

# SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

*A Service of Word & Sacrament*

*May 14, 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.

**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.

## **FOR THOSE WORSHIPPING IN-PERSON**

- ❖ Communion is distributed in continuous fashion or you may take one of the communion kits at the back of the Sanctuary if you prefer to commune at your seat.
- ❖ Restrooms are available by the front entrance of the church in the Narthex and in the hallway off the back door. Infant changing tables can be found in the women's and men's bathrooms in the hallway off the back door.
- ❖ Children are welcome to be active participants in the worship service. There are bags located at the back of the sanctuary with quiet worship activities and goodies to take home. Currently, nursery care is not available but you may use the Parlor as a cry room while also still being able to listen to the service.
- ❖ Ushers are located near the front and back of the worship area to direct people to seating and to the offering plates.
- ❖ Mask wearing is optional for all who attend or participate in indoor gatherings, including worship, at the church.

# Sixth Sunday of Easter

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

## † THE GATHERING †

### INTRODUCTION

*Jesus does not abandon his followers. Through the Holy Spirit, Jesus comes to abide with his disciples of every generation. As Pentecost draws near, we are reminded that the risen Christ dwells in us as the Spirit of truth. We receive this Spirit in baptism and pray that in our gathering around the Lord's table the Spirit will transform us to be the body of the risen Christ in the world.*

### WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, & GOD-SIGHTINGS

*Please stand if you are able.*

### GATHERING SONGS

*Come, Now Is the Time to Worship*

**BB 3**

*Refrain*

Come, now is the time to worship.

Come, now is the time to give your heart.

Come, just as you are to worship.

Come, just as you are before your God. Come.

1. One day every tongue will confess You are God.

One day every knee will bow.

Still, the greatest treasure remains

For those who gladly choose You now. *Refrain*

2. Willingly we choose to surrender our lives.

Willingly our knees will bow.

With all our heart, soul, mind, and strength

We gladly choose You now. *Refrain*

*Ending*

Come. Come. Just as you are, come. Come.

## THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

*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, by whose hand we are given new birth, by whose speaking we are given new life.

C: **Amen.**

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are welcomed, restored, and supported as citizens of the new creation. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring. In mercy and might you have freed us from death and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead. In baptismal waters our old life is washed away, and in them we are born anew.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for waters that wash us clean, quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures. Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism, the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

C: **Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you. Empower our witness to your resurrection. Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.**

P: Satisfy the world's need through this living water. Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment. Where despair prevails, grant hope. Where chaos reigns, bring peace. We ask this through Christ, who with you and the Spirit reigns forever.

C: **Amen.**

## HYMN

### *There Is a Hope*

**BB 38**

1. There is a hope that burns within my heart,  
That gives me strength for every passing day;  
A glimpse of glory now revealed in meager part,  
Yet drives all doubt away.

I stand in Christ, with sins forgiv'n  
And Christ in me, the hope of heav'n.  
My highest calling and my deepest joy,  
To make His will my home.



2. There is a hope that lifts my weary head;  
A consolation, strong against despair  
That when the world has plunged me in its deepest pit,  
I find the Savior there.

Through present sufferings, future's fear,  
He whispers courage in my ear;  
For I am safe in everlasting arms,  
And they will lead me home.

3. There is a hope that stands the test of time,  
That lifts my eyes beyond the beck'ning grave  
To see the matchless beauty of a day divine,  
When I behold His face.

When sufferings cease and sorrows die,  
And every longing satisfied;  
Then joy unspeakable will flood my soul,  
For I am truly home.

*Ending*

When sufferings cease, and sorrows die,  
And every longing satisfied;  
Then joy unspeakable will flood my soul,  
For I am truly home.

**GREETING**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## † THE WORD †

### **ACTS 17:22-31**

*Paul's message to the Athenians.*

A: <sup>22</sup>Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. <sup>23</sup>For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup>The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, <sup>25</sup>nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. <sup>26</sup>From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, <sup>27</sup>so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. <sup>28</sup>For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we too are his offspring.’

<sup>29</sup>Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. <sup>30</sup>While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup>because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

Word of God. Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM 66:8-20**

*Please read responsively.*

A: <sup>8</sup>Bless our God, you peoples; let the sound of praise be heard.

**C: <sup>9</sup>Our God has kept us among the living and has not allowed our feet to slip.**

<sup>10</sup>For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us just as silver is tried.

<sup>11</sup>**You brought us into the net; you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.**

<sup>12</sup>You let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and water, but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

<sup>13</sup>**I will enter your house with burnt offerings and will pay you my vows—**

<sup>14</sup>those that I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.

<sup>15</sup>**I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the smoke of rams; I will give you oxen and goats.**

<sup>16</sup>Come and listen, all you who believe, and I will tell you what God has done for me.

<sup>17</sup>**I called out to God with my mouth, and praised the Lord with my tongue.**

<sup>18</sup>If I had cherished evil in my heart, the Lord would not have heard me;

<sup>19</sup>**but in truth God has heard me and has attended to the sound of my prayer.**

<sup>20</sup>Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, nor withheld unfailing love from me.

## **1 PETER 3:13-22**

*The days of Noah, a sign of baptism.*

A: <sup>13</sup>Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? <sup>14</sup>But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, <sup>15</sup>but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; <sup>16</sup>yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. <sup>17</sup>For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. <sup>18</sup>For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup>in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup>who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. <sup>21</sup>And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup>who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Word of God. Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM**

*Alleluia Sing with High Delight*

**W. A. Mozart**

**CHILDREN'S CHAT & BLESSING OF WOMEN**

*Please stand if you are able.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Purify My Heart*

**BB 73**

Purify my heart.

Touch me with Your cleansing fire.

Take me to the cross; Your holiness is my desire.

Breathe Your life in me.

Kindle a love that flows from Your throne.

Oh, purify my heart, purify my heart.

**JOHN 14:15-21**

*Christ our advocate.*

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

**P:** Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>15</sup>“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup>This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

<sup>18</sup>“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. <sup>19</sup>In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup>On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you.

<sup>21</sup>They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”



The Gospel of the Lord.  
**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

**MESSAGE**

**Pastor Tim Seitz-Brown**

For “in him we live  
and move and  
have our being”,  
as even one of  
your poets has  
said: ‘for we are  
his offspring.”

— Acts 17: 28

(the Luke-Acts  
version of  
“abiding”)



# Abide, abide, abide!

**Abide  
with the  
Advocate,  
the spirit  
of truth!**

John 14:16, 17  
#earlysermonseeds

**Context, Context, Context...**

**The Wedding Reception Disaster,**

**the Centurion's Servant,**

**the Samaritan Woman,**

**the Woman Caught in a Sting Operation,**

**the Man Born Blind, and...**

**the Orphaned One in the Grave (Lazarus)**

I won't leave you orphaned...

The patient ferment of the early church.



I won't leave you orphaned...

The patient ferment  
(collaborative impact)  
of the early church.



**I won't leave you orphaned...**

**The patient ferment  
(collaborative impact)  
of the early church.**



**I won't leave you orphaned...**

**The patient ferment  
(the Spirit of collaborative impact)  
of the early church.**



**The patient ferment of the early church...**

**By abiding in the love of Christ over time,  
a “collaborative impact”  
(the work of the Spirit)  
will bubble up!**



*Please stand if you are able.*

**SONG**

***What Have We to Offer?***

**BB 116**

1. What have we to offer? What have we to share?  
Coins from the coffer, hearts filled with care.  
God will not falter; so let us dare  
Lay it at the altar there.
  
2. What have we to offer? What have we to share?  
Love, ripe with laughter; hope that we can sing;  
Dreams of what we're after; promises of when.  
Lay it at the altar then.





3. What have we to offer? What have we to share?  
Eyes that are wide open; lies that we won't live;  
Truth that must be spoken; justice somehow.  
Lay it at the altar now.

4. What have we to offer? What have we to give?  
Lives we will live!

## **NICENE CREED**

**P:** Let us profess our faith together.

**C:** **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

**A:** United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need. God our faithful companion, you promise to never leave us and to send your Spirit to guide us in wisdom and truth. Send your people into the world to serve as mirrors that reflect and magnify your love. Hear us, O God.

**C:** **Your mercy is great.**

All the earth sings praises to you. Grant your care to the creatures, plants, and places that are suffering, and equip us to respond to their song. Make us agents of restoration and refreshment for all your beloved creation. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You call all people of the world your children. Judge the nations justly, show mercy to all who are oppressed, and speak truth to power through your prophets. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Nurturing Lord, you sent your Spirit to grant us peace. Make your presence known to those who feel abandoned or alone, and to all who are sick or grieving. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You hold us in your loving care. We pray for mothers and mother figures. Console all who long to be mothers, children estranged from their mothers, anyone grieving the death of a mother, and mothers who have lost a child. Support all for whom this day is difficult. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Almighty God, you give life and breath to all things. We give thanks for the apostle Matthias and all your saints. Sustain us by your love until we join the saints in glory. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

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

P: Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

C: **Amen.**

## **THE SHARING OF THE PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

## † THE MEAL †

### PRAYER

- A: Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our 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: Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you.

C: **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## PARTAKING IN THE BREAD AND CUP OF SALVATION

*All baptized Christians are welcome to partake of the Holy Sacrament. You may commune 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 hymn until all worshippers have communed and have returned to their seats.*

## COMMUNION SONG

### *Goodness of God*

1. I love You Lord.

Oh, Your mercy never fails me.

All my days I've been held in Your hands.

From the moment that I wake up until I lay my head,

I will sing of the goodness of God.





*Refrain*

All my life You have been faithful.  
All my life You have been so, so good.  
With ev'ry breath that I am able  
I will sing of the goodness of God.

2. I love Your voice.

You have led me through the fire.  
In darkest night, You are close like no other.  
I've known You as a father, I've known You as a friend.  
I have lived in the goodness of God. *Refrain*

*Bridge*

Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.  
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.  
With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now; I give you ev'rything.  
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.

*Repeat Bridge*

*Sing refrain thru twice*

*Ending*

I will sing of the goodness of God.

**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.**

*Please stand if you are able.*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

A: Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name.

C: **Amen.**

## † THE SENDING †

### BLESSING

P: The God of all, who raised † Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation.

C: **Amen.**

### SENDING SONGS

#### *O How Good It Is*

**BB 128**

1. Oh how good it is when the family of God  
Dwells together in spirit, in faith and unity;  
Where the bonds of peace, of acceptance and love  
Are the fruit of His presence here among us.

#### *Refrain*

So, with one voice we'll sing to the Lord,  
And with one heart we'll live out His word;  
Till the whole earth sees  
The Redeemer has come,  
For He dwells in the presence of His people.

2. Oh how good it is on this journey we share  
To rejoice with the happy, and weep with those who mourn;  
For the weak find strength, the afflicted find grace,  
When we offer the blessing of belonging. *Refrain*

3. Oh how good it is to embrace His command  
To prefer one another, forgive as He forgives;  
When we live as one we all share in the love  
Of the Son, with the Father, and the Spirit. *Refrain*

#### *Go in Peace and Serve the Lord*

**BB 125**

Go in peace and serve the Lord. God is calling you today.  
Go and tell gospel news ev'rywhere.  
Go in peace and serve the Lord. God is calling you today.  
To bring truth and love to ev'ry nation. *Repeat*

### DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## **THIS WEEK AT ZION**

### **Sunday, May 14 – *Happy Mother's Day!***

*\* The flowers are sponsored by Harold ("Smokey") & Jeannie Hagenson in memory of his sister, Phyllis Alsedek.*

*\* The bulletins are sponsored by Al and Connie Alsedek to the glory of God and in honor of their mothers and mothers everywhere!*

*\* The communion elements are sponsored by Diane and Al Ramer in honor of Mother's Day.*

In-Person Worship – 9:00 a.m.

Livestream/Recorded Worship – 9:00 a.m.

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

Adult Sunday School – 10:30 a.m.

Box Office Bible Study Class ("3:16s") – Parlor

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

### **Monday, May 15**

Food Pantry – 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Council – 7 p.m. (Zone)

### **Tuesday, May 16**

Bible Study – 9-10:30 a.m. (Parlor)

Scouts – 6 p.m. (Classrooms)

### **Wednesday, May 17**

Food Pantry – 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

### **Thursday, May 18 – *Ascension Day***

Community Meal – 5:30 p.m.

Choir – 6 p.m.

Ascension Day Service – 7 p.m. (Courtyard)

### **Friday, May 19**

### **Saturday, May 20**

Zion Night at Barnstormers – Gates open at 5:30; Game begins at 6:30 p.m. (Ticket holders only.)

### **Sunday, May 21**

In-Person Worship – 9:00 a.m.

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

### **ASCENSION DAY SERVICE: THIS THURSDAY, May 18**

Pastor Tim invites you to an Ascension Day service on Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Columbarium Courtyard. This will be the first time in over a decade that a service like this has been held at Zion! Come find out what this important day is all about as Jesus returns to heaven in anticipation of the Holy Spirit's descent.



### **CHOIR APPRECIATION SUNDAY: SUNDAY, MAY 28**



Refreshments will be served after the service! You are invited to give your words of praise to the choir members by writing messages! You can either give your notes to Adele or you can email them to her (AdeleL3@aol.com). Write one word, a few lines, or a long letter—it's up to you! Thanks for your help in showing our appreciation for sharing their gift of music at Zion!



... to Brent Andrew who earned the rank of Eagle Scout this month! His project involved building a block out of pressure-treated wood and a 12-foot pine storage bench for Take Heart Counseling and Equine



Assisted Therapy in Wernersville. In addition to providing seating in the outdoor arena, the bench features removable dividers and a hinged lid to store the horses' toys and training aides. Brent began his scouting career here at Zion as a Tiger Cub in Pack 37! Congratulations Brent on your remarkable achievement!

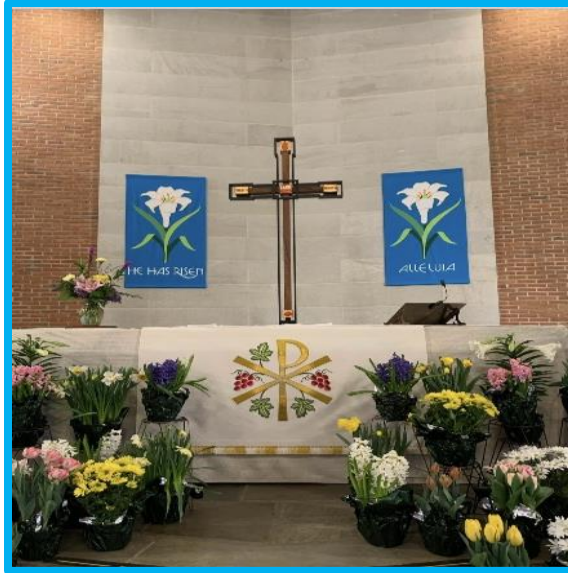


Please let Anne know of anyone at Zion who has graduated this school year so they can be included in a graduate recognition during worship next month. Please email information including name, school and program, degree, any extracurricular involvement, and plans for "what's next" to [adminzelc@comcast.net](mailto:adminzelc@comcast.net).

## “BOOK OF FORGIVING” BIBLE STUDY

The next bible study on the “Book of Forgiving” will be held on May 23 at 7 p.m. in the Parlor. Contact Pastor Tim for more information.

Isaiah 2:2-5  
and  
Micah 4:1-5  
describe  
Zion as  
God’s  
School for  
Peace,  
Love, and  
Forgiveness



Outdoor Worship  
Service

### JUNE 4 at 9:00 a.m.

Mark your calendar for the first outdoor worship service this season in the Cooper House yard! Feel free to dress casually and be sure to bring your own chair (or blanket if you prefer to sit on the grass). The other outdoor services will be held on July 2, August 6, and September 3.



The Joyful Noise collection this month will go to the Hempfield School District for students in need.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
where FAITH & LIFE connect

### \*In the Parlor at 10:30 a.m.\*

*This class is continuing to study the other 3:16s in the Bible.*



The Wired WORD

### \*In the Zone and on Zoom at 10:30 a.m.\*

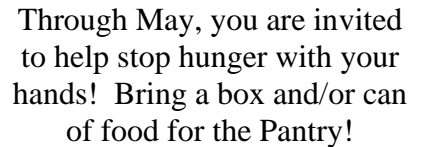
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Have you or a member of your family from East or West Hempfield Township served or are currently serving in the military? If so, consider having them recognized with a banner on Main St.! Banners will be hung on utility poles in Landisville and Salunga this summer. 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).



***20 FREE tickets are available!***  
***Sign up on the bulletin board across from the***  
***mailboxes by TODAY!***

## CONTINUING THROUGH MAY: SPRING-BRING!



Please place food items in the bin, write your name on a hand cut-out, and place it in the designated box.

**HELP US REACH THE  
GOAL!!**

Our goal is to display the hands on the wall from the Narthex down the hall to the Food Pantry!

Copies are available on the ushers' table and on the window ledge in the back hallway.



## WONDERING WHAT WAS ACCOMPLISHED AT THE WORK DAY???

The Scouts and Zion are partnering together to update the basement area of the church and so a lot of energy was put into some of the work involved with that. Although some of the material was delayed in shipment which meant some projects were not able to be completed, there were other things that were checked off the to-do list. Some of those things include: the spare church pew was moved from the Scout Room in the basement to the Social Room; the church's property was separated from the scout's property and stored in the basement hallway; and the new drywall installed in the Scout's closet was primed. In addition to the work that was done in the basement, the dilapidated Parlor Courtyard gate was removed and deposited in the dumpster.

The Property Committee wishes to thank the following members for participating: Darrell Gerke, Dave Dumeyer, Jere Grube, Steve Haun, Marv Hoover, Kim and Jim Paternoster, Dottie and Dave Wauls, and Bob Wildasin.

*All in all, it was another successful Work Day because of the cheerful members of Zion who came out to lend a hand! Watch for dates of other opportunities to help in the future!*



## CARD SHOWER FOR A SPECIAL BIRTHDAY NEXT WEEK

On Monday, May 22, Richard Olson will be 97 years old!

If you would like to send a card, his address is:

2001 Harrisburg Pk., Apt. B-207, Lancaster, PA 17601.



### God's Garden

VBS 2023

Vacation  
Bible School



For All  
Ages!

Trinity UCC, 2340 State St., East

[www.trinityeastpete.org](http://www.trinityeastpete.org)

717-569-1632

**SAVE THE  
DATE!**

**July 10 - 13 6:30-8:30 PM**



Caretaker And Me Class - Under Five With Caretaker  
Children's Classes - Five Through Finished Sixth Grade  
Youth Volunteers - Contact Mrs. Slechta

Through stories, crafts, games, and music, "God's Garden" explores how Jesus grew, how we grow, and how we spread seeds for others to grow. As the cycle continues, the "Mustard Plant" grows.

Adults and Teens - Join Rev. Esbenshade. Using the text, *Earthwise: A Guide to Hopeful Creation Care*, the class will spend four evening sessions examining ways in which attendees might examine and embrace ways to enhance creation. Author of *Earthwise*, Calvin B. DeWitt, is a professor at the University of Wisconsin-Madison where he serves on the graduate faculties of Environmental and Resources, Water Resource Management, Conservation Biology and Sustainable Development. This book reflects how he integrates his faith and his work in the science and educational communities.

**July 14 6:30 PM Closing Program - Including  
Lancaster County Parks Naturalist Program - Seed Dispersal**

Register through the VBS/Rally Day Page at [www.trinityeastpete.org](http://www.trinityeastpete.org)





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

Dolly Overly  
Jon Wright  
Bob Shirk  
Tom Grzybowski  
Jess Barcaro  
Harry Musselman  
Sam King  
Connie Alsedek  
Joe Adams  
Mary Zimmerman  
Marvin Ruch  
Kate Donnan  
Bill Grove  
Judie Ingersoll  
Joan Mays  
Holly Hoover  
Barb Williams  
Kay Crawford  
Lori Weber (Daughter of Dolly Overly)  
Loma Slike (Mother of Sue Wise)  
William Hartman (Father of Deb Grube)  
Brook Ross (Friend of Barb Williams)  
Ernie Johnson (Friend of Barb Williams)  
Elaine Reuschlein (Friend of Barb Williams)  
Jeff Long (Nephew of Rick & Deb Long)  
Jack Taylor (4-year-old son of the niece of Deb Grube)  
Walter Thalgott (Brother of Thelma Pearson)  
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  
Betty Stoner  
Deb McCartney

George Potts  
Ruth Burkett (Mother of Deb Long)  
Family and friends of Arlene Miller  
Arlene Wise (Sister-in-law of Dave Wise)  
Dorothy Mattern (Mother of Denise Haun)  
Ed & Dotty Sites (Parents of Cathy Benedict)  
Jennifer Kready (Daughter of Dave & Donna Dumeyer)  
Peggy & Rick Dolly (Relatives of Barb Williams)

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

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

***IN CELEBRATION***

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

14<sup>th</sup> – Mark Coons, Pam Houseal, Rodger Myers  
19<sup>th</sup> – Elisabeth Chapman  
20<sup>th</sup> – Pat Hinkle

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!**

17<sup>th</sup> – Ron & Birgitte Chapman



Connecting with God  
Connecting with others  
Connecting others with God

## **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>
Ascension Day Service	Thursday, May 18 @ 7:00 p.m.
Bible Study Class (Parlor)	Sundays @ 10:30 a.m.
Wired Word Class (Zone & Zoom)	Sundays @ 10:30 a.m. <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2283229266">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2283229266</a>
Bible Study	Tuesdays @ 9:00 a.m.
Evening Bible Study	Tuesday, May 23 @ 7:00 p.m.
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