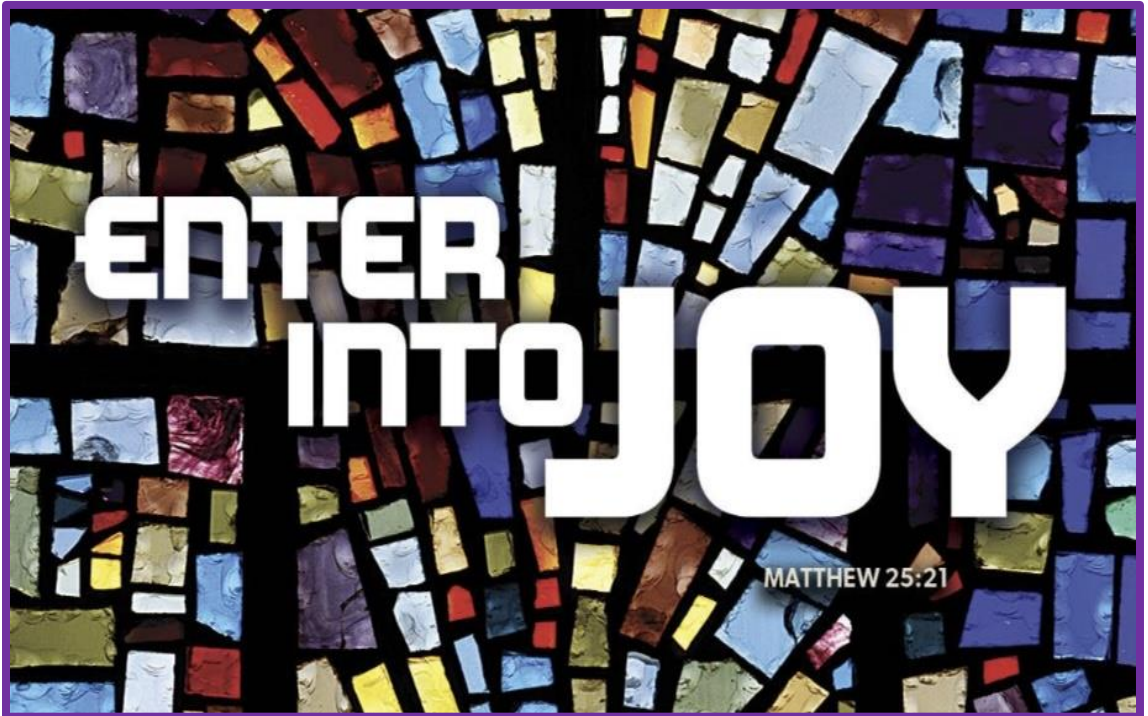


TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*A Service of Word & Sacrament
November 19, 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: Indoor worship services are live-streamed on the church YouTube channel: 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-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

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

† THE GATHERING †

INTRODUCTION

Our readings during November speak of the end times. Zephaniah proclaims that the coming day of the LORD will be filled with wrath and distress. Paul says it will come like a thief in the night and urges us to be awake and sober. Jesus tells the parable of the talents, calling us to use our gifts, while we still have time, for the greater and common good. In a world filled with violence and despair, we gather around signs of hope—word, water, bread, and wine—eager to welcome the good news of Christ’s coming among us.

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, & GOD-SIGHTINGS

PRELUDE *Chorale Improvisation on “Nun Danket”* **Sigfrid Karg-Elert**

Please stand if you are able.

HYMN

Now Thank We All Our God

ELW 840

1 Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voice,
2 O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
3 All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,
who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices;
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
to Father and to Son and Spirit now be given:



who, from our moth-ers' arms, hath blessed us on our way
and keep us in God's grace, and guide us when per-plexed,
the one e - ter - nal God, whom heaven and earth a - dore,

with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.
the God who was, and is, and shall be ev - er - more.

TEXT: Martin Rinkart, c. 1636; trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1858, alt.
MUSIC: Johann Crüger, 1647; harm. Felix Mendelssohn, 1840

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT
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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. Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

Please be seated.

† THE WORD †

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

The day of the LORD.

A: ⁷Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is at hand; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. ¹²At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, "The LORD will not do good, nor will he do harm." ¹³Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them.

¹⁴The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. ¹⁵That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, ¹⁶a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.

¹⁷I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the LORD, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. ¹⁸Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the LORD's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 90:1-12

Please read responsively.

A: ¹Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another.

C: ²Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, from age to age you are God.

³You turn us back to the dust and say, "Turn back, O children of earth."

⁴For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past and like a watch in the night;

⁵you sweep them away like a dream, they fade away suddenly like the grass:

⁶in the morning it is green and flourishes; in the evening it is dried up and withered.

⁷For we are consumed by your anger; we are afraid because of your wrath.

⁸Our iniquities you have set before you, and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

⁹When you are angry, all our days are gone; we bring our years to an end like a sigh.

¹⁰The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength even eighty; yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow, for they pass away quickly and we are gone.

¹¹Who regards the power of your wrath? Who rightly fears your indignation?

¹²So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Be alert for the day of the Lord.

A: ¹Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³When they say, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! ⁴But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; ⁵for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. ⁶So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; ⁷for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Word of God. Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

CHILDREN’S CHAT

Please stand if you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Change My Heart, Oh God*

BB 59

Change my heart, oh God. Make it ever true.

Change my heart, oh God. May I be like You.

You are the potter. I am the clay.

Mold me and make me. This is what I pray.

Change my heart, oh God. Make it ever true.

Change my heart, oh God. May I be like You.

Matthew 25:14-30

The story of the slaves entrusted with talents.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 25th chapter.

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

P: [Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁴“For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. ¹⁷In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. ¹⁹After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ ²¹His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ ²²And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ ²³His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ ²⁴Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ ²⁶But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ³⁰As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated.

MESSAGE

Pastor Timothy Seitz-Brown

Steward

- The word **steward** comes from two old English words that named the person who cared for the pigs of another.
- This person was called the **sty-warden**.
- Later, **steward** referred to someone who managed the domestic affairs of another's household.

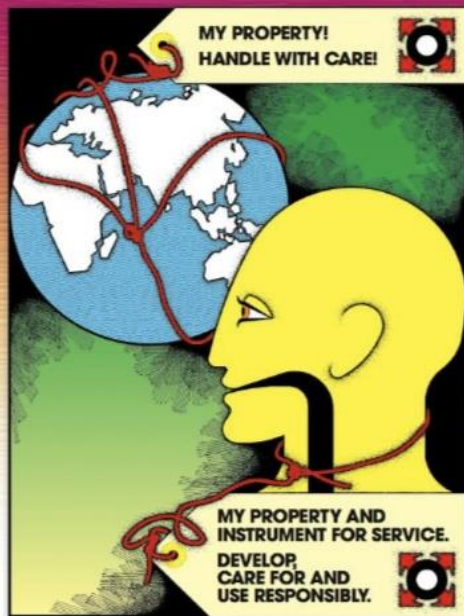


The word
steward

describes
someone
who

watches
over that
which
belongs to

Someone
Else.



The S-Word:
Stewardship

Enter into the joy!

- From "we got to!"
to to "we get to!"
- Experience the joy
of being stewards
of God's Creation



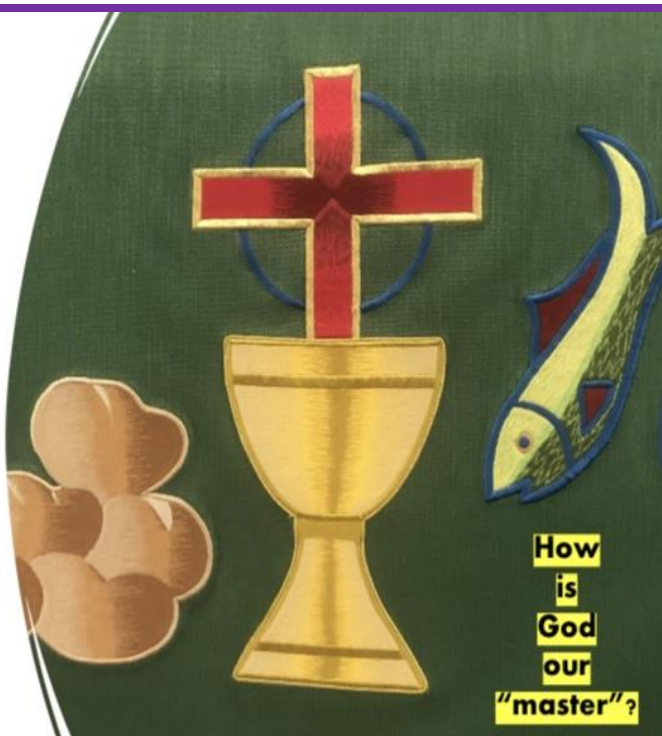
Healthy relationships involve conversations and ...



being genuinely curious!

When we think of God
as the harsh, demanding,
Dominating One,
then how do we
live our lives?

When we think
of God
as the generous
Compassionate One,
then how do we
live our lives?



*"We only have
five loaves
and
two fish"!
—Disciples*

Then... "the number
who ate
were about
5,000 men,
besides the women
and the children".

Matthew 14: 17, 21

Stewardship



Be who you are
See what you have
Do what matters



Please stand if you are able.

SONG

For the Beauty of the Earth

ELW 879

1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,
 2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
 4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
 5 For each per - fect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
 hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:
 for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
 friends on earth and friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
 for thy - self, best gift di - vine, to our world so free - ly giv'n:

Refrain

Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.

Text: Folliott S. Pierpoint, 1835–1917, alt.
 Music: DIX, Conrad Kocher, 1786–1872

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. Creator God, we are trashing this planet that belongs to you and slaughter children made in your image through our warring ways. Bring your healing justice to this earth by rescuing us from our human evil and violence to both people and planet. Make Genesis happen again to our local, interlocking watersheds: Chiques Creek, the Little Conestoga, the Susquehanna River, and the Chesapeake Bay. Guide every nation in learning how to wage peace before we build houses to never live in them and plant vineyards to never harvest from them. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

Redeeming God, you have been our refuge from generation to generation. Teach us to number our days so that we might teach each generation in our time to practice the Way. Immerse us in the Sermon you preached on the Mountain. May we live this Sermon in our households, our neighborhoods, in our nation, in our churches, and in our world. Empower Bishop Elizabeth Eaton (ELCA), Interim Presiding Bishop Michael Burk (ELCA), Bishop Jim Dunlop (Lower Susquehanna Synod), and Bishop Geoffrey Samuel Mwaihaba to call us again and again to be good stewards of all that belongs to you. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Sustaining Spirit of God, we are prone to fall asleep, to have the memory of a goldfish, and to be distracted by the noise of media. Keep ringing the alarm to wake us up! Uproot us from our addiction to pundits so that we might drink in the message of your Word. Give each member of Zion the breastplate of faith and love, plus the helmet of salvation. May your kingdom come, and your desires be fulfilled in Landisville and Salunga as they are embodied in heaven. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Triune God, give us the joy of knowing that nothing belongs to us, everything belongs to you, and you have given us the high responsibility to steward what is yours. May we serve you instead of Mammon, glorify you instead of political candidates, trust in you instead of our distorted ways of measuring success. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Gracious God, you are faithful in all generations. For the promise of life and rest and for the witness of those who have died in faith we praise your goodness. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

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

P: We offer our spoken prayers and those held in our hearts trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

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: 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.**

P: We praise and thank you, abounding God, because you demand so much from us and at the same time give us everything you expect of us. In the glory of creation and the grace of liberation you set the contours of our journey with you. By crafting the covenant and by renewing your people in exile you showed us the manner and purpose of your ever-flowing love. In Jesus you gave us your most precious talent. Though we buried him through our ignorance and sin, you raised him to multiply your church and spread your kingdom. And we give you thanks with saints and angels and the company of heaven, joining their unending hymn:

C: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

P: Encouraging God, your Son Jesus died for us so that we might live together with you. He went through the deep night of betrayal, anguish in Gethsemane, trial by his own people, and scourging by his oppressors that we might live in endless day. Send your Holy Spirit that your people may be turned from the fear of wrath to the anticipation of your glory.

By that same Spirit of salvation and hope, sanctify these gifts of bread and wine that in your kingdom of grace they may be for us the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ; who, at the supper with his disciples took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying, "Take, eat: this is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup. Again, he gave thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Great is the mystery of faith.

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

P: Generous God, when your church is entrusted with a little, make it faithful, and when your people are sent forth to take care of much, make them wise and true and kind. As you invested your whole heart in the uncertain market of our love, show your children where to take risks, when to enter the unknown, and how to trade with your bounty. Prepare the hearts of the flourishing and the fragile for the

day of your revelation, that when all secrets are made known and all desires laid bare, your understanding and forgiving grace may see the virtue behind our clumsiness and the goodness amid our folly. Fill every heart with the sure and certain hope that we shall enter the fullness of your joy, when your whole creation is justified by faith and sanctified by love, and you are all in all, ever one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. 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 the table of Jesus.

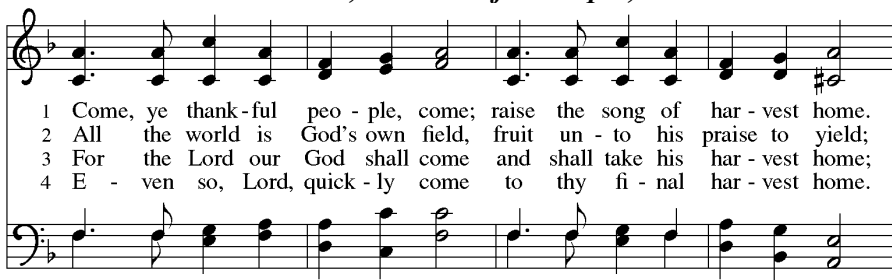
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PARTAKING IN THE BREAD AND CUP OF SALVATION


All baptized Christians are welcome to partake of the Holy Sacrament by coming forward to receive the elements around the altar. 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 hymns until all worshippers have communed and have returned to their seats.



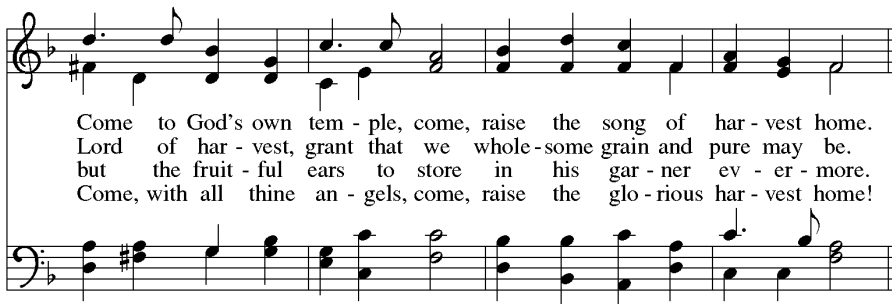
1 Come, ye thank-ful peo-ple, come; raise the song of har-vest home.
 2 All the world is God's own field, fruit un-to his praise to yield;
 3 For the Lord our God shall come and shall take his har-vest home;
 4 E-ven so, Lord, quick-ly come to thy fi-nal har-vest home.



All be safe-ly gath-ered in ere the win-ter storms be-gin.
 wheat and tares to- geth-er sown, un-to joy or sor-row grown.
 from his field shall in that day all of-fens-es purge a-way;
 Gath-er then thy peo-ple in, free from sor-row, free from sin,



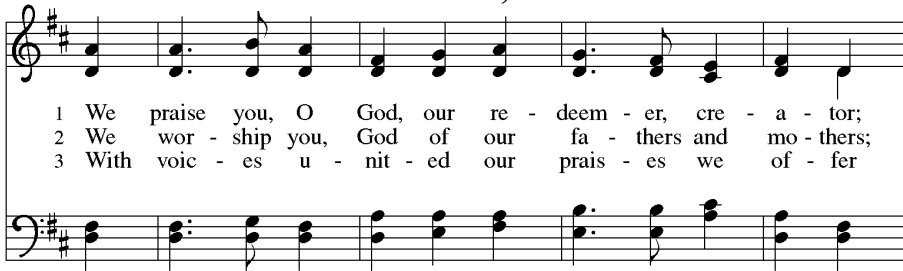
God, our mak-er, doth pro-vide for our wants to be sup-plied.
 First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap-pear.
 give his an-gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
 there, for-ev-er pu-ri-fied, in thy gar-ner to a-bide.



Come to God's own tem-ple, come, raise the song of har-vest home.
 Lord of har-vest, grant that we whole-some grain and pure may be.
 but the fruit-ful ears to store in his gar-ner ev-er-more.
 Come, with all thine an-gels, come, raise the glo-rious har-vest home!

We Praise You, O God

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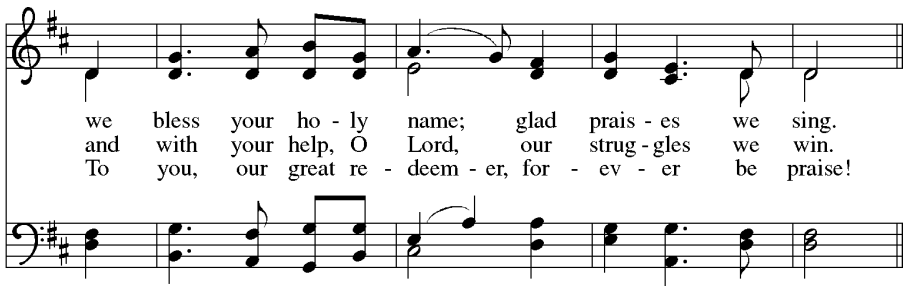
1 We praise you, O God, our re - deem - er, cre - a - tor;
 2 We wor - ship you, God of our fa - thers and mo - thers;
 3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer



in grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.
 through tri - al and tem - pest our guide you have been.
 and glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.



We lay it be - fore you; we kneel and a - dore you;
 When per - ils o'er - take us, you will not for - sake us,
 With you, Lord, be - side us, your strong arm will guide us.



we bless your ho - ly name; glad prais - es we sing.
 and with your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.
 To you, our great re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

Praise and Thanksgiving Be to God

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1 Praise and thanks - giv - ing be to God our
 2 Not our own ho - li - ness, nor that we have
 3 Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come in vis - i -
 4 Praise to the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly

mak - er, source of all bless - ing, prod - i - gal cre -
 striv - en brings us the peace which you, O Christ, have
 ta - tion; you are the truth, our hope, and our sal -
 Spir - it: one Lord, one faith, one source of ev - 'ry

a - tor. Bap - tized and made your own, now we come be -
 giv - en. Bap - tized and set a - part, strength - en us, O
 va - tion. Bap - tize with joy and pow'r, give, O Dove de -
 mer - it. Here now re - new your church through this sym - bol

fore you, and we a - dore you.
 Sav - ior, with grace and fa - vor.
 scend - ing, life nev - er end - ing.
 giv - en; grant peace from heav - en.

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

Let All Things Now Living

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1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to
2 God rules all the forc - es: the stars in their cours - es and

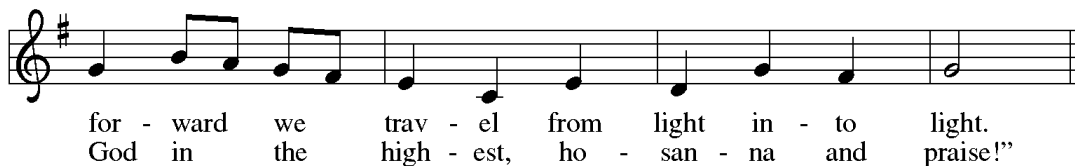
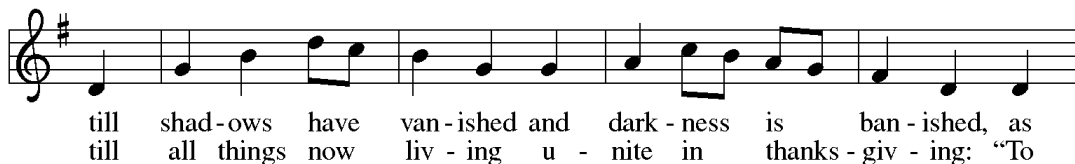
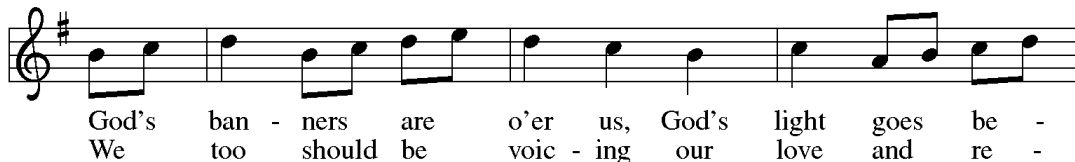
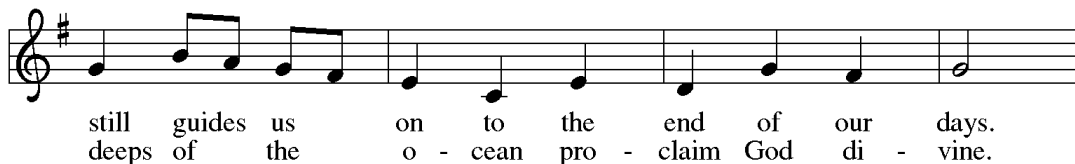


God the cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,
sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;



who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who
the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the





Text: Katherine K. Davis, 1892–1980, alt.
Music: THE ASH GROVE, Welsh folk tune
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Please be seated.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

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 19

** The flowers are sponsored by Rodger and Nancy Myers in celebration of Jason and Sarah's 10th wedding anniversary on November 16!*

** The bulletins are sponsored with gratitude for all of our blessings.*

** The communion elements are sponsored by Jo Stone in memory and honor of all those who have and are serving our country.*

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

Livestream/Recorded Link: 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)

Monday, November 20

Food Pantry – 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Council – 7 p.m. (Zone)

Tuesday, November 21

Bible Study – 9 a.m. (Parlor)

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

Wednesday, November 22

Food Pantry – 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Thursday, November 23 – *Happy Thanksgiving!*

No Choir

Office Closed

Friday, November 24

Office Closed

Saturday, November 25

Zone Reserved – All day

Model Club – 5 p.m. (Social Room)

Sunday, November 26

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

Livestream/Recorded Link: 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 & Zoom (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2283229266>)

ANNOUNCEMENTS, UPDATES, & EVENTS



The annual meeting will be held TODAY at the end of the service. In addition to voting on the 2024 budget, votes will also be taken on new council members, returning Council members with expired terms, and representatives to the Synod Assembly. Please remain seated after the postlude. *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.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

"The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion".

2 Corinthians 9:6-7

Biblical stewardship is intentional.



Each of us is **VITAL** at Zion. God has blessed each of us with time, unique talents, and treasures so that we all can share our blessings both near and far in God-pleasing ways.



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).

COMMUNITY MEAL UPDATE

The Community Meal at Zion was held on the second and fourth Thursday of September and October, and on the second Thursday in November (since Thanksgiving is on the fourth Thursday). In December, it will also only be held on the second Thursday (12/14) since the 4th Thursday is during the week of Christmas.

Attendance has been steady at about 30 guests each meal. *Thank you to Mary Hetrick, Jolene Goldman, Pat Landis, Cathy Benedict, Kim and Jim Paternoster, and Maddy Kline* for their help with setting up, hosting, and cleaning up. Also, *thanks to Pastor Tim* for coming to each meal and providing a welcome and a prayer before the meal. The guests seem to be enjoying the served meals and we are seeing some people who did not attend previously. Come join us and meet your neighbors!

ADVENT ACTIVITIES ON DECEMBER 3 at 10:30

On December 3rd after worship, all are invited to come to the social room for an **Advent workshop type of gathering to kick-off the season!** There will be activities including (but not limited to) Christmas Bingo, word games, and a cookie exchange! More information will be forthcoming. Mark it on your calendar and think about what cookies you want to make or buy to bring for sharing!



The Joyful Noise offering through 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!



- Thank you to Denise and Steve Haun for making the forgiveness banners in the sanctuary.
- Thank you to Dave Albin for arranging the music for the “Hallelujah” choir anthem last Sunday.
- 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

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 today.
- The class that meets in the parlor is still showing “Israel’s Mission,” a Ray Van der Laan video travelogue series.



FOOD PANTRY REQUESTS

Last weekend, the Scouts held their annual food drive. They collected 3,501 pounds of food for the Pantry!



Requested food items this month are: *grape or strawberry jam/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



~HOLIDAY CONCERTS IN DECEMBER AT ZION~

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

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 13th

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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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.*



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

Dave Wauls
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
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!

20th – Cooper Stitzel
21st – Denise Haun
23rd – Stone Smeltz

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

24th – Burnell & Joan Hostetter



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	http://bit.ly/Zion_Live
Bible Study Video Series Class (Parlor)	Sundays @ 10:30 a.m.
Wired Word Class (Zone & Zoom)	Sundays @ 10:30 a.m. https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2283229266 [No Zoom 11/19]
Morning Bible Study	Tuesdays @ 9:00 a.m.
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