# The Seventh Sunday of Easter A Service of Word & Sacrament May 16, 2021



# 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 with in-person or online this morning! 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). Should you have any questions concerning our service, please do not hesitate to talk with Pastor Sell.

# **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: <u>http://bit.ly/Zion\_Live</u>. 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

- Please social distance at all times and sanitize your hands using the hand sanitizer units located on the walls in the hallways, Connection Zone, and Social Room.
- Please wear masks at all times.
- During the songs and music, you are invited to hum along. Please refrain from singing.
- ✤ A no-touch temperature screening is required by all who enter the church prior to worship.
- Only one individual may be in restrooms at a time. Please follow the signs on the restroom doors.
- 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.
- Ushers are located near the front and back of the worship area to direct people to seating and to the offering plates.

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P: Pastor A: Assisting Minister C: Congregation

#### **INTRODUCTION**

Lutheran worship has always been Bible centered. For the next several weeks, you will see Bible verses referencing the locations of phrases we use in the liturgy. For example, the traditional confession may be found in I John 1:8-9, John 20:22-23, Ephesians 2:4-5, and Ephesians 3:16-17. A more detailed list of Biblical references may be found in Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW – red book hymnal page 1154f). You will see some of these biblical references noted throughout the service.

The gospel for Easter's seventh Sunday is always taken from the long prayer Jesus prays for his followers in John's gospel on the night before his death, and always includes Jesus' desire that his followers will be one as he and the Father are one. This oneness is not mere doctrinal agreement or institutional unity, but mutual abiding, interpenetrating life, mutual love, and joy. This oneness is the work of the Spirit whom we have received but also await. Come, Holy Spirit!

#### **CHIMES & CONTEMPLATIVE MUSIC**

The playing of the chimes & soft music marks the beginning of a prayerful quiet time prior to the start of the service. This is a time to prepare your hearts and minds for worship.

## **† THE GATHERING †**

#### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### PRELUDE

Precious and Fair

Arr. Marilynn Ham

Please stand if you are able.

#### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM (Matthew 28:19)

- P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We thank you, risen Christ, for these waters where you make us new, leading us from death to life, from tears to joy. We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us in the grace-filled waters of rebirth, like rains to our thirsting earth, like streams that revive our souls, like cups of cool water shared with strangers. Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear. Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness. Send us companions on our journey as we share your life. Make us one, risen Christ. Cleanse our hearts. Shower us with life. To you be given all praise, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

#### HYMN

Beautiful Savior

ELW 838

You are invited to hum along.

1. Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God and Son of Man! Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee, light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

2. Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands, robed in flow'rs of blooming spring; Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

3. Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight, bright the sparkling stars on high; Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels in the sky. 4. Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man! Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine!

Text: Gesangbuch, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823-1904

#### **GREETING** (II Corinthians 13:14)

- **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. Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy in your Son, 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 †**

#### FIRST READING

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

A: <sup>15</sup>In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, <sup>16</sup>"Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—<sup>17</sup>for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." <sup>21</sup>So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, <sup>22</sup>beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us— one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection." <sup>23</sup>So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. <sup>24</sup>Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen <sup>25</sup>to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." <sup>26</sup>And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

- A: The Word of the Lord.
- C: Thanks be to God.

#### SECOND READING

A: <sup>9</sup>If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. <sup>10</sup>Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. <sup>11</sup>And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. <sup>12</sup>Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have

<sup>13</sup>I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

- A: The Word of the Lord.
- C: Thanks be to God.

#### CHILDREN'S CHAT

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** 

Great is the Lord

You are invited to hum along.

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!

Please stand if you are able.

Pastor Sell

1 John 5:9-13

#### GOSPEL

- P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 17<sup>th</sup> chapter.
- C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus prayed:] <sup>6</sup>"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; <sup>8</sup>for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup>I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup>All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup>And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. <sup>12</sup>While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. <sup>13</sup>But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. <sup>14</sup>I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. <sup>15</sup>I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup>They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. <sup>17</sup>Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. <sup>18</sup>As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup>And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth."

- P: The Word of the Lord.
- C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

MESSAGE





The Ascension

#### SPECIAL MUSIC

I Danced in the Morning

You are invited to hum along.

I danced in the morning when the world was begun, And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun, And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth. At Bethlehem I had my birth.

(refrain) Dance, then wherever you may be;I am the Lord of the dance, said he.And I'll lead you all wherever you may be,And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

2.I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee, But they would not dance and they would not follow me; I danced for the fisherman, for James and John; They came to me and the dance went on. *Refrain* 

3.I danced on the Sabbath when I cured the lame, The holy people said it was a shame;They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high; And they left me there on a cross to die. *Refrain* 

4.I danced on a Friday and the sky turned black; it's hard to dance with the devil on your back; they buried my body and they thought I'd gone, But I am the dance and I still go on. *Refrain* 

5. They cut me down and I leapt up high, I am the life that 'll never, never die; I'll live in you if you'll live in me;I am the Lord of the dance, said he. *Refrain* 

Please stand if you are able.

#### NICENE CREED

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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** (*I Timothy 2:1-2*)

A: Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

Holy God, in Christ Jesus the joy of the church is made complete. Root the church in your Word and unify us as Christ's body. Send us into the world as your loving people, ready to testify to your Spirit at work. Hear us, O God.

## C: Your mercy is great.

Mighty God, the world is your handiwork, displaying your creative impulse. Seas teem with life, forests reach up to praise you, and the mystery of life lies deep in the soil. Guard and keep this world for the well-being of all your creatures. Hear us, O God.

#### Your mercy is great.

Gracious Sovereign, those who follow your ways are like trees planted near streams of water. Establish the leaders of nations and all in authority in your grace and truth. Strengthen them, so that the people they serve will have abundant life. Hear us, O God.

### Your mercy is great.

Generous Savior, you befriend those who are sick, suffering, poor, lonely, outcast, rejected, or sick. Grant healing and love to all in need, including those named on the prayer list and those we name in our hearts. Give them tangible signs of your steadfast love. Hear us, O God.

#### Your mercy is great.

Creator God, here in this community we share the gift of praying, learning, and supporting one another. Give us thankful hearts as we claim the gifts that are unique to us and keep us from being envious of others with different gifts. Hear us, O God.

#### Your mercy is great.

Saving God, your wonderful promise is the gift of eternal life in Jesus. Through the witness of those who have died in you, strengthen us now in this gift of life. We cherish the memory of your saints. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.** 

P: Additional petitions may be inserted.

In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your neverending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

## THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

- P: The peace of Christ be with you.
- C: And also with you.

#### † THE MEAL †

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

### SETTING OF THE TABLE

#### **OFFERING SONG**

One Bread One Body

You are invited to hum along.

*Refrain* One bread, one body, one Lord of all; one cup of blessing which we bless, and we, though many throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.

1. Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more. *Refrain* 

2. Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all. *Refrain* 

3. Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one for all. *Refrain* 

Text: John Foley, SJ, b. 1939 Text © 1978 John B. Foley, SJ and OCP Publications, 5536 NE Hassalo, Portland, OR 97213.

#### **OFFERING PRAYER**

- A: Let us pray. God of love, you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table. Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ.
- C: Amen.

#### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Dialogue

- P: The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.
- P: Lift up your hearts.
- **C:** We lift them to the Lord.
- P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## The Preface

- P: It is indeed right and our duty and joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn with these words:
- C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, (*Revelation 4:8*) Heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest. (*Isaiah 6:3*) Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. (*Luke 19:38*) Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. (*John 12:13*)

## **EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age. Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth. Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood. Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea. Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey. Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one. Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ. Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

(*Matthew 26:26-29; Mark 14:22-25; Luke 22:14-25; I Corinthians 11:23-26*) 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 in the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace and love.
- C: Come, Lord Jesus.
- 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 (Luke 11:1-4)

- 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: The risen Christ invites us to this table. Come, eat and be satisfied.
- C: Amen.

Please be seated.

## PARTAKING IN THE BREAD AND CUP OF SALVATION

The congregation opens the wafer packet.

- P: The body of Christ given for you.
- C: Amen.

The congregation opens the cup.

- P: The blood of Christ shed for you.
- C: Amen.

Please place communion cups & wrappers in the trash as you exit the Sanctuary.

## **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: Let us pray. Wellspring of joy, through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts. Satisfy the hunger still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses, that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C: Amen.

#### **† THE SENDING †**

#### **MUSICAL BENEDICTION**

**Blessed Assurance** 

ELW 638

You are invited to hum along.

1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

#### Refrain

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior, all the day long: this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

2. Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight; angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love. *Refrain* 

3. Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest, watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love. *Refrain* 

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820-1915

Please stand if you are able.

#### BLESSING

- P: May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus. The God of life, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
- C: Amen.

### SENDING SONG

O How Good It Is

You are invited to hum along.

 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.

#### Chorus

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. *Chorus* 

3. Oh how good it is to embrace His commandTo prefer one another, forgive as He forgives;When we live as one we all share in the loveOf the Son, with the Father, and the Spirit.

DISMISSAL (Matthew 28:19; John 20:21)

- P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- C: Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!
- P: Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!
- C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Please be seated.

Please remain seated through the postlude. In order to maintain physical distancing safety protocol, the ushers will dismiss you at the conclusion of the service.

## Move In Day

Each fall is the perennial move-in day on or near college campuses. Legions of parents descend with carloads that include tiny refrigerators, Ikea furniture, electronics, area rugs, and posters. They unload the one they have birthed, raised, nursed, instructed, and reproved for eighteen years or so, to prepare him or her for independence. Then, just like that, the parents are gone, perhaps wiping away tears. Perhaps their final words were ones they hoped would stick. "Study well." "Make good choices." "Watch your time." "Don't stay up too late." But in every parental heart is a simple prayer: "O God, be with them." In the final portion of Jesus' great prayer for the disciples (John 17:6-19), he entreats the Father to love and protect the disciples as a parent who knows their time for direct supervision is coming to an end. In this preparation we hear his pleading like a loving parent who wants the best for the ones he has sheltered, taught, loved, reproved, and sent. Jesus begs for God to hold them in the truth that is to do as they have been taught, to follow the model established for them. Jesus asked for the disciples to be protected and surrounded so that they may not be lost. He prays for the disciples to have their joy completed, and to live what they have seen and understood from their rabbi. May we, like the disciples, live in the truth of the gospel, love as we have been loved, have our joy complete, and, above all, know that God is with US.



# **IMAGES IN THE READINGS**

John writes about the name of God. When we say, "Stop in the name of the law," we mean that our very invoking of "the law" brings with it the authority behind the law, the power of the law. So the name of God conveys divine mercy and might. Jews still today, careful not to misuse God's name, invoke Hashem, "the Name," as a circumlocution for God. Christians can call upon the name of the Lord by invoking Jesus Christ. Baptism lays upon us the name of the triune God.

Both the fourth evangelist and the author of 1 John see their writings as essential testimony to the truth of belief in Christ. A testimony is a sworn statement about the facts and meaning of a situation.

Many ancient societies, including biblical Israel, made "allotments" and chose leaders by casting lots, in the belief that the result was divinely ordered. Amish communities still today choose their annual leader by a method of casting lots: whichever man picks up the hymnal that includes the piece of paper marked with a black spot is the preacher for the next year. Some Protestants find the language of "God's plan" helpful, while others find Job's baffled silence a more truthful way to think about our inability to know the will of God.



# THIS WEEK AT ZION & WITHIN THE WIDER CHURCH

## Sunday, May 16

\* The flowers are sponsored by Scott & Mary Hetrick in honor of their wedding anniversary which was on May 11.

\* The bulletins are sponsored by Nancy & Jay V. Smith in honor and memory of their families.

\* The communion kits are sponsored by Jo Stone in honor of Nicole and Dan's 17<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary!

In-Person Worship – 9:00 a.m.

Livestream Worship - 9:00 a.m.

Link: <u>http://bit.ly/Zion\_Live</u>

Adult Sunday School – 10:00 a.m. (Parlor, following worship)

Wired Word Sunday School Class – 10:30 a.m. (Zoom) Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2283229266

Summer Camp Kick-Off Worship & Picnic Dinner – 3:30 p.m (Camp Nawakwa)

Monday, May 17 -- Geranium Sponsor Form Deadline Food Pantry – 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Council - 7:00 p.m. (Social Room)

## Tuesday, May 18

Bible Study - 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. (Parlor)

Scouts - 6:00 p.m. (Classrooms)

Adopt-A-Highway Clean-Up – 7:00 p.m. (Meet at A. Herr Park Parking Lot)

## Wednesday, May 19

 $Food \ Pantry-10:00 \ a.m.-1:00 \ p.m.$ 

## Thursday, May 20

Community Meal Drive-Thru – 5:30 – 6:15 p.m.

## Friday, May 21

## Saturday, May 22

Journey with Tamar Retreat – 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. (Ridgeview Mennonite Church)

## Sunday, May 23 – Pentecost Sunday (WEAR RED TO CHURCH!)

In-Person Worship – 9:00 a.m.
Livestream Worship – 9:00 a.m.
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Adult Sunday School – 10:00 a.m. (Parlor, following worship)
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# ANNOUNCEMENTS



#### JUNE 6 at 9:00 a.m.

Mark your calendar for worship in the Cooper House yard on June 6! Since the service is outdoors, there will be singing! John would like to know your favorite worship songs; please email them to <u>adminzelc@comcast.net</u>. Feel free to dress casually...and be sure to bring your own chair (or blanket if you prefer to sit on the grass).



## GRADUATES

Please let the office know of any members who have graduated high school, college, or graduate school since last June!

## **ROAD CLEAN-UP**

The Social Outreach Team invites you to join them on Tuesday (5/18) to help clean up the church's Adopt-A-Highway section of Harrisburg Pike. Clean-up will begin at 7:00 p.m. at the A. Herr Park parking lot near the playground.



#### PENTECOST GERANIUMS

The deadline to return Pentecost geranium sponsor forms is <u>tomorrow</u> (5/17). Sponsor forms are inserted in your bulletin and on the ushers' table in the narthex; it has also been sent electronically.





#### PICNIC IN THE PARK

Come on out to Rapho Township Park Pavilion on Wednesday, May 26 at 11:30 a.m. for a picnic lunch with

your church friends! There is a playground so kids will be sure to have fun and a path for an after lunch

stroll! Dogs (on leashes) are welcome to come along also! This is an informal gathering, so come for as long as you are able!



## **OUR DAILY BREAD DEVOTIONALS**

The June/July/August daily devotional booklets are available on the ushers' table in the narthex. Copies are also available for pick-up in the church office during the week.

## CHILDFUND SPONSORSHIP SPECIAL GIFT

The Sunday School class that meets in the parlor is happy to share that they collected enough money to send additional funding to Brenda so that she could continue her education through this year and be able to complete the  $6^{th}$  grade!

## **GREETINGS FROM BRENDA**

Hello Zion Lutheran Church! I am very happy to read the letter you sent to me last month! I also loved getting your Valentine card from earlier in the year! I am really very excited to have the support you provide to me and my family.

I am at school and doing well. I am also happy that, through your encouragement, I have kept strong and am able to still be going to school. Our schools are opening for the rest of the class now since Covid has caused a lot of problems to our community [and we couldn't all be there before].

My special regards to all Christians of your church and I wish you all a joyful Easter season ahead! God bless all of you.



# SUMMER JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Staff & volunteer positions are available at Camps Nawakwa and Kirchenwald for this summer. Counselors If you are interested in "*The Best Summer Job Ever*", please contact the Camping Corporation at 717-677-8211.

Questions? Contact Zion's CampPerson, Denise Haun (dmhaun@verizon.net)



#### JUNE EVENTS AT MOUNT GRETNA TABERNACLE [all events begin at 7 p.m.]



\* Fri., 6/4: Ecumenical Service (Rev. Bryan McAllister, Heart A.M.E., Roselle, NJ)

\* Sun., 6/6: Mennonite Children's Choir of Lancaster

\* Fri., 6/11: Ecumenical Service (Rev. Jeffrey Schell, Trinity ECC, Manheim)

Mt. Gretna Gampmeeting

\* Fri., 6/18: Ecumenical Service (Father James Lease, St.

Catherine Laboure Catholic Church, Harrisburg)

\* Sun., 6/20: Andy Roberts Jazz Quartet

\* Fri., June 25 @ 7 p.m.: Ecumenical Service (Rev. Len Knighton, Chaplain of the Lebanon Valley Home & host of "Country Church Music Time" on WLBR radio



\* Sun., June 27 @ 7 p.m.: New Holland Band



## AN UPDATE FROM MARY HETRICK

Thank you to all the volunteers who served 108 free meals to the community on April 29. With donations from Jim and Linda Bear, the Hempfield

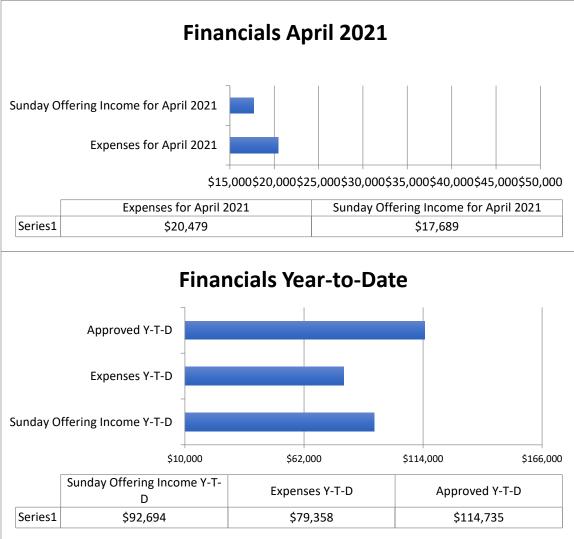
Food Pantry, and Zion's own "Brownie Bakers", our meal expenses were kept to a minimum. Zion's next meal to sponsor is on June 10.

Since January, the Community Meal has provided 1,566 free meals to our neighbors. We are thankful for the dedicated local church and community organizations who sponsor meals in partnership with Zion.

In April, an appeal was sent out to our community partners to schedule meal sponsorships for the remainder of 2021. Many responded for meals in the Fall. Unfortunately, there are many open dates in July and August. At this time, we have decided to suspend the Community Meal for July and August. We will resume in September and may possibly be able to return to "sit down" meals, with time for fellowship with our neighbors. There are still open dates remaining, September through December. Please share this ministry need with friends in the community who may be interested in participating.

Thank you again to all the volunteers. Many hands make light work- AND GOD'S HELPING HANDS IN OUR COMMUNITY!

## FINANCIAL UPDATE THRU APRIL





#### **COUNSELING SERVICES**

Do you know that Zion is in partnership with Samaritan Counseling Center? There is no need to suffer in silence; if you feel you could benefit from counseling services but need some assistance, let the pastor know and she can guide you to where help is available

## JOYFUL NOISE THANK YOU FROM ANCHOR LANCASTER (an excerpt & adaptaptation)\*

Dear Friends at Zion,

Our kitchen comes alive every weekday morning to prepare a hot breakfast for our hungry neighbors. Your recent donation of \$80.00 makes an impact on each person who comes to our door.

Anchor Lancaster extends heartfelt to you as you partner with us in being an Anchor in Lancaster City.

In Service, Patty Eastep Executive Director \*To read the letter in entirety, it is posted on the bulletin board by the front door in the narthex.

## MAY JOYFUL NOISE COLLECTION



The collection throughout May will go to Victory House, which provides transitional living for homeless veterans as they get back on their feet and find permanent housing. For more information about Veteran's Victory House, visit: https://www.tlclancaster.org/blank-tmn5n

## MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE

Do you know that Zion has various items of medical equipment for home care that you can borrow? Call the office to make arrangements.

- Bedside commode chair (1)
- Raised toilet seat (1)
- Bath shower chair (1)
- Pair of crutches (1)
- Bed to chair transfer (1)
- Walker with seats (1)
- Regular walker with 2 wheels (1)
- Wheelchair (2)

The church also has surplus items that will be donated at the end of the month. If you know anyone who can use them, you may take them from the choir room before June 1.

- Shower/bath chair (1)
- Extra-large bedside commode chair (1)
- Walkers with seats (3)
- Regular walkers with wheels (2)
- Pair of wooden crutches (1)

## WINDOWS OF ZION

"Windows of Zion" is a special series to bring attention to the unique stained-glass windows around the church. The windows shown below are the New Testament windows. These windows are on either side of the courtyard door in the narthex. Note how the design spreads away from the main image to show the glory of God.

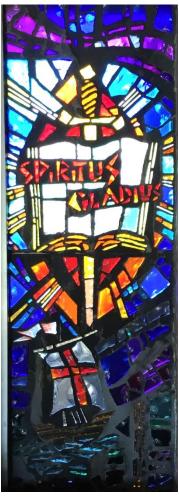


## The Peter Window

At the top of the window is a rooster. Jesus told Peter that he would deny Him three times before the rooster crowed. In the center is an upside down cross on which Peter was crucified. He requested this because he did not think himself worthy to be crucified as Jesus was. At the lower part of the window is a <u>fish net</u> and a fish. Remember. Peter was a fisherman when Jesus called him to be a disciple.

## **The Paul Window**

Here we see a <u>sword laying</u> on an open Bible, the Word of God. In Paul's Letter to the Ephesians in which he



tells us to put on the whole Armor of God, he says that we must take up the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God. Spirit

must take up the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God. *Spiritus Gladius* is Latin for "Sword of the Spirit."

At the bottom of the window is a <u>ship on the water</u>, reminding us of the journeys that Paul took to spread the Gospel to many lands.

To the right of the ship is a chain with which Paul was chained while imprisoned.



## > ADULT IN-PERSON SUNDAY SCHOOL

• The adult Sunday School Class led by Dave Dumeyer meets each Sunday after the 9:00 a.m. worship service in the parlor.

## > WIRED WORD SUNDAY SCHOOL ON ZOOM

 The Wired Word Class meets each Sunday via Zoom at 10:30. Class Link: <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2283229266</u>

## > CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL VIDEOS

 The children's lesson can be found on the church website (www.zionhempfield.net) under the Faith Formation page under Children & Youth Education or you can get to it directly at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7D\_ej7dcQoU

## > CHILDREN'S WORSHIP BAGS

• There are bags at the back of the sanctuary for children during worship and then to take home.

## > **BIBLE STUDY**

• The adult Bible Study group meets on Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m. in the parlor. It is lectionary-based, focusing each week on the passages or theme for the upcoming Sunday.

## > VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

• Zion is not going to be having a Vacation Bible School this summer. If you are interested in in-person Vacation Bible School opportunities for children and/or adults this summer held elsewhere, please contact the church office.

## FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

The Pantry continues to serve many individuals and families in our community. Last month alone, food was provided for 151 children, 260 adults, and 103



seniors...that's over 500 mouths fed in a single month! In addition, there were five new families registered to start receiving food. We are reminded regularly of how important this feeding partnership is for those in need; the Pantry is so grateful to Zion for the space, to the volunteers for their time, and to all those who donate – both with food and financially.

## PRAYER LIST FOR HEALING

Joanne Grim **Rick Long** Thelma Pearson Marvin Ruch Kate Donnan **Barbara Williams** Dave Wise Don Heartter Joe Adams Judie Ingersoll Lucy Davis **Bill Grove** Kay Crawford Holly Hoover Jeff Rickert Janet & Harry Musselman Samuel Herman (Father of Amy Thompson) William Hartman (Father of Deb Grube) Meghan Frey (Friend of the congregation) Robin Coons (Daughter-in-law of Dianne & Mark Coons) LaVon Harnish (Friend of Jeanette Bomberger) Homer Dietz (Brother-in-law of Harry Musselman) Ron Sahd (Friend of Dave Wise) Loma Slike (Mother of Sue Wise) Mike LaFata (Son-in-law of Bill & Julia Grove) Lesli LaFata (Daughter of Bill & Julia Grove)

## FOR COMFORT, PEACE, STRENGTH, & SAFETY

Betty Stoner Arlene Miller Deb McCartney Bette Geibel Richard & Marilyn Heim George Potts Jess & Matt Barcaro as they adjust to life with a newborn and to baby Grant, as he is nurtured by his loving family and takes in the world around him! Ed & Dotty Sites (Parents of Cathy Benedict) Brenda Alimo (Zion's Sponsored Child) Arlene Wise (Sister-in-law of Dave Wise) Vaun Hile (Father of Lynda Sherwood) Jennifer Kready (Daughter of Dave & Donna Dumeyer)

## FOR PROTECTION FOR MILITARY & FIRST RESPONDERS

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

## **IN CELEBRATION**

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

19<sup>th</sup> – Elisabeth Chapman 20<sup>th</sup> – Pat Hinkle 22<sup>nd</sup> -- Richard Olson

#### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

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

<u>**CONGRATULATIONS</u>** to Dave & Donna Dumeyer on the marriage of their grandson, Logan Kready, last weekend!</u>

## MINISTRY LEADERS

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

Members of the Congregation Rev. Melody Sell John Landis Anne Rankin David Albin Diane Gerlach Adele King David Wise Brian Bourassa (a.m.) Tom Miller (p.m.) **Doug Rhoads** Pamela Gunzenhauser

Today's Assisting Minister Today's Vocalist

## WORSHIP, SUNDAY SCHOOL, & CONTACT INFORMATION

In-Person Worship Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. Livestream & Recorded Worship Link (9:00 a.m.) http://bit.ly/Zion Live Worship will be held outdoors on Sunday, June 6 @ 9:00 a.m. Sunday School Class (Zoom) Sunday School Class (Parlor) **Church Office** 

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https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2283229266 10:30-11:15 a.m. Sundays @ 10:00 a.m. 717-898-2911

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