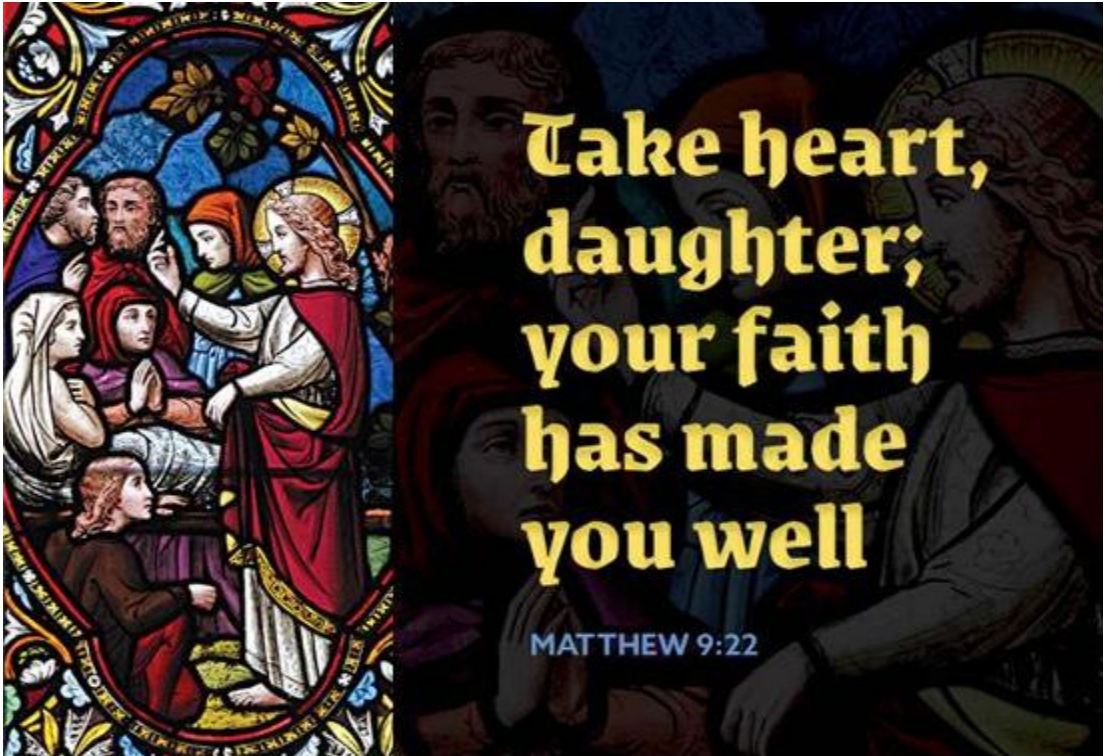


# SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*A Service of Word & Sacrament  
June 7, 2026*



**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.



# Second Sunday after Pentecost

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

## † THE GATHERING †

### WORSHIP INTRODUCTION

*Though Jesus was a devout Jew who practiced his faith, he was criticized for eating with tax collectors and sinners—the religiously nonobservant. Jesus criticizes the self-righteous and reminds us that mercy is to be at the heart of our religious practices. God continues to be made known in those on the margins of society, like Matthew the tax collector and the hemorrhaging woman. As we gather each Lord’s day we receive the healing that makes us well and sends us forth to be signs of God’s mercy for the world.*

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OPENING SONGS

#### *How Great Is Our God*

**BB 29**

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*

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

2. 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

*There Is a Redeemer*

1. There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own son,  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.

*Refrain*

Thank you, O my Father, for giving us your Son  
And sending your Spirit till the work on earth is done.

2. Jesus, my Redeemer, name above all names,  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, hope for sinners slain. *Refrain*

3. When I stand in glory, I will see his face;  
There I'll serve my king forever, in that holy place. *Refrain*

*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 SONGS

### *We Are All Together*

**BB 12**

1. We are all together to call upon Your name.  
There is nothing we like better than to sing and give You praise.  
Lord we welcome You, we welcome You,  
We welcome You, come fill this place.

2. Bring healing and salvation, let Your kingdom come;  
Right here just like in heaven, may Your will be done.  
Lord we welcome You, we welcome You,  
We welcome You, come fill this place.

#### *Bridge*

Father come fill this place, we welcome You.  
Jesus we seek Your face, 'cause all we want to do  
Is give our love to You, we welcome You,  
We welcome You, we welcome You, come fill this place.

#### *Repeat Verse 1*

### *We Bow Down*

**BB 14**

1. You are Lord of creation and Lord of my life,  
Lord of the land and the sea.  
You were Lord of the heavens before there was time,  
And Lord of all lords You will be.

#### *Refrain 1*

We bow down and we worship You, Lord. (*Sing 3 times*)  
Lord of all lords You will be!

2. You are King of creation and King of my life,  
King of the land and the sea.  
You were King of the heavens before there was time,  
And King of all kings You will be.

#### *Refrain 2*

We bow down and we worship You, Lord. (*Sing 3 times*)  
King of all kings You will be!

#### *Repeat Refrain 1*

## **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. O God, you are the source of life and the ground of our being. By the power of your Spirit bring healing to this wounded world, and raise us to the new life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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

*Please be seated.*

## **† THE WORD †**

### **HOSEA 5:15-6:6**

*God desires steadfast love.*

**A:** <sup>15</sup> I will return again to my place until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face. In their distress they will beg my favor:

<sup>6:1</sup> “Come, let us return to the Lord, for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us; he has struck down, and he will bind us up. <sup>2</sup> After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him. <sup>3</sup> Let us know, let us press on to know the Lord; his appearing is as sure as the dawn; he will come to us like the showers, like the spring rains that water the earth.”

<sup>4</sup> What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early. <sup>5</sup> Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets; I have killed them by the words of my mouth, and my judgment goes forth as the light. <sup>6</sup> For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

The Word of the Lord.

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

## PSALM 50:7-15

*Please read responsively.*

P: <sup>7</sup>“Listen, my people, and I will speak: Israel, I will bear witness against you; for I am God, your God.

C: <sup>8</sup> **I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices; your burnt offerings are always before me.**

<sup>9</sup> I will not accept a calf from your stalls, nor goats from your pens;

<sup>10</sup> **for all the wild animals of the forest are mine, the cattle on a thousand hills.**

<sup>11</sup> I know every bird of the mountains, and the creatures of the fields are mine.

<sup>12</sup> **If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the whole world is mine and all that is in it.**

<sup>13</sup> Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls, or drink the blood of goats?

<sup>14</sup> **Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving and make good your vows to the Most High.**

<sup>15</sup> Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall honor me.

## ROMANS 4:13-25

*The promise to those who share Abraham's faith.*

A: <sup>13</sup> The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup> For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup> For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression.

<sup>16</sup> For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, <sup>17</sup> as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. <sup>18</sup> Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So shall your descendants be.” <sup>19</sup> He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years

old), and the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. <sup>20</sup> No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, <sup>21</sup> being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. <sup>22</sup> Therefore “it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” <sup>23</sup> Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone <sup>24</sup> but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, <sup>25</sup> who was handed over for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

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 *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 song from beginning*

## **MATTHEW 9:9-13, 18-26**

*Christ heals a woman and raises a synagogue leader's daughter.*

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

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

**P:** <sup>9</sup>As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax-collection station, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him.

<sup>10</sup> And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with Jesus and his disciples. <sup>11</sup> When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"

<sup>12</sup> But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. <sup>13</sup> Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous but sinners."

<sup>18</sup> While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." <sup>19</sup> And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples.

<sup>20</sup> Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from a flow of blood for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, <sup>21</sup> for she was saying to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." <sup>22</sup> Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And the woman was made well from that moment. <sup>23</sup> When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, <sup>24</sup> he said, "Go away, for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. <sup>25</sup> But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. <sup>26</sup> And the report of this spread through all of that district.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated.*

**MESSAGE**      **"A Superglue Kind of Love: HESED"**      **Pastor Tim Seitz-Brown**



*Please stand if you are able.*

**SERMON SONG**

***By Faith***

**BB 34**

1. By faith we see the hand of God  
In the light of creation's grand design,  
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness,  
Who walk by faith and not by sight.

2. By faith our fathers roamed the earth  
With the pow'r of His promise in their hearts  
Of a holy city built by God's own hand,  
A place where peace and justice reign.

*Refrain*

We will stand as children of the promise;  
We will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's reward.  
Till the race is finished and the work is done,  
We'll walk by faith and not by sight.

3. By faith the prophets saw a day  
When the longed-for Messiah would appear  
With the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death,  
And rise triumphant from the grave.

4. By faith the church was called to go  
In the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost,  
To deliver captives and to preach good news  
In ev'ry corner of the earth. *Refrain*

5. By faith the mountain shall be moved  
And the pow'r of the gospel shall prevail  
For we know in Christ all things are possible  
For all who call upon His name. *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: Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.

*A brief silence.*

God of mercy, you call us to a life filled with acts of mercy. Ground us in following Christ, that we might extend the mercy we receive. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of creation, all you have made is yours. Revive lands in need of healing and make us wise stewards of all you have given us to tend. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of the nations, you promise to deliver those who call on you. Bring an end to conflict, bigotry, and injustice in all their forms wherever they are found. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of comfort, you provide for those in need. Bring an end to addiction. Comfort people as they mourn. Provide tenderly for those in need. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of blessings, you send the Holy Spirit to provide varieties of gifts in the body of Christ. Accompany those who travel this summer, make our gatherings joyous, and grant us a spirit of hospitality and togetherness. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

P: God of life, we give you thanks for saints whose lives revealed your faithfulness. May remembering their faithfulness strengthen our own. 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: Walk us out of all that opposes you and make us your holy people as we pray the words you boldly 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 or join in the communion songs until all worshippers have communed and have returned to their seats.*

## COMMUNION SONGS

### *Cornerstone*

**BB 19**

1. My hope is built on nothing less,  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness.  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name. *Repeat verse 1*

### *Refrain*

Christ alone. Cornerstone.  
Weak made strong in the Savior's love.  
Through the storm, He is Lord. Lord of all.



2. When darkness seems to hide His face,  
I rest on His unchanging grace.  
In every high and stormy gale,  
My anchor holds within the veil.  
My anchor holds within the veil.

*Refrain x2*

3. When He shall come with trumpet sound,  
Oh may I then in Him be found.  
Dressed in His righteousness alone.  
Faultless stand before the throne.

***Jesus, Stand Among Us***

**BB 68**

1. Jesus, stand among us  
At the meeting of our lives  
Be our sweet agreement  
At the meeting of our eyes.

*Refrain*

O, Jesus, we love You. So we gather here,  
Join our hearts in unity, and take away our fear.

2. So to You we're gath'ring  
Out of each and every land,  
Christ the love between us  
At the joining of our hands. *Refrain*

3. Jesus stand among us,  
At the breaking of the bread,  
Join us as one body  
As we worship You, our Head. *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: 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 SONGS

#### *The Trees of the Field*

**BB 76**

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace.  
The mountains and the hills will break forth before you;  
There'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field  
Will clap, will clap their hands.

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands (*clap clap*),  
the trees of the field will clap their hands (*clap clap*),  
the trees of the field will clap their hands (*clap clap*),  
while you go out with joy.  
*Repeat from beginning*

#### *Go Ye Therefore*

**BB 47**

Go ye therefore and make disciples of all nations, of all nations.  
Go ye therefore and make disciples of all nations, of all nations.  
Baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son  
and the Holy Spirit.  
Go ye therefore and make disciples of all nations, of all nations.  
*Repeat*

### DISMISSAL

- P: Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!
- C: **Thanks be to God. We will!**

### POSTLUDE

## THIS WEEK AT ZION

### **Sunday, June 7**

*\*The altar flowers are sponsored by Diane and Al Ramer in honor of all God's creation.*

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

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

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIy\\_3AeK\\_pExuVhcUfl2cSw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIy_3AeK_pExuVhcUfl2cSw)

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 8**

Food Pantry – 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

### **Tuesday, June 9 – *Deadline for cleaning supplies***

Finance – 6:30 p.m.

### **Wednesday, June 10**

Food Pantry – 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Prayer Team – 2 p.m.

Social Outreach – 6 p.m.

### **Thursday, June 11**

### **Friday, June 12**

### **Saturday, June 13**

Men's Breakfast – 8 a.m. (Olde Hickory Grille, Oregon Pike)

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

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.

### **JOYFUL NOISE OFFERING**

Money collected in May and 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 at Olde Hickory Grill this Saturday, June 13 at 8a.m. Questions? Contact Dave D. ([davedumever@gmail.com](mailto:davedumever@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**

Meals will resume in September! Want to help? Talk with Mary H. or Kim P.

## 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)

## SYNOD DISASTER RESPONSE TEAM PRESENTATION

You are invited to a presentation from the Lower Susquehanna Synod Disaster Response Team's most recent trip to North Carolina on Sunday, June 7, at 7:00p.m. in the Community Room at Luther Acres, 250 St. Luke Drive, Lititz. The group would love having the chance to thank the community for their support of this important ministry!

## CARE TEAM DONATES STUFFED ANIMALS

The Care Team recently delivered stuffed animals to the West Hempfield Township Police Department to share with children on their emergency calls as a way to offer comfort.



## BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH PICNIC

If you missed it last week, mark your calendar for 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)



## 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))***

## **CHURCH EVENTS AT A GLANCE**

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

### **JUNE**

- 9: Deadline to donate cleaning supplies
- 13: Men's Breakfast (8 a.m.; Olde Hickory Grille)
- 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)

## **CARE TEAM SPRING INITIATIVE**

**DEADLINE TO DONATE CLEANING SUPPLIES IS  
THIS TUESDAY – June 9!**

### **REQUESTED ITEMS**

Toilet Bowl Cleaner  
Reusable Rubber Gloves

Comet  
Toilet Paper

Paper Towels  
Liquid Hand Soap

# 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!*



# MT. GRETTNA 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 12 Rick Rowe - Big Choir** One hour of upbeat worship with a contemporary 40-member choir, live band and testimony. This is a night of outreach and worship. Rick Rowe served as a worship director at Community Fellowship Church, Lancaster, Pa.



**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 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.



### June 6 Saturday 7 p.m. Concert Handbell Festival

Under the direction of composer and conductor Brian Childers, ringers from the area will ring the praise and glory of God. *Sponsored by Gerald and Nancy Brinser.*



### June 7 Sunday 7 p.m. Concert Mennonite Children's Choir of Lancaster

Choral singing by children and youth to glorify Jesus Christ. Rosemary Blessing, Artistic Director. *Sponsored by Joy Book Store, Schaefferstown.*



### June 14 Sunday 7 p.m. Concert 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 Don and Carole Miller.*



### 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*



### 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.*



### 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.*



### 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.*



**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.



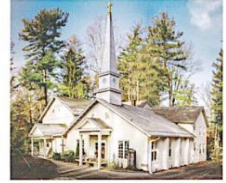
**Summer Organ Programs at the Mt. Gretna UMC**

**June 3 Wednesday 7 p.m.**

**Abigail Wood**, graduate student at Peabody Conservatory (Baltimore, Md.)

**June 10 Wednesday 7 p.m.**

**Carolyn Hoff**, sacred music intern at St. Paul's Episcopal Church (Cleveland Heights, Oh.) studies organ performance at the Cleveland Institute of Music.



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

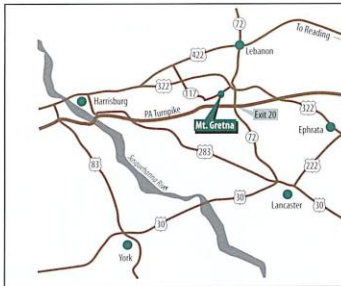
**Daniel Brownell**, First Presbyterian Church (York, Pa.) and adjunct music instructor, Messiah University.



**Mt. Gretna Tabernacle**

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**GETTING TO MT. GRETTA**



**THE TABERNACLE IS BEHIND THE MT. GRETTA UMC 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  
 office@mtgretnatabernacle.org

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**PARKING INFORMATION**

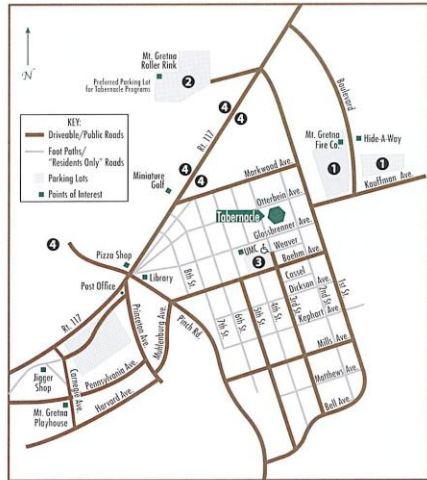
On summer Sunday evenings, Mt. Gretna is a busy, almost overwhelmed, community. With major crowds drawn to the area, parking facilities are stretched to their limits.

Do consider coming up a few hours early and take a walking tour of our quaint cottage-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!**

7: Cheryl Callahan  
8: Steve Donnan, Danielle Myers  
9: Dottie Wauls  
11: Tom Grzybowski  
12: Marie Adams, Mark Rosen, Matthew Propst  
14: Cathy Shirk, Michael Jarvie

## 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  
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