

# 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

*A Service of Word & Sacrament*

*September 21, 2025*

Whoever is  
faithful in a very  
little is faithful  
also in much

LUKE 16:10

**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 this morning! The service contains the four parts of the Lutheran liturgy (The Gathering, The Word, The Meal, and The Sending). Please note that those who are remembered in the liturgical calendar are included in the Prayers of the Faithful. 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:** If you are unable to worship in-person, the service is live-streamed and can be viewed on the church YouTube channel:

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIy\\_3AeK\\_pExuVhcUfl2cSw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIy_3AeK_pExuVhcUfl2cSw)

## **SUNDAY MORNING INFORMATION**

- ❖ 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 nursery room or the parlor as a calming 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.



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

## † THE GATHERING †

### INTRODUCTION

*As we are invited today to consider what it means to be managers rather than owners of all that we have, it is crucial to recognize that we are bought with a price: “Christ Jesus, himself human, ... gave himself a ransom for all.” Apart from God’s generosity we have nothing—we are nothing. By God’s gracious favor we have everything we need.*

*We are called to pray for everyone and to live knowing that all are in need and all can be saved. In Christ, who gives himself away for all, we are invited to give as well, turning what we have toward a needy world. May God keep us from trampling on the poor and cheating the vulnerable, and may the word, the Spirit, and this meal form us into practitioners of the generosity of Christ.*

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### PRELUDE

*Take My Life and Let It Be*

**arr. Jeff Perks**

*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 the holy Trinity, ✙ one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Gracious God,

C: **our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo.  
Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear,  
and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment.**

**Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.**

**P:** In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of word and sacrament in the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** Amen.

## GATHERING HYMN

### *Take My Life and Let It Be*



1 Take my life and let it be con-se - crat-ed, Lord, to thee;  
2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;  
3 Take my voice and let me sing al-ways, on - ly, for my King;  
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold; not a mite would I with-hold;

take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in  
take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti -  
take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sa -  
take my in - tel - lect and use ev - ery power as

cease - less praise; let them flow in cease - less praise.  
ful for thee, swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.  
ges from thee, filled with mes - sa - ges from thee.  
thou shalt choose, ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.



5 Take my will and make it thine;  
it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is thine own;  
it shall be thy royal throne,  
it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
at thy feet its treasure store;  
take myself and I will be  
ever, only, all for thee,  
ever, only, all for thee.

TEXT: Frances Ridley Havergal, 1874  
MUSIC: H. A. César Malan, 1827

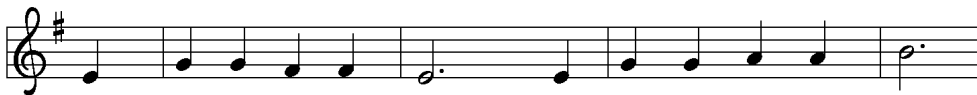
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## GREETING

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.**

## KYRIE



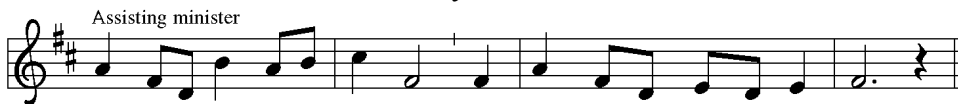
1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.  
2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.  
3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.  
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

## HYMN OF PRAISE

### *Glory to God*

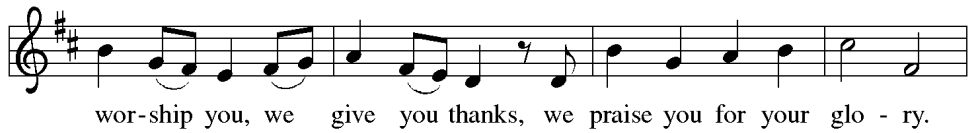


Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we





## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P:** Let us pray. God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C:** Amen.

*Please be seated.*

## † THE WORD †

### AMOS 8:4-7

*Warnings to those who trample on the needy and poor.*

A: <sup>4</sup> Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land,  
<sup>5</sup> saying, “When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practice deceit with false balances, <sup>6</sup> buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat.”

<sup>7</sup> The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 113

*Please read responsively.*

A: <sup>1</sup> Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants of the LORD; praise the name of the LORD.

<sup>2</sup> **Let the name of the LORD be blessed, from this time forth forevermore.**

<sup>3</sup> From the rising of the sun to its going down let the name of the LORD be praised.

<sup>4</sup> **The LORD is high above all nations; God’s glory above the heavens.**

<sup>5</sup> Who is like the LORD our God, who sits enthroned on high,

<sup>6</sup> **but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?**

<sup>7</sup> The LORD takes up the weak out of the dust and lifts up the poor from the ashes,

<sup>8</sup> **enthroning them with the rulers, with the rulers of the people.**

<sup>9</sup> The LORD makes the woman of a childless house to be a joyful mother of children. Hallelujah!

### 1 TIMOTHY 2:1-7

*One God, one mediator—Christ Jesus—who gave himself for all people.*

A: <sup>1</sup> First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, <sup>2</sup> for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. <sup>3</sup> This

is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, <sup>4</sup> who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. <sup>5</sup> For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, <sup>6</sup> who gave himself a ransom for all—this was attested at the right time. <sup>7</sup> For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## ANTHEM

*What Shall I Render*

Allen Pote

Psalm 116: 12-19

## CHILDREN'S CHAT

*Please stand if you are able.*

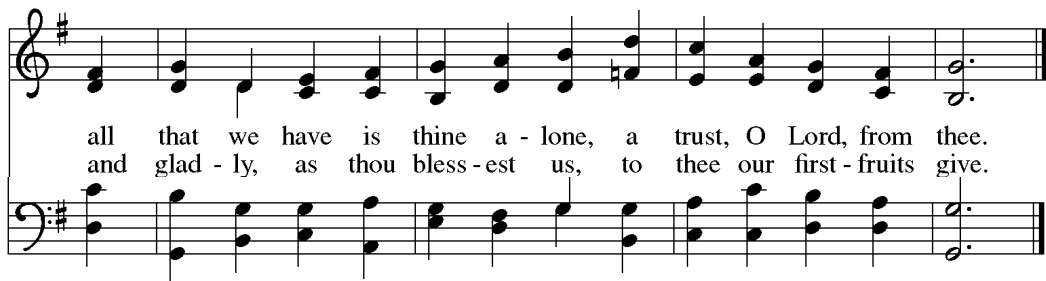
## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*We Give Thee but Thine Own*

ELW 686



1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;  
2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,



all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.  
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.

Text: William W. How, 1823–1897, alt.

Music: HEATH, L. Mason and G. Webb, *Cantica Lauda*, 1850



## LUKE 16:1-13

*A shrewd manager: faithful in little, faithful in much; serving God/wealth.*

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 16<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

**P:** <sup>1</sup> Then Jesus said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. <sup>2</sup> So he summoned him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.’ <sup>3</sup> Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. <sup>4</sup> I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’ <sup>5</sup> So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ <sup>6</sup> He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’ <sup>7</sup> Then he asked another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘A hundred containers of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’ <sup>8</sup> And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. <sup>9</sup> And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

<sup>10</sup> “Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. <sup>11</sup> If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? <sup>12</sup> And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? <sup>13</sup> No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated.*

**MESSAGE**

**Pastor Tim Seitz-Brown**

## The Daladala Story



## Sometimes You Have to Improvise!



*Please stand if you are able.*

### HYMN

### *Son of God, Eternal Savior*

ELW 655

1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,  
 2 As you, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, so may we for oth - ers live.  
 3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and Prince of peace;  
 4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,

Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race,  
 Free - ly have your gifts been grant - ed; free - ly may your ser - vants give.  
 hush the storm of strife and pas - sion, bid its cru - el dis - cords cease.  
 Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race:



you our head, who, throned in glo - ry, for your own will ev - er plead:  
 Yours the gold and yours the sil - ver, yours the wealth of land and sea;  
 By your pa - tient years of toil - ing, by your si - lent hours of pain,  
 by your pray - ing, by your will - ing that your peo - ple should be one,

fill us with your love and pit - y, heal our wrong, and help our need.  
 we but stew - ards of your boun - ty held in sol - emn trust will be.  
 quench our fe - vered thirst of plea - sure, stem our self - ish greed of gain.  
 grant, oh, grant our hope's fru - i - tion: here on earth your will be done.

Text: Somerset C. Lowry, 1855–1932

Music: IN BABILONE, *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenlities en Contradansen*, 1710; arr. Julius Röntgen, 1855–1932

## THE 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: Gracious God, we come to you in prayer for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

O God, teach your church in the Lower Susquehanna Synod, under the guidance of Bishop Stephen Herr, to act in solidarity with the poor. Frustrate the efforts of those who trample on the needy, and empower us to practice healing justice in our lives, congregations, and communities. God of grace,

**C: receive our prayer.**

Almighty Creator, we lift up Lancaster County—its farms and fields, the Conestoga and Susquehanna Rivers, and all streams, ponds, and wetlands. Teach us to use your gifts with wisdom, guide our care for the land, and inspire us to live in ways that bring flourishing for generations to come. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

Holy One, we pray for elected leaders in the United States and Pennsylvania. Lift up the vulnerable as you lift the poor from the ashes, and grant our leaders the wisdom of the improvisational steward—seeking the common good, honoring others, and serving with integrity. Inspire them to act with justice, compassion, and generosity. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

Compassionate God, we lift up all members, family, and friends on the prayer list of Zion Lutheran Church who are facing illness, nearing the end of life, or grieving the loss of loved ones. May they find comfort, hope, and strength in your love. Prepare us to surround them with your healing presence, care, and compassion. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

God of love, inspire the congregation of Zion Lutheran Church to act with care and generosity, prioritizing the needs of our community. Guide us to share resources and support one another, in our outreach and daily lives, so all may flourish in an economy that lifts from the bottom up. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

P: Gracious God, we give thanks for the saints—especially Saint Matthew, those who have gone before us at Zion Lutheran Church, and our loved ones—who join the heavenly chorus in praising your name. Lift us from grief, comfort our hearts, and remind us of your promise of new life, that we may live in hope and joy. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We entrust these prayers to you, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.

C: **Amen.**

### **THE SHARING OF THE PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

### **† THE MEAL †**

### **PRAYER**

A: Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

### **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER – GOD, THE HOST OF THE PARTY**

P: Blessed are you, Holy God, our host and our joy. From the beginning you prepared a garden, a table of beauty and abundance, inviting creation to feast in your presence.

When your people were enslaved, you led them through the waters, and on the far shore you taught them to dance and sing in freedom. You brought Ruth the outsider into your family, turning sorrow into joy, and weaving her into the story of David and Jesus.

You are the shepherd who rejoices when the sheep is found, the woman who cannot rest until the coin is safe, the father who runs to embrace his children and insists on a feast for all. You are the master whose honor is multiplied when the steward gathers the village into generosity and celebration.

And in the fullness of time, you sent Jesus—the Lamb who gathers us for the feast that has no end, who told stories of parties, tables, and banquets to show us that your kingdom is joy shared with all.

On the night before he gave himself for us, our Lord Jesus took bread, 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.

And so we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

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

**P:** Send now your Spirit upon this bread and this cup, that we who eat and drink may taste your joy, share your generosity, and live as guests and hosts at your great feast of love.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

**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 welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come to this meal of mercy.

**C: Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## PARTAKING IN THE BREAD AND CUP OF SALVATION

*All baptized Christians are welcome to partake of the Holy Sacrament. 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 sing the communion songs until all worshippers have communed and have returned to their seats.*

### COMMUNION SONGS     *For the Bread Which You Have Broken*

ELW 494

1 For the bread which you have bro - ken, for the wine which you have poured,  
2 By this prom - ise that you love us, by your gift of peace re - stored,  
3 With the saints who now a - dore you, seat-ed at the heav'n - ly board,  
4 In your ser - vice, Lord, de - fend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward;

for the words which you have spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.  
by your call to heav'n a - bove us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord.  
may the church still wait - ing for you keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord.  
in the world to which you send us let your king-dom come, O Lord.

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It features a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature. The melody is primarily in the Soprano and Alto parts, with the piano providing harmonic support. The lyrics are printed below the vocal staves.

Text: Louis F. Benson, 1855–1930, alt.

Music: OMNI DIE, *Gross Catolisch Gesangbuch*, Nürnberg, 1631; arr. William Smith Rockstro, 1823–1895

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### *For the Fruit of All Creation*

ELW 679

1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.  
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.  
3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It features a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature. The melody is primarily in the Soprano and Alto parts, with the piano providing harmonic support. The lyrics are printed below the vocal staves.



For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.  
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.  
For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.

For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,  
In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,  
For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,

fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.  
in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.  
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000  
Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958  
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*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:** O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name.

**C:** **Amen.**



## † THE SENDING †

### BLESSING

P: The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, † bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

### SENDING SONG

#### *Praise and Thanksgiving*

ELW 689

1 Praise and thanks-giv-ing, God, we would of-fer for all things  
2 God, bless the la-bor we bring to serve you, that with our  
3 Fa-ther, pro-vid-ing food for your chil-dren, by Wis-dom's  
4 Then will your bless-ing reach ev-'ry peo-ple, free-ly con-

liv-ing, you have made good: har-vest of sown fields, fruits of the  
neigh-bor we may be fed. Sow-ing or till-ing, we would work  
guid-ing teach us to share one with an-oth-er, so that, re-  
fess-ing your gra-cious hand. Where you are reign-ing, no one will

or-chard, hay from the mown fields, blos-som and wood.  
with you, har-vest-ing, mill-ing for dai-ly bread.  
joic-ing with us, all oth-ers may know your care.  
hun-ger; your love sus-tain-ing show-ers the land.

Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901–1984, alt.  
Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune; arr. hymnal version  
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Arr. © 2006 Augsburg Fortress.

### DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

C: Thanks be to God! We will not lose heart!

### POSTLUDE



## The Parable of the Improvisational Steward

In the Mediterranean world of Jesus, honor and shame were the true currencies of life. Reputation, not money, defined status. To be honored was to belong; to be shamed was to be excluded. Wealth was valuable, but chiefly as a tool to build relationships and strengthen community ties.

This cultural backdrop brings Luke 16:1–13, the parable of the dishonest steward, to life. When the steward is accused of wasting his master’s property, he faces not only unemployment but deep dishonor. He admits to himself, “I’m not strong enough to dig, and I’m ashamed to beg.” His situation is desperate. Yet, rather than surrender to shame, he improvises. He acts quickly, creatively, even playfully. Calling in the master’s debtors, he reduces what they owe—fifty measures of oil here, twenty sheaves of wheat there.

The debtors rejoice. They assume the steward has persuaded the master to a surprising act of generosity. The village buzzes with excitement. Families now have unexpected relief from heavy burdens, and word spreads rapidly about the master’s kindness. In such a setting, a celebration must have broken out, for gifts of generosity were honored publicly with feasts and songs of joy.

Now the master is trapped in a web of honor. To rescind the reductions would make him appear stingy and dishonorable. To let them stand secures his reputation as a noble and generous benefactor. Remarkably, the steward has not only secured his own welcome among the debtors but also increased the honor of his master.

The master praises the steward, not for dishonesty, but for improvising with shrewdness. He turned a crisis into a communal celebration. Jesus’ point is clear: “Make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth.” In God’s economy, true honor comes not from hoarding but from generosity that improvises toward grace, strengthens community, and reflects divine abundance.

- 1. In what ways might discipleship call us to improvise faithfully in messy or ambiguous situations, rather than waiting for perfect certainty?*
- 2. The steward’s actions led to the debtors’ joy, the master’s honor, and his own welcome. How might we act in ways that create mutual flourishing, where everyone is lifted up?*
- 3. In your community, who bears the weight of shame or exclusion? What creative steps could honor their dignity and bring them into celebration?*
- 4. Jesus says to “make friends with unrighteous wealth.” What would it look like to use money, influence, or privilege to build relationships that reflect God’s generosity?*
- 5. How might we see discipleship itself as joining God’s ongoing party of grace—where the table keeps expanding, the music never stops, and the joy grows as more people are welcomed in?*

## **THIS WEEK AT ZION**

### **Sunday, September 21**

*\* The altar flowers are sponsored by Jeff & Amy Thompson in celebration of Cameron & Claire's 2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary on Wednesday, September 24!*

*\* The yellow rose is in celebration of Burnell Hostetter's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on Tuesday, September 23!*

*\* The bulletins are sponsored by Mark & Brenda Rosen in gratitude for our many blessings!*

*\* The communion elements are sponsored by Cathy Shirk in celebration of her & Bob's anniversary which was on September 1.*

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

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIy\\_3AeK\\_pExuVhcUfI2cSw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIy_3AeK_pExuVhcUfI2cSw)

Adult Sunday School – 10:30 a.m.

Bible Study Class – Parlor

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

### **Monday, September 22**

Food Pantry – 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

### **Tuesday, September 23**

Bible Study – 9 a.m. (Parlor)

Journeys Wellness Group – 6:30 p.m. (Parlor)

### **Wednesday, September 24**

Food Pantry – 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

### **Thursday, September 25**

Choir Rehearsal – 6 p.m.

### **Friday, September 26**

### **Saturday, September 27**

Model Club – 5 p.m. (Social Room)

### **Sunday, September 28**

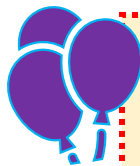
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**HAPPY 90<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY,  
BURNELL!**

**~Tues., Sept. 23~**

Let's celebrate this special  
milestone birthday with Burnell –

mail a card,  
give him a call,  
or send an email!

*Burnell Hostetter  
550 Romarin Place  
Lancaster 17601*

*717-984-2741*

*Hostetter550@comcast.net*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS, UPDATES, & EVENTS**

### **CLEANING HELP NEEDED**

With Tom out on medical leave we are in need of help around the church. Any bit of time spent tidying, emptying the trash, or making sure bathrooms are stocked with toilet paper and are clean would be very much appreciated by all who come into the church.

Maintaining the appeal of the facility is a big job but is manageable when many step up to step in. What can you do? When can you come by to lend a hand? How can you be generous with your energy and ability?

### **JOURNEYS: A GROUP TO SUPPORT WELLNESS**

The next gathering of this wellness group will be THIS TUESDAY, September 23 at 6:30 a.m. in the Parlor. Beginning in October, this group will meet on the third Tuesday of each month (at 6:30 p.m.). Meeting dates are: 10/21, 11/18, and 12/16. Sign up or just come on over! You are welcome to bring a friend!

### **ONLINE GIVING**

Interested in online giving? The link is on the homepage of the church website, or go directly: <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZM24/home>

### **BIBLE STUDY**

The weekly Bible Study meets on Tuesdays at 9 a.m. in the parlor and focuses on the scriptures and their related topics. Everyone is welcome – come discover the message God has for each of us!

### **OPEN WORSHIP SPONSORSHIPS**

#### Flowers

Nov.: 23 (Christ the King)

#### Bulletins

Oct.: 5 (World Communion), 12, 26 (Reformation)

Nov.: 2 (All Saints), 16, 23 (Christ the King), 30

Dec.: 7, 14, 28

### **DAILY DEVOTIONALS**

Devotionals can be found on the ushers' table, on the kiosk across from the mailboxes, and on the window sill ledge in the back hallway across from the choir room.

- Christ in Our Home devotionals (published by Augsburg Fortress) (*Oct.-Jan. Now Available!*)
- Our Daily Bread devotionals (*Sept.-Nov. Now Available!*)
- Online app: <https://d365.org/>

WALK. GIVE. CHANGE THE WORLD.

Lancaster

CROP HUNGER WALK

## JOIN TEAM ZION!

**Sunday, October 19**

1:00 p.m. Registration

1:30 Pre-Walk Program

2:00 Walk Begins

Greek Orthodox Church (Hershey Ave., Lanc.)

*Choose either route: The longer route is a little over 2 miles and the shorter route is just a few (4-5) laps around the parking lot of the Greek Church!*

**Register and donate online:**

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/crophungerwalks/team/zion-evangelical-lutheran-church-landisville-pa>



### CROP WALK IMPACT STORY

Last year Zion was one of the top fundraisers at the Lancaster CROP Walk. Pastor Tim insists he's not competitive... but let's just say if we finished in first place, he'd find a way to work it into every sermon until Christmas—probably squeezing it into the children's message, the benediction, and maybe even the grocery list prayer.

Enter Gabby.

She is beyond proud to tell you, “This is my fourth CROP Walk. I’m pumped. And yes—I’ll be rocking my fourth T-shirt.” Gabby walks every day, so she’s ready. But she will also tell you it’s not about the shirts. It’s about belonging.

She loves her Zion family—the choir that welcomed her when others said she couldn’t sing, the laughter around the table at picnics and in the social room, the simple joy of being surrounded by people who believe in her. And she loves the CROP Walk because it feels like all of that in motion: friends walking together, neighbors cheering, and strangers being fed because we cared enough to give.

Gabby once said, “When somebody stumbles on the walk, we help them back up.” That’s not just about a Sunday in October. That’s life. That’s generosity. That’s the gospel on two feet.

So let’s rally around Gabby. Let’s cheer, sponsor, and walk beside her. Because every pledge is more than a donation and generosity isn’t just for one Sunday afternoon in October—it’s a step toward a world where no one walks hungry, and no one walks alone.

# Generosity & Stewardship

## *What's happening this fall?*

Sunday, November 2



Generosity Intent Sunday #1

Sunday, November 9



2026 Budget Information Session



Generosity Intent Sunday #2

Sunday, November 23



Annual Congregational Meeting



Voting on:

\*Council Members & Synod Delegates

\*2026 Financial Budget

## CONDENSED FINANCIAL REPORT – August 2025

<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Salaries & Benefits	16,369	130,314
Administration	831	12,890
Property	6,899	56,325
Stewardshp: Synod & Other Benevolence	2,349	19,253
Worship & Music, Ministry Teams & Other	(36)	7,406
Total Expenses	26,412	226,189
<u>Income</u>		
Offerings	30,187	186,313
Other	(3)	10,923
Total Income	30,184	197,236
Difference	3,772	(28,953)

## JOYFUL NOISE OFFERING: SEPTEMBER

This special outreach offering this month will go to this year's CROP Walk to help stop hunger locally and around the world.

**COMMUNITY MEAL  
AT ZION (LANDISVILLE)**

*Come Join Us for a Free Meal  
and to Meet Your Neighbors!*



**THURSDAY EVENING MEALS WILL  
BE HELD AT 5 P.M. ON:  
Sept. 25 \* Oct. 9 & 23  
\*Nov. 13 \* Dec. 11**

## ZION ARTS PERFORMANCE COMING UP!

WHAT? *Saxology*

WHEN? *October 12*

WHERE? *Zion* ☺

FOR WHOM? *Everyone! This is a concert for church members and those in the community! Anyone interested in the arts will not want to miss this concert featuring saxophone music!*

## CELEBRATING JOHN LANDIS

Join us for a reception after church on Sunday, October 12\*

*(\*Note the change of date from what was announced last week)*

*Consider expressing your appreciation for John and his ministry of music at Zion with a card, gift, or gift card!*

## CARD SHOWER & MEALS FOR TOM MILLER

*Let's show Tom we wish him a speedy recovery from his motorcycle accident:*

*2810 Harrisburg Pk., Lancaster, PA 17601*

*If you would like to take him & his wife Lisa a meal, give him a call! 717-808-9185*

## **CHURCH EVENTS AT A GLANCE**

### **September**

- 23: Journeys (6:30 p.m.; Parlor)
- 25: Community Meal (5 p.m.; Social Room)

### **October**

- 5: Blessing of the Blankets (During Worship)
- 9: Community Meal (5 p.m.; Social Room)
- 12: Zion Arts Concert: *Saxology*
- 12: John Landis Appreciation Sunday
- 19: CROP Walk (1:15 p.m.; Greek Orthodox Church)
- 21: Journeys (6:30 p.m.; Parlor)
- 23: Community Meal (5 p.m.; Social Room)
- 25: Bishop Stephen R. Herr Installation (2 p.m.; St. Matthew ELCA, Hanover)

### **November**

- 2: Intent Sunday #1
- 9: Budget Informational Session & Intent Sunday #2
- 13: Community Meal (5 p.m.; Social Room)
- 18: Journeys (6:30 p.m.; Parlor)
- 23: Congregational Meeting & Voting

### **December**

- 3: Liederkrantz Rehearsal (6 p.m.; Sanctuary)
- 6: Liederkrantz Holiday Concert (4 p.m.; Sanctuary)
- 11: Community Meal (5 p.m.; Social Room)
- 16: Journeys (6:30 p.m.; Parlor)
- 21: Hempfield H.S. Holiday Concert (2 p.m.; Sanctuary)

## **BLESSING OF THE BLANKETS**

**Sunday, October 5 during worship**

*The blankets have been made by members of the church over the last year and will be sent to those in need all over the world!*

**If you would like to help offset shipping costs, please make a note on your check or electronic payment: "Quilt Shipping"**



## FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

THANK YOU for the 346 pounds of food contributed to the pantry in August and for the \$197.00 collected from the Joyful Noise offering! Last month, the pantry served 639 children, 968 adults, and 381 seniors, including 21 new families that were registered – a total of 1,988 people! And, of course, we are grateful for the 55 individuals who volunteered 606 hours in August.

## REQUESTED ITEMS

\*Canned black beans, kidney beans, garbanzo beans, chick peas, tuna, tomato paste, tomato sauce, diced tomatoes, corn, spaghetti sauce, chicken

\*Lentils (1-lb bag)    \*Peanut butter (large jars)    \*Cereal    \* Elbow Pasta

LUTHERAN CAMPING  
CORPORATION OF  
CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA

Party with a  
**Purpose**



Next Saturday, September 27  
4-9 p.m. at Kirchenwald  
(1 Cut Off Rd., Lebanon)

*Cost: Donate what you would pay for a  
dinner out at a nice restaurant!*

## Schedule of Events

4:00 Happy Hour and Registration/ Silent Auction

5:00 Happier Hour and Registration/ Silent Auction

6:00 Meal with Live Music

7:00 Dessert, Silent Auction Winners, and Live Auction

8:00 Live Music/Fellowship

**YOU'RE INVITED** to this annual **Oktoberfest-style fundraiser!** This lively evening brings together friends, family, and supporters for great food, music, and community — all while helping sustain and grow our camping ministry.

*Enjoy a mouthwatering **pork BBQ dinner**, delicious homemade desserts, and the warm atmosphere of an **Oktoberfest celebration**. Tap your feet to **live music**, connect with fellow supporters, and take part in an exciting **silent and live auction**. Your participation directly supports the mission and programs at [Kirchenwald](#).*



## The Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central Pennsylvania

Kirchenwald, Nawakwa, and The Wittel Farm

PO Box 459, Arendtsville, PA 17303

717-677-8211 • [www.LutheranCamping.org](http://www.LutheranCamping.org)

## 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 5, 3-5:30 pm

**THIS IS A FREE  
EVENT BUT  
PLEASE RSVP!**



## Fall Foliage Day

**Kirchenwald**  
Sunday, Oct. 26

Pumpkin Painting  
Canoeing / Kayaking  
Mountain Biking  
Hiking  
And More!

**Nawakwa**  
Sunday, Oct 19

Pumpkin Painting  
Hayrides  
Hiking  
And More!



Bring your family and friends to camp for a fall afternoon! Both events will run from 1-6pm.  
An evening meal will be provided.

Registration is \$15/person (4 & under free)

Please call 717-677-8211 or visit  
[LutheranCamping.org](http://LutheranCamping.org)  
to register.



WITTEL FARM

## OCTOBER HARVEST FESTIVAL

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18**

10:00am - 2:00pm

Lunch at Noon

Hay Rides Pumpkin Decorating  
Live Music Farm-to-Table Lunch

**\$15 per person**  
4 and under free

[WittelFarm.org](http://WittelFarm.org)



# ***PRAYER LIST***

## ***HEALING***

Jeanette Bomberger	Al Alsedek	Bill Piper	Kevin Ramer
John Gerlach	Dave Wauls	Connie Alsedek	Bob Shirk
Kathryn Kochel	Dave Wise	Joe Adams	Tom Grzybowski
Jess Barcaro	Kay Crawford	Judie Ingersoll	Bill Grove
Barb Williams	Sam King	Julia Grove	Holly Hoover
Kate Donnan	Deb Overly	Arabelle Page (Student of Amy Thompson)	
Tom Miller (Sexton)		Tina Weigner (Friend of Adele King)	
Sandy Marrs (Mother of John Marrs)		Pam (Friend of the congregation)	
Joanne Myers (Friend of Connie Alsedek)		Fred Boyle (Friend of Bob & Judy Traup)	
Lissa James (Niece of Connie Alsedek)		Deb Hobaugh (Friend of Deb & Rick Long)	
Dennis Barcaro (Jess Barcaro's father-in-law)		Mike LaFata (Son-in-law of Bill & Julia Grove)	
Rev. Janyce Jorgensen (Wife of Rev. Jorgensen)			
Zac & Cindy Zibura (Neighbor of John & Joanne Marrs)			
Randy Smith (Father-in-law of Adele King's daughter)			
Jack Taylor (6-year-old son of the niece of Deb Grube)			
Harmony & Family (Friends of Kim & Jim Paternoster)			
Kara Escalante (Goddaughter of Barb & Tom Williams)			
James Marks (Grandson of Thelma Pearson and nephew of Dennis & Marie Dezort)			

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

Lucy Davis	Thelma Pearson
Arlene Wise (Sister-in-law of Dave Wise)	Brooke Ross (Friend of Barb Williams)
Jennifer Kready (Daughter of Dave & Donna Dumeyer)	

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

Doug Kautter	Chris Andrew	Evan Benedict	Justin Gorlaski
Thom Whitesel	Christopher Wright	Corey Landis (Nephew of Jesse & Pat Landis)	
Benjamin Hansen (Grandson of Al & Connie Alsedek and son of Holly)			
David Adams (Son-in-law of John & Kathleen Hay; husband of Liz)			

## ***WIDER CHURCH***

Konde Diocese	Masebe congregation	Pastor Subi Mwakitalima
Yehiel Curry (Presiding Bishop, ELCA)		Steve Herr (Bishop, LSS)
Geoffrey Samuel Mwaihaba (Bishop, Konde Diocese)		
Pastor Lucille ("CeCee") Mills (Secretary Elect, ELCA)		

## ***CELEBRATING***

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

23<sup>rd</sup>: Burnell Hostetter *Happy 90<sup>th</sup>!*

26<sup>th</sup>: Kathleen Hay

### **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!**

22<sup>nd</sup>: Dave & Sue Wise

24<sup>th</sup>: Randy & Rae Miller, Cameron & Claire Thompson, Bill & Sue Stathopulos,  
Megan (Landis) & Tim Fry

25<sup>th</sup>: Horst & Lisa Bernhard

## MINISTRY LEADERS

Ministers  
Pastor  
Music Director  
Parish Administrator  
Worship Technology Assistant  
Lay Ministry Assistant  
Council President  
Council Vice President  
Sexton

Members of the Congregation  
Rev. Timothy Seitz-Brown  
John Landis  
Anne Rankin  
David Albin  
Diane Gerlach  
Kim Paternoster  
Denise Haun  
Tom Miller

## WORSHIP, SUNDAY SCHOOL, & CONTACT INFORMATION

Worship	Sundays @ 9:00 a.m.
Livestream Link:	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIy_3AeK_pExuVhcUfI2cSw">https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIy_3AeK_pExuVhcUfI2cSw</a>
Bible Study Class (Parlor)	Sundays @ 10:30 a.m.
Wired Word Class (Zone & Zoom)	Sundays @ 10:30 a.m.
Morning Bible Study	Tuesdays @ 9:00 a.m.
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Mobile App	<a href="https://apps.apple.com/app/id1067488739">https://apps.apple.com/app/id1067488739</a>
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