

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

World Communion Sunday

October 4, 2020



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

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. 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 today's gospel reading, Jesus tells a vineyard parable, which serves as an image of Israel, the prophets' mission, and Christ's death. For Christians, the vineyard also speaks of God's love poured out in the blood of Christ, given to us for the forgiveness of sin. Grafted onto Christ the vine at baptism, we are nourished with wine and bread so that we may share Christ's sufferings and know the power of his resurrection.

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 entering 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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WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

World Communion Sunday is a celebration observed by many Christian denominations, taking place on the first Sunday of every October, which promotes Christian unity and ecumenical cooperation. The tradition originated in the Shadyside Presbyterian Church (Pittsburgh, PA) in 1933, was adopted throughout the U.S. Presbyterian Church in 1936, and subsequently spread to other denominations. In 1940, the Federal Council of Churches (now the National Council of Churches), led by Jesse Moren Bader, endorsed World Communion Sunday and began to promote it to Christian churches worldwide. Today, we are reminded that we are connected with the church in all places and times as we receive the bread of life and the cup of salvation.

Service of the Word

P: Pastor A: Assisting Minister C: Congregation

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Prelude on 'Aurelia'

J. Barr

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: Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

Please be seated.

† THE WORD †

FIRST READING

Isaiah 5:1-7

A: A reading from Isaiah:

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. ²He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. ³And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. ⁴What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? ⁵And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. ⁶I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. ⁷For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

A: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

Philippians 3:4b-14

A: A reading from Philippians:

[Paul writes:] If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹²Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

A: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand if you are able.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 21:33-46

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 21st chapter.

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

P: [Jesus says to the people:] “Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. ³⁴When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ ³⁸But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’” ³⁹So they seized him, threw

him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" ⁴¹They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time." ⁴²Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'?" ⁴³Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. ⁴⁴The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls." ⁴⁵When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor David Klepper

SPECIAL MUSIC

God of Wonders

M. Byrd/S. Hindalong
Arr. by B. Wolaver

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.

BLESSING OF THE COMFORTERS

P: Let us pray. O Lord our God, maker of all things, you have blessed us with so many Gifts — a good eye for color, the ability to make fine stitches, the skills to develop ever-new and exciting patterns. Now we offer the fruits of our labors, the comforters we have made, to you.

C: **We dedicate these comforters to your service, trusting that your love will go wherever each comforter is sent, making it more than just a piece of material — making each piece we have created an expression of love. There is no way for us to imagine the power and effect an act of love can have on a person's life — how you can use something as small as a comforter to radiate your love from us to the world. May they be used in your service and become blessings for all those who receive them.**

P: Lord, we know that all we possess comes from your loving hand. Give us grace to honor you with all of our being: draw our hearts to you, guide our minds, fill our imaginations, control our wills, so that we may be wholly yours. Use us as you will, always to your glory and the welfare of your people. 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: May the love of the Father, the tenderness of the † Son, and the presence of the Spirit, gladden your heart and bring peace to your soul this day and all days. Amen.

DISMISSAL

P: United in Christ, we are called to love and serve. Now go in peace.

POSTLUDE

How Firm A Foundation

W. Held

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPDATES

WELCOME PASTOR KLEPPER

We welcome Pastor Klepper again this Sunday morning as Zion's supply pastor. He will also be filling in on October 25. Pastor Sell will be the supply pastor next Sunday (10/11) and on October 18. Pastor Sell is a retired ELCA pastor from the Upper Susquehanna Synod.

WORSHIP SPONSORS

- ❖ *The flowers this morning are sponsored by the Streams in celebration of Jamie's birthday on Tuesday.*
- ❖ *The communion fellowship kits are sponsored by Jeff & Amy Thompson in celebration of their anniversary which was on October 1.*

BLESSING OF THE COMFORTERS

There are 14 comforters on display to be blessed in worship this morning. They were made by Zion's Comforter Ministry, including 8 women and 1 man, over the last year for Lutheran World Relief. After they are blessed, the comforters will be boxed up and delivered to the local LWR drop-off center by Randy Miller. They will then be loaded onto a truck and taken to the LWR processing center in New Windsor, MD from where they will be shipped to anywhere in the world where there is a need. If you would like to help offset LWR's delivery cost, you can include that in your regular offering.

WORSHIP IN-PERSON & ON-LINE

There are several opportunities to participate in worship at Zion during this time of the pandemic. For now, we will continue to hold worship at 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. each Sunday morning. 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 services are identical in style and format. 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 anytime 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

COMMUNITY MEAL UPDATE

This Thursday is the first drive-thru Community Meal! Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help with getting this up and running! If you are interested in helping or want to hear more about how the meal goes, contact Mary H. (psuocn982@comcast.net).

WORSHIP SURVEYS

The Council & Transition Team is asking for your feedback on in-person worship. A letter was emailed on September 30 which explains more about this. The survey was also emailed on the same day. Please be sure to complete and submit the survey by Friday, Oct. 9. If you need the letter emailed again, please contact Anne (adminzelc@comcast.net). The survey link is: <https://forms.gle/RvaUohhBiF9rySf76>

BYOL

Come on out on Wednesday (10/7) at 11:30 at the Rapho Twp. Park Pavilion for lunch! Bring Your Own Lunch and enjoy some fresh air and time with friends!

OUTDOOR EVENTS AT NAWAKWA & KIRCHENWALD

All are welcome to go to Camp Kirchenwald this afternoon for a game of Capture the Flag beginning at 3pm and then a campfire worship at 5:30. If you aren't up for participating in the game, you are more than welcome to go just for the worship time. On October 18, Fall Foliage Days will be held at both Kirchenwald and Nawakwa from 1-6pm. There will be games, seasonal activities, hayrides, and more!

COME ON OUT FOR A NICE FALL WALK

Where are all you walkers?!? Come on out on October 18 at 1:00pm and participate in this year's CROP Walk. Beginning at the front of the church, the route will go around Landisville & Salunga and will pass by the church several times so you can go for as long and as far as you want. Contact Randy Miller (randymiller107@comcast.net) if you have any questions. You can register & donate, on the team homepage: <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/lancasterpa/ZionLandiville>

BIBLE STUDY WILL BE BACK NEXT WEEK

The Tuesday morning Bible Study will resume on October 13 from 9-10:30. The group will gather physically distanced in the Zone. Please bring your mask and your favorite bible. The group will focus on the scripture lessons for the coming Sunday and will explore the messages and how they apply to daily life. All are invited to "dig into" the Word! Questions about the Bible Study? Contact Millie (717-898-2313).

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. The topics are interesting and the conversations are intriguing! If you have questions about the class or need help signing on, please contact Sue Wise(swoogle53@aol.com)

OUR DAILY BREAD DEVOTIONALS

If you haven't already requested or received your September – November Our Daily Bread Devotional and would like one, please let Anne (adminzelc@comcast.net) know and she can mail it to you. They are also available at the church on the ushers' table if you are there and want to pick one up.

PARISH RESOURCE CENTER UPCOMING EVENTS

Immigration 101

October 10 from 10-11:30am on webinar. The Zoom link will be sent out to registrants.

- *Immigration in the U.S. is a complex, opaque, slow-changing system with massive ripple effects in our local community. It can feel too overwhelming to engage, but an excellent first step is to educate yourself on what's happening. Hear from Alyssa Kane and Ryan Brunsink, attorneys who work in immigration law for respected, local nonprofits. They will discuss the current immigration crisis, its history and concrete steps that can make a difference.*

Subtle Positioning Toward God: A Christian Mystical Retreat

October 17 from 9am-12pm via live webinar. The Zoom link will be sent out to registrants.

- *Employ your own spiritual sensibilities to listen to God's voice within, through subtle, intuitive processes based upon Christian mystical teachings. 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)

- *Churches have been forced to adapt how they provide spiritual care for their congregants and community members during the COVID-19 crisis. The spiritual and practical ministries of the church have changed. 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.*

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:

Steve Haun

Lisa Nelson

Al Ramer

Lynda Sherwood

Brenda Stover

Bob Wildasin (Chair)



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PRAYER LIST
FOR HEALING

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	Betty Stoner

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

Richard and Marilyn Heim	Arlene Miller	Deb McCartney
Marlin Zimmerman	Bette Geibel	

Charlotte & George Potts
The family & friends of Jennifer Thompson
Arlene Wise (Sister-in-law of Dave Wise)
Vaun Hile (Father of Lynda Sherwood)
Jennifer Kready (Daughter of Dave & Donna Dumeyer)
Marianne Sahd (Friend of Rodger & Nancy Myers)

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!

4th – Vivian Gunzenhauser, Lynda Sherwood
6th – Jamie Stream, Shane Symonds
7th – Ryder Barr
9th – Phil Houseal
10th – Pat Landis

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