

SEVENTEETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 27, 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. 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. Jesus' parable about two sons who don't do what they say reveals surprises in the reign of God. In the reading from Ezekiel the people claim the ways of the Lord are unfair, while God offers repentance and new life. Paul urges us to look to Christ as a model of humility, putting the interests of others above our own. Nourished by the broken bread and shared cup, we offer our lives for the sake of our needy world.

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.

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Service of the Word

P: Pastor A: Assisting Minister C: Congregation

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Coming Home

J. Cotter

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: God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Please be seated.

† THE WORD †

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 15-32

Ezekiel challenges those who think they cannot change because of what their parents were and did, or who think they cannot reverse their own previous behavior. God insistently invites people to turn and live.

A: A reading from Ezekiel:

¹The word of the LORD came to me: ²What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, “The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge”? ³As I live, says the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. ⁴Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

²⁵Yet you say, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? ²⁶When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. ²⁷Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. ²⁸Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. ²⁹Yet the house of Israel says, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

³⁰Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. ³¹Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³²For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord GOD. Turn, then, and live.

A: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

Philippians 2:1-13

As part of a call for harmony rather than self-seeking, Paul uses a very early Christian hymn that extols the selflessness of Christ in his obedient death on the cross. Christ's selfless perspective is to be the essential perspective we share as the foundation for Christian accord.

A: A reading from Philippians:

¹If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, ²make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. ⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death — even death on a cross.

⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

¹²Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; ¹³for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

A: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand if you are able.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 21:23-32

After driving the moneychangers out of the temple (21:12), Jesus begins teaching there. His authority is questioned by the religious leaders, who are supposed to be in charge of the temple.

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

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

P: ²³When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” ²⁴Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ ²⁶But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.” ²⁷So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

²⁸“What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ ²⁹He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir’; but he did not go. ³¹Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³²For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor David Klepper

SPECIAL MUSIC

Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier

J.S. Bach

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: 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

Beach Spring

W. Held

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPDATES

WELCOME PASTOR KLEPPER

Pastor Klepper will be filling in as the supply pastor today and next Sunday (Oct. 4). We are grateful to have Pastor Klepper lead worship at Zion during this time of transition.

ALTAR FLOWER SPONSOR

The flowers this morning are sponsored by Jeanette Bomberger in honor of her son Todd's birthday.

IN-PERSON WORSHIP UPDATE

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.

GIVING OPTIONS

If you chose to worship in-person, you are welcome to bring your offering and place it in one of the plates – either as you enter the Sanctuary or as you exit. If you prefer to give electronically or mail in your offerings, you may do so through your bank or the Simply Giving program offered through the church, or send it to the church address (85 E. Brandt Blvd., Landisville, PA 17538. If you would like more information about Simply Giving, please contact Phil Houseal (phouseal@comcast.net).

COMMUNITY MEAL UPDATE

The Community Meal is coming back...in a new COVID-Safe way! Meals will be prepared & packed on Thursday afternoons and distributed via drive-thru from 5:00-6:30pm. The first meal will be on October 8th. If you have not signed up to volunteer- it's not too late! Contact Mary Hetrick 717-333-6173 or psuocn92@comcast.net

OUTDOOR EVENTS AT NAWAKWA & KIRCHENWALD

Next Sunday (Oct. 4) there will be an afternoon filled with fun and worship. At 3:00, there will be an epic game of Capture the Flag and following that at 5:30 all are invited to a campfire worship. On October 18 in the afternoon (1-6pm), Fall Foliage Days will be held at both Kirchenwald and Nawakwa. There will be fall activities, worship, and a picnic supper throughout the afternoon and evening. Both of these events are for all ages...there is an open invitation to everyone...bring your non-Zion friends along too! See the flyers on the next page for more details.

BLESSING OF THE COMFORTERS

The comforters that the Comforter Ministry made pre-shutdown will be blessed during worship on Oct. 4. They will be packed and then delivered to Lutheran World Relief.

JOIN TEAM ZION FOR THE CROP WALK

The Social Outreach Team is looking forward to the CROP Walk on October 18 at 1:00pm! This year, the walk will be a “micro walk” around Landisville & Salunga, beginning at the front of the church. Randy is setting up a route that will pass by the church several times so you can walk as long and as far as you want, have time for, or are able. The goal is simply to get as many walkers out walking together as possible! To register & donate, go to the team homepage: <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/lancasterpa/ZionLandisville> If you have any questions, contact Randy Miller (randymiller107@comcast.net) or Anne Rankin (adminzelc@comcast.net).

BYOL

The BYOL (Bring Your Own Lunch) gathering this past week was a wonderful casual gathering at Rapho Township Park Pavilion! For those who were there, it was nice to be together, to see each other, and to talk with each other in person. Weather permitting, there will be another BYOL gathering at the park on Wednesday, October 7 (11:30am).

BIBLE STUDY IS COMING BACK!

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

The Wired Word class, which connects current events to the Bible, is going strong! The class meets virtually on Sunday mornings beginning at 9:45. The link to the class is emailed out by the end of each week. 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.

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
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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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PRAYER LIST

FOR HEALING

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
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

The family & friends of Jennifer Thompson
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 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!

28th – Judy Traup

30th – Dave Aulenbach, Jaclyn Emerick, Robin Ginther, Jennifer Karpouzis

1st – Horst Bernhard, Al Ramer

2nd – Catherine Reider

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

1st – Ed & Cindy Blough, Jeff & Amy Thompson

CONGRATULATIONS

...to Diane Gerlach on the birth of her first great-grandson, Isaac Jon, son of Kaylyn & Tucker Langseth, on September 7!

...to Darlene Smeltz on the birth of her new grandbaby Violet Sky, daughter of Philip & Shanna and sister of Stone & Stella, on Saturday, September 12!

AND ALSO...on the marriage of her son Kevin to Sarah Anderson on Thursday, September 3.!

Our Ministry Leaders

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Supply Pastor	Pastor David Klepper
Dir. of Music & Worship Arts	James C. Alfieri
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Worship Technology Assistant	David Albin
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Council Vice President	David Wise
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