

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 11, 2020



*Connecting with God
Connecting with others
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ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH
85 East Brandt Boulevard
Landisville, PA 17538

GENERAL INFORMATION

WELCOME TO ZION! We are glad you have chosen to worship with us with in-person or online. 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, you may pick one up 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). Should you have any questions concerning our service, please do not hesitate to talk with the pastor.

ABOUT TODAY'S READINGS. In Isaiah we are given a vision of the great feast to come, when God will wipe away death forever. In Jesus' parable about a great banquet, those invited do not come, so the invitation is extended to others. In our liturgy God spreads a table before us. Even amid anxiety and hardship we rejoice in the peace of God which surpasses all understanding. With great joy we feast at the table of the Lord, and we go forth to share the wonderful invitation with others hungering and thirsting for the abundant life of God.

FOR THOSE WORSHIPPING IN-PERSON

- ❖ Please social distance at all times and sanitize your hands using the hand sanitizer units located on the walls in the hallways, Connection Zone, and Social Room.
- ❖ Please wear masks at all times by all worship participants except as follows:
 - Adults with medical respiratory issues or other medical issues are exempt from wearing a mask if it interferes with their breathing.
 - Any child who cannot wear a face covering due to a medical condition, including those with respiratory issues that impede breathing, a mental health condition, a disability, and children who are unable to remove a face covering without assistance.
 - Children under 2 years of age.
- ❖ A no-touch temperature screening is required by all who enter the church prior to worship.
- ❖ Please use the restrooms in the back hallway across from the Food Pantry. Only one individual at a time may be in each restroom. Please follow the signs on the restroom doors.
- ❖ Children are welcome to be active participants in the worship service. Currently, nursery care is not available.
- ❖ Ushers are located near the front and back of the worship area to direct people to seating and to the offering plates.

United in Christ, we are called to love and serve.

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Service of the Word

P: Pastor A: Assisting Minister C: Congregation

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

C. Callahan

Please stand if you are able.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

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 one another.

Silence for reflection.

P: Faithful God,

C: **have mercy on us. We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways. We pass judgment on one another before examining ourselves. We place our own needs before those of our neighbors. We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves. Make us humble, cast away our transgressions, and turn us again to life in you through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P: God hears the cries of all who call out in need, and through his death and resurrection, Christ has made us his own. Hear the truth that God proclaims: Your sins are forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ. Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness to do God's work in the world.

C: **Amen.**

THE 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: Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

Please be seated.

† THE WORD †

FIRST READING

Isaiah 25:1-9

A: A reading from Isaiah:

¹O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. ²For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt. ³Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. ⁴For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, ⁵the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled.

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. ⁷And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; ⁸he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. ⁹It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

A: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S CHAT (8:30 service & live-stream only)

SECOND READING

Philippians 4:1-9

A: A reading from Philippians:

¹My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

²I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. ⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

A: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand if you are able.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 22:1-14

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 22nd chapter.

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

P: ¹Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ²“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ ⁵But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷The king was

enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city.
⁸Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ ¹⁰Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. ¹¹“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹²and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Melody Sell

SPECIAL MUSIC

Psalm 23

K. Saunders

Please stand if you are able.

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, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, 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

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you.

C: And also with you.

[With your hands in the prayer position, slightly bow your head toward people around you.]

Please be seated.

† THE MEAL †

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

SETTING OF THE TABLE

Please stand if you are able.

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. You have set before us these gifts of your good creation. Prepare us for your heavenly banquet, nourish us with this rich food and drink, and send us forth to set tables in the midst of a suffering world, through the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Dialogue

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Preface

P: It is indeed right and our duty and joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn with these words:

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

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: Holy God, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, 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 in 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 in remembrance of me.*

P: Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, 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: Come to the banquet table where Christ gives himself as food and drink.

C: Amen.

Please be seated.

PARTAKING IN THE BREAD AND CUP OF SALVATION

The congregation opens the wafer packet.

P: The body of Christ given for you.

C: **Amen.**

The congregation opens the cup.

P: The blood of Christ shed for you.

C: **Amen.**

Please place communion cups & wrappers in the trash as you exit the Sanctuary.

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: Let us pray. We give you thanks, gracious God, that you have once again fed us with food beyond compare, the body and blood of Christ. Lead us from this place, nourished and forgiven, into your beloved vineyard to wipe away the tears of all who hunger and thirst, guided by the example of the same Jesus Christ and led by the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

† THE SENDING †

BLESSING

P: God, creator of all things, speaking reformation into being; Jesus Christ, savior of the world, raising the dead; Holy Spirit, living voice, calling and enlightening the church: Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace and love to serve the Lord through connecting with God, connecting with others, and connecting others with God.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

G. Krapf

*Please maintain social distancing while exiting the sanctuary
through the doors by the baptismal font.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPDATES

WELCOME PASTOR SELL

We welcome Pastor Melody Sell this Sunday morning as Zion's supply pastor. Pastor Sell is a retired ELCA pastor from the Upper Susquehanna Synod. She is excited to lead worship at Zion both this week and also on Sunday, October 18.

WORSHIP SPONSORS

- ❖ *The flowers this week are sponsored by the Janisewski/Pretz family in celebration of Ruth's birthday on Monday, October 12.*
- ❖ *The communion fellowship kits are sponsored by Jeff & Amy Thompson in celebration of their anniversary month!*

ALTAR ROSE BUDS

- ❖ *The yellow rose bud is in celebration of Thelma Pearson's 97th birthday on Saturday, October 17!*
- ❖ *The red rose bud is in celebration of the birth of Theodore Kline Rickert, son of Matt & Molly and first grandson of Michele & Jeff, on July 19!*

**Addresses for mailing cards can be found at the end of the announcements & prayer list.*

WORSHIP IN-PERSON & ON-LINE

We continue to hold worship at 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings. Due to gathering guidelines, if you plan to attend in-person worship, please call or text Anne Rankin (717-945-4585) to reserve seating. The 8:30 service is live-streamed each week for those who wish to worship in real-time, but virtually. If you are unable or prefer not to watch at 8:30, the live-stream recording is available to view any time after the service concludes. The link for the church YouTube channel where services & recordings can be found each week is: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIy_3AeK_pExuVhcUfI2cSw

CROP WALK 2020

There is one more week until this year's CROP Walk! Did you know that the CROP Walk was the first of these kinds of organized walks to raise awareness and money for a cause? Meet at the church at 1:00pm and walk for as long as you are able. This is an opportunity for you to be with friends and support a worthwhile cause! The route will go around Landisville & Salunga and will pass by the church several times so you can stop when you need to. Contact Randy Miller (randymiller107@comcast.net) if you have any questions. If you need help registering, contact Randy or Anne (adminzelc@comcast.net).

You can register & donate, on the team homepage:

<https://www.crophungerwalk.org/lancasterpa/ZionLandiville>

WIRED WORD SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

All are invited to participate in the Wired Word class each Sunday morning on Zoom beginning at 9:45. The link to the class is emailed out by the end of each week. You can sign on to the class at 9:30 so there will be time to catch up and chat before the class starts at 9:45. The class will end at 10:30 so that those who want to attend the 11:00 in-person service will have time to get to the church. This class is open to anyone in the congregation, so please know that you are welcome to join, even if you haven't in the past. The topics are timely and apply to what is going on in the world. If you have questions about the class or need help signing on, please contact Sue Wise(swoogle53@aol.com)

CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Call Committee has begun the process of calling Zion's next pastor. The committee has met to review a detailed Call Manual published by the Lower Susquehanna Synod and the ELCA. This manual defines the call process which must be followed with fidelity.

A point of emphasis is that the committee must be committed to strict confidentiality throughout this process. The Call Committee will share its progress throughout the process, but any information about candidates cannot be discussed. The congregation is asked to please respect this prohibition during the process.

The Ministry Site Profile was prepared using results of congregational surveys and written by Zion's Profile Writing Team. It describes the past, present, and future goals of Zion, along with detailed demographic information. Zion's Profile has been posted on the ELCA website for potential candidates to view and consider. It basically serves to announce the vacancy and that interested candidates are invited to apply.

The Call Committee asks that you keep them in prayer during this exciting time in the life of the church.

The Call Committee members are:

<i>Steve Haun</i>	<i>Lisa Nelson</i>	<i>Al Ramer</i>
<i>Lynda Sherwood</i>	<i>Brenda Stover</i>	<i>Bob Wildasin (Chair)</i>

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY

The Tuesday morning Bible Study will resume this week on October 13, from 9-10:30. The group will gather physically distanced in the Connection Zone. The group will focus on the scripture lessons for the coming Sunday and will explore the messages and how they apply to daily life. Bring a bible and wear a mask Questions about the Bible Study? Contact Millie (717-898-2313).

COMMUNITY MEAL UPDATE

The drive-thru Community Meal is off to a strong start! This first week 70+ people were fed, the feedback from those who were served has been nothing but appreciative, and the volunteers had a ton of fun! Thank you to everyone who helped with get this ministry off the ground again. If you are interested in helping with upcoming meals, contact Mary H. (psuocn982@comcast.net).

UPDATED CONTACT INFORMATION

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2901 Harrisburg Pk.
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*Dave Albin
717-205-5962 (cell)*

EVENTS AT NAWAKWA, & KIRCHENWALD AND WITTEL FARM ON 10/18

Fall Foliage Days

Fall Foliage Days are coming to both Camp Nawakwa and Camp Kirchenwald from 1-6pm. There will be games, seasonal activities, hayrides, an evening meal, and more!

Dinner & Campfire Worship

Come for dinner & a campfire worship at Wittel Farm from 6-8:30pm.

Visit <https://www.lutherancamping.org/upcoming-events/> for more information about either of these events and more!

PARISH RESOURCE CENTER UPCOMING EVENTS

Subtle Positioning Toward God: A Christian Mystical Retreat

October 17 from 9am-12pm via live webinar.

- *This online retreat will allow you to position yourself to be most attune to God's movement in your life, releasing and yielding to greater receptivity, and focused awareness within to experience God's emergent guidance. Cost is \$56.25. Led by Annie Lengacher Browning, a social worker, psychotherapist, and spiritual guide who has experienced a spiritual awakening herself.*

Transitioning to Normalcy: Spiritual Care in Crisis

October 17 (2-3:30pm) at the Parish Resource Center (2160 Lincoln Highway East #18)

- *Join three local pastors to hear how their churches have addressed spiritual care and other ministries during, and transitioning out of, the COVID-19 crisis. This will be led by 3 local pastors from different size churches; each will discuss how they and their congregation have worked through the crisis.*

PRAYER LIST
FOR HEALING

Dave Albin
Richard Olson
Cher Callahan
Thelma Pearson
Sam King
Marvin Ruch
Kate Donnan
Barbara Williams
Dave Wise
Don Heartter
Joe Adams
Judie Ingersoll
Lucy Davis
Bill Grove
Kay Crawford
Holly Hoover
Janet & Harry Musselman
LaVon Harnish (Friend of Jeanette Bomberger)
Michael Williams (Son of Barb Williams)
Homer Dietz (Brother-in-law of Harry Musselman)
Cameron Graham (Great-Granddaughter of Harry & Janet Musselman)
Ron Sahd (Friend of Dave Wise)
Loma Slike (Mother of Sue Wise)
Mike LaFatta (Son-in-law of Bill & Julia Grove)

FOR COMFORT, PEACE, STRENGTH, & SAFETY

Betty Stoner
Richard and Marilyn Heim
Arlene Miller
Deb McCartney
Marlin Zimmerman
Bette Geibel
Charlotte & George Potts
Arlene Wise (Sister-in-law of Dave Wise)
Vaun Hile (Father of Lynda Sherwood)
Jennifer Kready (Daughter of Dave & Donna Dumeyer)

FOR PROTECTION FOR MILITARY & FIRST RESPONDERS

Christopher Wright

Chris Andrew

Thom Whitesel

Ryan Stitzel

Doug Kautter

Justin Gorlaski

Corey Landis (Nephew of Jesse & Pat Landis)

David Adams (Son-in-law of John & Kathleen Hay, and husband of Liz)

FOR CELEBRATION

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

12th – Ruth Janisewski

15th – Donna Dumeyer, Lisa Nelson

17th – Thelma Pearson, Katrina Rosen

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

12th -- Doug & Aarin Deibler

BELATED CONGRATULATIONS!

...to Matthew & Molly Rickert on the birth of their son, Theodore Kline, on July 19!
Michele & Jeff Rickert are proud first-time grandparents!

Cards to either Thelma for her 97th birthday or the Rickerts for the birth of Theodore can be mailed to:

*Thelma Pearson
121 Home Lane
Landisville, PA 17538*

*Matthew & Molly Rickert
Michele & Jeff Rickert
364 Hollytree Court
Lancaster, PA 17601*

Our Ministry Leaders

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Dir. of Music & Worship Arts	James C. Alfieri
Parish Administrator	Anne Rankin
Worship Technology Assistant	David Albin
Lay Ministry Assistant	Diane Gerlach
Council President	Adele King
Council Vice President	David Wise



In-Person Worship Services	8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School Class (Zoom)	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2283229266 9 :30-10 :30 a.m.
Live-stream & Recorded Worship	8:30 a.m. https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIy_3AeK_pExuVhcUfI2cSw
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