July 7 RSVP: <https://www.lutherancamping.org/rsvp/?rsvp=14909>

August 4 RSVP: <https://www.lutherancamping.org/rsvp/?rsvp=14909>

September 1 RSVP: <https://www.lutherancamping.org/rsvp/?rsvp=14909>

### SUMMER SOLSTICE PARTY



**Tuesday, June 20 at 6:30 p.m.**

*Celebrate the Summer Solstice at The Wittel Farm.*

RSVP: <https://www.lutherancamping.org/rsvp/?rsvp=15433>

### DINNER CHURCH AT THE WITTEL FARM

**Sunday, July 26 at 5 p.m.**

*Worship. Community. Shared Meal.*

*Join us for Dinner Church, a monthly worship gathering centered around a shared meal. Rooted in the tradition of the early Christian movement, Dinner Church invites us to gather at a common table to remember Jesus through radical hospitality and community.*

*Together, we will:*

- *Eat a meal that includes food grown right here on the farm*
  - *Sing, pray, and reflect on Holy Scripture*
  - *Serve and be served in love and grace*

***All are welcome**—come as you are and bring a dish to share.*

*Experience worship in its most nourishing form—where food and faith meet.*

RSVP: <https://www.lutherancamping.org/rsvp/?rsvp=15438>

*Questions? Contact Pastor Matt Lenahan, director. ([wfgp@wittelfarm.org](mailto:wfgp@wittelfarm.org))*



# MT. GRETNA BIBLE FESTIVAL 2026

All Programs are in the Historic Tabernacle - 3<sup>rd</sup> St. & Glossbrenner Ave.

Parking GPS Address: 41 Boulevard St, Mt. Gretna PA 17064

Please visit our website—MtGretnaTabernacle.org—for any program updates.

A freewill offering will be received at each program.

## Summer at the Tabernacle | Worship and Concerts

ALL PROGRAMS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE Updates will be posted on our website and Facebook page

### Friday Programs 7 p.m.

**June 19** An Evening of contemporary worship & Praise  
MCC Worship Team, Morgantown, Pa. (Moving Communities to Christ).

**June 26** Ryan & Friends Christian ventriloquist and comedian Ryan Bomgardner is a sought-after performer throughout North America. This will be his first performance at the Bible Festival.



**July 19** Sunday 7 p.m. Concert  
**Jess Zimmerman & Family**

Nashville recording artist Jess Zimmerman will be joined by her family to lift praises to our Creator. The family's faith and music have a firm foundation in the Holy Spirit. Sponsored by *Just Like Family*.

**Andy Roberts with the Four Piece Quartet**

The Four Piece Quartet plays re-imagined jazz arrangements of "Sunday standards" and uplifting contemporary pieces. Their latest recording, "All Things," is available on most streaming services. Sponsored by *Dan and Carole Miller*.



**July 26** Sunday 7 p.m. Concert  
**Choir Festival**

A choir of more than 100 volunteer singers from the region will present an inspiring program of varied styles of sacred music. Pepper Choplin, guest conductor, is a composer, conductor, author, and concert artist. Sponsored by *Loser's Music*. Concert made possible by the Estate of *Douglas Troutman*.



**June 21** Sunday 7 p.m. Concert  
**Annual Hymn Sing with Men in Harmony**

Program will include a Hymn Sing led by Bob Kettering and Dr. Rod Shearer. Sponsored by *Steve & Diane Graybill Family in memory of Dorothy Summy*.



**June 28** Sunday 7 p.m. Concert  
**Eddie Zheng, organ**

A recent recipient of an Artist's Diploma from the prestigious Juilliard School, Eddie Zheng is among the rising stars of the organ world. With impeccable technique and mature interpretation, his performances appeal to every taste. He will perform on his custom-built touring organ. Sponsored by *Harrisburg Chapter of the American Guild of Organists*

**August 2** 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. Sponsored by *Cornwall Manor*.



**August 9** Sunday 7 p.m. Concert

**Jazz Ministers Big Band**

Under the direction of Keith Wiley, the group of musicians blends jazz, standard Christian hymns and Gospel favorites. Sponsored by *a Faithful Supporter of the Bible Festival, in honor of Tom Meredith's 105th Birthday*.



**July 5** Sunday 7 p.m. Concert  
**Patriotic Concert**

In celebration of the nation's 250<sup>th</sup> birthday, concert pianist Michael Faircloth will be joined by brass quintet Brassworks in a program of patriotic music that will include audience sing-alongs.



**July 12** Sunday 7 p.m. Concert  
**Third Stream**

Since 1974, Third Stream has performed its creative brand of American music from familiar tunes to original compositions in various venues throughout the Mid-Atlantic.



**August 16** Sunday 7 p.m. Concert  
**Anthracite Marimba Ensemble**

For over 20 years, the Anthracite Marimba Ensemble has performed in northeastern and central Pennsylvania. The group performs a wide variety of music from the Baroque era to the modern musical era. Under the direction of Robert Nowak.

ANTHRACITE  
*Marimba*  
ENSEMBLE

**August 23 Sunday 7 p.m. Concert**

**The Susquehanna Chorale**

One of the premier choral groups in the nation, celebrates the final Chorale concert of its founder and conductor Linda L. Tedford in this year's traditional late-summer appearance.

Sponsored by Traditions of Hershey.



**August 30 Sunday 7 p.m. Concert  
New Holland Band**

Formed in 1829 and the second oldest municipal band in the nation, the New Holland Band will play patriotic and spiritual music. Fred Hughes, Jr.—music director. Sponsored by Arthur Funk & Sons.



**Summer Organ Programs at the Mt. Gretna UMC**

**June 17 Wednesday 7 p.m.**

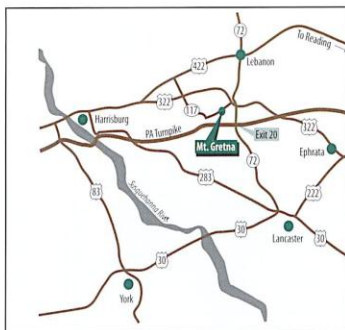
*Daniel Brownell*, First Presbyterian Church (York, Pa.) and adjunct music instructor, Messiah University.



**Mt. Gretna Tabernacle**

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**GETTING TO MT. GRETTA**



**THE TABERNACLE IS BEHIND THE MT. GRETTA UM CHURCH, IN MT. GRETTA'S CAMPMEETING SECTION, EAST OF PINCH ROAD AND SOUTH OF ROUTE 117.**

If you would like to help pay for program costs, please make your check payable to the **Mt. Gretna Bible Festival**.

If you wish your contributions to be used for the upkeep of the historic Tabernacle structure, please make your check payable to the **Mt. Gretna Tabernacle Association**.

**You may mail your check to**

Mt. Gretna Tabernacle Association  
PO Box 408 Mt. Gretna PA 17064  
OR use the QR Code



**For more information, contact:**

Bob Kettering, President @ 717-330-6774  
Shawn Gingrich @ 717-964-0811 OR  
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**PARKING INFORMATION**

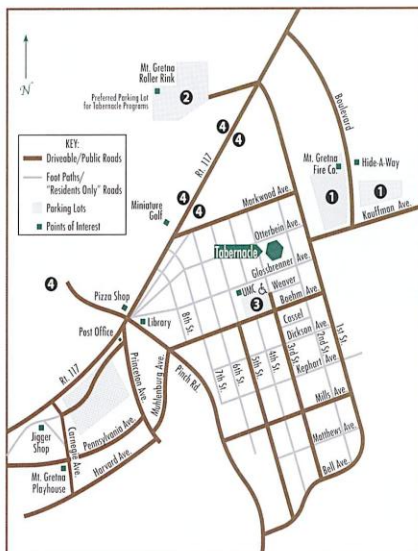
On summer Sunday evenings, Mt. Gretna is a busy, almost overwhelmed, community. With major crowds drawn to the area, parking facilities are stretched to their limits.

Do consider coming up a few hours early and take a walking tour of our quaint cottaged-lined neighborhood. Campmeeting is listed on the *National Register of Historic Places*, Victorian-era United Brethren Campmeeting.

**OUR PRIMARY PARKING AREAS ARE** at the Fire Department lot ① on Boulevard Avenue, which may be full, **OR** at the Roller Rink lot ② across 117, which easily handles overflow parking. **The Mt. Gretna UMC lot ③ is reserved for handicapped parking only.** Supplemental parking may be found in angle parking on either side of Route 117 and Soldier's Field on Timber Road. ④ Buses should use 1<sup>st</sup> Street, off-load at Glossbrenner Avenue, continue up 1<sup>st</sup> to Pinch Road, then park at the Roller Rink.

**Always obey the "No Parking" signs as the Cornwall Township police strictly enforce them. Please do not park on private property.** All public parking in Mount Gretna is "first come..." so why not come a few hours early and enjoy your late afternoon?

Remember our two primary parking areas are identified as lots ① and ② on the map. You should find an adequate number of spaces at these two locations. Area ② is available on limited dates (see right) and parking is permitted **ONLY** in designated/defined areas.



**① PRIMARY PARKING AREA**

Mt. Gretna Fire Co. lot

**② PRIMARY PARKING AREA**

Mt. Gretna Roller Rink parking lot

**Please see website for updated information and dates. PARKING PERMITTED ONLY IN THE DESIGNATED/DEFINED AREAS**

**③ HANDICAPPED PARKING**

Mt. Gretna UMC parking lot

**④ SUPPLEMENTAL PARKING AREA**

Angle parking on both sides of Rt. 117 & Soldier's Field

***PRAYER LIST***  
***HEALING***

Joan Mays  
Sam King  
Joan & Burnell Hostetter  
Jess Barcaro  
Kathryn Kochel  
Bob Shirk  
Al & Connie Alsedek  
Kay Crawford  
Dave Wise  
Dave Wauls  
Bill & Julia Grove  
Holly Hoover  
Deb Overly  
Kate Donnan  
Tom Grzybowski  
Judie Ingersoll  
Barb Williams  
Edwina Hartman (Mother of Deb Grube)  
Phil Nolt (Nephew-in-law of Phil & Pam Houseal)  
Tina Weigner (Friend of Adele King)  
Lissa James (Niece of Connie Alsedek)  
Jack Taylor (Son of Deb Grube's niece)  
Karen Metz (Cousin of Dolly Overly)  
Fred Boyle (Friend of Bob & Judy Traup)  
Joanne Myers (Friend of Connie Alsedek)  
Arabelle Page (Student of Amy Thompson)  
Bob Hobaugh (Friend of Deb & Rick Long)  
Dennis Barcaro (Jess Barcaro's father-in-law)  
David & Joan Singleton (Colleagues of Jeff Thompson)  
Mike LaFata (Son-in-law of Bill & Julia Grove)  
Angie Immel (Step-Granddaughter of Bob & Judy Traup)  
Zac & Cindy Zibura (Neighbor of John & Joanne Marrs)  
Harmony & Family (Friends of Kim & Jim Paternoster)  
Kara Escalante (Goddaughter of Barb & Tom Williams)  
James Marks (Nephew of Dennis & Marie Dezort)

***COMFORT, PEACE, STRENGTH, & SAFETY***

Lucy Davis  
Bill Piper  
Arlene Wise (Sister-in-law of Dave Wise)  
Connie Grow  
Brooke Ross (Friend of Barb Williams)  
Jennifer Kready (Daughter of Dave & Donna Dumeyer)

***PROTECTION FOR MILITARY & FIRST RESPONDERS***

Doug Kautter  
Chris Andrew  
Evan Benedict  
Justin Gorlaski  
Thom Whitesel  
Christopher Wright  
Tyler Baldwin (Friend of Barb Williams)  
Jon Krueger (Grandson of Janet Musselman, Son of Diane Krueger)  
Benjamin Hansen (Grandson of Al & Connie Alsedek and son of Holly)  
David Adams (Son-in-law of John & Kathleen Hay; husband of Liz)

***WIDER CHURCH***

Masebe congregation  
Konde Diocese  
Stephen Herr (Bishop, LSS)  
Pastor Lucille (“CeCee”) Mills (Secretary, ELCA)  
Yehiel Curry (Presiding Bishop, ELCA)  
Imran M. Siddiqui (VP of the ELCA)  
Geoffrey Samuel Mwaihaba (Bishop, Konde Diocese)

***CELEBRATING***

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

|                                 |                   |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| 14: Cathy Shirk, Michael Jarvie | 18: Julia Barcaro |
| 16: John Marrs                  | 19: Aarin Deibler |
| 17: Gerry Huber                 | 20: Dawn Reinhart |

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!**

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| 16 <sup>th</sup> : Pat & Judy Brady | 20 <sup>th</sup> : Phil & Pam Houseal |
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## MINISTRY LEADERS

Ministers  
Pastor  
Music Director  
Parish Administrator  
Worship Presentation Coordinator  
Lay Ministry Assistant  
Council President  
Council Vice President

Members of the Congregation  
Rev. Timothy Seitz-Brown  
John Landis  
Anne Rankin  
Sarah Chapman  
Diane Gerlach  
Kim Paternoster  
Denise Haun

## WORSHIP, SUNDAY SCHOOL, & CONTACT INFORMATION

Worship Sundays @ 9:00 a.m.  
Livestream Link: [https://www.youtube.com/@zelc\\_landisvillepa7249](https://www.youtube.com/@zelc_landisvillepa7249)  
American Revolution Class (Parlor) Sundays @ 10:30 a.m.  
Wired Word Class (Zone) Sundays @ 10:30 a.m.  
Children's Class Sundays: Start in service, then excused until communion  
Bible Study Resuming in September  
Church Office 717-898-2911  
Pastor 717-332-4216  
Parish Administrator 717-945-4585  
Council President 717-342-3796  
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