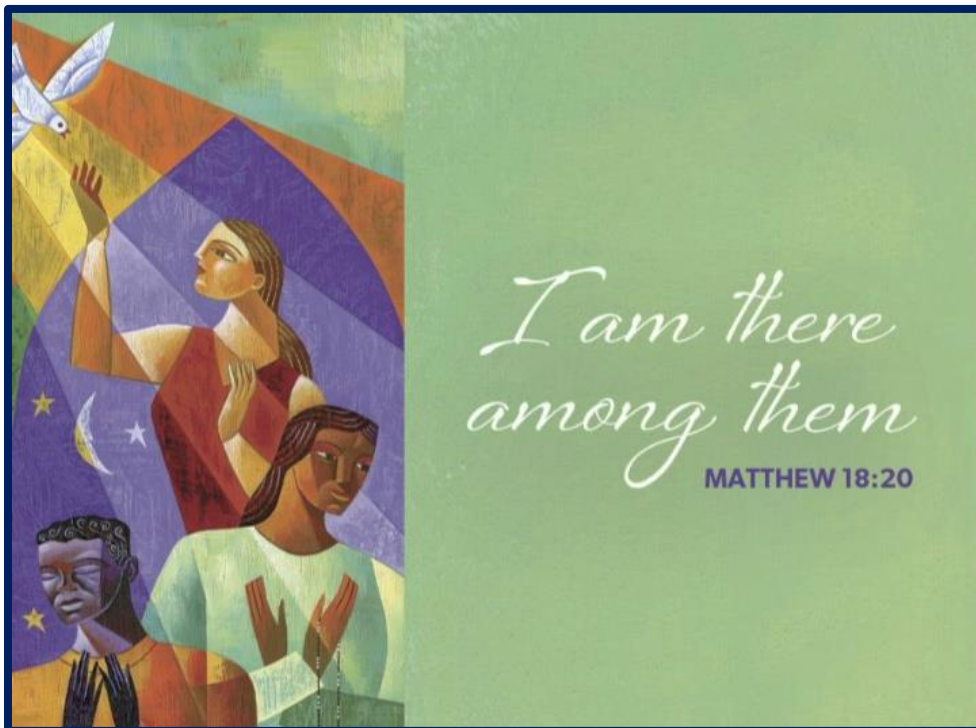


# FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*A Service of Word & Sacrament  
September 10, 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. On September 3, the service will be held outdoors.

**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.

# Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

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

## † THE GATHERING †

### INTRODUCTION

*Conflict is a part of relationships and life in community. Jesus' words in today's gospel are often used in situations having to do with church discipline. The prophet Ezekiel tells of warning the wicked to turn from their ways, and Paul reminds us that love is the fulfilling of the law. We gather in the name of Christ, assured that he is present among us with gifts of peace and reconciliation.*

### WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, & GOD-SIGHTINGS

### PRELUDE

*Please stand if you are able.*

### SONGS

***Come, Now Is the Time to Worship***

**BB 3**

*Refrain*

Come, now is the time to worship.

Come, now is the time to give your heart.

Come, just as you are to worship.

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

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

One day every knee will bow.

Still, the greatest treasure remains

for those who gladly choose You now. *Refrain*

2. Willingly we choose to surrender our lives.

Willingly our knees will bow.

With all our heart, soul, mind, and strength

we gladly choose You now. *Refrain*

*Ending*

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

## 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 God, the one who forms us, ✠ Jesus who bears the cross, the Spirit who makes our joy complete.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.

C: **Amen.**

*Silence for reflection.*

P: Steadfast and faithful God,

C: **you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you. We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering. We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us. For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us. Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

P: Beloved in Christ, God's justice stretches beyond all understanding. God's compassion is beyond compare. In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us. In ✠ Christ, you are already and always forgiven.

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 Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

† THE WORD †

**EZEKIEL 33:7-11**

*The prophet's responsibility to warn the people.*

A: <sup>7</sup>So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. <sup>8</sup>If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. <sup>9</sup>But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

<sup>10</sup>Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" <sup>11</sup>Say to them, As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

Word of God. Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 119:33-40**

*Please read responsively.*

A: <sup>33</sup>Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, and I shall keep it to the end.

**C: <sup>34</sup>Give me understanding, and I shall keep your teaching; I shall keep it with all my heart.**

<sup>35</sup>Lead me in the path of your commandments, for that is my desire.

**<sup>36</sup>Incline my heart to your decrees and not to unjust gain.**

<sup>37</sup>Turn my eyes from beholding falsehood; give me life in your way.

**<sup>38</sup>Fulfill your promise to your servant, which is for those who fear you.**

<sup>39</sup>Turn away the reproach that I dread, because your judgments are good.

**<sup>40</sup>Behold, I long for your commandments; by your righteousness enliven me.**

## ROMANS 13:8-14

*Live honorably as in the day.*

A: <sup>8</sup>Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup>The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.”  
<sup>10</sup>Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

<sup>11</sup>Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; <sup>12</sup>the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; <sup>13</sup>let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Word of God. Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## ANTHEM

*Blessings*

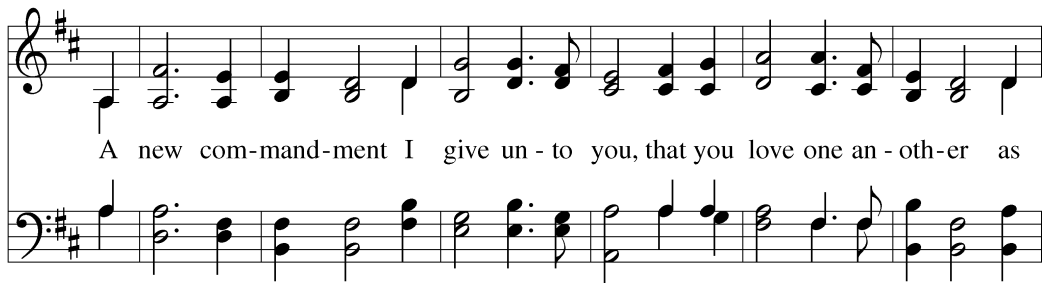
**Laura Story**

## CHILDREN’S CHAT

*Please stand if you are able.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*A New Commandment*



A new com-mand-ment I give un - to you, that you love one an - oth-er as

The musical notation consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The bottom staff is in bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is written on the top staff, and the accompaniment is written on the bottom staff. The lyrics are written below the top staff.



I have loved you, that you love one an - oth - er as I have loved you.

The first system of the musical score is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The vocal line begins with a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5. The piano accompaniment consists of a steady eighth-note bass line in the left hand and a series of chords in the right hand. The lyrics are: "I have loved you, that you love one an - oth - er as I have loved you."

By this shall peo - ple know you are my dis - ci - ples, if

The second system continues the melody. The vocal line features a half note D5, followed by quarter notes C5, B4, and A4. The piano accompaniment continues with similar harmonic support. The lyrics are: "By this shall peo - ple know you are my dis - ci - ples, if"

you have love one for an - oth - er; by this shall peo - ple know

The third system includes a triplet of eighth notes in the vocal line (F#4, E4, D4). The piano accompaniment also features a triplet in the left hand. The lyrics are: "you have love one for an - oth - er; by this shall peo - ple know"

you are my dis - ci - ples: if you have love one for an - oth - er.

The fourth system concludes the piece with a final triplet of eighth notes in the vocal line (C4, B3, A3). The piano accompaniment provides a final harmonic resolution. The lyrics are: "you are my dis - ci - ples: if you have love one for an - oth - er."

Text: John 13:34-35  
 Music: NEW COMMANDMENT, anonymous

## MATTHEW 18:15-20

*Reconciliation in the community of faith.*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 18<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

P: [Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>15</sup>“If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. <sup>16</sup>But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. <sup>17</sup>If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. <sup>18</sup>Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. <sup>19</sup>Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup>For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

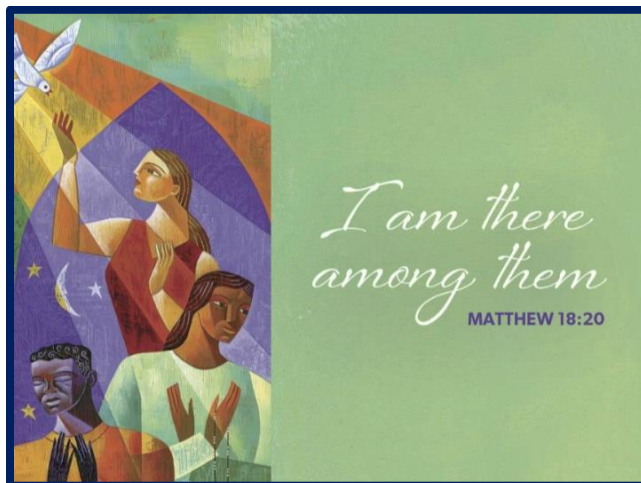
The Gospel of the Lord.

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

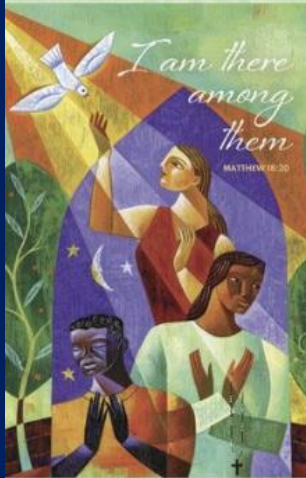
*Please be seated.*

## MESSAGE

**Pastor Tim Seitz-Brown**







**Matthew 18:1-5**= "Who is the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven?"—Duhsciples

**Matthew 18:6-9**= "Caught off your hands or your feet and pluck out your eyes in order to prevent you from causing little ones to stumble."—Jesus

**Matthew 18:10-13**= The Shepherd leaves the 99 to seek out the one who is lost. God searches for each one of us who is tortured by vengeance.

**Matthew 18:15-20**= If we ask ourselves, "What is our first instinctive reaction to being wronged?" It's often the desire to give others a 'taste of their own medicine'! Therefore, each of us needs to take responsibility for our community and for each other."

The Living Christ is addressing us through this text,

"Are we putting ourselves into the frame of mind to punish others or to finding ways to reconcile with others?"

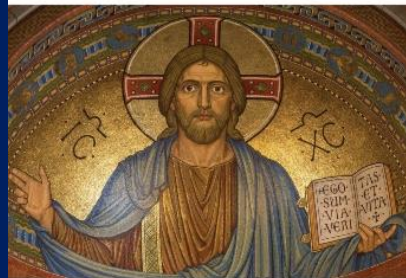
Christ rescues us as a community—from being "out of relationship" to being in "right relationship."

Paul's "Roman Church Experiment":

Bringing together

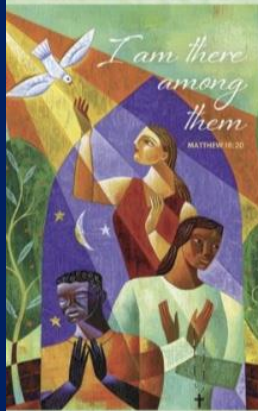
Jewish followers of Jesus  
and  
Gentile followers of Jesus.

Jesus subverts what "greatness" and "being first" and "wielding power" look like.



Owe no one anything,  
except to love one another;  
for the one who loves another  
has fulfilled the law.

—Romans 13:8



**Scripture,  
as Jesus read it,  
needs to lead us  
to love  
God, others,  
and ourselves.**

**If we find that  
it is leading instead  
to causing harm,  
then we are  
getting it wrong.**

**– Derek Flood**

#### IN FAITH FORMATION:

What kind of “greatness” are we forming?

How are we eliminating  
those things in our lives that  
cause “little ones”  
to stumble?

When have we been  
targets of vengeance,  
and  
when have we targeted  
others for vengeance?

Personal practice (prayer).

Practice with a partner.

Practice with a small group.





*Please stand if you are able.*

## SONG

### *I Need You to Survive*

I need you; you need me.  
We're all a part of God's body.  
Stand with me; agree with me.  
We're all a part of God's body.

It is His will that ev'ry need be supplied.  
You are important to me. I need you to survive.  
You are important to me. I need you to survive.

*Repeat from beginning*

### *Bridge*

I pray for you; you pray for me.  
I love you. I need you to survive.  
I won't harm you with words from my mouth.  
I love you. I need you to survive.

*Repeat Bridge until Ending*

### *Ending*

It is His will that ev'ry need be supplied.  
You are important to me. I need you to survive.

## APOSTLES' CREED

P: Let us profess our faith together.

C: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell.**

**On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

A: Remembering the caring and generous works of God, we pray for the church, creation, and the needs of our neighbors. Hold us accountable, O God. Show your church where repentance is needed and lead us in paths of intentional compassion and listening. Help us extend hands of reconciliation and care, especially in relationships with other Christians and people of other faiths. Merciful God,

C: **receive our prayer.**

Reveal your miracles to us, O God. Move us to cherish you as we behold the wonders of creation. Renew the seas and the soil, the forests and the creatures that live in them. Turn us to ways of living that seek Earth's thriving. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Inspire us to lead with honor, O God. Guide judges and legislators, police, and government officials to create and uphold just laws. Move us to treat all people with dignity and guide our conversations with one another. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Help us comfort those who suffer, O God. Reassure any who are harmed by the wicked acts of others. Bring peace to all who are vulnerable, frightened, despairing, or sick. Guard their waking and their sleeping. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Awaken us, O God. Challenge and encourage your people to value the vocation to which each is called. We pray for all discerning new possibilities or changing employment. In all our diverse callings, teach us to love our neighbor above all else. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Be our hope, O God. We remember with thanksgiving your disciples who died in faith. May their trust in your promise be our protection and our hope. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

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

P: Remember us according to your steadfast love as we offer these and the prayers of our hearts, trusting in your compassion made known through Jesus Christ.  
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 power, God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior.  
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."

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: Jesus invites you to this table.

C: **Come, eat, and live.**

*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 in continuous fashion. Those who do not or choose not to partake of the sacrament may come forward and receive a blessing. If you are unable to come forward, please let one of the ushers know and the pastor will come to you.*

*For those not able to have red wine, there is grape juice in the outer circle of every tray. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. When given the bread and cup, the communion ministers will say: "The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you," to which you may respond: "Amen."*

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

### COMMUNION HYMNS

#### *Broken for Me*

**BB 83**

*Refrain: Broken for me, broken for you;  
The body of Jesus broken for you.*

1. He offered his body, he poured out his soul;  
Jesus was broken that we might be whole. *Refrain.*

2. Come to my table and with me dine;  
Eat of my bread and drink of my wine. *Refrain.*

3. This is my body given for you;  
Eat it, rememb'ring I died for you. *Refrain.*

4. This is my blood I shed for you;  
For your forgiveness, making you new. *Refrain.*

#### *Spirit Song*

**BB 94**

1. Oh, let the Son of God enfold you with his Spirit and his love;  
Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.  
Oh, let him have the things that hold you, and his Spirit like a dove,  
Will descend upon your life and make you whole.

#### *Refrain*

Jesus, Oh Jesus, come and fill your lambs.  
Jesus, Oh Jesus, come and fill your lambs.



2. Oh, come and sing this song with gladness  
As your hearts are filled with joy;  
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to His name.  
Oh, give Him all your tears and sadness,  
Give Him all your years of pain,  
And you'll enter into life in Jesus' name. *Refrain.*

*Please stand if you are able.*

### **POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

P: The body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: **Amen.**

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

A: Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray.

C: **Amen.**

### **† THE SENDING †**

### **BLESSING**

P: The God of glory, † Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

### **SENDING SONG**

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

**BB 125**

Go in peace and serve the Lord. God is calling you today.

Go and tell gospel news ev'rywhere.

Go in peace and serve the Lord. God is calling you today.

To bring truth and love to ev'ry nation. *Repeat.*

### **DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. God is at work in you.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### **POSTLUDE**



## **THIS WEEK AT ZION**

### **Sunday, September 10 – Rally Day**

*\* The flowers, bulletins, and communion elements are provided in celebration of the new program year at Zion!*

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

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

Rally Day Activities – Following Worship

Faith 5 Introduction (Sanctuary)

Continental Breakfast (Courtyard)

LWR Care Kit Assembly (Zone)

### **Monday, September 11**

Food Pantry – 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Comforters – 9 a.m. (Social Room/Kitchen)

Property – 7 p.m. (Zone)

### **Tuesday, September 12**

Bible Study – 9 a.m. (Parlor)

Finance – 6:30 p.m.

Scouts – 6:30 - 8 p.m. (Scout Room & Classrooms)

### **Wednesday, September 13**

Food Pantry – 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

### **Thursday, September 14**

Community Meal – 5 p.m. (Social Room)

Choir – 6:00 p.m. (Choir Room)

### **Friday, September 15**

### **Saturday, September 16**

### **Sunday, September 17**

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 – 10:30 a.m.

Bible Study Class (“St. John in Exile”) -- Parlor

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS, UPDATES, & EVENTS

### **RALLY DAY: TODAY**

- ❖ *Worship at 9:00 a.m. followed by:*
  - *Faith 5: A Brief Introduction in the sanctuary*



**Deuteronomy 6:6-9=**

**Household Faith Formation**

**Acts 2:42-49=**

**Household Faith Formation**

**Reformation/Small Catechism=**

**Household Faith Formation**

**Faith5=**

**Household Faith Formation**

**We are living in a time when faith communities are stressed!**

**It's time to train people to do faith formation in the household again!**

**How will it impact *your* life?**

- *Continental breakfast in the courtyard*
- *Lutheran World Relief Care Kit Assembly in the Zone*



## LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF CARE KIT UPDATE

Comforters and kits are sent all over the world by Lutheran World Relief and donations are appreciated to help offset the cost of shipping! *If you would like to write a check to help with shipping costs for the comforters and kits, make the check payable to our church and designate "LWR shipping" in the memo line.*

**Thank you** to everyone who donated items for the kits! Now it's time for the next step of this mission project!

**TODAY:** Assemble kits in Zone as part of Rally Day. Once assembled, they will be displayed on nave windowsills until they are blessed.

**Oct 1:** Blessing of kits and comforters in worship.

**Oct 7:** Delivery of kits and comforters to Bergstrasse Lutheran Church for shipment.

## LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE TO HAWAII

If you would like to help with relief efforts to the devastation in Hawaii, the best way to give is through the church! Contributions can be made directly to LDR by mail, online, or over the phone.

**ONLINE:** <https://elca.org/>

**PHONE:** 800-638-3522 [Mon.-Fri. 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.]

**MAIL:** Lutheran Disaster Response

P.O. Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009



The men's group is hosting an all-church "End of Summer" picnic on Thursday, September 21, from 4 p.m. to dusk at scenic Lake Grubb in West Hempfield Township. Please bring your place setting, and a dish to share. For families with last names beginning with letters A-L, please

bring a side dish or salad; for those with letters M-Z, please bring a dessert. *Please sign up on the bulletin board along with the number in your party and the dish you plan to bring.* We hope to see you there for the final summer outing!

Directions to Lake Grubb: Travel 23 west (Marietta Ave.) through Silver Spring to Hempfield Hill Rd. There will be a red barn on your left. Follow Hempfield Hill Rd. approximately ¼ mile to the park entrance on your right. Cars may use the gate to transport food or passengers to pavilion #1 and then return to the parking area. Rest rooms are nearby.



## INTERESTED IN CARING FOR THE ENVIRONMENT?

Join Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake for their learning lab on October 5 at 7 p.m. This session will explore how to reduce your end-of-life impact with alternatives to traditional burials with *Beyond the Grave*.

For more information and to register for this session, visit the website.

More information about Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake is provided on their website.



## FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

Thank you for 104 pounds of food contributed in July! Also, the Pantry is grateful for all the financial contributions that go to help feed our clients. Last month, the Pantry served a total of 1,758 people: 531 children, 847 adults, and 380 seniors! In addition, there were 42 individuals who volunteered 616 hours combined to help at the Pantry.

If you are interested in donating food in September, requested items include: *elbow pasta, mac and cheese, noodles, ramen noodles, cereal, canned carrots, canned mixed vegetables, canned green beans, large jars of peanut butter, and large jars of jelly.*



Through the month of September, the Joyful Noise will go to Habitat for Humanity. Also -- watch for more information about a possible outreach work trip with Habitat in the near future!



## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BUILD PROJECT

Interested in participating in a work project in Columbia? There is a sign-up sheet on the narthex bulletin board to indicate your preferred dates. Contact Randy M. (randymiller1076@comcast.net) with questions!

## OFF THE STREETS DONATIONS

Off the Streets continues to need donated items! A list of requested items are on the white board between the mailboxes in the narthex. Questions? Contact Pat L.

## WORSHIP SPONSORSHIPS OPEN DATES

The flowers and the bulletins both have open dates to be sponsored throughout October! Sign up on the chart on the bulletin board in the narthex! Cost is \$40/sponsorship/week.



## PICNIC IN THE PARK

There is only one more picnic in the park this season: Wed., Sept. 27 at A. Herr Park. It begins at 11:30. All are welcome!



*The August Picnic ... come join the fun on September 27!*

## OUTDOOR WORSHIP

Last Sunday was the final outdoor worship service for the season! It was a beautiful day to gather together outside before cooler weather sets in.

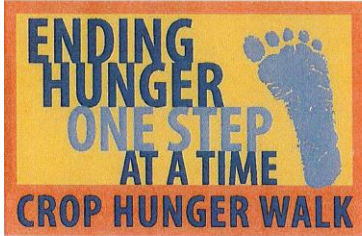




## **SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES WILL RESUME ON SEPTEMBER 17**

Beginning on September 17 the Wired Word class will meet again in person and on Zoom and the class that meets in the parlor will begin a video series featuring Dean Jones as St. John on Patmos! All are welcome!

## **CROP WALK**



Zion will be participating again in the CROP Walk this fall! The Walk this year is on Sunday, October 15 starting from the Greek Orthodox Church (Hershey Ave., Lancaster). The pre-Walk program begins at 1:30 and the walk begins at 2 p.m. To register for Team Zion visit: <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2023/team/zion-lutheran-church-landisville>

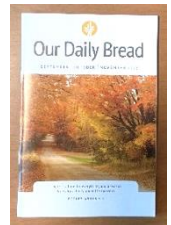
Contact Randy Miller with any questions ([randymiller107@comcast.net](mailto:randymiller107@comcast.net) or 717-413-0433).

## **COMFORTER MINISTRY**

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

## **OUR DAILY BREAD DEVOTIONALS**

The September-November Our Daily Bread Devotionals are available on the ushers' table in the narthex, on the back hallway window sill across from the choir room, and on the kiosk in the narthex across from the mailboxes. Help yourself! Take one to pass along to someone else!



## **CHOIR REHEARSALS HAVE BEGUN**

Want to sing in the choir? You can join anytime! Rehearsals are on Thursdays at 6 p.m. in the choir room!



The first meal of the year will be THIS THURSDAY, September 14, at 5 p.m.! If you are able to help by being a host (basically, being a Zion representative!) any time this fall please let

Mary H. know. When an outside group is serving the meal, someone from the church needs to be there to answer any questions or to simply be a presence. Contact Mary with questions (717-333-6173)

## WOMEN OF THE BIBLE PRESENTATION

*Salem United Church of Christ of Rohrerstown invites you to experience:*

# TOO OLD, TOO BUSY, TOO SINFUL

*Featuring, Sarah, Martha, Sinful Woman*

*"Incredible, poignant, piercing  
through time right to the heart  
of where we are living today."*

*-Aglow International*

*"Gripping and engaging"*

*-Reformed Presbyterian Church of Bowie*

**SAT, SEPT 30, 2023**

**1:30 PM Program**

**Followed by refreshments in  
Fellowship Hall**

**Tickets: \$25.00**

**Deadline: 9/10/23**

**Salem United Church of Christ  
of Rohrerstown  
2312 Marietta Ave.  
Lancaster, PA 17601**

**Contact: Sue: 717-330-4256  
or church office: 717-397-0141**

*performed by actress, Anita Gutschick, of*

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## CONCERTS AT ZION THROUGH THE FALL

# Z<sup>on</sup>MUZIK

Concert Series '23-'24

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

### *The 2023 Fall Line-Up*



October 21 @ 2pm

**Outside the Loft**

{Contemporary Christian/Soft Rock}

November 18 @ 2pm

**Organ Concert with John Landis**

#### Holiday Concerts

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*

## VITALIZATION INITIATIVE: A STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

In his temple talk at the August 6 worship service, Al Ramer reviewed what we have achieved as a congregation in response to the Stewardship initiatives. He also previewed what lies ahead. In March 2022, after emerging from the confines of the pandemic and resuming in-person worship services and other church related activities, we launched the ReVITALization initiative. This initiative focused on both the Time *and* the Talent aspects of the three-T “trinity” of stewardship: *Time, Talent, and Treasure*. In keeping with Zion’s “*United in Christ, we are called to love and serve*” statement of purpose, the narthex bulletin board displayed a tree with the opportunity for members to post a heart in recognition of acts of love and service to Zion and the community by fellow members. The tree bore much fruit.

The success of this initiative was followed in November 2022 by the VITALization initiative. In keeping with Zion’s “*Connecting with God; Connecting with others; Connecting Others with God*” action statement, the theme of this initiative was “*Let’s Connect.*” To get to know members better, the narthex bulletin board was updated with personal profiles that shared our backgrounds, experiences, talents, and interests. With impressive participation by individuals, this initiative was also quite successful and fun!

As fall approaches, the narthex bulletin board has been updated again, reflecting the next phase of Zion’s VITALization initiative. The focus is now on the third “T” of stewardship: *Treasure*. The cross that is pictured displays how God’s love is shown to us through the abundant gifts and blessing He provides for us (“down”). As recipients of these blessings we are stewards and caretakers—not owners. We are entrusted to decide how to use our blessings (“in”). And then guided by our personal and church budgets, we can—and have a responsibility to—share these blessings and do God’s work (“out”).

Thank you for your past generous support of Zion’s budget. A copy of the proposed Annual budget for 2024 will be shared in late October. *The budget is not about the church’s need to receive, but about our need to give.* What can you do now? Consider in prayerful and deliberate ways what financial giving to the ministries of the church means to you. How can you give proportionately from God’s gifts in response to His love *and* in support of His work at Zion and throughout the world?



## UPCOMING LUTHERAN CAMPING CORPORATION EVENTS

**AT KIRCHENWALD**



**FOR ALL  
ADULTS!**



Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup> 2023, 5:00-8:00 PM  
Camp Kirchenwald, 1 Cutoff Rd Lebanon PA 17042

Did your child have a great week at camp? Consider attending our Party with a Purpose fundraiser and help us continue to provide awesome programs! The evening will consist of a BBQ meal, live music, silent and live auction items, and giveaways. The evening is free and we ask participants to donate what they would pay for an evening out for dinner and entertainment. This is an adult only event but childcare will be provided.



RSVP HERE



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DONATE HERE

AT  
NAWAKWA

FOR WOMEN

## CAPTURE THE FLAG SPECTACULAR



Review your camp map, paint your face, and practice your cone zone celebration dance. Invite your friends and family (parents, too) to join you in this CTF summer reunion event. Play alongside familiar faces from your week at camp, plus campers from every other week of the summer. Campfire worship to follow.

at Kirchenwald  
Sunday, October 1, 3-5:30 pm

This is a free event, but please RSVP by September 22 to 717-677-8211 or online at [LutheranCamping.org](http://LutheranCamping.org)



The Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central Pennsylvania  
Kirchenwald, Nawakwa, and The Wittel Farm  
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## An Adult Study Retreat on the books

- *Major Pettigrew's Last Stand* – Helen Simonson
- *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry* – Rachel Joycen

Additional reading –

- *A Man Called Ove* – Fredrik Backman
- *I Capture the Castle* – Dodie Smith

October 3-5, 2023



At Nawakwa



Registration fee: \$170  
Lodging and meals provided  
Please call 717-677-8211  
or visit [LutheranCamping.org](http://LutheranCamping.org)  
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AT KIRCHENWALD

FOR ALL AGES!



# Strategic Planning

October 4th, 12-1:30pm

Led By  
Emily Seitz



# Crafting Your Story

October 18th, 12-1:30pm

Led By  
Susannah Conner



**BOTH  
EVENTS  
ARE  
HELD  
VIA  
ZOOM.**

For more information about the Parish Resource Center, other events, or these ones in particular, visit: <https://connectprc.org/>

THE LANCASTER CROP HUNGER  
WALK COMMITTEE PRESENTS:

**SEPTEMBER  
16TH  
10-11:30AM**

# TEAM CAPTAIN RALLY!!

CWS LANCASTER OFFICE  
439 E. KING ST, LANCASTER PA 17602

**JOIN US AS WE TALK ABOUT WHAT'S NEW WITH  
CWS IN LANCASTER AND EQUIP YOU FOR THE  
UPCOMING 51ST CROP HUNGER WALK! LIGHT  
REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED.**

**NOT JUST FOR CAPTAINS!!!**

**ANYONE IS WELCOME!**

**R.S.V.P. 717-575-0286/[chris@trinityeastpete.org](mailto:chris@trinityeastpete.org)**

**CONTACT [CHRIS@TRINITYEASTPETE.ORG](mailto:CHRIS@TRINITYEASTPETE.ORG) WITH ANY QUESTIONS!**



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

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)  
Walter Thalgott (Brother of Thelma Pearson)  
Lori Weber (Daughter of Dolly Overly)  
William Hartman (Father of Deb Grube)  
Brook Ross (Friend of Barb Williams)  
Jeff Long (Nephew of Rick & Deb Long)  
Mike LaFata (Son-in-law of Bill & Julia Grove)  
Jennifer Wiley (Niece of Pat Landis and friend of Mary Hetrick)  
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  
Karen Wright and Stephanie and Chris and their families  
Ruth Burkett (Mother of Deb Long)  
Arlene Wise (Sister-in-law of Dave Wise)  
Dorothy Mattern (Mother of Denise Haun)

Ed & Dotty Sites (Parents of Cathy Benedict)  
Jennifer Kready (Daughter of Dave & Donna Dumeyer)  
Peggy & Rick Dolly (Relatives of Barb Williams)

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

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

***IN CELEBRATION & REMEMBRANCE***

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

14 – Joshua Houseal  
16 – Claire Flood  
17 – Ron Chapman

**HAPPY BELATED BIRTHDAY** to ADELE KING! Adele's birthday was last Sunday, September 3. Be sure to wish her an extra happy year ahead!  
[Sorry, Adele, for the oversight.]

**CONDOLENCES** to Janet Musselman on the death of Harry on Sunday, September 3.  
Harry was the longest living member of Zion!

To send a sympathy card to Janet:  
*1841 Temple Ave.*  
*Lancaster, PA 17603*



## **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)	Will resume on September 17
Wired Word Class (Zone & Zoom)	Will resume in September 17
Morning Bible Study	Tuesdays @ 9:00 a.m.
Church Office	717-898-2911
Pastor	717-332-4216
Parish Administrator	717-945-4585
Council President	717-342-3796
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