

# SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*A Service of Word & Sacrament  
September 17, 2023*



**ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
85 E. Brandt Boulevard  
Landisville, PA

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

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

**WELCOME TO ZION!** We are glad you have chosen to worship with us in-person or online today! For in-person worshippers, all words and parts of the service will be projected on the screen in the front of the sanctuary. If you prefer a printed bulletin, they are available on the table in the Narthex by the entrance to the Sanctuary. The service contains the four parts of the Lutheran liturgy (The Gathering, The Word, The Meal, and The Sending). If you have any questions concerning our service, please do not hesitate to talk with our pastor, Pastor Tim.

## **WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AT ZION**

**IN-PERSON:** All are invited to join us for worship at 9:00 a.m. each Sunday morning.

**ONLINE:** Indoor worship services are live-streamed on the church YouTube channel: [http://bit.ly/Zion\\_Live](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.

# Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

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

## † THE GATHERING †

### INTRODUCTION

*In today's second reading Paul questions why we judge one another, since we all stand before the judgment of God. Yet we do sin against one another, and Jesus' challenge that we forgive seventy-seven times reveals God's boundless mercy. When we hear the words of forgiveness in worship and sign ourselves with the cross, we are renewed in baptism to be signs of reconciliation in the world.*

### WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, & GOD-SIGHTINGS

### PRELUDE

*Please stand if you are able.*

### HYMN

#### *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

ELW 864/865

1 Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en; to his feet your trib - ute bring.  
2 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to our fore-bears in dis-tress.  
3 Ten - der - ly he shields and spares us; well our fee - ble frame he knows.  
4 An - gels help us to a - dore him, who be-hold him face to face.

Ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more his prais - es sing.  
Praise him, still the same for - ev - er, slow to chide and swift to bless.  
In his hands he gent - ly bears us, res - cues us from all our foes.  
Sun and moon bow down be - fore him; all who dwell in time and space.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly as his mer - cy flows.  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793–1847, alt.  
 Music: PRAISE, MY SOUL, John Goss, 1800–1880

## 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, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## **† THE WORD †**

### **Genesis 50:15-21**

*Joseph reconciles with his brothers.*

A: <sup>15</sup>Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" <sup>16</sup>So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, <sup>17</sup>'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. <sup>18</sup>Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." <sup>19</sup>But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? <sup>20</sup>Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. <sup>21</sup>So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Word of God. Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM 103:8-13**

*Please read responsively.*

A: <sup>8</sup>LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love;

C: <sup>9</sup>**you will not always accuse us, nor will you keep your anger forever.**

<sup>10</sup>You have not dealt with us according to our sins, nor repaid us according to our iniquities.

**<sup>11</sup>For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is your steadfast love for those who fear you.**

<sup>12</sup>As far as the east is from the west, so far have you removed our transgressions from us.

**<sup>13</sup>As a father has compassion for his children, so you have compassion for those who fear you, O LORD.**

## **ROMANS 14:1-12**

*Accepting diversity in the community of faith.*

A: <sup>1</sup>Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. <sup>2</sup>Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. <sup>3</sup>Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. <sup>4</sup>Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

<sup>5</sup>Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. <sup>6</sup>Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

<sup>7</sup>We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. <sup>8</sup>If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. <sup>9</sup>For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

<sup>10</sup>Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. <sup>11</sup>For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." <sup>12</sup>So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Word of God. Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## ANTHEM

## CHILDREN'S CHAT

*Please stand if you are able.*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Goodness Is Stronger than Evil*

ELW 721



Good -ness is stron - ger than e - vil; love is stron - ger than hate;



light is stron - ger than dark - ness; life is stron - ger than death; vic - t'ry is



ours, vic - t'ry is ours, through God who loves us. Vic - t'ry is



ours, vic - t'ry is ours, through God who loves us.

Text: From *An African Prayer Book*, Desmond Tutu, b. 1931

Music: GOODNESS IS STRONGER, John L. Bell, b. 1949

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## MATTHEW 18:21-35

*A parable of forgiveness 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: <sup>21</sup>Peter came and said to [Jesus], “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” <sup>22</sup>Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.”

<sup>23</sup>“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. <sup>24</sup>When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; <sup>25</sup>and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. <sup>26</sup>So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ <sup>27</sup>And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. <sup>28</sup>But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ <sup>29</sup>Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ <sup>30</sup>But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. <sup>31</sup>When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. <sup>32</sup>Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. <sup>33</sup>Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ <sup>34</sup>And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. <sup>35</sup>So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated.*

**MESSAGE**

**Pastor Tim Seitz-Brown**





# Lamech and unlimited, infinite vengeance...

*Biblical?*

*Christlike?*



Lamech said to his wives,

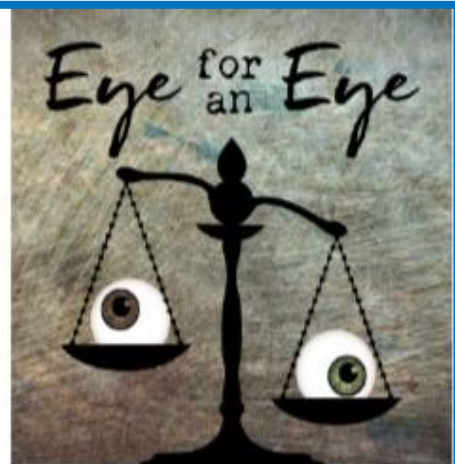
"Adah and Zillah, listen to me;  
wives of Lamech, hear my words.  
I have killed a man for wounding me,  
a young man for injuring me.  
If Cain is avenged seven times,  
then Lamech seventy-seven times."

—Genesis 4:23-24

*Biblical?*

*Christlike?*

# Leviticus and limited, finite vengeance...



Anyone who maims another shall suffer  
the same injury in return: fracture for  
fracture, eye for eye, tooth for tooth; the  
injury inflicted is the injury to be suffered.

—Leviticus 24:19-20

How does Jesus deal  
with biblical passages  
on forgiveness?

***Is Christlike  
forgiveness  
limited or  
unlimited?***

***Finite or infinite?***



"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous.

—Matthew 5:43-45



Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if my brother or sister sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven\* times.

—Matthew 18:21-22

Not everything  
that's "biblical"  
is Christlike.

—Alan Storey



Bible-believing  
versus  
Christ-following

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- We don't read the Bible to "do what it says."
- We read the Bible to encounter Christ and to "follow him".



On talking about the  
relationship between our lives  
and the biblical text:

**What would Jesus do?**

**Versus**

**What is Christ saying to us  
or calling us to do?**

*Please stand if you are able.*

## SONG

### *Help Us Accept Each Other*

G Em Am7 B7 C

1 Help us ac - cept each oth - er as Christ ac - cept-ed us;  
 2 Teach us, O Lord, your les - sons, as in our dai - ly life  
 3 Let your ac - cep - tance change us, so that we may be moved  
 4 Lord, for to - day's en - coun - ters with all who are in need,

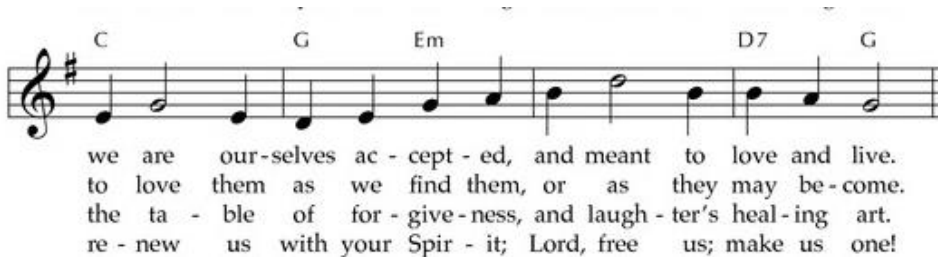
C G A A7 D

teach us as sis - ter, broth - er, each per - son to em - brace.  
 we strug - gle to be hu - man and search for hope and faith.  
 in liv - ing sit - u - a - tions to do the truth in love;  
 who hun - ger for ac - cep - tance, for jus - tice and for bread,

G Em Am7 B7 C

Be pres - ent, Lord, a - mong us and bring us to be - lieve  
 Teach us to care for peo - ple, for all, not just for some,  
 to prac - tice your ac - cep - tance un - til we know by heart  
 we need new eyes for see - ing, new hands for hold - ing on:





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 MUSIC: Doreen Potter, 1974  
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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. We pray for the church. Bless the missions and ministries of diverse congregations, that they uplift the good news of salvation in ways that can be understood. Merciful God,

**C:** **receive our prayer.**

We pray for creation. Send rain to lands experiencing drought and healing to rivers clogged with pollution. Enrich the soil for trees and plants. Protect the crops needed to feed those who hunger. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

We pray for all who govern. Encourage those in positions of power to lead with empathy, practice forgiveness, and care for those who struggle. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

We pray for our neighbors who face illness of any kind. For those strained financially; for all living with chronic pain, mental illness, the disease of addiction, or otherwise afraid or in harm's way. Protect all who cry out for mercy. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

We pray for this congregation. Open our hearts to practice intentional invitation. Help us to forgive each other, practice patience, and choose welcome over judgment. Move us to care for those in our community seeking refuge and safety. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

We give thanks for the saints who died in faith. Show us how to live faithfully, creatively, and lovingly in your church and world. 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 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 HYMN

*As the Deer*

**BB 58**

1. As the deer panteth for the water,  
So my soul longeth after Thee.

You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship Thee.

*Refrain*

You alone are my strength, my shield;  
To You alone may my spirit yield.

You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship Thee.

2. You're my friend and You are my brother  
Even though You are a King.

I love You more than any other, so much more than anything. *Refrain*

3. I want You more than gold or silver,  
Only You can satisfy.

You alone are the real joy giver and the apple of my eye. *Refrain*



*Grace Alone*

1. Every promise we can make,  
Every prayer and step of faith;  
Every difference we will make  
Is only by His grace.  
Every mountain we will climb,  
Every ray of hope we shine;  
Every blessing left behind  
Is only by His grace.

*Refrain*

Grace alone, which God supplies,  
Strength unknown, he will provide,  
Christ in us, our Cornerstone;  
We will go forth – in grace alone.

2. Every soul we long to reach,  
Every heart we hope to teach;  
Everywhere we share His peace  
Is only by His grace.

Every loving word we say,  
Every tear we wipe away;  
Every sorrow turned to praise  
Is only by His grace.

*Refrain (2x)**Ending*

We will go forth – in grace alone.  
We will go forth – in grace alone.

*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

### *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

ELW 836

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!  
2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,  
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,

Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.  
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.  
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,  
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp). It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are provided below the vocal line of each system. The first system contains three verses of the hymn. The second system contains the first two lines of the hymn. The third system contains the last two lines of the hymn. The piano accompaniment is simple, using block chords and moving lines to support the vocal parts.



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.  
chant-ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.  
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852–1922

Music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827, adapt.

## DISMISSAL

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

C: Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE



## **THIS WEEK AT ZION**

### **Sunday, September 17**

*\* The flowers are sponsored by John and Joanne Marrs in honor of their 37<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on September 20!*

*\* The bulletins are sponsored by Randy Miller in honor of his father's (Lemoine D. Keiper, Jr.) 99<sup>th</sup> birthday!*

*\* The communion elements are sponsored by Cathy & Bob Shirk in celebration of their wedding anniversary this month!*

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>)

### **Monday, September 18**

Food Pantry – 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Council – 7 p.m. (Zone)

### **Tuesday, September 19**

Bible Study – 9 a.m. (Parlor)

Social Outreach – 6 p.m. (Zone)

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

### **Wednesday, September 20**

Food Pantry – 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Care Team – 3 p.m. (Zone)

### **Thursday, September 21**

All-Church End of Summer Picnic – 4 p.m. (Lake Grubb)

No Choir

### **Friday, September 22**

### **Saturday, September 23**

### **Sunday, September 24**

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

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Adult Sunday School – 10:30 a.m.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS, UPDATES, & EVENTS

### 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 and who helped assemble them last week at Rally Day! There are a total of 92 assembled and ready to go! Items can still be brought in through the end of September. Looking ahead ... on October 1 the kits and the comforters that have been made over the last year by the Comforter Ministry will be blessed during worship. The kits and the comforters will then be delivered to Bergstrasse Lutheran Church for shipment!



The men's group is hosting an all-church "End of Summer" picnic THIS 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. *If you haven't already, 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 about Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake and to register for this session, visit the website: <https://www.interfaithchesapeake.org/>



## FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

If you are interested in donating food this month, 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 offering will go to Habitat for Humanity.



## 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.



### ... FROM TOM GRZYBOWSKI

Tom wishes to thank everyone for the altar flower delivery the other week! He put them on display so others at Homestead could enjoy also! Tom appreciates the thoughtfulness tremendously!

### ... FROM BRENT GREEN

Brent sent a thank you note expressing thanks for the well wishes, the devotional book, and the gift card in celebration of his graduation this past spring!

### ... FROM PAT LANDIS

Thank you to everyone who has donated so generously to Off the Streets! They are SO grateful for all of the donations. The impact that Zion is making on the families who work through OTS to find permanent housing is remarkable and life-giving!

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES RESUME TODAY**

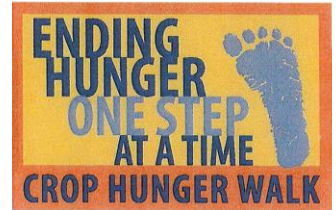
All are welcome to join a Sunday School class! The Wired Word class will meet again in person and on Zoom, and the class that meets in the parlor will begin a video series featuring Dean Jones as St. John on Patmos! Questions? Contact Sue Wise (swoogle53@aol.com) or Barb Gerke (bmgerke@gmail.com) about the Wired Word, and Dave Dumeyer (davedumeyer@gmail.com) or Dave Albin (nagredmoonstriker@gmail.com) about the class in the parlor.

## **CROP WALK**

Have you signed up or donated to Team Zion yet?! 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/717-413-0433).

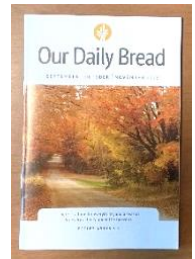


## **COMFORTER MINISTRY**

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**

Haven't gotten a daily devotional booklet yet? Copies are still available! Pick one up on the ushers' table by the entrance to the back of the sanctuary, on the back hallway window ledge, and other various places around the narthex area!



## **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 Community Meal is off to a great start! The first sit-down meal was held this past Thursday! 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*

**WOMEN *of the* BIBLE**

[www.womenofthebible.com](http://www.womenofthebible.com)





Zion has been invited to participate in a Pinwheels for Peace vigil on Thursday, September 21 at 7 p.m. at Mountville Church of the Brethren (60 Clay St.) in recognition of International Peace Day. There will be 216 pinwheels on the lawn of the church to represent the 216 children who die from gun violence in the United States every month. Pinwheels for Peace seeks to raise awareness of the magnitude of this national tragedy, and to follow Proverbs 34:14:

“...seek peace and pursue it.” Pastor Tim will be there. *(Yes, there is time to have fun at the church picnic and also then attend the vigil!)*

## 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!*

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

*717-875-6182*

## 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!*

## 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



Scan to Donate

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

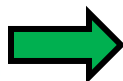


October 3-5, 2023

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/>

**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)			
Brook Ross (Friend of Barb Williams)			
Walter Thalgott (Brother of Thelma Pearson)			
Lori Weber (Daughter of Dolly Overly)			
William Hartman (Father of Deb Grube)			
Jeff Long (Nephew of Rick & Deb Long)			
Mike LaFata (Son-in-law of Bill & Julia Grove)			
Jack Taylor (4-year-old son of the niece of Deb Grube)			
Harmony & Family (Friends of Kim & Jim Paternoster)			

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

Thelma Pearson	Lucy Davis	Deb McCartney	George Potts
Janet Musselman and family		Ruth Burkett (Mother of Deb Long)	
Karen Wright and Stephanie and Chris and their families			
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!**

17<sup>th</sup> – Ron Chapman  
20<sup>th</sup> – Prudence Jarvie  
23<sup>rd</sup> – Burnell Hostetter

## **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!**

20<sup>th</sup> – John and Joanne Marrs

22<sup>nd</sup> – Dave & Sue Wise

23<sup>rd</sup> – Jim & Linda Bear

24<sup>th</sup> – Randy & Rae Miller; Bill & Sue Stathopoulos; Megan (Landis) & Tim Fry

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

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Cory Paternoster on his marriage to Emma on September 9!



## **MINISTRY LEADERS**

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

Members of the Congregation  
Rev. Timothy Seitz-Brown  
John Landis  
Anne Rankin  
David Albin  
Diane Gerlach  
Kim Paternoster  
Denise Haun  
Brian Bourassa (a.m.)  
Tom Miller (p.m.)

## **WORSHIP, SUNDAY SCHOOL, & CONTACT INFORMATION**

Worship	Sundays @ 9:00 a.m.
Livestream & Recorded Link	<a href="http://bit.ly/Zion_Live">http://bit.ly/Zion_Live</a>
Bible Study Video Series Class (Parlor)	Sundays @ 10:30 a.m.
Wired Word Class (Zone & Zoom)	Sundays @ 10:30 a.m.
	<a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2283229266">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2283229266</a>
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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Pastor Email	<a href="mailto:zion1517pastor@gmail.com">zion1517pastor@gmail.com</a>
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