

**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**

September 13, 2020



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

**ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH
85 East Brandt Boulevard
Landisville, PA 17538**

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

GENERAL INFORMATION

WELCOME TO ZION! We are glad you have chosen to worship with us. In accordance with the recommended guidelines, paper bulletins are not available; however, bulletins have been mailed either by e-mail or regular mail. An overhead of the worship service will be projected on the screen in the front of the sanctuary. It contains the four parts of the Lutheran liturgy (The Gathering, The Word, The Meal, and The Sending) used within the service. Should you have any questions concerning our service, please do not hesitate to talk with the pastor.

ABOUT THE SEASON AFTER PENTECOST. This season is also called *Ordinary Time*. This season begins the day after Pentecost, ends on Christ the King Sunday, and includes All Saints Day and Thanksgiving. The gospel lessons throughout this season cover Jesus' teaching ministry.

FOR YOUR SAFETY, please social distance at all times and sanitize your hands using the hand sanitizer units located on the walls in the hallways, Zone, and Social Room.

MASKS MUST BE WORN by all worship participants except as follows:

- ❖ Adults with medical respiratory issues or others 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.

NO-TOUCH TEMPERATURE SCREENING is required by all worship participants prior to entering the sanctuary.

THE ONLY RESTROOMS available for use are the ones across from the Food Pantry in the back hallway. Only one individual at a time may be in each restroom. Please follow the signs on the restroom doors.

HEARING AID DEVICES are available on the table in the entrance hall.

CHILDREN are welcome as active participants in the worship service. In-church Sunday School will not be available until it is determined safe to do so.

USHERS are located near the front and back of the worship area to direct people to the offering plates and seating.

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P: Pastor A: Assisting Minister C: Congregation

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Prelude on 'Rosedale'* L. Sowerby, arr. by A. Clarke

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 Gods 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 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** †

FIRST READING

Genesis 50:15-21

A: A reading from Genesis.

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?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, '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. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? 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. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

A: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

Romans 14:1-12

A: A reading from Romans.

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. 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. 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. 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. 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. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. 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. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. 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. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each of us will be accountable to God

A: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand if you are able.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 18:21-35

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 18th chapter.

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

P: Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if another member of the church 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. "For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; 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. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. 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.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. 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. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should

you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated.

CHILDREN’S CHAT

SERMON

Pastor David Klepper

SPECIAL MUSIC

Nocturne in G Minor

F. Chopin

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 (No-Touch)



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. Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care, and prepare us now to feast on 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: All who are hungry, are invited to eat the bread of life. All who are thirsty, are invited to drink the cup of salvation.

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 thank you, living God, for the body and blood of your Son which sustains us in the wilderness and the garden alike. As Christ has loved us in this feast, so send us out to spread the love of Christ. We pray in the name of Jesus.

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 and live it out!

POSTLUDE

Postlude on 'In Dir Ist Freude'

R. Haan

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPDATES

WELCOME PASTOR KLEPPER

We welcome Pastor Klepper as Zion's supply pastor today and next Sunday (September 20). Pastor Klepper is a retired pastor who has served the ELCA and the Lower Susquehanna Synod in various capacities since he was ordained in 1963. It is also noteworthy to highlight that, in case you didn't know, he is the proud dad of Zion's own Dave Klepper, father-in-law of Alane, and grandfather of Delaney, Quinn, & Riley. ☺ We are grateful to have Pastor Klepper lead worship for us at Zion these couple of weeks.

ALTAR FLOWER SPONSOR

The flowers this morning are sponsored by the Stream family in celebration of Maggie's birthday on Tuesday, September 15. Happy Birthday Maggie!

IN-PERSON WORSHIP

If you plan to attend in-person worship, please call or text Anne Rankin (717-945-4585) to reserve seating. For now, there will be 2 service times offered: 8:30 and 11:00. Seating has been established based on social gathering rules which require people to maintain 6 feet apart and to wear masks. The service will be a simple service with no singing. If you have any questions about Zion's in-person worship, please email adminzelc@comcast.net.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who continues to support Zion financially through your offerings. It is because of your generosity that the church is able to continue to serve, whether it is in-person, virtually, locally, or within the wider church. If you chose to worship in-person, you are welcome to bring your offering and place it in one of the plates. There is a plate on the table at the front entrance by the Columbarium doors and there is one on the table by the baptismal font. If you are not coming to worship in-person, you may continue to send in your offerings to the church (85 E. Brandt Blvd., Landisville, PA), put it in the mail slot on the front door of Cooper House, or sign up for electronic giving through the Simply Giving program. If you would like more information about Simply Giving, please contact Phil Houseal (phouseal@comcast.net).

FLOWER & COMMUNION SPONSORS

Now that we are worshipping together again, we will have flowers on the altar and partaking in communion each Sunday. Please consider sponsoring either of these to help offset the cost for the church. Please email Anne (adminzelc@comcast.net) if you would like to sponsor.

LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Looking ahead to 2021...if you are interested in taking on (or learning more about) a leadership role at the church, specifically as a Council member, please call or text Anne Rankin (717-945-4585).

CROP WALK 2020

If you are interested in being involved with the CROP Walk at Zion this year, please contact Randy Miller (randymiller107@comcast.net) or Anne Rankin (adminzelc@comcast.net). It will be a fun, safe, and purposeful afternoon on Sunday, October 18. More information will be coming from the Social Outreach Team about how the Walk will take place this year. Donations collected will support Church World Service and the Lancaster Food Hub.

WIRED WORD SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

The Wired Word class will continue to meet virtually on Sunday mornings. So that you are able to attend either of the in-person services, the class will now be meeting from 9:45-10:45. While the class had been using the Zoom platform to meet, they are switching to Google Meet. Google Meet functions in a very similar way to Zoom and is very user-friendly. Everyone is invited to join the class; if you have questions or need help signing on or using Google Meet, please contact Barb Gerke (717-898-8407/dbgerke@gmail.com) or Anne Rankin (717-945-4585/adminzelc@comcast.net). The link to the class is emailed out each week (usually on Thursday or Friday).

OUTDOOR EVENTS AT NAWAKWA & KIRCHENWALD

Looking to connect with others in a safe but fun way this fall and at the same time helping to support our camps? The Capture the Flag Spectacular and the Fall Foliage Days are still going to happen! The Capture the Flag will be on Sunday, October 4 from 3-5:30pm at Kirchenwald. Plan to stay for the campfire worship following the event. The Fall Foliage Days at both Kirchenwald and Nawakwa are scheduled for Sunday, October 18 from 1-6pm. There will be fall activities, worship, and a picnic supper...all are encouraged to come for the afternoon! Both of these events are for all ages...there is an open invitation to everyone...bring your non-Zion friends along too!

PRAYER LIST & CONTACT INFORMATION UPDATES

Please help us keep information current! If there are updates to the prayer list or your contact information, please let Anne know either by email (adminzelc@comcast.net) or phone (717-945-4585 – call or text)

HOSPICE & COMMUNITY CARE LABOR DAY AUCTION

There are 2 days left for you to virtually attend the annual Labor Day Auction for Hospice & Community Care. There are hand-made quilts, jewelry, artwork, vacation get-aways, sports memorabilia, gift cards, used cars, and more! All items are up for bid at LaborDayAuction.org. Updates and more information about the Auction can be found on that website as well. If you are interested in supporting Hospice, this is a fun and easy way to do so.

PARISH FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

While right now the Transition Team and Council are working hard to have a smooth re-opening of in-person worship, we all hope to have other congregational gathering soon! We want to find safe ways to be together...stay tuned for when and how that can happen.

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

Thank you for the 122 pounds of food (included fresh produce) Zion collected in August. The Food Pantry always appreciates the support of Zion and the community. If you would like to donate now, the Pantry is requesting the following items:

Spaghetti sauce

Spaghetti

1 and 2 pound packages of rice

Spam

Canned kidney beans, fruit, & vegetables

Canned soup especially Chunky soup

Cereal

UPDATED CONTACT INFORMATION

- Richard & Marilyn Heim
c/o Oak Leaf Manor
2901 Harrisburg Pk., Landisville 17538

PRAYER LIST

FOR HEALING

Sam King

Barbara Williams

Joe Adams

Bill Grove

Betty Stoner

Janet & Harry Musselman

Marvin Ruch

Dave Wise

Judie Ingersoll

Kay Crawford

Don Heartter

Kate Donnan

Kevin Reinhart

Lucy Davis

Holly Hoover

Homer Dietz (Brother-in-law of Harry Musselman)
Cameron Graham (Great-Granddaughter of Harry & Janet Musselman)
Ron Sahn (Friend of Dave Wise)
Loma Slike (Mother of Sue Wise)
Mike LaFatta (Son-in-law of Bill & Julia Grove)

FOR COMFORT, PEACE, STRENGTH, & SAFETY

Ron & Kay Crawford & family as they grieve the death of Jennifer
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)
Marianne Sahn (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)

IN REMEMBRANCE of Jennifer Thompson who passed away on September 8,
Cards of condolence may be sent to:

Ron & Kay Crawford Frank Thompson & Kaylee (7th grade daughter)
31 Country Ln. 301 Wissler Way
Landisville 17538 Landisville 17538

Lynda Martin
1004 Fallwood Ln.
Lancaster 17601

FOR CELEBRATION
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

14th – Joshua Houseal 15th – Maggie Stream, Rylie Kearon
16th – Claire Flood 17th – Ron Chapman
19th – Kevin Rickert

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!
13th – John & Erica Kearon

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 4, 3-5:30 pm

This is a free event, but please RSVP by September 25 to
717-677-8211 or online at LutheranCamping.org



The Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central Pennsylvania
Kirchenwald, Nawakwa, and The Wittel Farm
PO Box 459, Arendtsville, PA 17303
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Sunday, October 18, 2020

Fall Foliage Day

at Kirchenwald & Nawakwa

Kirchenwald

**Pumpkin Painting
Canoeing / Kayaking
Mountain Biking
Hiking
And More!**

Nawakwa

**Pumpkin Painting
Apple Butter Boil
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 \$10/person.

**Please call 717-677-8211 or visit
LutheranCamping.org
by October 9 to register.**



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Dir. of Music & Worship Arts	James C. Alfieri
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	Brenda Stover (11:00)
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Worship Technology Assistant	David Albin
Ministry Assistant	Diane Gerlach
Council President	Adele King
Council Vice President	David Wise



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