

# FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*A Service of Word & Sacrament*

*June 25, 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](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.

# Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

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

## † THE GATHERING †

### INTRODUCTION

*God does not promise that the path of the disciple will be easy. Jeremiah feels the pain of rejection from those who do not want to hear what he has to say. Jesus declares that his words may bring stark division. Even so, we need not be afraid for God accounts for each hair on our heads. Though we may experience rejection, frustration, division, and death, God's grace and love make us a new creation each day.*

### WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, & GOD-SIGHTINGS

*Please stand if you are able.*

### SONG

#### ***Here I Am to Worship***

**BB 4**

1. Light of the world,  
You stepped down into darkness,  
Opened my eyes, let me see.  
Beauty that made  
This heart adore You,  
Hope of a life spent with You.

#### *Refrain*

So here I am to worship,  
Here I am to bow down,  
Here I am to say that  
You're my God.  
And You're altogether lovely,  
Altogether worthy,  
Altogether wonderful to me.

2. King of all days,  
Oh so highly exalted,  
Glorious in heaven above.  
Humbly You came  
To the earth You created,  
All for love's sake became poor. *Refrain*



*Bridge*  
And I'll never know  
How much it cost  
To see my sin upon that cross.  
And I'll never know  
How much it cost  
To see my sin upon that cross. *Refrain*

## 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 greets us in this and every season,  
whose word never fails, whose promise is sure.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of our neighbors. Merciful God,

C: **we confess that we have sinned. We have hurt our community. We have squandered your blessings. We have hoarded your bounty. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Righteous God,

C: **we confess that we have sinned. We have failed to be honest. We have lacked the courage to speak. We have spoken falsely. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: God is a cup of cold water when we thirst. God offers boundless grace when we fail. Claim the gift of God's mercy. You are freed and forgiven in the name of ✠ Jesus Christ.

C: **Amen.**

*Refrain*

God You reign; God You reign!  
Forever and ever; God You reign

1. You paint the night.  
You count the stars and You call them by name.  
The skies proclaim -- God You reign!

Your glory shines.  
You teach the sun when to bring a new day.  
Creation sings -- God You reign! *Refrain*

2. You part the seas.  
You move the mountains with the words that You say.  
My song remains -- God You reign

You hold my life.  
You know my heart and You call me by name.  
I live to say -- God You reign

*Refrain (Sing twice thru)*  
God You reign; God You reign  
Forever and ever; God You reign

*Bridge (Sing twice thru)*  
Hallelujah, Hallelu  
Hallelujah, Hallelu

*Refrain (Sing four times thru)*  
God You reign; God You reign  
Forever and ever; God You reign

**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. Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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

*Please be seated.*

## **† THE WORD †**

### **JEREMIAH 20:7-13**

*The prophet must speak despite opposition.*

**A:** <sup>7</sup>O LORD, you have enticed me, and I was enticed; you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all day long; everyone mocks me. <sup>8</sup>For whenever I speak, I must cry out, I must shout, “Violence and destruction!” For the word of the LORD has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. <sup>9</sup>If I say, “I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name,” then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. <sup>10</sup>For I hear many whispering: “Terror is all around! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!” All my close friends are watching for me to stumble. “Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him, and take our revenge on him.” <sup>11</sup>But the LORD is with me like a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten. <sup>12</sup>O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous, you see the heart and the mind; let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

<sup>13</sup>Sing to the LORD; praise the LORD! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers.

Word of God. Word of Life.

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

## PSALM 69:7-18

*Please read responsively.*

A: <sup>7</sup>Surely, for your sake I have suffered reproach, and shame has covered my face.

C: <sup>8</sup>**I have become a stranger to my own kindred, an alien to my mother's children.**

<sup>9</sup>Zeal for your house has eaten me up; the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.

<sup>10</sup>**I humbled myself with fasting, but that was turned to my reproach.**

<sup>11</sup>I put on sackcloth also, and became a by-word among them.

<sup>12</sup>**Those who sit at the gate murmur against me, and the drunkards make songs about me.**

<sup>13</sup>But as for me, this is my prayer to you, at the time you have set, O LORD: In your great mercy, O God, answer me with your unfailing help.

<sup>14</sup>**Save me from the mire; do not let me sink; let me be rescued from those who hate me and out of the deep waters.**

<sup>15</sup>Let not the torrent of waters wash over me, neither let the deep swallow me up; do not let the pit shut its mouth upon me.

<sup>16</sup>**Answer me, O LORD, for your love is kind; in your great compassion, turn to me.**

<sup>17</sup>Hide not your face from your servant; be swift and answer me, for I am in distress.

<sup>18</sup>**Draw near to me and redeem me; because of my enemies deliver me.**

## ROMANS 6:1b-11

*Buried and raised with Christ by baptism.*

A: <sup>1b</sup>Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup>By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? <sup>3</sup>Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup>Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

<sup>5</sup>For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup>We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no

longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup>For whoever has died is freed from sin. <sup>8</sup>But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup>We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup>The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. <sup>11</sup>So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Word of God. Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## CHILDREN'S CHAT

### GOD LOVES EVERYBODY

God loves everybody  
God loves everybody  
God loves everybody in God's heart

God loves everybody  
God loves everybody  
God loves everybody in God's heart

\* Imagine singing it to someone or some people you love.

\* Imagine singing it to someone who is very difficult for you to love

\* Imagine someone you love, and someone you find hard to love together, and imagine singing it to them.



*Please stand if you are able.*



Open our eyes, Lord,  
We want to see Jesus,  
To reach out and touch Him,  
And say that we love Him.

Open our ears, Lord,  
And help us to listen.  
Open our eyes, Lord,  
We want to see Jesus.

**MATTHEW 10:24-39**

*The cost of discipleship.*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

P: [Jesus said to the twelve:] <sup>24</sup>“A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; <sup>25</sup>it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

<sup>26</sup>“So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. <sup>27</sup>What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. <sup>28</sup>Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. <sup>29</sup>Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. <sup>30</sup>And even the hairs of your head are all counted. <sup>31</sup>So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. <sup>32</sup>“Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; <sup>33</sup>but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

<sup>34</sup>“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. <sup>35</sup>For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; <sup>36</sup>and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

<sup>37</sup>Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; <sup>38</sup>and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. <sup>39</sup>Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

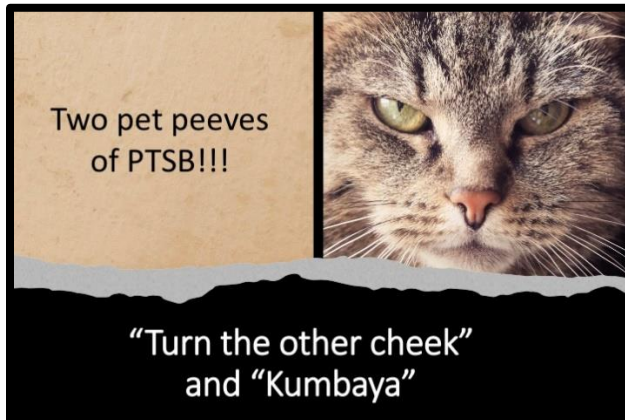
The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated.*

## MESSAGE

**Pastor Tim Seitz-Brown**



You are  
of more  
value  
than  
many  
sparrows  
MATTHEW 10:21

**In Jeremiah 20:7-18 and Psalm 69:7-18:**  
Jeremiah speaks out against the violence that sacrifices people and he gets persecuted for it.  
In the Psalm, the scapegoated one has been utterly rejected by his own family.

**In Matthew 10:24-39:**  
Jesus provides a “disciple disclosure agreement,” preparing them to receive the “Jeremiah treatment” from both family and friends.

**Read the fine print!**  
Expect to get the “Jeremiah treatment” when you refuse to dehumanize and hate the same people your tribe dehumanizes and hates.

But I say to you:

Love your enemies and  
pray for those who  
persecute you, so that you  
may be children of  
your Father in heaven;

*for he makes his sun rise  
on the evil  
and on the good—*

*and sends rain  
on the just  
and the unjust.*

(Matthew 5:44-45)



Consider the birds of the air: they neither  
sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and  
yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are  
you not of more value than they?

—Matthew 6:26





Read the fine print:

*to follow Jesus  
means practicing  
gutsy vulnerability!*

Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the  
midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as  
serpents, and harmless as doves.  
— Matthew 10:16

Who is the one who can destroy  
*both soul and body* in Gehenna?

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Is the Father  
revealed by Jesus  
in the Sermon on the Mount

“the one who destroys  
both soul and body  
in Gehenna”?

Who is “the one who is  
out to destroy us”?



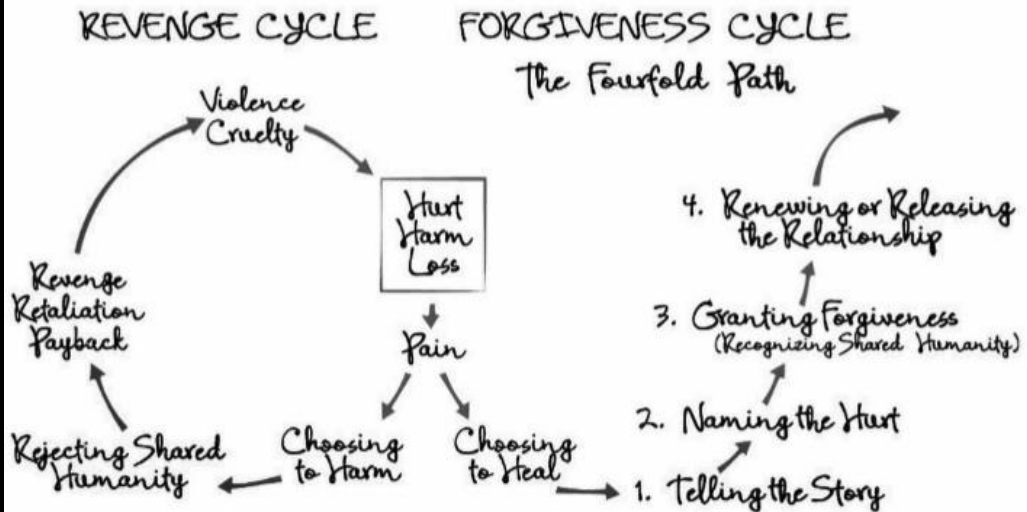
*Gehenna* refers to the Valley of the Son of Hinnom, located south of Jerusalem:

1. This was where children were sacrificed to the fiery idols of Molech.
2. Later, this was the garbage dump where the fires were never quenched and the maggots never died.



## Gehenna

### Gehenna versus Heaven



*Please stand if you are able.*



1. Every promise we can make,  
Every prayer and step of faith;  
Every difference we will make  
Is only by His grace.  
Every mountain we will climb,  
Every ray of hope we shine;  
Every blessing left behind  
Is only by His grace.

*Refrain*

Grace alone, which God supplies,  
Stength unknown, he will provide,  
Christ in us, our Cornerstone;  
We will go forth – in grace alone.

2. Every soul we long to reach,  
Every heart we hope to teach;  
Everywhere we share His peace  
Is only by His grace.

Every loving word we say,  
Every tear we wipe away;  
Every sorrow turned to praise  
Is only by His grace. *Refrain (2x)*

*Ending*

We will go forth – in grace alone.  
We will go forth – in grace alone.

**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:** Trusting in God's abundant mercy, let us offer our prayers for a world in need. You entice your church to speak truth that challenges false notions of peace. Prevail upon us with the good news of Christ's death and resurrection, that we are compelled to share the gospel with all the world. God, in your mercy,  
**C: hear our prayer.**

Under your watch not even a sparrow goes unnoticed. Safeguard plant and animal habitats threatened by melting glaciers, rising oceans, and receding coastlines. Amplify the voices of those calling for responsible stewardship of the earth's resources. God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Our world is enduring violence and destruction. Rescue your people in nations experiencing conflict or crisis. Thwart the efforts of those who sow chaos and terror, and guide those working to bring about peace and reconciliation. God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

You have counted even the hairs of our heads. Reassure anyone experiencing poverty, homelessness, unemployment, or exploitation that every life has value. Look favorably upon all who struggle. Answer us, for your steadfast love is good. God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Even when we experience rejection your love invites us to new life. Lift up anyone who feels shunned or excluded on account of their gender, race, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, or any other human distinction. Make your people one. God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

All who have died with Christ also live with him. We give thanks for all the saints whose faithful confession inspired our own discipleship, and raise us, with them, to eternal life. God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

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

P: Receive our prayers and answer us, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ.

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.*

1. Purify my heart,  
Let me be as gold and precious silver.  
Purify my heart,  
Let me be as gold, pure gold.

*Refrain*

Refiner's fire:  
My heart's one desire  
Is to be holy, set apart for You, Lord.  
I choose to be holy, set apart for You, my Master;  
Ready to do Your will.

2. Purify my heart,  
Cleanse me from within and make me holy.  
Purify my heart,  
Cleanse me from my sin, deep within. *Refrain (2x)*

*Ending*

Ready to do Your will.

*My Lighthouse*

1. In my wrestling, and in my doubts,  
In my failures, You won't walk out.  
Your great love will lead me through;  
You are the peace in my troubled sea, whoa oh –  
You are the peace in my troubled sea.

2. In the silence You won't let go.  
In the questions, Your truth will hold.  
Your great love will lead me through;  
You are the peace in my troubled sea, whoa oh –  
You are the peace in my troubled sea.

*Refrain*

My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse  
Shining in the darkness,  
I will follow You!  
Oh, my Lighthouse, my Lighthouse



I will trust the promise:  
You will carry me safe to shore,  
Safe to shore, safe to shore, safe to shore.

3. I won't fear what tomorrow brings.  
With each morning, I'll rise and sing.  
My God's love will lead me through;  
You are the peace in my troubled sea, whoa oh –  
You are the peace in my troubled sea. *Refrain*

*Bridge*  
Fire before us, You're the brightest  
You will lead us through the storms.  
*Repeat three times followed by the refrain*

*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

### *Go, Make Disciples*

BB 49

Go, make disciples,  
Baptizing them, teaching them.  
Go, make disciples,  
For I am with you till the end of time.

Go, be the salt of the earth.  
Go, be the light for the world.  
Go, be a city on a hill,  
So all can see that you're serving me.  
*Repeat from beginning*

### *Ending*

Go, make disciples.

## DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Share the harvest.

C: Thanks be to God.

### Three definitions of "Word of God" in ELCA congregational constitution:



## **THIS WEEK AT ZION**

### **Sunday, June 25**

*\* The flowers are sponsored by Jeanette Bomberger in memory of her husband, Philip.*

*\* The bulletins are sponsored by Jo Stone in memory of her brother, Jonathan Charles Zimmerman.*

*\* The communion elements are sponsored by Bob and Judy Traup in honor of Anton and in celebration of the year he spent here with Pastor Tim and Ann as an exchange student!*

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

Livestream/Recorded Link: [http://bit.ly/Zion\\_Live](http://bit.ly/Zion_Live)

Adult Sunday School – 10:30 a.m.

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

Wired Word Class – Zone (No Zoom)

### **Monday, June 26**

Food Pantry – 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Social Outreach – 6 p.m. (Zone)

### **Tuesday, June 27**

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

### **Wednesday, June 28**

Food Pantry – 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

### **Thursday, June 29**

Bring Your Own Lunch Picnic in the Park – 11:30 a.m. (Rapho Twp. Park Pavilion)

### **Friday, June 30**

### **Saturday, July 1**

### **Sunday, July 2**

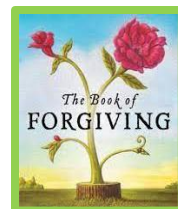
Outdoor Worship – 9:00 a.m. (No Livestream)

No Sunday School

## ANNOUNCEMENTS, GOD-SIGHTINGS, UPDATES, & EVENTS

### BIBLE STUDY ON FORGIVENESS

The bible study on forgiveness will be held on Tuesdays, June 27, 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!



### NEXT SUNDAY (JULY 2), AUGUST 6, & SEPTEMBER 3

Next Sunday worship will be held outdoors in the Cooper House yard! 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!

#### Parking Instructions When Worship Is Held Outdoors

1. Leave spaces in front of church for people with walking difficulties.
2. To park at the rear of the church, turn on Chestnut St. and turn down the alley. Go straight and you will end up behind the church.



This month's Joyful Noise offering will go to Off the Streets, a local organization that works to get individuals who are homeless off the streets and into secure housing.

**ALSO** ... donations are being collected for Off the Streets. There is a list of requested items on the white board between the mailboxes in the Narthex. **IN ADDITION**, OTS is looking for help to support those who are moving. If you are willing to volunteer time to pick up furniture donations on any Monday or Thursday, or to move a family or individual into a new home on any Saturday morning from 9 a.m. to noon, visit [tinyurl.com/OTSLanc](http://tinyurl.com/OTSLanc).

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
where FAITH & LIFE connect

**CLASSES AT 10:30 a.m.**  
**(Except next Sunday 7/2)**

continuing their study on Season 3 of "The Chosen." This series of classes is led by Jeff Thompson.



The Wired Word class will meet in the Zone and on Zoom after worship.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2283229266>



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

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

### 2023 SUMMER PICNIC SCHEDULE

*To accommodate as many people's availability as possible, this monthly picnic lunch gathering will meet at different parks in the area and will alternate between the last Wednesday and Thursday of each month.*

- Thursday, June 29 at 11:30 a.m. – Rapho Twp. Park (Strickler Rd.)
- 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

### 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).

### LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF CARE KIT SUMMER PROJECT

Zion is participating in LWR's Care Kit project. A bin is in the Narthex in which to place donated items. 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).



## SUMMER DEVOTIONALS



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

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES

All are invited to participate in Vacation Bible School July 10-13, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Trinity Church (2340 State St., East Petersburg). The program's theme is creation; topics of discussion will focus around *Earthwise: A Guide to Hopeful Creation Care*. Register through the VBS/Rally Day Page at [www.trinityeastpete.org](http://www.trinityeastpete.org).



### DINNER CHURCH AT THE WITTEL FARM

All are welcome to gather with others in the Synod at The Wittel Farm for dinner on June 25 and 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



**THANK YOU** to Pastor Tim and everyone at Zion for the monetary donation to the Safe Families for Children Ministry. We appreciate the support from you and are excited about the collaborative impact we can make in the community!

Blessings, Candace and the Safe Families Team

**THE FREEBIE TABLE IS BACK!!** 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! 😊





# MT. GRETNA BIBLE FESTIVAL 2023

## Summer at the Tabernacle | Worship, Speakers and Concerts

All Programs are in the Historic Tabernacle • 3rd St. & Glossbrenner Ave. Parking GPS Address: 41 Boulevard St, Mt. Gretna PA 17064  
Please visit [MtGretnaTabernacle.org](http://MtGretnaTabernacle.org) for any program cancellations. A **freewill offering** will be received at each program.

**7:00 p.m.**  
**at the**  
**Tabernacle**

**\* Concerts on**  
**Fridays**

**\* Worship on**  
**Sundays**

**June 25 Sunday 7 p.m. Concert**

**New Holland Band** Patriotic and spiritual concert, directed by Dr. Kenneth Laudermilch. Formed in 1829, the New Holland Band is the second oldest municipal band in the nation. Sponsored by Cornwall Manor.



**June 30 Friday 7 p.m.**

**Ecumenical Service**

**Why God?** SEVEN Messiah University, Mechanicsburg, Pa. A group of college-aged musicians share Jesus through musical worship, directed by Dr. Doug Curry. Sponsored by Esther Mefferd, in memory of Pastor Ted Mefferd, Class of '66 from Messiah University.

**July 2 Sunday 7 p.m. Concert**

**Silver, Wood and Ivory** Two women, 19 flutes and recorders, piano, Celtic harp & keyboard.



**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.



**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*.



## Summer Organ Programs at the Mt. Gretna UMC

**June 14 Wednesday 7 p.m.**

**Emily Dawn Amos**, Student at Curtis Institute of Music.

**June 21 Wednesday 7 p.m.**

**Aaron Patterson**, Graduate Student at Juilliard School.

**June 28 Wednesday 7 p.m.**

**Daniel Ficarri**, Associate Organist, Cathedral of St. John the Divine, NYC.



**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  
Loma Slike (Mother of Sue Wise)  
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)

***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)  
Family of Betty Stoner  
Family of Floyd Weidler  
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 Gorklaski  
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!**

27 – Cory Paternoster, Jeff Rickert  
30 – Sue Rhoads  
2 – Nancy Myers

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!**

27 – Harry & Janet Musselman  
28 – Jesse & Pat Landis; Doug & Sue Rhoads  
1 – Marvin & Holly Hoover  
2 – Al & Diane Ramer

## **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	<a href="http://bit.ly/Zion_Live">http://bit.ly/Zion_Live</a>
Outdoor Worship	7/2; 8/6; 9/3 @ 9:00 a.m. (No livestream)
Bible Study “The Chosen” Class (Parlor)	Sundays @ 10:30 a.m. (Except 7/2)
Wired Word Class (Zone & Zoom)	Sundays @ 10:30 a.m. (Except 7/2) <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2283229266">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2283229266</a>
Morning Bible Study	Tuesdays @ 9:00 a.m. (Except through June)
Forgiveness Bible Study	Tuesday, June 27 @ 7:00 p.m. (Parlor)
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