

# TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*A Service of Word & Sacrament*

*November 12, 2023*

*Here is the  
bridegroom!  
Come out  
to meet him*

MATTHEW 25:6



**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:** Indoor worship services are live-streamed on the church YouTube channel: [http://bit.ly/Zion\\_Live](http://bit.ly/Zion_Live). If you are unable or prefer not to watch during the live-stream, the recording is available to view any time after the service concludes. When the service is held outdoors, there will be no live-stream.

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

- ❖ Restrooms are available by the front entrance of the church in the narthex and in the hallway off the back door. Infant changing tables can be found in the women's and men's bathrooms in the hallway off the back door.
- ❖ Children are welcome to be active participants in the worship service. There are bags located at the back of the sanctuary with quiet worship activities and goodies to take home. Currently, nursery care is not available but you may use the parlor as a cry room while also still being able to listen to the service.
- ❖ Ushers are located near the front and back of the worship area to direct people to seating, assist with other matters, and to answer questions.
- ❖ Mask wearing is optional for all who attend or participate in indoor gatherings, including worship, at the church.

# Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

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

## † THE GATHERING †

### INTRODUCTION

*Today the prophet Amos calls for justice to roll down like waters. Paul urges us to encourage one another with the promised coming of the Lord. Jesus tells the parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids. Surrounded by the faithful of every time and place, we celebrate Christ's coming in our midst in the word of life and the feast of victory—the marriage feast of the lamb.*

### WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, & GOD-SIGHTINGS

#### ANTHEM

*Hallelujah*

**Jenni/Cohen**

### BLESSING OF VETERANS

#### *A Blessing for Veterans*

**For everything there is a season.**

**A time for war and a time for peace.**

**A time for every activity  
under heaven.**

**For a season of life  
you gave up freedom  
to become a servant.**

**For a season of life  
you put the lives of others  
before your own.**

**For a season of life you sacrificed  
for the sake of others.**



**Your season  
of military service  
is complete,  
  
yet your life in Christ  
knows no end.  
  
In baptism Christ  
claimed you  
as his own  
  
and grafted you  
into his servant body.**



**The burdens you  
carried in military  
service, and those  
you carry now,**

**are not far  
from Christ  
but are taken  
by our Savior  
to the cross.**

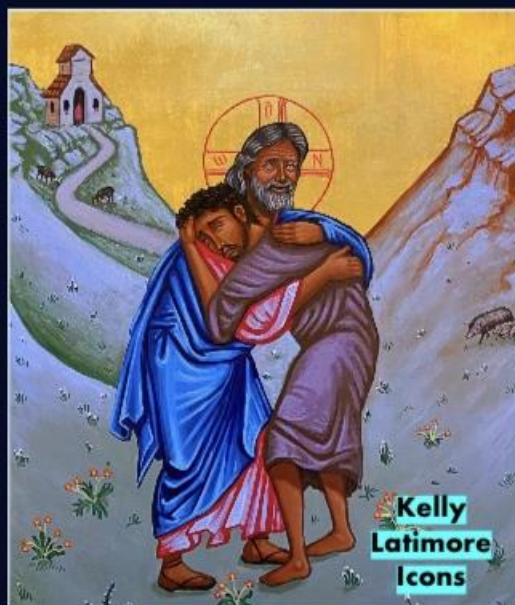
**They are swallowed up  
in his death,  
and you are raised  
with Christ  
to resurrection life.**



**We give  
thanks to  
God for  
your  
season of  
service and  
for your life  
in Christ  
among us  
today.**

**May the One who  
gave you the will to  
deny yourself,  
sacrifice, and serve,  
bless you with faith,  
hope, and love all  
your days,**

**in the name of the  
Father, the ✝ Son, and  
the Holy Spirit. Amen.**



*Please stand if you are able.*

1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;  
 2 The watch-ers on the moun - tain pro - claim the bride-groom near;  
 3 The saints, who here in pa - tience their cross and suf - f'ring bore,  
 4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;

the eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.  
 go forth as he ap - proach - es with al - le - lu - ias clear.  
 shall live and reign for - ev - er when sor - row is no more.  
 a - rise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this be - night-ed sphere.

The bride-groom is a - ris - ing and soon is draw - ing nigh.  
 The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand.  
 A - round the throne of glo - ry the Lamb they shall be - hold;  
 With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see

Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; at mid - night comes the cry.  
 A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the bride-groom is at hand.  
 in tri - umph cast be - fore him their di - a - dems of gold.  
 the day of earth's re - demp - tion that sets your peo - ple free!

## 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, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved.

C: **Amen.**

*Silence for reflection.*

P: Holy One,

C: **we confess that we are not awake for you. We are not faithful in using your gifts. We forget the least of our siblings. We do not see your beautiful image in one another. We are infected by sin that divides your beloved community. Open our hearts to your coming, open our eyes to see you in our neighbor, open our hands to serve your creation. Amen.**

P: Beloved, we are God's children, and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us. Through ✠ Jesus you are forgiven, by Jesus you are welcome, in Jesus you are called to rejoice! Let us live in the promises prepared for us from the foundation of the world.

C: **Amen.**

## 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 of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## † THE WORD †

### Amos 5:18-24

*Let justice roll down like waters.*

A: <sup>18</sup>Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD! Why do you want the day of the LORD? It is darkness, not light; <sup>19</sup>as if someone fled from a lion, and was met by a bear; or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall, and was bitten by a snake. <sup>20</sup>Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it?

<sup>21</sup>I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

<sup>22</sup>Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. <sup>23</sup>Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. <sup>24</sup>But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Word of God. Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 70

*Please read responsively.*

A: <sup>1</sup>Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; O LORD, make haste to help me.

C: <sup>2</sup>**Let those who seek my life be put to shame and confounded; let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.**

<sup>3</sup>Let those who say to me “Aha!” and gloat over me turn back because of their shame.

<sup>4</sup>**Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; let those who love your salvation say forever, “Great is the LORD!”**

<sup>5</sup>But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quickly, O God. You are my helper and my deliverer; O LORD, do not tarry.



## 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

*The promise of the resurrection.*

A: <sup>13</sup>We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. <sup>14</sup>For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. <sup>15</sup>For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. <sup>16</sup>For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup>Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. <sup>18</sup>Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Word of God. Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## CHILDREN'S CHAT

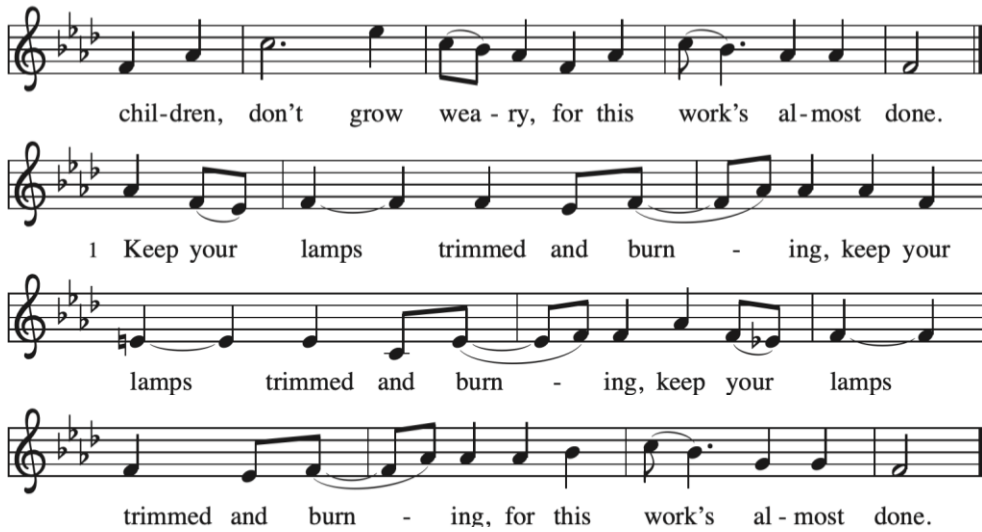
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## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

### *Keep Your Lamps*

1 Keep your lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your  
lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your lamps  
trimmed and burn - ing, for this work's al - most done.  
*Refrain*  
Chil-dren, don't grow wea - ry; chil-dren, don't grow wea - ry;





### Matthew 25:1-13

*The story of the wise and foolish bridesmaids.*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 25<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

P: [Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>1</sup>“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup>Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. <sup>3</sup>When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; <sup>4</sup>but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. <sup>5</sup>As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. <sup>6</sup>But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ <sup>7</sup>Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup>The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ <sup>9</sup>But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ <sup>10</sup>And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. <sup>11</sup>Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ <sup>12</sup>But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ <sup>13</sup>Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

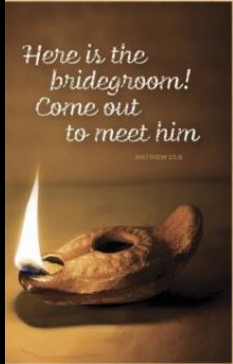
The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated.*

## MESSAGE

Pastor Timothy Seitz-Brown



*Here is the  
bridegroom!  
Come out  
to meet him*  
MATTHEW 25:1-13

**How are we  
keeping  
our lamps  
lit and ready  
to meet Jesus  
in the midst  
of our lives?**

**[See Matthew 25:31-46]**

## **Veterans-and- Saints in the Church Triumphant**

- Martin of Tours (Roman imperial bodyguard)
- Francis of Assisi (combat veteran and POW)
- Brother Lawrence of the Resurrection (wounded combat veteran, POW, accused spy)
- Ignatius of Loyola (wounded combat veteran)





## Saint Ignatius of Loyola (wounded combat veteran)

I spend a few moments in gratitude, thanking God for one or two blessings, big and small, that I've received today.

I ask God to show me a *positive surprise* and a *negative surprise* that I received today.

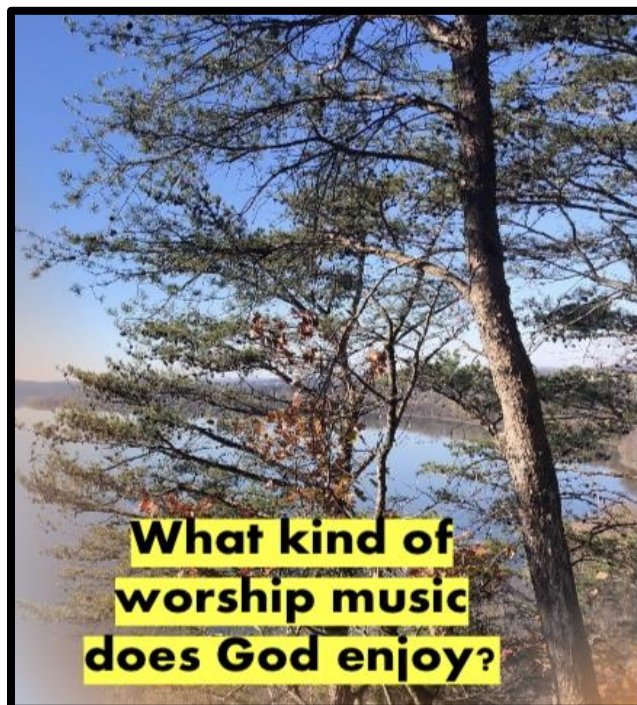
I review my attitudes and responses.

I ask God forgiveness for any attitude or response that was not Christlike.

I thank God for any attitude or response that arose from Christ within me.

In prayer, I ask God how I might give someone a positive surprise tomorrow,

and I ask God to give me the desire to create this special moment for another person.



**What kind of  
worship music  
does God enjoy?**

But let justice  
roll down like waters,  
and righteousness  
like an ever-flowing  
stream.

– Amos 5:24

**CONTEXT!**

**CONTEXT! CONTEXT!**

*I hate, I despise your festivals,  
and I take no delight in your  
solemn assemblies.*

*Even though you offer me your  
burnt offerings and grain  
offerings,  
I will not accept them;  
and the offerings of well-being  
of your fatted animals  
I will not look upon.*

*Take away from me the noise of  
your songs;  
I will not listen to the melody  
of your harps.*

**BUT...**



Welcoming

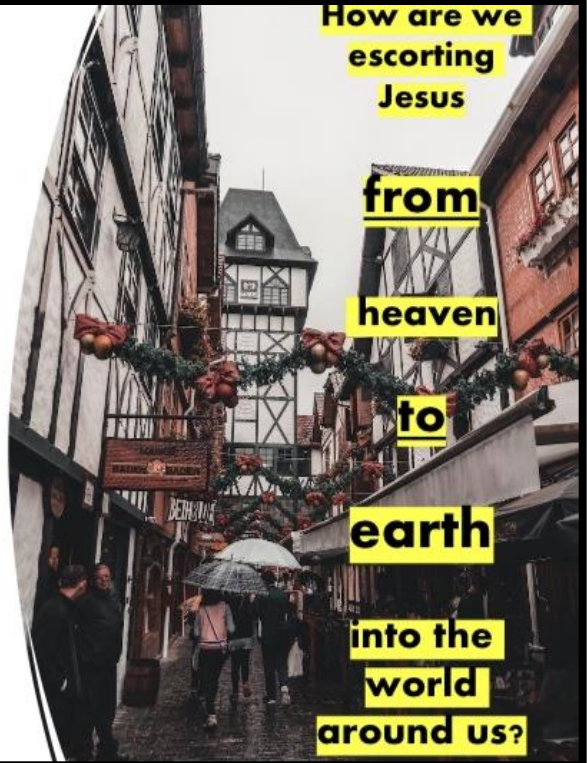
Royalty

into town...

(1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)

Context! Context! Context!

- When the emperor visited a colony or province, the citizens of the country would go to meet him at some distance from the city.
- It would be disrespectful to have him arrive at the gates as though his subjects couldn't be bothered to greet him properly.
- When they met him, they wouldn't then stay out in the open country; they would escort him royally into the city itself.



How are we  
escorting  
Jesus

from

heaven

to

earth

into the  
world

around us?

If we look for faults  
in our neighbor,  
then we will find them.

If we look for Christ  
in our neighbor,  
then we will find Him.

*The question is:  
what are we  
looking for?*

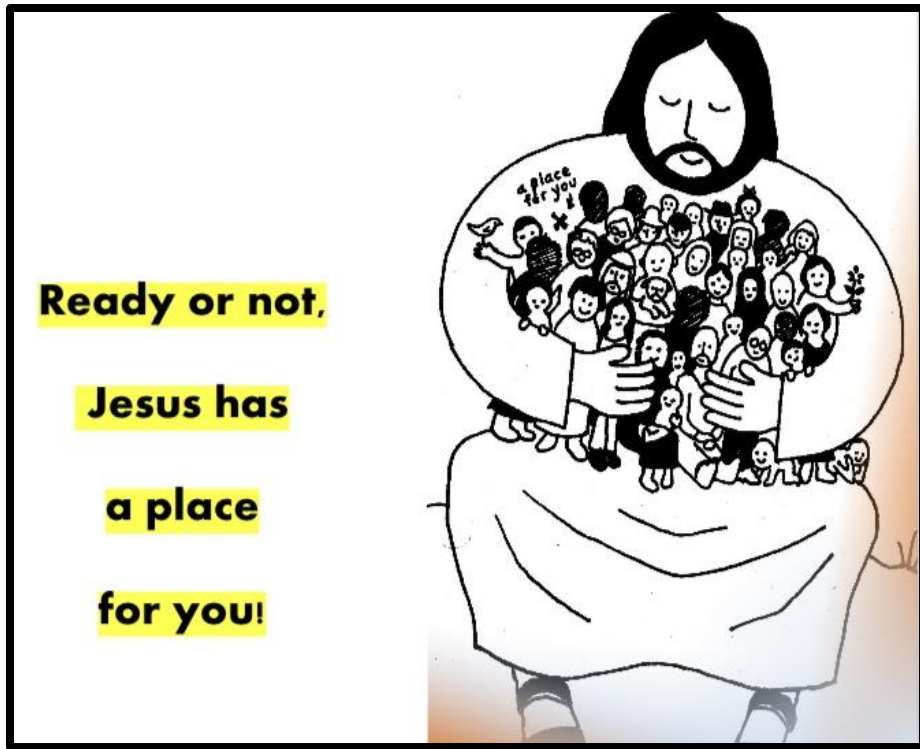


Emmanuel=  
God  
is with us

Therefore, keep  
your lamps lit,

expecting to be  
surprised by Jesus

and see him in any  
person at any  
moment



*Please stand if you are able.*

## SONG

### *For the Healing of the Nations*

1 For the heal - ing of the na - tions, Lord, we pray with  
2 Lead us for - ward in - to free - dom; from de - spair your  
3 All that kills a - bun - dant liv - ing, let it from the  
4 You, Cre - a - tor God, have writ - ten your great name on



one ac - cord; for a just and e - qual shar - ing  
 world re - lease, that, re - deemed from war and ha - tred,  
 earth be banned: pride of sta - tus, race, or school - ing,  
 hu - man - kind; for our grow - ing in your like - ness,

of the things that earth af - fords; to a life of  
 all may come and go in peace. Show us how through  
 dog - mas that ob - scure your plan. In our com - mon  
 bring the life of Christ to mind, that by our re -

love in ac - tion help us rise and pledge our word.  
 care and good - ness fear will die and hope in - crease.  
 quest for jus - tice may we hal - low life's brief span.  
 sponse and ser - vice earth its des - ti - ny may find.

TEXT: Fred Kaan, 1965

MUSIC: John Francis Wade, c. 1750; harm. *Hymns Ancient & Modern*, 1861

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ST. THOMAS (Wade)

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## **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:** Let us turn our hearts to God, our breath and life, as we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need. God, you are Father to the fatherless, you are Mother to the motherless, you are the Way to all those whose backs are against the wall. Let your justice roll down like waters on all nations. Bless all citizens with wise leaders; save your children from war. We pray for the veterans of this community, that they are supported and loved with just compensation, housing, and quality healthcare. Hear us, O God.

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

God, you are always coming among us. Open our eyes to see you, our ears to hear you, and our hearts to welcome you as we move to meet and escort you into this world. Bring your kingdom to Landisville, the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the United States, the people, and the creatures of this planet. Hear us, O God.  
**Your mercy is great.**



God, sustain us that we might be ready in every moment to respond to your desires and to do your will. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

O God, in whom we hope, we pray for all who are in need. Provide for those who experience homelessness or hunger, support the under- or unemployed, and comfort any who are suffering this day. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

O God, in whom we remain, we remember our loved ones who have died and now live in you. Bring comfort and the assurance of new life to all who grieve. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

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

We offer our spoken prayers and those held in our hearts trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior and 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:** God of all goodness, generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant.

**C: Amen.**

## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER & WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**P:** Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God. The universe declares your praise beyond the stars, beneath the sea, within each cell, with every breath.

**C: We praise you, O God.**

P: Generations bless your faithfulness through the water, by night and day, across the wilderness, out of exile, into the future.

C: **We bless you, O God.**

P: We give you thanks for your dear Son at the heart of human life, near to those who suffer, beside the sinner, among the poor, with us now.

C: **We thank you, O God.**

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."

P: 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."

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P: We pray for the gift of your Spirit in our gathering, within this meal, among your people, throughout the world. Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end.

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: There is a place for you at the banquet. Come and feast at Jesus' table.

*Please be seated.*

## PARTAKING IN THE BREAD AND CUP OF SALVATION

*All baptized Christians are welcome to partake of the Holy Sacrament by coming forward to receive the elements. 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 giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers will say: "The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you," to which you may respond: "Amen."*

*Please use this time for quiet reflection or join in singing the communion songs until all worshippers have communed and have returned to their seats.*

### COMMUNION SONGS

#### *Speak, O Lord*

**BB 122**

1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to You  
To receive the food of Your holy word.  
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;  
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,  
That the light of Christ might be seen today  
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.  
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us  
All Your purposes, for Your glory.
2. Teach us Lord full obedience,  
Holy reverence, true humility.  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes  
In the radiance of Your purity.  
Cause our faith to rise,  
Cause our eyes to see  
Your majestic love and authority.  
Words of pow'r that can never fail;  
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.
3. Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;  
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.  
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time,  
That will echo down through eternity.



And by grace we'll stand on Your promises;  
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.  
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built  
And the earth is filled with Your glory.

***Commune with Me***

**BB 60**

1. Commune with me, commune with me,  
Between the wings of the cherubim,  
Commune with me.  
Commune with me, commune with me,  
Between the wings of the cherubim,  
Commune with me.
2. I worship You, I worship You,  
Between the wings of the cherubim,  
I worship You.  
I worship You, I worship You,  
Between the wings of the cherubim,  
I worship You.
3. I'll meet You there, I'll meet You there,  
Between the wings of the cherubim,  
I'll meet You there.  
I'll meet You there, I'll meet You there,  
Between the wings of the cherubim,  
I'll meet You there.

*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: Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet. Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children, and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way.

C: **Amen.**

## † THE SENDING †

### BLESSING

P: May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service, give you reason to rejoice and be glad! The blessing of God, Sovereign, † Savior, and Spirit, be with you today and always.

C: Amen.

### SENDING HYMN

#### *Blessed Assurance*

ELW 638



1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!  
2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;  
3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.  
an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.  
watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.



#### *Refrain*



This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:





Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915  
Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830–1908

## DISMISSAL

P: Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE



## **THIS WEEK AT ZION**

### **Sunday, November 12**

*\* The flowers and communion elements are sponsored by Jo Stone in honor of her daughter Nicole's birthday on November 15!*

*\* The bulletins are sponsored in memory of Lillian Victory Wildasin's birthday (11/11/1918, the original Armistice Day) and in honor of WWII veteran Cleo Wildasin (1921-2016).*

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

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

Adult Sunday School – Following the budget meeting

Bible Study Class (“Israel’s Mission”) – Parlor

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

### **Monday, November 13**

Food Pantry – 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

### **Tuesday, November 14**

Bible Study – 9 a.m. (Parlor)

Scouts – 6:30 - 8 p.m. (Scout Room. Classrooms, and Social Room)

### **Wednesday, November 15**

Food Pantry – 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Social Outreach – 6 p.m. (HotZ Pizza)

### **Thursday, November 16**

Choir – 6:00 p.m. (Choir Room)

### **Friday, November 17**

### **Saturday, November 18**

Organ Concert (John Landis) – 2 p.m. (Sanctuary)

### **Sunday, November 19**

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

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

Annual Congregational Meeting – Following worship (Sanctuary)

Adult Sunday School – Following the budget meeting

Bible Study Class (“Israel’s Mission”) – Parlor

Wired Word Class – Zone (No Zoom)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS, UPDATES, & EVENTS



The annual meeting will be held NEXT SUNDAY, November 19, following the worship service. In addition to voting on the 2024 budget, votes will also be taken on new council members, returning members with expired terms, and representatives to the Synod Assembly. *Those on the ballot are:*

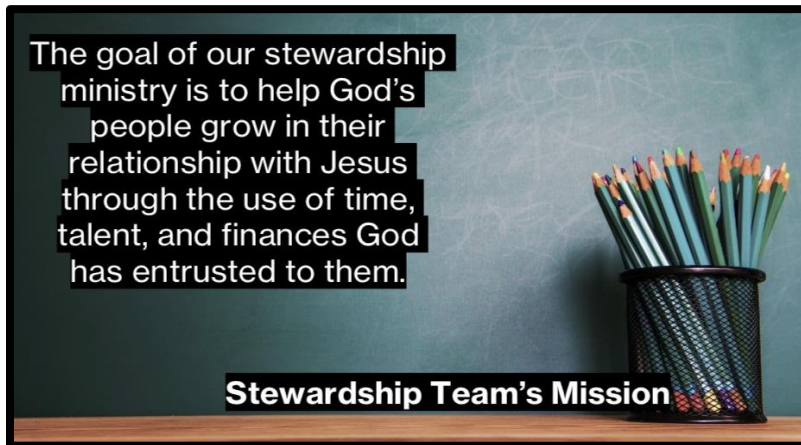
*Nevin Lontz (1-year term); Kim Paternoster (returning for a 3-year term); Denise Haun (returning for a 3-year term); John*

*Hay (Treasurer); Dave & Dottie Wauls (2024 Synod Representatives).*

*Copies of the proposed budget are on the ushers' table at the entrance to the sanctuary.*

**Regarding Sunday School next Sunday:** Classes will still meet but will begin after the meeting ends.

### STEWARDSHIP UPDATE



*Matthew 6:24*

### SUNDAY SCHOOL AT ZION

All are welcome to join a Sunday School class!

- The Wired Word class typically meets in person and on Zoom. There will be no Zoom option next Sunday (11/19).
- The class that meets in the parlor is showing "Israel's Mission," a Ray Van der Laan video travelogue series.







All women are invited to an Advent breakfast on Saturday, December 2 at 10 a.m. The breakfast will be held at Centerville Diner 2 in Mount Joy (formerly Country Table). All women are invited to begin the season of Advent with food, fun, and fellowship! If you want to participate in the gift exchange, bring a \$3.00 wrapped gift! Please sign up on the sheet posted in the Narthex across from the mailboxes by Sunday, November 26. Questions? Contact Millie (717-898-2313).



The Joyful Noise offering throughout November will go to Tenfold to help provide temporary housing for families in Lancaster City. For more information about this local organization, visit: <https://wearetenfold.org>.



### COMFORTER MINISTRY

The Comforter Ministry is still collecting colorful clean sheets and fabric! Please place any donations in the blue bin in the narthex!



Dear Zion, Thank you for the bibles! I enjoy them very much. They are special to me. I liked meeting with Pastor Tim and learning about baptism and communion. I also enjoyed helping with the Thursday dinners. I hope I can help with more of them. Thank you, Madilyn Kline

Dear Zion,

Thank you for the beautiful flowers and the many cards to help me celebrate my 100<sup>th</sup> birthday! I appreciate all you do. May the Lord bless you and keep you in His care. Sincerely, Thelma Pearson

Tom Miller thanks all those who sent cards and who provided meals for him after his surgery in August. After being off in September and October to recuperate, Tom returned to work this past week. We welcome him back to Zion and are grateful for his full recovery!

### FOOD PANTRY REQUESTS

Requested food items this month are: *grape jam or jelly (non-glass jars), canned mixed vegetables, canned corn, canned tuna, canned chicken noodle soup, canned chicken rice soup, and cereal.*



# Zion MUZIK

Concert Series '23-'24



Zion Lutheran Church  
85 E. Brandt Blvd.  
Landisville, PA

## The 2023 Fall Line-Up



**~THIS SATURDAY AFTERNOON~**

November 18 @ 2pm

Organ Concert with John Landis

**~HOLIDAY CONCERTS COMING UP~**

December 2 @ 4pm

Lancaster Liederkrantz

December 17 @ 3pm

Hempfield Chamber Choir

*Contact John L. with questions or if you would like to be a sponsor for this year's concerts!*

*[johnplandis@gmail.com](mailto:johnplandis@gmail.com)*

*717-875-6182*

## HELP BEAUTIFY THE SANCTUARY ON CHRISTMAS EVE

Order forms are available on the ushers' table in the narthex.

# POINSETTIA SPONSOR FORM

Cost: \$10 per poinsettia

Deadline for Orders: Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>

I would like to sponsor \_\_\_\_\_ poinsettia(s). Enclosed is \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Sponsor \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Other occasion: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please make checks payable to: Zion Lutheran Church*

*Place your sponsor form and payment in the office mail basket in the narthex on the window sill by the mailbox wall, mail (85 E. Brandt Blvd., Landisville 17538), or bring to the office.*

*You may take your poinsettias after Christmas Eve worship.*



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Kirchenwald, Nawakwa, and The Wittel Farm

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## Advent Day Apart

at The Wittel Farm



All are invited to a day of prayer and meditation in preparation of the birth of the Christ child.

*Join us for an Advent Day Apart at The Wittel Farm, a day of Bible study, worship, and prayerful reflection as we seek to prepare for the coming of the Christ.*

*Registration fee (\$15) includes lunch.*

*December 9  
9 a.m.-2 p.m.*



# A NIGHT FOR NAWAKWA

**Tuesday, November 14, 2023**

**5:30pm – 8:00pm**

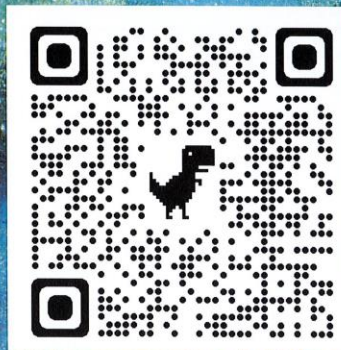
**Location: Highland Taps and Tables**

**925 Westminster Ave, Hanover, PA 17331**

**All profits going to Camp Nawakwa of the  
Lutheran Camping Corporation**

**\$25.00 per person  
(includes food, dessert and a free  
drink voucher)**

**Register online at  
[lutherancamping.org](http://lutherancamping.org) or use  
the QR code.**





*Join us at the Wittel Farm for our annual Advent/Christmas night. This year, we'll gather around the outdoor fire and have cookies and cocoa in the barn. Lights and decorations!*

*December 17  
7-8:30 p.m.*

*Enjoy Kirchenwald in the winter!*

*Play broom hockey and other games on the frozen pond.*

*Have fun sledding, playing snow soccer and other winter games.*

*Creative Bible studies and worship experiences led by our summer camp counselors are an important part of this retreat.*

*Meet new friends and catch up with your summer camp friends.*

*Other indoor and outdoor activities may be included, as the weather dictates.*

*January 5-7, 2024  
\$170*



# ***PRAYER LIST***

## ***FOR HEALING***

Cindy Blough  
Dolly Overly  
Bob Shirk  
Tom Grzybowski  
Jess Barcaro  
Sam King  
Bill Grove  
Connie Alsedek  
Joe Adams  
Mary Zimmerman  
Marvin Ruch  
Kate Donnan  
Judie Ingersoll  
Joan Mays  
Holly Hoover  
Barb Williams  
Kay Crawford  
Tom Miller  
Loma Slike (Mother of Sue Wise)  
Brook Ross (Friend of Barb Williams)  
Walter Thalgott (Brother of Thelma Pearson)  
Lori Weber (Daughter of Dolly Overly)  
William Hartman (Father of Deb Grube)  
Jeff Long (Nephew of Rick & Deb Long)  
Mike LaFata (Son-in-law of Bill & Julia Grove)  
Jack Taylor (4-year-old son of the niece of Deb Grube)  
Harmony & Family (Friends of Kim & Jim Paternoster)

## ***FOR COMFORT, PEACE, STRENGTH, & SAFETY***

Thelma Pearson  
Lucy Davis  
Deb McCartney  
George Potts  
Ruth Burkett (Mother of Deb Long)  
Arlene Wise (Sister-in-law of Dave Wise)



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> – Jan Reeves, Gabby Bailey  
15<sup>th</sup> – Cathy Benedict, Jo Stone

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!**

18<sup>th</sup> – Dave & Alane Klepper



***Zion against the night sky.***

## **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>
Bible Study Video Series 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>
	[No Zoom 11/19]
Morning Bible Study	Tuesdays @ 9:00 a.m.
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Pastor	717-332-4216
Parish Administrator	717-945-4585
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