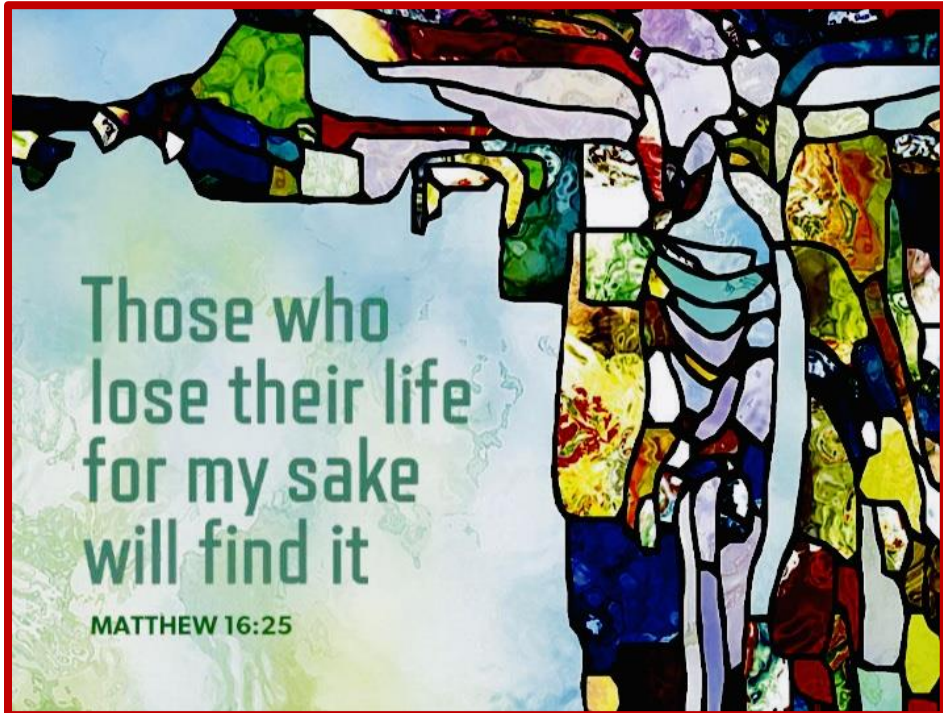


FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*An Outdoor Service of Word & Sacrament
September 3, 2023*



ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH
85 E. Brandt Boulevard
Landisville, PA

Connecting with God; Connecting with others; Connecting others with God

Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

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

† THE GATHERING †

INTRODUCTION

The prophet Jeremiah speaks of the incurable wound of his suffering yet finds in God's words the delight of his heart. When Peter doesn't grasp Jesus' words about suffering, Jesus tells the disciples they will find their lives in losing them. Such sacrificial love is described by Paul when he urges us to associate with the lowly and not repay evil with evil. In worship we gather as a community that we might offer ourselves for the sake of our suffering world.

PRELUDE

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, & GOD-SIGHTINGS

Please stand if you are able.

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.**

SONG

The Wonderful Cross

BB 13

1. When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

2. See from His head, His hands, His feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down;
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown.

Refrain

O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross
Bids me come and die and find that I may truly live.
O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross;
All who gather here by grace draw near and bless Your name

3. Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were an offering far too small.
Love so amazing so divine,
Demands my soul my life my all. *Refrain.*

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, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

Please be seated.

† THE WORD †

JEREMIAH 15:15-21

God fortifies the prophet against opposition.

A: ¹⁵O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult. ¹⁶Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts. ¹⁷I did not sit in the company of merrymakers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. ¹⁸Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail.

¹⁹Therefore thus says the LORD: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them. ²⁰And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the LORD. ²¹I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

Word of God. Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 26:1-8

Please read responsively.

A: ¹Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived with integrity; I have trusted in the LORD and have not faltered.

C: ²**Test me, O LORD, and try me; examine my heart and my mind.**

³For your steadfast love is before my eyes; I have walked faithfully with you.

⁴**I have not sat with the worthless, nor do I consort with the deceitful.**

⁵I have hated the company of evildoers; I will not sit down with the wicked.

⁶**I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD, that I may go in procession round your altar,**

⁷singing aloud a song of thanksgiving and recounting all your wonderful deeds.

⁸**LORD, I love the house in which you dwell and the place where your glory abides.**

ROMANS 12:9-21

Live in harmony.

A: ⁹Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Word of God. Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S CHAT

Please stand if you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Step by Step

BB 93

O God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You.

O God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You.

I will seek You in the morning,

And I will learn to walk in Your ways;

And step by step You'll lead me,

And I will follow you all of my days.

MATTHEW 16:21-28

The passion prediction and rebuke to Peter.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 16th chapter.

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

P: ²¹From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." ²³But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

²⁶For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

²⁷"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

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

Please be seated.

MESSAGE

Pastor Timothy Seitz-Brown

Romans 12 and Matthew 16

("Revenge" in the Princess Bride)



"I've been in the
revenge business for
so long; now that it's
over I don't know what
to do with the rest of
my life."

—Inigo Montoya



...the statement about heaping burning coals on the heads of our enemies is parallel to the statements about blessing our enemies with food and water. When this Proverb was written, people heated their homes and cooked with fire. But sometimes, a person's fire would go out during the night, and before they could cook their breakfast, they had to go to a neighbor's house to get a coal so they could relight their fire.—Jeremy Myers



So Proverbs 25:22 teaches that if the fire of your enemy goes out, and they come asking for a coal to relight their fire, instead of turning them away or giving just one, we should be be extravagantly generous. How? We must keep one coal for ourselves, and give all the rest of the burning coals to our enemy.

—Jeremy Myers



Proverbs 25:22 instructs us to give our enemy so many burning coals they have to carry them the way burdens are carried in the Middle East: in a container on the head. Then they can go back and immediately bake their bread without having to wait for the wood to become suitable coals for cooking.

This is quite different than setting someone's head on fire.

—Jeremy Myers



This understanding of the burning coals makes more sense, doesn't it? Yes, and especially in light of Jesus' instruction in the Sermon on the Mount to bless our enemies and pray for them. Jesus points that God sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous and the sun to shine on the evil and the good and we should do the same (Matt 5:45). And of course, this is exactly how Paul used the passage about burning coals in Romans 12:20-21, where he concludes by saying, "overcome evil with good."

—Jeremy Myers

Love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor.—Romans 12:10



Jesus said to Peter,

"Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me, because you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

—Matthew 16:23

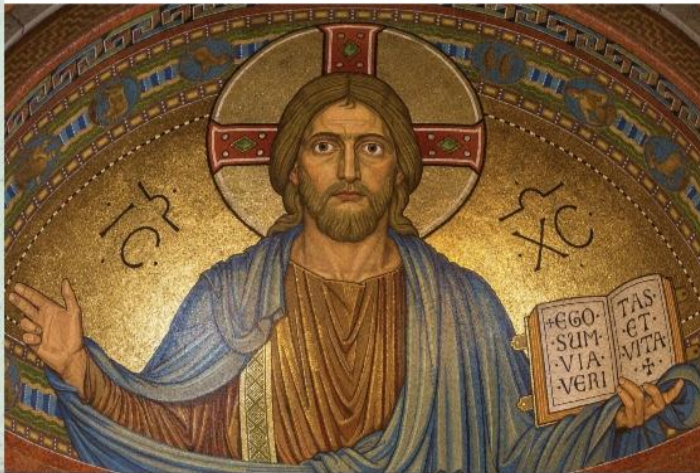
Peter wanted a Messiah
who gave two "giants",

King Caesar
and his puppet,
Herod Philip,

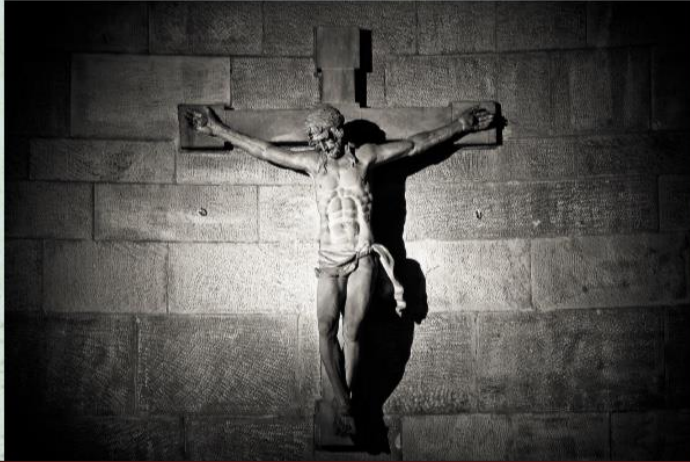
a taste of their own medicine.



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



Jesus subverts what "Messiah" looks like and transforms what "Son of the Living God" means for Peter and the disciples.



Thinking
"divine things"

VERSUS

Thinking
"human things"



Being
"Christlike"

VERSUS

Being
"Anti-Christlike"

Please stand if you are able.

1 "Take up your cross," the Sav - ior said,
 2 Take up your cross; let not its weight
 3 Take up your cross, nor heed the shame,
 4 Take up your cross and fol - low Christ,

"if you would my dis - ci - ple be;
 per - vade your soul with vain a - larm;
 nor let your fool - ish heart re - bel;
 nor think till death to lay it down;

for - sake the past, and come this day,
 his strength shall bear your spir - it up,
 for you the Lord en - dured the cross
 for those who hum - bly bear the cross

and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me."
 sus - tain your heart, - and nerve your arm.
 to save your soul from death and hell.
 one day will wear the glo - rious crown.

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Music: BOURBON, W. Hauser, *Hesperian Harp*, 1848; arr. hymnal version

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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. God of life, your words are the joy at the heart of your church. Draw the seeker to you, place messages of hope and healing in the mouths of your witnesses, and open your children to your truth when we stumble. Merciful God,

C: **receive our prayer.**

God of steadfast love, renew the earth by your Spirit, that lands and oceans reveal the beauty of your creation. Challenge us to live humbly and peaceably as part of your world. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

God of patience, lead those who govern to hold fast to what is good. Guide them to show honor to the people in their care. Overcome evil in all nations and grant peace to peoples and places mired in conflict. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

God of deliverance, remember all who are suffering, lonely, and in pain. Liberate your people being insulted, persecuted, or in the grasp of the ruthless. Give endurance to workers who persevere on this Labor Day and ensure fair wages and safe working environments. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

God of justice, equip this congregation to boldly follow you in uncertain times and to remain faithful in prayer when facing challenges. Show us how best to love and care for one another and our communities. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

God of glory, we give thanks for the saints who now dwell with you in splendor. Nurture us in faith until the day we join their heavenly song. 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 heart, 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."

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: 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. Communion will be brought to you in your seat. Those who do not or choose not to partake of the sacrament may receive a blessing.

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 songs until all worshippers have communed.

COMMUNION SONGS

Because He Lives

Refrain

Because He lives I can face tomorrow;
Because He lives all fear is gone.
Because I know He holds the future,
And life is worth the living
Just because He lives.

1. God sent His Son - they called Him Jesus;
He came to love, heal, and forgive.
He bled and died to buy my pardon;
An empty grave is there to prove
My Savior lives. *Refrain*

2. How sweet to hold our newborn baby,
And feel the pride and joy he gives;
But greater still the calm assurance:
This child can face uncertain days
Because Christ lives. *Refrain*

3. And then one day I'll cross that river;
I'll fight life's final war with pain.
And then, as death gives way to vict'ry,
I'll see the lights of glory
And I'll know He reigns. *Refrain*

Oh Lord, You're Beautiful

1. Oh Lord, You're beautiful,
Your face is all I seek;
And when Your eyes are on this child,
Your grace abounds to me.

Refrain

I want to take Your Word
And shine it all around
First help me just to live it Lord
And when I'm doing well
Help me to never seek a crown
For my reward is giving glory to You

2. Oh Lord, please light the fire
That once burned bright and clear;
Replace the lamp of my first love
That burns with holy fear. *Refrain*

3. Oh Lord, You're beautiful,
Your face is all I seek;
And when Your eyes are on this child,
Your grace abounds to me.

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 HYMN

Lift High the Cross

ELW 660

Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till

all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,
2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied
3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Refrain

our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
bear on their brows the seal of him who died.
as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

DISMISSAL

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

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE



THIS WEEK AT ZION

Sunday, September 3

** The flowers, bulletin, and communion elements are sponsored by Cathy and Bob Shirk in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary which was on September 1!*

Outdoor Worship – 9:00 a.m. (No Livestream)

Monday, September 4 – *Labor Day*

Food Pantry Closed

Office Closed

Tuesday, September 5

Bible Study – 9 a.m. (Parlor)

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

W&M – 7 p.m. (Zone)

Wednesday, September 6

Food Pantry – 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Thursday, September 7

Choir – 6:00 p.m. (Choir Room)

Friday, September 8

Saturday, September 9

Private Memorial Service (Sanctuary reserved all day)

Sunday, September 10 – *Rally Day*

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

Livestream/Recorded Link: http://bit.ly/Zion_Live

Rally Day Activities – Following Worship

Faith 5 Introduction (Sanctuary)

Continental Breakfast (Courtyard)

LWR Care Kit Assembly (Zone)



ANNOUNCEMENTS, UPDATES, & EVENTS

RALLY DAY: NEXT SUNDAY

- ❖ *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!

Sept 10: 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-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.

THRIVENT T-SHIRTS: *Get One While You Still Can!*

Thrivent shirts are on the shelf above the coatrack across from the mailboxes—help yourself! *Whatever is not taken by the end of the day tomorrow will be donated.*

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!



INTERESTED IN CARING FOR THE ENVIRONMENT?

Join Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake for their first fall learning lab of 2023 with a *Spotlight on Migration!* This event will be held on Thursday

September 7 at 7p.m. You'll hear from experts in the field on our animals native throughout the Chesapeake Bay region and how they get ready for winter. A couple of congregations that have taken on some amazing conservation projects to help our positively lovely pollinators will be highlighted! For more information and to register, visit Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake online.

Can't make this one? There will be additional labs in the fall and winter months. The October 5 session (at 7p.m.) 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.*



Beginning today and 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!



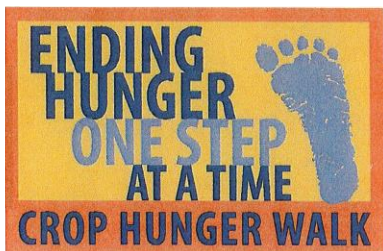
OFF THE STREETS DONATIONS

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.

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!

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 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!

STAFF UPDATE

Tom Miller is having total hip replacement surgery on Monday. It is likely that he will be off work for the next few months. If you would like to send him a card or provide a meal for him and his wife during his time of recovery, the contact information is:

*2810 Harrisburg Pike
Lancaster, PA 17601*

717-808-9185 (Tom) 717-490-0476 (Lisa)

Also, if you see Brian, please give him an extra dose of appreciation for his work at the church and doing double-duty while Tom is off.

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

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Contact: Sue: 717-330-4256
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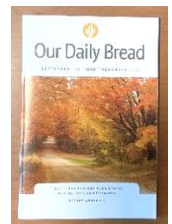
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OUR DAILY BREAD DEVOTIONALS

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!

CONCERTS AT ZION THROUGH THE FALL

Zion 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!

johnnlandis@gmail.com

717-875-6182



The first meal of the year will be on Thursday, September 14 at 5 p.m.! If you are able to help by being a host (basically, being a Zion representative!) 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 simply be a presence. Contact Mary with questions (717-333-6173)

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 30th 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.



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NAWAKWA

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



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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
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FOR WOMEN

FOR ALL AGES!

PRAYER LIST
FOR HEALING

Dolly Overly
Bob Shirk
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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
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!

4 – Alison Long
6 – Kate Donnan
7 – Justin Propst

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

5 – Todd & Cathy Benedict

CONDOLENCES to Karen Wright and Christopher and Stephanie and their families as they grieve the death of Jon—husband, father, and grandfather—on Saturday, August 26.

Karen Wright

82 South Ave.
Landisville, PA 17538

Stephanie and Ryan Stitzel

(Parker, Cooper, and Brooke)
3421 Timmerman Pl.
Camp Lejeune, NC 28547

Chris Wright

(Tucker)
82 South Ave.
Landisville, PA 17538

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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
Outdoor Worship	Today @ 9:00 a.m. (No livestream)
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.
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